Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staffing**
As we are close to the end of the year I can announce some staffing changes for permanent staff for 2017. We welcome Prudence Fabian next year in science as Andrew Kahn leaves to teach at Lake Tuggeranong College. Roger Barlow has been teaching science in secondary since the school started and is moving to Alfred Deakin High - he will be replaced by Randal Toonan who is returning from leave to Namadgi. Sarah Kavanagh has been here since the start of the school and is moving to Monash Primary. Callie Kurtz is leaving to teach at Isabella Plains Early Childhood School. Michael Richards will be moving to Queensland to teach. We will also miss Anne Zimmerman, our primary school psychologist who is leaving at the end of this year. Thank you to all of the staff mentioned above for the great contribution they have made to the students growth of the school.

**MALPA Graduation**
Yesterday I was pleased to be able to present graduation certificates to our students in year 3 and 4 who participated in the MALPA program. Our school was a pilot for this innovative teaching experience focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Over the program, the students learnt a mixture of old and new ways to be healthy by Aboriginal Elders and health practitioners.

**Year 10 Assembly and Formal**
Our Year 10 ‘walkout’ assembly was a very touching tribute to this magnificent group of students. We saw a number of video presentations of the group, heard speeches and enjoyed being entertained by Gabrielle DeRamos and Anna Jamieson. It was a perfect send-off by students and staff to our Year 10 graduates.

The Year 10 Formal at Regatta Point last week was also wonderful. The students encouraged all of the teachers to dance, the food was excellent and the weather was perfect. The view of the sunset over Lake Burley Griffin reminded us all what a beautiful city we live in. Thanks to Year 10 for your style and grace and staff for creating such a memorable atmosphere (and a bit of style and grace too!).

Only two weeks to go!

Charlie Morrice  
Principal
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

Office Max back to school 2017

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Yearbook 2016

It is exciting that we are having another Namadgi School Yearbook this year. It is a P - 10 Yearbook, really representing our whole school.

The Yearbook has now arrived and is able to be purchased from the front office for $40 until stock runs out.

Year 10 Formal and Final Day
Last week we celebrated the Year 10 students final week here at Namadgi. They all looked stunning at their formal which was held at The Deck @ Regatta Point and had a fantastic final day the Lakeside Leisure Centre.
Rewards Excursion
This semester’s Rewards Excursion is at Jamberro. Students will have a lot of fun on the different water activities that will be available. This is an opportunity for us to say thank you to all the students that have demonstrated the Namadgi School values all year. Students who have been invited to this excursion received their notes over the past weeks. There are still a select number of places available for students who wish to attend. Students can see Ms McKenzie if they do not have a note and/or are not sure if they can attend.

Year 8 Round Tables
The Year 8 Round Table Interviews will be this Thursday 8 December and Friday 9 December. All students have had their interview times sent home so if you have not seen your time please contact Stephanie Ikin as soon as possible. It has been wonderful to see how hard the students have been working on their presentations during Pastoral Cræ Sessions. We are all looking forward to sharing this special event with the Year 8’s.

Wellbeing Week - Week 10
During Week 10 the senior school are holding a health and well-being week, where students will be following an alternative timetable. The Monday morning is the Secondary School Awards Presentation assembly and Year 8 Graduation. The remainder of the day will be spent completing activities in their class groups. Students will be given the opportunity to select 3 different activities which they will rotate through on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is the rewards excursion. Students who are not participating on this excursion will be assisting teachers at the school with end of year pack down and cleaning. Friday is another activities day where students will be given options to move between with their friends at selected times.

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.
Middle School Year Coordinator, Ms Stephanie Ikin
As this is our final newsletter for the year I would like to congratulate all students for the fantastic year they have had. We still have a few major events over the final week and I wish the students all the best for these. In particular thoughts are with our Year 8 students as they prepare for their round tables at the end of this week and their graduation next. I wish these students all the best in their senior school years. I hope all have a relaxing and safe holiday and enjoy the time with family and friends. I look forward to having another successful year next year when we all return.

Middle School Assessment Schedule
All assessment items for the semester should have been completed and submitted. Any outstanding work is highly encouraged to be submitted tomorrow.

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Senior School Year Coordinator, Ms Leanne Glasson
This is my final message to the Year 9 and 10 students of 2015. Year 10 you have been a fantastic group of people to work with. The hours you have helped with volunteering your time has made my role all the more easier. Stay safe over the holidays and enjoy the next two years at college. This is where you will continue to grow and develop your interests. Year 9 you have big shoes to fill. You have seen what the current year has grown to become. The challenge has been set for you to match the expectations. Stay safe over the holidays and I’ll see you next year as the senior class of Namadgi.

Senior School Assessment Schedule
All assessment items for the semester should have been completed and submitted. Any outstanding work is highly encouraged to be submitted tomorrow.
Current Units of Work

| Mathematics | Statistics | Statistics |
| English | Journalism | Media creation |
| PE/Health | Fitness | Tennis/Sof-crosse/Basketball |
| Humanities | Geographies of Global Interconnections | Human Wellbeing – Problems and Enhancements |
| Science | Geology: Plate Tectonics | The Big Bang |
| Cooking to entertain | | |
| Hospitality | Espresso Coffee and Non Alcoholic Beverages | |
| Metalwork | Project portfolio and welding | |
| Woodwork | Cabinet construction and finishes. | |
| Dance | Dance Styles – Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Indigenous/Cultural styles | |

YEAR 6 NEWS

It has been another busy two weeks in year 6. Assessment in mathematics is now completed and the students will now spend the next two weeks revising concepts learnt throughout the year.

In English, we are writing various forms of poetry. This week, students tried their hand at writing Limericks. Please enjoy reading a few student samples below. For the remainder of the term, students will be participating in a gymnastics unit. For the past fortnight, 6CB have been learning new skills in Lacrosse and 6JS have been cultivating their skills in basketball.

We encourage families to return their permission notes and money for the Jamberoo Rewards Excursion on Thursday, 15 December 2016 as soon as possible. Please remind your child to pack a sun safe hat and a drink bottle for the excursion.

As the school year is coming to an end, we wish all families a happy and safe break.

Chris Barrie, Jade Sharp and Lisa Wilson
Year 6 teaching team

There once was a man from New York
Who was a big fan of fresh pork
He went to a diner
Sat in a recliner
And ate his food with a fork!

Yasmine

There once was a cat with a bat
Who tried to attack a rat
The rat got mad
Then everything went bad
And the cat couldn’t use his bat.

Maia

There once was an evil potato
Who got cooked with a tomato
Someone opened the lid
And saw there was a kid
Whose name was Diego.

Mackenzie
Hospitality
The Year 10 students have successfully completed their Vocational training and gained a variety of competencies towards their Certificate I in Hospitality. They have demonstrated a high standard week after week within the café producing a variety of beverages always showcasing their growth.

Year 9 students have progressed to learning latte art in the final weeks of the semester. We have been using food colouring as a guide to demonstrate their pouring techniques. Some students have successfully learnt the our to create a heart.

Food Technology
The senior Food Technology class had a fantastic incursion displaying the progress they have made in class over the semester. The students were required to select a food celebration from around the world, research the different dishes and create a mini food fair. All groups worked well on the day and created a great experience for other students come to try and learn about a variety of events and the role food plays in them.