

Information Booklet

Natte Yallock Primary School was first opened in 1874. It serves a local farming community and nearby townships. It is situated 30km west of Maryborough and 20km north of Avoca. The school is serviced by a bus that collects students from a radius of 15kms. As a small rural school, the families and the wider community are actively involved in creating a supportive, family atmosphere.



General Information:

Address: 10 School Rd, Natte Yallock, 3465

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Acting Principal: Ms Soraya Hepburn

Teaching Staff: Mrs Karys Fettling

Business Manager: Mrs Andrea Potter

School Hours: 9am - 3:30pm

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: 30 Jan - 6 April

Term 2: 24 April - 23 June

Term 3: 10 July - 15 September

Term 4: 2 October - 20 December

Curriculum Days will be published in the Newsletter.



School Values:

At Natte Yallock Primary we value Kindness, Excellence and Respect. Our values are central to our recognition of behaviour and the implementation of our Code of Conduct. They are visible, referenced and celebrated. We have a 'Marvel of the Month' recipient to recognise and thank students for their contribution to upholding our values and strengthening the sense of belonging to our school and learning community.



Curriculum:

Natte Yallock implements the Victorian Curriculum to deliver all learning programs.

Literacy:

Each day students complete at least two hours of Literacy instruction. Reading and Writing are explicitly taught in a sequenced program that extends all students from their current point of learning. Levelled reading materials are implemented from Foundation to Year 6, and a phonics/spelling program is incorporated into all year levels.

Numeracy:

Each day students participate in up to 90 mins of Numeracy instruction. All students have access to concrete materials and digital tools to support learning. Programs are individualised to address student needs and to ensure supports and extensions are available where required.

Specialist Subjects:

The curriculum at Natte Yallock Primary comprehensively covers Health & PE, Music, Science, Visual Arts, Design & Technologies and ICT.

LOTE (Language other than English):

All students participate in a weekly lesson to learn Japanese language and culture. This is delivered via video link and enhanced by activities led in the classroom.

Library - M.A.R.C. Van

Natte Yallock Primary School is visited by the Pyrenees M.A.R.C. Van each fortnight. The qualified teacher delivers our Humanities program covering History and Geography from Foundation to Year 6.

Students are able to borrow books when the van visits, and are encouraged to explore new authors and genres.

Full STEAM Ahead (FSA) Cluster Days

The Pyrenees Cluster Schools congregate on one day each fortnight at a nominated school. Each term, a different school hosts the FSA Cluster Days and students enjoy the travel, social engagement, busy playtimes and learning environments with up to 50 students present on each occasion.

The Pyrenees Cluster comprises of Natte Yallock, Moonambel, Landsborough, Navarre, Amphitheatre and Trawalla Primary Schools.

The fortnightly program focuses on Music, Physical Education, Visual Arts and Science as well as being a prime opportunity to deliver the Respectful Relationships program to all year levels.

Assessment & Reporting:

Students are given many and varied opportunities to demonstrate and celebrate learning growth. Parents and students are invited to learning conferences in Week 3 of each term and provided with a written report in June and December.



Classroom Items:

All stationery and text books are provided by the school.

School Uniform:

Wearing school uniform fosters a sense of belonging and ensures students are appropriately dressed and feel comfortable for the school day. Uniforms can be purchased through the school office. Second-hand uniforms are also available for a nominal price. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

Bus Travel:

If families are wanting to access travel on the School Bus Run, they are required to complete a bus travel application form. Bus pick up and drop off times will depend on your address and the distance to the closest pick up point. If requiring this service, please speak to the Principal for further information.

uEducateUs:

uEducateUs is Natte Yallock Primary School's chosen communication management system. Parents are able to view reports, enter absences, approve excursions, book in for learning conferences and read newsletters. A unique login will be provided to families upon enrolment.

Newsletter:

Our school newsletter, the 'Natte News', is published fortnightly.

It includes celebrations of student achievement, describes activities that have taken place and also informs families of upcoming events.

Please make sure you read the newsletters as they are an important mode of communication between the school and families.





Enrolment:

Families are required to fill out an enrolment form for each child enrolling at Natte Yallock Primary School. These forms are available from the school office. These forms are confidential and it is essential that all relevant medical and family information is entered correctly and completely. By law, you must produce your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Status Certificate upon enrolment.

School Fees:

There are no payable school fees to attend Natte Yallock Primary School. Uniform costs and contributions towards camps and excursions are the only monies payable.

Financial Assistance - Camps, Sports & Excursions (CSEF)

The Department of Education & Training has made funds available to eligible families to support the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. The money is received by the school to be used towards the above costs. An application form will be provided to families for completion as necessary.

School Council:

All parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings. We are required to have at least 8 meetings per year. Elections are held in March at the Annual General Meeting. If you are looking for a way to be involved in your child's schooling, then joining the School Council is a great way to do so.

Medication:

If your child is requiring medication to be given at school or on camp, a 'Medication Authority Form' is required. These are readily available from the office. The form details the frequency/dosage/times etc. of the medication to be given. All medicines must be provided in original packaging with labelling.

Headlice Checks:

A consent form for headlice checks is completed upon enrolment. These checks are conducted as required. Parents will be contacted if eggs/lice are found. If lice are found, parents will be contacted immediately to collect their child from school. Students must be treated before returning. This is a requirement of the Department of Education & Training.

Scholastic Book Club:

Book Club order forms are sent home 2-3 times a term. If you wish to purchase items, please return the order form and correct money to the office. Place these in an envelope with your child's name and amount written on the front.





Working Bees:

Working Bees are organised by the School Council on a needs basis. All families are invited to help keep our grounds beautiful, and any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Swimming Program:

Each year, as part of the Physical Education program, students take part in a swimming program. This program is offered at the Maryborough Sports & Leisure Centre.

Camp Program:

Every year, Natte Yallock Primary School combines with the Pyrenees Cluster to deliver a camping program. The program rotates through bush, coast and city camps. Camps are available to students in Years Foundation to 6.

End of Year Concert:

The end of the school year is celebrated with a delicious BBQ and concert performed by the students. Family, friends and community members are all welcome and there is always the chance that Santa may visit!

Please contact the Principal or school office if you have any questions or require further information.