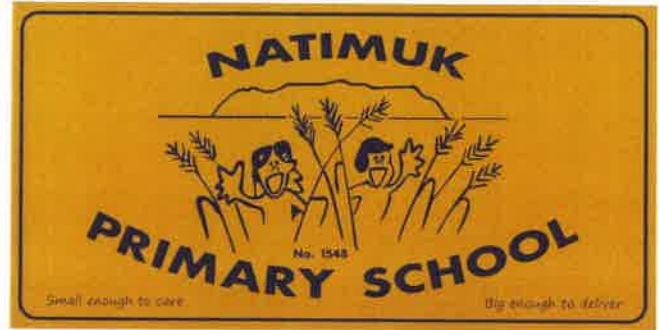


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6 October	Samaritan's Purse items due at school
Thursday 12 October	Book Club orders due
Tuesday 17 October	School Council, 7.30pm
Friday 20 October	Pupil Free Day

No Pie Warmer this term.

Samaritan's Purse

Miss Blake has organised a girls gift box and a boys gift box for the Prep/1/2 class, the 3-6 class and for the teachers. The children have taken home information about the boxes and what type of gift each child is contributing to the box. The box is the size of a shoebox and up to 7 little gifts have to fit into one box. You will need to be mindful of the size of the gift. The children have been shown what to do so they should be very helpful when choosing.

Could the items be brought into school this week please as the boxes need to be packed up and given to the group who organize sending them away.

Hats

The children will be wearing hats during term 4. We discuss the reason for wearing a hat at Assembly, reminding the children that we need protection from the UV rays which can be present whether it is sunny or not. The intensity of the UV rays gets higher over the next few months and the rays are invisible so it is important to wear a hat. Sunscreen is also available in the classrooms but you are welcome to provide your own especially when children react to particular brands. It is a very good idea to put sunscreen on in the morning before the children come to school as it adds that little bit more protection.

Natimuk Primary School is a Respectful Relationships Partner School

Term 4. Bullystopper (Education Dept program)

I 'm not a victim - Even friends don't treat each other well all the time.

(Information for adults available online - education.vic.gov.au bullystoppers)

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Term 4 Calendar

We have a very full calendar for this term. There will be camps, pupil free days, transition days and school concert. Also we will have 2 interactive days with the Natimuk Nursing Home. It is going to be a fun, but busy end to the year.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be on Tuesday October 17 at 7.30pm. This is the second last meeting for the year where a number of items relating to next year will need to be approved.

Staff Professional Day

The staff will be having a professional learning day on Friday October 20. This will be a pupil free day as the staff will be visiting schools in Horsham.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy, the description and information report on the Golden-rayed Blue Butterfly was sent to Melbourne at the end of the term. I will receive notification when they will be displayed and we should be able to look at it on the zoo's Facebook page. (I had to join). Jess will come back to Natimuk later in the year to check the progress of the plants and to see if any butterflies have taken up residence in our plants. This term our focus will be Information Reports, Procedures and Narratives. The children are keen to do the morning teas for our investigations into procedural writing. Stayed tuned.

In Mathematics we will be looking more closely at place value and particularly at the numbers between 0 and 1. Tenths, hundredths and thousandths are a hard concept to grasp so we will be using concrete materials for the investigation.



Miss Blake

Who can believe that it's term 4 already? It is going to be a very busy term filled with lots of fun activities. We have our sleepover coming up, kinder visits and then Christmas!

This week the Preps are learning the word *fork* and the sentence 'Can you bring a fork from the bench?'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words with the sound or as in fork. Our first writing focus for the term is procedure. Students will be writing a procedure on how to make a bowl of cereal.

In Maths students are continuing to work on their number skills. We will be doing a lot of place value, addition and subtraction over the term. We will be completing a week long unit on place value towards the end of the term.

In Technology we focused on Online Safety. The older students learnt some strategies to improve their searching online. They were given a question, then needed to use keyboards to find the correct answer. The younger students looked at staying safe online by not sharing personal information and always telling a trusted adult when something doesn't seem or feel safe. The next couple of weeks will see us working on the novel *Runt*, which has won many awards this year.



Mrs Hausler

Our return to the classroom over the past few days has been delightful. We have had a great time catching up with everyone's holiday adventures and commencing new learning chapters for the year's final term.

In Literacy, we are beginning the term with Procedural Writing, which instructs the reader on how to do something or explains how something works. Additionally, we will begin a class novel study of "Runt" by Craig Silvey to reinforce the reading strategies we have practised throughout the year.

In Numeracy, we have started with the correlation between multiplication and division. We have modelled and produced fact families. We discovered that to work proficiently on extended multiplication; we need to know our times tables. The remainder of the week will see us examining symmetry and 2D shapes.

Both classes are studying a Biology unit in Science this term. The grade 3-6 children will examine the characteristics of living things, how they can be categorized, and how they differ from non living things. The P-2 students will investigate the growth of various living things and the processes of growth and change, reproduction, and death that apply to all animals.

ALL COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS

The new online bus system can be found by googling School Bus Program or in your emails from the service.

You will have received an email about your service and everyone needs to login and accept the Term 4 offer on the new system.

If you don't accept the offer your student will not be on the bus roll or eligible to travel.

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