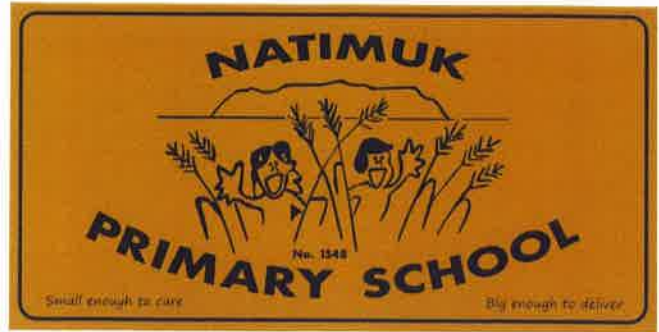


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21 February 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 22 February	3-6 swimming
Thursday 22 February	Book Club due
Friday 23 February	JSC Free Dress Day
Tuesday 5 March	Kowree Swim Sports, selected students 3-6
Monday 11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday

Free Dress Friday - 50 cent donation

This Friday will be our first fundraising event. Children can dress in anything they like but please make sure it is appropriate for school and play. Protection on the shoulders and good footwear.

Easter Egg Raffle

Rachel Hateley has organised the raffle. There will be 3 Easter Baskets as prizes as well as a prize for the family who sells the most tickets. The raffle books will be sent home to each family (please write on both sides of the ticket so 20 tickets are sold.)

Tickets and money are to be returned to school by Monday March 25 and no later than Wednesday March 27. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the term, Thursday March 28 at 2pm.

Pancake Tuesday

Pancake Tuesday with a milo was a very successful day. The Year 6s with help from the Year 5s made the pancakes and handed them out, they were delicious.

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Term 1. Rules! Rules! Rules!

Through games and real life scenarios, the children will be introduced to the concept of rules and why they are needed. The children will be involved in developing rules for our school and their class to create a happy and supportive learning environment.

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School Council Elections

Nomination forms are available at the office if you are interested in becoming a member of the council. We have 8 meetings a year; 2 per term. New members are most welcome.

At the March School Council meeting we will hold an AGM to announce Office Bearers then follow that with a general meeting.

We are looking for more members to join our school council. It is not an arduous task and you do not have to know anything about policies or finance.

Printing School Logos

The shirts and windcheaters are at the printers.

Kowree Swimming Sports

The sports for selected students will be held on **Tuesday March 5th** at the Goroke swimming pool. As the events start at 10.30am precisely the children should be at Goroke swimming pool by 10.00am so we can set up and ensure they are ready to swim. As I will be the only teacher and have to give out the place tags can I ask if the parents who are attending can help get the children to the starting end of the pool for their events please. A program will be available soon. We have done our best to give each child as many swims as we can.

Please let me know what your travel plans will be on the day. If parents are able to drive other children can you meet at school by 9.00am to leave school by 9.15am please, let me know who is going with you. I appreciate your support on this day.

Permission forms have been sent home today.

Ingrid Clarkson



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Isabel Hateley—for organising her time to complete all her classwork on time as well as home reading and spelling



Nina Heard—for always being organised in the mornings and for asking questions when needed to help her learning



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Miss Blake

A bit of a strange week for us, it's our first full week of school this year! This week the Preps are learning the word *tap*. Willow went on a tap hunt outside with Nina and they found 6 taps in total. The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have u, as in bus and the prefix un as in untidy. Our narrative writing is starting to come along now that testing has finished. Students have some great starts and are looking forward to writing more.

In Maths this week we have been warming up our brains with Pevan and Sarah. We have done days of the week, months of the year and ordinal numbers song. Students also love playing Spingo, number bingo in space.

In Technology we made chocolate mousse. It was easy to make but the parts took a little while to do as we had to beat the sugar, water and gelatine for 10 minutes until it was light and fluffy. It was worth it in the end as the mousse tasted pretty good.

In PE, all students have been focusing on their throwing and catching skills as they are apart of many sports that we play. The older students have moved onto two hand side arm strike, the skill that is needed to play T-Ball. We played a version of this on Monday called Long Ball and students gave over arm throwing a go too.

Mrs Hausler

We've had a great week settling into our routines and keeping focused on our learning objectives. Our emphasis on understanding the aim of each lesson has been instrumental in guiding our reflections on achieving our goals.

In reading, we've been working on decoding skills, answering questions in complete sentences, and using information from texts.

Our recount writing is going well. Last week, we worked together to write about Mrs. Hausler's day trip to Robe, each contributing a section. This week, inspired by the picture book *Flocked*, we wrote imaginative recounts, improving our storytelling and sequencing skills.

In Numeracy, we've covered odd and even numbers, multiplication, rounding, and estimation, building a solid foundation in Number.

In Science, older students studied liquids in detail, while younger ones made mixtures and used their senses to observe.

Mrs Clarkson

The children have worked hard on the Inferential Questions for 'Window' as they have to get all their information from pictures. They also had to summarize the book using picture clues. For our first book the responses are very good. We should finish this book this week. Our writing genre is recount. We did a pre-test writing which showed that the introduction is a good place to start elaborating on. This is the key to any writing so must inform the reader of what is to come. We looked at some of our other writing to make sure we had an introduction.

In Maths our focus this week is division and working out fractions of a length. Division is one of the hardest of the four processes and takes a lot of practise. My favourite classroom tool is the ruler. It helps with all the four processes and this week will help with times tables and division to find 5ths, 3rds, quarters and tenths of a line. It is pleasing to see how enthusiastic all the children are to do Maths.



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