



Term 3

August 2026

# NATTE NEWS

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Term Three has continued to be a busy and rewarding term, with students enjoying a wide range of learning experiences and opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. We have also experienced a few interruptions with the recent wet weather and lots of water around the area, which has sometimes made it difficult for families to get to school. Thank you to all our families for your communication, flexibility and understanding as we navigate these situations.

It is hard to believe that we only have three weeks remaining until the end of term! We are looking forward to making the most of these final weeks before enjoying a two-week break and returning for our final term of the year.



## September 2026

**Friday 4th September**

Father's Day Afternoon

**Thursday 10th September**

Emergency Services Day @ Talbot PS

**Monday 14th September**

Cluster Day @ Navarre

**Wednesday 16th September**

School Photos

**Friday 18th September**

End of Term 2:15pm Finish

## October 2026

**Monday 5th October**

Term 4 Begins

**Thursday 8th October**

MARC Van @ Moonambel

**Thursday 22nd October**

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**Monday 26th October**

Swimming Begins

**Friday 30th October**

Swimming Concludes

A big thank you to ReCranked in Ballarat for their generous donation of bikes to our school. This wonderful contribution ensures that all of our students can enjoy using our bike track while developing their confidence and bike-riding skills. We are very grateful for their support of our students and school community!



We acknowledge and pay respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people, the past, present and future traditional custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





### Book Bags

We love seeing our students read each night and bring their book bags to school every day. The benefits of daily reading are endless. Encourage your child to make reading a nightly routine and help them develop the habit of bringing their book bag each day.



### Absences

Please notify the school if your child is absent. Our school policy requires parents to communicate with us and provide valid explanations for any absence. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Father's Day Afternoon—Friday 4th September

We are looking forward to hosting our **Father's Day Afternoon** on **Friday 4th September from 1:30–3:00pm**. Invitations have been sent home, and we are excited to welcome our special guests to school for a wonderful afternoon filled with activities, and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea together.



### School Photos—Wednesday 16th September

School Photos will be held later this term.

More information regarding ordering photos will be sent home as we get closer to the date.



### Emergency Services Day @ Talbot Primary School

We will once again be attending **Talbot Primary School's Emergency Services Day** this year. This is always a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about the important work of our local emergency services, develop their understanding of community safety and connect with students from other schools in our area. We look forward to another enjoyable and informative day!

### Emergency Management Plan & Bushfire Preparedness

Attached to this newsletter are letters providing important information about our school's Emergency Management Plan and preparations for the upcoming bushfire season.

We encourage all families to read through the information carefully to stay informed and up to date with our procedures and safety preparations.

# August Spotlight

## Milo Monkey's Birthday and 100 Days of School Celebration

Our Foundation students celebrated **two very exciting milestones** this month! They have now learnt all 26 letters of the alphabet through their phonics program, **Little Learners Love Literacy**, and also celebrated **100 days of school**.

To mark these special achievements, students enjoyed **Milo Monkey's Birthday Party**! The students took part in a range of fun activities and came dressed as some of their favourite characters from the program. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their learning, achievements and the progress they have made so far this year.



## Science Week

Students enjoyed a range of exciting and hands-on activities during Science Week. They put their problem-solving skills to the test during our STEM challenge, **'The Floor is Lava'**, where they worked with limited materials to rescue as many teddy bears from the floor as possible.

Students also had fun making **homemade slime** and tackling **Sphero challenges** during our Cluster Day. It was a fantastic week of exploring, creating, experimenting and developing our scientific and STEM skills!



## TENNIS CLINIC

We have concluded our three-week tennis clinic sessions with Brian and Heather Carr. It was fantastic to see the improvement in students' skills and confidence throughout the sessions. The progress made over the three weeks was wonderful to see, with students developing their technique, coordination and understanding of the game.

We may even have some **budding tennis stars in the making!** A huge thank you to Brian and Heather for sharing their skills and enthusiasm with our students.



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# BOOK WEEK in the Junior Room

## The Emperor's Egg – Rae Tan

Students co-constructed a narrative about finding their own mysterious egg while playing in the sandpit. They turned their writing into a book with illustrations to match.



Suddenly, they both hit something hard. They carefully dig down to find two colourful mysterious eggs.



Crack, crack, crack!

The eggs begin to open.



Out pop two unusual looking creatures. A dinosaur dog and a cute spider.



Elliott and Lilly scream with excitement. They decide to keep them forever.



Lilly calls her spider Pearly.



Elliott decides to call his dinosaur dog Woof.



## Dear Broccoli – Jo Dabrowski

After discussing who likes or dislikes broccoli, we then created our own broccoli characters.

Lilly named her broccoli Elsie and Elliott named his Mr Wilson.

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- 🌱 Supportive & Nurturing Environment - Every child is seen, heard, and valued
- 👤 Small Class Sizes - Personalised attention and stronger teacher-student connections
- ★ Dedicated, Passionate Teachers - Committed to every student's success
- 💻 1:1 Technology Access - Empowering students with the tools for modern learning
- 🗣️ Student Voice Matters - Learners are given opportunities to share ideas and take the lead
- 🎯 Harnessing Student Interests - Curriculum designed to engage and inspire
- ★ A Place to Grow & Thrive - Helping every child reach their full potential in a safe and encouraging space



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