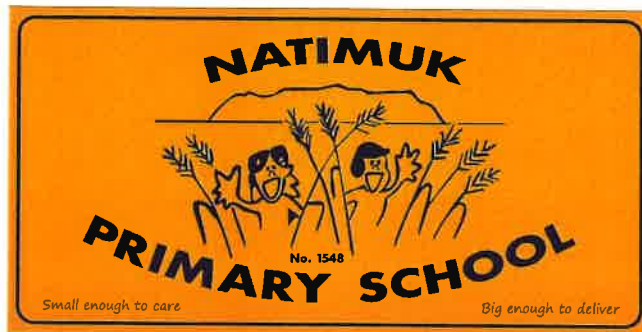


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2nd February 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 3 February	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 8 February	Parent Information Night
Friday 11 February	Working Bee BBQ
Tuesday 15 February	School Council meeting 7.30pm

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2022 school year and a very special welcome to our new Preps.

Important change to the term arrangements for Preps.

In past years the preps have stayed home on Wednesdays for all of term 1 but due to this term being 10 weeks they will start full time at school from Monday February 28.

Parent Information Night

We will have a parent information night next Tuesday February 8. It will be a good chance to meet Hannah, Year 3/4 teacher. Check the interest form attached for times and return as soon as possible.

Nut and Allergens Policy

Reminder that we are a nut free school.

It is our policy to not have nut products at school, to have the children supervised during eating and to wash hands after eating. In the event someone has inadvertently brought 'nut' food to school they will be asked to eat away from the students with allergies and wash their hands thoroughly after eating.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS SCHOOL

Term 1. Focus for 2 weeks: Welcome.

How to make others feel welcome and that they belong. Use gestures such as eye contact, shaking hands, verbal greetings, body language and acknowledgement.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Assembly is on every Monday morning at 9.00 in the multi-purpose room where awards and certificates are given out, birthdays are celebrated and achievements acknowledged.

Hats

Miss Blake washed the school hats over the holidays. Hats must be worn during terms 1, 2 and 4. Some children bring sunscreen to school but we also have sunscreen available at school.

Uniforms

It is lovely to see the girls in dresses. It is strongly recommended that the girls wear shorts under their dresses, however, to make it easier for them to play without being too worried when they play upside down on the monkey bars. Children also sit on the floor with their legs crossed. Also be mindful when the girls choose to wear shorts with their school shirts that they are not too tight or too short which can also inhibit how they play.

Whether it be uniform or free dress it is very important to consider what we wear and to ensure it is suitable for school activities. It is not just for the comfort of your child but also for the comfort of those they sit with or play with .

Printing School Logos

I am collecting shirts, jumpers and jackets for screen printing the school logo. Please put your name on the item and place it in a bag and put your name on the bag as well. Place your bag in the clothes basket near the staff room door. I will take them in on Friday 18th February. Parents will be invoiced when we know the cost.

PE Mondays

All the children have Physical Education on Mondays so wearing sports clothing and runners is very appropriate. PE is in a morning timeslot for the cooler time of the day.

Swimming (extra-curricula)

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Goroke pool this term on Thursdays between 11.50am and 2.40pm.

Money and forms should be at school. We request that if you have any issues in regard to payment please contact the office as soon as possible. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

Welcome BBQ and Working Bee

We are having a working bee on Friday Feb 11th and hope many of you will come. We will be clearing dead plants and weeds from the garden, a never ending task. The leaf litter around the grounds will have to be gathered and put on the bonfire as well as we have too much for the garden to cope with.

Whipper snippers for edging and blower vacs are great for easy cleaning. We will also need chainsaws as some trees or limbs will have to be removed or trimmed.

We need trailers, wheelbarrows, brooms, shovels etc...

Please return the slip for catering for the Working Bee. The only payment required is your participation in the Working Bee.

Start of School

The first school bell goes at 8.55am. This is a warning bell for children to finish organizing their belongings, grab their hat and head outside for fitness. The school day begins at 9.00am. Staff are not expecting children to arrive at school before 8.40am or 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Staff arrive at school early and utilize their time to ensure they are well prepared for the day's lessons.

Absences and Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Absences

We have an electronic roll marking system.

Parents and carers are responsible for notifying the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of the absence.

It is mandatory for the school to now send a notification to parents or carers as soon as possible on the day of an unexplained absence. This is to protect the safety and wellbeing of children especially as some ride bikes or walk to school without supervision.

You will receive a text between 9.15 and 9.30 in the morning if your child is not at school and we have not received a message from you. This is to prompt you to let us know why your child is not at school.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

We have a great working group this year, all who will make promising leaders. A lot of responsibility will fall on their shoulders but they will be up to the task. They have organised the room and set it up as they would like it and have set the expectations for the year. Our first couple of weeks will include our start of year testing, this helps to measure the academic growth of the students over the year.

Roles for our leaders are: school leaders, sports leaders and Junior School Council. Warm weather always accompanies the start of a school year so we are looking forward to swimming on Thursdays.

Miss Blake

And just like that its 2022, the start of a new school year! This year we have a lovely bunch of 5 new Preps who have settled in to the school routine well. The classroom looks a little different and students have spent the last couple of days spotting what is new around the room.

We have jumped straight into our spelling program with the Preps learning the sentence 'The cat sat on the mat'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have 'a' as in ball in them. This is a tricky sound as it makes an 'or' sound and is always followed by an l or ll.

Students have started working on their handwriting, learning how to write the letter a correctly this week. We also did a little bit of holiday writing and have done a few pages for our profile books.

In Maths, the Preps are revising and learning the numbers 1 to 5. The Ones and Twos are completing a week of revision to refresh them on what they have already learnt. We will be completing a week long unit on The Very Hungry Caterpillar, focusing on the days on the week later in the term.

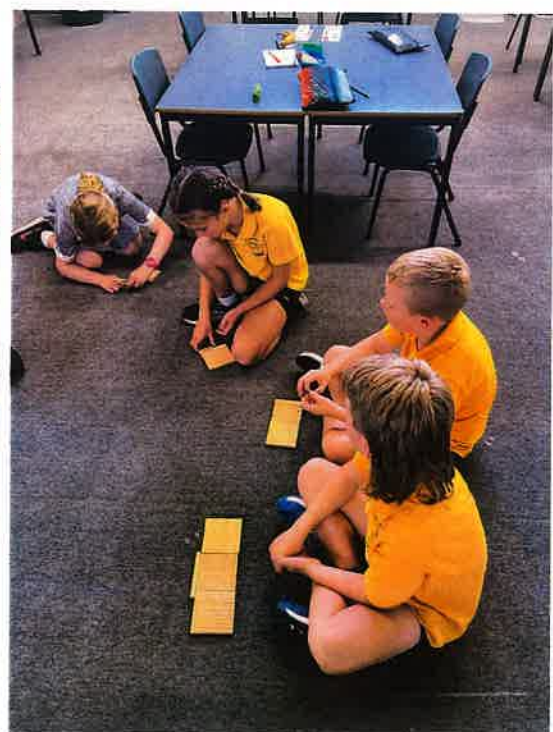
In Wellbeing yesterday the older students have started completing a sheet about themselves which will be turned into a class display in the hallway. The younger students had a discussion about bucket filling and dipping. We read a book called 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and listed the ways we can fill each others buckets and how buckets can also be emptied depending on how we treat our friends and family. They are making a class display on actions that can help fill people's buckets.

Mrs Hausler

It has been a fabulous first week in the 3/4 classroom. We have been working on establishing our routines for the year and have created a 'classroom environment' display in our room, where students have worked together to establish agreed classroom protocols. We have discussed the importance of organisation and are working on setting ourselves up for success at the beginning of each day.

In Literacy, we have started to explore the four aspects of CAFE reading and have revised that good reading is a combination of comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary knowledge. This has helped students to understand that revisiting texts more than once is highly beneficial. We have also revised effective reading behaviours and how to select good fit books. Students are also writing a letter to their future selves outlining their goals for this year.

In Numeracy, we have explored using the split strategy to mentally calculate addition problems by breaking numbers up into hundreds, tens and ones and explored the properties of 3D shapes.





PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 8th February

This is one way that we can get information to you about the programs that are running for your children and explain the expectations in regard to homework, home reading and schoolwork in general.

We are asking for expressions of interest to be able to run the evening. It will be cancelled if numbers are too low; those interested will be spoken to individually. Apologies for the late notice.

Name of parent: -----

Miss Blake

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.00pm – 7.20pm

Mrs Hausler

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.20pm – 7.40pm

Mrs Clarkson

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.40pm – 8.00pm

Please print & return form or email reply by Monday morning

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Friday February 11th from 3.30pm
Eating from 5.00pm

Come and meet new families
Details of what to bring will be in the newsletter

Please return this slip ASAP so we can order the food
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