PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the extra-long weekend provided families with some time to rest and relax. This week our kindergarten, year one and some year three students will begin their swimming lessons. These lessons will continue up until the end of the term. Year two students will commence their Aquasafe program early next term.

At Ngunnawal Primary we run a clubs program for students during the lunch breaks each day. Students are able to choose from a variety of activities that include, Oz Tag, iPads, Lego, Dance, Bikes, Sports, Drums, Dodge Ball and Art/Craft. We try to maintain a balance of indoor and outdoor activities in order to cater for the wide range of student interests. The clubs provide an opportunity for students to try something new as well as meeting other students from across the school. The program supports students' wellbeing and provides the opportunity for them to practise the skills learnt in our social emotional program.

In the corridor of the school’s administration building there is a community noticeboard that will often contain information about community events and contact information for community services. Please take the time to peruse the board as information is updated and added throughout the term. ACT School Sport information is also displayed on the noticeboard. It is important you check the board to get the correct information about trials for district sporting teams. The registration process for trials is moving to an online enrolment and information about this process is included further in this newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the executive team if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

Kind regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart
Principal

UPDATING OF CONTACT DETAILS

In week 1 of term 2 we will be sending home the contact information we currently have for your child. It is important that we have up to date contact information for all students.

If you do not wish your child to bring this information home please contact the front office and we will organise an alternative way for you to receive this information.
The preschool and Koori Pre children have settled into the routine and environment well. They are all enjoying both the indoor and outdoor play experiences.

It has been a very busy term in preschool. We have participated in the school cross country carnival, Constable Kenny Koala came to visit us to talk about road safety and we had a lovely time with some of the families at our multicultural welcome lunch on Tuesday and Thursday last week.

Some of the things you might find us doing as we learn through play are - playing games with our friends, telling stories through our play, messy play and using our different senses to explore, reading books, singing and dancing, science investigations, exploring our environment, designing and creating artworks, construction, puzzles and library borrowing just to name a few.
1WL & 1NM Junior Assembly
How can families help create a supportive Ngunnawal School culture?

We can help children to feel safer and happier at school by demonstrating that families and schools work together as partners. The support of families is very important in creating a friendly and supportive school environment.

How can families help create our supportive Ngunnawal School culture?

• Get to know our school's behavioural policies that address bullying and cyberbullying and discuss these with your children
• Maintain regular contact with your children’s teachers
• Try to attend school functions, for example assemblies and/or volunteer at school to demonstrate your support for your children and the school
• Read the school newsletter and discuss items of interest with your children
• Model a positive attitude toward school and encourage your children to see the positive aspects of school life
• If there is a problem with your children at school, try to work together with the school to overcome the problem. This shows a committed partnership between families and the school to work towards positive solutions.

The Friendly Schools Plus Implementation Team 2016

SCHOOL SPORTS ACT (SSACT)

If you would like your child to trial for a SSACT North/Gungahlin U12 regional sporting team you must register on the SSACT website. It is up to you to find the trial and register for it.

There are three trials that are still using paper trial notes and they are boys and girls AFL and boys rugby league. After these three trials, there will no longer be paper trial notes given out by the schools.

All the trials happening next term are online now and more are added each week so keep checking. Trials available now are:

- Boys touch football
- Boys hockey
- Boys football (soccer)
- Girls touch football
- Girls hockey
- Girls football (soccer)

The following link will take you to the school website where you will find the trial registration process note:

http://www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/student_links

Support your school Chaplain at Celebrate Gungahlin Saturday 2 April!

I have been successful in gaining a stall at Celebrate Gungahlin to raise funds for my chaplaincy role at Ngunnawal PS. The chaplain from Amaroo School will co-host the stall with me.

We are planning to sell craft and homemade items. We will also have a table for children to make a craft item and a lucky dip so there is something fun and affordable for families with children.

How you can support your chaplain:

• Come by the stall to see if there is something you would like to purchase.
• Tell family and friends about the stall and encourage them to come along.
• Give an hour of your time to help out on the stall.
• Donate craft /homemade items eg crochet face washers and handtowels etc, children's clothes/toys, baby clothes, jewellery, maybe even some pot plants if you can pot a few things.

If you would like to donate or volunteer please call me on 0410 407 962 or email karen.connors@ed.act.edu.au
NAPLAN 2016

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in year three and year five occurs this year on 10, 11 and 12 May. All students will be assessed in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

You may withdraw your child from this assessment process by completing a withdrawal form. Please contact the school if this is what you wish to do.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2016

Election Return Forms for the two (2) Parent Member positions and the one (1) Staff Member position have been submitted to the Directorate’s Returning Officer.

Official notice re Board appointments for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018 should hopefully be received by the end of March.

NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

- meet on Wednesdays, 9:10am to 10:40am in the Library, 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!

Nicole Butterworth, Co-ordinator

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:15am.

Time for volunteers and visitors to renew their WWVP registration

Parents and other adults who volunteer, or work in some paid capacity, at school are required under the Working With Vulnerable People Act to be registered with Access Canberra. There are however some exemptions.

Those who registered in 2013 will need to apply to renew their registration during 2016.

If your card is over three years old it has probably expired and you cannot lawfully have contact with children as a volunteer or visitor in a school-related activity.

If you are uncertain, you should contact Access Canberra on 13 2281 or accesscanberra.act.gov.au, or in person at an ACT Government shopfront.

If you think you may be exempt under the Act, you should contact the school.

Registration for (unpaid) volunteers is free. Registration for employees and paid visitors is $76 for three years.

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we have a facebook page? Please take a couple of seconds to check it out. We often post information about what is happening at school, provide updates and amendments when we have to.

Please like it and share it with our community.
RAIDERS MASTERCLASS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
When: Thursday 14 April 2016
Where: Raiders HQ,
2 Eade Street, Bruce, Canberra
Registration link:

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BASS GUITAR LESSONS
CANBERRA MUSIC STUDIO
• Over 5 years experience in successfully teaching guitar playing & theory
• Qualified teacher – Bachelor of Contemporary Music
• Canberra School of Music (ANU) trained teacher
• All ages welcome, from beginners to experienced
• Preparation of all levels of practical and theory exams
• Teaching from Classical to Modern styles
• For students wanting to learn for fun, AMEB or other exams, performance or for school are welcome
$33 PER 1/4 HOUR LESSON
PHONE DIANE ON 0414 788 380
The Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association runs a second-hand uniform shop on the first Friday of every month during school term.

The shop is open from 8.45am until 10am and is located at the back entrance to the canteen, next to the school hall.

We have a range of items and sizes. Jackets, jumpers and dresses are $2 and hats, tops, shorts and pants are only $1 each. Feel free to pop down and grab yourself a bargain!

Donations of clean items in good, wearable condition are very much appreciated. Just drop them off at the canteen!

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