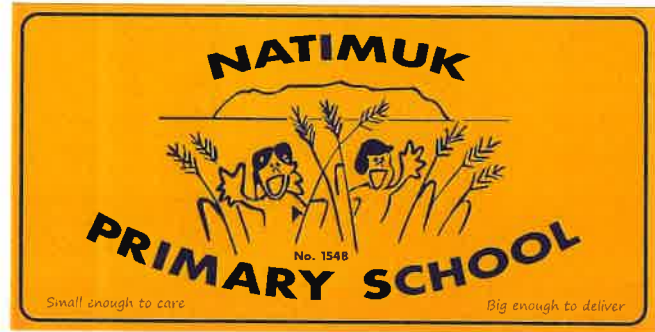


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24 February	Free Dress, 50c
Tuesday 28 February	Pancakes \$2
Wednesday 1 March	1-2 Swimming (proposed)
Thursday 2 March	3-6 Swimming
Wednesday 8 March	Kowree Swim Sports
Monday 13 March	Public Holiday

Free Dress Friday - 50 cent donation

This Friday will be our first fundraising event. Children can dress in anything they like but please make sure it is appropriate for school and play. Protection on the shoulders and good footwear.

Pancake Tuesday

\$2 per child for pancakes and a milo.

Tuesday February 28, we will have our Pancake Tuesday, better late than never. The 5 and 6s will be making the pancakes in the morning so the students can enjoy them at recess.

Swimming 3 - 6 Thursday

There will be no swimming tomorrow as Goroke P-12 have changed their twilight carnival to the daytime.

School Council Elections

Nomination forms are available at the office if you are interested in becoming a member of the council. We have 8 meetings a year; 2 per term. New members are most welcome.

At the March School Council meeting we will hold an AGM to announce Office Bearers then follow that with a general meeting.

We are looking for more members to join our school council. It is not an arduous task and you do not have to know anything about policies or finance.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 1. Rules! Rules! Rules!

Through games and real life scenarios, the children will be introduced to the concept of rules and why they are needed. The children will be involved in developing rules for our school and their class to create a happy and supportive learning environment.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Printing School Logos

The shirts and windcheaters are at the printers.

Year 5 and 6 Leadership Day

The Year 5 and 6 students attended a Leadership Day with Lorin Nicholson as the main presenter. Apart from being a fantastic guitar player he talked about the challenges he faced all his life as a blind person and how he worked hard to overcome his adversity. The children found the day very interesting and were surprised at how well Lorin managed everything. They took home a workbook from the day, answering a range of questions and finding out their own strengths. It was great to have a special day in the local area, thanks West/Haven Primary School for hosting.

Fundraising for the Year 6 Skateboards

The Year 6s have chosen to decorate skateboards this year in art but in order to do that they had to come up with an idea to raise money for them. They had to raise \$100 and were successful in raising \$80 in one weekend, they are \$20 short. It was a great effort, just a little more to do.



Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

The children have been writing some fantastic responses to the questions for "First Light", thank you to Mrs. Kirby for supporting them with this text while I was away. We have been editing our recounts when we get to them but have had a very busy term with assessments, swimming and other excursions or activities.

In Maths our focus this week is division and working out fractions of a length. Division is one of the hardest of the four processes and takes a lot of practise. My favourite classroom tool is the ruler. It helps with all the four processes and this week will help with times tables and division to find 5ths, 3rds, quarters and tenths of a line.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

	Winnie—for making sure she has all the necessary information to get started straight away on her work, including listening carefully to instructions and asking clarifying questions
	Dante—for always asking questions, to gain a better understanding of the task at hand. Well done Dante!

Miss Blake

It's been quite an exciting start to the week for our class, welcoming Elvira and Charlie into Year One. The other students have made them feel very welcome and it's a busy room now with 14 students. The Preps focus word this week is tap and their sentence is 'This tap is on and that tap is off'. They went on a tap hunt around the playground and found 5 taps. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the sound u as in bus.

Our annual Teddy Bears Picnic was a huge hit last Thursday. Students and their teddies had a great day out at school. The highlight as always is the picnic at playtime, with quite an array of goodies. The older students checking it out, hoping their favourite food will still be there at lunch.

In Maths, our warm up this week is playing Spingo on the whiteboard. A great game for number recognition up to 20. The Preps have worked on the number 4 and equal and not equal groups. The Ones and Twos have completed work on subtraction, halves and ordinal numbers.

In Wellbeing, the P-4s had a session together as the older students were away. We made jam kiss biscuits. Consensus was that they were very tasty and everyone needs the recipe. We may have overdone the sprinkles on top but you can never have too many sprinkles the students told me!

Last week we made Humpty Dumpty sitting on a brick wall complete with a bandaid holding him together. We sang quite a few nursery rhymes, some the students had never heard of. Our focus fairy tale this week is Little Red Riding Hood. Students will complete an activity once we have read the story together.

Mrs Hausler

In reading, we have revised several of our CAFE strategies. To support our reading accuracy, we have learnt Grapheme Graham, who reminds us to bounce to each grapheme (spelling of sounds) and say the sound. This strategy works alongside Blending Belinda, who reminds us to blend the sounds and read the word & Meaning Matilda, who reminds us to reread the sentence for meaning, ensuring that it makes sense to us and anyone listening. We have also used picture books to practise reading fluently and with expression. Taking note of punctuation also helps us pause in the right places and ensures that we get the author's intended meaning. These are all strategies that could be worked on during home reading.

In Writing, we have continued our study of recount texts. We have used pictures and oral language to organise our ideas and have focused heavily on our success criteria of including a title, orientation, a logical sequence of events in time order and a reflective comment at the end.

In Numeracy, we have looked at odd and even numbers and rounding. This concept is never easy to master, so revision will be critical. We will also continue with place value tasks towards the end of the week and start looking at time concepts next week.

In Science, the F-2 class used their observation skills to describe the changes in bread, chocolate and popcorn kernels after applying heat. We discussed whether the changes observed were reversible or not. The 3-6 class experimented to determine what happens to various liquids, including vinegar, milk, honey, water and oil when heat is removed. We did this by placing samples in bags in the freezer and making several observations throughout the day. We will revisit this next Monday.

Decorative Skate-Board Decks

Well done Zarnie and Benson for raising money to pay for skateboard decks for the Grade 6 students to decorate in art.

On Wednesday we decided this would be a great project, but that we would need to raise some money to pay for the materials. By Monday these very enterprising students had sold enough lemons to very nearly cover the costs. An amazing effort.

Mrs French

