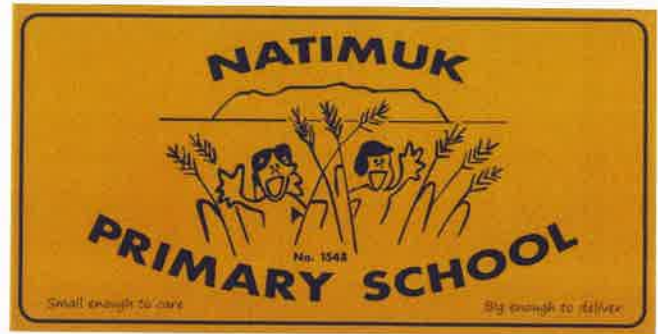


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6 December 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 8 December	Kris Kringle gifts to be at school
Tuesday 12 December	One Up Day (Transition Day for all students)
Wednesday 13 December	School Christmas Concert
Monday 29 January	Teachers only, Parents pick up book packs
Tuesday 30 January	First day of Term 1 for students
Wednesday 31 January	P/1/2 by appointment only
Monday 5 February	Student Free Day

#### Last Newsletter

As this is the last full week of term this will be the last newsletter. Please check all the dates for this year and the start of next year.

All the students and staff of Natimuk Primary School wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas break. Enjoy your time with family and we will see you back here next year.

#### 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.

#### End of the School Year

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**

Acts of Kindness

For the final weeks of the term we will uncover an act of kindness each day and encourage the students to fulfil the suggestion.

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## Kris Kringle

Gifts need to be in by this Friday.

## Rock Climbing

The Year 5 and 6s went rock climbing on Monday and had a fabulous morning. We went to Bushrangers Cave where the swing climb was set up. It was nice and shady for the morning thank goodness as it did get hot. All students did a lot of climbing and thoroughly enjoyed jumping out of the cave and having a swing. It is always a fantastic day. Thank you to our helpers, Wayne and Cheryl.

Congratulations Teeha who won our leadership award for the day. The focus is on the support you give to your climbing mates, Teeha belayed confidently to ensure others were able to climb and consistently climbed higher each time she attempted hers. She encouraged and congratulated others in a friendly manner.

## Year 6 dinner

For the afternoon activity we all went bowling. We got our take-away dinner and went back to my place to eat and play backyard cricket. After watching a movie they were all back outside to play cricket in the dark. The students had a lot of fun together, it was a great way to spend the evening.

## Zoos Victoria

Jesse from Zoos Victoria came back to school today to check on the Boobialla Bushes and butterflies. Many of the bushes have grown so we are interested to see if we have any butterflies.

## 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.

**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.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Amber Kenny-Tottenham—for maintaining her dedication to her learning, even while sick, especially learning her lines for her play.



Nate Hateley—for his great work on his information report on Great White Sharks, using past knowledge to complete. Well done!

### **Miss Blake**

The final countdown is certainly on now! A week to go until the concert and we are just about sorted. Students have learnt their lines and we almost know all the words to our songs.

This week we have finished off all of our set work for the year. Its now finishing off items, cleaning tubs and completing Christmas activities. Yesterday in Technology students made chocolate crackle reindeer and mini puddings. They were very tasty and easy to make. Students also enjoyed eating the leftovers.

Students will be making a number of decorations to take home over the next week. The first one will be a reindeer bauble to hang on the tree. We have a special decoration to make on one up day next week.

Thank you for all your help and support over the year, looking forward to seeing you all again in 2024!

### **Mrs Hausler**

We have spent our final week in the classroom preparing for the concert. Our acts are shaping up well and we are excited about the upcoming performances. Can any costumes be sent to school as soon as possible to help our organisation? Some students still need to practise their lines and timing to perfect their performances. We have saved the last chapter of Runt for the end of this week, and it has been a delightful class text that has sparked some beautiful conversations.

In Numeracy, we have been reviewing the materials we have learned throughout the year to reinforce our knowledge and strategies. We have also managed to squeeze in some Christmas activities!

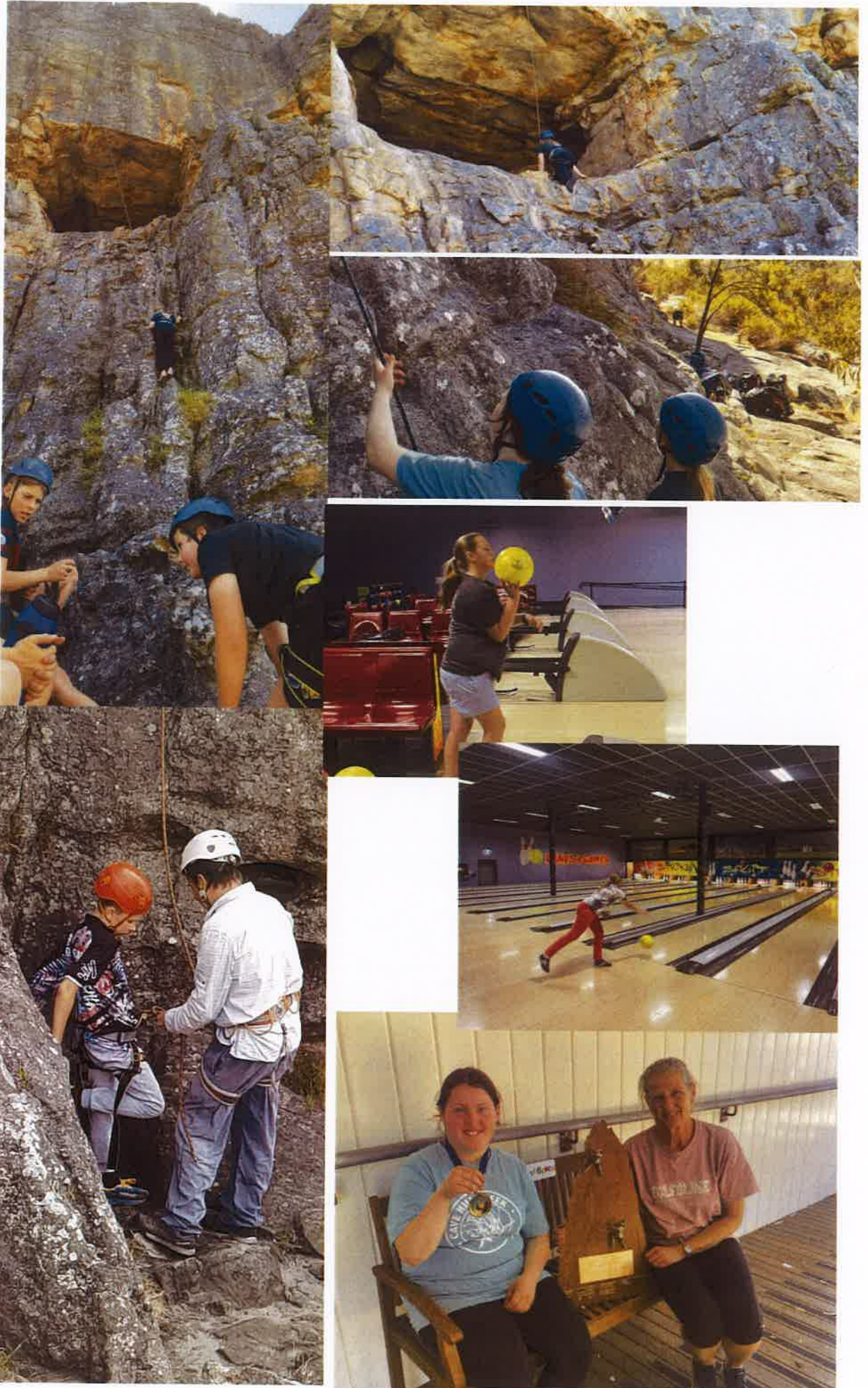
In Science, we wrapped up our units. Grades 3-6 created a graph showing the different animal groups present in the leaf litter around the school, while P-2 students made a flipbook about the life cycle of a silkworm.

### **Mrs Clarkson**

In Literacy, our focus for the last week has been our play practise. Not only do the students have to learn their lines but now they have to act and deliver them. It does take a lot of patience and work. There is not much required for costumes. Thank you Amber for providing our last morning tea for the year, your lovely biscuits, it was a treat for morning tea.

In Mathematics, we are continuing to work through our maths activities to try and finish our curriculum for the year. The children can now choose which activity they want to focus on.





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