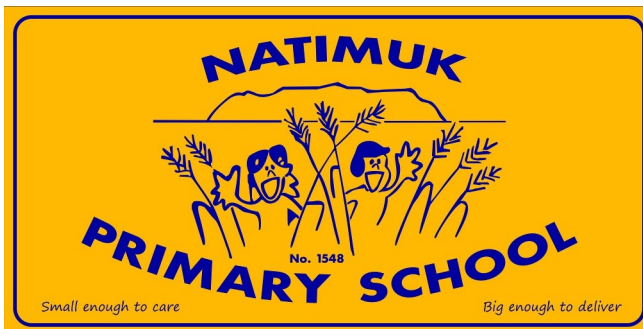


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**15 November 2023**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday 21 November	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 4 December	Year 5/6 Rock Climbing
Tuesday 5 December	Year 6 Dinner
Tuesday 12 December	One Up Day (Transition Day for all students)
Wednesday 13 December	School Christmas Concert

### **Prep/1/2 Sleepover**

Was a great success. The children were so excited to spend the night at school. They brought their sleeping bags and pillows and set up in the multi-purpose room. For tea they enjoyed a BBQ and salad with ice-cream for dessert followed by a movie and popcorn. The next morning they enjoyed pancakes for breakfast. They played games and really enjoyed each others company.

### **Natimuk Nursing Home**

Ellen has put together a range of activities for the school and residents to do together. At our last get together we met for a BBQ lunch at the football/netball pavilion. The children had the choice to eat the BBQ or their own lunch. The special surprise was Jamie and Kim's mobile zoo. Jamie had a range of Australian animals - the possum glider, green tree frog, albino python, wombat, crocodile and a dingo. The children and residents were allowed to hold or pat the animals which was very exciting. Thanks Ellen for arranging such a fantastic afternoon. Photos are attached.

### **Rock Climbing**

As is the custom, the year 5 and 6s will be going rock climbing on Monday December 4th. We require help from parents whether your child is in the year level or not. Your expertise helps us to continue with this great excursion. If you are able to help please complete the interest form and return it to school as soon as possible.

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Term 4. Bully Stoppers (Education Dept program)

**Student Modules - I 'm not a bully, I'm not a victim, Words don't hurt, I didn't mean it**  
(Information for adults available online - [education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au) bullystoppers)

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## Assessments

As we are approaching the end of the year all of the children will undergo their end of year assessments in preparation for report writing. We will be looking at the start of year assessments and the end to see how much learning growth has occurred over 12 months. The reports are our way of showing you your child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum standards, the graph will show you 12 months growth. The staff provide written comments in four paragraphs; firstly to indicate how they have been socially, emotionally and behaviourally, next indicates their strengths in Literacy and areas for improvement, then the strengths and areas for improvement in Mathematics and finally their general interests and likes in Science, Music, Integrated Studies, P.E. and Japanese. Mrs French provides a comment about Art. We welcome feedback especially when we are reporting to parents. If there is something you don't understand or would like to see changed please let us know.

Ingrid Clarkson



Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy, we have continued to enjoy the labours of the procedural text whereby a morning tea is provided to the class. Zarnie provided Honey Joys and passed with flying colours while Cooper's biscuits were exceptional. We are starting to think about our end of year activities which will take a lot of practise and planning. We have read through and selected some plays for the concert and after our assessment week will start to practise. We all enjoyed a lovely walk down memory lane on Tuesday when we visited the kinder.

In Mathematics we are revising past concepts. Our focus now is to work through the curriculum as much as possible. We will complete assessments this week and chat about the results as the feedback is always worthwhile. The students love to see how much they have improved over the year.



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Mackenzie Barron—for working confidently and always trying his best to complete all of his work.



Hutch Hickmott - for showing great confidence while on camp, having a go at everything and continuing with that confidence at school.



### **Mrs. Kirby**

The students in Year Prep, One and Two have continued to work diligently even though they are missing Miss Blake. The two extra days off last week have renewed the students and they worked extremely well for the next three days. We are continuing to read the story 'Runt' and the students are showing an interest in listening to and understanding the unfamiliar words in the text.

In Maths the focus has been number recognition through the game of Number Bingo each day as well as following directions, data collection and display and the on-going development of skills to solve problems using the four operations.

Assessment time is upon us and the students will be completing testing in the core subject areas. This week we will complete the Spelling test and Miss Blake will continue testing in the following weeks.

Our focus in Literacy is reading fluency and comprehension, learning and reviewing spelling words and writing narrative texts. The students worked through the process of narrative writing last week and we are continuing to work on them this week to improve the students ability to create an interesting story that has a title, beginning, problem and solution.

In Technology all students will listen to and complete tasks about 'The Concrete Garden' and then use the ipads to record their task.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Miss Blake's class, they are hard-working, full of humour and a delight to teach.



### **Mrs Hausler**

Since our last newsletter, we have been working hard to tackle numerous tasks. We have explored various items for the upcoming concert, which helped us to finalise the acts. Be on the lookout for more details as we prepare more thoroughly.

Our engagement with Annie and Runt's story in Runt has intensified, captivating us throughout the book. We sneak in chapters whenever we get the chance and complete different related comprehension, vocabulary and writing tasks.

This week, our literacy and numeracy classes have been mainly used for assessments. We have noted significant growth throughout the year, and students are actively interested in their results and how much progress they have made.

In Science, our Grade 3 - 6 students focused on animal classification and attempted to classify various animals using the branching key. The P - 2 students observed and discussed the progress of our second lot of seedlings, which thankfully are much more successful. They also learned the names of adult males, females and baby animals.

# Rock Climbing Parent Helpers

**Monday December 4, 2023**

**9.15am – 1.00pm**

**Melville Caves**

**Climbing Company – (0400 871 328)**

This is a call out to any parent from the school who is able to volunteer to assist with rock climbing. You do not have to have a child in Year 5 or 6 to assist

Teacher (1) Ingrid

Ropes will be set up by the Climbing Company so while children climb others are to help belay

Parents to assist in transporting children to the site at Bushrangers carpark, about 2km along Mt Arapiles Summit Rd.

- Children to be dressed appropriately to climb – good footwear, long pants and long sleeves and a hat
- Children to bring own snacks, lunch, water, camera if they want to record the day
- Children also to bring courage and a sense of humour

## **Purpose of the day:**

**For Year 6 to team up with a Year 5 and assist them to climb**

**All children to have a go at a risk taking activity to test their own resolve**

**For all children to be positive and encouraging**

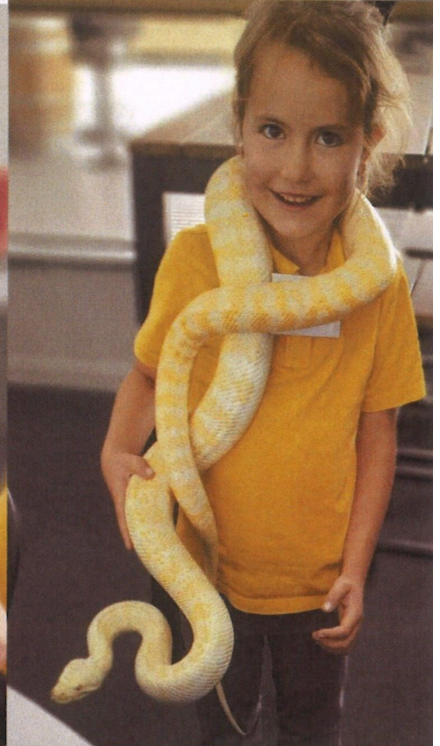
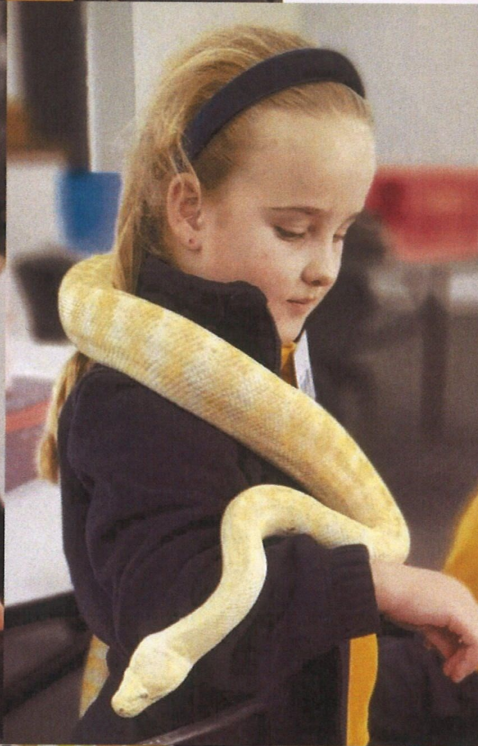
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I am able to / not able to help belay on the day

I am able to / not able to drive children to Melville Caves

Monday December 4, 9.00am leaving school to be at Melville Caves by 9.15am





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