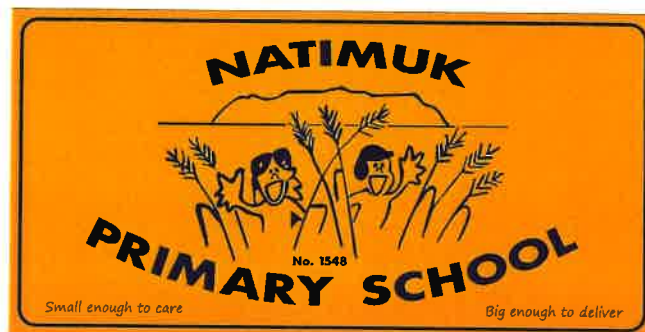


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29 October	World Teachers Day
Friday 29 October	Pitcha Makin Fellas
Friday 29 October	JSC Free Dress Day, 50c
Monday 1 November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 2 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 15 November	School Photos

Pupil Free Day and Melbourne Cup Day

Next Monday and Tuesday the children are not required at school.

The Monday has always been set aside to coincide with the Nati Frinj, which will be going ahead but in a very different format. Staff will be doing work to prepare for assessments and report writing.

Tuesday is a Public Holiday

Nati Frinj

Pitcha Makin Fellas

Mary French has been organising workshops for the Pitcha Makin Fellas.

They have a Paint and Design a fridge workshop on Saturday October 30th 2021 10am-1pm & 2-5pm and on Sunday October 31st 2021 10am-1pm. See attached flyers for more details and bookings.

Free Dress Friday

This Friday will be free dress with a 50c donation. The donations go to the Junior School Council who, at the end of the year, work together to purchase items that will help the less fortunate.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 4. Focus for 2 weeks: Bully Stoppers (Education Dept program)

I 'm not a bully - It is important to be careful that what is "joking" to you is not hurtful to someone else

(Information for adults available online - education.vic.gov.au bullystoppers)

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Staffing Change

There will be a staffing change next year. Mr. Holt has successfully been appointed to a full time position at Nhill Lutheran School starting next year. It has been great having Mr. Holt at our school with his enthusiasm for footy and making stickers. He has always provided an element of fun and games either during fitness or last year when he hid tokens for kids to find during play and lunch time.

We have advertised this position and will keep you informed of any developments.

Volunteer Information

We have been asked by the Centre For Participation, who organise Meals on Wheels, to obtain documentation from our volunteers. Three items have to be collected:

1. Registration letter
2. WWCC
3. Vaccination Certificate

An email was sent home this week outlining the requirements.

The school will also need to have documentation on file as well.

Please do not let this put you off volunteering as the community needs you now more than ever.

School Concert

I recently sent out an email requesting feedback in regard to an earlier concert start at 7pm and a possible bbq. Could you please check your emails and get back to me.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are starting a new book called *Mischief* by Robert Trickey. This book has a lot of humour and tells stories of being at school at the turn of last century. What happens to children who misbehave, wag school and play pranks; they get the 'kutts'. Our procedure writing morning teas have been very successful. We have partaken in some very delicious sweets and savouries, well done girls. We are thinking seriously now about the concert and are putting ideas and songs together.

In Numeracy we completed equations that contained both addition and subtraction. Remembering that there is more than one sign in the equation and setting out the numbers correctly is the key to accuracy. Our goal over the week is to get all equations correct. The weeks are passing very quickly so there is a strong focus on ensuring all of our topics are covered and that there is a bit of time for revision.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Amelia Rasmussen—for demonstrating confidence and completing her work independently. Great job, keep it up.



Olivia Hateley—for her continued confidence in reading, using past knowledge to sound out new words and reading at just the right rate. Well done!



Miss Blake

This week the Preps have been learning the word queen and the sentence 'The queen had so much fun on her holiday'. The Preps made pictures of the queen on her holiday, she went to the sphinx in Egypt and to the Statue of Liberty in New York. The Ones and Twos are learning the spelling pattern, u as in bull with the u making an 'oo' sound.

Our procedure writing is taking a spooky turn this week with students writing a procedure on how to make a potion of their choice. We have also written procedures on how to make muffins and pizza pops. Not sure if we would like to test out some of these procedures, with cold ovens and loads of ingredients on top.

In Wellbeing we have started another author study, this time on Stephen Michael King. He is an author and illustrator. Students read the book 'The Rainbow Bear' and then got to make their own rainbow bear. Next session we will have a look at another one of his books. In PE, students have completed their unit on cricket, learning new skills and working our way up to playing a game. There were some miss hits, big scores and a few wickets to fall as well.

In Integrated Studies students have explored which dinosaurs were carnivores and which ones were herbivores. We also had an afternoon learning about some of the biggest dinosaurs that lived on the earth. We have been using the school building to work out how tall and long some of the dinosaurs were. Students produced some great work when completing their baby dinosaur habitats at home. We enjoyed learning about each other's dinosaurs and seeing their homes.



Mr Holt

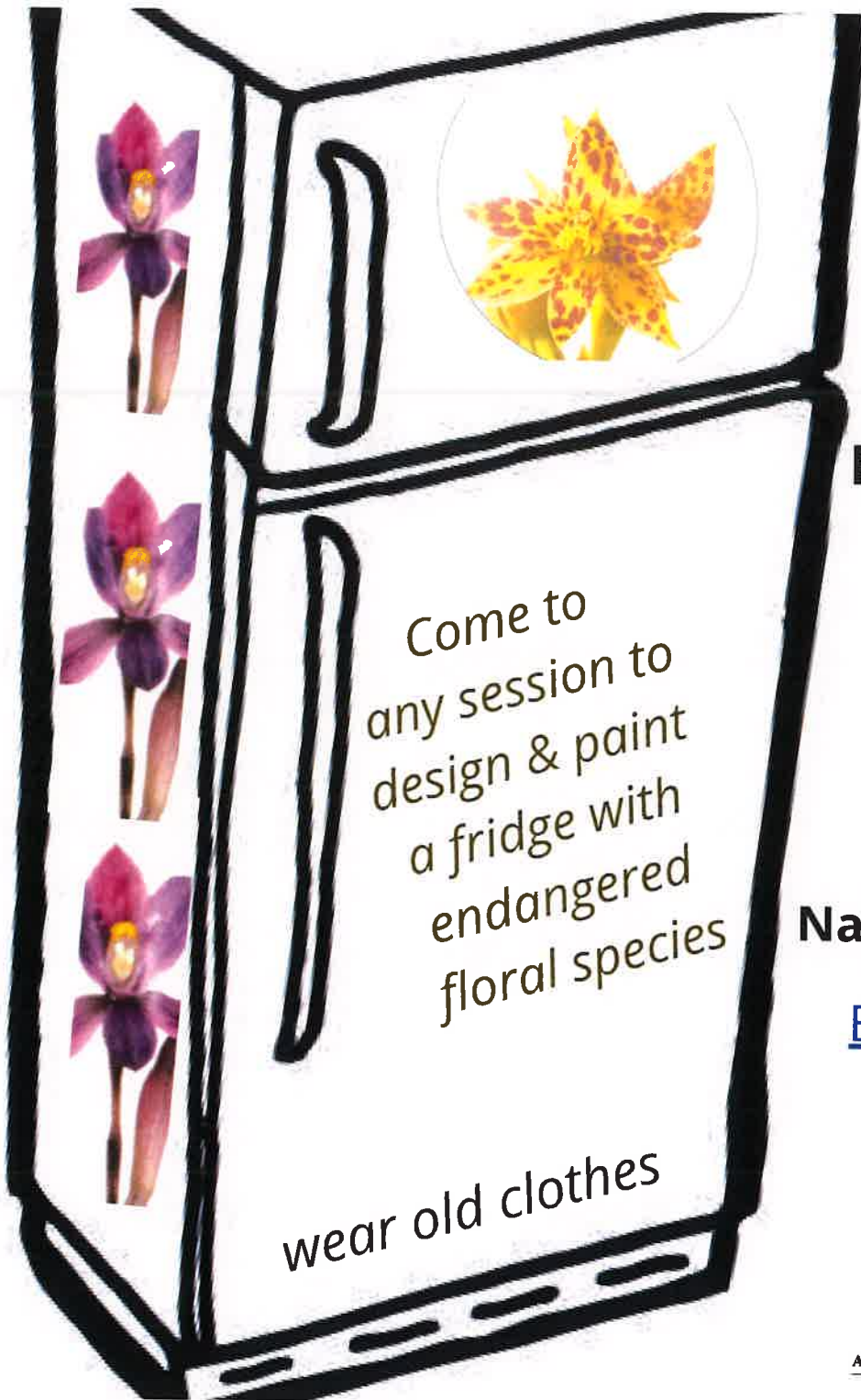
In Science the P-2s continued their schoolyard safari. Last week we went digging for worms to start a worm farm but most of them seemed to have disappeared when we checked on their progress on Monday. Then we had a slimy sticky time looking at snails. Last week the 3-6s prepared bean seeds for germination but by this week all that had grown was some mould! We are examining flowers at the moment and learning about the many and varied ways pollination occurs.

After writing all sorts of procedural texts over the last few weeks, from how to be a goal umpire to how to brush your teeth, we have launched into our new writing genre-poetry. From *The Snail* to *Mulga Bill*, limericks and haiku, ballads and love, it promises to be a fun month of writing. In Reading the kids did a study of Archie Roach's book and song, "Took the Children Away" and they wrote some thoughtful and heartfelt responses to the story.

We are getting ready for the round of assessments to be completed over the next few weeks.

In Maths the children are making good progress in Mathsplus and there were some excellent results in the last round of diagnostics. The learning has been a little more hands on and I've introduced a few more challenges which they have greatly enjoyed. Topics we'll cover this week include numbers to 10,000, division with remainders, nets, timetabling, subtraction problems and data investigation.

Apologies for missing last week's newsletter. I told the kids last week that I am leaving at the end of the year to take up a full-time position at Nhill in 2022 and on Wednesday I went up to meet the staff and see the school for the first time. I have really enjoyed my time at Natimuk and will be sad to leave.



Nati FRIJ

Workshops

lead by

Pitcha Makin Fellas

Sat Oct 30th 2021

10am-1pm & 2-5pm

Sun Oct 31st 2021

10am-1pm

Natimuk Primary School

[Bookings](#) - numbers

limited

*Participants need
to be double vaxxed*


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Pitcha Makin Fellas

This group of internationally acclaimed Ballarat artists have offered to hold a free after school workshop on

Friday 29th October, from 3.45 - 5.45,

exclusively for our Natimuk Primary School students and family members.

This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone at Natimuk Primary School to learn an exciting new artistic skill from some amazing artists.

Mrs French will be there to supervise and provide some yummy after school snacks.

All participants will need to do is change into old clothes as we will be working with durable paint and it will get a little bit messy.

Please RSVP by Thursday 28th October.

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I give permission for my child

to attend the Pitcha Makin Fellas workshop on Friday 29th October

Signed.....