



Namadgi School Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yuma (hello).

Dhawura nguna dhawura Ngunnawal (This is Ngunnawal country).

Our Week 10, Term 3 newsletter is full of great information and more celebrations of student work and achievements. Our school Deputies have prepared a report from their respective sectors providing an additional view into the Primary School and High School operations across Term 3. The term itself has been another busy 10 weeks coming back from the COVID interruptions, resuming learning on the school site and getting the focus quickly back into classrooms. From Preschool to Year 10 the staff have worked tremendously hard to adapt learning programs and juggle the complexities of working in a constrained COVID safe environment.

Despite the setbacks and not being able to engage in the usual programs such as off-site camps, excursions, overseas trips and student exchanges the staff have managed to work within the parameters to deliver incursion activities (Birrigai to the school), local trips to museums, day trips to sporting events and outdoor education activities and in-house learning programs to support student wellbeing. As restrictions hopefully ease the school will keep parents informed of the changes and again seek to engage external programs and educational experiences.

One of the many questions I have been asked recently is in relation to end of year events such as graduation and formal. At this stage there are restrictions on crowd numbers (100 maximum) and operating such events under COVID safe conditions adhering to social distancing. Our main priority will be to accommodate families for Year 10 graduation and Year 5 Graduation as numbers will be capped. The formal for Year 10 will be a closed event for students and staff only with a COVID safe arrangement for arrivals. The school has started planning and having conversations with staff and students to determine the best approach to meet the needs of these important events and we will consult with families soon.

Charlotte and Miss Freedman playing alongside each other!



On Friday in Week 9 Namadgi School completed the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day. Miss Suzi and her band of skippers raised over \$15,000 towards supporting the Heart Foundation in this event. I have never worked at a school where the community has thrown so much support behind a charity or health research program and I just wanted again to congratulate every person who supported this worthy cause. On Friday in Week 8 we held the Year 5 Fun Day raising money for the end of year celebration. The activities were highly engaging, and the students had a blast. From hair spraying and a haunted house to sponge throwing and face painting the Year 5 students and staff did an excellent job preparing the day.

On a serious note we have experienced growing issues with adults in the school carpark. There have been numerous matters recently that school executive have needed to support with and relate to double parking and impatience with traffic congestion. The carpark is not going to be physically changed in the near future. We have added drop off and pick up lanes and I urge parents and adults to use the carpark at the IGA or near the swimming pool and use safe pedestrian access to pick up kids. Parking inspectors do visit the school carpark on occasion and have attended earlier this year issuing warnings for parking infringements. Please consider the safety of our students and your children in the carpark. Penalties for doing the wrong thing in school carparks range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Let's avoid this issue and take the time to park appropriately.

On a lighter note..... please have a safe and happy break. I look forward to Term 4 and hopefully the easing of COVID restrictions and continuing to move back to some 'normality'. Thank you to everyone for their support during our transitions to remote learning and then returning to the school site.

Gareth Richards
Principal



Primary School

Message from Mr Jacobson

As we move towards the end of Term 3 the school continues to be positive, with students engaged in their learning. A highlight of every week is visiting classrooms and the playground and observing the students following the Namadgi Values of Respect, Caring, Learning and Positive Attitude. Along with our core school values, PBL at Namadgi provides a set of over-arching school-wide social skills that we want our students to master. These are: Be Respectful, Be a Learner and Be Safe. Students who demonstrate these PBL expectations receive “Namas” which are positive acknowledgement slips for when they are displaying any of the PBL expectations of: Be Respectful, Be a Learner and Be Safe. These cards are entered onto our system which allow students to accumulate points towards a higher certificate award system and a range of prizes. All students at Namadgi School are working towards obtaining a bronze level (50 Namas); silver level (150 Namas) and gold level (200 Namas). Please keep an eye out for the Nama wheel during our virtual assembly.

The students in the primary school have been engaged in amazing learning in their classes this term. Visiting classes, I have seen the incredible Year 3 Science Inquiry unit, creative writing by our Year 2 classes, and ocean inquiry concepts in preschool. Students have also been engaged in a variety of enrichment opportunities such as our Indigenous Bush Food workshop with Adam Shipp and participation in the ICAS Competition. The students in Year 4 have been working on persuasive writing and presented Mr Richards and myself with an exceptionally well written argument to convince us to buy pizza for the class. While it was difficult to argue against, we unfortunately had to decline in the interests of class equity, however, our friends at Kambah Dominoes kindly donated pizza vouchers to the class as a reward for their hard work. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to see democracy in action.

Due to COVID-19 the school has initiated Virtual Assemblies to keep our community connected and share in their children’s achievements. The teachers and students have put a lot of work into filming their assembly class items to share with their peers and families. I would like to especially thank Mallarie Parker, Kristy Grady and teachers and staff who have supported the students with all the technical and IT aspects of virtual streaming. It’s been a huge learning curve for all but a fantastic opportunity to share our achievements with the community. We really appreciate your patience and positive feedback throughout our virtual journey.

While COVID-19 restrictions have certainly impacted on our capacity to host community and whole school events, the staff, students and P&C have managed to provide a range of experiences this term including; Year 5 Fun Day, Father’s Day Stall, Jump Rope for Heart, Go Green for Geu, Book Week, Science Week, Combined Band, Brumbies Sport Day and excursions to Blundell’s cottage, The Arboretum, National Gallery of Australia, War Memorial and Centre for Innovation and Learning.



Year 5 Fun Day!

I'd like to thank everyone involved in organising all these events as there are many layers of hard work involved to make these experiences happen. Thank you also to the community for supporting the students in participating.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a wonderful break!

Andrew Jacobson
Deputy Principal (Primary)

Secondary School

Message from Ms Mahon

It was been another highly successful term of learning in the secondary sector of Namadgi School.

Programs are starting to open up for the students again. We have two programs on offer through the Smith Family; Post School Options "Paving the Way to University" and High Impact Programs facilitated by the Beacon Foundation. These are work readiness programs for students to practice employability skills and make real-life connections to the world of work. There will be two programs one for 7/8 students and one for 9/10 students.

On the last day of term 2, Year 6 experienced Birrigai incursion. The Birrigai team spent most of the day working with the students building towers out of items bought at an auction. Completing challenging obstacle courses and working in small groups to plan and solve physical challenges. The day was a great success. This term our Engagement Hub is also running a Year 6 girls group focusing on self-esteem, respectful friendships, and strong and successful women to further build on these experiences and opportunities.

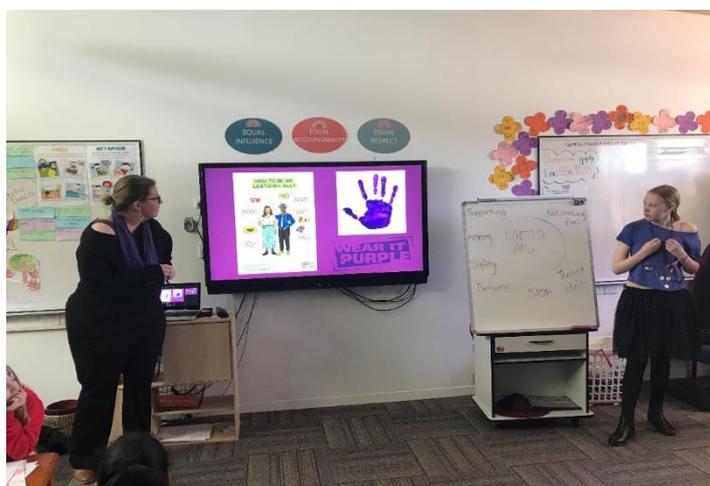
The Love Bites program has been running with students 6-10 this term. These focus on respectful relationships and what this look likes with different age groups. The Love Bites program promotes and models respect, positive attitudes and behaviours and teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

The Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) program in Term 2, 2020 was a huge success for our school community. Implementing the YAM program in five sessions across three consecutive weeks was a big achievement. Feedback from the team who delivered the program in the school felt very supported by the secondary staff, singling out the remarkable efforts of Roisin Boadle's careful planning and willing engagement MIEACT.



Science Week this term was another successful collaboration between Primary and Secondary staff and students in week 5. The theme this year was “Deep Blue - innovation for the future of our oceans”. K-2 students completed two experiments “Cartesian Diver” and “Blubber Glove” with our year 9 students who were trained by staff to lead the scientific investigations with our youngest students. For years 3-6, the secondary science staff developed several experiments, provided resources and offered training for classroom teachers to complete scientific practicals in their own classes. Experiments included *Cartesian Diver*, *Blubber Glove*, *Oil Spill*, *Make it Float*, *Disappearing Shells*, and *Fish Trap*.

Towards the end of term 3 secondary celebrated *Wear It Purple Day*. Staff and students collaborated to prepare a Pastoral Care lesson during line 1 and organised Break 1 celebrations in the Engagement Hub. A pledge wall was created, and students and staff made a wide range of pledges in support of the LGBTQIA+ community. A sale of purple cupcakes raised money for the Namadgi School SAGA team and staff and students collaborated in the creation of an artwork made of purple hands to further demonstrated our school commitment to these values.



Secondary academic progress reports will be distributed to parents via email at the end of week 9. Progress Reports provide important information on how your child is tracking against the Australian Curriculum Achievement standards appropriate to their cohort. Due to continuing COVID 19 restrictions, a face to face parent teacher night will not go ahead in week 10. Please make careful note of the feedback provided by classroom teachers and follow up with a phone call to staff who have communicated concerns about the academic progress of your child.

I hope all our wonderful families have a fabulous and well deserved break!

Tiffany Mahon
Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Community Notices

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Pedal Power at Namadgi School

The Big Skills for Small Bikes, on during the school holidays, is targeted for children aged 3 to 8 years. Parents/carers must actively participate and children must bring their own balance or pedal bike and Australian standards helmet. Participating adults do not need bikes.

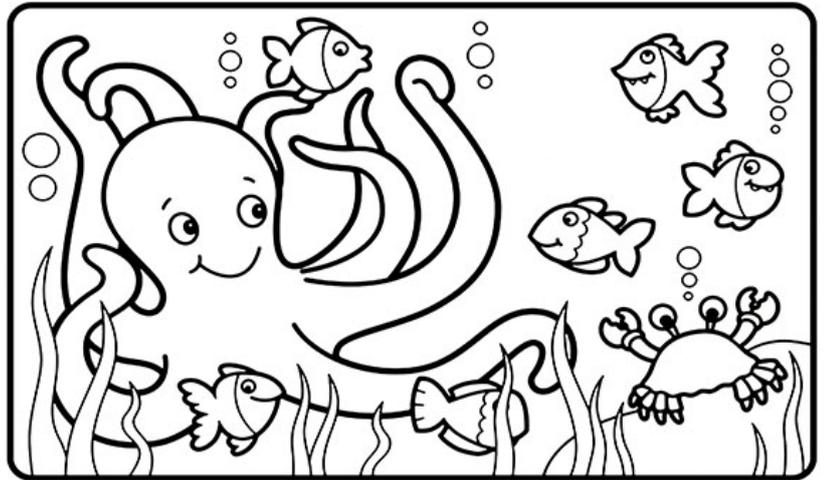
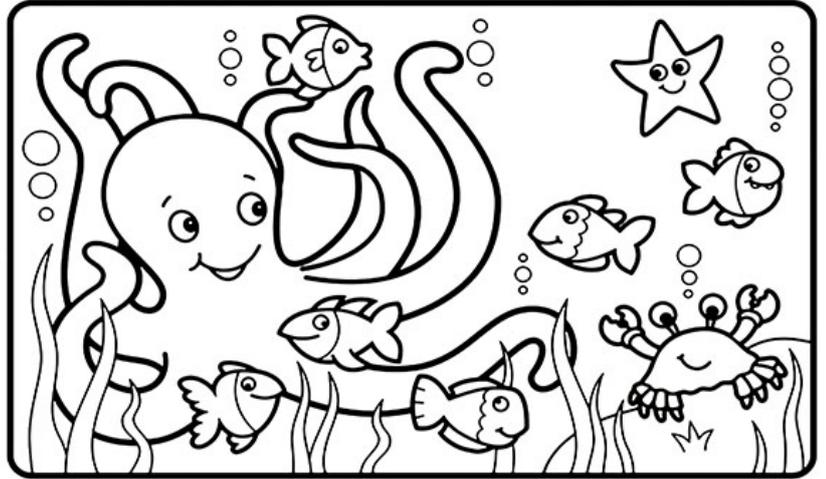
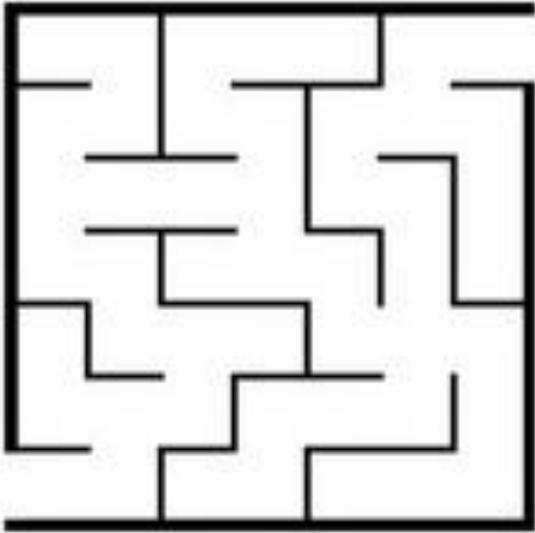
The course runs for five days from Monday 28 Sept to Friday 2 October, with two session times: 9:15 am to 10:00 am and 10:15 am to 11:00 am. There is a course being held on the Basketball Courts at Namadgi School. Full details are available on the [Pedal Power website](#).

- [Pedal Power Course \(313 kb JPG\)](#)

Contact: [Lil Bryant-Johnson](#)

KIDS

CORNER



FIND 10 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PICTURES

what season is it
when you are on
a trampoline?



spring-time

how do bees get
to school?



on a school buzz

why do bananas
use sunscreen?



because they peel

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

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.

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If your child is sick

Please phone 6142 0900 and leave a message or email 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 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.