



Term 2 Week 1 Thursday 2 May 2019

Friday 3 May	ANZAC Assembly 9-10am
Tuesday 7 May	PARTY Program – Year 9/10
Friday 10 May	Cross Country

Dear Families and Community

It is with great pleasure we welcome you and our students to Term 2. For some of us though, the holidays have continued! Mr Richards is on a well-deserved holiday with his family in Europe and will be returning in Week 6. I will be acting as Principal for the first two and a half weeks, and then Ms Mahon will be the Acting Principal for the second two and a half weeks. We hope Mr Richards doesn't miss us too much!

Safe driving practices in and around schools is a focus across the ACT. Together with ACT Policing, ACT City Rangers and our Directorate's Infrastructure and Capital Works team, we have been working on ways to keep our students safe, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. ACT Police and ACT City Rangers will be increasing their presence around our school in this regard, with a focus on enforcing road rules and posted signage. Please be aware that fines have been issued to drivers at other schools recently and could be for infringements at our school too.

Term 2 has started off quickly, with Year 6 heading to camp at Borambola from Wednesday to Friday this week. Camps afford our students the opportunity to challenge themselves in new ways, connect with peers and learn in a range of different environments. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return!

This Friday the 3rd May at 9am we will be running a whole school ANZAC Day assembly. The assembly provides a space for us to stop and reflect on the impact of conflict and remember the sacrifices that people have made for others to live in freedom, happiness and peace.

Our Cross-Country carnivals will be running on Friday the 10th of May. Primary students will be running in the morning, while high school students will run in the afternoon. Our emphasis is on achieving personal bests, participation and supporting peers by cheering them on!

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be running in Weeks 3 and 4 of this term for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These assessments provide insight into student achievement and growth in literacy and numeracy over time. We use data from NAPLAN, along with other information that teachers collect throughout the year, to inform and strengthen our school improvement processes and teaching practices. More information about NAPLAN can be found at <https://www.nap.edu.au/>. School Board meets Thursday 16th May 5-6pm and P&C meets afterwards from 6-8pm in the staffroom, with entry via the Front Office.

Brendan Briggs
A/g Principal

Secondary School News

Message from the School Nurse

Namadgi School has a specialist Adolescent Health Nurse available Monday and Tuesday to help support students from Year 6-10 in the areas of adolescent development and lifestyle factors; mental health; personal or family issues; drug and alcohol; and sexual health. The Adolescent Health Nurse is in 'The Hub'. There are several ways students can see the Adolescent Health Nurse:

- 1) Drop In- Students can come and see the School Youth Health Nurse at her office during break 1 or 2 to have a chat or make an appointment.
- 2) Teacher referral – students can ask a trusted teacher to request the Adolescent Health Nurse to see them.
- 3) Letterbox – Located outside the staffroom in 4B there is a locked letterbox, students can put their name and year on a piece of paper and place this in the box.
- 4) Email - Students, concerned parents/carers and teachers can email the Adolescent Health Nurse at jess.mathie@ed.act.edu.au

Note: All sessions with the Adolescent Health Nurse are confidential unless there is a risk to your or someone else's safety. Please feel free to speak to the Adolescent Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Whole School News

Safety in our School Car Park

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.

While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the



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school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$114.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.

Working with Vulnerable People

All volunteers and visitors who regularly work with children in classrooms and other school activities need to be registered under the Working with Vulnerable People Act.

The Working with Vulnerable People (background checking) Act 2011 (the WWVP Act) commenced on 8 November 2012. It aims to reduce the risk of harm or neglect to Vulnerable People in the ACT.

You can apply for a WWVP card by completing an online application at <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au> (please note you will need to access to a printer to generate the completed application).

Applicants that are unable to access the online application form should contact Access Canberra on 6207 3000 for further assistance.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you for your support with collecting the stickers last year. The Urambi Centre is now the owner of another magnificent worm farm which creates plenty of compost to keep the gardens nourished. This year we are collecting toward new dolls and wooden doll furniture for preschool and new maths resources for upper primary.



Finance News

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

Information on various ways of paying your 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) 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.

Lockers

The notes for payment and hire agreement have been sent home to Senior students. The hire cost of \$10 is for one school year, with the student supplying their own keyed lock, no combination locks. Please note that students who have not paid to hire in 2019, or have a combination lock, are at risk of having their locks removed.

Uniforms

Due to an increase in costs from our suppliers we need to increase the price on some uniform clothing we sell.

Primary maroon hoodies with logo will increase from \$28 to \$30.

Shirts with logo, size 4 to 16, from \$24 to \$26

Shirts with logo size S to 3XL, from \$28 to \$30

Band shirts from \$28 to \$30

Black NS hoodies are still \$35.

School Banking is back!

School Banking will be back up and running in Week 1 of Term 2.

Banking day will be on Wednesday. Please put bank books in the classroom lunch order basket.

Preschool students can drop off their bank books to the front office.

NAPLAN



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between **14 and 24 May 2019**.

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. Withdrawals from NAPLAN are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. If you wish to withdraw your child/ren, withdrawal application forms are available from the front office and must be returned to school signed by the **13 April** (last day of term 1).

Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

P&C News



The P&C will be running a BBQ and cake stall at the elections on Saturday 18 May. If you can help please follow the link below to volunteer

<https://volunteersignup.org/YWLX4>



Term 2 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	6	7 PARTY Program Year 9/10 Senior Combined Band	8	9	10 Secondary Assembly 9:10am Cross Country
Week 3	13	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN Board Meeting 5-6pm P&C Meeting 6- 8pm	17 NAPLAN Primary Assembly- <i>hosted by Year 1</i>
Week 4	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN	22 NAPLAN Year 1 Zoo Excursion	23 NAPLAN	24 NAPLAN Whole School Assembly & PBL Launch 9am
Week 5	27 Public Holiday	28 Southside Cross Country	29	30 Legal Studies Excursion National Museum careers day	31 Primary Assembly – <i>Hosted by Year 2</i>
Week 6	3	4	5	6 Boys Volleyball	7 Secondary Assembly 9:10am
Week 7	10 Public Holiday	11	12 P-10 Information Night 5:30-7:30 ACT Cross Country Smith Family Financial Literacy	13 Girls Volleyball Rugby League Board Meeting 5- 6pm P&C Meeting 6- 8pm	14
Week 8	17	18	19	20	21 Namadgi's Got Talent
Week 9	24	25	26	27	28 Primary Assembly – <i>hosted by Kindy</i>
Week 10	1	2	3	4	5 Secondary Assembly

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

If your child is sick

Please phone 61420900 and leave a message.

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

School Banking

School banking is collected every Wednesday.

Please put your bank book in the lunch order basket.

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



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.

Community Notices



Could \$500 help you with high-school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  specialist subjects
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Barry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety.*

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>



Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

**SAT 11TH MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &
SUN 12TH MAY 2019 9am – 2pm**

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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