

Term 1 Week 7  
Thursday 19 February 2020



# Namadgi School Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The current COVID-19 situation is having a significant impact on education and supporting programs at the moment. As such you might be aware that the school has recently sent out an ACT Education Directorate frequently asked questions sheet, several school notifications cancelling excursions, camps, assemblies and P&C events. Also impacted are incursion events such as visiting coaches, Christian Education programs and outside provider-based initiatives. These events and programs will need to either be rescheduled or cancelled and staff are working on possible outcomes across the week. We will communicate more information when we can, but in the meantime please keep checking your emails and electronic notifications as we send more details out to the community.

Many families are choosing to self-isolate at the moment and we have seen a proportion of students away from school. A separate electronic note has been sent on Wednesday 18 March to communicate how online learning can proceed. Staff are preparing content across this week and a final package of information should be available from Friday. Chromebooks will not be deployed from school at this time and if you do not have access to a computer at home hard copy lessons will be available upon request through the front office and the [info@namadgi.act.edu.au](mailto:info@namadgi.act.edu.au) site.

Schools will remain open and continue to be safe and supportive of student needs. There are 3 confirmed cases in Canberra of COVID-19 and we continue to be a highly responsive jurisdiction. The school will work with the P&C and School Board to solve issues as they arise. We are working in uncharted territory, but the Directorate and Namadgi School are developing support materials for families and we will be here to help throughout the working week.

As part of the rich and diverse opportunities Public Education has to offer the ACT Directorate runs an Instrumental Music Program (IMP). This program supports students to learn musical instruments, perform as part of a choir and is the reason why Namadgi can operate school bands. The students listed below have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2020. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. Groups include ACT Primary Concert Bands, ACT Primary Concert Choir, ACT Junior Concert Band, ACT Senior Concert Band, ACT Senior Jazz Band, ACT Senior Concert Choir, ACT Percussion Ensemble. Congratulations to These students.

Sophie	Fisher	Year 6	Primary Concert Band
Sophie	Fisher	Year 6	Primary Concert Choir
Jacob	McLachlan	Year 6	Primary Concert Band
James	Mundie	Year 5	Primary Concert Choir
Sophia	Mundie	Year 7	Senior Concert Choir
Lucia	Sanchez Parer	Year 4	Primary Concert Choir

Whilst school bands will continue the additional programs such as PCB and Choir will be affected by the current conditions. Families involved should have already received some information regarding this matter.

Kind regards,  
**Gareth Richards**  
 Principal Namadgi School

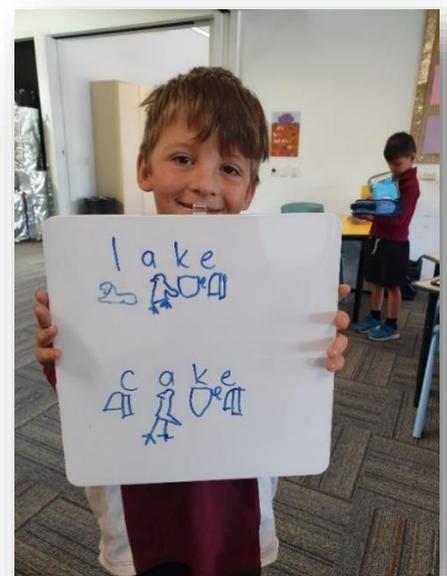
# Year 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting start to 2020. Our applications were successful to Time Warp HQ and Admiral Clocktower gave us the news that this semester we will be travelling through history in our very own time machine!!!!

So far, we have travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt where we have learnt about the mummification process, Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and the different levels of power that existed including the Pharaohs and the Viziers.

We have also been doing lots of STEM activities. Some of them include; making fancy hats for our group to wear, making a cup carrier out of newspaper to carry our "fuel" for our time machine and mummifying apples in our DIY canopic jars.

We can't wait to see where we travel to next.





**Chloe Muthukumaraswamy and Kylie Hennock**

# Year 4

“Year 4 have had a great last few weeks. Over the last 2 weeks we have started sailing on Lake Burley Griffin. Whilst on these excursions we have learnt the parts of a boat, how to put on a life jacket, how to rig a boat and how to tie a reef knot, a bowline and figure of 8.

Earlier in the term Year 4 had a visit from Policewoman Constable Cox, who taught us about rules and laws. We have been learning about who makes rules and laws and differences between the two. We have also looked at the rules and laws the white people imposed on Aboriginals when they first came to the land we now call Australia.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the traditional owners of the land and gaining a greater connection to country, the classes came together to write our own acknowledgement of country and would like to share it with you at an assembly soon.

During hockey clinics we learnt how to dribble, push and hit a ball. We had fun tackling our coaches Jay and Jesse and a few of us have even signed up to play this season.

Our readers workshops are in full flow. Whilst reading a range of books and making pictures in our heads we have been concentrating on the strategy of visualisation. During writers workshop our focus has been on the writing cycle, generating ideas and planning our writing.”

**Jamie, Suzi, Stephanie, Craig and Jodi.**



# YEAR 5

Year five have settled in well to the start of a new year and students are excited to be the leaders of our junior school. We have already participated in some exciting learning experiences, such as our excursion to the Parliament House where we met our local member for Bean, Mr. David Smith. While at the Parliament House, students engaged in a role play scenario of the House of Representatives. We had a speaker, two clerks, Prime Minister, opposition leader and government representatives. It was great to see all students get involved and speak up about an important issue when voting on whether to pass the pretend bill.



Earlier this term year five engaged in a series of lessons and tasks to ensure students understand the importance and significance of the Acknowledgment of Country. We participated in a Yarning Circle where we built personal connections between one another. Students used their understanding of the Acknowledgement and some key words to develop their own personal Acknowledgement of Country.

We have begun cooperative reading groups where students take on various roles throughout the week to further engage and comprehend their text. Students are working well in groups and displaying strong reading and listening behaviours. Year five have started writing to persuade and will be using their skills in this area to persuade their peers to vote for their desired role during our year five parliament sessions.



We engaged in hockey clinics earlier this term where we focussed on skills and technique. Later this term we plan on participating in Oz-Tag clinics as well. Students have been further developing their P.E skills, focussing on catching, throwing and kicking. This will assist students when they form small groups to teach groups of younger students a range of P.E skills.

Many of our students competed in the swimming carnival last week. We had great success across the ten and eleven age group and look forward to competitors receiving their ribbons. Congratulations to all students who competed and thank you to all students who cheered them on 😊



**Danni Fisher and Amelia Macafee**

# Year 8

The beginning of each new school year marks the point where everyone can make a fresh start on succeeding with their education. Namadgi School offers a fresh start for all students, and especially for Year 8 students who are all starting their second year of their high school experience. All our staff are focused on both the academic development and well-being of our students. To support this, I would like to welcome Mr Adam Tett into the Year Coordinator's role as a point of contact for all parents and students in Year 8. He has been at Namadgi School for almost two years, and his teaching areas include Health, PE, Woodwork and metalwork. As a Year Coordinator, Mr Tett's main responsibility will involve a focus on the well-being of our students. This will include identifying and supporting students who may need extra academic support, connecting students with the school Psychologist, Nurse or Youth workers, monitoring attendance and guiding students with their individual needs.

Namadgi School offers Year 8 students many extra opportunities beyond just the classroom. I hope that every student fully utilises the opportunities available to them and in the education pathways that are presented. Students have the opportunity to get involved in school camps, sporting events, carnivals, dance performance, music opportunities and many more. I strongly urge all parents to encourage their children to get involved and engage in these learning and developmental opportunities. Your encouragement will help our children thrive through their high school years. The aim of all these extra opportunities is to help prepare students for the world of work and life-long learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I look forward to seeing our Year 8 students experience positive progress in 2020.

**Rob McLachlan**

## Japanese

### Japanese • 日本語



This year the Japanese teaching team warmly welcomes Miyoko Hodson to Namadgi School.

"I'm Miyoko Hodson, a Japan-born Japanese teacher. I started teaching Japanese to Primary students this year. I'm enjoying my job and would like to teach them Japanese language and culture. We will have lots of fun this year."

Primary students are loving Miyoko's classes and have been practising their new Japanese words in the playground and with the secondary Japanese teachers. Have you heard any Japanese words practised at home?

In the high school, Year 6 are learning phrases important for the classroom while Year 7 students are learning how to properly introduce themselves including their name, age, phone number and likes/dislikes. Year 8 students are discussing sports and hobbies and their feelings about popular Australian and Japanese sports. The Year 9/10 elective classes are looking at describing where they live.

# Careers/Work Experience

## Careers/ Work Experience

Do you work locally or have a local business?

If you can offer work experience and mentor a year 10 student for a week I would like to hear from you. Please email me on [Leanne.glasson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Leanne.glasson@ed.act.edu.au) with your name, contact details, the name of your business and the type of work you would be able to offer the year 10 student. Thank you for supporting our school community. The placement dates will be in late term 2 or early term 3 but the students would like to organise the dates with you ASAP.

**Leanne Glasson**

# WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 12 and 22 May 2020.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.



NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

## Safety in our School Carpark

### **Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!**

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way! There are two carpark areas located across the road with access to the school using the supervised crossing or underpass.

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)

# School Banking

## **Notice from CommBank School Banking**

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

## SRC and Swimming Ribbons

Parent/Carers

Due to the ongoing advice from the Australian Government and their announcement that all organised, non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 500 people must be cancelled from Monday 16 March 2020. This means that all assemblies in the foreseeable future have been cancelled. Due to this we will be unable to present students with their swimming ribbons and age champion medals and all SRC members their badges. As a result, these presentations will be conducted during class time or at another appropriate time to celebrate their achievements.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.



**ACT**  
Government  
Education

## **Are you the parent/carer of a child with a developmental delay or disability commencing preschool in 2021?**

**Children who are four by April 30, 2021 are eligible to attend an ACT Education Directorate preschool in 2021.**

The Network Student Engagement Team (NSET) and the Support at Preschool (SAP) team are holding an information session for parents/carers of children with developmental delay or disability who are eligible for preschool in 2021.

**Where: Hedley Beare,  
Centre for Teaching and Learning  
Fremantle Drive  
Stirling**

**When: Tuesday 7 April  
11.30am – 1pm**

The session will focus on:

- The enrolment process
- Preschool program options
- Supporting preschool children with developmental delay and disability in ACT Education Directorate public schools

To RSVP or to find out more information please contact:

Support at Preschool on 0434 668 694

or

email: [supportatpreschool@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:supportatpreschool@ed.act.edu.au)



## **Are you the parent/carer of a child with a disability commencing primary (kindergarten) school in 2021?**

The Education Directorate is holding information sessions for parents/carers of children with a disability who are commencing primary school in an ACT Government school in 2021.

Hedley Beare  
Centre for Teaching and Learning  
Fremantle Drive  
Stirling

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
11.30am-1pm

The session will cover the following topics:

- Disability Education programs
- Transition to primary school
- The application process
- The Student Centred Appraisal of Need process

To RSVP or for further information contact:

[supportatpreschool@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:supportatpreschool@ed.act.edu.au)

or

Support at Preschool on 0434 668 694

# KIDS GO CORNER

## Hand Hygiene



## Ways to say Fun!

Japanese: Tanoshi

Italian: divertimento

Spanish: divertida

French: amusement

## JOKES

Did you hear the joke about the germ?

Never mind. I don't want to spread it around

What do you call a germ that just wants to have fun?

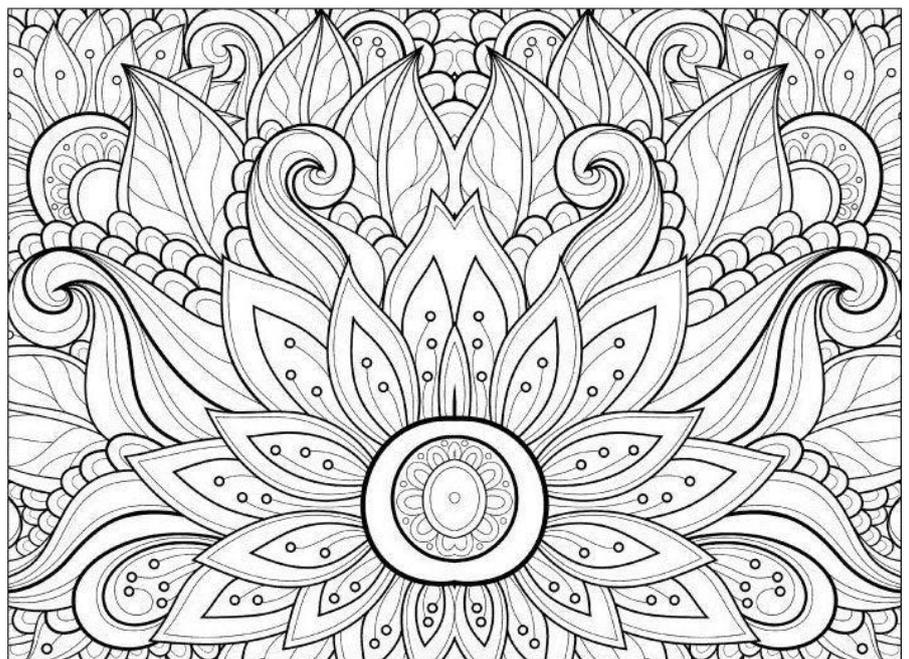
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| HABIT      | HAND    | HYGIENE | INFECTION | LIVES | PATIENT |
| PREVENTION | REMOVE  | SAFETY  | SANITIZER | SAVE  | SKIN    |
| SOILED     | STERILE | WASH    | WATER     |       |         |

## Fruit Word Scramble

Unscramble the fruit themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you!

- goaner     orange \_\_\_\_\_
- plape     \_\_\_\_\_
- rerbwartys     \_\_\_\_\_
- nanbaa     \_\_\_\_\_
- reap     \_\_\_\_\_
- watlemoner     \_\_\_\_\_
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- mile     \_\_\_\_\_
- prages     \_\_\_\_\_



# Key Information

## Change of Contact Details?

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Has your family situation changed?

Please remember to let the front office know immediately if your contact details change.

In the event of an emergency with your children at Namadgi School, it's critical that our records are up to date so that we can reach you quickly.

Please contact front office staff to check details and make changes.

6142 0900

[info@namadgi.act.edu.au](mailto:info@namadgi.act.edu.au)

## If your child is sick

Please phone 6142 0900 and leave a message or email [info@namadgi.act.edu.au](mailto:info@namadgi.act.edu.au)

Students will still need a written note from parents to explain the absence on return to school.

## Namadgi School Uniform Shop

The Namadgi School uniform shop is up and running again this year, with new and second hand uniforms available. The uniform shop will be open

**Tuesdays 8:30-9:15am**  
**Thursdays 2:45-3:30pm**

## Finance News

At Namadgi School, we deeply appreciate the valuable support of our school community. Your voluntary contributions made each year enable us to provide an enriched learning environment for all of our students.

Information on various ways of paying your Voluntary Contributions. Eg: QuickWeb (is an online payment service which will enable families/communities to make payment via a secure portal on your school's website [www.namadgi.act.edu.au](http://www.namadgi.act.edu.au)) OR

Visa/MasterCard credit or debit card (Bank: Westpac, A/C Name: Namadgi School Management Account, BSB: 032777, Account Number: 001690).

Please remember we also accept cash, cheque, credit card and EFTPOS payments through the Front Office.

### Keep up to date!

Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with event reminders, and pictures of what students are up to at school.

