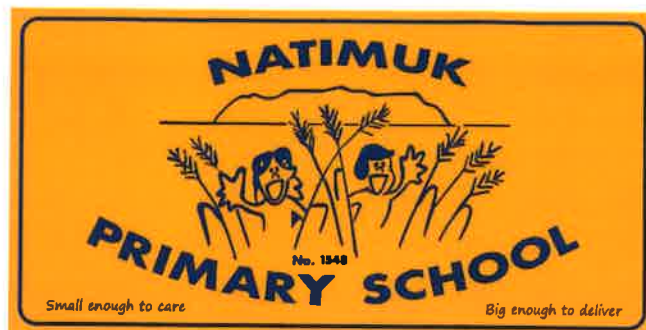


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1 March—Friday 5 March	Meals on Wheels
Monday 8 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 10 March	3-6 Swimming
Wednesday 10 March	Parent Teacher Interview
Thursday 11 March	Kowree Swimming Sports, selected students
Thursday 11 March	Book Club orders due (via LOOP)
Wednesday 31 March	Senior Athletic Sports
Thursday 1 April	Junior Athletic Sports

## Public Holiday on Monday

### Parent Teacher Interviews

10 min interviews with parents will be held on Wednesday March 10. If you find that 10 minutes is not enough time to discuss your concerns please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher for another day. The interviews are to highlight your child's strengths and weaknesses and to let you know how we are managing their learning needs. The timetable is attached to the newsletter and if you still want to make an appointment please contact the office.

### School Council Elections

Parent nomination forms were attached to last weeks newsletter. If you have an interest in being on the school council please fill it in and return it to school.

### Teacher PD

This week all of the teachers have been out of school at Professional Development. I was in Yaapect on Monday, Miss Blake was in Dimboola at a maths workshop on Tuesday while Mr. Holt has been at 298 campus for 2 days workshopping with other graduate teachers. The children enjoyed having Mrs. Kirby here as the replacement teacher.

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

**Term 1.** Focus for 2 weeks: Rules! Rules! Rules!

Through games and real life scenarios, the children will be introduced to the concept of rules and why they are needed. The children will be involved in developing rules for our school and their class to create a happy and supportive learning environment.

*Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school*

**Recorders**

We are learning the recorder in music so would like children to bring a recorder from home if you have one. If anyone has recorders they would like to donate to the school they will be most welcome.

**Lizard Mosaic Working Bee**

Absolutely fantastic, thank you. So much was done last week and it looks amazing. Anyone can come at any time to put tiles on the lizard. Nikki will be back next week on Thursday and Friday March 11 and 12, you are most welcome to come along then to help tile.

**Kowree Swimming Sports**

Parents are most welcome to drive and support their children. We will be at Goroke Pool from 10.15am with a very prompt start at 10.45 until about 2pm. Children can go home at the end of the competition. If you are picking children up from school, we are leaving here by 9.45am.

Permission forms are attached.

**Rural School Sports**

Athletic Sports day for Seniors is on Wednesday March 31 and for Juniors Thursday April 1

Our team is 'white' so all children must wear a white Tshirt on the day of their sports.

Parents are responsible for taking their child to the sports and you can take them home at the end of the day.

Ingrid Clarkson

**BOOK CLUB**



Issue 2 out today. Please order on LOOP. Orders close Thursday 11th March.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



Cooper Hennessy—for being well organised in the mornings, getting his jobs done and for having his Integrated Studies convict journal ready for typing.



Isabel Hateley—for her great organisation in the mornings, learning where everything goes and for reading every night so far. Well done!

### Miss Blake

Another busy week in the P/1/2 room, I was out of the classroom yesterday at a Maths professional development meeting. This week the students have been focusing on 'u as in bus' words and the Preps are looking at the word tap and the sentence 'This tap is on and that tap is off'.

In Writing, students wrote a recount about the Teddy Bears Picnic. Students brainstormed important words that might be needed. After this, they wrote a recount using the sentence starters first, next, then and after. They wrote some great pieces of work.

In Maths students have been working their way through the curriculum, focusing on number and shape. We have also been playing some favourite maths games to warm up our brains. Over the next couple of weeks we will be learning a few new games.

In Wellbeing the younger students read Pig the Blob and had to write down 6 ways that Pig could be healthier. The older students started a Author Study on their favourite author. These will take a couple of weeks to complete.

### Mr Holt

It's been a strange week because I've been out of the school for two days of professional learning with fellow graduate teachers in Horsham. It's been really valuable and I look forward to trying some new ideas with the year 3-4s as a result.

In Science this week the 3-6s learnt about substances and particles and participated in an experiment to test how perfume particles evaporate and spread. It was the most aromatic lesson we've ever had! The P-2s observed what happens when oil, water and detergent are mixed in different combinations. Thankfully Brock was on hand to help me with the shaking.

The children are finishing their recounts this week, just in time for a follow-up FaceTime with our "visitor" Paul, in Hawaii on Friday. Their spelling words this week are very challenging, involving the letter u making two sounds, y and oo, as in cute, fortune and ambiguous. Most of the class are doing their reading at home each night, but a couple need to knuckle down with it.

I was very impressed with the class' problem-solving abilities during maths on Monday as they tackled the "9 Animals" puzzle. I wasn't sure how they would go but they rose to the challenge with great enthusiasm and did a great job as a group to solve it.

A reminder too that the show is coming up at the end of the month so if any of the children are planning to enter the art, Lego or baking competitions they need to get busy. I'm looking forward to my first Natimuk Show and will be entering a piece in the art competition.

### Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy our book study this term is *Storm Boy*. It is a classic Colin Thiele book which has been made into a film. Once we have discussed the book we will look at the film and compare. Our focus is on the type of questions; literal, inferential and evaluative, and how to look for information to answer them. We are finishing off our recounts ensuring we have the right features and grammar.

In Maths our focus has been on subtraction, with and without decimals. It was not very challenging but important to keep numbers lined up and the decimal point in line. Our times tables and quick adding games are helping to improve speed and accuracy when solving basic equations.

