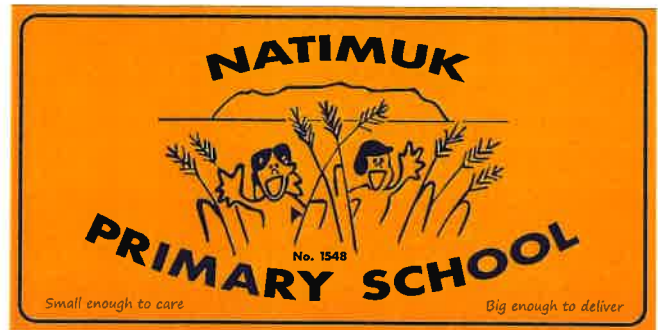


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 17 August	School Council Meeting, 7.30pm
Monday 23 August	Book Week
Thursday 26 August	House Athletics
Monday 30 August	School Photos

Parent/Teacher Interviews are on today.

Check the schedule you received yesterday or ring the school.

School Photos

School Photos will remain scheduled for **Monday August 30** unless we are advised otherwise.

Parent Opinion Survey

An email has been sent indicating that the Parent Opinion Survey is open. The email provided a link to the survey. Only one parent from the family is required to complete the survey but certainly discuss your responses. A reminder to complete the survey will be sent out each week until the closing date, Friday August 20.

School Council Meeting

Our meeting is on next Tuesday at 7.30pm. If anyone would prefer to attend via webex let me know and I will organise it. All reports and policies have been emailed to council members.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 3. Positive Self Talk and Problem Solving

Children need to develop a positive self talk vocabulary and should practice positive self talk. Communication and cooperative behaviours will contribute to positive outcomes to problems.

Olympic Torch Relay at School

We had a lot of fun last Thursday learning about different countries, their flags, how many medals they have won from all the games they have been to and what continent they were on. After we shared our information we went outside to run a relay. Chloe was the priestess who lit the first flame which was then passed on. Each child ran with their torch to keep the relay going until we got to Japan (Chloe) who lit the Olympic Flame. The theme of Japan and the Olympic Games will continue for the rest of the term as we still have the Paralympics to go.

Book Week Day

The day to dress up as a book week character is Monday August 23. This should give you plenty of time to think about and make a costume. Have a copy of the book or a photocopy of the front cover to show who you are. The kinder children will be joining us for the morning as well.

School House Sports

We will be holding our school house sports on the town oval on Thursday August 26, starting at 9.30. It is a fun day for all the students. The children should wear house colours on the day. If your child is going home from the sports please let the teachers know by writing in the diary or sending text. Children can also stay at school and go home at 3.30pm, as per the usual day.

Ingrid Clarkson



Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are continuing with our story Jodie's Journey and should finish it this week. It raised an interesting discussion on hidden and visible disabilities. We took our explanation to another level by turning it into a power point presentation. It gave us an opportunity to learn about power points, adding text and pictures, timing for slide changes and also how to use effects for slide transition. It was a great way to present the information.

In Numeracy we looked at circles. We now understand that the perimeter of a circle is a circumference, it has a diameter and a radius. We made and measured all aspects of the circle including using pi to find the length of the circumference. One of the most challenging parts was to use a compass and ensure it kept the length of the radius, you have to be very gentle and careful. Even though it was a bit difficult it became fun to do.

Miss Blake

At school, not at school, we just can't keep up with it anymore but thank goodness we are back at school for the time being! The students are very happy to be here that is for sure. This week the Preps are learning the word tray and the sentence 'On Sunday I love to play with my tray'. The Ones and Twos are learning the sound 'ay' as in tray.

In Writing students have been busy writing a new explanation on how to make ice cream. We conducted an experiment first. We added salt to a bag of ice and then in a smaller bag added milk, sugar and vanilla essence. We put the smaller bag in with the ice and salt and shook it like crazy for about 10 mins. After 5 mins, we checked to see if the milk was freezing. In the end we ended up with ice cream because the salt in the bag made the ice colder and it also melted faster. Students then wrote their own explanation based on the events.

Last week the whole school participated in the torch relay. All students had their own country and torch to carry, they ran around the marked route and finally we arrived at the ceremony. Chloe was lucky enough to light the flame. We then read out the different oaths that are done before the games start. It was a great activity and we have another whole school one planned for the end of the term.

In Wellbeing, the older students are completing an author study on Mex Fox. We read *Possum Magic*, listed the cities they visited and the foods they ate along the way. Students then worked in pairs to plot these points on a map of Australia. The younger students are completing an author study on Nick Bland. We read *The Very Cranky Bear* and then completed a worksheet on what each animal gave the bear to make him feel better. We then had a go doing a directed drawing of the cranky bear, they all did a great job!



Mr Holt

My apologies for the lack of Yr 3-4 updates in the last two newsletters.

It is GREAT to have the kids back for normal routine after the latest lockdown. It has been an ongoing challenge for everyone but the kids have been terrific throughout it all. Thank you parents for supporting and encouraging them at home.

The Olympics had us all captivated and the 3-4s have been writing explanation texts on the topic, "What are the Olympic Games?", tracing their origins in ancient Greece through to the modern Olympics and looking ahead to Brisbane in 2032. Morning fitness had an Olympics theme as well with an exciting team pursuit game getting everyone fired up.

In Maths the students have been doing calculations based on the medal table in Tokyo this week. They are enjoying the Fast Facts challenges and are getting better and quicker each day. The new small group teaching area is working well although it turns out that not all whiteboard markers are created equal! Areas of focus this week are division, area and perimeter, calculating change when buying things including by EFTPOS and digital time.

The footy season is getting close to finals time and the class footy tipping comp has become exciting but unpredictable too. Last week everyone went for the exact same teams, only to see a number of upsets result in scores of 5 out of 9 across the board. Hutch and Teeha are neck and neck on the leader board with two rounds to go.