

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

Newsletter No. 1 – 6 February 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 7 Feb 2018
*Whole School
Assembly; 9:15*

Thursday 8 Feb 2018
*First day Term 1 (End of
week preschool groups)*

Wed 14 Feb 2018
*Junior School
Assembly 9:15
(1/2AW & 1/2NM)*

Monday 19 Feb 2018
*School Board Meeting
5:30pm*

Monday 26 Feb 2018
*P&C Association
Annual General Meeting
6:00pm*

Thurs 8 March 2018
*School Swimming
Carnival*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2018 school year. For those of you who are returning this year, it's great to have you back and for those of you who are new the Ngunnawal Primary community I extend a very warm welcome to you. I am looking forward to reconnecting with students and families over the coming days and also eager to get to know all of our new students and families. It is important that we build a positive and productive relationship so that all students benefit.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had time for some rest and relaxation so that you are refreshed and ready for another learning filled year at Ngunnawal Primary School. Over the coming weeks we will be sending home information and dates for a range of activities and events such as our *Getting to Know You* interviews, swimming carnival, camps etc. It is important that you check your child's bag for notes on Tuesday and Thursday of each week so that you know what is happening at the school. The school's newsletter day is Tuesday, and families can access an electronic copy via the link on school's Facebook page or directly from Ngunnawal Primary's website

<http://www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/>

Families can notify the front office that they would like a hard copy sent home with their child or the link to the school's website emailed each week.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten students settled well in to their classes yesterday. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for doing such a great job

in supporting children in readiness for their first day at school. Although the students were tired at the end of the day, many of them assured me they would be back ready for learning today.

I briefly mentioned last year that Ngunnawal Primary School has been chosen to take part in the School Crossing Supervisor program. The supervised crossing for the school will be on Wanganeen Avenue for an hour each morning and afternoon every school day. It is important that all members of the community follow the crossing supervisor's instructions. Please read the information further on in this newsletter for more detailed information about this new safety initiative.

This year we have changed some school routines the first one being the daily session times. The new times are set out below. We will have supervised eating in classrooms for 10 minutes prior to the commencement of each break. Students will be required to sit at their tables and eat their food. School days will begin with morning lines in the courtyard. This will allow us to provide students with daily messages and allow them to move to classrooms with their teacher in an organised and orderly manner. Parents are most welcome to stay for our morning lines. It is important to remember that school begins at 9am each day and we would appreciate it if children arrive as close as possible to this time.

Morning Session	9:00am to 11:00am
Recess	11:00am to 11:40am
Middle Session	11:40am to 1:20pm
Lunch	1:20pm to 2:00pm
Afternoon Session	2:00pm to 3:00pm

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I would like to welcome the following staff who are new to Ngunnawal Primary School this year.

Leadership Team	Rebecca Richardson
Specialist Programs	Mark Basset (Indonesian) Jacinta Scott (PE & Sport)
Preschool	Krissy Quinell Kerri Hayes Tenille Bayley
Kindergarten	Natalie Ivanoff
Year 1/2	Kylie Mannix Mikko Agil Nicole Edwards
Year 3/4	Tamsin Thomas Simone Buckley Cat Manners, Xian Buggy,
Year 5/6	Mark Semmler Laura Wolfson

Below are photos of the 2018 Ngunnawal Primary Leadership Team. Listed also are the teams they will be leading this year.



*Kristine Stewart
Principal*



*Rebecca Richardson
Deputy Principal
Team: Preschool-
Kinder*



*Will Powell
Executive Teacher
Team: Yrs 5/6*



*Keren Briggs
Executive Teacher
Team: Yrs 3/4*



*Stacey Naden
Executive Teacher
Team: Yrs 1/2*



*Vernetta Rolls
Executive Teacher
Team: Specialist
Teachers*



*Kirralee Larkin
Business and
Facilities Manager
Team: Admin and
Support*

At Ngunnawal Primary we strongly believe that working together in partnership with families is key to student success across all learning areas. From time to time there will be the need for us to meet and discuss concerns or address any questions you may have. If this does occur it is always best in the first instance to talk to your child's class teacher, however if you need further clarification contact the Front Office on 6142 1500 to speak to the team leader

of your child's cohort.

I hope you have a great week and are enjoying the children being back at school. I know that staff here have missed the students very much and are well prepared for a great year ahead.

Kind regards.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart
Principal

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2018

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.

Board vacancies to be filled are:

Parent Representative 1 - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020

Parent Representative 2 - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020

Staff Representative 1 - **1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019**

Staff Representative 2 - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020

The timetable for the election of the parent representatives and the staff representatives is:

Nomination period:

Opens – 11:00am on Monday 5 February 2018

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 19 February 2018.

Voting period (if election is required):

Opens - 11:00am on Monday 26 February 2018

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 5 March 2018.

The successful candidates will be published before the end of March 2018.

If you are interested in being a member of the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for 2018-2020 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Kristine Stewart on 6142 1500. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms are available from the school front office from Monday, 5 February 2018.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

OUR TEAM FOR 2018

Leadership Team

Principal	Kristine Stewart
Deputy Principal	Bek Richardson
Executive Teacher	Keren Briggs
Executive Teacher	Will Powell
Executive Teacher	Stacey Naden
Executive Teacher	Vernetta Rolls

Preschool

Teacher (Koori Pre)	Tenille Bayley
Teacher (Karrugang & Gula)	Kerri Hayes
Teacher (Balbo)	Julie Ford
Teacher (Mundawari)	Krissy Quinnell
Teacher (Bunduluk)	Sharon Genero
Teacher (Guginya)	Jessica Wittman
Educator (Mundawari)	Caroline Evans
Educator (Balbo)	Debbie Gilbert
Educator (Bunduluk & Guginya)	Lyndy Parker
Educator (Karrugang & Gula)	Kerryn Price
Educator (Dyindan)	Samara Cummings

Yerrabi (Kindergarten)

KES	Erin Salleo
KMB	Maria Vardanega & Belinda Denmead
KSK	Sandra Kinnane

Budawang (Kindergarten)

KMA	Mary Aranguiz
KNI	Natalie Ivanoff

Gundaroo (Year 1/2)

1/2AW	Ashley Whild
1/2IL	Ione Leach & Lisa Buchanan
1/2KMX	Kylie Mannix
1/2MA	Mikko Agil
1/2NM	Nancye Marrington

Redwood (Year 1/2)

1/2KMA	Kunjai Mehta
1/2NE	Nichole Edwards
1/2RJ	Raina Jose
1/2ST	Stephney Tyler

Brindabella (Year 3/4)

3/4CM	Catherine Manners
3/4MM	Melanie Menegazzo
3/4SB	Simone Buckley
3/4TT	Tamsin Thomas

Kosciusko (Year 3/4)

3/4DW	Drew Waghchoure
3/4RM	Rochelle Mandelson
3/4XB	Xian Buggy

Namadgi (Year 5/6)

5/6KE	Kris Archibald & Eloise Eldridge
5/6MS	Mark Semmler

Wiradjuri (Year 5/6)

5/6GH	Gina Harrop
5/6LK	Lucy Kelly
5/6LW	Laura Wolfson
5/6SM	Sarah Murcutt

Specialist Programs

Year 5 Band	Belinda Robertson
Year 6 Band	Belinda Robertson
Music Release	Belinda Robertson
Indonesian	Mark Bassett
Environmental Science	Larry Stackpoole
PE Release	Jacinta Scott

Learning Support Centre

EALD	Eloise Eldridge
	Tracey Blackmore
	Monica Dray
	Belinda Denmead
	Sandra Paliaga

Administration Staff

Business Manager	Kirrilee Larkin
Finance & Enrolments Officer	Karrina Murphy
School Secretary	Jennifer Lewis
Administration Support	Trina Clyde
Building Service Officer	Peter Dray

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)

Kelly Baker
Brett Northey
Kerry O'Rourke

Library Technician

Karin Tamsett

Indigenous Education Worker

Belinda Kinchela-Bashford

Teaching Support

Cecilia Brunker
Maureen Campbell
Tanya Matthews

School Psychologist

Isobel Turner

Chaplain

TBA

Ngunnawal Primary School

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments can be made via Quickweb at:

www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/payment

OR

By direct deposit into the School's bank account.

Bank account details for direct deposits are:

Bank: Westpac Bank

BSB: 032777

Account No.: 001738

PLEASE ENSURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND REASON FOR DEPOSIT IN THE REFERENCE SECTION.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All requests for staff to administer medication and/or medical treatment must be in writing, setting out exact procedures. Students are not to bring medication without written advice.

Each request will then be assessed in relation to the Directorate's First Aid Policy and the school's ability to follow through. All medication is to be kept at the front office to ensure safety for all concerned. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment. If you have any queries please contact the school. If your child has any of the following conditions an Emergency Treatment Plan must be completed and returned ASAP:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Any other medical condition for which your Doctor has recommended the school needs an Emergency Treatment Plan.
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

These forms can be collected from the Front Office.

SIGN IN / OUT BOOK

Parents who are bringing their children to school after 9:30am or taking them out of the school for any reason during school hours, must sign the student Sign In / Out book which is located on the counter at the office. This needs to be signed, both when leaving and when returning to school.

PARENTING AGREEMENTS – CUSTODY ORDERS – PROTECTION ORDERS

If your child/ren is/are subject to a custody order, parenting agreement or protection order, the school needs to know. Copies of these documents are kept in a confidential file and teachers are informed on a "need to know" basis. Please see the Principal or Deputy Principal.

BRIMMED HATS

In line with the ACT Education Directorate's Sun Protection Policy, students at Ngunnawal Primary School must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside at all times except for June and July. It has been brought to our attention that some students are wearing baseball caps which offer no protection to the ears and back of the neck. These caps need to be left at home to avoid student frustration. The correct hats are available for purchase from the front office.

The safety and well-being of your children is very important to us. To assist us in providing a safe play environment for your child we need to ensure all hats have their cords removed to prevent choking accidents. There are brimmed hats available with special safety release cords. If your child has one of these there is no need to remove the cord.

BIKES & OTHER WHEELED ITEMS

If students ride bicycles or scooters to school they must wear a helmet. Bicycles and scooters must be placed in the locked bicycle compound. The compound is locked during school hours but bike compounds are not theft proof. We do recommend that students bring a lock and secure their bike or scooter within the compound.

For the safety of all students no wheeled devices (including shoes, skateboards, in-line skates and scooters) are to be ridden in the school playground at any time. Skateboards and in-line skates are not considered to be safe transport to and from school for primary-aged children and are not to be brought to school.



The school will not accept responsibility for the care of any wheeled device or associated equipment.

Students must dismount bikes and other wheeled devices before using school crossings.



ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies are held **each Wednesday morning at 9:15am**. We invite parents to join us to share in the achievements and presentations that celebrate student success and achievement at Ngunnawal Primary School.

A whole school assembly is generally held every three (3) weeks, with Junior (preschool to year 2) and Senior (years 3 to 6) assemblies occurring on a rotating roster.

ABSENTEEISM

If your child is absent from school please:

- call 6142 1500 and advise the front office staff or leave a voice message giving child's name, roll group and date of absence;

OR

- please email the school NgunnawalPS.Absences@ed.act.edu.au stating the child's name, roll group and date

and acknowledging that the student had permission to be absent from school.

STUDENT SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that there is no direct supervision of children in the playground between 8.30am and 9.00am. The Library opens each morning at 8.30am for student borrowing. It is desirable that students be dropped off at school as close as possible to 9.00am. If children need assistance before school they should contact the front office for assistance.

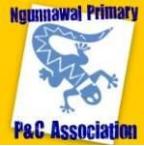
Before 9am students are required to stay within the courtyard of the school. **Playing on equipment is not permitted.**

School concludes at 3.00pm and children should go directly home unless they are attending After School Care. Please ensure that your children know the correct procedures for going home each day.

PRECIOUS ARTICLES / VALUABLES / MOBILE PHONES

Parents are asked to ensure that students do not bring precious articles or toys to school. It is extremely distressing for students if valuables are lost or broken. They can also cause a disruption to lessons. Please make prior arrangements with teachers before any "treasures" are brought to school for news. **Mobile phones and iPods** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal or Deputy Principal. These items must be handed in at the front office prior to 9am each day and will be stored at the front office until 3pm when they can be collected by students.





P & C News

The Ngunnawal Primary School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association plays an important part in supporting our wonderful school. We run the school canteen and a second-hand uniform shop, as well as organise events such as school discos and the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls during the year.

To find out more about how you can get involved in the P&C, come along to a meeting (details below), send an email to ngunnawalps_pandc@outlook.com or like us on Facebook (just search for 'Ngunnawal Primary P&C Association').

2018 meetings

We meet at 6pm in the school staff room at the front office. Our meeting dates for 2018 are:

26 February (AGM)	17 September
21 May	5 November
25 June	10 December
13 August	

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

All P & C positions for 2018 are vacant – you just need to nominate!

School Crossing Supervisor program

A School Crossing Supervisor program is being introduced in the ACT in 2018 to increase safety at 20 of the ACT's busiest crossings and to encourage more students to walk and ride to school.

The Minister for Transport and City Services Meegan Fitzharris announced on 12 December 2017 that our school will benefit from this [new initiative](#).

Crossing supervisors (or lollipop people as they are commonly known) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

From the beginning of 2018 a supervisor will be located at the crossing on Wanganeen Avenue (between Yumba St and Guginya St). The supervisor will work for an hour in the morning and an hour afternoon, commencing approximately 45 minutes before school in the morning and 15 minutes before school finishes in the afternoon.

When using a supervised crossing, pedestrians need to follow the instructions provided by the supervisor, rather than deciding when it is safe to cross. This [animated video](#) highlights the process to follow at a supervised crossing. It is important to teach children about these new requirements and remember to:

- STOP – in a safe location next to the crossing
- LOOK – for the crossing supervisor
- LISTEN – to the supervisor's instructions

The [School Crossing Supervisor program](#) website has more information about the program.

Ngunnawal Primary School P&C

Annual General Meeting – Monday 26 February 2018

Nomination for P&C Committee Members for 2018

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I wish to nominate for the following position:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> · President | <input type="checkbox"/> · Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> · Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> · Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> · General Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> · Fundraising co-ordinator |

Please complete this form and return in an envelope to the front office to:

Kristine Stewart, Principal – P&C Committee Position Nomination Form

Please note that ALL nominees need to attend the P&C AGM.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking 2018

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Ngunnawal Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

All Kindergarten children will receive the parent pack this week and all existing school banking students will receive their pack with the new rewards in the coming weeks when they make a deposit. Could parents please ensure that the children's new class for 2018 is written on the deposit wallets.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

We are always after volunteers to help process the deposit books between 9.00am and 10.00am so if you have a spare hour you are most welcome.

Should you have any further questions you can contact me at tokleyfamily@bigpond.com

Julie Tokley

Ngunnawal Primary School Banking Co-ordinator

Urgently Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.



The program requires volunteers to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes approximately 1 hour on Thursday mornings from 9.00am. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the front office or feel free to drop in to the Boardroom on a Thursday morning.

Please note we urgently require volunteers for the CBA School Banking program to be offered in 2018. Without additional volunteers the program will no longer be provided to the students.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability: _____

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY'S NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!

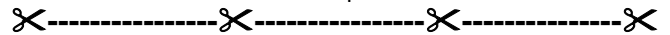
The newsletter can be accessed each week via the Ngunnawal Primary School Facebook page or the school website at:

www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

The **newsletter link** will be emailed to families who request this option.

Paper copies of the newsletter will be provided to families who do not have access to the internet.

Please complete the form below indicating your preferred option for accessing the school newsletter each week and return to the school as soon as possible.



REQUEST FOR EMAIL REMINDER OR PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

(youngest attending Ngunnawal Primary)

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

[] Please send an email reminder with the newsletter link to our family each week. Our email address is:

OR

[] Please continue to provide our family with a paper copy of the school newsletter.