



NATTE YALLOCK PS 1347

Natty News!

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HEADLINES

Monday 1st February

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2021 school year!

It was lovely to meet and greet our fresh-faced and eager students on Friday morning and even though we had a wet weather day, it was filled with chatter and curiosity. Holidays, Christmas and many other topics were covered.

Most importantly we reconnected with our school motto, 'Education for Life' and discussed what this might mean for us as learners. We brainstormed topics we are interested in learning about during our time at Natte Yallock Primary School and also looked further into the future. What a great discussion! Your children definitely have big dreams for their future selves which we will continue to foster and support.

Everyone is excited about the term ahead, especially the upcoming swimming program and a return to 'in-person' cluster days known as Full STEAM Ahead.

In Reading, Mrs Weir will be using the first Harry Potter novel to support the development of comprehension, and I will be using Anne of Green Gables as the text for my Literature Circle activities. We will start with a focus on place value in Mathematics and recounts in Writing, using everyone's fabulous holidays as information/research.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Weir or myself in relation to classroom activities and planning. We are working closely together to ensure our planners reflect the student's needs and interests.

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TERM DATES 2021

Term 1:

27 Jan - 1 April

Term 2:

19 April - 25 June

Term 3:

12 July - 17 Sept

Term 4:

4 Oct - 17 Dec

Current advice from the Department of Education & Training

with regards to operating guidelines:

- Face masks are recommended when physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained
- Increased cleaning will continue throughout Term 1
- Enhanced hand hygiene will be encouraged
- Community use of school playground and facilities is permitted
- Excursions, incursions and camps are permitted
- Visitors, school tours and pre-service teachers are permitted

I would like to thank everyone for being mindful of these guidelines, and remember to sign in to the visitor book if you enter the school buildings.

Upcoming
Events/
Dates

Wed 10th Feb

Welcome BBQ - 6pm
School Council - 7pm

Mon 8th Feb

1st Steam full
Ahead Day @
Moonambel
Primary

Mon 8th Feb -
Fri 19th Feb

Swimming from
2-3pm

Curriculum News

Tutor Learning Initiative

“Every government school, and every eligible non-government school that needs support will receive funding to engage tutors to support their students that need it most. Tutors will work across primary, secondary and specialist settings - starting from the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Tutors engaged by schools as part of the initiative will work on the school site. Schools will determine the most appropriate approach to implementing the initiative, based on the needs of their students and the school.

The engagement of tutors, student support and hours of work will vary on the needs of the school.

(Department of Education & Training)

We have been very lucky to engage Mrs. Karys Fetting as our tutor for 2021. Mrs. Fetting will be tutoring at NYPS on Tuesdays throughout the whole year.

We have analysed 2020 reading, writing and mathematical student data, and will most likely administer further assessments over the next two weeks to ensure that we are accurately targeting Mrs. Fetting’s support and indeed our own teaching programs to address students’ point of need.

Mrs Fetting will be employing both in-class and out-of-class tutoring approaches depending on the subject and number of students working at similar levels.

ASSIST Initiative

In conjunction to our tutoring program, we are also joining the ASSIST initiative: a small school’s approach to assessment. I will be joining my fellow cluster principals tomorrow at our first workshop intended to bring us together towards strengthening the use of assessment and data within our teaching and learning programs. I’m very excited to be a part of this initiative and hope to have more information for you soon.

Tess Kelly
Acting Principal

Term 1 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	January 25	26 Australia Day	27 Staff Start	28 Curriculum Day	29 Students Start
2	February 1	2	3	4	5
3	8 Swimming Full STEAM Ahead Cluster Day @ Moonambel	9 Swimming	10 Swimming	11 Swimming	12 Swimming
4	15 Swimming	16 Swimming	17 Swimming	18 Swimming	19 Swimming
5	22 Full STEAM Ahead Cluster Day @ Moonambel	23	24	25	26
6	March 1	2	3	4	5
7	8 Labour Day Holiday	9	10	11	12
8	15 Full STEAM Ahead Cluster Day @ Moonambel	16	17	18	19
9	22	23	24	25	26
10	29 Full STEAM Ahead Cluster Day @ Moonambel	30	31	April 1 Last Day of Term 1	2 Good Friday

Who's New!



Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my first week as Acting Principal of Natte Yallock Primary School, especially Mrs Weir and Andrea who have been wonderfully supportive. As a new member of your community I thought I might take this opportunity to introduce myself as an educator.

I knew from the time I was in Grade Four, when Mr Dalton asked me to read the dictation passage to the class, that I was going to be a teacher! I entered university in Ballarat straight from Year 12, and four years later began my teaching career at Ballam Park Primary School in Frankston.

I worked in Foundation initially with a class of 30! It was delightful and everything I dreamed it would be. After staying at Ballam Park for 7 years, I relocated back to Ballarat with my husband and two young boys and applied for a position at Pleasant Street Primary School.

Pleasant Street Primary School is where I developed my love of leadership whilst still maintaining a classroom role. I experienced leadership of all three teaching units (junior, middle and senior) each with 100-150 students and up to 6 teachers. After being Assessment and Reporting Coordinator, Transition Coordinator and Acting Leading Teacher, I took the step of applying for further study at Monash and completed a Graduate Certificate in Principal Preparation known as the UP program (Unlocking Potential).

After 13 years at Pleasant Street, I moved to Miners Rest in 2020 as Leading Teacher – Curriculum. It was my first opportunity to lead from outside of the classroom, and included not only F-6 curriculum leadership, but also supervising the staff and program in the onsite Kindergarten. I had a wonderful year of learning, developing and facing the challenges presented by COVID-19.

When the opportunity to apply for a rural leadership position became available, I was incredibly excited to put myself forward. I saw it as an opportunity to combine my love of teaching within a leadership role. Natte Yallock Primary is such a vibrant learning community and one that I am proud to be a part of as your Acting Principal. The support of the cluster schools is a vital component to this as we all share the same passion towards providing strong teaching and learning to our students in their local communities.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our first school council meeting and learning about your connections to Natte Yallock Primary and the surrounding community.

Tess Kelly
Acting Principal

My name is Karys Fetting and I am delighted to be appointed as the Classroom Tutor at Natte Yallock Primary School for 2021.

I have lived in Maryborough for 38 years with my husband Ian and we have two adult children named Alice and Paul.

I am a qualified Primary Teacher and have taught at several of the local primary schools, with Maryborough Primary School 404 and Maryborough Education Centre being my main schools of employment. Following my retirement from full time teaching I commenced relief teaching, which provided me the opportunity to work at some smaller schools including Carisbrook, Avoca and Clunes. I am enjoying the friendly, welcoming nature of these school communities where primary children blossom in stimulating settings and country communities. I love to meet the children's families and hear about their interests and country lifestyles.

I am very much looking forward to working with the children, teachers and parents at Natte Yallock P S. I regard the Tutoring Initiative 2021 as a wonderful opportunity for the children to further develop their skills and enhance their learning. I will work closely with Mrs Kelly and Mrs Weir, to supplement the learning programs they will provide in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. I will be supporting students based on current learning data, with the aim to strengthen their knowledge and skills to achieve expected levels and then beyond. I am also looking forward to working with parents, so together we can encourage and support your children.

Karys Fetting