Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are celebrating both Book Week and Science Week across Ngunnawal Primary School.

The theme for Book Week this year is *Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect*. Reading is such an important part of our lives. It allows us to connect to the world around us as well as to worlds that are imagined. Reading also enables us to connect with each other when we share in the joy of reading stories, whether this is through re-telling or reading out loud to others. To celebrate at Ngunnawal Primary we will again be holding our annual Book Week parade after the whole school assembly on Wednesday.

To celebrate Science Week this year we will be holding a *Fair Test Fest* this Friday. Students have been placed in K – 6 multi-aged groups and will participate in activities led by our senior students. Students will be predicting, observing, measuring, comparing and recording results. This is an important science skill to ensure that results are accurate.

Again I have been impressed by the quality learning that students have shared with me over the last week. Archie and Abdullah from 1J have been working hard on writing pieces that describe their individual qualities. It was great to see sentences that included lots of details about what makes them important members of our school. Ryan and Dylan from 3KA have been learning about line and colour and this has resulted in them creating some very eye-catching pieces of art. I look forward to sharing more student learning with you as the term progresses.

I have been contacted by some community members over the last couple of weeks, expressing their concerns at some of the parking practices at the afternoon pick-up time. I understand that the roads and parking areas in the vicinity of the school become very congested around 3.00pm; however this should not be an excuse for parking illegally, across driveways and footpaths. Our students rely on clear footpaths to leave the school grounds and when cars are parked on them this not only blocks their path, but also reduces visibility. This places our students and other pedestrians at risk of being hit by a car and can be avoided by parking in a legal and safe manner. The police regularly patrol school zones during peak periods and will issue infringement notices when illegal parking practices are observed.

I would like to thank our parents for their willingness to communicate and work in partnership with us here at school to achieve positive outcomes for students. It is together that we can achieve great things, so as always please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the executive team if you have any questions or need to seek clarification.

Have a lovely week!

Kind Regards

Kristine Stewart,
Principal
Each week year 2 students enjoy working and interacting with each other in small groups for Maths rotations. Learning through playing games is an important aspect of the Mathematics curriculum as it provides an opportunity to practise mental computation skills and the important life skills of following the rules of games we play.

As well as this time being a ‘hands on’ approach to learning, it is also a time where targeted learning can occur. The class teacher can work specifically with a small group of students for impact learning and teaching.

Estelle, Sharee, Lisa, Wendy, Fergus
SCIENCE UPDATE:

Fair Test Fest

It’s Science Week and Ngunnawal Primary is celebrating with the Science Week grant we received by having a whole school multi-aged investigation event.

This Friday, 22 August, students will participate in two science investigations. They will be predicting, observing, measuring, comparing and recording results.

Karon

Quiz Questions:

1. Which gemstone is made from a single element?
2. In physics, alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays are types of what?
3. Pomology the study of what?
4. When two hydrogen atoms combine to form a helium atom, what is it called? Is it a) fusion, b) fission or c) friction?
5. Which has more bones in a human, a hand (including wrist and fingers) or a foot (including ankle and toes)??

Science Quiz Answers:

1. Diamond is made from a single element, carbon.
2. Alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays are types of radiation.
3. Pomology is the study of fruit.
4. a) Fusion is the process in which two hydrogen atoms combine to form a helium atom.
5. The hand has more bones, but only just. A human hand has 27 bones, while a foot has 26.

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+)

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

2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted this term. A letter was sent home last 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.
5/6 S and 5/6K Assembly
13 August 2014
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.

WESTS MAGPIES BASKETBALL CLUB
Trials for the 2014/15 Summer Season

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Any queries please contact Tracey on 6406 537 160

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.

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