

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Education and Training

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Ngunnawal Primary School acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of the land we are on, the Ngunnawal people.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, 30 March to Friday, 10 April
AIS Swim Program

Wed, 1 April
Junior School Assembly, 9:15am
(1CD & 1CM)

Friday, 3 April
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday, 6 April
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Wed, 8 April
ANZAC DAY
Whole School Assembly, 9:15am

Friday, 10 April
Last day Term 1

Tuesday, 28 April
First day Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers



I have been delighted over the last week to see the progress students are making with their learning. Audrey,

Reece and Gus from 2HR have produced some quality work in History. The students have been looking at what makes a place significant and the important connections people have to these places.

Quentin from 3EM has been working hard in visual arts and has produced an outstanding piece of work that shows how to create movement through the use of 2D shapes.



I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Isiah for being awarded the Public Education Foundation's Una May Smith Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship is awarded to Aboriginal students to support student participate and successfully complete their schooling.

The P&C held a very successful disco last Thursday evening. It was lovely to see all the students enjoying themselves. The P & C are always looking for volunteers to help out at fundraising events, please like their Facebook page to keep updated and informed about P & C activities.

I would like to remind everyone that we are all responsible for making the carpark a safe place for students at the school. I have received some complaints over the last weeks about practices that make it unsafe for students. Please park in designated spots and not along verges or kerbing that prevent the flow of traffic. Cars are not to be left unattended in the drop off and pick up area and staff will prevent students from running out onto the road, when cars are moving. Stopping in the flowthrough area creates a bottle neck situation and traffic comes to a standstill. Traffic will always be busy at the end of the school day and delays will occur, I ask that everyone is considerate and patient for the 15 to 20 minutes that the congestion lasts.

We have an extra-long weekend due Easter, I hope that if you are travelling, your travels are safe and you enjoy your time away. For those of you who are staying in Canberra, I hope that you find time to rest and relax.

I look forward to seeing everyone back school next Tuesday for the last week of term one.

Until then, keep smiling.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart
Principal

Old iPhones, iPods, iDevices...

Do you have an old iPhone/Pod that you would like to restore to factory settings and donate to the school. We are trying to build our resources for audio books and would gratefully receive any old phones/pods/devices.

Danielle



**3JS and 3TM
Senior Assembly
25 March 2015**





Above: Merit Award Recipients



Left: District PSSA representatives:
Liam K - Softball
Hayden G - Cricket.

Ngunnawal School Age Care

The beginning of this year at Ngunnawal School Age Care has been full of activities and adventures for all who attend the Service! Over the past few weeks we have been making quilts and pillows, using needle and thread, as well as a sewing machine. Some of the boys in the Program have even made quilts for their little sisters, while others have made blankets for themselves.

We have also been exploring how everyday items work and have been pulling apart an old stereo to see what was inside. We are going to pull apart other old devices, explore how they are constructed and what makes them work. After we have done this, we are going to use all of the electronic parts and components to make a robot. We have also been decorating empty milo and coffee cans that have been brought to the Service to make small bins, as part of our ongoing focus on recycling and upcycling used materials.

The Service has been lucky enough to have tasted some multicultural food over the past few weeks as well. We have made and shared noodles and rice paper rolls from Vietnam and curried chicken from Burma. These recipes have been provided by some of our wonderful Educators who happily share their culture with the children at the Service.

Come and visit and see what exciting things we are up to next!

The Ngunnawal School Age Care Team



From your School Chaplain

It has been fabulous to spend some time in the school this week. I am starting to find out where things are and who some of the people in the school community are. Thank you everyone you have made me feel so welcome!

In week 10 there will be an opportunity after the ANZAC Assembly to come along to a morning tea where I can meet parents, carers and volunteers. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

Meet the Chaplain Morning Tea

When: Wednesday, 8 April at 10:00am

Where: Library

Mondays and Wednesday are Chaplain's Days!

In Term 2 my regular days at school will be Monday and Wednesday. Please contact me by email karen.connors@ed.act.edu if you would like to make an appointment (Mondays will be best for appointments) or leave a message at the office with your name and phone number so I can call you.

There will be permission forms that need to be filled out and returned to school before I am able to meet with your children. These will be available directly from me or from the front office. If you contact me by email I can send you the form to print out and sign.

Make sure to say hi if you see me around!

Karen Connors



STUDENTS' VIEWS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

In week 7, Alasdair Roy, the ACT Children & Young People Commissioner and his team, and Julia Pitts from the Commissioner for the Environment, visited each Year 4 class at Ngunnawal Primary to consult with students about their views on the environment.

The consultation took place over two sessions, exploring how students conceptualise the environment, what is important to them, and their ideas for protecting the environment. The students also wrote a message to the Commissioner for the Environment about what they would like him to focus on to protect the local environment in the ACT.

The consultation confirmed that our students can identify a wide range of features of the natural and human made environment, and broader concepts such as biodiversity and natural and cultural history. The demonstrated a strong interest in protecting the environment, and had lots of great ideas about how to do this.

A report of the consultation will be published by the Children & Young People Commissioner later this year.

DO NOT PICK OR EAT ANY WILD MUSHROOMS!

ACT Chief Health Officer is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at:

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/factsheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

P & C NEWS

We are nearly at the end of the term already and it's hard to believe. We would like to thank all the students, parents and teachers who supported our first fundraiser for Term 1 and hoping the students had an awesome night.

We are holding a Special Lunch Order – Hot Dog Day on Wednesday 8 April. If you didn't get a note you are able to get spare notes from the Canteen. If you are also able to volunteer on the day the Canteen would like some helpers.

Next term we will be running a Mother's Day Stall for all students at Ngunnawal Primary and will send a pamphlet home early next term. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know so that we are able to offer fundraisers that parents/students would like.

If you are able to spare anytime at all we would love to have you help out in our Canteen. We operate 5 days a week to ensure we are there to support our students and would love helpers. Even if you only have half an hour come in for a coffee and chat.

If you are interested in helping with the P & C at all this year please let us know either via email or like us on Facebook (Ngunnawal Primary P & C Association) or give me a call should you have any ideas or questions.

Mel Horrocks, P&C Vice President

PSSA SCHOOL SPORT TRIALS

District Football Boys 12&U (Soccer) Trials

Trial 1 Thursday 07 May

Trial 2 Friday 8 May

Venue: Ngunnawal Oval

Time: 4:00-5:00pm

Please note: These trial times are allocated to Ngunnawal students only (due to camp).

District Tennis Trials Boys and Girls 12&U

1 Trial only Wednesday 29 April

Venue: Canberra Tennis Centre

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

District AFL Trials 12&U

Trial 1 Wednesday 1 April 2015

Trial 2 Wednesday 8 April 2015

Venue: Harrison School Oval

Time 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Girls Football 12&U (Soccer)

Trial 1 Monday 4 May 2015

Trial 2 Wednesday 6 May 2015

Venue: Merici College Oval

Time: 3:45pm - 5:15pm

Girls Touch Football 12&U

Trial 1 Monday 4 May 2015

Trial 2 Wednesday 6 May 2015

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm



If you are interested in your child trialling for these sports please come and get a permission note from our community board or contact Fergus Edwards or Nikki Van Huizen. These notes need to be signed by principal or executive teacher.

Congratulations to Liam from Year 4 who has made the North Gungahlin District Boys Softball Team.

Well done to Hayden of Year 6 who made the North Gungahlin District Cricket team and played in the ACT competition on Thursday and Friday of week 6.

Fergus

NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in year three and year five occurs this year on **Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May**. Students will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the assessment, please see the school to complete a withdrawal form.

Parents and carers who would like to access information about the National Assessment Program please visit the website below:

Parents/Carers information page:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>

Anna & Sarah



UNSW Global
AUSTRALIA

2015 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6

For over 20 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has been conducting the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The following competitions will be held at Ngunnawal Primary School this year.

- o Digital Technologies 19 May week 4 term 2 \$8.00
- o English 28 July week 2 term 3 \$8.00
- o Mathematics 11 August week 4 term 3 \$8.00
- o Science 3 June week 6 term 2 \$8.00
- o Spelling 16 June week 8 term 2 \$11.00
- o Writing 15-19 June week 8 term 2 \$17.00

Payment for all competitions is due by Thursday 9 April, 2015.

Please note: late payments are not able to be accepted.

For more information please contact Natalie Otten or Tanya Matthews on 6205 8182.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS

have been

POSTPONED

due to closure of oval for maintenance works

NEW DATE:

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:15am.

STUDENT USE OF SOFTWARE PERMISSION NOTES

Permission notes went home with students last week to enable them to use the Reading Eggs software.

Please complete and return the permission note to the school front office as soon as possible.

Sarah

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Public Consultation - draft Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015.

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.



NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

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

Hope to see you there!

Nicole Butterworth, Co-ordinator



SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS



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BUYING IS GIVING

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY PURCHASE FROM THE SMITH FAMILY STORE SUPPORTS PROGRAMS TO HELP DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN TO SUCCEED AT SCHOOL?

There is something for everyone at The Smith Family Woden Store, located at 4 Easty St, Philip ACT (Cnr Launceston and Easty St).

Not only will you find a great range of high quality clothing and accessories for the whole family at affordable prices, but your purchase will also go towards helping disadvantaged young Australians create better futures for themselves through education.

At The Smith Family stores, buying is giving because all proceeds we make from the sale of clothing donations go directly to learning programs for disadvantaged children supported by The Smith Family.

The Smith Family is a national children's charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, to prevent them from experiencing a lifetime of poverty.

We look forward to seeing you at our Woden store!

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