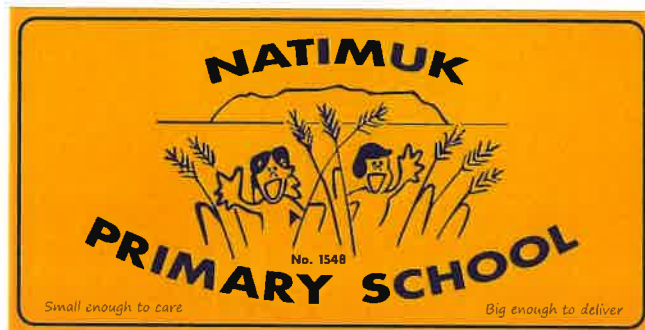


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 5 April	Senior Athletic Sports, Dudley Cornell Park
Thursday 6 April	Junior Athletic Sports, Dudley Cornell Park
Thursday 6 April	Last day of Term 1 , 2.30pm
Monday 24th April	Student Free Day
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26th April	First day of Term 2

School Council

The School Council nominations closed last week and we are really pleased to have Bryce Hateley and Ashleigh Maybery join our school council. We have 8 meetings a year and we value the input of parents. Please speak with your school council members or the school if you have any inquiries. Our parent School Council Members are Sara Barron (President), Ashleigh Maybery (V. President), Carl Sudholz, Rob Sudholz, Dave Kenny and Bryce Hateley.

Agricultural Show

Keep a look out for our school work display in the main pavilion. The children have put in a lot of work and effort in order for these displays to be finished. There will be a range of writing pieces, Information reports and art work.

Cross Country

The children are currently training for the cross country. From the training days children will be selected to participate in the cross country event in Horsham on May 10 next term. Due to the renovations on the city oval there will be a new venue for the cross country, the Horsham Race Track. This will be a new track for all of us to get used to but it will be interesting.

Natimuk Primary School is a RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS Partner School

Term 1. Friendship. What makes a good friend?

There are many explanations as to why we need a friend most of all we need someone we can trust.

We will examine words of friendship and what things can help you to make friends.

Athletic Sports

Senior Athletic Sports will be on Wednesday April 5th, the Junior Athletic Sports will be on Thursday April 6th. All students will need to wear a white T Shirt. The children will be grouped according to Year levels, we will give them their groups closer to the day. Parents will need to drive children to the sports at Dudley Cornell Park and pick them up as staff will be there early to set up and will have to remain to pack up.

The senior students need to be at the ground by 9.00am for a 9.15am start and they will finish at around 2.45pm, while the junior students need to be at the ground by 9.15am for a 9.30am start with a finish at 1.45pm. All students will go home after the sports.

Mrs Clarkson

It was a week of finishing this week. The students have been putting the finishing touches on their Integrated Studies posters for the show and have completed a written piece to display. The posters have a local community theme. We are nearing the completion of our text study about Landing at Gallipoli in preparation for ANZAC Day next term. We will be preparing the wreaths before the school holidays.

This week in Maths we have been looking at different ways of subtracting. There are times when you can write the numbers horizontally and be able to easily subtract starting from the thousands end, but when borrowing is required we go back to the ones end. While this was an easy process for some others felt it was best to write the equations vertically and work it out that way. It was to show that there are many ways to work out equations, getting the correct answer is the hard part.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Cooper Hennessy—for having a great attitude towards his learning and for being well well organised with his books and pencils to get started straight away



Elizabeth Barron—for listening to the instructions given and for settling into the school routine so well



Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word *leg* and the sentence 'This bit of my leg is bent'. They made water colour flamingos at the beach. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have *ll* as in bell. Our next reading strategy is Grapheme Graeme, sounding out new words using our graph/digraph knowledge. We also talked about how some words have trigraphs and quadgraphs in them which are 3 or 4 letters making one sound.

In Maths we have taught the Preps how to play number bingo. This is a great game for number writing practise and recognition. We are only using the numbers to 20 so far. Next week we are spending the week focusing on the numbers to 100.

In Wellbeing, the older students finished off a number of work items and we looked at our next focus book which is *Wonderful Wasps*. It is a picture book about native wasps in Australia. Students learnt that there is over 12,000 native wasps living here. The most common being the European wasp. The younger students looked at how to search for pictures online using the *Google safesearchkids* site.

In PE, all students have completed some practise for the upcoming Athletics Sports. The Preps enjoyed learning some new skills and the older ones enjoyed brushing up on their skills for competition as well. We have also started our cross country practise in fitness.



Mrs Hausler

This week in Literacy, we have refocused on Narratives with NAPLAN testing all done and dusted. We have kept reading some classics and spent time brainstorming possible characters, settings and problems, ready to attempt our own picture book over the next couple of weeks. We also added a new reading group task this week, focusing on retelling a picture book in our own words.

In Numeracy this week, we revisited analogue clocks and had a go at Time Bingo. Whilst reading times is still challenging for many, we have been very excited to experience a few ah-ha moments and see progress towards our learning intentions. We have also started addition with regrouping, which many of us find enjoyable. Our tessellations are mostly finished now - keep an eye out for these at the Natimuk show.

In Science, we have nearly finished our units for this term. The 4-6 class examined a change of state case study involving recycling glass. Next week will be an assessment task for the unit. The F-2 class made word chains showing the changes we had observed over the term for popcorn kernels, melted chocolate and icy poles. Finally, we discussed whether these changes were reversible or not.