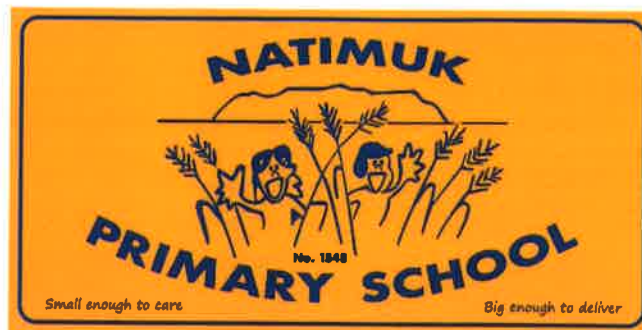


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 6 May	HCPSSA Athletic Sports
Thursday 6 May	Book club orders due
Friday 7 May	Mother's Day Stall & Pamper Day
Tuesday 11 May—Thursday 13 May	NAPLAN
Tuesday 18 May	School Council meeting, 7.30pm

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ingrid and her family with the passing of her mum last week. We are thinking of them at this hard time.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Year 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests. They have been working on writing genres that may be in the test and what the test will look like.

Mother's Day Stall

All presents need to be returned to school today, tomorrow at the very latest so that we can ensure every student will have a present to take home on Friday.

Mother's Day Pamper Session

On arrival at school on Friday for the pamper session, please ensure that you enter via the front door and sign in as per Covid regulations for events. The pamper session will run from 2pm until 3.25pm.

Athletics Sports

Chloe, Isla, Jake and Riley are off to the Athletics sports tomorrow to represent the Rural schools team in a number of events, we wish them luck! They are excited to be participating at the next level.

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.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Leadership Conference

Yesterday Chloe, Jake and Isla attended a leadership conference with students from a number of different schools. They enjoyed listening to a number of guest speakers and made some new friends as well.

Melissa Blake

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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Teeha Morrison—for doing very well in the weekly Kahoot quizzes to revise the week's learning and trying to do her best.



Logan Hennessy—for working well with his partner to play Towers in Maths and for trying new activities. Well done Logan!

Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word *dog* and the sentence 'We can play with my dog'. They have even started reading short texts in reading groups. It is amazing to see how much they have learnt in just one term of school already. The Ones and Twos have been focusing on words that have f as in fish in them such as face and flexible.

In Maths, our focus for the week has been 10 facts. Each day we have been playing a game called Take 10 with a partner to practise our quick recall of 10 facts. Students have also been working on reading and writing numbers to 100. The Preps have made it to the number 10, they can write it, count to 10 and make 10 using different objects.

In Integrated Studies last week we had a visit from the fire truck. Geoff showed us all the different pieces of equipment in the fire truck. Students even had a go at squirting the hose. They got to sit in the front seat and learnt about what to do when there is a fire. This week we are learning about how teachers help us.

The classroom is abuzz with all things Mother's Day happening this week. We have made cards and are getting our stations ready for the Mother's Day Pamper afternoon on Friday. It will be great to do this event again after it was so well received a few years ago.



Mr Holt

After all the beautiful weather last week it was disappointing to have a cloudy morning on Monday when the 3-6 science class were examining shadows and the movement of the sun across the sky! The model with a netball and torch was an effective substitute though. The P-2s got to make it rain, testing what happens to water when it rains on different surfaces: did it soak in, form puddles or run?

In Literacy we continue to work on our exposition texts, arguing that "School is Important". In grammar we are exploring onomatopoeia- words that sound like what they mean such as BANG, CRASH & PLOP. Our spelling words feature the digraph 'or' as in doctor and anchor. The reading groups all start new texts this week and the students are doing very well in their understanding and answering questions. They've also been on an animal hunt this week in a word-search styled puzzle. Add to that the spelling words crossword and there is a hive of activity during reading and writing.

In Maths we've moved onto the 8x table which are not quite as tricky as the 7x. Some of the topics this week are units of time- seconds, minutes, hours, days etc- and mixed numerals such as $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $5\frac{3}{4}$. Everyone did a great job this morning solving a classroom layout problem that involved reading instructions and interpreting directions.

We wish Riley success at the athletics carnival on Thursday, our only year 3-4 representative. Yesterday we celebrated Amber's birthday with a lovely chocolate cake and an upbeat rendition of 'Happy Birthday'. Lots of kids got 4 right in last week's footy tips, while Mr Holt managed a measly 2! Almost as bad as the umpires in the Cats v Swans game!!

Mrs Kirby

This week in Year 5 & 6 is panning out to be quite a busy one. On Tuesday the students headed to Horsham to participate in a Student Leadership Day which involved student leaders from Horsham Primary schools. We thank Sara Barron for transporting the students and supervising them on the day. Chloe, Isla and Jake were eager to test their leadership skills and learn new skills that will assist them to be effective leaders for Natimuk Primary School.

Isla, Jake, Chloe and Riley are attending the HCPSSA Athletic Sports at Dudley Cornell Park on Thursday. Each student has qualified for several events and will work hard to achieve their personal best as well as enjoying the day away from school. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing the results.

In PE this week the students consolidated their catching and throwing skills by revisiting the game 'Line Basketball'. The students displayed amazing sportsmanship by encouraging and supporting the players in their team and the opposition team. The warm up game was called 'The Best Rock, Paper, Scissors Battle Ever' and it involved jumping in hoops and then having a rock, paper, scissors battle against their opponent.

In Maths, the students discovered the importance of knowing times tables to solve addition and subtraction of Fractions with uncommon denominators. The students practiced as a group and then tackled problems individually, it was amazing to see their ability and confidence grow. They will also focus on subtracting 4-digit numbers later in the week.

In Literacy this week the focus is still on understanding the text "The Blitz" through tasks and activities that involve reading for understanding, developing questions that relate to the text and choosing sections of the text that the students can relate to their everyday life. In Spelling, the words are all contractions-so good luck putting the apostrophe in the correct place in the spelling test. Remember that practice makes perfect! The focus in Writing is still exposition-in preparation for NAPLAN.

I would like to thank the Year 5 and 6 students for a wonderful 2 weeks-I have enjoyed it immensely. The students are very responsive and enthusiastic and it has been a pleasure to teach them. I look forward to returning to the school soon.

