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NAMADGI NEWS

Tuesday 1 November 2016
Week 4 Term 4



Wednesday 2 November	Junior LSU Questacon Excursion
Wednesday 2 November	Sailing Year 4
Thursday 3 November	13+ ACT Track and Field
Thursday 3 November	Preschool and Kindy Obstacle-a-thon 5.30pm-7pm
Friday 4 November	7/8 Buronjin
Friday 4 November	Whole School Assembly 9.10am
Monday 7 November	FETE Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 8 November	Year 4 Food for Me Breakfast 9am
Wednesday 9 November	Sailing Year 4
Wednesday 9 November	Gifted and Talented Parent Forum 6-7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nara Student Visit

Thank you to all the families who hosted students from Nara University High last week. Once again the trip was a success for the teachers and 10 students who visited our wonderful school and city. This year the students were taken on excursion to Tidbinbilla and they were lucky enough to see platypus, koalas and snakes! One of the highlights was a snake eating a frog.

The Nara Candle festival was held on Saturday and I recommend you take you family next year; there are many interesting performances, stalls and fantastic food.

Halloween Disco

Yesterday our primary students enjoyed dressing up for Halloween and many attended the Halloween disco. It was a lot of fun to witness their creativity and make-up skills! Thanks to the students who decorated the hall (though I'm not sure what to do with the fake dead body outside my office). Thanks also to the P&C for selling food at the disco.

Inspire

A large group of enthusiastic students attended a conference at the Convention Centre yesterday for students interested in leadership. Many inspiring speeches were given along with talks about community projects the students completed. Our friend Francis Owasu from Kulturebreak is behind the initiative. We are also very proud that the MCs chosen for the event were our very own school captains M.J. Wood and Mansib Zaman from Year 10. They were amazing!

Fete

Only weeks to go!

Have you put the date and time in your calendar? Have you signed up to help on a stall? There is still time!

Enrichment Program

Next Wednesday 9 November (6:00-7:00pm) we will be holding an information evening to share work we are undertaking to support enrichment opportunities at Namadgi School. More information will be in next week's Newsletter. All parents and carers are welcome.

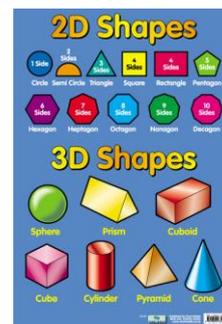
Charlie Morrice
Principal

It has been quite busy in Turtles class and Dolphins class. Dolphins class have been focussing on learning sight words. We have made lots of progress and are excited that our new knowledge is improving our writing. We have continued building on our current math strategies and have started to skip count by 2's and are moving on to skip counting by 5's. On Thursdays we have been doing still life art with Miss Mel and our latest artwork was about cherry blossoms and irises.

Turtles class have been researching and writing about interesting cities in the world. We have also been using geometry sets to measure and create familiar 2 D shapes. We have also finished our art inquiry into how Aboriginal people survived in Australia's harsh environment. Our art work and research is now collated in form of a book.

In Science, both classes are enjoying carrying out experiments relating to how heat affects states of matter. It was lovely to receive our Science Awards at assembly. Thanks to all the families that could join us in this celebration. Just a reminder that our Questacon excursion is on Wednesday 2 November. Please remember to pack hats and water bottles. Library day is Friday. Do not hesitate to contact the classroom teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Kimi, Mrs S, Abby and Wendy



Preschool

Dates to remember:

Thursday 3 Nov: Obstacle-a-thon 5:30 – 7:00pm

Group A: Kangaroos

The transport hub has been set up with areas for a garage, parking station, road works, airport, train station and café. The café and airport desk have been the most popular so far.

Last week we introduced 'Go, Grow and Glow' foods. This is a unit from 'Food and Me', the preschool component of the Fresh Taste program the school is engaged with. The children quickly engaged with the concept, telling us about the foods they were eating at lunchtime and what type of food it was. It was great to see the Nude Food lunches too, which were predominantly healthy foods – a good way to reduce the less healthy processed snack foods.

Group D: Dingoes

We have had one week now with the new summer timetable and the children are loving going out first thing. Thank you everyone for supplying an extra piece of fruit for your child. We have a social story while we eat our fruit. We talk about when we fight with our friend what we should do, how to make friends, how to ask for something we want and how to move from the play we are doing.

Over the last three weeks we have been practising writing our names, cutting along different lines and sequencing a story. We have been talking about the beginning, the middle and the ending of stories, not just books but what happens in life. Retelling a story verbally in correct sequence will help when the children begin to write. They might be telling us a story about what happens on the weekend and we are learning to tell it in sequential order.

Please place on your calendar our Christmas concert and end of year party. The concert is **9 December** and the party is **15 December**. The concert starts at **9:30** and will run for about 30 minutes.

Please let us know if you or your child has any worries or concerns about preschool. If you would like a more comprehensive interview or chat I am available in the mornings at 8:30, or Thursday and Friday afternoons 3:15- 4:30pm.

Debbie and Laura

Boddington News.

We celebrated Children's Week with a performance from Dancekids. Sue taught us some music and dance with a Dinosaur theme. We dressed up in beautiful dinosaur costumes and stomped around the classroom in time to the music. We had a story and learnt about fossils and extinct Australian Dinosaurs. It was a fantastic learning experience with a focus on the arts.

We are also learning about Halloween as several of our children have a keen interest in this event.

Last week we painted skeletons and ghosts. Tonight some children are going on a walk with their families to collect some candy.

If parents have questions or concerns, please see Mel or Lesley.





**Preschool and Kindergarten
Obstacle-a-thon
Thursday 3 November
5:30 – 7:00pm**



Preschool playground

5:30 Obstacle course
6:00 Sausage Sizzle
Purchase food and drinks on the night
And other fun happenings ie: face painting
RSVP 3 November



Kindergarten



The Kindergarten students are having a very busy Term 4, with lots of special visitors and activities. Last Wednesday we had a visit from Kenny Koala who reminded us about how to stay safe on the roads. We have also just finished our Tennis Coaching which we enjoyed learning about how to hold and use a tennis racquet and improving our throwing and catching skills. In Numeracy we have been learning about the differences between 2D shapes (circles, squares and triangles) and 3D shapes (spheres, cones, cubes and pyramids). We have been looking at where we see these shapes in the world around us. We are about to start learning addition and subtraction, and in particular the different ways you can add to the number 10.

In Literacy we have started our focus on Celebrations around the World, looking at the different types of celebrations that come from different countries and cultures. We have also started writing narratives and learning about how to describe characters within our stories. During our reading groups we are focusing on building fluency in our reading, through improved sight word recognition, and also comprehension of what we are reading. The students are continuing their Take Home Reading program, reading to an adult each day. When your child has finished reading ask them to tell you what happened in the story, this helps them develop their understanding of what they have read. Just a reminder, children must wear a hat to play out in the sun during break times. If they do not have a hat on they will have to play under the shade or go to one of the indoor clubs or library. Please make sure your child's name and class are on their hat, as this will help it find its' way back if it gets lost.

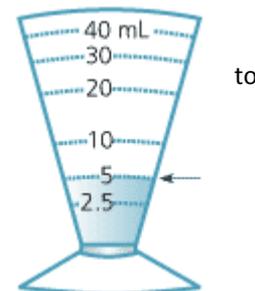
Laura Lodge, Danika Gilmore & Sharon Edwards



Year 1

The Turtles and the Owls just started learning about Capacity in Maths. We have been learning how estimate how much a container may hold using varying units of measurement, then measuring to check if our estimation was correct. We have been examining objects that are heavy or light and checking to see how close our estimation was to the answer.

We enjoyed our final lesson of Tennis having learnt many useful skills to practice. Such as 'brushing the spider's hair', 'splatting the spider' and 'flying low like an aeroplane'. You may want to ask child about these imaginative and useful drills that teach great technique!



In Inquiry we have been investigating important ways to keep fit, and understand different body weight exercises that can be combined to create circuits. Students have been working in groups to create their own circuits, measuring and testing the number of exercises chosen in ratio to how much break there is between exercises. Essentially to test and see if it is enough rest. They have also been examining what feelings, emotions and strengths are and how we can express them. As well, students have been examining ways to value classmates for their strengths and identify key attributes that they have that makes them unique and special.

In Literacy we have been focusing on procedural texts. We have been enjoying making jam sandwiches and then writing the title, what ingredients we needed and the method so we are sure we do the steps in the right order.

Please make sure your child is bringing a hat and drink bottle to school as the spring weather is starting to get warmer!

Emma Tracey-Patte & Jillian Hosking-Wilson

Year 2

What a busy start to the term it has been. Year two had a fantastic excursion to the AIS and the Fyshwick food markets. We got to see the Gymnasium, Swimming pool and Volley ball courts that the AIS athletes train on. The students also loved playing in the AIS Sportex where they had a go at wheelchair basketball, virtual downhill skiing, rock climbing, football penalty shootouts and more. At the Fyshwick food markets we explored the fish, meat and fruit shops.

We have finished off our work on fractions activities and are moving onto location and transformation. In writing we are still looking at ways to persuade the reader. Just a reminder that all students need a hat to play out on break, the weather has started to get very hot. We would also love any donations of unwanted, clean stockings to help create our masterpieces.



Jacinta Crane, Elissa Sharpe, Clare Whittaker-Allan

Year 3/4

This week we are celebrating Ride or Walk to School week. Please encourage your children to ride or walk to school, if this is not possible it would be good to consider doing a part way ride or walk to school. There will be a competition for the students to enter for their chance to win a bike! This is a 50 words or less written competition about riding or walking to school and how to keep yourself safe. So it would be very helpful if everyone could talk to their children about this. In year 3 /4 we are starting our History based drama planning. This is an opportunity for the students to plan their own short dramatisation about what they have been learning about all Semester in History. Students will be given more information about this in week 4. As the weather is getting warmer please make sure your child has a hat at school and is wearing sunscreen.

If you ever have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact or come in and chat to your child's teacher.

Michael Richards, Anita McCarthy, Rebecca Fortescue, Brita Monck and Krystal Coker.

Year 5

Year 5 has been very busy in the last 2 weeks. We had a BMX bike day on Thursday where most of the students were taught many skills and bike safety. They learn about pumps and monos and even got the chance to go over the jump at the end. Jack from 5AL was able to do 2 wheel aerials which was very impressive. During the day the BMX teachers did a demonstration and one of them did a full 360 degree backflip. Amazing!

Kenny Koala also visited Year 5 last week and spoke to us about all kinds of safety including online safety and bullying. It was great to have him talk to us and he was very funny too.

The students are doing well in class and other activities. We are focussing on narratives, explanations and procedural texts in literacy and finishing learning about measurement in numeracy.

Our Golf Course designs for the Namadgi School Fete are really taking shape. Most groups have worked out the outline of their course and are now thinking about making it look appealing by painting the objects and using bright colours. We are also beginning to make our mosaics for the fete too. They are looking fantastic and the students really enjoyed arranging the colours and creating various designs.

Patricia Alexandra, Adrian Lovelock and Bernie Wyatt



P&C Update Term 4, Week 4

Fete Update:

- **Only 18 days until the Fete!!!!**
- **Next Monday's meeting will be in the community room**
- **Final Fete Meeting Friday 11 November at 5:30pm**
- If you have some time to help on a Wednesday morning 9-12 please pop into the community room and say hello.
- Please donate new crafty items to be sold on the craft stall.
- Please return your prepaid fete forms and money
- We now have a fete Facebook page and soon will have a website!!
- We are not having a White Elephant stall so please no miscellaneous second hand items
- **We desperately need to fill our rosters for the fete with parents and students (from yr2 up)**, please email us or contact your classroom teacher if you can spare an hour for the fete.

Thanks

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Namadgi P & C Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays 8.45am – 9.15am or Uniform order form available at Front Office.

ORDER your uniforms for 2017 before Wednesday 30 November (WEEK 8) to guarantee your order is included in the last supplier delivery of 2016.

Order forms are available from the front office.

Maroon & White POLO shirts	
4, 6, 8, 10, 12,14Y, 16Y	\$18.00
S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$22.00

Fleece Hooded Jacket w full zip, Maroon.	
4, 6, 8, 10, 12,14Y & 16Y	\$28.00
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	\$34.00

HATS: Sml, Med, Lge.	\$10.00
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The Uniform Shop will be open on the 2017 Book Pack collection day, usually Late January/Early Feb. Date TBA. Some sizes may sell out on the day, so think about pre-ordering now to avoid disappointment.

Also, please consider donating any **clean, good quality uniform items** your children have outgrown which still have some wear left in them. Through your kind donations we are able to offer uniforms at an affordable cost, so every child can be in the correct uniform. Your donated uniforms can be left at the Front Office for collection by the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop Coordinator: Katie. (m): 0417 231 787

