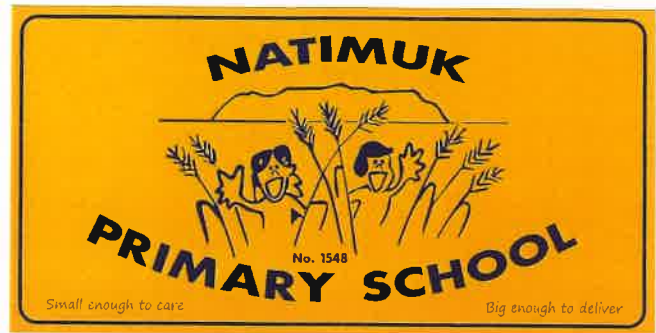


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 15 February	3-6 swimming
Tuesday 20 February	School Council Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuesday 20 February	Pancake Day, \$2
Thursday 22 February	Book Club due

Congratulations to our School Leaders:

Cooper, Hutch, Benson, Amber, Pau, Tilley, Elliott, Tahlia, Ava, Winnie

House Captains

Melville Captains: Benson, Amber, Tahlia & Winnie

Mitchell Captains: Hutch, Cooper, Pau, Elliott, Tilley & Ava

Pancake Tuesday

Pancake and Milo Day was cancelled due to the school closure on Tuesday. The children are very keen to still have it so we will have pancakes and milo next Tuesday. It will be a \$2 cost.

Parent Information Night

We will not be having a formal Information Night for parents, those who have expressed an interest can make an appointment and catch up with their teacher at a suitable time.

School Council Meeting and Elections

Tuesday February 20th will be our first meeting at 7.30pm at the school. New members are most welcome. School Council Elections will commence after this date.

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Term 1.

Welcome.

How to make others feel welcome and that they belong. We will all be encouraging the use of gestures such as eye contact, shaking hands, verbal greetings, body language and acknowledgement.

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Free Dress Fridays

On the last Friday of each month the Junior School Council organize a free dress day. Children can come to school in casual clothes but pay a 50c donation which goes to charity. The Junior School Council fundraise for a variety of charities and at the end of the year buy goods to aid organizations such as SMILES. We appreciate your support. On some Fridays there is a gold coin donation but these are for specific fundraisers such as Cancer, Jeans for Genes day or Red Cross but that will be explained on the note that goes home.

The children need to dress appropriately for school.

Printing School Logos

I am collecting shirts, jumpers and jackets for screen printing the school logo. Please put your name on the item and place it in a bag and put your name on the bag as well. Place your bag in the clothes basket near the staff room door. I will take them in on Friday 16th February.

Heat Policy

The children will stay inside if the temperature is at 38° or above. It will be at our discretion for temperatures above 35°. Our classrooms are air conditioned so the children can work in comfort. When children go outside on hot days they will be advised to seek shade, play quietly, drink water, wear a hat, put on sunscreen and not to over exert themselves. These are vital skills to learn for our Australian conditions.

Notes and Newsletter

The newsletter goes home via email, please contact the office if you need any further assistance or advice. Permission forms are sent via email as well as hard copy so they are returned promptly.

Kowree Swimming Sports

The date is still to be advised but will be held at the Goroke pool. Notes will go home closer to the date. Children in years 3—6 are eligible for these sports but must be able to swim confidently and without stopping for 25m. We are assisting our swimmers to achieve that goal so they can participate. The children can enter either 50m or 25m but not both. Parents will need to drive their children on the day and can stay and support them.

Teacher's Professional Development Day

Direct Explicit Instruction - The staff attended a Professional Development Day in Horsham last week. It was more like a workshop to show how direct and explicit instruction will benefit all students in their learning. It is important to explain difficult texts and language and tell them what they are doing and why. It was a great day and gave us confidence that what we do in our classrooms is on the right track but it is great to try new things.

Ingrid Clarkson



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Amber Kenny-Tottenham—for being ready to learn. For being organised with book work and being an enthusiastic learner.



Willow Hateley—for having a great start to the year, starting to learn the routine and the different things that happen at school. Well done!



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Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word *tin* and the sentence 'It is in the big tin'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have i as in tin. Students have been writing recounts about their weekend and narratives. Tomorrow will see us having our annual Teddy Bears Picnic. Students are very excited about this!

In Maths students have been working on their counting by 10s knowledge. We have also been using 10s frames to count by 10s as well. Students are starting to make their way through the curriculum and mental maths.

We had our first PE session for the year, students were very excited to get back into it. All students will be focusing on throwing and catching and preparing for the Athletics Sports. We only have about 5 PE sessions this term due to holidays.

Mrs Hausler

It has been a busy week with assessments, swimming, and a surprise day off. However, we have learned a lot of new things. In our reading lessons, we have been focusing on accurately decoding unfamiliar words and practising reading independently. Some students have already set personal reading goals to work towards. We have also been learning to break down words into sounds, blend them, and check if our reading makes sense.

On Monday, we wrote about our weekends to enhance our writing skills in this genre. We are almost done creating and sharing our postcards.

In Numeracy, we are exploring 3D shapes and their properties. We have also learned the definition of multiplication.

In Science, both classes are exploring chemistry with hands-on activities. The younger students are learning about mixtures and their uses, while the older ones are identifying solids, liquids, and gases.

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy we are reading a picture story book called *Window*, by Jeannie Baker. We are focusing on the front cover of the book as the picture will help with our understanding of the book. It is a picture book with no words; the pictures tell the story. We are gaining meaning from the pictures to answer inferential questions. Our writing focus is a recount. Whilst we have written a recount we are now looking more closely at the structure of a recount so we can make improvements to our writing.

Each week the students have homework. We discuss the homework in class then it is to be done at home. It includes spelling practise, handwriting practise, research and time tables practise.

Our focus for maths so far has been addition and subtraction. We have discussed what we need to do to be successful and get good results. Lining numbers up according to place value has been important. The results have improved from the start of the week, which is what we hoped for.

CSEF & CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

CSEF (health care card holder) & Conveyance Allowance (if you travel more than 4.8km to school or bus stop) applications are now open. You only need to apply if you have not applied before at Natimuk Primary School—all previous applications roll over.

See Caroline in the office for any queries or to pick up an application form.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 of Book Club is available to students today. Please order on LOOP online. All purchases give the school credits which we use to help purchase new library books.

