



Thursday 15 December	Years 6-9 Rewards Excursion – Jamberoo 6.30am – 6pm
Thursday 15 December	Primary end of year excursion
Friday 16 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016
Monday 30 January	All Kindergarten and new enrolments Years 1-10, first day. Kindy 8.55am-3pm New Students 8.55am-10am
Monday 30 January	Preschool Students in Groups A and B, (O'Halloran for grp A and Boddington for Grp B)
Tuesday 31 January	All students in K-10 first day for 2017.
Thursday 2 February	Preschool students in Groups C and D first day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY ***

Graduations and Xmas Parties

I have had an exciting week with Preschool Xmas Parties, Secondary Presentation Assembly, Year 8 and Year 10 Graduations and I enjoyed every moment! Thank you to all the families who took time to be a part of the celebrations of success for the year.

This week I am attending the Lake Tuggeranong and Erindale College Graduations and have a special reason to be excited – our first Namadgi School Year 12 graduates with receive their Year 12 Certificates.

Staffing

In 2017, Tamar Sloan will be the school Psychologist for students from P-10. Previously we have had two psychologists across the school. I'd like to thank Anne Zimmerman for her work as the primary school psychologist for the past 6 years. Her care and support for students has been a great benefit to our community.

I'd also like to congratulate Ros Webb who has secured a position at Theodore Primary as a Learning Support Assistant. Ross has been here for 5 years and in particular has been supporting students in our school with medical needs.

2017 Newsletter

You will receive a newsletter about arrangements for the start of school in your child's reports.

Have A Safe and Happy Holiday

I wish you and your families a wonderful Xmas and a Happy New Year. I have sent a letter home to students about arrangements for 2017. Thank you again for being a part of the Namadgi School community in 2016.

Namadgi School 2017 School Board

If you're keen to contribute to the governance of Namadgi School, you are welcome to nominate for a position on the School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions will become vacant early 2017:

- 1 staff member position
- 2 parent and citizen member position
- 1 student member position.

You can collect a nomination form from the front office during school business hours, (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed or faxed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office between **11am, Monday 30 January 2017** and **11am, Monday 13 February 2017**.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the Namadgi School front office
- email to info@namadgi.act.edu.au
- fax to 02 6142 0904

- mail to ARO, c/- Namadgi School, 141 O'Halloran Cct Kambah 2902

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Mallarie Parker, on 6142 0900.

Charlie Morrice
Principal

LSU

It has been very busy and festive in our classes. We started a unit on celebrations around the world and have been learning about how different families celebrate important events.

Turtles class have been concentrating on double digit addition and telling the time for mathematics. We have also been reading passages for understanding and answer comprehension questions. Both Turtles and Dolphins have been making a foldable poster for Science. The poster allows us to remember the changes in states of matter when heat is added or removed. We have also been enjoying our joint singing sessions.

Dolphins had a great time at the swimming program. We have been reviewing our math strategies such as counting on, before and after numbers and skip counting. We have been enjoying our independent reading sessions. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families' safe and happy holidays.

Miss Kimi, Mrs S, Wendy and Abby



Preschool

Preschool

Each preschool class has performed their end of year concert, to their many adoring fans (namely family). Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

It is now the business end of the year and we have a couple of housekeeping notes:

- All library books should now be returned.
- If your child has outgrown their clothes please consider dropping them off to preschool for our spare clothes supply.
- Unwanted uniforms can be dropped off at preschool for the uniform shop – so families can buy affordable second hand uniforms.
- Check lost property for any items that might belong to you.
- The Dingoes and Echidnas will be having a water play day on Thursday 15th. Please pack a change of clothes or swimmers and towels with your child. Remember to pack rashies or tshirts to keep your child's skin covered.

We have all had a fantastic year this year at preschool. We have conquered many learning mountains with each and every one of your children. We wish all the children the best of luck in 2017, and look forward to them visiting us to hear how they are going.

For those going onto Kindergarten and changing schools: Your child may display some changes in behaviour as they may be worried about starting school and don't know how to express their concerns verbally. Here are some strategies that might help.

How do I build my child's confidence for school?

Some children adapt very easily to school. It is important that you do not display anxiety but talk about the excitement of attending school, without building this to an excessive level, and present school as the next interesting chapter in your child's life.

Visit the library and borrow books about children going to school. Download stories your child may like to read and read them on a computer or tablet.

As a parent, reframe your questions about school, preschool and day care from, 'What did you do today?' to a more positive question such as 'Tell me the best thing you did at school today'. This is a useful way of talking with your child after school – not just in kindergarten, but also throughout their schooling.

What else can I do?

- Start to get your child into regular sleep and waking hour routines. Children need to be in bed at a reasonable time so that they wake up refreshed. Do not have televisions or technology (eg computers or tablets) in the child's room. If these items must be in the room, establish a routine, such as not allowing them to be on after dinner. This will help your child begin to relax and prepare for sleep.
- Establish packing away routines with toys and encourage your child to help with simple tasks around the home.
- Label your child's belongings for school. Set a pattern that expensive toys and treasured items are not taken to school. If they get lost or broken, this can create a lot of anxiety for you and your child.
- Help your child learn to dress themselves in their uniform.
- Ensure your child can go to the toilet unassisted and teach them how to ask the teacher should they need to use the toilet during class time.
- Practise walking or travelling to school
- Have your child help you pack their lunch. Remember schools are nut-free zones, so consider carefully what to provide in your child's lunch box. Many parents make the mistake of over-packing the amount of food a child will need in a day and children struggle to eat it. If you are unsure, ask your child to bring home any uneaten lunch so you can gauge the amount of food that is acceptable. Think about easy-to-open lunch boxes, re-useable water bottles, sandwiches, and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Relax! If you are stressed, your child may sense this and worry.

(from NSW Department of Education)

For more detailed advice go to: <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school>

Boddington

Up here at beautiful Boddington Preschool we celebrated our end of year family Celebration, singing songs, a BBQ and Santa. We had over 80 people attend the evening. Thank you to my parent committee for organising a great event.

The children dressed up in all their Christmas colours. We decorated the playground with tinsel and had lots of fun playing with our friends.

Our Principal, Charlie, had to start cooking our BBQ as our chef was running late. Thankyou Charlie. Our Exec teacher Helen also came to observe our amazing concert. Santa gave each child a small gift and we had Santa photos too. Thankyou to the children who performed so well. Thanks to Lesley for all her hard work and dedication to our Preschool.

Mel and Lesley.

Kindergarten

We are now in our final week of Kindergarten and what a wonderful year it has been! We would like to congratulate all our Kindergarten students on their fabulous achievements and thank all our parents and carers for their support. On Thursday 15 December, is our Rewards Day celebration. Kindergarten students will be catching the bus to the Tuggeranong Hyperdome to see the 'Trolls' movie. After the movie we will walk over to the Tuggeranong Park for a play and a sausage sizzle. Please ensure your child comes to school with a drink bottle full of water, as well as their fruit and snack. Should be a great day; let's hope the weather is kind!

Friday 16 December is the final day of Kindergarten, if your child is leaving before Friday please contact your child's teacher to ensure that they receive all their books, portfolio and end of year work.

We wish our Kindergarten students all the best for Year 1. Good luck Pandas, Monkeys and Elephants.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas break!

Miss Lodge, Miss Gilmore & Mrs Edwards



Year 1

Year One has had a very busy year and we all have worked incredibly hard to become amazing students. Our assembly this morning went fantastically with our kindergarten and year one students entertaining the primary school with a variety of holiday songs. All our rehearsals and hard work paid off as it was an enjoyable performance by all.

For our last week of school we have a few reminders to get everyone ready for the holidays. By now all library books should have been returned, if your child still has not returned all their books this is the time for one final look. We are also returning our home readers this week so that all books are back in the trolley before the end of term. If you have any clothes that are still missing, there is a large pile of lost property in the canteen.

This week students will be bringing home their end of semester reports and all of their workbooks from the year. If you know that your child will be missing any days this week, please let their teacher know as soon as possible. Finally we remind families that students are still expected to wear their hats and school uniform for the last week of school.

We hope that all families have a happy and safe holiday break.

Emma Tracey-Patte, Jillian Hosking-Wilson and Sue Parker.

Year 2

The year two teaching team is so very proud of everything your children have achieved this year. We have been on excursions, tackled new and challenging content and made new friends. We know that our students are more than ready for the exciting new experiences that await them next year. We would like to thank you for letting us be a small part of your child's life this year, they have all been a pleasure to get to know.

We wish you a safe and relaxing summer break.

Jacinta Crane, Elissa Sharpe and Clare Whittaker-Allen



Year 3/4

What a great year of learning for the 3/4 team. We have all enjoyed seeing the students grow in many ways, becoming quality learners and positive

community members. Our last few weeks has seen us all very busy finishing off for the year and also attending an excursion to the Jeannie Baker exhibition and the Canberra Museum and Gallery. Thank you to Rebecca Fortescue for organising an interesting and engaging event.

Some reminders for the rest of the week;

Please ensure all library books are returned and lost property is collected before the end of the year. We are all looking forward to the rewards day on Thursday, money and notes should have made their way to the front office by now. The Departments Sun smart policy requires all students to be wearing a hat for outdoor activities, students not complying will need to be in a designated no hat zone.

Reports will be sent home this week. The 3/4 teachers are proud of all the students efforts this year and wish all our families a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing the new year 4 and 5 students next year.

Happy Holidays, Brita Monck, Anita McCarthy, Krystal Coker, Michael Richards, Rebecca Fortescue

Year 5

Year 5 teachers and students would like to thank the friends, family and staff who helped make the Year 5 Graduation special. We are proud of the way they presented themselves during the graduation. In the evening we went ten-pin bowling and a fun time was had by all, including the teachers (who knew Mrs Wyatt was such a good bowler).

Year 5 has completed a series of transition lessons and are beginning to feel more excited than nervous about the move to middle school. The Year 5 teachers are confident that the students will continue to demonstrate positive attitudes, respect, learning and caring as they continue their educations.

Thank you to all those who have helped and supported year 5 in their learning and activities this year.

Bernie Wyatt. Adrian Lovelock and Patricia Alexandra



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

Fruit Jelly

Makes 10 servings

Ingredients

410g canned fruit in juice

500ml 99% fruit juice

2 teaspoons gelatine



Method

1. Pour canned fruit and juice into a measuring jug.
2. Pour enough 99% fruit juice into the same jug to make up to 1 litre.
3. Prepare gelatine according to package directions and stir into fruit and juice mixtures until thoroughly combined.
4. Pour equal amounts of mixture into 100 ml plastic cups.
5. Cool in fridge until set.

Notices

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 31 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

Annette Lazarus

Business Manager



The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) has been engaged by the Education Directorate to develop parent engagement resources for teachers, parents and carers of students with complex needs and challenging behaviour. ARACY is inviting parents and carers of ACT primary and secondary students to participate in small group discussions focusing on how families and schools work together to support the learning of students who experience particular learning challenges. Participants will be asked questions to explore their experiences of what works well and what doesn't work well, and perspectives about the quality of the connection between home and school.

The discussion groups will take 60 - 90 minutes. Interviews will also be available for individual participants, where preferred. These will last approximately 60 minutes.

Participants will receive a \$50 Coles-Myer gift voucher as reimbursement for time and input into the research.

Interested parents and carers can contact Barbara at ARACY via phone 6248 2400 or email barbara.barker@aracy.org.au.

COME PLAY NETBALL IN 2017 **Rebels Netball Club**

Registration for all age groups:

5.30pm –8.00pm

Tues 31stJan 2017 & Tues 7thFeb 2017

TNA Netball Courts –Were St Calwell

More Info: rebelsnetballclub@gmail.com

www.rebelsnetballclub.wordpress.com

Training starts for all teams on Tues 14thFeb 2017

We welcome all new and previous players

