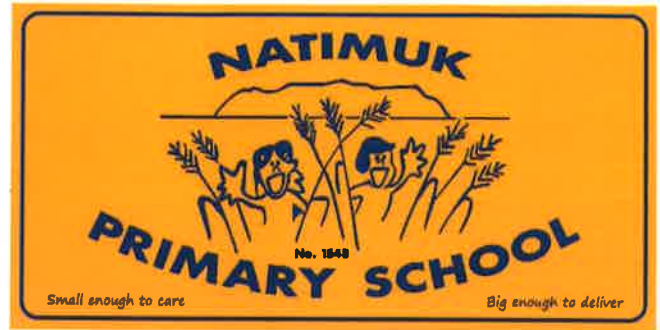


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**21 April 2021**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 25 April	ANZAC Day Parade
Tuesday 27 April	HCPSSA Cross Country
Tuesday 4 May	Leadership Course, 5-6
Thursday 6 May	HCPSSA Athletic Sports

### ANZAC Day Parade

There will not be an official parade this year but more of an informal gathering at the rotunda on Sunday at 11.00am. The school leaders, Chloe, Isla and Jake will lay a wreath at the rotunda at this time. Anyone is welcome to come along to observe and pay their respects.

### P.A. Easter Egg Raffle

Congratulations to all the raffle winners. Names were posted on Facebook and everyone received their prize in time for Easter. Thank you for your support.

### Cross Country

The 3– 6s are attending Haven Primary School today to compete in the cross country event to gain selection for the HCPSSA Cross Country, which will be held at the city oval on Tuesday April 27.

### Athletic Sports

We should find out this week who goes on to the HCPSSA Athletic Sports to be held on Thursday, May 6. Children will be selected based on their performance at the sports last term.

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

**Term 2.** Focus for 3 weeks: Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey that provides data to support student wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning in schools. It will be conducted between April 26—June 11.

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## Leadership Day

The Year 5 and 6s have been invited to a Leadership Day with Horsham West. The presenter is Lorin Nicholson. It will be held at the **Horsham Church of Christ located at 91 River Road on Tuesday May 4**. This will be a great opportunity for our leaders. Thank you to Sara for driving the children to this event.

## Lizard Mosaic Working Bee

Nicky will be here on Thursday and Friday this week if anyone would like to come and help. We are very close to finishing and are looking forward to grouting.

Ingrid Clarkson



## Mrs Clarkson

For the first week in Literacy and as a focus for ANZAC Day we are reading *Angel of Kokoda*. It highlights the plight of the people of Papua New Guinea and the invasion during WW2. It also looks at how the people helped the soldiers along the Kokoda Track. The story was presented from the view of a 12 year old boy. Next week, with Mrs Kirby the children will be starting their study of Blitz. Our new writing genre is exposition. The topic we will be discussing is that it is cruel to keep animals in cages.

In Maths we are often being asked to read and write large numbers. To help with this and to reinforce place value we play Beat The Teacher. As playing cards are turned over the children have to quickly allocate them to a place value. The idea is to make the largest number possible and beat the teacher. I have not won a game in quite a few years, until today! I only won because we increased the size of the number to include millions.

## Miss Blake

Welcome back everyone to term 2, which is going to be full of lots of exciting activities. The students were very happy to be back at school and had lots of stories to tell about their Easter adventures.

So back into the swing of learning we go, this sees the Preps learning the word bed and the sentence 'They are in bed'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have e as in bed in them. First up for our writing this term is expositions, writing a one sided argument. Our first topic is 'Is chocolate good for you?' which I am sure is going to create a lot of discussion.

In Maths we are spending the week learning about time. The Preps have learning about o'clock times, the Ones have focused on half past times and the Twos have looked at quarter past and quarter to. We have been doing lots of activities to help consolidate these. Students also drew a clock at the start of the week, there were some very interesting clocks! Hopefully by the end of the week, we can remember the right places to put the numbers.

In Integrated Studies this term students will be learning about *people who help us in the community*. We will be having a few special visitors to share their stories and we will also be heading on a couple of walks to learn more.

This week students have learnt about ANZAC Day and why we remember this special day. We made poppies for wreaths that will be laid on Sunday. Students also made poppies to be displayed in the hallway. We will be completing a few more activities during the week.

## Mr Holt

Welcome back everyone, this time last year we entered the long lockdown and started online learning and webex classrooms so it's good to be at school. The year 3-4s have come back full of energy and chattiness.

The week started with science and two new units: "Night and Day" for the 3-6s and "Wonderful Water" with the P-2 class.

In Literacy this week the reading groups are starting new texts, grammar and spelling exercises- this week's words feature the digraph 're' as in centre and acre, Benson and Larry were keen to tell me what an acre is.

In maths we've learnt about equivalent fractions, with Cooper and Hutch very keen to explore different combinations of fractions with the magnetic fraction mats. Meanwhile Amber, Benno and Larry worked out that the basketball court is 30 metres long and the year 4s didn't make too much of a mess as they measured how much water various containers held. Clearly, hands-on activities are good for their mathematical thinking. We are doing the 7x tables this week so if you have any opportunity to put those to use in the home context please do.

Finally, congratulations to Amber who got 9 out of 9 footy tips correct last week, the first person to do so.