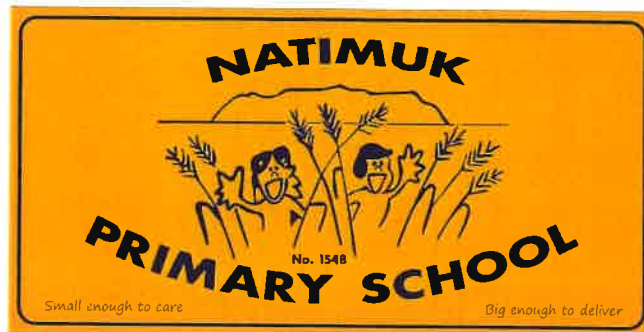


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 17 November	Naracoorte Caves Excursion
Thursday 24 November	Junklandia Excursion, 3-6

Excursion to Naracoorte

On Thursday next week (17th) the whole school will be going on an excursion to the Naracoorte Caves. This works in with the 3 – 6 Integrated Studies topic about dinosaurs adapting to their environment. We will be visiting 2 caves and going on a walking loop. The children will need to be at school promptly by 9.00am as we must leave by then to fit in with the South Australian time difference. We will be back at school by approximately 4.00pm. There is a cost involved, please see attached permission form for details.

There is also a permission form for a 3 – 6 excursion to the Horsham Town Hall to see Junklandia. This is a musical performance using recycled materials. There is no cost for this excursion.

Keep an eye on the newsletter over the next few weeks as there are a number of excursions and outings occurring.

Assessments

The children have started their end of year testing this week and it will continue over the next 2 – 3 weeks. This is our opportunity to see how they have progressed over the year so ideally we would like them to be at school as much as possible. The results are shared with the 5/6 children as the immediate feedback helps them to take ownership of their learning and make adjustments where necessary. At the start of the year they could see the areas they needed to work on so the end of the year feedback is important for them.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 4. Bully Stoppers (Education Dept program)

Student Modules - I 'm not a bully, I'm not a victim, Words don't hurt, I didn't mean it
(Information for adults available online - education.vic.gov.au bullystoppers)

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

School Review

School reviews are conducted every four years. Our first day of our review is on Tuesday next week. When our agenda is confirmed I will be sending out an invitation to parents and the school council to come in for about 30 – 45 minutes to talk to the reviewers about their children's learning and the school in general. I hope you will be able to make the time to come in as this helps develop a picture of the school and will guide us in making decisions for the next four years.

New Prep Visits

We welcome our next year's Prep class tomorrow. They are visiting and spending some time in the classroom to become familiar with their surroundings and the develop friendships with their future classmates.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy the children have finished reading *Follow That Spy*. These shorter texts are holding their interest and are fun little stories. We had a discussion about the story and are now answering questions to show our understanding. Our next writing genre is poetry. We will look at different styles of poetry and try to write some of own. We will start with some simple rhyming poetry and will hope to share some next week.

In Maths we have been practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. Whilst is seems easy we have to remember to include the decimal point when dividing and adding the correct number of zeroes when multiplying. We will also attempt to enlarge pictures using grid references and patience.

In Integrated Studies the 3 – 6s having been looking at how the dinosaurs have adapted to their environment. They have been researching a dinosaur of their choice and will be making a diorama to show the information they have collected. If they have a shoe box and items to put into their diorama they can bring it to school in a labelled container.

Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word *watch* and the sentence 'She looked at her watch before she got into bed'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the trigraph *tch* as in *catch*. We are starting a short unit on poetry, beginning with writing an acrostic poem using the letters of our name. After this we will finish the year with narratives. Students enjoy the chance to write about anything they like.

In Maths, students are almost ready to complete their end of year assessments. We have learnt many new concepts over the year. Students have been doing some work with calculators, multiplication and turnaround sums.

In Wellbeing, we have looked at a new book called *Ocean*. It is full of facts about the ocean; how waves are made, different levels of the ocean and the water cycle. The older students made turtles out of icy pole sticks and wool. They will then be doing some writing to go with their turtle. The younger students made yarn fish using different colour wool. These will be displayed in the hallway.

In Integrated Studies, our focus has been on space travel and famous astronauts. We looked at when the first rocket went into space and which people were the first to go into space as well. We learnt about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, discovering that they were the first and only people to walk on the moon.

Mrs Hausler

It has been a hive of activity in our classroom since the last newsletter as we have completed some units, started on others and commenced end-of-year assessments. Over the past week, everyone has presented their 'How to...' PowerPoint presentations. These were our primary speaking and listening assessment tasks for this term. All students did a fabulous job delivering their talks and giving their peers meaningful feedback. A huge thanks to all the mums and dads who supported this task at home. We have started a literacy unit on poetry and will work through this as we finalise our assessments.

In Numeracy, we have completed two online assessments, showing tremendous growth throughout the year. We are also focusing heavily on division, place value, including decimals, and will revise the concept of volume.

In Science, the 3-6 students learnt about the behavioural adaptations of plants and animals. We worked in pairs to learn about and create definitions for camouflage, communal living, hibernation, migration, mimicry and nocturnality. Using a balloon rocket experiment, the P-2 students investigated how energy makes things move.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Amelia—for showing great confidence and persistence especially in Maths, using past knowledge and experience and applying it to new problems.



Brock—for his growing abilities and confidence in helping the younger students, helping out in the classroom.



Nati Frinj Festival 2022 Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped get the mosquito puppets ready for the Frinj Festival parade.

Thank you to the Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who made the puppets. Your enthusiasm and persistence was impressive. Particular thanks to Isla for helping the younger students finish their puppets.

Special thanks to Miss Blake, Mrs Clarkson, Sarah Tottenham, Janice Sudholz and Zarnie and Benson for sewing the lights on the wings after hours.

Thank you to all the families who came to the parade. Your support and patience was greatly appreciated. And thank you to the Sudholz family for helping move the puppets to and fro.

The puppets will make their final appearance at the school concert. After that they can be taken home. They should last a while in a sheltered spot outside.

Mrs French

