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As the final hours of Semester 1 draw to a close I'd like to acknowledge the work done by so very many of our students, staff and parents, and wish everybody a safe, happy and restful holiday break.

Firstly, I must once again thank all of you who have supported me and this school. It has been wonderful to meet more and more parents at the various events as the year unfolds. A great deal has happened since the beginning of the year and I am incredibly positive and optimistic about the future of our School and the potential of our students.

Congratulations to all students and teachers for the extraordinary amount of work which has gone into the reporting periods. Self-reflection and setting goals for improvement are inherent to our student's meeting their potential this semester, and into the next one.

Thank you and well done to all those young boys and girls who took part in the sporting program. There were soccer players, swimmers, golfers, and tennis players. I believe our sports program overall and the students' attitude and approach are improving steadily. The enjoyment, camaraderie and school spirit generated therein is an invaluable feature of our co-curricular offerings.

I was fortunate to spend time with the students at Camp Maraneman this week. It was great to be able to interact with the students on an informal level. The students threw themselves in and were excellent participants in all activities, especially the more challenging ones which took a little courage. The benefits of this type of camp cannot be put into words, I'm hoping next year all our middle and high school students will attend.

I would like to once again wish all of you a peaceful break, come back refreshed for the new semester.

Don't rest because of what has happened in 2019, rest in anticipation for what is to come in 2020.

Sincerely,

Grant Tate

Director of the North American International School

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*Wishing you all
the peace and
joy in this
Holiday
Season.*



Important Dates & Birthdays for December

10-13 Dec: Maraneman Camp
(Middle & High School)

12 Dec: Last day of school
(school out at 11am).

20 Dec: Ms Caryn Smith

28 Dec: Ms Sandra Oyembo

30 Dec: Mrs Anne Strauss



**School
re-opens
on
7 January
2020.**



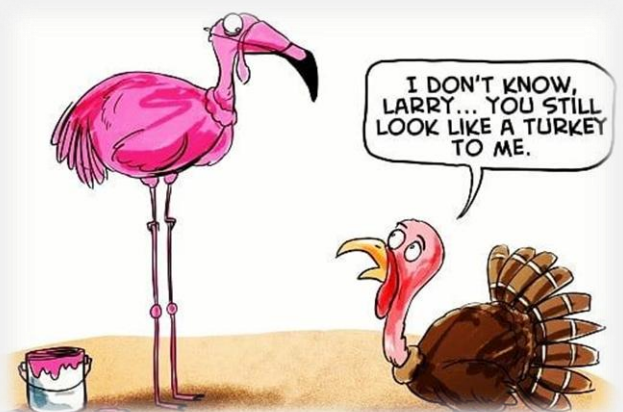


Thanksgiving

The meaning of thanksgiving has undergone numerous changes - an expression of gratitude for survival, a council's recognition of its flourishing community, among other transitions.

Over the century's families added their customs to the Thanksgiving celebration, preserving that which they held most precious, at NAIS we uphold what is most precious to us, namely:

- To gather in unity and to prepare the heart.
- By "giving-thanks" we choose to extend ourselves and give to others less fortunate. Out of the abundance of our hearts, we are able to offer our resources to help others.



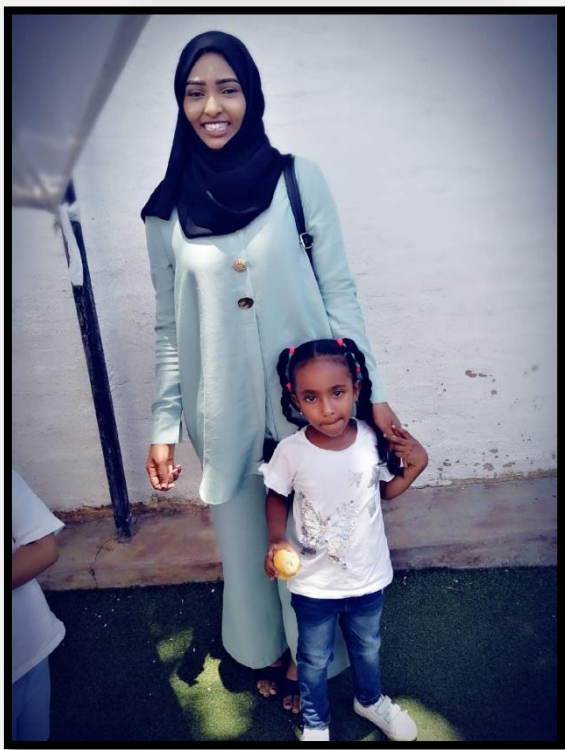
Thanksgiving Picnic



Let's have some fun!



Thanksgiving Picnic



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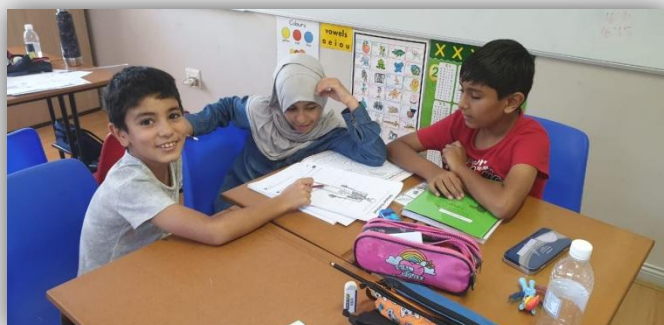
Skills needed for subject specific knowledge are still important, but we need to focus on bridging the often-overlooked soft skills gap.

NAIS is focusing on bridging this gap by enhancing leadership, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, work ethic, flexibility, resilience and interpersonal skills.

Communication (nonverbal)



Communication – Healthful Living



Grade 7 trying to balance our forces



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PE classes

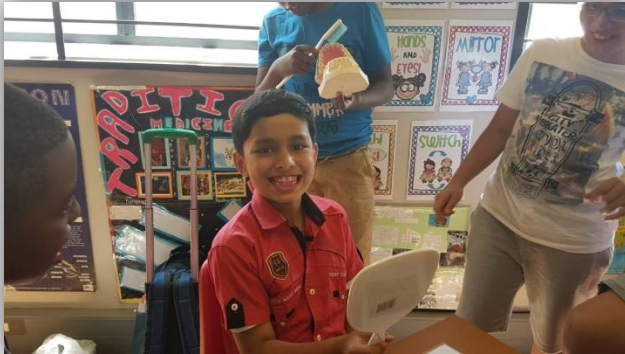


French class



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Healthful Living classes



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Drama classes

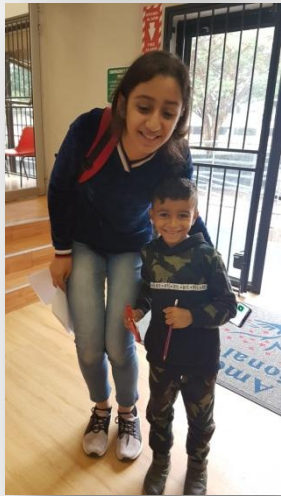


K & Grade 1 - Measuring



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Math Challenge



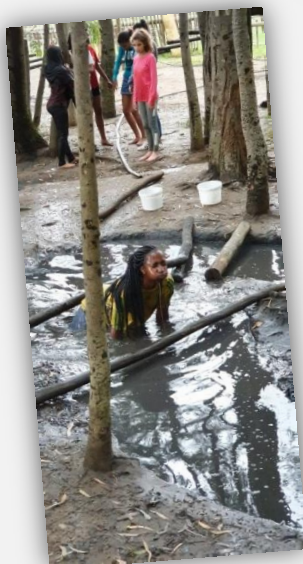
NAIS Kids



CAMP - Maraneman on The Vaal



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