FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this week’s newsletter finds you well. We have had a number of students and staff unwell with a stomach upset over the past week. I would like to remind you that if children are unwell it is better to keep them away from school until they recover. This helps minimise the spread of viruses throughout the school. As always if your child will not be attending we appreciate a phone call or email letting us know so we can maintain accurate attendance records.

Last week we have been busy as usual participating in a variety of events. A number of junior classes participated in tennis sessions with Ian Goolagong. Senior band students have been rehearsing in preparation for Bandfest later this term. The Limelight Choir students have been singing away learning the songs for their performance.

Next week we are having a double celebration with Book Week and Science Week both occurring concurrently. On Wednesday we are holding our annual Book Week assembly and parade. So don't forget to dress up as your favourite character. On Friday our senior students will be leading multiage groups participating in Science investigations. Karon has been working with 5/6L to train them to lead the groups in the investigations. I can't wait to experience them myself. The following week we are holding the family maths night. Don’t forget to lock it in on your calendar, Tuesday 26 August, 5:30-6:30pm.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. Your child’s class teacher, executive teachers or Kristine and I are more than happy to have a chat.

Regards

Danielle

Deputy Principal

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2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted this term. A letter was sent home this week with further details.

The survey opens on 11 August and closes on 29 August 2014. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) are asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools.

The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development.

The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at www.det.act.gov.au under Publications.
We have begun another busy term in kindergarten and have loved celebrating 100 days at school and being 100 days smarter! We spent our special day making crowns, drawing self-portraits of what we will look like at 100, sang songs and ate delicious finger buns. We look forward to many more school events this term such as Book Week, Kenny Koala visiting, Learning Journey and kindergarten hosting assembly to the whole school in Week 7.

**In Science** we read the story of ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and discussed what different materials they used to build their houses. Students then drew their own houses and labelled the different materials such as bricks, wood, glass, cement and metal.

**In Mathematics** students have been learning about 3D objects and their curved and flat faces. We enjoyed finding 3D objects in our environment.

We have learnt to use describing words such as heavier and lighter to measure the mass of different objects using our hands. We then used a pan balance to accurately compare the mass of our two objects.

**In Geography** we have been learning about Ngunnawal and where we go to school. We used google maps to explore our suburb and we discussed special features in Ngunnawal such as our parks, shops, oval and where we live.

**In Literacy** we have been reading the story ‘The Very Cranky Bear’ and learning to retell the story using pictures and words. We also created an artwork on the sheep who shored off some of his wool to make a pillow for the Cranky Bear.
SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:

1. How many vocal cords are used in the human body?
2. Which of these heats the inside of the Earth more? Is it a) radioactive decay, b) friction, or c) electricity?
3. The word vaccine comes from the Latin word for which animal?
4. Which is the larger genome: bread wheat or rice?
5. What makes litmus paper change colour?

Science Quiz Answers:

1. There are two true vocal chords used in the human body, and two false vocal chords that do not directly make speech.
2. a) Radioactive decay produces more heat inside the Earth.
3. The word vaccine comes from the Latin word for cow, vacca. This is because a vaccine for smallpox was made from cowpox.
4. Bread wheat has a genome that is 40 times larger than rice.
5. Acids and bases make litmus paper change colour.

Karon

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

Book Week 2014

16-22 August

The theme is “Connect to Reading” On Wednesday 20 August following our school assembly, we will be having a book character parade. Students may choose to dress up as a book character for the parade. Teachers will be celebrating book week throughout week 5 by reading the short listed books and completing book related activities in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you at the assembly and parade.

STEP INTO THE LIMELIGHT

Ngunnawal Primary will be participating in the Step into the Limelight massed primary choir.

Step into the Limelight is the major arts showcase for ACT public schools and will include over 1300 students from ACT public schools in 2014. The program involves school-based rehearsals, combined rehearsals and participation in production week culminating with a performance in front of an audience of 1700 people at the AIS Arena.

Tickets

If you would like to be a member of the audience for the main stage performances, tickets for Step into the Limelight are on sale through Ticketek on 13 2849 or http://premier.ticketek.com.au/ .

Please make sure when you are purchasing tickets you order for Thursday 28 August as that is the only day our students will be performing as part of the Step into the Limelight program. Each school’s performance night is also listed on the Ticketek website. Student performers do not need a ticket.

Tickets went on sale Monday August 4.

Costs:

- $29.65 Adult
- $16.00 Junior/Child
- $24.00 Concession
- $76.00 Family (4)
- $24.00pp (Group of 8+)
4E and 4M Assembly
Science Update: Science Fair Opportunity

SEA*ACT (The Science Educators' Association of the A.C.T.) is hosting a Science Fair.

Objectives of the Science Fair:
- To encourage active involvement and interest by students in Science.
- To encourage students to pursue their interests in Science beyond the boundaries of the classroom.
- To encourage students to undertake planned and controlled investigations in Science and report their results.
- To encourage students to apply these processes of scientific enquiry to topics that interest them.
- To encourage students to record and present their work for others and in so doing, develop the various skills used in scientific communication.
- To enable the community, including other students and teachers, to see project work by students in ACT colleges, schools and preschools.

If you are interested in participating, please register your interest by emailing Karon Campbell - karon.campbell@ed.act.edu.au and the 2014 Information Booklet with all the details you need to enter will be emailed to you.

P&C News

Even the frosty evening could not keep away all those fluro hairdos for the term 3 disco with spikes, ponytails and buzz cuts full of colour and glitter.

Many thanks to those families who pre-paid early to speed up the entry process to the disco. Also, big thanks to the P&C Committee, parents, kids, friends and spouses who helped out on the night selling, cooking, serving and cleaning, to make it a great event for the kids. The P&C would also like to thank the teachers who attended to help out and supervise and Kirralee and Peter for all their assistance as well as the funky DJ-ing from the gang at Melba Copland Secondary School.

BULBS BULBS BULBS

Don't forget, if you are a green thumb or enjoy planting bulbs for the forthcoming season or have someone special who enjoys gardening; our fundraising bulb drive is just for you. Order some, buy some for friends and family or take it to work to bring some flowery joy into a work colleague's life. All details and the order form will be sent home over the next couple of weeks.

THE FETE IS COMING (AND WE NEED YOUR HELP)

Our fete is fast approaching for 1 November. Do you have any ideas? Can you help? Do you know someone who can? Do you know people of which may want a stall?

Some of our highlights will include show rides, our fantastic cake stall, stalls, entertainment, food, BBQ and lots, lots more. We plan to make this bigger and better than last year. Some of our highlights will include show rides, our fantastic cake stall, stalls, entertainment, food, BBQ and lots, lots more.

We need volunteers to assist with the coordination and execution of our day. If you can assist, or can provide some help in preparation (or know of someone who is willing to donate their time, efforts or business to the school) please let me know. Feel free to give me a call on 0438 672 494 or send an email at ngunnawalpandccommittee@gmail.com.

Adam Smith, President – Ngunnawal Primary School P&C

Geoscience Australia’s annual Open Day: 24 August

Geoscience Australia will be hosting its annual Open Day on Sunday 24 August 2014, offering a range of science talks, tours and activities for all ages throughout the day highlighting Geoscience Australia's broad range of work. Visit www.ga.gov.au/news-events/events/public-events/open-day for further details.

National Science Week 2014

What: Science in ACTion
Where: Australian National University – Melville Hall (off University Ave)
When: Sat 16 August, 10am – 4pm
Cost? FREE!

Explore 3D printing, aircraft design, fossils, parasites, cutting edge IT and so much more.

Hear from artists, cartoonists, researchers, authors, climate scientists and see some explosive science shows.

The littlest members of the family will love Shelly the Snail, exciting science shows with curious puppets, face painting and our free giveaways.

Don't miss these special Science in ACTion events!
- 10am - 12pm - meet the AFP detector dogs and talk with their handlers.
- 1pm – Hear about what it's like to live in space with astronaut Rick Hieb.
- 12pm and 3pm – Explosive science shows with Science ShowOffs Graham Walker.

This is just the start of what's on offer throughout National Science Week - Australia's largest celebration of science! Visit scienceweek.net.au for details of all our events. Or stay up to date by following us on facebook.com/ScienceWeekACT or @nswk_ACT on Twitter.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Gungahlin Community Craft Fair

Supporting local students through chaplaincy.

Venue: Salvation Army Church, Valley Avenue, Gungahlin.
Date: Saturday, 20 September 2014
Contact: gungahlincraftfair@gmail.com
Go to: www.facebook.com/GungahlinCommunityCraftFair to purchase quality handmade items prior to the fair.

Bronwyn, Chaplain