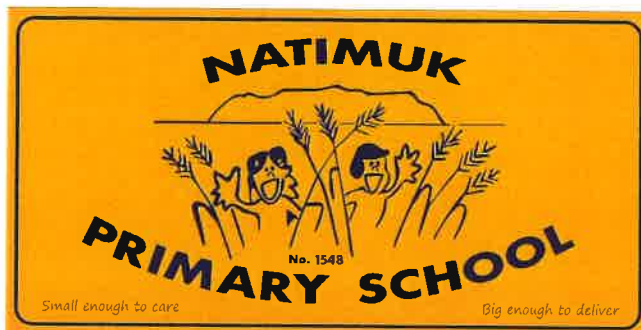


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**1 February 2023**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday 2 February	3-6 Swimming
Friday 3 February	Welcome BBQ 4.30pm
Wednesday 8 February	1-2 Swimming
Monday 13 February	Parent Information Night

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2023 school year and a very special welcome to our new Preps - Beth, Mack, Lily and Hurley

### **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 Tuesday March 14, (Monday is a public holiday).

### **Parent Information Night**

We will have a parent information night on Monday February 13. It will be a good chance to meet the teachers to learn more about the classroom routines. 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.**

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.

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**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 17th February. This is optional and you will be invoiced the cost of the printing—it depends how many items we have all together for 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**

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Groke pool this term on Thursdays between 11.30am and 2.00pm.

Year 1 and 2 are having catch up swimming lessons in Horsham on 3 Wednesdays which are a fortnight apart- February 8, 22 and March 8.

Permission forms should be returned ASAP. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

### **Welcome BBQ**

We are having a welcome BBQ on Friday Feb 3th 4.30—6.00pm and hope many of you will come for the meet and greet for the start of the year. BYO chairs and drinks. Thanks to our gardeners, Michael and Brodie Ough, we have a very tidy yard to start the year. They spent hours last year cleaning, clearing and making improvements which has been fantastic.

Please return the slip for catering purposes.

## **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 9.30 and 9.45 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. Whilst siblings let us know why someone is away we still need parent confirmation.

Ingrid Clarkson

## **Miss Blake**

Welcome everyone to the 2023 school year! Welcome to our new Preps; Beth, Mack, Lilyann and Hurley. We will also welcome Charlie into our class in a couple of weeks. It has been a great start to the year, everyone has settled in well and are ready to learn.

This week the Preps are learning the word cat and the sentence 'The cat sat on the mat'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the sound 'ai' as in snail. We have looked at 3 different ways you can read a book, read the pictures, read the words and retell the story. We read a new book by Nick Bland called The Very Clever Bear. It was quite funny.

Maths this week will see us focus on the numbers to 10 and show the Preps how to play different maths games. We introduced the Preps to Pevan and Sarah as well, watching a counting video. Students have been completing some revision to start off the year.

Our first topic in Integrated Studies in All about me and then we will be moving onto Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. In PE students will work on their throwing and catching skills to start, moving into Aths practise by the end of the term.



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### **Mrs Hausler**

We have had a fantastic couple of days back in the 3/4 room. Although sometimes the first few days can appear slow-moving as we organise books and settle in, we have had a fabulous time hearing about one another's holiday adventures and establishing routines. We have even squeezed in a bit of learning too!

In Literacy, we have discussed why people read and linked this to selecting appropriate books to match our purpose for reading. We also revised that for a book to be 'just right,' we need to accurately read most of the words and retell key points to demonstrate that we have understood what we read. In our classroom, there is a distinction between 'just right' reading and 'interest' reading, where we have more choice in what we read. Time is provided for both at different times throughout the week. In spelling, we are learning the digraph ai, as in snail. Later this week, we will focus on some holiday writing with a twist!

In Numeracy, we have started with Number and Place Value activities, including expanding numbers, mental maths and addition. We will move on to shape tasks toward the end of the week.

In Science, both classes are studying Chemical Science units this term. The F-2 class will use their senses to observe and explore changes to everyday materials, such as common foods. The 3-6 class will explore how solids or liquids are influenced by temperature and experience the way items from their daily lives can change.

### **Mrs Clarkson**

Our first couple of days have been about letting the students choose how the classroom will be set up, where would be the best place for them to sit so they can work hard and with the least distraction. We will continually discuss the level of expectation of behaviour and work ethic. Each lesson at the moment is full of explanations so very little work is being done. The children will have homework every week which is to be handed in on Friday mornings. 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.

As each student in Year 5 and 6 is a school leader their roles will be - leading the school by way of setting a good example, fitness, Assembly, sports leaders and Junior School Council. It is great to see the start of year enthusiasm and dedication.





# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 regarding 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 &/or return form or email reply by Monday morning*