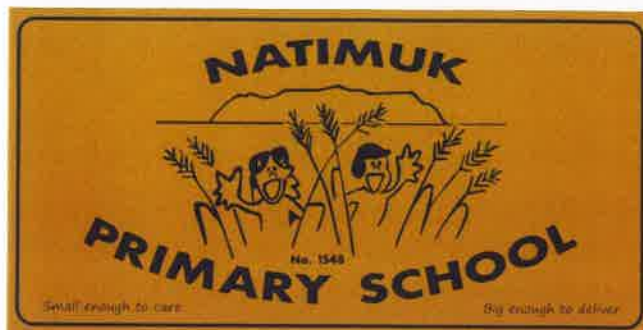


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**11 September 2024**

### **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.

*Natimuk Primary School is committed to being a Child Safe school*



## 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

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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 [Enrolling in School](#).
- **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](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.*