

# NAIS TIMES

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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NAIS has a brand new website!

[www.nais.co.za](http://www.nais.co.za)

Keep up with what is happening in our school community on Facebook and Instagram.



## Car Safety with children

As parents, caregivers, and responsible adults, we need to buckle up, and protect our children in the car. There's no reason good enough not to.



Some important rules and tips to remember when entering NAIS school grounds:

- Stick to the speed limit of 10 km/h. It's not just a speed limit, but a child's life.



- Make sure children aren't behind the car before you reverse. Check around the vehicle: use the mirrors, look over your shoulder and get out if necessary.

- All drivers need to be aware of their vehicle's blind spots, it is impossible to see around your vehicle from the inside - even with extended wing mirrors. Larger vehicles, may have larger blind spots.

- Turn off your radio and wind your windows down so you can listen, as well as, look out for children.



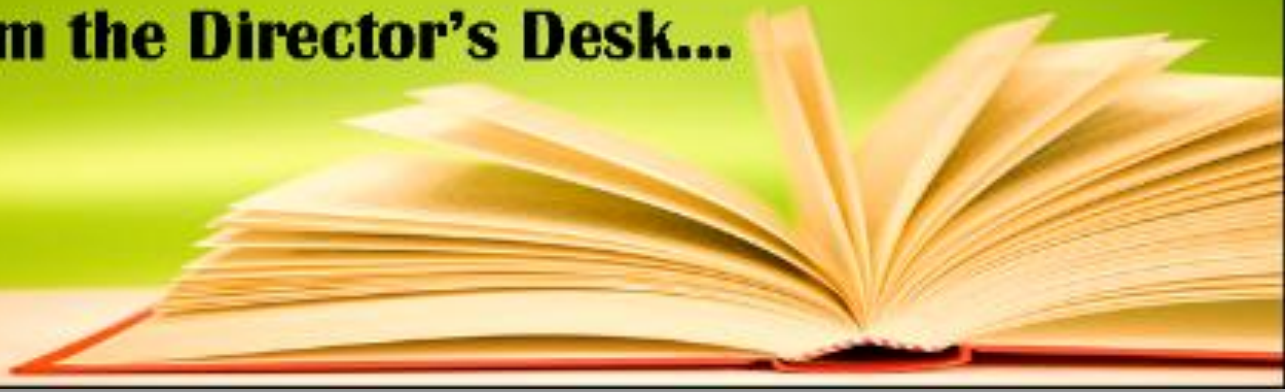
### At Home:

- Talk to your children about safety in and around cars. Children may assume that parents will always see them when driving.

- Discourage children from playing in and around parked cars.

- Always take the keys out of the ignition when you leave your vehicle.

# From the Director's Desk...



To the NAIS Family,

While April was a short month, it was by no means a quiet month. The Science Fair consumed our school for a few weeks, but it was all worth it in the end. The day itself was a huge success, however, the preparation, for me, added more value.

The way the staff and students worked together was lovely to see. The hands on, student led approach is part of our teaching philosophy, and it was on display for all to see.

It was a lovely day; I was so proud to be a part of it. Thank you to all the parents who attended, I'm sure you were as proud of your children as we were.

April has been a busy time for our teachers, in addition to the Science Fair, teachers attended teacher training.

Training was centered around the "Flipped Classroom" approach. At NAIS, we are constantly looking at different ways to engage with our students, we are constantly trying to ensure that our teaching approach is relevant.

A flipped classroom is an instructional strategy and a type of blended learning that reverses the traditional learning environment by delivering instructional content, often online, outside of the classroom. It moves activities, including those that may have traditionally been considered homework, into the classroom.

## Benefits of the flipped classroom approach.

- Students can consume lecture materials at their own pace.
- The teacher is present while students apply new knowledge.
- According to the Flipped Learning Network, 71% of teachers who flipped their classes noticed improved grades, and 80% reported improved student attitudes as a result.

And finally, with our Autumn break upon us, please sit down with your students, especially our middle and high students, work out goals for the final month, work out exam study timetables. It is a very busy time, let's get prepared for the final stretch. Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

Kind regards,

Grant Tate  
NAIS Director

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# It's all about Science

Our first ever Science Fair was held at NAIS during the month of April and it was a great success.

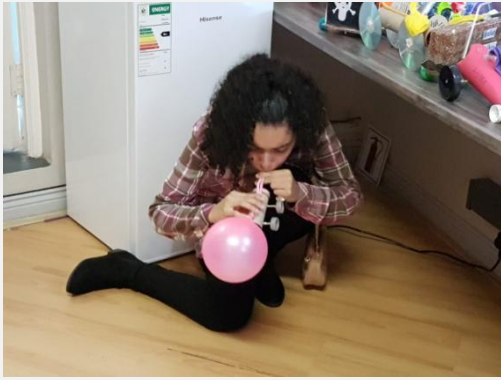
A science fair is generally where students present their science projects in the form of a report, display board, and/or models that they have created. Science fairs include students in elementary, middle and high schools in science and technology activities.

Science affects us all, every day of the year, from the moment we wake up, all through the day, and through the night. To make it clear how deeply science is interwoven with our lives, just try imagining a day without scientific progress. Just for starters, without modern science, there would be no way to use electricity.

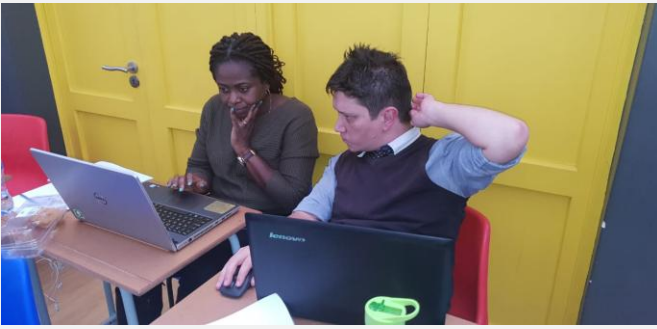
We are very proud of how well our students did during the Science Fair.



# Science Fair Photos



# **“Flipped Classroom” Teacher Training**



## **Spanish Class**

### **Fieldtrip to a Restaurant - ordering food in Spanish**



### **Learning about the city in Spanish**



The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



## Important Dates

18 April – May 01: Autumn Break

## Birthdays

23 April – Ms. Xidi Somoza



## Upcoming Dates in May

8 May: No School – South Africa Election Day

23-29 May: Exams

## Birthdays

21 May - Ms. Lizette Combrink



# NAIS KIDS

