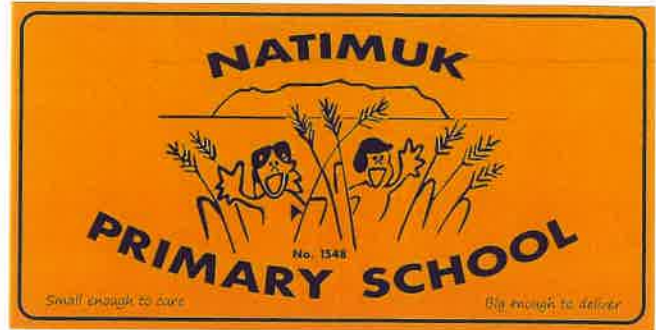


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 26 July	Tree Planting, 3-6
Friday 26 July	P-2 Free Dress
Thursday 1 August	Book Club due
Friday 2 August	Dress in Green and Gold

Landcare Tree Planting

Miranda has again organised for the Year 3—6s to do some tree planting along Creek Road this Friday. The children should come to school dressed appropriately for working in wet, muddy ground. It would be a good idea to have a spare pair of clothes, socks and dry shoes to wear at school when we return.

This tree planting day corresponds to the National Tree Planting day which occurs on the weekend.

We will be along Creek Road from 10.00am if anyone wants to join us. We should finish around midday.

Respectful Relationships

The Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships program in schools is a Department of Education program that teaches Social and Emotional Learning and Respectful Relationships. We are using this program and have lessons every week. Mrs Hausler is teaching in the P - 2 class and Mrs Clarkson in the 3 - 6 class. This term we are talking about Positive Gender Relations which covers what is fair and friendly and what is gender-based violence. The opposite, respect, is also taught. Further to this topic of gender violence is defining it and for the P - 2 it is about keeping their body safe. Information will be sent home to the P - 2 parents outlining the topics prior to it being taught so you can discuss any concerns with the teacher before hand, as there is explicit language used.

Prep, 1,2 Free Dress on Friday July 26

The younger students have a special out of uniform day planned for Friday, Miss Blake has it in her notes in the children's diary.

Natimuk Primary School is a Respectful Relationships Partner School

Term 3. Positive Coping

Understanding strong emotions. Strong emotions can be hard to manage so we need to use our strength and skills to help us express ourselves.

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Dress in Green and Gold on Friday August 2

To support Australia at the Olympics we are having a green and gold dress up day next week. I am letting you know early so you can find items. Crazy hair, crazy clothes, the lot.

Book Week

While we are thinking of costumes, Book Week is in the week from Monday August 19.

School Photos

A pre warning about school photos. The date is Monday August 12.

Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy, we are reading *The Willow Pattern*. It is an interesting book that tells the story of the very popular willow pattern found on crockery. The book explains the love story and also shows how the pattern is put onto the plates. We are using the explanation genre for writing. It is difficult at times to tell the difference between writing a procedure and writing an explanation so we need to do a lot of practise. Our first piece was to explain how to play the game Ga Ga, which apparently we play a lot but clearly not everyone understands the rules.

In Mathematics we looked at ordered pairs. We labelled the items on a grid to understand that it has an x and y axis and that it is important to read the horizontal line (x) first then the vertical line (y). We must all follow the same instructions or we would all end up with different drawings or graph information. They first had to follow the ordered pairs to create an ostrich picture then expand onto a cartesian plane to draw 3D boxes. It was a challenge but a worthwhile result.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Logan Hennessy—for working diligently through all essential assessment tests over the past week and persisting when things got tough.



Mackenzie Barron—for his great persistence in Maths, learning how to skip count by 2s, 5s and 3s to work out number patterns.

Miss Blake

What a busy start we have had to term 3! Students are very excited about all the fun activities that we have planned for this term including our 100 days of school celebrations which is tomorrow. This week the Preps are learning the word car and the sentence 'You must park the car down here'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the sound ar as in car.

Students have started to learn how to write explanations, our first topic being How an Orb-Web Spider makes its web. We will complete about 3 different topics for this writing unit. Maths has seen students finish off their mid year assessments and working where to go next. They had a challenging lesson using skip counting by 2s, 3s and 5s, with numbers going forwards and backwards.

In Integrated Studies students have been looking at all things Olympics. We watched a short video on what the Olympics are all about and where they are being held. This afternoon students worked with their buddies to complete a fact sheet and flag about a country and make a torch that we will be using for another whole school session next week.

Mrs Hausler

It has been a fantastic start to Term 3, with lots happening already! Last week, we launched straight into some mid-year assessments to help set reading and maths goals, and began our new units.

Our class novel for this term is "The One and Only Ivan." We are already hooked and can't wait to read more after just being introduced to Ivan. In our writing lessons, we are focusing on explanation texts and are currently working on life cycles.

In Numeracy, we have been practising addition strategies, learning about angles, and have spent this week on fractions.

In Science, the 3-6 students drew and labelled a diagram of an atom, including a proton, neutron, and electron. They listed ways that electricity is produced and learned about conductors of electricity. The younger students looked for things that move in and out of the school and described how they move.

Beth's Joke Corner

What do you call a monkey in the North Pole?

Lost

