PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the term! It certainly has been a busy time here at Ngunnawal Primary. Some of the highlights have included:

• Getting to know you interviews, preschool to year 6
• Preschool multi-cultural lunch
• Harmony Day Celebration assembly
• Swimming Carnival years 3 – 6
• Whole school Cross Country Carnival
• Year 5/6 Laurie Daley Shield finalists
• Kindergarten to year 2 swimming lessons
• Hockey and OzTag Clinics
• Colour My Day Diabetes fundraiser
• P & C disco.

It takes many hours of planning and commitment from our teachers and community members to provide students at Ngunnawal Primary with such a wide range of extra-curricular activities. The hard work in organising these events is truly valued and I would like to extend a very warm thank you to everyone.

Teachers have undertaken a wide range of professional learning since the beginning of this term. Teachers are lifelong learners and recognise and value the importance of participating in workshops where they learn how current educational research is being implemented in schools. Teachers then use their newly acquired learning in the classroom to positively impact on the learning outcomes of our students. This term’s professional learning has had a particular focus on spelling, grammar and the number strand of Mathematics. Next term we will be working towards further embedding this learning in our classrooms.

One part of my job that I really look forward to is students sharing their learning with me during the week. Congratulations to the following students on working hard in literacy to develop their reading and writing skills.

KCB – Ashleigh, Ashlyn, Amy, Murphy, Jason, Natasha
KCD – Maverick, Alyssa, Julia
1KN – All members of class for writing and illustrating their own version of the book Mr MaGee.
KCC – Alex, Shalina
1J – Jean, Georgia

Congratulations to Michelle Northey, who has been successful in gaining a transfer to Kaleen Primary School, beginning in term two. Michelle has been a long standing staff member at Ngumatal Primary and has made an enormous contribution over this time. I would like to invite you to Michelle’s farewell that will take place after the ANZAC Day assembly in week ten. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle and wish her all the very best for her future career.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that there is a Code of Conduct for Volunteers and Visitors in schools. We must conduct ourselves at school in a respectful manner so that a safe environment and a positive educational climate is provided for all students, staff and community members.

You are able to access the code of conduct by on the ACT Education and Training’s website under the Publications and Policies tab:


As always please contact myself or one of the executive team if you would like to clarify any questions you may have.

Until next time, keep smiling.

Kristine
Kristine Stewart, Principal
Koori Roos

What a lovely start to the year Koori Roos have had, we have welcomed new families and enjoyed having others return for another year. I have felt very welcomed as the new teacher and have enjoyed getting to know everybody. The Koori Roos have enjoyed going on lots of hunts; we have been on bear hunts, crocodile hunts, insect hunts and really enjoyed our nature hunt around the preschool, even venturing out of the gates. We have been learning some new songs in a variety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, including ‘The Wheels on the Holden’ and ‘Inanay’ with the children enjoying using the tapping sticks and helping with the actions.

Last week to celebrate Harmony Day we made some Johnny Cakes which were yummy and we look forward to doing lots more cooking this year.

It has also been nice to see some families join us for Footprints Koori Playgroup on Wednesday mornings 11:30am - 1:00pm and would be great to see some more families join us. We have had a great first term and we are looking forward to a lot more fun and adventures next term.

Preschool

This term has started off wonderfully! It’s great to see all of the children settled into the preschool routine and program. This term has been a busy one with lots of exciting things happening. Kate’s and Janice’s classes have been joining together to have singing, music and movement time. On a Tuesday afternoon Hunter, a parent from Red group, comes and plays the piano. This is such a valuable time for the children and it is great to see them all exploring singing, dancing, rhythm and beat. There are also opportunities for the children to suggest songs they would like to do with their classmates and teachers.

This term the children have explored many different painting and creative art techniques within the classroom. This has been lots of fun and we have had great opportunities to explore colour, shapes and patterns. We have also this term focused on our name. We have had opportunities for the children to trace their name, have a go at writing their name, counting the letters in their name and exploring what letter their name starts with.

The children have had the opportunity to participate in cooking with staff and eating the finished product. In the last weeks of term we will be doing some Easter experiences and preparing for our Mother’s Day afternoon tea in term 2.

In Yamba group, the children enjoy the first half hour at preschool doing free choice learning experiences and craft with their parents. We have been learning about spiders and we loved doing a puppet show with them. We are now learning about caterpillars and butterflies. During movement and dancing sessions we have enjoyed exploring movement with scarves and using tapping sticks. We all contributed to the multicultural lunch and enjoyed tasting delicious food from all over the world. We are all bringing in flags from the country we come from so that we can learn about all the cultures in our group.

Kate, Janice, Emma, Shirley, Kerryn, Caroline, Lyndy
NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL STATEMENT OF INTENT

Towards the end of 2013 the whole school community was involved in developing and refining the Statement of Intent for Ngunnawal Primary School. We started with the staff who worked with an external facilitator to identify what was core to education at Ngunnawal, then all of the students had an opportunity to contribute what they believed to be most important and finally the families had a couple of opportunities to add their thoughts. At the beginning of this year the staff refined the statements below which are directly based on the results of the collaborative process we undertook. Please read the statements and send in your feedback by the end of this term. You can provide feedback by email to info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au or by submitting written comments to the front office.

**Purpose:** Ngunnawal Primary School’s fundamental purpose is learning. The school educates students to navigate the social world, develop friendships, demonstrate respect and have fun. Students develop knowledge and skills to enable them to be ready for the future.

**Vision:** At Ngunnawal Primary School all students learn to high levels through relevant curriculum and contemporary learning environments. Students develop a strong sense of community at NPS.

**Values:** The Ngunnawal Primary School community have high expectations of its members to demonstrate the SHARE values and be inclusive of all. Respect for all underpins this ethos.

- **S** – Show you’re caring
- **H** – Honest
- **A** – Always do your best
- **R** – Respect and Responsibility
- **E** – Everyone knows, what you give comes back to you.

**Graduate Profile:** By the end of primary school, Ngunnawal Primary School students demonstrate confidence in academic and life skills. They have the knowledge and character to positively approach the next phase in their lives.

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**Senior Merit Awards, 26 March 2014**

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3N & 3KW Senior Assembly!

26 March 2014
Junior Disco!
Senior Disco
SCIENCE UPDATE

Quiz Questions:
1. How many faces does a triangular pyramid have?
2. An Australian 20 cent piece is made of which two elements?
3. How many wings do dragonflies have?
4. Which satellite has a higher orbital speed: the International Space Station, or the moon?
5. The World Solar Challenge races between which two Australian cities?

Quiz Answers:
1. A triangular pyramid has four faces.
2. An Australian 20 cent piece is made of copper and nickel.
3. Dragonflies have four wings.
4. The International Space Station has a higher orbital speed (more than seven kilometres per second) than the Moon (about one kilometre per second).
5. The World Solar Challenge races from Darwin to Adelaide.

SAFETY REMINDER – BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND IN-LINE SKATES

- Students who ride bicycles or scooters to school must wear a helmet while riding.
- Bicycles and scooters skates are not to be ridden within the school grounds at any time.
- Skateboards and in-line skates are not considered a safe means of transport to and from school for primary school aged children and are not to be ridden or brought to school.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance in this matter.

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
- children are welcome (there are toys to play with!)
- stay as long as you can, whenever you can

Hope to see you there!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

Ngunnawal Primary School

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE UPDATED THE SCHOOL'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS.

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.

Kidsoccer Holiday Clinics and Winter Programs

Registrations are now open for Kidsoccer's April holiday programs.

We run skills based, age appropriate programs for 3 to 12 year olds. Our emphasis is on fun, participation, fun, fun, development, and did we mention - fun!

Visit our web page - kidsfc.com.au – and click on the program link for all the details. A fantastic 35% discount is available if you register before 8th April.

Whilst you are looking at our website, check out our winter program – special early bird discounts also apply if you register before 18th April.

Our program caters for the very beginner through to the more experienced player, and we take kids as young as 3! It is a great way to keep your kids fit and active and improve their skills Kidsoccer – it’s just more Fun.

Homestay Network

is seeking families to join in the experience of hosting international students who attend Universities and language schools.

We have students who are keen to experience the Australian lifestyle within a family environment. If you think you might enjoy the cultural exchange and would like to know more please apply online to be a host at:

www.homestaynetwork.com.au

Hosts are paid upwards of $250 per week for hosting our students.

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