Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staff Nominees for the ACT Public Education Awards**

Last week a group of us went to the National Gallery to acknowledge the contribution of two of our staff and a school volunteer.

Di Brice was nominated for primary Teacher of the year for her outstanding work in working with students who have English as a second language or dialect, and her work in helping students who need extra support for their literacy skills. Kevin Seal was nominated for his work on our buildings and grounds. Did you know we have 14 buildings including an off-site preschool? Kevin is both fit and clever, and loved by all of our students and staff for his work.

Judy Irving was nominated for her committed work as a volunteer in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Judy spends countless hours working in the Urambi Environment Centre and the garden on the hill, transplanting, organising and preparing the garden. Congratulations to all of our three nominees!

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**Fete – It’s On Next Week!!**

Is an adult in your family rostered on to help on a stall? It would be great if each family had at least one adult help for an hour. We have lots of stalls and hope that thousands of people come to enjoy the fete.

Please see the Fete message in this newsletter for details on how to put your name down to help.

**School Board**

Last night the School Board meeting was used to go through the school budget proposed for 2017. The year should end in the black (that is the good colour for budgets) and if all goes to plan we should have money to put into the reserve for larger projects in the future.

Charlie Morrice
Principal
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Enrichment Programs at Namadgi

A reminder that parents/carers are invited to an information forum to share work we are undertaking to support students with enrichment opportunities at Namadgi School. Your input will be highly valued as part of this discussion.

When: Wednesday 9 November 2017
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Where: Namadgi School Library.
RSVP: Parker, Mallarie Mallarie.Parker@ed.act.edu.au

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P&C Update Term 4, Week 5

FETE – ONLY 10 DAYS TO GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Final Fete Meeting Friday 11 November at 5:30pm
- Please donate new crafty items to be sold on the craft stall.
- Pre-paid ride and fete mate forms and money DUE Tuesday 15 November, rides coming include: Cha Cha, Giant Slide, Teacups, 2 different Jumping Castles
- We have a fete Facebook page, please like and share as much as possible we also have a website which is www.namadgi.org.au
- Our mega raffle will be on sale on our website from this Friday, keep an eye out as there is $7,000 in prizes, when available please share with as many people as possible.
- 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 (whole school) and students (from yr2 up), please email us or contact your classroom teacher if you can spare an hour for the fete. http://bit.ly/2fCI3MW or please put your name on the roster through the link

Thanks
Rhodina Ellison
Fundraising Coordinator/P&C Vice President
Namadgischoolfete@gmail.com
0408 921 953
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.

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| HATS: Sml, Med, Lge. | $10.00 |

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
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2017 Camps

Year 6 Camp
The Year 6 students will be travelling to Borambola Sports and Recreation Centre for their camp as the past cohorts have. It has always proven to be a great success allowing the students and staff to strengthen their bond. The camp is scheduled for the final three days of Term 1, Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 April.

Further information will be distributed regarding the camp at the student’s upcoming transition day in Week 6.

Year 7 & 8 Camp
Students will be travelling to Pambula Beach on the Sapphire Coast of New South Wales for their camp next year. This is a new location we are trialling for camp to provide the Middle School students with a greater variety in their camp activities across the 2 years.

Students will get to participate in a range of coastal outdoor education activities run by experienced friendly instructors. The camp aims to build comradeship and teamwork between the students whilst strengthening their self-confidence and self-leadership.

Further information, permission notes and deposit payments forms were sent home earlier this term. If your child wishes to attend their return with payment is required to secure their place. Additional notes can be collected from the Secondary Admin Office.

Year 9 & 10 Camp
The combined Year 9 & 10 Camp to Sydney is scheduled for Week 10, Term 1 with students departing Wednesday 5 and returning Friday 7 April. The camp will involve a range of activities which differ from those included on this year’s camp to enable the inclusion of students who may have gone on camp this year. Further information regarding the activities will be distributed at a later date.

Notes have already gone home seeking permission and payment of a deposit to secure your child’s place on the camp. Additional notes can be collected from the Secondary Admin Office if required.

Year 6 Parent Information Night
On Thursday evening we will be holding an information session for current Year 6 families to provide advice and support in preparation for the student’s transition into Year 7. The evening begins at 5:30pm and is being held in the Library. During the information session senior students will be present to entertain any children to allow parents to gain the most from the evening. The session will be followed by a BBQ dinner which we invite all families and their children to join us for.
Middle School Year Coordinator, Ms Stephanie Ikin

I hope everyone has settled into our final term of the year. It was great to see so many students from the Middle School at the Halloween Disco with some outstanding costumes. Also congratulations to all the students who participated in the competitions during this year and were presented with their certificates at the assembly last Friday.

Excursion notes and assessments are being handed out, if students are unsure if they have missed a note or assessment they are encouraged to talk to their teachers or visit the Secondary Admin office.

Year 8 students are preparing for their round table interviews. A letter was sent home during week 3. Can you please make sure you have seen this letter and selected the times you would prefer as we are starting to allocate students to time slots.

### Middle School Assessment Schedule

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| Week 7 | **IT:** Digital citizen certificate | **Geography:** End of Unit Test | **Geography:** End of Unit Test |
|        | **MYMC:** Quiz | **English:** In-class diary writing task | **Metalwork:** Semester test |
|        | **Music:** Ukulele piece | **Music:** Theory booklets | **Science:** Geology test. |

| Week 8 | **IT:** Game design medication | **Japanese:** Self-profile assignment | **Metalwork:** Co2 3D design |
|        | **English:** Poetry task | **Food Tech:** Practical Booklet | **Textiles:** Bucket Hat |
|        | **Geography:** World religion profile Semester quiz | **Health:** Alcohol assignment | **Health:** Exercise science test |

| Week 9 |        |        |        |
| Week 10 |        |        |        |

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Senior School Year Coordinator, Ms Leanne Glasson

The Year 10 fundraising has held two successful events this fortnight. The Halloween Disco was the most successful we have had so far and the Bunnings BBQ was very profitable. Thanks to the many student helpers who ensured the Bunnings BBQ ran smoothly. Thank you also to the supporting staff members, particularly Ms Flegg and Ms Mckenzie, who helped on the BBQ for 8.5 hours, and Ms Cunningham who helped organise the disco, while other staff came and went during the events.

The assessment Schedule for Week five and six are looking pretty busy. Please check in with your child to ensure they are staying on top of tasks, as assessments and stress will collect and pile up quickly, otherwise.

Year 9 students chose electives for year ten last week. We also sent home notes asking for expressions of interest in the Sydney Excursion, 2017. We will be started the process of transitioning year 9 to the year 10 leaders in the next few weeks. In preparation for year 10 we also hope to have a letter out to you, ASAP, about their Year 10 Jumpers.

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Math: Statistics Assignment handed out | Maths: Statistics assessment  
Art: Portrait evaluations |
| Week 5 | **Geography**: Presentation  
**Dance Styles**: Dance Styles Group Task  
**Woodwork**: 3D drawing  
**Metalwork**: 3D drawing  
**English**: Journalism task 2  
**Science**: Ecology test  
**Drawing and Painting**: Gallery worksheets | **Geography**: Effectiveness Essay and Presentation  
**Dance Styles**: Dance Styles Group Task  
**Woodwork**: 3D drawing  
**Metalwork**: 3D drawing  
**English**: Production  
**Science**: Big Bang in-class essay  
**Drawing and Painting**: Gallery worksheets |
| Week 6 | **Geography**: Source Analysis  
**Dance Styles**: Dance Journal  
**Science**: Bushfire Practical  
**Woodwork**: Semester test  
**Metalwork**: Semester test  
**Food**: Practical Assessment  
**Maths**: Statistics Assignment submission | **Geography**: Test  
**Dance Styles**: Dance Journal  
**English**: Evaluation  
**Woodwork**: Semester test  
**Metalwork**: Semester test  
**Food**: Practical Assessment  
**Drawing and Painting**: Self portrait complete |
| Week 7 | **Geography**: Test  
**Metal work**: Welded project and folio  
**Woodwork**: Cabinet and folio  
**English**: Journalism Task 3  
**Food**: Celebration Incursion Day  
**Drawing and Painting**: Self Portrait Complete | **Metal work**: Welded project and folio  
**Woodwork**: Cabinet and folio  
**Maths**: Financial maths assessment  
**Food**: Celebration Incursion Day |
| Week 8 | **Science**: Plate tectonics test | |
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**Health & Physical Education**

We have been completing fitness tests in PE and students have been doing their best to break their own personal records. The ‘favourite’ test so far has been the Beep Test which assesses aerobic fitness. The attitude of students has been terrific and they are seeing the benefit of an active lifestyle.

![PE Class](image)

**Skill Acquisition**

Year 6 have been busy learning new skills. For 4 weeks students are assigned either juggling or skipping. Over the 4 weeks students have 10 minutes each day to practise the skill. The improvement since the first session has been amazing to watch. The program reinforces the importance of regular practice to improve when initial attempts are unsuccessful. We have been doing a lot of work on resilience and self-esteem which students have been able to relate back to their learning.

![PE Class](image)

**Chris Barrie, Jade Sharp and Lisa Wilson (year 6 teachers)**
Japanese
In week 3 we welcomed students from Nara University High School. Thank you to all the families who hosted the students, we truly appreciate your generosity. Students arrived late on Wednesday night after flying in to Sydney earlier that morning.

On Thursday the Nara students and their buddies went on an excursion to Tidbinbilla to walk the Sanctuary trail and have experience an Australian BBQ lunch. We saw many different types of wildlife including wallabies, kangaroos, koalas and even a couple of snakes. Namadgi students even taught their Nara buddies about one of the most important parts of an excursion, singing on the bus!

On Friday, Nara students accompanied their homestay buddies to their regular classes, including, P.E., maths, English, Science and even Japanese. For two periods during the day, our Year 9/10 Japanese elective classes had the pleasure to welcome the Nara students into their class and participate in some communication activities. Students talked in Japanese with each other and shared their opinions about many pictures. This tied in well with our current unit on adjectives as it gave Namadgi School students an opportunity to use and hear many adjectives in a natural context. At the end of the lesson, Nara students taught Namadgi students some “slang” adjectives that are commonly used by them, such as “yabai” (awesome/terrible), “umai” (delicious/good at something), “uzai” (annoying), and “mendoi” (bothersome, boring). It showed the students that language is a fluid concept that it is constantly changing over time and even Namadgi students are responsible for this change in English! We wonder what kind of language will we be speaking in 10-20 years’ time, 100 years’ time?

Another opportunity for students in Japanese is our Japanese Teacher Assistant program. Each year students from Kagoshima University come out to Australia to help out in schools. Namadgi has participated in this program for two years and it has been incredibly successful and rewarding for students and families. WE are hoping to be a part of the program next year and a vital part of the program is hosting the student. The Japanese Teacher Assistant is hosted by the school community. If you are interested in hosting the student could you please fill out the attached expression of interest form or email the coordinator (Stephanie.Ikin@ed.act.edu.au) for more information.
It is a busy time of year in the workshop with the fete fast approaching. Here is what our students have been up to.

**Wood Work**

Term 2 and 3 this year we have been fortunate to have a preservice teacher in the Workshop. Ms Claire Pullan is a trainee technology teacher. Years 6-10 delighted in having her as their teacher for the time she was here at Namadgi.

Years 6 have enjoyed their first taster of design technology. Many year 6 students said it has been their favourite subject this year! Not only woodworking but we covered resistant materials and plastic. Here are students with their labyrinth game and ear bud wraps.

Senior Woodwork students are making cabinets of their own design. Nick has used different wood types to make his unique design.
**Metal Work**

Year 8 have been getting dirty making bottle openers and cookie cutters ready to test with food and drink. Senior metalwork have been building foundation skills with the marking guage and sheet metal flip boxes. Mig welding projects are next with some attempting a green machine chopper. Can’t wait to see how it turns out.

**Drawing and Painting**

In Drawing and Painting we are currently exploring the art style of Andy Warhol in portraiture. Below are some examples of the 9/10 Drawing and Painting classes’ work.
Year 9/10 Art and Photography excursion to the National Gallery of Australia and National Portrait Gallery

On Tuesday 1st November, a limited number of Drawing and Photography students participated in an excursion to the ANG and the Portrait Gallery. This was to complement the Drawing students current unit of portraiture, and to allow them to experience internationally renowned artworks. This was the first time the majority of them had visited either gallery. It was a beautiful day and all students were on their best behaviour. The students particularly enjoyed exploring the sculpture garden!

Mrs Johnston

Physical Education

On Friday 21 October, a group of 20 of our year 10 students competed in the ACT Schools Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day. With such an enthusiastic group of students we were able to field two mixed teams. Both teams played with great spirit and determination.
Buroinjin

On Wednesday the 2nd of November a group of year 7/8 students participated in the ACT Buroinjin Challenge held at Deakin Playing Fields. The students participated with great enthusiasm. The team ended up finishing second which was a great achievement. It was a fun day and well deserved reward for the team. Next year the competition will be held in term 1 so keep a look out for information in the newsletter!

Senior ACT Athletics Carnival

The Senior ACT Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 03 November in brilliant sunshine at the AIS track. Namadgi was well represented by athletes ranging from Year 7 to Year 10 including Owen Hoogendoorn, Nicholas Walker, Jim Phimpravichith and Garry Ye. Rebecca Mago finished in 4th place in the girls Shot Put, whilst Thomas Hoogendoorn won the 16 Years High Jump competition with an impressive jump of 1.86m. Congratulations to all of our athletes and we look forward to continuing the tradition of athletic achievement in future years.