

Namadgi News



Term 1 Week 2 Monday 11 February 2019

Tuesday 19 February	School Photos Preschool
Thursday 21 February	School Photos Whole School
Friday 22 February	School Photos Preschool

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to Namadgi School in 2019! The year has started extremely well with a very settled beginning across the school. In Week One we welcomed new preschool students starting school for the first time as well as new Year 7 students and students starting at Namadgi for the first time in several grades right across

the school. In total we have over 44 new enrolments and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to Namadgi School.

As well as new students we have a number of new staff starting at Namadgi School in 2019 and they have been very excited to meet their students and chat with families. Please find attached within this newsletter a list of new and returning staff.

On behalf of the P&C and Namadgi School I would to extend an invitation for families to attend a welcome evening BBQ and picnic on Monday 18th of February at the front of the canteen.

In 2019 we are aiming to continue improvements with communication with our main source of quick information out coming through our Facebook page, Twitter and Web page. Other formats for communication will include newsletters, flyers, electronic notice boards, parent / teacher meetings, Learning Journeys along with permission notes for camps and excursions. Our school calendar can be found on the web page with information being regularly updated, as well as in the back of each newsletter. We also have a general email address where parents and carers can write to in order to pass on information directly to staff. This inbox is viewed daily and messages are forwarded to the correct staff member where clearly indicated – info@namadgi.act.edu.au

This year the newsletter will showcase student work from both sectors of the school and highlight activities from across our P-10 school. Each area of the school will have a roster to share what is happening within their teams so we can communicate across each term some fantastic student learning and engagement. Not every class will contribute each fortnight with the format distributing whole school information evenly across the term.

Accompanying our communication processes we are also using Google Classrooms to post work and information directly related to class content. Students will have a password to access this online tool. Some of our junior classes will be using alternate online apps to communicate with parents such as “Seesaw” with more information coming home soon to help parents set up their accounts.

Primary P-5:

Primary School morning routines will remain the same in 2019 with students meeting for messages every Monday morning at 8:55am out the front of the canteen. All other mornings see students lining up at their classrooms ready to start the day. Teachers will greet students at the classroom and staff will be on duty to help students arrive on time.

Primary Executive:

Brendan Briggs	– Deputy Principal
Helen Lascaris	– Preschool and Special Needs
Kristy Grady	– Kindergarten to Year 2
Katie King and Kylie Robson	– Years 3-5

High School 6-10:

Our High School students will arrive at 8:55am daily and commence classes according to their timetables. A homeroom teacher is also assigned where students will conduct two pastoral care lessons each month, as well as working with their homeroom teacher weekly through a designated curriculum line. Students will also have access to a Year Coordinator alongside an assigned executive staff member overseeing each cohort. Our Year 6 classes will be based with their homeroom teachers for core subjects and access various other curriculum programs through their timetable.

High School Executive:

Tiffany Mahon	– Deputy Principal
Jen O'Donoghue	– Year 6 and Special Needs
Rob McLachlan	– Year 7, Arts, Technology and P.E.
Bea Hale	– Year 8, Languages and Student Engagement
John Mantinaos	– Year 9, STEM, Mathematics and Science
Joseph Nadler	– Year 10, English and Humanities
Kylie Robson	-- Student Services

Again, welcome back to 2019 and I look forward to meeting families next Monday 18 Feb between 5-7pm for our welcome BBQ.

Kind regards,
Gareth Richards
Principal Namadgi School



2019 Staff

Meet the Executive Team

Gareth Richards	Principal	Kylie Robson	Executive Teacher Student Services
Brendan Briggs	Deputy Principal Primary	Jennifer O'Donoghue	Executive Teacher Year 6 and Learning Support
Tiffany Mahon	Deputy Principal Secondary	Rob McLachlan	Executive Teacher Year 7, Art, Technology & PE
Helen Lascaris	Executive Teacher Preschool and Learning Support	Bea Hale	Executive Teacher Year 8, Languages and Student Engagement
Kristy Grady	Executive Teacher K-2	John Mantinaos	Executive Teacher Year 9, Maths & Science
Katie King	Executive Teacher 3-5	Joseph Nadler	Executive Teacher Year 10, English & Humanities

Meet Namadgi School Staff

Luke Davidson	Preschool Teacher	Kym Degenhart	Specialist Teacher
Cathleen O'Halloran	Preschool Teacher	Daniel Greene	Specialist Teacher
Melissa Goodridge	Preschool Teacher	Brita Menzies	Specialist Teacher
Rebecca Buchanan	Preschool Teacher	Coral Taylor	Learning Support Assistant
Laura Cahill	Preschool Assistant	Abby Trevillian	Learning Support Assistant
Louise Wright	Preschool Assistant	Cathie Williamson	Specialist Teacher
Lesley Charlton	Preschool Assistant	Darrell Hancox	Library Assistant
Anita McCarthy	Kindergarten Teacher	Julie White	Learning Support Assistant
Emma McLeod	Kindergarten Teacher	Peter Curtis	Specialist Teacher
Tamazin McGrath	Kindergarten Teacher	Lisa Wilson	Year 6 Teacher
Kirsty Luckie	Learning Support Assistant	Franc De Simone	Year 6 Teacher
Megan Brinkley	Learning Support Assistant	Nick Harris	Senior LSU Teacher
Ali Herden	Year 1 Teacher	Matt Cusack	Senior LSU Teacher
Brielle Riley	Year 1 Teacher	Jeannette Stone	Senior LSU Teacher
Krystal Coker	Year 1 Teacher	Gai Masters	Learning Support Assistant
Jody Mitrousis	Learning Support Assistant	Sam Merryfull	Learning Support Assistant
Emma Tracey-Patte	Year 2 Teacher	Ryan Page	Learning Support Assistant
Ellen Rosin	Year 2 Teacher	Ryan McDermott	Learning Support Assistant
Kristen Noble	Learning Support Assistant	Roisin Boadle	Science Teacher
Chloe Muthukumaraswamy	Year 3 Teacher	Laura Shevlin	Science Teacher
Kylie Hennock	Year 3 Teacher	Prue Fabian	Science Teacher
Suzi Foley	Year 3 Teacher	Dhanashree Vedanti	Lab Assistant
Jodie Arrow	Learning Support Assistant	Stephanie Johnston	Art/PE Teacher
Georgia McGrath	Year 4 Teacher	Matt Hollis	PE Teacher
Stephanie O'Neill	Year 4 Teacher	Adam Tett	PE Teacher
Roseanna Parkes	Learning Support Assistant	Rebecca Doyle	Technology Teacher
Craig Lambert	Year 5 Teacher, Executive Teacher	Jade Hoytink	Hospitality Teacher
Adrian Lovelock	Year 5 Teacher	Michelle Skerry	Dance Teacher
Amelia Macafee	Learning Support Assistant	Josh Hart	Music Teacher
Elissa Sharpe	LSU K-2 Teacher	Stephanie Ikin	Japanese Teacher
Wendy Tipping	Learning Support Assistant	Ben Raven	Japanese Teacher
Desiree Rees	LSU 3-5 Teacher	Leanne Glasson	Maths Teacher
Kylie Lee	Learning Support Assistant	Heather Lobb	English/Humanities Teacher

Di Bruce	EALD and Literacy Coach	Clive MacKillop	English/Humanities Teacher
Emily Corke	English/Band Teacher	Kylie McClung	Hospitality Assistant
Meg Evans	English Teacher	Tamar Sloan	School Psychologist
Mary Elliott	Secondary Teacher	Roseanne Biernaux	School Psychologist
Claire Cragg	Learning Support Assistant	Alex Ayre	IT Officer
Rebecca Crawford	Administration Assistant	Kevin Seal	Facilities Manager
Jorge Kapeen	Indigenous Education Officer	Bo Isfahani	Building Services Officer
Romney Kelly	Youth Support Worker		

Meet Namadgi School Front Office Staff

Maddie Mackay	Business and Facilities Manager	Mallarie Parker	Staffing Officer
Kathy Parker	School Secretary	Heather Saywell	Finance Officer
Tracey Venables	School Secretary		

School Board 2019

If you are 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 2019.

Board Chairperson

Parent and citizen member position x 2

Staff Member x 1

Year 9 Student Member x 1

You can collect a nomination form from the front office during school business hours, (8.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday) or contact Kathy.parker@ed.act.edu.au

And request that one be emailed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office between **11am Monday 4 February 2019 and 11am Monday 18 February 2019.**

You can submit your nomination by:

Hand delivery to Namadgi School Front Office

Email to Kathy.parker@ed.act.edu.au

Mail to ARO c/ - Namadgi School. 141 O'Halloran Circuit Kambah 2902

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer , Kathy Parker on 61420900

Safety in our School Car Park

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 carparks 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



Assemblies

Whole School Assemblies

Whole School Assemblies happen every Week 4 and 8, from 9:10am to approximately 10am.

The P&C sell BELT (Bacon, Egg, Lettuce and Tomato) burgers for breakfast before each Whole School Assembly outside the canteen.




Dates of Whole School Assemblies Term 1

-  Friday 1 March 9:10am-10am
-  Friday 29 March 9:10am-10am

Primary School Assemblies

Primary School Assemblies are Friday mornings, 9:10am-10am in Week 3, Week 5 and Week 9 of every term. After each primary assembly to P&C host a morning tea in the canteen for parents.




Dates for Primary Assemblies Term 1

-  Friday 22 February 9:10am-10am – hosted by Year 5
-  Friday 8 March 9:10am-10am – hosted by Year 4
-  Friday 5 April 9:10am-10am – hosted by Year 3

Secondary School Assemblies

Secondary School run Assemblies in Weeks 2, 6 and 10 of every term.

Dates for Secondary Assemblies Term 1

-  Friday 15 February 9-10am
-  Friday 15 March 9-10am
-  Friday 12 April 9-10am

Teachers will contact parents of any students receiving awards or special recognition at assemblies so that parents can be available to attend.

Book packs can still be purchased at the front office! Pop in and see our friendly staff and have all your child's school essentials delivered straight to their classroom.

Keep an eye out for school photo notes. They will be coming home this week. Please return to school as soon as possible.
School photos will be taken next week.
Please see office staff for more details.

Year 7 and Year 10 Parents.

Immunisation notes went home last week. These must be returned tomorrow to ensure students receive their immunisation. Please send these to the front office.



Community Notices



Something is happening in our suburb...

KAMBAH WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Kambah's burglary rate has been increasing over the last 5 years. Let's help stop it.

A meeting of the Kambah West Neighbourhood Watch Area will be held for local Kambah West residents at **6pm on Wednesday 27 February 2019**. This meeting will be at the Namadgi School, located at 141 O'Halloran Circuit Kambah.

Representatives from ACT Neighbourhood Watch and ACT Policing will be present to assist with the meeting and to answer any questions relating to relevant community issues.

Some community concerns that may be discussed include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> home and safety programs | <input type="checkbox"/> offender's activity in the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> graffiti | <input type="checkbox"/> neighbourhood disputes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> local traffic concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> noise issues |

Talk to your neighbours, think about any issues that may be of concern, and then please come along and join in to help make our community safer.

Membership is free and you can become a member by simply downloading a membership form from the ACT NHW website at www.nhwact.com.au. Hard copy forms will also be available at the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming part of the committee, but unable to make it to the meeting on Wednesday 27 February 2019, please send an email to davidanshin@hotmail.com, or call David Harding on 02 6296 2972.

PLEASE NOTE: The Neighbourhood Watch meeting should finish no later than 7:30pm.

Support Neighbourhood Watch mission in "Fostering Safer Communities in the ACT".

Less than 20% of Australian residents provide information to Police that can assist in preventing crime. If the police received more information, then the police have a better chance to detect and deter potential offenders.

If 'WE' commit to getting involved, 'WE' can change our suburb for the better.

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 Friday. Please bring your bank book to the front office.

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 children.

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) 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.

