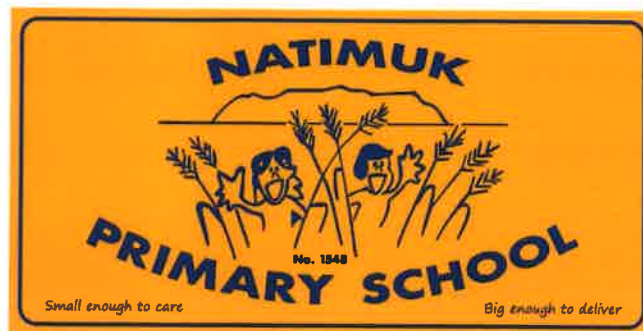


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17 March 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 18 & Friday 19	Lizard Working Bee, 10am-2pm
Saturday 27 March	Natimuk Show
Tuesday 30 March	Junior Athletic Sports
Wednesday 31 March	Senior Athletic Sports
Thursday 1 April	Last day of term, 2.30pm dismissal

### Lizard Mosaic Working Bee is on this Thursday and Friday again.

This will be our third working bee and we are close to getting the head done and looking toward grouting. The work that everyone has put in has been fantastic. Thank you. Nikki was ill last week but is hopeful to be here this Thursday and Friday.

### Kowree Swimming Sports

Thanks to the parents for their help on the day. All those who competed won ribbons, what a great achievement. The students participated in many events and even managed to enter into more races than what was on their schedule. Everyone was very encouraging and supportive, well done!

### School Council Elections

We had our Annual General Meeting last night and those parents who put in their nomination were elected. We welcome a new member, Dave Kenny. The role of president rotates every two years. Stu Mathieson was our outgoing president, we welcome Sara as our new president for 2021 and 2022. This will be a great opportunity to watch over the improvements to the school due to our \$2m funding.

Thank you to all the School Council Members for their ongoing support and keen interest in the school and ensuring the needs of the children are met.

### Natimuk Show

The show is on Saturday March 27. The children will have an Art display organised by Mrs French and will have school work displayed relating to Term 1 themes.

### **Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School**

**Term 1.** Focus for 2 weeks: Respect

Knowing our rights and responsibilities. Care enough to think about others feelings before you act.

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**School Improvement and Modernisation Funding**

I had interviews with the architects last Thursday, which went very well. Both architects visited the school, looked around and took photos so they could gain some understanding of the school, its location and some of the risks or challenging issues it presents. The announcement of the successful architect will be made next week.

At some point in the next 3 weeks we will be having a workshop to discuss all the possibilities for our school. There will be an open forum for anyone to come along and make suggestions and listen to ideas. We have to have to look to the future of our school in the physical sense, for education and play. What will our classrooms look like? What will the grounds look like?

All are welcome.

Ingrid Clarkson



**Mrs Clarkson**

The students have read the book Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. We have had great discussions about the book so far and been able to relate our own experiences based on some of the features of the book. Once we have completed all of our learning tasks we will watch the film and compare. We are up to writing in the narrative genre. In the past some of our students have entered a Write4Fun competition where the students have to write a narrative of no more than 500 words. This idea appealed to the group so they have worked extremely hard on their stories. They will have two weeks to refine them and send them in.

In Maths we have been making the link between our times table and fractions. This helps to make fractions more realistic and easier to manage. We have practised addition and subtraction of fractions, proper and improper fractions and changing mixed number to improper fractions. Quite challenging!



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



Jake Ellis—for the fantastic way he welcomed our volunteers and showed them how to apply mosaics to the lizard. He was clear with his instructions and very encouraging.



Brock Marshall—for his hard work in all areas of Maths, constantly amazing everyone with his number knowledge!



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## Miss Blake

It is full steam ahead for us as the end of the term gets closer. Students have had a great start to the year with their SMART Spelling, the older students are getting back into the swing of things and the Preps have learnt 5 new words. They have also learnt a collection of about 10 common words.

In Literacy, students are working on writing a narrative text. First we brainstormed lots of ideas for our stories ranging from characters to setting to how the problem will be solved. Then students had a go at writing their own story. At the moment, we are writing a class story one section at a time. In reading, our focus has been on learning and refreshing our knowledge of reading strategies. So far we have worked on: Stretchy Snake, Koala Claws and Lips the Fish.

In Maths, we have played a new game called Towers. It is a strategy based game that allows students to build block towers on the numbers they are likely to roll the most. After much discussion, we worked out that it was harder to roll 2, 3, 11 and 12 so it was best not to put too many blocks on those numbers. Our next challenge is to record the numbers that are rolled while playing the game and see what we notice.

In PE students have begun to practise for the upcoming Athletic Sports in Horsham. We have practised running, relays, shot put, discus and long jump. Next week we will have a go at a few more events. In Wellbeing, the older students continued to work on their author studies and the younger students made a friendship tree.



## Mr Holt

The highlight of the past week was attending the interschool swimming carnival at Goroke. The ten Natimuk students who competed did a great job, every one of them won at least one ribbon, but it was their team spirit and encouragement for each other that stood out.

In the classroom, the children enjoyed a follow-up facetime call to Hawaii to read their recounts to my friend Paul. He was very impressed and is planning a little surprise for them.

When I shared the news that Michael Gudinski had died and the effect it had on my mate Scott Darlow, whom the 3-4s met last year, (Scott is signed to one of Gudinski's record labels), they all wrote notes to Scott to express their sympathy. I gave them to Scott on the weekend and he promised he would come to Natimuk and play some songs for the kids when he has a chance.

In Science it's all 'sss' at the moment, with slime, soap suds and salt solutions. The children have enjoyed the hands-on science experiments.

Our writing genre this month is narrative and everyone wrote their pre-test story last week. We are learning about narratives by analysing "Little Red Riding Hood" before writing our new stories. The spelling words this week feature the digraph 'ce' as in ice, police and balance. The reading groups are working hard to complete their text activities, crosswords and grammar exercises.

Maths this week has involved some of the trickier concepts for children to learn: fractions and division. If you have any opportunities to incorporate these topics into life at home I encourage you to do so, the more exposure they have the more chance they have of consolidating what they're learning.

I was lucky enough to attend a two-day PD course with other graduate teachers at Horsham PS recently and came back armed with new ideas to try, including a range of maths games and activities.

Our classroom focus this week is about concentrating on the importance of doing your own work.

# **PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

**Natimuk Primary School Families**

## **Easter Raffle 2021**

**4 Easter Baskets full of chocolate  
treats to be won!!**

Tickets \$1 each and booklets will be going out to parents today.

All tickets (sold or unsold) and money collected must be returned to the school by **no  
later than 31st March 2021.**

Winners will be drawn on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 2pm.

## **Natimuk Primary School Easter Market Stall**

*Happy Easter*  
We are going to be running a market stall at the Natimuk Easter Farmers Market on the  
**4th April 2021**

We are asking for any donations for items to sell at the market such as home made  
slices, biscuits, cakes, gifts, local produce or savoury treats.

Your support would be so gratefully received in any form.

We also need parent helpers to assist with the set up and pack down of the stall and  
running this from 10am to 12 pm and 12pm - 2 pm.

Please contact **Bec White** on 0408 138 895 if you can offer any help. Donations can be  
left at the school up until the **1st April 2021**