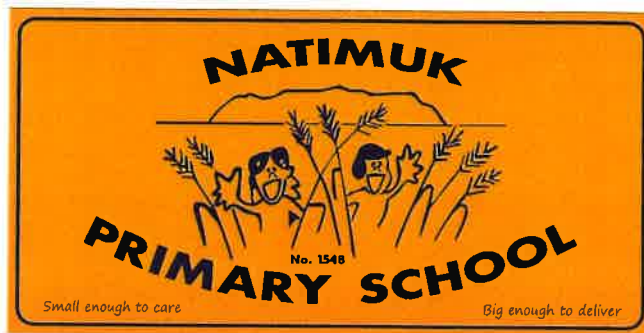


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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Monday 23 August	Book Week
Thursday 26 August	House Athletics
Thursday 26 August	Book Club due
Monday 30 August	School Photos
Friday 3 September	Fathers' Day Stall

School Photos

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

Parent Opinion Survey

I have resent the email for the Parent Opinion Survey, The email provides 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.

Book Week Day

The day to dress up as a book week character is Monday August 23. This should give you 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.

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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.

School House Sports

The school house sports will be held next Thursday, August 26 at school. We have decided this is the better option at this time. We will be starting at 9.30am as indicated on the attached timetable. We are not allowed spectators but are able to have parents to marshall, time keep and wrangle children. For these roles you are welcome to come along but please use the QR code at the front door, wear a mask and stay outside. The running events will be modified a little due to space but we will have a fun day none the less.

As the children will finish by lunch time it is expected that all children will stay at school for the rest of the day. If you have other plans please let the classroom teacher know.

The children should dress in their house colours - hair dos and trimmings make it more fun. Be creative!

School Camp for 3 - 6s

The camp to Sovereign Hill has taken many twists and turns but at least at this stage it is still on. Our original camp dates were cancelled but they offered us a new set of dates, which we grabbed.

The camp will be held from Wednesday September 8 to Friday September 10. We will be staying in the Sovereign Hill accommodation, which is fantastic and is more suitable, we will use their catering as well. Details will be going home when we get things more finalized. If you still have the clothing list from earlier that will not change but new permission forms will be sent out. The itinerary and details will be sent home next week.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy the children have selected their own book to do a book review. They have a range of questions and will later do some inquiry about their author and book. It is a great opportunity for them to read a book they are interested in and enjoy. Our writing genre for the next couple of weeks is the Information Report. We will look at a range of current topics relating to news, current affairs or global issues as well as interest topics.

In Numeracy we did Math Art and created Celtic Knots. This was a drawing activity that required careful reading of instructions and a lot of concentration. If you decided you did not want to do a step then the drawing would not work out so it was a case of read carefully. It was a great group activity as they all helped each other. We had mixed success on our first attempt so needed to try again. The second attempt was certainly better.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Larry Ellis—for a great work ethic ensuring he understands what to do and completes all tasks in a timely manner. Well done!



Brock Marshall—for his continued persistence with his writing, writing a great piece on how to make ice-cream in a bag. Well done!



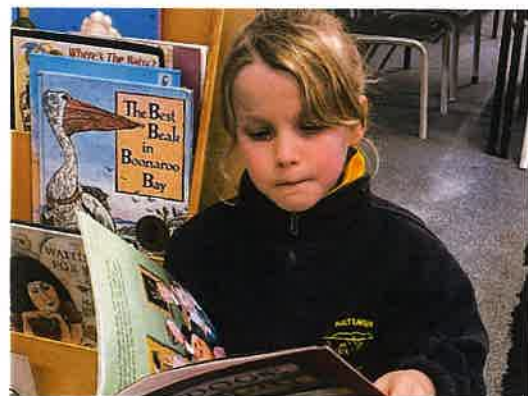
Miss Blake

We have made it half way through the term now and there are a couple of exciting things happening in the coming weeks. This week the Preps are learning the work *shark* and the sentences 'She could see a shark. It was over by the ship.' They made shark pictures out of newspaper. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have 'dge' as in bridge. Students will start a new writing genre this week, exploring how to write descriptions. We are going to start off by writing a description of a classmate.

In Maths, students have been focusing on completing set work and consolidating their number facts knowledge. We have been learning different ways to remember the friends of 10 facts to help make addition and subtraction. They have been making sums balance, making sure that both sides equal the same number which has proven to be a challenge at times. The Preps have expanded their knowledge on number and can recognise and write numbers higher than 20.

In PE, students began to practise for the Athletics Sports next week. We dug up and weeded the long jump pit, digging up more with every big jump from the 5/6 students. They also practised shot put, discus and hurdles.

In Wellbeing this week, students continued with their author studies. The older students looked a range of Mem Fox books while the younger students read *The Wrong Book* by Nick Bland and made their own page for a book. We are all looking forward to Book Week dress up next Monday and the fun activities that brings!



Mr Holt

It was good to start the week with Science again after an enforced two-week break. The 3-6s discovered Science Friction this week, getting to grips with the truth about why some things rub together easier than others. Rubber gloves, dishwashing liquid, a tug-o-war rope and pushing tubs full of sand across a range of surfaces amounted to a very hands-on lesson. That theme continued with the P-2s who spent time observing one another on the playground equipment, noting the different body parts moving as they climbed, swung, hung, stepped, hopped and slid.

In Literacy the marathon effort to complete their explanation texts on the topic "What are the Olympic Games?" reached the finishing line after clearing a number of hurdles. There was a lot to "discuss" as we wrestled with the topic, dived into ancient history then made the long jump to the modern Olympics. There were several medal-worthy performances and a couple of personal bests, well done everyone. Attention now turns to information reports and some creative possibilities await.

In Maths we have explored numbers and statistics from Tokyo 2020 and resumed our daily Fast Facts exercises. Learning in focus groups is popular, perhaps for the novelty of the work station and the use of whiteboard markers as much as for the topics themselves. Some areas of focus this week include: multiplication strategies, fifths and tenths, reading maps, and conducting surveys. Data collection was very hands-on as the class tallied figures on each other's prowess with the Bop-it Bounce then graphed the results.

The class footy tipping comp is neck and neck with Teeha, Benson and Hutch in a three-way tie on 111 each although they are still five behind Mr Holt with one round to go.

PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE



The Fathers Day Stall will be held on **Friday 3rd September**

Families are asked to donate a small gift for each child towards the stall. (to the value of \$10 each) Gifts are to be placed in the basket located in the Staff Room by no later than Wednesday 1st September.

Parents will be needed on the day from 9am to set up the stall and wrap the children's gifts. If anyone would like to help please call Bec on 0408138895.

