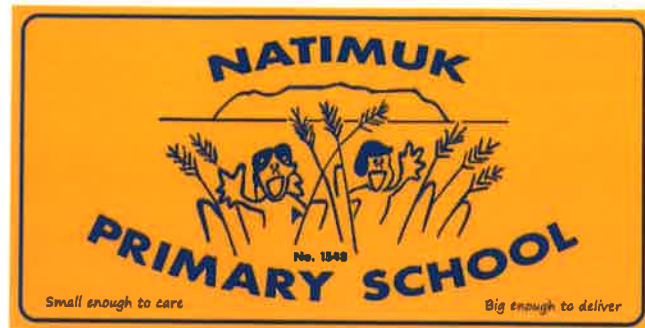


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 4 May	Leadership Course, 5-6
Thursday 6 May	HCPSSA Athletic Sports
Thursday 6 May	Book club orders due
Friday 7 May	Mother's Day Stall

ANZAC Day

Thank you to the students who participated in the wreath laying ceremony for Anzac Day on Sunday. It was great to be able to participate in this after some uncertainty due to Covid.

Cross Country

Well done to Chloe, Isla and Amber for participating in their cross country races yesterday. Chloe finished 7th in the 12/13 yo age group, Isla came 8th in the 11 yo old age group and Amber came 16th in the 10 yo age group. A great effort by all.

Mother's Day Stall

Next Friday 7th May is the Mother's Day stall. Please see Parents Association note for more details.

Athletics Sports

Chloe, Isla, Jake and Riley are off to the Athletics sports next Thursday to represent the Rural Schools team in a number of events, we wish them luck!

Melissa Blake

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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.



Mrs Kirby

Year 5 students are very busy with NAPLAN preparation for the upcoming tests. They are concentrating on fine-tuning their skills in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling and Maths. Our Year 6 student is also working on improving skill development in the above areas.

Interschool sporting activities are also a focus over the next 2 weeks with senior students involved in Cross Country and Athletic sports. We wish them well in their sporting endeavours.

In Maths the focus is on Long Division and addition and subtraction of fractions with a continued emphasis on times tables-speed and accuracy.

The students have read a novel called MY Story 'Blitz'-A diary of a 12-year-old girl experiencing the Blitz in London in 1941. In Literacy Circle the students will show their understanding of the text by completing a series of Literacy tasks.

PE has seen the introduction of some new games to develop throwing, catching and shooting skills. The senior students learnt a warm up game called 'Head, shoulders, knees, toes and CONE' followed by a game called 'Line Basketball'. They will be happy to explain and possibly demonstrate the games to test their parents' skills!

Junior students played a warm up game called 'Mousetrap' and then practiced skills of throwing and dodging for 'The Gauntlet Run'.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Jo White—for his great enthusiasm when he arrives at school. He engages in conversation with everyone and shows a genuine interest in their topic.



Winnie Kenny-Tottenham—for settling into the school routine, making new friends and working hard to complete all set tasks in the allocated time. Well done!



Miss Blake

This week students are completing a week of revision with their spelling words. The Preps have been working hard on remembering our words of the week as well as the common words from their sentences. The Ones/Twos are focusing on words they have spelt wrong in their spelling tests and in their work. Yesterday we wrote silly sentences using a spelling word from everyone.

In Maths, students have begun to complete their term 2 set work. This week sees us looking at addition to 99, subtraction on a number line and the number 9. Our warm up has been a game called *towers*, a game based on strategy. Students need to build towers on the number 2 to 12, placing towers on the numbers that get rolled the most. The student who removes their blocks first is the winner.

In Integrated Studies we have started our new unit for the term which is People Who Help Us. Today our classroom hospital finally opened after much anticipation! So apologies if your child comes home covered in bandages or bandaids.

Our Wellbeing lesson for the older students this week was all about honesty and lies. They were given a number of scenarios and how they would respond to them. I am happy to report that there were a lot of honest students who believed in doing the right thing. The younger students looked at giving out personal information online. They watched a video that showed them giving out first name or nickname was the best policy and to always ask parents/teachers before giving out personal information to others,

Mr Holt

Each week starts with Science and on Monday both classes went outside for exploration and discovery. The 3-6s got a clear demonstration of how big the earth, the moon and the sun are in relation to one another, a scale model of how far the sun is from earth, and worked out why the sun and moon appear about the same size in the sky despite their massive difference in size. The P-2s went looking for all the places we can access water at school, including taps, toilets, kitchen, sick bay and bubblers.

In Literacy the 3-4s have written a pre-test exposition on the topic, "Everybody should eat vegetables every day" and are following up with dessert, "You should eat fruit every day" in a shared writing exercise. The students are enjoying the new camera I am using to project teaching onto a screen. The theme of this week's spelling is revision, going back over words each student has found difficult and in grammar we learnt about apostrophes showing possession and NEVER being used in plurals. The reading groups are working on their set texts and I am completing running records with each student.

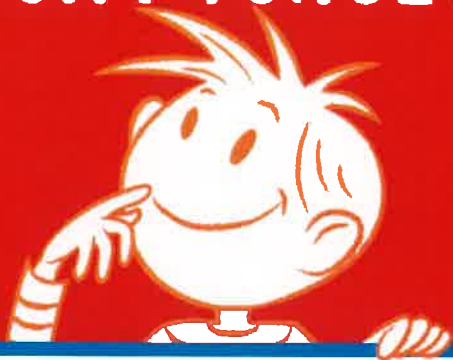
In Maths we continue to explore fractions with a focus on thirds, as well as triangles and units of time. We are doing the 7x tables again this week because they can be tricky.

Congratulations to Amber, the only year 3-4 student to represent the school in the cross-country yesterday. She reported back how she went with the comment, "Some people are SO competitive!"

This week's best footy tipster was Larry, with 7 correct, much better than the donut from a couple of weeks ago. Another mention must be made of Teeha who came first in last week's Kahoot revision quiz, well done.

On matters other than school I had a wonderful weekend at home, meeting my grandson Llewyn (visiting from NSW) for the first time (he is gorgeous and very snuggly) and also going to the footy with my youngest son Paul who escaped the lockdown in WA just in time, and like me thoroughly enjoyed the Cats' victory.

DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Thursday 6

PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 5th May, Natimuk Skate Park, 4.00 pm. All parents welcome.



The Mothers Day Stall is being held on Friday 7th May.

Families are asked to donate a small gift for each child towards the stall. (to the value of up to \$10 each) Gifts are to be placed in the basket located in the Staff Room by no later than Wednesday 5th May.

Parents will be needed on the day from 9am to set up the stall and wrap the children's gifts.