**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 4! Unfortunately the weather this week hasn’t continued to be as welcoming. As I walked around the classrooms yesterday it sounded like most of the children had a good break and they all looked eager and ready for the last term of the year.

This is a busy term at Ngunnawal with lots of culminating events. We have the fire brigade coming to school to visit kindergarten this week, term overviews going home next week, the Little Big Gig and Big Gig concerts are scheduled in week 8, on Tuesday 2 December and Wednesday 3 December. Carols in the Courtyard will be held the following week on Tuesday 9 December and the Year 6 Graduation is on Thursday 11 December. Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Friday 12 December. More details about these events will be sent home in due course.

I would like to thank the 178 families who completed the School Satisfaction Survey this year. This represents about a third of our families so gives the school an insight into how our community is feeling about their children’s education at Ngunnawal Primary. We are in the process of analysing this information to help us develop our school plan for next year to address concerns and maintain the positives.

We are scheduled to have someone come and assess the traffic situation during peak times this term. As you know this is a growing problem as the school gets bigger and the narrow streets, roundabout placement and bus stop continue to impact on traffic flow. I know it’s frustrating when you are trying to collect your children and you can’t get a car park. Student safety is our primary concern at this time so please be patient and don’t call your children to run between cars to get to your vehicle, there have been some near misses at school and no one wants an accident.

As you know Kristine is on leave this week and next. I am now going to be at school for the two weeks that she is away. My lovely mum is taking my touch football fanatic daughter to Morwell where she is competing the under 12s national competition.

If you have any queries or concerns please don’t hesitate to touch base with myself or any of the executive team.

Have a good week.

Regards

Danielle

Danielle Porter
Acting Principal

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:30am.
ACT Primary Concert Choir 2015

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2015 to audition for the Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education and Training Directorate schools and it is expected that members of the PCC will also participate in the choir or vocal ensemble at their school if this opportunity is available.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for enthusiastic and talented young singers to work together in a supportive and fun environment. The PCC is a performance ensemble and children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year. Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form and audition timeslot booking form can also be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child’s school. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.  
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baea923a2fd0-actprimary

Applications are now open and close Monday 27 October.

Whole School Assembly, 24 September 2014

Above: KCG - Best Listening Class!

5/6N and 5/6L
Whole School Assembly
26 September 2014
SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL

Quiz Questions:
1. If molten rock erupts from volcanoes, what comes out of a cryovolcano?
2. How many sides does a nonagon have?
3. What is a circadian rhythm? Is it a) a loud thudding of the heart, b) a sound made by cicadas, or c) a biological process that follows a 24 hour cycle?
4. What is a turtle’s plastron?
5. True or false? Baleen, the filter-feeder system in whales, is made mostly of the same protein that makes up the shells of crustaceans.

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Volatile materials such as water or methane come out of a cryovolcano.
2. A nonagon is a nine-sided polygon.
3. c) A circadian rhythm is a biological process that follows a 24 hour cycle.
4. A turtle’s plastron is the shell covering its entire underside.
5. False. The baleen in whales is made up mostly of the protein keratin, while the shell of crustaceans is mostly made of the protein chitin.

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A big THANK YOU to all the year 3 and year 4 students who have helped make items and pack them into boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. These boxes will be sent to 25 children in overseas countries who would otherwise not receive any gifts because of the effects of war, famine, natural disaster or extreme poverty.

Bronwyn

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH
Thursday, 23 October 2014

The lunch is a joint initiative by the school community, the Ngunnawal SUPA Club and the New Life Presbyterian Church and will raise money to provide Christmas Hampers for families in our local community.

Please fill out the order form sent home with your child and return it with your payment to your child’s teacher by Monday, 20 October.

Please Note: There will be no lunch orders from the canteen on this day. Counter Sales only will be available at recess and lunch.
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@lcfcclubs.com.au
and visit our website www.lcfclubs.com.au

Boomerangs Softball Club

Boys and Girls, are you looking for a fun team sport to play this summer?
Come and try softball!
We cater for all abilities and ages from 4 upwards
Please contact Rae McKinnon
0403563810
raesteffan@hotmail.com

Artshow
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL, STARKE STREET, HOLT
17, 18 & 19 October 2014
Featuring works by well-known Canberra Artist Ian Sharpe
Opening Night Friday 17th October 7 — 9pm
Official Opening by Alex Sloan
ABC 666 afternoon presenter
Tickets $15 at the door
Live music, wine and canapés
Quality Art by Local Artists and Cranleigh School Students
Raising money for Cranleigh School
Providing an education for students with disabilities

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Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 Classes
STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2014

Now is the time we begin our initial planning for the 2015 school year.

If you have a child in kindergarten to year 5 who WILL NOT BE ATTENDING Ngunnawal Primary in 2015 could you please fill in the details below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Name: ___________________________ Class: __________
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• Will be moving overseas to (Country): ___________________________
• Will be moving interstate to (State/Territory): ___________________________
• Will be moving to another school in the ACT (please indicate which school): ___________________________

Please complete and return this form to the front office as soon as possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

What you give comes back to you