



Thursday 1 December	Preschool excursion, Botanic Gardens Groups C&D
Thursday 1 December	Farewell Assembly Year 10, 9-10am
Thursday 1 December	Year 10 Formal Regatta Point
Thursday 1 December	Year 4 Canberra Museum and Gallery excursion
Friday 2 December	Year10 Last day Tuggeranong Pool BBQ Lunch
Wednesday 7 December	Year 10 Graduation 6-7.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Year 5 Graduation 1.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Year 5 AMF Bowling
Thursday 8 December	Year 8 Roundtable Interviews and tomorrow
Thursday 8 December	Year 3 Canberra Museum and Gallery excursion
Monday 12 December	Year 6-9 Awards Presentation
Tuesday 13 December	Years 6-9 Activity days, and tomorrow
Thursday 15 December	Years 6-9 Rewards Excursion - Jamberoo
Thursday 15 December	Primary end of year excursion
Friday 16 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

New School Captains

Congratulations to our new school captains for 2017. Voting for the captain nominees took place last week in Year 5 and secondary school. The captains are Dom Armand-Isaak and Euan Campbell with vice captains Taylah Kelly and Jayden Ahadizad. They start training this week for the leadership role.

Year 10 Excellence Awards

Our three Year 10 Excellence Awardees received their awards at The Playhouse this morning from Minister for Education Yvette Berry. Awards were presented to:



- James Maala – a successful learner
- Mayhaylea Peters- a confident creative individual
- Mansib Zaman – an active and informed citizen

Final Whole School Assembly

We held our final whole-school assembly last Friday and it was a delight. The Year 5 band entertained us; the school thanked Rhodina and Karen for organising the fete; students also gave gifts to farewell Mrs Brice and me; Mr

Hollis led the secondary students in a White Ribbon pledge against domestic violence.

Tuggeranong Early Years Science Enrichment Day

Students from 12 schools came to our school last week to learn about earth science. The students did very hands-on investigations and had a stimulating and challenging day! Some of our students also travelled to other schools to participate in workshops. Thank you to all the staff involved for making this fantastic day possible.

Charlie Morrice
Principal

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The Turtles are about to start their Celebrations Unit and will learn about Christmas. In Maths, they are continuing to work with addition by trading with Multi-Based Arithmetic Blocks (MAB). In Guided Reading, the Turtles are continuing with multiple choice comprehension questions. The Turtles and Dolphins classes are currently learning about the effect of heat on particles in Science. The Dolphins are currently learning to skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s. We have also recently learned how to write a proper letter. We've practised writing to friends, and now we are practising to write to Santa! The Dolphins have also been swimming for the past 2 weeks. We love it! Also, both the Turtles and Dolphins have been singing every week and the Dolphins are preparing to perform at the end of year assembly. We can't wait!



Reminders:

- Friday is Library Day
- It's now summer, hats, and water bottles are a must!

Preschool

Kangaroos & Emus: class concert Tuesday 6 December 2pm, class party Tuesday 13 December 2pm

Dingoes: class concert 9 December 9.30am, class party December 15 noon

Echidnas: class concert 9 December 2 pm, class party December 15

Excursion to National Botanic Gardens: Last week the Beautiful Butterflies, Emus and Kangaroos went to the National Botanic Gardens. The children were engaged in two workshops. One was Pond Dipping. The children were taught how to carefully kneel at the side of the pond to dip their nets into the water to collect specimens. We then gathered around to see what had been collected. There were a range of different creatures including a water slider, water fleas, tadpoles and one baby yabby. The rangers also lead the children on a habitat walk – looking to see what type of creatures lived in the different areas, and what types of homes they had. The children then made a nest using pine needles and feathers. The nesting bird was made from a gum nut.

We had a picnic lunch in between the activities, and were able to board the bus back to preschool before the rain set in. Thank you to the rangers for leading us on our activities, and the parent and grandparent helpers who joined us. The children now have a greater understanding of habitats and the importance of the environment.

The Dingoes and Echidnas will be visiting the National Botanic Gardens this Thursday. We need parent helpers to join us. Please talk to Debbie and Nichole.

Kindy transition visits have been going well. If you have any concerns about Kindy for 2017 please talk to your teachers.

Week 8- library books are due back for stocktake. There will be no more borrowing this year.

Group A **Kangaroos** Last week we made homemade instruments for our class concert, and we are starting rehearsals. We are viewing the concert as a 'present' we can give our families, a way to make them smile.

Group D **Dingoes**

Welcome everyone to week 8. This last term has flown by. The children have been extra busy practising for their little concert. A note is being sent home to tell you if they need a "costume". Please don't go and buy anything, we are only asking they come dressed in certain colours and if you don't have those coloured items it's not a problem. For example if your child is a kangaroo we are asking if they can wear either grey, brown or a reddish brown T-shirt and pants. We have been busy at preschool making our masks and wings for our play.

The last few weeks the children have been designing their own obstacle course each morning.

The adults place a number of items out and the children have been thinking of where and how they should go. Well done Dingoes and Echidnas.



Now the weather is getting warmer we are using water in a lot of our play outside so please remember to pack an extra set of clothes as some children don't like to stay in wet clothes.

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

Group C **Echidnas** & Group E **Emus**

Our tadpoles are beginning to change, are now getting very big and will soon grow legs. We only have two left now which are changing in not only size but looks with features becoming more obvious to us.

The Echidnas & Emus have been very busy practicing for our Christmas concerts. This is approaching very fast and we are getting very skilled at remembering our words and jobs for the play. We can't wait to show you all on the 9th Emus) and 15 (Echidnas) December.

During table activities we have also been practicing lots of skills that will come in very handy for big school next year. The children are working hard on their Christmas present for parents which requires a lot of concentration and persistence.

We have now welcomed some silk worms into our classroom also. The children have been watching them grown bigger also and have now begun to make their way into silk cocoons. We are waiting excitedly to see what will happen when they come out.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has thoroughly enjoyed their first week of swimming lessons. They have learnt how to blow bubbles, breathing and many more exciting new skills. Please remember to bring swimming clothes, a plastic bag as well as shoes that are easy to put on wet feet. We welcome parents to drop down to the pool to watch their child's lesson. The lessons are 12.15pm, 12.45pm, 1.15pm and 1.45pm. Please see your child's class teacher to find out the time of your child's lesson. The final primary assembly will be held on Tuesday 13 December at 9.10am in VPAC. This Christmas assembly will be hosted by Kindergarten and Year One. We look forward to seeing lots of parents at this event and we hope you are in fine voice ready to join us in singing Christmas songs. This week students will be starting to participate in Christmas craft activities.

As we move into summer it is important that your child has a broad-brimmed hat and water bottle at school every day. We also ask that you help your child to apply sunscreen before school.

Happy Learning!

Laura Lodge, Danika Gilmore & Sharon Edwards



Year 1

Now that the Owls and the Turtles have concluded Mathematics learning and assessment, the students have been busily reviewing the mathematical concepts they have learnt over this semester. Students have had opportunities to access Mathletics online as well as engaging in a range of mental computation games such as 'What's My Magic Number' and 'Terminator' to support their development.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the Year 1 Craft Stall at Namadgi School's Fete, and to those who volunteered their time. It was a lovely afternoon and we thank you for your support.

We have just completed our first week of swimming, and are coming into our second and final week. Please keep reminding your children to pack their towel, goggles, thongs, a plastic bag for wet items and swimmers in their bag each morning or if possible to wear their swimmers to school. This will help them to be more organised with their belongings during changing times. Please make sure each item of clothing is labelled as items of clothing are unfortunately getting misplaced or lost.



Lately a number of students have forgotten to bring water bottles and hats to school. Please remind your child to pack a filled water bottle and a hat each day so they can stay hydrated and play during Break 1 and Break 2.

Jillian Hosking-Wilson and Emma Tracey-Patte

Year 2



We are over half way through term 4 and students have made great progress with their learning. All students who attended the fete last Friday had a wonderful time checking out all the amazing stalls and going on the fun rides. Thank you so much to all the parent and carer helpers who worked very hard to help the school prepare for the fete. As well as the parent and carer helpers who worked tirelessly at the fete making sure it ran very smoothly. In class we are finishing our work on persuasive texts and continuing to do our Mathematical activities involving problem solving. Just a reminder that the weather has become quite hot and all students need to ensure that they bring a sun safe hat to school. Please also return any library books you may still have at home. We are looking forward to having a great few last weeks of term 4 with the students.

Jacinta Crane, Elissa Sharpe and Clare Whittaker- Allan

Year 3/4

With only three weeks left of term year 3/4 have been working hard to complete all in class work and assessments. A reminder that year 4 will be going on an excursion this week on Thursday the 1 December to see Jeannie Baker at The Canberra Museum and Gallery. Year 3 will be going the following week on the 8 December. If you have not returned the permission note please do so as soon as possible.

There is an end of year celebration movie day on the Thursday 15 December to the Limelight Cinemas in Tuggeranong to see the movie 'Trolls'. We hope to see all year 3/4 students there for a great day celebrating a successful year.

Please also remember that as the hot weather is here students are now required to wear a hat for outside play.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

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



Year 5

Only 3 more school weeks of primary school for our Year fives. We have a busy few weeks coming up before the end of the year.

We will be continuing our transition lessons over the next few weeks.

Don't forget the Year 5 Graduation Ceremony is on Thursday 8 December. We will also be bowling that night. If you haven't already returned your note make sure it is in this week or you may miss out.

Last week notes went out for the Year 6 camp that will be held in April 2017. Please bring the expression of interest note in as soon as possible.

During Week 10 we have an End of Year celebration where all of primary will be walking to the Limelight Cinemas, followed by lunch in the park.

Bernie Wyatt, Patricia Alexandra and Adrian Lovelock



Kitchen Garden
PLANT SALE - ALL DAY
EVERY DAY - UNTIL END OF TERM

We will also be holding a plant stall every Tuesday outside the canteen until the end of year, or until they are sold.

We will be selling relishes, chutneys and lemonade for 50 cents a cup too.

All proceeds go back into the garden.



Healthy Snack of the Week

Brekkie Smoothie

Makes 2 servings

Ingredients

1 banana, peeled and broken into chunks
½ cup blueberries
¼ cup rolled oats
1 cup reduced fat milk



Method

1. Add ingredients to a blender.
2. Blend for 1 minute or until smooth.

Optional

- add some berries or fruits for extra flavour and fibre

You can find many more healthy and nutritious recipes at www.actnss.org/
Or tune in the weekly newsletter

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 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

Office Max back to school 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we are giving you the opportunity to order and pay for your children/s back to school supplies online.

Simply log on to the website below

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/ACT/Kambah/Namadgi-School>

Enter the school access key **24SH3A**

(This is located on your child’s class list)

And select the year group and items you wish to purchase and pay.

We are also giving families the opportunity to pay Subject Contributions and Voluntary Contributions at the same time.

Orders are delivered to your home address, see delivery details below;

Order Cut Off	Delivery Charges	Delivery Window
4 December	FREE	Before end of December 2016
5 – 18 December	\$9.95	By 25 January 2017
After December 18	\$19.90	By 25 January 2017

For orders placed after 31st December delivery is not guaranteed before school starts.

Your school’s Requirements List is ready to view on officemaxschools.com.au. All you need to do is jump online, view the list, make any changes you like, and then submit your order. It’s that simple

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting me

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