PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Carers
It is hard to believe that this is the last week of the 2014 school year. It has been a great year, where we have celebrated so many achievements. The most recent one was where we farewelled the year six students at their graduation ceremony last week. It was a lovely ceremony that truly encapsulated not only what the students have meant to us here at Ngunnawal Primary, but what this school has meant to them. Thank you to the families of the graduating students for entrusting your child to us for their formative years of schooling; it has been a real privilege. I also would like to acknowledge those families who with the graduation of their child will end their association with Ngunnawal Primary. Thank you for your contribution over the years to helping make this school the great community school it is.

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have a number of staff who will be leaving Ngunnawal Primary at the end of the year. I have been notified that Andrew Gibson has also been successful in obtaining a transfer, so he will also be leaving Ngunnawal Primary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his valued contribution to the school over the last five years and wish him all the very best at his new school in 2015.

We will be holding our final assembly for the year tomorrow to farewell those who are leaving. You are most welcome to attend the assembly to share in this special occasion.

Term 1 begins for Kindergarten and front end of the week Preschool students on Monday 2 February 2015 and for the remaining year levels, years one to six, on Tuesday 3 February 2015. I hope all of Ngunnawal Primary families have a restful and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back here in 2015.

Happy Holidays

Kristine
Kristine Stewart, Principal
Preschool has had a very busy term 4.

We have been preparing for kindergarten with some visits to the primary school, meeting some of the teachers and learning a little bit about what life in kindergarten will be like. We have also continued to attend assemblies in the hall.

This term we had an exciting visit from the Reptiles Inc. They showed us all different reptiles and spoke about what to do if we see a reptile in the wild.

We also received an awesome new piece of outdoor equipment for our outdoor space. Thank you Kerryn and the School P and C for all your hard work in fundraising for this.

We went on excursion in week 7 to the National Botanic Gardens, where we bush walked and explored some of the different animals and environments Australia has to offer. One of our favourite things on the visit was seeing all the Water Dragons. Another favourite was seeing real life lizards in a variety of habitats at the botanic gardens.

Happy Holidays to all!

Emma, Janice, Kate, Shirley, Caroline, Kerryn, Wendy and Lyndy
SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL

Quiz Questions:
1. Many species of gecko cannot blink, so how do they clean their eyeballs?
2. What type of natural event is a lahar?
3. Where did the extinct bird, the dodo, live?
4. How many centimetres are in a kilometre?
5. What does a spider use the hairs on its legs for?

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Geckos use their tongue to clean their eyes.
2. A lahar is volcanic mudflow.
3. The dodo lived on Mauritius.
4. There are 100,000 centimetres in a kilometre.
5. Spiders use the hairs on their legs to sense their surroundings.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2015

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school’s future directions. There is one (1) vacancy for a parent representative on the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. Election of the parent representative will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2015 school year as set out below.

Nomination period:
Opens – 11:00am on Monday 2 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 16 February 2015.

Voting period (if election is required):
Opens - 11:00am on Monday 23 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 2 March 2015.

The successful candidates will be announced by Monday, 30 March 2015.

If you are interested in being a member of the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for 2015-2017 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Kristine Stewart on 6205 8182. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms will be available from the school front office from Monday, 2 February 2015. If you would like to have a form before that date, please contact the school front office on 6205 8182.

Jennifer Lewis,
Assistant Returning Officer

Senior Assembly, 10 December 2014

Above: Limelight Certificates awarded to Ngunnawal Primary students who participated in the 2014 Limelight performance.

Right: The Ngunnawal Ninjas were congratulated for their work on recycling and energy efficiency at Ngunnawal Primary.

Left: Merit Award Recipients
Year 6 Graduation Award Recipients 2014

Principal’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement  
Eve H

Citizenship Award  
Declan O

Excellence in English  
Arshara B

Excellence in Mathematics  
Casey S

Excellence in Sport  
Maddy W  
Daniel T

Excellence in Visual Arts  
Jasmine L

Excellence in Performing Arts  
Tahlia J

Excellence in Information and Communication Technology  
Declan W

Excellence in Science  
Marija B

Excellence in History  
Amy C

Excellence in Indonesia  
Chloe T

Excellence in Music  
Michael A

Outstanding Academic Effort  
Amou I  
Katie T  
Logan D  
Chloe N  
Caitlin V

P&C Volunteer Award  
Hanna M
5/6 L and 5/6N Senior Assembly
10 December 2014
Commonwealth Bank School Banking
Thank you to all the students who have participated in the CBA School Banking program this year. It has been a very busy year with a consistently high number of students banking each week. Students who have ordered rewards in the past couple of weeks and have not received their rewards yet these will be delivered to you early next year. For students who may have been close to having enough tokens to redeem a reward please hold on to your tokens and you will be able to use these next year when there will be new rewards you will be able to redeem.

Should you have any questions I can be contacted at: tokleyfamily@bigpond.com

Julie Tokley
School Banking Co-ordinator

Summer holiday music program
For children aged 6 to 12
ACT Academy of Music presents...

Boom! 2015
Includes singing, percussion ensemble, musical craft and boomwhackers!
No prior musical experience needed.
Earlier drop off options and family discounts, see website for more details.
9am to 3pm, 19th to 23rd January
Phone: 0419 308 918
www.actacademyofmusic.com

Summer holiday music program
For students aged 12 to 18
ACT Academy of Music presents...

Disney Orchestra
Part of Boom! 2015
An ensemble program for students who play a musical instrument.
With this year’s theme of Disney, the course includes orchestral, choral and Boomwhacking ensembles.
9am to 3pm, 19th to 23rd January
Phone: 0419 308 918
www.actacademyofmusic.com

New Medical Centre in Casey
Opening December 2nd
Open from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9am-1pm.

The site is located at
15 Whitrod Avenue Casey, which is easily accessible from Horse Park Drive.

We welcome ‘walk-ins’ if you are unable to call ahead.

Phone number is 02 6163 4200

Other Ochre Health Medical Centres in the ACT are located in:
Bruce – Cnr Allawoona St & Ginninderra Drive – Phone 6180 8500
Calwell – 5/7 Webber Cres – Phone 6291 0045
Woden – Suite 5, 48 Corinna St – Phone 6282 8424