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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29th November	Whole School Excursion Halls Gap
Monday 2nd December	5/6 Rock Climbing
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 6 dinner
Wednesday 18th December	School Concert
Friday 20th December	Pupil Free Day

River Detectives

On Friday Jeanie Clark brought samples of Natimuk Creek water to the school for the children to look at and investigate. After looking at the types of bugs that could be found in the water the children then scooped out of a tub of water, any bugs they could find. The purpose was to count the species of bugs that live in our creek. At the end of the investigation the children found 11 species of bugs. Each bug is rated and gives the creek an overall quality score. The creek is poor according to our scores but that is due to it being in the Wimmera and not in the mountains. Jeanie provided the children with a lot of information about the bugs, the food chain and the environment at our creek. We were lucky to do the activity at school as it was a rather hot day. Everyone enjoyed checking out the bugs and playing with the water. Thanks Jeanie for a great afternoon. The program is supported by Wimmera CMA and AGNICO EAGLE Australia.

Pupil Free Day on the Last Day

On the last day of school, Friday December 20, the school will have a **pupil free day** to allow staff to plan and prepare the classrooms to start in the new rooms first day back in 2025.

If your children are not coming to school on the Thursday after the concert please let the school know.

Natimuk Primary School Respectful Relationships

Term 4. Bully Stoppers (Education Dept program)

Student Modules - I 'm not a bully, I'm not a victim, Words don't hurt, I didn't mean it
(Information for adults available online - education.vic.gov.au bullystoppers)

Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school

Visit to the Kinder

The Year 5 and 6s went to the kinder on Tuesday to have a picnic lunch and meet the children who will be coming to our school next year. The Year 5s found their buddy, played games with them and had lunch together. The Year 6s reminisced about the time they sat at the fairy tree with their buddy all those years ago.

End of Year Assessments

The students will be doing all of their end of year assessment tasks this week and next week, it would be ideal to have them at school.

Rock Climbing

Thank you to Em, Wayne and Stu for assisting with the rock climbing. It will be a great day. We will leave school just after 9.00am on Monday morning.

School Council Meeting

We had our last school council meeting for the year Tuesday night. We will be looking for new members for our school council for 2025, give it a thought and let me know if you are interested.



Ingrid Clarkson

Mrs Clarkson

This week we completed our online tests in Literacy and Maths using 2 programs for the first time. We discussed the results and what that meant as far as year level placement goes and growth over the year. The results are different to past tests but everyone is very happy with their results so far. We use a variety of tests and discuss results at a staff meeting before making a teacher judgement as to whether or not the children are working *'at level, below level or above level'* in each subject.

We are trying very hard to finish our text; we only have 2 chapters to go. We will be watching the movie next week to make a comparison between text and film. Our focus from next week will be practising our songs, dances and plays for the Christmas concert.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

	Cooper Hennessy—for consistently trying and setting himself up with a good work ethic. Also for providing great responses to questions about <i>'The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe'</i>
	Nate Hateley—for his confidence during testing, working hard to achieve great results in all areas of learning

Miss Blake

This week the Preps are learning the word *light* and the sentence 'Switch that night light off right now'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the spelling of homophones such as flower and flour. We are almost halfway through our class novel *Turtle Moon* and we have been learning some Spanish words along the way.

In Maths students have been busy finishing off their last few pages and completing some end of year testing. They will complete their last diagnostic test next week.

In Technology, we looked at the book *The Turtle and the Flood*. It is based on the Eastern snake necked turtle which lives in the eastern part of Australia. The older students wrote an acrostic poem about Myrtle the main character and the younger students made a turtle using a paper plate and tissue paper squares.

We are all very excited about the start of December next week and whether Ruby our elf will return to the classroom!



Mrs Hausler

In Literacy, we have continued following Ivan's journey as a father. We were amused watching him discover that toddler gorilla twins weren't as 'easy-peasy' as he had thought. The word for this week was 'optimistic' and we had a lively discussion on what it means to be both optimistic and pessimistic. Last Friday we explored a couple of newspaper articles about the current issue surrounding Mt Arapiles closures. We all enjoyed exploring these, learning more and expressing our own views.

Maths has seen us revise topics such as problem solving and data representation and interpretation. Over the past week, we have completed our end of year assessments in maths.

In Science the younger students examined ants, looking at their external features and understanding their functions. The older students observed mouldy bread and learned about the growth of mould. They also investigated the discovery of penicillin and its role in combating disease.



