FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see so many of you at the fete last Saturday. In spite of the windy and sometimes rainy weather everyone I saw was having a fabulous time. It was lovely to watch the year 5 and 6 bands play. I thought they sounded terrific. See further in the newsletter for some photos! I would like to say thank you to all those who worked so terribly hard both prior to and on the day to make this year's fete happen.

This week teachers are starting to write the end of year reports about your child’s learning. They use work samples, results of assessment tasks, observation records and interview notes to provide the evidence of progress against the Australian Curriculum achievement standard for each year level. We write a school based report which provides details of learning strengths, areas for development and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. We also provide an A to E Report for students in years 1 to 6. If you do not wish to receive the A to E Report please do not hesitate to let us know and this will not be sent home. In the ACT a C grade means that students have demonstrated satisfactory understanding of the curriculum. Therefore grades beyond a C are to be awarded when the student has consistently demonstrated high or excellent achievement above this level in his or her learning. In the instances when a student is not demonstrating a sound understanding of the curriculum, lower than C grades may be awarded to indicate a partial or limited demonstration of their learning. Please see you child's class teacher or an executive teacher if you want any more information about assessment and reporting processes at Ngunnawal.

It was another busy week at Ngunnawal as we sent two year 5 representatives to the Minister's Student Congress. Jonte D and Hannah DC had an amazing time and learnt lots. Their report follows in the newsletter. I was bombarded by kindergarten students who can write numbers correctly beyond 100, some beyond 200. I’ve nearly run out of stickers I gave so many away. I was also shown some fabulous artwork by year 3 students. They have been innovating on Reg Mombassa’s artwork to great effect.

I would like to remind you that next week we have information sessions for 2015 kindergarten students on Tuesday evening at 5:00pm and preschool students on Thursday evening at 5:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar Ngunnawal Primary families there.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a great week.

Danielle

Danielle Porter
Deputy Principal
This term we were lucky enough to have a special visit from the local fire brigade. Students engaged in lessons on fire safety and learnt what to do in case of a fire emergency. They also learnt about the importance of learning their home address and to call ‘000’ if there is a fire. Students were able to practise lifesaving techniques such as ‘Stop, Drop and Roll’ and ‘Get down low, low, low and go, go, go’.

**GET DOWN LOW AND GO! GO! GO!**

**‘SH’ DIGRAPH**

We have continued learning many new sounds this term. We have moved on from single sounds to digraphs and blends. Here is some of our ‘sh’ art work.

**GROWING PATTERNS**

Last term students had the opportunity to use concrete materials to show their understanding of repeated patterns. This term students began to learn about more complex patterns and created their own growing pattern.

**ART GALLERY**

Cath, Chris, Carmel, Hannah, Cecilia
Whole School Assembly, 29 October 2014

SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL
Quiz Questions:
1. How many bones are in the skeleton of a human adult?
2. What do vampire bats eat?
3. What is the difference between lava and magma?
4. According to Guinness World Records, the world’s heaviest pumpkin weighs about the same as what?
   Is it a) a sumo wrestler, b) a Clydesdale horse, or c) a large car?
5. Noctiphobia is the fear of what?

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Adult human skeletons have 206 large bones, or 212 if you count the tiny bones in the ears. However, we are born with more than that. As we grow, some of them fuse to each other.
2. Vampire bats eat blood.
3. Lava is molten rock on the Earth’s surface, while magma is molten rock that is still underground.
4. b) The world’s heaviest pumpkin weighs about the same as a Clydesdale horse. Guinness World Records currently lists the heaviest pumpkin at 921.7kg – grown by Tim Mathison from the United States.
5. Noctiphobia is fear of the night.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A-E REPORT
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: _______
I DO NOT wish to receive an A - E report for my child for the following period: (please circle your selected option)
   [Semester 2, 2014]   OR   [Until further notice]

Signed: ____________________________________________
Name of Parent/Carer: (please print) ______________________ Date: __________

Please complete and return to school front office by 1 December.

P&C News
Wow. Even the quick shower of rain we had couldn’t dampen the spirits of the masses of people who attended our fete on Saturday. The stalls were great, the cakes went like hot cakes and there was plenty of food and spinning rides to keep even the best tummies queasy!

Personally, I’d like to thank Linda, Polly, Amy, Lynne and Torbin for their unwavering support in helping us plan for this event. A special mention to Angela from Harrison School P&C for her assistance on the day and planning ideas.

As you would expect, none of this just happens. The months of planning and hours upon hours of personal time donated by your P&C shows the dedication that is needed to create something so successful. I’d also like to thank all of the parents, carers, families, friends and spouses that helped out during our event as well as Kerryn from the pre-school and Kirralee and Peter for all their assistance on the day. With your help, not only did we have one of the best P&C events to date, but raised funds to buy more things for the school.

While there are many, I’d also like to thank businesses and organisations who assisted the fete including Kennards, IGA, the Australian Federal Police, the Rural Fire Brigade and many many more who helped make our day a success. The tennis, the science show and band performance were also highlights on the day.

Stay tuned for more P&C events and if you’d like to have your say on school issues, or have any ideas for the P&C, drop me a line, give me a call or come along to our meeting in December.

Adam Smith
President, Ngunnawal P&C Committee
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MINISTER'S STUDENT CONGRESS

On Friday 31 October, we attended the 5th sitting of the Minister’s Student Congress at the Inspire Centre, University of Canberra. Firstly we listened to a talk about racism and ways in which to stop it at school. Then we split into network groups, and did ice breakers with other kids from the North Gungahlin area. We then got into smaller groups and discussed four questions the Minister for Education set us which were about discrimination and racism in schools. The group came up with some answers, which the Congress executive will pass back to the Minister.

After morning tea, we participated in communication activities to help build our skills so we can communicate with people of all different ages. Then we talked about and heard about parliament and SRC projects and how to make certain they succeed.

We then participated in the election of the new Student Congress Executive for 2015. After lunch we found out the results of the election. Beth and Bailey are the North Gungahlin representatives. They are in year 10 at Gold Creek School.

It was a very educational and fun experience for us.

Hannah DC and Jonte D

CHRISTMAS HAMPER FUNDRAISING BBQ – THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Ngunnawal school community for supporting the Christmas Hamper fundraising sausage sizzle on 23 October. Special thanks to Bill Caddy from the Smith Family, Russell Smidt and Peter Dray for cooking 333 sausages! A total of $825.70 was raised on the day.

A very special thank you also to Coles Gungahlin for generously donating all the sausages and bread.

Bronwyn, Chaplain

A once in a lifetime opportunity to be at Gallipoli next Anzac Day

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the Australia in the Great War Facebook and just clicking to enter.

Competition closes 11 November 2014

Anzac Day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience.

www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar

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Corner Ernest Cavanagh & Hinder Streets, Gungahlin

School Uniform Suppliers

Get your orders in early to be ready for the start of the 2015 school year!

To ensure items can be supplied by the beginning of the 2015 school year, please place your orders with Noble Style before the last day of Term 4 which is

Wednesday 17 December 2014.

Don’t forget –
you can trade in old uniform items:

- Polo Shirts $2 each
- Vests & Jackets $3 each