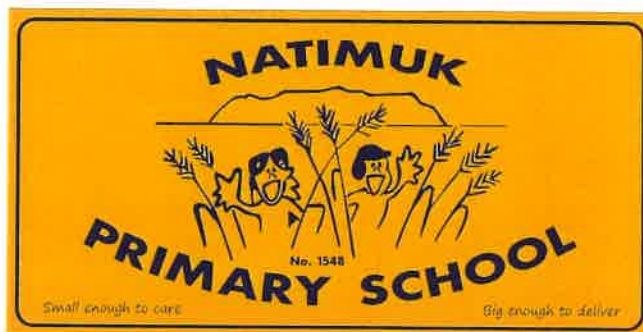


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DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Thursday 16 February	Book Club orders due
Tuesday 21 February	School Council, 7.30pm

Congratulations to our School Leaders:

Amelia, Zarnie, Joe Teeha, Riley, Cooper, Benson, Amber and Hutch

House Captains

Melville Captains: Amelia, Amber, Joe, Riley and Benson

Mitchell Captains: Teeha, Zarnie, Hutch and Cooper



School Council Meeting

Tuesday February 21st, 7.30pm at the school. New members are most welcome. New School Council Elections will commence after this date.

Parent Information Night

We are planning for our parent information night next Monday. Please return your forms to indicate whether you are coming.

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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Leadership Day

On Tuesday February 21, the Year 5 and 6 students will be attending a Leadership conference organised by Horsham West Primary School.

Heat Policy

The children will stay inside if the temperature is at 38° or above. It will be at our discretion for temperatures above 35°. Our classrooms are air conditioned so the children can work in comfort. When children go outside on hot days they will be advised to seek shade, play quietly, drink water, wear a hat, put on sunscreen and not to over exert themselves. These are vital skills to learn for our Australian conditions.

Notes and Newsletter

The newsletter goes home via email, please contact the office if you need any further assistance or advice.

Permission forms are sent via email as well as hard copy so they are returned promptly.

Privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law. Our Privacy Collection Statement and Policy are available on our website or in hard copy by request at the front office.

Free Dress Fridays

On the last Friday of each month the Junior School Council organize a free dress day. Children can come to school in casual clothes but pay a 50c donation which goes to charity. The Junior School Council fundraise for a variety of charities and at the end of the year buy goods to aid organizations such as SMILES. We appreciate your support. On some Fridays there is a gold coin donation but these are for specific fundraisers such as Cancer, Jeans for Genes day or Red Cross but that will be explained on the note that goes home.

The children need to dress appropriately for school, which includes footwear. Shoulders need to be covered in keeping with our SunSmart policy.

Kowree Swimming Sports

The date is still to be advised but will be held at the Goroke pool. Notes will go home closer to the date. Children in years 3—6 are eligible for these sports but must be able to swim confidently and without stopping for 25m. We are assisting our swimmers to achieve that goal so they can participate. The children can enter either 50m or 25m but not both. Parents will need to drive their children on the day and can stay and support them.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Olivia—for a fabulous start to grade three—always being ready to learn and support others in the classroom.



Nina—for great organisation all the time, being ready to start work and asking questions to help achieve goals. Well done on a great start Nina!



Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word 'ant' and the sentence 'That ant had a hat'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the sound 'a' as in hat. Students have started reading conferences, having one on one time to focus on new and learnt reading strategies. The first reading strategy that we are focusing on is Leftie Lettie, reading from left to right on the page.

In Maths, students have continued to revise what they have learnt. The Preps have looked at the numbers 1 and 2 so far. They are really enjoying learning different numbers and playing number based games. The older students are getting ready to expand on what they already know and apply this to new concepts.

In Wellbeing, the older students looked at the Australian Healthy Eating Guide and had to devise a meal plan for the day. There were some interesting healthy eating choices, overall some great plans to follow. The P/1/2 had the challenge of drawing a person using the food from the healthy eating guide. We had watermelon heads, pasta arms and legs, carrot legs and strawberry eyes. They were very creative!

In Integrated Studies students made a shooting star all about themselves. This week we are looking at our first fairy tale which is The Three Little Pigs. They will also complete an activity based on the types of houses the little pigs built.

Mrs Hausler

Having been back a whole week, we have established our classroom expectations and had a go at all aspects of our weekly routine, and things are ticking along nicely. We have also done some assessments to collect beginning-of-year data.

In Literacy, we have continued to focus on reading books that are a good fit at school and home. We have discussed successful reading behaviours to make the most of all reading time and revised the four components of effective reading - comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanded vocabulary. We will start to delve deeper into comprehension and fluency strategies.

In Numeracy, we have explored the properties of common 3D shapes. We have enjoyed making shapes from nets and counting the number of faces, edges and vertices.

In Science, the F-2 class used their observation skills to describe the properties of cooked spaghetti. We read a poem about spaghetti and created a scene from this using the spaghetti. The 3-6 class started exploring an experiment about which solids would melt fastest when the same heat is applied.



Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are reading a picture story book called "First Light". We are focusing on the front cover of the book as the picture will help with our understanding of the book. We are also learning to use the writing around unfamiliar words to help give meaning. Our writing focus is a recount. Whilst we have written a recount we are now looking more closely at the structure of a recount so we can make improvements to our writing. We have begun our start of year testing. The information gained from these tests will be used to measure how much learning growth has occurred over the year. The children are encouraged to do their best.

Each week the students have homework. We discuss the homework in class then it is to be done at home. It includes spelling practise, handwriting practise, research and time tables practise.

Our focus for maths so far has been addition and subtraction, with and without decimals. We have discussed what we need to do to be successful and get good results. Lining numbers up according to place value has been important especially as we added in a decimal point this week. The results have improved from the start of the week, which is what we hoped for.

Conveyance Allowance

Students are eligible for conveyance allowance when they: attend the closest government or non-government school or campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible be enrolled at a school or campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school or campus be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

If you think you may be eligible and haven't applied before please contact the office for an application form.



Art Club

Term 1

Come along and join in
the fun!

Art Club is about supporting our emerging young artists in making and creating artworks. We'll help children discover new skills and express their ideas through a stimulating program of visual art practices guided by renowned local artists.

Runs weekly from Tuesday 14th February to 21st March, 4-5:30pm for children aged 7+. A course of 6 sessions for \$72.



This series of workshops is supported by the Victorian Department of Education and Training.





Explore Choreography with Amy Anselmi

Thursdays beginning 9th February to 2nd March, 4:00 - 5:00pm

For children aged 7+.

A course of 4 sessions for \$48.

Come along and explore body movement in a creative way!

Creative Movement is about supporting our emerging young performing artists in exploring creative movement. We'll help children discover new skills and express their ideas through the exploration of choreography with our talented artist, Amy Anselmi.

Children will take part in a progression of lessons over 4 weeks.
Let's enjoy being active and creative at the same time in the beautiful Town Hall Theatre space!



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Permission to attend School Excursion

Name of activity: Climb Your Own Mountain Leadership Day

Year level: Years 5 and 6

Location: Church of Christ, Horsham

Date: Tuesday 21st February, 2023

Name of teacher-in-charge: Ingrid Clarkson

Transport: Bus

Mobile Phone: 0427919273

Cost: \$0 (School to pay using Student Excellence Funding)

Name of activity: Leadership Day

Date: Tuesday 21st February, 2023

I give permission for my child/children and and to attend the excursion.

I give permission for my child to travel in either the bus or the car Yes No

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impractical to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

- Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner.
- Administer such first-aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.
- My child's medical information is as per sheet held at school.
- In the event of my child's misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a threat to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.

Signed Date

All vehicles must be comprehensively insured to be used for an excursion. Details must be held at the office. Insurance details and registration.

Ingrid Clarkson (Principal)

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

