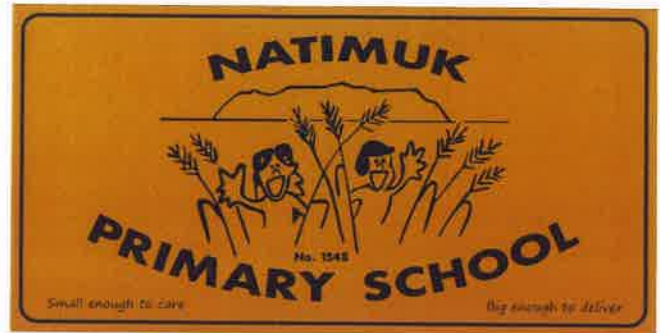


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5 February 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 6 February	3-6 Swimming
Thursday 13 February	Book Club due
Friday 14 February	Uniforms for logos due at school

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2025 school year and a very special welcome to our new Preps - Jack Emmerson, Jack Stanley, Heath, Xavier, Edith and Lenny;

and also our new students - Heidi, Albie and Zaahir.

Important change to the term arrangements for Preps.

Preps will not attend the first 4 Wednesdays. Their first full week including Wednesdays will be from Monday March 3.

Hot Weather Program

Our weather policy is that if the temperature reaches 38^o at recess or lunch time the children will remain indoors. We have magnificent facilities and air conditioners to ensure the children are comfortable. There is no need to stay home if it is going to be a hot day.

Parent Information Night

A parent information will be held on Thursday Feb 20 if enough people are interested. You are also most welcome to approach all teachers to ask questions. The teachers are sending notes home in the diary each week as well.

If you are interested in an evening session please fill in the interest form and return it to school as soon as possible. You will be informed if the evening goes ahead.

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

Assembly

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.

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 inhibit how they sit or 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.

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 14th 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, leaving school at 11.30 and returning by 2.00pm

The School Day

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.

Miss Blake

Welcome to the 2025 school year and what a busy start to the year we have had! We have welcomed 6 new Preps, a Year One and a Year Two student into our classroom. It has been a big change having so many students in the room.

Students have been exploring all the new things in our room and they were very excited to see the interactive whiteboard in its place on the wall. They were also excited about the new addition of our bookshelves.

We have started our set learning for the year, the Preps are learning the word *cat* and the sentence 'The cat sat on the mat.' The Ones and Twos are focusing on words that have a as in ball. Students have been partner reading and we have done some handwriting.

In Technology students were very happy to complete a meditation after the heat of lunchtime. We discussed our acceptable use agreement for the ipads and laptops, going through the ways to look after the devices and being safe online. Students are looking forward to finally cooking in the new staffroom oven.

Mrs Hausler

Welcome back to a new school year! We have had a great start by setting clear expectations, developing class rules, and establishing routines in all areas.

In Literacy, our combined 3-6 class is settling into these routines. We have written a recount of our holidays and started some independent reading and spelling. Soon, we will begin our novel study on "Uncle Xbox."

In Maths, we have kicked off the term by focusing on addition strategies, including bar models and the split strategy. We are also completing assessments to help guide our learning.

Science lessons will begin next week, with both classes exploring Chemical Sciences. The 3-6 students will investigate changes such as melting, evaporating, dissolving, reacting, and burning, while the P-2 students will explore different materials and their properties.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term of learning!

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.

Literacy and Mathematics

Literacy for the Years 3 - 6 will be slightly different this year in that Mrs Hausler and I will share the class. At times all students will be together and other times they will be in their own classes. For Mathematics the children will remain in their own classes.

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.

Ingrid Clarkson

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).

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.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday February 20, 2025

This is one way that we can get information to you about the programs that are running for your children and explain the expectations regarding homework, home reading and schoolwork in general.

We are asking for expressions of interest to be able to run the evening. It will be cancelled if numbers are too low; those interested can make an appointment to see the teacher at a more convenient time.

Name of parent: -----

Miss Blake

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.00pm – 7.20pm

Mrs Hausler

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.20pm – 7.40pm

Mrs Clarkson

I/We will be/will not be attending 7.40pm – 8.00pm

Please print &/or return form or email reply next week