PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week 9. It is hard to believe we have only two weeks of term 3 left before we break for holidays.

Last Thursday night I attended the ACT Public Education Excellence Awards at the National Gallery of Australia along with the executive team. We had three members of our school nominated for an excellence award. Ngunnawal Primary’s nominees were; Kate Wylie for New Educator of the Year and Early Childhood Teacher of the Year, Nicole Kent for Primary Teacher of the Year and Peter Dray for School Hero. While our nominees missed out on the top honours for these categories, our school and the broader ACT Public Education system are so very fortunate to have such outstanding people who are dedicated to ensuring that schools are an enriching environment where young people are able to learn and thrive. Congratulations to Kate, Nicole and Peter who were very worthy nominees in their individual categories.

I would like to thank all of our families for attending the Learning Journey last Thursday. This is an important part of the school’s reporting process and one of my favourite times of the year. It is lovely to see the students so excited about sharing their learning and explaining the importance of the work they do here at school to their families. There certainly was a buzz of excitement around the school for the rest of the day.

Thank you also to all those families and grandparents who stayed on to listen to performances given by our Year 6 Band and both the Senior and Junior Choirs perform. These students often give up some of their break times to practice so they are performance ready and relish the opportunity to show off their skills to our school community.

Last week I had many of our kindergarten students share their learning with me. Oscar, Amelia, Isabella, Scarlett and Will from KCD showed me how they have increased their recognition of sight words this term. They told me that knowing the sight words will help them become smarter and they will be able to make even better sentences now they know them. My other kindergarten visitors, Xander, Daffodil and Olivia from KCC shared their work on narratives with me. I was delighted to listen to them telling me about their writing and how important it is to have a complication in a narrative. Congratulations to all these students for reflecting the school value of Always Do Your Best.

It is that time of the year when we are busily planning for the 2015 school year. If you have a child in preschool to year 5 and know that you will not be attending Ngunnawal Primary School next year could you please fill in the slip that you will find later in this newsletter and return it to the front office or send an email to info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au and let us know. We thank you in advance as this greatly helps us with our forward planning.

As always please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the executive team if you have any questions or need clarification. We truly do value the partnership we have with our community and look forward to our continued work together for improving the learning outcomes for all students.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Kristine
Principal
Term 3 has been an exciting term with many events and special days at Preschool and Koori Preschool.

In week 3 we celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day with a special barbecue and some Indigenous learning experiences.

Book Week dress up day - All the preschool children had a wonderful day dressing up as their favourite book character. The start of the week groups joined in the school parade during assembly in the hall. The end of the week groups paraded around the preschool playground and then went down to the kindergarten classes. It was a lot of fun.

Father’s Day breakfast - The father’s day breakfast was a lovely opportunity for all the father’s, grandpas, uncles and other special men in the preschool children’s lives to celebrate father’s day. It was a lovely event which brought the community into all of the preschool classrooms. The breakfast was delicious and all the children and families enjoyed celebrating the special event.
Kenny Koala visited us in week 6. He taught us all about where to put our rubbish and he told us always to wear our seatbelts. We loved seeing his car and hearing the loud noise it makes when the sirens are turned on. We now know that the police are our friends and will always help us if needs be.

The Koori Roos also enjoyed our excursion to the War Memorial to hear more about how Indigenous soldiers served our country.

We are looking forward to a fun filled final term of preschool!

Belinda, Emma, Shirley, Kate, Janice, Caroline, Kerryn, Lyndy, Wendy, Kerrie
NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

- meet on Wednesdays, 9:40am to 10:40am, straight after assembly (drop in when you can)
- open to all parents/carers
- chat and contact
- help your children’s teachers
- stay as long as you can, whenever you can.
- children are welcome (there are toys to play with!)

Hope to see you there!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL

Quiz Questions:
1. Which animal nests in an eyrie?
2. What shape is the Milky Way?
3. Platelets are found in which bodily fluid?
4. What colour are NASA’s pumpkin suits, used for emergency situations?
5. Which of these is a mineral?
   a) water, b) ice or c) granite.

Science Quiz Answers:
1. An eagle nests in any eyrie.
2. The Milky Way is a spiral galaxy.
3. Platelets are found in blood.
4. NASA’s pumpkin suits are orange in colour. To be more precise, the colour is international orange.
5. b) ice is a mineral, when it forms in nature and not your freezer. It’s the most common mineral on the Earth’s surface. Granite is rock, not a mineral.

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Merit Award Recipients

Senior Assembly

10 September 2014
3K and 3 N Assembly
10 September 2014
**Grandfriends Assembly**

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**SPRING HOLIDAY DANCE PROGRAM**

**DATE:** 29TH SEPT – 3RD OCT
**TIMES:** 8:30AM – 4:30PM
**AGES:** 7 - 13 YRS
**PRICE:** $275 PER PERSON
**OPEN FOR NORTH SIDE & SOUTH SIDE KIDS**
**NORTH SIDE PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

**PROGRAM INCLUDES**
DANCE WORKSHOPS IN HIP HOP BREAKDANCE AND CONTEMPORARY. LOTS OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES AND A FREE END OF WEEK PERFORMANCE FOR ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY. EXCURSIONS INCLUDE: TUNZAFUN, MOVIES AND AIS!

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ONLINE: WWW.KULTUREBREAK.COM/HOLIDAYPROGRAM
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French for Kids @ Ngunnawal
(For children aged 4 – 12 years)
Give your child the opportunity to learn another language!

Start Date/Time: 13 October 2014; 3.15 pm
End Date/Time: 17 December 2014; 4.00pm.
Venue: Ngunnawal PS Library
Tuesday or Wednesday classes available

Register your interest with
Sarah Mak @0431252768 or email to sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au
and visit our website www.lcfclubs.com.au

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GUNGAHLIN LITTLE ATHLETICS

Come and join in the fun at Gungahlin Little Athletics Centre. Fun and friendly athletics in a safe and enjoyable environment. There’s something for everyone: running, jumping, throws, hurdles, walks.

Who: 4½ to 17 years; for the 2014/15 season we welcome athletes born between 1 Oct 1997 and 31 March 2010.

Season Dates:
The 2014/15 season commences on Saturday 18 October 2014 (season runs across Term 4 and Term 1 of school). Weekly meets are held at Amaroo Oval, Horsepark Drive (behind Amaroo and Good Shepherd schools) on Saturday mornings from 8.55am to 11.30am.

Registration Details:
Registration and Come & Try days will be held at Amaroo Oval on Saturday 4 and Saturday 11 October 10.00am - 12.00pm. On-line registration is available through our website - www.gunlac.org.au (registration tab). Bring a copy of your on-line payment receipt along to a Registration / Come & Try Day to collect your registration pack.


It’s easy to register so come and have some fun with us.
For more information please go to our website at www.gunlac.org.au, visit our Facebook page, call 0420 325 505 or email president@gunlac.org.au.

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