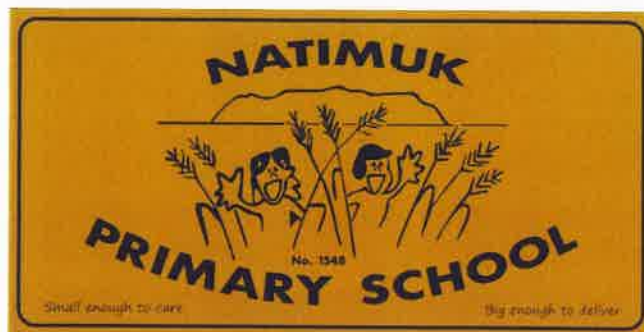


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29 November 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 30 November	Book Club due
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

School Concert

The concert is on Wednesday December 13. The concert will start at 7.00pm so children will need to be at school by 6.45pm. They wear their school uniform to the concert and change into costumes when needed. Please bring a drink bottle of water.

Costume and props lists will be going home this week.

Kris Kringle

The Year 6s have put together the Kris Kringle list which will be going home this week. An explanation note has been attached to the note with the name of the person that your child has to bring a present for. The present needs to be wrapped, have the child's name on it then be placed in the class basket in the foyer. Please have the presents at school by Friday December 8th.

End of the School Year

Wednesday December 13 will be the last school activities day. The children will have Kris Kringle at 2pm, they will empty out their tubs to take all belongings home and they will take home their report and profile book. If your children are not coming to school on Thursday and/or Friday can you please let the school know via a message or a note in the diary.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the following week are pupil free, only teachers will be working.

Natimuk Primary School is a Respectful Relationships Partner School

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 bullystoppers)

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Start of 2024

Monday January 29th is the first day for teachers only. Book packs can be picked up.

Tuesday January 30th is for students to start

Wednesday January 31, all students except Prep/1 and 2. Miss Blake is testing on this first Wednesday so children will need to come in by appointment only. The Prep and Ones will be tested on this Wednesday.

Pupil Free Day

Monday February 5th will be a pupil free day as we will be attending at professional development day at Horsham West Primary School. I am aware of the inconvenience of these days but it is the only way we can learn as a team.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy, the students have been preparing for the end of year activities. Organising Kris Kringle, decorating the Christmas tree and working out how to spend the money raised by the Junior School Council were priorities. Our reading and writing focus has now shifted to the concert. We are putting extra effort into learning lines for our play and songs as well as working on choreography. Thank you Amelia for your lovely biscuits, it was a treat for morning tea.

In Mathematics, we are choosing topics that have been a challenge over the year and are reviewing them. Some are new topics such as ratios. When the curriculum is finished we will do some Christmas activities.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Elvira Laing-Smith - for working independently and confidently on her assessments and literacy tasks.



Zarnie Sudholz - for demonstrating great confidence in Maths and Literacy especially in writing her latest story, Whacky Wednesday in the Shearing Shed and on the Farm, it showed good humour.



Miss Blake

Getting so close to the end of the year now, only 10 school days until the concert! It's all systems go in the P/1/2 room, busy practising songs for the concert and learning lines for our play. Students will also need to do a little bit of practice at home.

We still have a couple of weeks of spelling to do. This week the Preps are learning the word *light* and the sentence 'Switch off that night light right now'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have the trigraph 'igh' in them. We are getting closer and closer to the end of Runt, we have a feeling that something big is about to happen.

In Maths, students are working on completing any unfinished pages in their books. We have also been completing some revision pages to see what has been learnt over the year. Lots of mental maths has been done to keep our brains working.

We had a lovely visit to the Nursing Home yesterday for some Christmas fun. It was a great way to finish off our visits for the year. It was a good start to all the Christmas activities we have coming up at school in the last 3 weeks of term.



Mrs Hausler

As we approach the end of the year, things are getting quite hectic so please remember to check diaries carefully for any critical information. In our Literacy sessions, we're focusing on bringing our concert items to life. Students are expected to know their lines by heart, so practising at home would be very helpful. We've also explored some simple poetry, using Runt and Christmas as inspiration.

In Numeracy, we're working on a few different things. Some students are still finishing up the Maths Plus course, while others are moving on to a Christmas investigation - planning a hypothetical class Christmas party. This task integrates key concepts such as financial maths, percentages, fractions, data, and other number concepts. We're also using the last few weeks to revise all areas with mental maths warm-ups and sharing strategies through number talks.

In Science, students in grades 3-6 collected a leaf litter sample to observe and determine which animal groups were in the school garden. The P-2 students learned about the metamorphosis process through a butterfly's life cycle.

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WHERE - Natimuk Showgrounds

WHEN - 8 x 90-min sessions, early 2024

WHO - all welcome, just BYO phone

HOW - James McCredden 0447 454 351

COST - \$40 to enrol, and weekly gold coin donation

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