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# 11 September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thursday 12 September	P-2 Swimming
Tuesday 17 September	School Council Meeting, 7.30pm
Thursday 19 September	Footy Colours Free Dress Day - gold coin
Thursday 19 September	Last day of term 3.30pm finish
Friday 20 September	Pupil Free Day

#### Samaritan's Purse

It is the time of year that we begin to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and how we can make Christmas time more fun. We are doing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Gift Boxes. Miss Blake has organised a girls gift box and a boys gift box for the Prep/1/2 class, the 3/4 class and for the teachers. The children will take home information about the boxes and what type of gift each child is contributing to the box. The box is the size of a shoebox and up to 7 little gifts have to fit into one box. You will need to be mindful of the size of the gift; all gifts need to be small. The children have been shown what to do so they should be very helpful when choosing.

The items for the boxes need to be back at school during the first week back next term. This is so the boxes can be packed up and delivered by Christmas time.

### Name Calling

A number of students have come to us letting us know that they are being called names. The names the children are using are not very nice at all and some we are not sure where they could have come from. The names are quite derogatory and demeaning. We have been addressing this during class, discussing the names and how they are offensive and should not be used. Unfortunately the younger students get caught up in it as the older students get them to play along. We have had a good talk with the younger students about doing what the big kids say as it is not always very friendly. We have discussed the influence the older children have on the younger ones and that the older students should be mindful.

## Natimuk Primary School is a Respectful Relationships Partner School

Term 3. Positive Self Talk and Problem Solving

Children need to develop a positive self talk vocabulary and should practice positive self talk.

Communication and cooperative behaviours will contribute to positive outcomes to problems.

### Fire Wood

Over the last couple of weeks with the high winds we lost a couple of trees and some limbs. If anyone wants the fire wood they are more than welcome to bring a trailer and cut up the branches but please tidy up and put the rubbish on the bonfire heap.

If they haven't been tidied up by next Friday, can we have a working bee to cut them up please? Some of you are coming to help move furniture so if you can bring a chain saw as well that would be great.

If we are unable to get anything moved by the holidays I will call someone in.

#### **Bus Drivers number**

Please make sure you notify the bus driver if there is any change of plans in the morning or afternoon regarding bus travel. Ben is our driver and his number is 0401199135.

#### **Excursion to Natimuk Creek**

On Friday the Year 3—6s will walk down to the main street to have lunch and meet up with Jeannie Clark who is well known for her work on water quality, sustainability and habitats. It will be a good day to have a look at the creek to check on its health.

Ingrid Clarkson

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### Mrs Clarkson

In Literacy, we are working towards the end of our novels, the hardest part being the fact that you have to have read it to be able to contribute to discussion or answer questions. The last task was to pair up and each person spoke about the book they had read. We are starting our Information Reports. Having done the descriptions we are ready to get into our reports as this is one of the features we have to consider. The children will do a report on an animal as this is the easiest place to start. They have done a country profile and an athlete profile which are similar.

In Mathematics we are revising division of decimals and multiplying numbers with and without decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. That decimal point seems to make the numbers different but really they are not when you are trying to solve an equation. Keep it simple.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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Brock Mewett—for working hard to understand tasks in his Maths Plus program and complete all activities accurately and as quickly as possible.

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Nate Hateley—for persisting with his handwriting, working hard to make sure other people can read it. Well done!

#### Miss Blake

The end of the term is fast approaching and we are excited to be moving back into our classroom. It is going to be a huge job but we can do it! This week the Preps are learning the word *feather* and the sentence 'There is a black feather on the other duck'. The Ones and Twos are focusing on the sound th as in feather. Students have finished writing a number of descriptive texts, working hard to write a piece about what they can see out of their back or front door.

In Maths we have had a bit of a jumbled week with our nursing home visit and swimming tomorrow. Students have finished their set curriculum for the term and have completed their diagnostic test where they needed to achieve 70% or higher. We have watched a new Pevan and Sarah video about the weather.

In Technology we had our nursing home visit. Students enjoyed a BBQ and games with the residents. Next week we will be cooking to finish off the term. Using our lovely new oven to make something next term will be so nice. In PE we were limited in our playing area due to the construction fence being moved across the basketball court, but we managed to do some skipping and throwing and catching games.





# Beth's Joke Corner

What's brown and sticky?

A Stick





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## **School Saving Bonus**

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

## Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about <u>Enrolling in School</u>.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the information sheet at:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/SSB\_information\_government\_school\_parents\_carers.docx

Kind regards,

INGRID CLARKSON

Principal

We wish to acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people, the traditional owners of the land on which we gather and pay my respects to their Elders, both past and present and emerging.