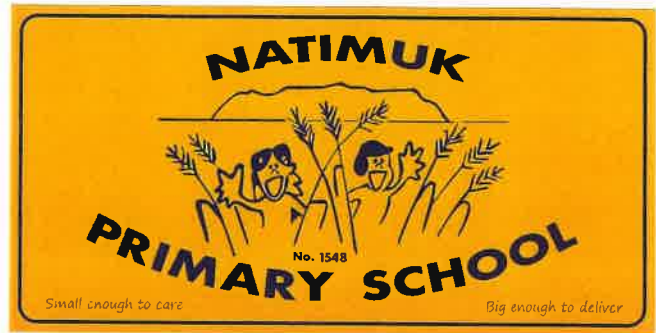


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 8 February	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 13 February	Pancake Tuesday, \$2

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.

Assembly is on every Monday morning at 9.00 in the multi-purpose room where awards and certificates are given out, birthdays are celebrated and achievements acknowledged. Parents are welcome.

Hats

Miss Blake washed the school hats over the holidays. Hats must be worn during terms 1, 2 and 4. Some children bring sunscreen to school but we also have sunscreen available at school.

Uniforms

It is strongly recommended that the girls wear shorts under their dresses to make it easier for them to play without being too worried when they play upside down on the monkey bars. Children also sit on the floor with their legs crossed. Also be mindful when the girls choose to wear shorts with their school shirts that they are not too tight or too short which can also inhibit how they play.

Whether it be uniform or free dress it is very important to consider what we wear and to ensure it is suitable for school activities. It is not just for the comfort of your child but also for the comfort of those they sit with or play with.

The children have also grown over the holidays so checking if the uniform is still a suitable fit is a good idea, it is very uncomfortable wearing clothing that is too small.

Natimuk Primary School is a Respectful Relationships School

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.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe 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.

PE Mondays

All the children have Physical Education on Mondays so wearing sports clothing and runners is very appropriate. PE is in a morning timeslot for the cooler time of the day.

Swimming (extra-curricula)

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Goroke pool this term on Thursdays between 12.15pm and 3.00pm.

Working Bee and BBQ

There has not been any response to the working bee or BBQ for Friday night so I will cancel the BBQ but if anyone comes to help clean out the drains that will be appreciated.

Start of School

The first school bell goes at 8.55am. This is a warning bell for children to finish organizing their belongings, grab their hat and head outside for fitness. The school day begins at 9.00am. Staff are not expecting children to arrive at school before 8.40am or 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Staff arrive at school early and utilize their time to ensure they are well prepared for the day's lessons.

Absences and Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Absences

We have an electronic roll marking system.

Parents and carers are responsible for notifying the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of the absence.

It is mandatory for the school to now send a notification to parents or carers as soon as possible on the day of an unexplained absence. This is to protect the safety and wellbeing of children especially as some ride bikes or walk to school without supervision.

You will receive a text between 9.30 and 9.45 in the morning if your child is not at school and we have not received a message from you. This is to prompt you to let us know why your child is not at school. Whilst siblings let us know why someone is away we still need parent confirmation.

Pancake Tuesday

JSC will be making pancakes on Tuesday at Recess. Pancakes & Milo will be \$2.

Ingrid Clarkson

Miss Blake

Welcome to the 2024 school year! We have had a great start to the year, everyone is excited and ready to learn. There was lots of exploring in our new look classroom, with this year's theme being Pete Cromer Art.

We are already back into the swing of learning, having started our SMART spelling activities. Students are focusing on the a as in ant sound. The Ones are getting the hang of doing different spelling activities now that they have moved from Prep.

In Maths our focus is on revising numbers to 100, addition and subtraction. Students have completed some work in their books and have been doing some whole class work using whiteboards and the interactive whiteboard.

In Technology, we are completing a book study on *The Crayons Go Back to School*. The older students made a display about their favourite books and the younger students made crayons that enjoyed spending time in the classroom. Our theme in Integrated Studies this term is Aboriginal Studies, learning about the flag and famous Aboriginal people to name a few.

Mrs Hausler

Our first couple of weeks back at school have been going exceptionally well. We have spent time discussing and establishing class norms and what a ready-to-learn classroom looks, sounds, and feels like. Additionally, we have started the beginning-of-year assessment program that will help us determine the starting point for Numeracy, reading comprehension and language skills.

In Literacy, we have begun our reading discussions by brainstorming why people read and what makes a good reader, which was enlightening and will be a foundation for teaching effective reading strategies. We have also started working on a holiday postcard to ease us back into writing.

In Numeracy, we started with addition and also explored 3D shapes. Please ask us to describe a prism and a pyramid at home to see what we have learnt!

Mrs Clarkson

Our first couple of days have been about letting the students choose how the classroom will be set up, where would be the best place for them to sit so they can work hard and with the least distraction. We will continually discuss the level of expectation of behaviour and work ethic. Each lesson at the moment is full of explanations so very little work is being done. The children will have homework every week which is to be handed in on Friday mornings. Our first couple of weeks will include our start of year testing, this helps to measure the academic growth of the students over the year.

As each student in Year 5 and 6 is a school leader their roles will be - leading the school by way of setting a good example, fitness, Assembly, sports leaders and Junior School Council. It is great to see the start of year enthusiasm and dedication.

PRIVACY POLICY

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents (on our website).

