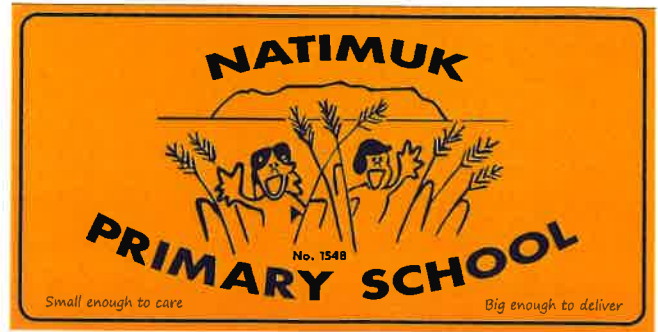


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8th December 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 15 December	School Concert
Friday 17 December	Last day of Term 3
Friday 28 January	First day of Term 1 for staff
Friday 28 January	Book pack pick up day 8.00am-3.00pm
Monday 31 January	First day of Term 1 for all students

Christmas Concert

The concert night is for immediate family and extended family only.

It will be an outdoor event. All protocols will need to be followed such as QR code in, sanitise your hands and keep a distance from other groups.

*** Please enter the school grounds from the car park end of school.**

You will need to bring your own chair or rug.

The concert date is Wednesday December 15, at the school.

The evening will start with a sausage sizzle at 6.30 with some music by Scott Darlow.

The concert will start at 7.00pm, children will need to be here by 6.45pm at the latest.

All children will need to bring costumes, a list will go home.



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Focus for 1 week: Acts of Kindness

Share 3 things with your class that you are grateful for

Sit next to someone in class, who you wouldn't usually sit next to.

Sort rubbish in your classroom. Provide different bins for different types of waste.

Bring in one toy from home that you would like to donate to a local charity

Clean out your tubs and personal belongings. Take home what you don't need.

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Kris Kringle

The present needs to be wrapped, have the child's name on it then be placed in the class basket in the foyer by Friday December 10 please.

Last days of school

After the concert there are 2 more days of school. We will be doing a fair bit of cleaning and tidying up, also moving furniture and Miss Blake's things to the shipping container. Can you contact the school to indicate if your child or children will be attending those days or not please.

Dates for the start of 2022

Friday January 28 - teachers return and book packs can be picked up

Monday January 31 - all students start

Wednesday February 2 - Preps, 1 and 2 will not come to school unless on a roster distributed by Miss Blake. Miss Blake is using this day as a testing day.

Swimming will start for years 3 - 6 in term 1, more details still to come.

Last Newsletter for 2021

As this is the last newsletter I would like to thank all students, parents and teachers for their support throughout the year. We say goodbye to Mr. Holt, and wish him well on his next adventure. Thank you Mr. Holt for teaching our year 3 and 4 class for 2 years.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas break. Enjoy the holidays. See you all next year.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

The Year 5 and 6s have had a fantastic year of learning, they have worked extremely hard and with great effort. Our preparations for the concert are going well, we will soon be practising outside to get the feel of a bigger area and the need to project your voice.

We are still working, making sure our times tables are up to speed and are now doing problem solving tasks in Maths. This aspect is called working mathematically. Our first task was to work out what palindromic numbers were, now we see them everywhere.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Zarnie Sudholz—for showing great confidence with her independent work, having a go and finishing



Tahlia Hateley—for her mature approach and confidence in all learning areas, proving also that she is a great leader in the classroom. Well done!

Miss Blake

The time has come for the final newsletter of the year and what a great year it has been! Yesterday we welcomed our new Preps for next year; Alexa, Nina, Sophia, Nate and Stanley into the classroom for the first time. We did lots of fun activities, they got to meet their buddy for next year and we even did some Christmas cooking.

Students are well into rehearsals for the school concert. We have practised our lines, added actions and are now working out what to wear. Students will also be adding the finishing touches to part of their costumes. Our songs and play are bound to get a few laughs from the crowd.

In Wellbeing students made chocolate crackle rocky road. It was a very easy recipe consisting of chocolate, rice bubbles, raspberry lollies, marshmallows and m and m's. It was very messy to eat as the chocolate melted but very delicious! Students participated in their last PE session for the year, which was fun team games.

A huge thank you to everyone for all their help this year and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mr Holt

It's the second last week of the school year! Christmas is 18 days away. 2021 is racing to the finish line. But just like Santa's elves, the year 3-4s are still hard at work. Yesterday was transition day- the year fours got their first taste of life in Mrs Clarkson's room and the year twos met their new teacher for next year. And I spent the day meeting the kids I'll teach at Nhill in 2022. It is an exciting time for everyone.

In Science this week both classes watched some amazing documentary footage of the small animals, creatures and insects that populate Singapore: spiders, snails, wasps, ants, bees, termites and praying mantises and learnt about how they live, survive and reproduce.

In Literacy our spelling words this week feature the suffix 'ness', such as awkwardness, tenderness and madness. We have been doing Rocket Writing using a cool resource called Story Cubes. We roll nine dice, each featuring six different pictures or symbols then have to write a story featuring at least four of the pictures. The kids have enjoyed it and particularly like reading their stories aloud to the class. We've also been doing some word challenges to try and reach 'Genius level' by making as many words as we can out of a set of letters. On Monday as a group they found over thirty words from the letters TSAPR. You might like to have a go at home. Each day we are practising the poem for the concert and the kids are getting better each time. Zarnie and Benson in particular are putting great energy into their lines.

In Maths nearly every student has completed the syllabus and the final diagnosis booklet which is a great effort. They are now testing themselves in a series of NAPLAN-style mini-tests and thriving on the challenge. We are mixing up their times tables to reinforce their learning throughout the year as well as continuing with the popular Fast Facts exercises.

Don't forget, my mate Scott Darlow will be opening the school concert next Wednesday night. He is a performing artist who has toured with Jimmy Barnes, Diesel and the Black Sorrows and has had hit songs featured on MMM and radio stations around Australia. In the afternoon he will spend some time talking to the Year 3-6s about reconciliation, Indigenous culture and issues and then I promise he'll put on a great show at the concert. I look forward to seeing you all at the Sausage Sizzle too.

PITCHA MAKIN FELLAS

On Friday 10th December we have a return visit from the Pitcha Makin Fellas. COVID restrictions prevented us from having whole school workshops during their last visit, but this time around we can all enjoy learning from these wonderful, internationally acclaimed artists.

The workshops will take place during school time. Students need to wear old clothes, as we will be using durable outdoor paint.

The finished artwork, embellishing a series of fridges, will be an important element of the Nati Frinj Festival 2022. Our fabulous artwork will be enjoyed by our local community, and visitors to Natimuk, on the October long weekend.



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