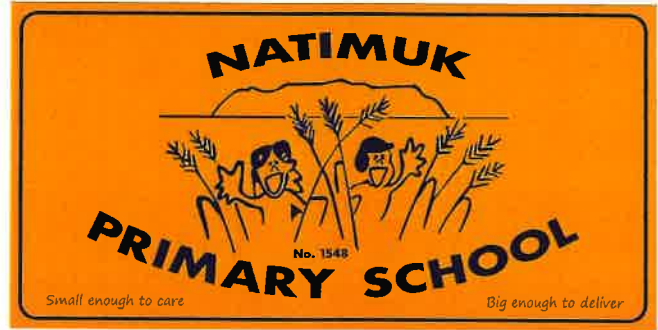


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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 11 May—Thursday 13 May	NAPLAN
Tuesday 18 May	School Council meeting, 7.30pm
Wednesday 19 May	Maths Olympics, Year 5 & 6

Thank you everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers.

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank Mrs. Kirby for being here for the 2 weeks I was away. Her help was invaluable and the children enjoyed having her. Thank you to Miss Blake also, for being the Acting Principal.

### **School Council Meeting**

Remember the meeting is on next Tuesday. All reports and policies have been forwarded by email.

### **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN tests have commenced for Years 3 and 5. The children were actually quite excited to sit them which sets them up for good results. The results of the tests will not be known until much later in the year.

### **Mother's Day Pamper Session**

The pamper session on Friday afternoon was fantastic. The mums were well cared for having their nails painted and hair done. They sat down to a lovely high tea and had a photo taken in the photo booth. Well done!

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

**Term 2.** Focus for 2 weeks: Feelings and Emotional Literacy

Students will develop vocabulary to identify and describe their emotions and will identify ways in which emotions are shown in body language.

## Athletics Sports

Following the athletic sports last week, Isla and Jake will go on to the next zone sports. Isla will compete in the 800m after coming 2nd in the event in Horsham and Jake will compete in the boys relay after finishing 2nd in the event in Horsham. Chloe came 3rd in the triple jump, 4th in the high jump, 4th in the 200m and 7th in the 800m. Riley came 8th in the shot put and 4th in the long jump. Congratulations to all competitors.

## Maths Olympics

The Year 5 and 6s will be competing in the Maths Olympics next Wednesday. It is a day of fun as well as hard work solving problems, games and equations. It is a good chance to meet up with children from all the other schools in Horsham.

## Lightning Premierships and KIP

The Year 5 and 6 will be going to Haven Primary School to participate in a health program called KIP (knowledge is power) on Tuesday the 18th and 25th of May. It will be informative in both understanding what drugs are and how to deal with a variety of peer pressure situations. While at Haven we will be practising for the Lightning Premierships - soccer, netball and football which will be held later in the term.

## Network Conference

I have two conferences this term. At the end of May I will attend a one day conference in Horsham and in June it will be a two day conference in Melbourne. It is a busy term.

Ingrid Clarkson



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Benson Sudholz—for having a great attitude in class and getting along well with his classmates in all situations. For having a good sense of humour and fun at the right time.



Elliott Heard—for always working well with others whether it be in reading groups, maths groups or just in general. You are a good leader in the classroom.



## Miss Blake

Jam, jam, jam has been the word of the week for our class. The Preps are learning the word jam and we have done lots of jam activities. They have made jam on bread with paper and we also made a jam sandwich for morning tea. We listened to the books 'The giant jam sandwich' and 'Jam and bread for Frances' on the white board.

In Maths, students have been playing a game called cops and robbers, using counters and a dice. The aim is to steal the other players counters, which can turn into a very quick game or a long one! The Preps have focused on adding numbers to 10, the Ones have worked on adding with 10 frames and the Twos have started looking more at multiplication sums. Maths is a very busy time in our room with each year level working on something different each day.

In Wellbeing this week, we made ham and cheese sliders. It was a recipe that I made up of sorts, putting together 2 different ones. They were a cross between garlic bread and a ham/cheese toastie. Overall, they turned out very well and it was a great afternoon snack. A recipe will be sent home by the end of the week.

In PE students have completed their first fundamental skill set and next week we will be moving onto the next 4 week block. The next 4 weeks will be focused around skip and dance. We have been learning different 2 hand strike games, changing the rules to best suit our playing group. It is sometimes a challenge to play games with smaller numbers but we always make it work.

## Mr Holt

What happened to the beautiful Autumn weather from last week? Winter has stuck it's head through the door and made a mess of Monday's science lessons. No sun again for the 3-6s, and too cold and wet to go out to the sandpit for the P-2s. We improvised successfully though, with torches and role-playing students to model the Earth's rotation and orbit around the Sun, while the younger kids investigated what happens to the water when it rains on a hill.

The BIG event this week is NAPLAN testing with the students doing their first test, writing a narrative, on Tuesday. They reported afterwards that they had felt some pressure due to the time limit and test conditions (There was plenty of stretching and rubbing of arms and hands) but they also were excited to share the stories they'd written. There are two more Literacy tests and a Maths test to go but if they keep up the level of effort from Tuesday they should do pretty well.

There will be regular teaching as well. The spelling words are all contractions so the challenge is remembering where to put the apostrophes and what letters they replace.

In Grammar we'll learn about quotation marks in direct speech.

The students are progressing well through the Maths curriculum. This week we are covering rounding to 100, halves quarters & eighths, metres, litres and angles, and one of my favourites- more likely or less likely as a part of chance and probability.

In other news I went to Kaniva Tuesday night for a dinner and play called *Carpe Diem* starring John Wood of *Blue Heelers* fame. The play was about men's mental health, an important issue that needs to be talked about, particularly in rural areas. One of the benefits of teaching boys is encouraging them to talk and listen and express their thoughts and feelings in helpful and positive ways.

## Mrs Clarkson

We started out NAPLAN testing on Tuesday. The Literacy focus for NAPLAN is writing, reading and language conventions. The tests will be marked externally and the results given late in term 3. This will be the literacy focus for the week. We will also complete any unfinished tasks in relation to the book study on the Blitz and continue with our story writing.

In Numeracy we are concentrating on BODMAS as this is how we will complete most of our equations from now on. We tested the many different ways an equation could be answered but we were all getting different answers, this demonstrated how important it is to follow the BODMAS formula. It ensures everyone gets the same answer. The Numeracy test is on Thursday.



# Year 7 Showcase

**Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**


**5.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Horsham College M Wing**

**Baillie St, Horsham**

***Celebrating Year 7 students'  
achievements in Education Week***

***All interested parties are invited to attend***



Chaplaincy

**BOOK**

**Fri 28 May Noon- 9pm**

**Sat 29 May 9am - Noon**

**FAIR**

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