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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7 October	Churches excursion 3-6
Tuesday 18 October	School Council meeting 7.30pm
Monday 31 October	Student Free Day
Tuesday 1 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Communication

This is a reminder about communicating with the school regarding student absences and changes to travel arrangements. While children often deliver a message they can, at times, be confused or forget what they should be doing after school. Your message helps to confirm their travel arrangements. We also appreciate parental confirmation of an absence.

While we have some students who arrive early and leave at 4.00pm, these children are catching a bus so have an arrangement for staff supervision.

Unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school, children should arrive at school from 8.40am and should leave at the end of the day, 3.30pm. If you are running late and are unable to pick your child up at 3.30pm can you text both Melissa and myself.

Staff are not always available to look after children after school, except where a prior arrangement has been made.

There is usually a lot of confusion on Thursday afternoons around whether children are going to tennis practise or not. Can you please message early in the day about your child's arrangements.

Hats

The children will be wearing hats during term 4. We have discussed the reason for wearing a hat and it is because we need protection from the UV rays which can be present whether it is sunny or not. The intensity of the UV rays gets higher over the next few months and the rays are invisible so it is important to wear a hat.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 4. Bullystopper (Education Dept program)

I 'm not a victim - Even friends don't treat each other well all the time.

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

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Samaritan's Purse

Thank you for the contributions so far. All gifts should be in by the end of this week please. If you need a reminder of what your child was contributing please message Miss Blake.

Excursions

We have a number of excursions happening this term, keep your eye out for permission slips. The year 3—6 have an excursion this Friday to Horsham to visit the Catholic Church and the Mosque to complete their Religions of the World unit from last term.

School Review

Our school review is in November. I will be asking parents over the next 2 weeks to complete a short questionnaire via your emails. This is to help the school make some decisions about its future direction.

Ingrid Clarkson



Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are reading *Imagine This*, James Robert. Already the book has sparked some interest even though we have just started it. It contains a bit of adventure and requires a young boy to step away from his imagination and get on with the real world. We began our book study by comparing James Robert's real world to the one he created using his imagination.

In Maths we are covering a range of topics from Cartesian Planes where we focus on positive and negative numbers to dividing decimals and money and back tracking to find unknown quantities or complete equations.

In Integrated Studies this term the children will investigate how the environment supports the lives of people and other living things and will especially focus on the dinosaurs and how they adapted to their environment.

Miss Blake

Term 4 has finally arrived and what a busy term it is going to be. There are many activities planned for this term which is exciting. This week the Preps are learning the word *thumb* and the sentences 'One hand has one thumb. Two hands have two thumbs'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have *th* as in thumb in them. In writing our first genre that we will be looking at is procedure writing. Students will learn what parts are needed to write a procedure that someone can follow to make something. Our first reading strategy for the term is Tempo Turtle, reading at just the right rate. Not too fast and not too slow.

In Maths students have been completing an addition worm to work on their quick recall of number facts to 10. This is done each day after completing set topics. The Preps are working on number patterns while the Ones and Twos are consolidating their knowledge of fractions and times tables. Students are working their way through mental maths task each day which help in all areas of maths.

In Wellbeing, our focus was on the book *Plume: Global Nibbler*. Plume is a penguin who lives in Antarctica and he wants to expand the tastebuds of the other penguins. The Older students made a mind map of the countries visited by Plume and Ava and what they ate there. The younger students made a penguin where they weaved his tummy with wool.

In PE, the P/1/2 students are working on their throwing and catching skills using a variety of different sized balls. They played a game called 2 square bounce, the person to get to 5 points first wins. The 3-6 students played 2 square bounce to warm up before moving into a game of 6 or Safe. It is a variation of T-Ball and involves some risk, deciding how many runs to make with a single hit. Do they do for 6 points or play it safe with 2, all depends on how far the ball is hit and how the fielding goes!

Mrs Hausler

It is great to be back on board for the final term of 2022. The grade threes and fours have settled straight into great work habits and are already progressing through new tasks.

At the end of the last term, we completed our literary descriptions. Some samples are included in this newsletter, and we hope you enjoy reading them. We are now looking at procedural texts. So far, we have read some samples and discussed the purpose and structure. Yesterday we followed an oral text to make 'the dart' paper plane and are working on a shared piece of writing to convert this oral text to written instructions.

In Numeracy, we have been working on our multiplication and all things to do with 2D shapes. We have revised the terms sides, angles, lines of symmetry, and regular and irregular polygons and will look at tessellations later in the week.

In Science, the grade 3-6 students are studying plant and animal adaptations this term. On Monday, we learnt what an adaptation is and brainstormed different environments, some of the organisms that live in these environments, and some of the unique features that help them survive. The P-2 students are studying living and nonliving things and their needs. On Monday, they classified a range of cards as either living or nonliving and discussed how they knew. They learnt that to be considered living; something had to breathe air, require food and water, move and grow.

NATI FRINJ FESTIVAL

What have the Natimuk PS artists been preparing for Frinj 2023?

Over the last months we have been hard at work making mosquito puppets for the Frinj parade. Post the parade the mosquitos will be on show in a prominent position, yet to be determined. The puppets will have lights attached to make fluttering wings and even blood-filled bodies. I am very impressed with the persistence demonstrated by the students during this long process

Sewing all the lights to the mosquitos is quite a lot of work, so if anyone has some time, even half an hour, it would be fantastic to have some help with this.

We have also been working with artist Louise Cooper to make drawings of the town and create 'Natimuk characters.' Louise plans to make the characters into pokomon type people that can be searched for around town. So, for instance, you will be able to look for Carl Sudholz, as drawn by Benson, using an app on your phone. Louise was particularly impressed with the drawings of iconic Natimuk buildings produced by the students.

Also on display will be the Main St banners made in 2019.

And of course, the stamped fridges created by the students and community with the Pitcha Makin Fellas in 2021, will finally have their moment, marking venues hosting Frinj events. Thank you to Natimuk PS for sponsoring this project and providing storage and to the Natimuk community and Betta Electrical for finding old fridges to use as canvases.

Nati Frinj will be held on the long weekend, Friday 28 October – Sunday 30 October

Mrs French



Paper clip

There are millions of uses for the paper clip. It is very smooth and cold. The paper clip comes in many colours, but are usually shiny and metallic. The paperclip is as small as a mouse. It sits, waiting patiently to attack its arch enemy, the papers. Sitting silently in the corner of the rectangular pile of papers, the paper clip does its job with ease.

(: HUTCH :)

Pear

There are numerous little brown spots all over the pear. It is cold, smooth and bumpy with round edges. The pear seeds are inside of the core. They are so small and are the shape of an oval and sometimes diamond shaped too. The pear is the biggest fruit sitting in a small fruit bowl. It is as green as grass and glows when it's in the fridge. Inside of the pear is the juicy delicious white flesh waiting to be bitten into. The hungry kid is watching the pear. Then she attacks it and the pear is gone.

Tahlia



Whiteboard Marker.

There are twelve numbers and eighty nine words on the whiteboard marker. The marker is poised on the board watching him; planning, waiting to attack its arch enemy, the whiteboard, its green ink dripping in anticipation ready to live up to his name. When you take off the cap you can see its weapon, a little green stubby tip. The stubby tip leaves a dark green mark wherever it goes especially on enemy whiteboard, although leaving with less drippy ink than before. The whiteboard marker feels smooth, hard and warm from a teacher's hand. The whiteboard knows what is going to happen and is prepared with his friends, the erasers hoping he will stay white for another day.

-Amber.