FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to winter! Gee, the weather has certainly plummeted since the weekend. We have put our SunSmart hats away for the next couple of months, and I strongly encourage you to send your children to school with a beanie or jacket with a hood. If you are at school at all make sure you pop into the hall foyer and see if any of the lost property belongs to your family.

It was lovely to watch the combination of choir and teacher band play on Wednesday at the Reconciliation Assembly. It was a real highlight for our Reconciliation Week activities.

If you have a child who is eligible to attend preschool next year, please make sure you complete the online enrolment process as soon as possible. We are trying to organise classes for next year and accurate numbers make this possible.

As much as we like to support sporting clubs and community groups, unfortunately we can’t sell fundraising chocolates at school. We are moving toward being a more healthy school and reducing the amount of ‘treat’ foods available.

We are all looking forward to the athletics carnivals this week. The senior carnival will be held on Thursday, 5 June at Amaroo Oval. Students will be walking to the oval accompanied by staff and supervised all day. It is important that students are prepared for a full day outside and have adequate clothing, food and drink to sustain them. There are no canteen facilities available on the day. The junior carnival will be held the following day here at school during the middle part of the day. We look forward to both events.

In response to a number of families who have requested the newsletter link be emailed each week we are compiling a mailing list of families who wish to access this option. Please either send an email to info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au with ‘Newsletter Request’ as the subject line and include family/student names or send your information into the front office.

Cheers

Danielle

A-E REPORTS

At the end of this term parents will receive a written report detailing their child’s progress over the first semester of the year. In accordance with Federal Government regulations, all students from years 1 to 6 will also have their academic progress recorded using the A-E format. If you do not wish to receive the A-E portion of your child’s report please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

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 1, 2014] OR [Until further notice]

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________

Name of Parent/Carer: (please print)

_________________________ Date: _________
What a great start to the year Year 3 students have had. We have settled quickly into classroom routines with great enthusiasm.

In English we have been learning about explanation writing. We have quickly discovered that there are many different types and there is specific language we have to use.

In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 10000. We have discovered formal units for measuring and enjoy measuring items in our classroom and playground.

In Health this semester we have been participating in Every Chance to Dance. The program is teaching us great new moves! We look forward to this each week.

We are proud of our outstanding artworks. This term Vincent Van Gogh and Picasso is our focus. Van Gogh’s artworks consist of many techniques and elements such as complimentary colours, lines and dots.
**ROSTRUM**

Rostrum is a primary school public speaking competition held in the ACT every year. Our students from years 3 to 6 gave speeches in their classrooms. Classroom teachers chose a representative from their class to deliver their speech at our school final Tuesday 27 May.

Our fantastic representatives were:

- Ethan J 5/6A
- Nivene H 5/6S
- Amy F 4M
- Maddy G 4C
- Amy C 5/6L
- Joshua S 5/6N
- Chloe N 5/6S
- Chloe TD 5/6K

The quality of speeches this year was amazing. The judges had a hard time selecting a winner. Congratulations to our winner Chloe TD from 5/6K and Chloe N as our runner up.

Chloe TD will now go on to represent our school at the Quarter Finals on Wednesday 11 June, 7pm at Harrison School.

Good luck Chloe TD!

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Ngunnawal Primary School for kindergarten to year 6 classes on Wednesday 18 June at 10am.

We will teach the children from John’s gospel chapter 3, verse 16, using songs, stories and a game or quiz to teach the children from the Bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

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**PERMISSION NOTE - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Christian Education sessions in 2014.

Child's Name: ________________________ Class: ______
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Parent/Carer Signature: __________________________________________________________

Parent/Carer Name: (please print): ____________________________________________ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

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Senior Choir gave a special performance at the Whole School Assembly on Wednesday, 28 May for Reconciliation Week.

Students from 4MC accept the trophy as the Best Listening Class at assembly on 28 May.
SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:
1. Is the lens in a magnifying glass convex or concave?
2. How many toes do cats have, in total?
3. Which is the only planet to spin horizontally?
4. Which chemical gives parmesan cheese its smell?
5. What is the waxy coating of a leaf called?

Quiz Answers:
1. A magnifying glass has a convex lens.
2. Cats have 18 toes, five on each front paw and four on each back paw.
3. Uranus is the only planet to spin horizontally.
4. Butyrate, a short-chain fatty acid, gives parmesan cheese its smell.
5. The waxy coating of a leaf is a cuticle.

Karon

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thursday, 5 June 2014.

WHO: All students who are 8 years and older by the end of 2014.
WHERE: Students will walk to and from the Amaroo District Playing Fields.
WHEN: Students will leave the school at approximately 9:10am and return by 2:50pm.

Information and permission notes were sent home with students last Friday. Please return the permission note by Wednesday, 4 June.

Parent volunteers who are able to assist with the event are very welcome. Please contact the school and leave your details.

Karon and Fergus

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL CLIMATE MEASUREMENT TOOL (ASCMIT) SURVEY

Nggunnawal Primary is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end the school in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers.

The aim is to gather information about the school's social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and future challenges. This survey will take place this term (Term 2, 2014). You will receive a letter from the school with a link to the survey. Students will complete the survey at school.

We hope to be able to discuss the findings of the survey with you at a future time and feel that gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers.

Kate

Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Dear Families and Carers,

Your children are invited to attend a series of dance workshops which started in week 4. Students are given an opportunity to learn a range of traditional dances. The dance instructor is Duncan Smith. A showcase will be held as part of our NAIDOC assembly in week 10.

Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops:

When: Thursday weeks 6, 7, 8 & 9,
Where: Nggunnawal Primary School Library
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Cost: Nil

Extended family and siblings are encouraged to come along.

The Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops will be a great opportunity for your children to participate in traditional dance and song cultural activities. If you have any questions about the workshops please call or email me.

Anna McGown

Junior Athletics Carnival

Participants: * Kindergarten students
* Year 1 students
* Year 2 students who are under 8 years of age by the end of 2014.

Friday, 6 June 2014
Oval 11:30am – 1:00pm
Parents/Carers welcome.

Anna McGown

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
Hey Mum and Dad
Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure. www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart
Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association
Silver Shrapnel Drive

Not sure what to do with those pesky silver coins taking up room in your pocket or purse? Excess coins weighing down your purse or wallet? Why not bag them up and send them into school!

A new twist on our five cent fundraiser – as part of our silver shrapnel drive, we are asking for any silver coins to be donated to help raise funds for our school. Last year we raised over $1,000 from your donated five cent pieces, which helped us purchase iPads for the school. This year, we want to do better and buy even more electronics for the school.

Simply pop them in a zip-lock bag and mark with your child’s class and name and send them to the school canteen.

The coins will be counted each week with a running tally to see how well your class is doing. The class that raises the most will win a special prize.

You can start bringing in your shrapnel now! Collections will close on Friday 20th June (end of week 9) with the winning class announced in the newsletter and at the assembly.

Canteen
New Menu Item

We are proud to introduce
Chicken Noodle Soup
and
Tomato Soup
this cold season.

Available in terms 2 and 3 every Tuesday and Wednesday
Just $4.00 or
$4.50 with a fresh buttered roll

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.

Scholastic Book Club
Orders due in by Monday, 16 June 2014

Notification of Student Absences
If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:30am.
SUPA Club stands for Scripture Union Primary Age. It’s a fortnightly lunchtime club that allows children to explore who Jesus is in a fun & relaxed way.

Coming to SUPA Club is voluntary & children can only participate if they have a signed permission slip.

PLEASE NOTE: All children who attend SUPA Club MUST now fill in a new registration form each year.

WHO: Children in kindergarten to year 6 who have a signed permission slip.

WHEN: Fortnightly during term on Thursdays - 29 May, 12 June, 26 June.

WHERE: Redwood Unit.

This term we are looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

For more information: there are brochures at the front office or call Russell Smidt, Ngunnawal SUPA Club Coordinator, on 6241 3750 or email russell@nlpc.org.au

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**SELF DEFENCE AND FITNESS**

Learn practical self defence, gain confidence and improve your fitness in a supportive and friendly environment. Classes are taught by experienced black belt instructors and are available for men, women and children of all ages.

**START TODAY**

Classes Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Nicholls Sports Precinct Community Centre
(between the football ovals off Clarrie Hermes Drive, Nicholls)

For more information come any night, phone 6241 9055 or check our website www.nttkd.org.au

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