

# NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*Ngunnawal Primary School acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of the land we are on, the Ngunnawal people.*

## Newsletter No. 18 – 19 June 2018



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wed 20 June 2018**

Junior School  
Assembly; 9:15  
(1/2RJ & 1/2NE)

**Wed 20 June 2018**

Christian Education

**Thurs 21 June 2018**

NPS Athletics Carnival,  
Amaroo Oval

**Thurs 21 June 2018**

Junior Athletics Carnival  
(K-Yr 1), middle session  
at NPS

**Friday 22 June 2018**

Kinder Health Checks

**Monday 25 June 2018**

P&C Meeting, 6:00pm

**Tuesday 3 July 2018**

NAIDOC Week Whole  
School Assembly,  
9:15am

**REMINDER**  
**Scholastic Book**  
**Club Orders due in**  
**by Friday, 22 June**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are at that point in the term where teachers are busily writing reports for their students. As I read them I am very proud of the progress our students have made up to this midway point in the year. Reports will go home on Friday 29 June with students. If you have not already requested a second copy of your children's report please do so by contacting the Front Office. Second copies are only provided to families where parents reside in separate residences.

Last week we had to abandon our Athletics Carnival over at Amaroo Playing fields due to the inclement weather. We made the decision to go ahead after looking on the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website and the radar showing the all clear, however as we know weather in Canberra can change quite quickly. We will try again this Thursday, however the carnival will be shortened to just completing the events. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for being outside. We will cancel the carnival if it is raining and will notify families via our school's Facebook page at approximately 8.30am. We thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding when we are trying to schedule outdoor events for our students, and are relying on the weather to be kind to us.

This year we have been reflecting on how we at Ngunnawal Primary School acknowledge and celebrate the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures at our school. Our school is named after the Ngunnawal people, who are the traditional owners of the lands of Canberra and the

surrounding area. We are one of four schools in Canberra that run a Koori Preschool program that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to access a preschool program based around cultural inclusiveness and school readiness. During Reconciliation Week our Indigenous Education Officer (IEO), Belinda Kinchela-Bashford and I sat down in a Yarning Circle with our Indigenous students to discuss our next steps in building our knowledge and understandings about the many Indigenous cultures represented at our school. One initiative that has

come from that is being led by three year six students, Harley, Quentin and Dion who have been sharing their knowledge of traditional Aboriginal artefacts, such as the Digeridoo, Emu Callers, Boomerangs and hunting tools with all classes across the school. They even performed for our Director for School Improvement (DSI), when she came to visit our school last week. We are very proud of these students and their efforts to build the cultural capacity at Ngunnawal Primary School.

Please look out for news about our NAIDOC celebrations in next week's newsletter.



If you have a question or concerns please contact the Front Office on 6142 1500 to make an appointment with a member of the executive team to discuss. It is not always possible for staff to meet with you without an appointment as we are often engaged with prior commitments. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.

Until next week, keep smiling.

*Kristine*

Kristine Stewart, Principal



# Spotlight on Learning!

## Kosciuszko

### Inquiry

Students have been exploring the 'Passing of Wisdom'. Our recent excursion to the War Memorial helped deepen our historical understanding of the past and the ways it impacts our present lives. We had great fun connecting the past to the present through stories and historical artefacts



### Writing

We are currently investigating persuasive writing. We have been learning to use a clear persuasive structure and clearly outline our opinions in our writing. We use our 'bump it up' walls to ensure we are including all the important features of a persuasive text, including: exaggeration, high modality words, rhetorical questions and emotive language.



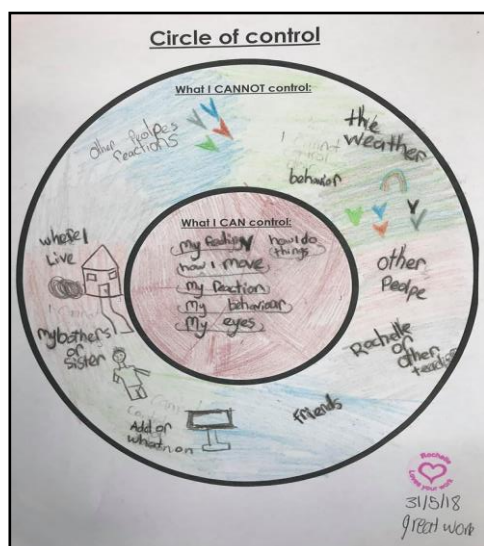
### Maths

Students have been developing their subtraction and addition knowledge in maths. We are consolidating our knowledge of certain mental computation strategies to help strengthen our numerical skills. These strategies include *jump*, *split* and *compensation* strategies. Check out the way we applied our *split* strategy in outdoor learning!



### Friendly Schools

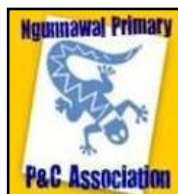
Our Friendly Schools focus this term has been about growth mindset and circles of control. We have been learning about the powerful ways we can impact our own learning and the world around us. Using our circles of control we were able to identify the aspects of our world that we are able to have control over.



### Reading

Our strategies for reading that we have been focussing on are linked to our writing unit. We have been looking at building inferences based off of a text, retelling a story in sequence, and making connections to the texts we read.





# P & C News

The Ngunnawal Primary School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association plays an important part in supporting our wonderful school. We run the school canteen and a second-hand uniform shop, as well as organise events such as school discos and the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls during the year.

To find out more about how you can get involved in the P&C, come along to a meeting (details below), send an email to [ngunnawalps\\_pandc@outlook.com](mailto:ngunnawalps_pandc@outlook.com) or like us on Facebook (just search for 'Ngunnawal Primary P&C Association').

## 2018 meetings

We meet at 6pm in the school staff room at the front office. Our meeting dates for 2018 are:

25 June	13 August	5 November
	17 September	10 December

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

## 2019 ACT AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – BE GREAT AND NOMINATE

Play your part by giving our nation's best the recognition they deserve. If you know a remarkable Canberran who inspires you, then nominate them for an Australian of the Year Award.

You can nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years) or Australia's Local Hero.

Nominations close on 31 July 2018.

Visit [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au) to nominate today.

## Communities@Work

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The July School Holiday Programs are now listed on the Communities@Work website.

Please feel welcome to have a look at the fantastic variety of events planned for your child to enjoy at various locations across Canberra.

Enrolments are now open.

Please contact Children's Services Enrolments Team (CSET) 1300 212 273 or enrol via the website

<https://commsatwork.org/services/children/?category=school-holiday-programs#services>

Thank you

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

- **PTO login details for Parent/Teacher interviews** -  
- Preschool interviews are in weeks 9 and 10 (Monday 25 June to Friday 6 July) and  
Kindergarten to Year 6 interviews are in week 10 (Monday, 2 July to Friday 6 July).

### Reminders:

- **5/6LW, 5/6SM & 5/6MS - STEAM Excursion to Gold Creek School** - Wednesday 27 June. **Permission notes overdue.**
- **Year 1/2 Classes - Questacon Liquid Nitrogen Show** (in school program), Thursday 28 June. **Permission notes and payment due**
- **2018 Voluntary Contributions letter**, Kinder to Year 6

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL EXCURSION NOTES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND ARE ABLE TO BE DOWNLOADED.***

## Ngunnawal Primary School

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments can be made via Quickweb at:

[www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/payment](http://www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/payment)

OR

By direct deposit into the School's bank account.  
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.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term 2 Christian Education sessions will be held on Wednesday 20 June.

Our teaching theme for 2018 is **HORRIBLE HISTORY - FANTASTIC FUTURE**. We will learn about four people from Old Testament Bible history who had a 'horrible' time... but who God used to be heroes and leaders. We will teach the song 'God's Good All The Time' by Colin Buchanan.

Term 2 will introduce the character of King David and trace his history to Jesus.

Russell Smidt  
CEIS – Gungahlin Team Leader

## Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

# HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING  
AND BUILDING THINGS?



Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 17, 18 and 19 July.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

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## CANBERRA MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOOL

### Kelly Sturgiss – Piano, singing, flute and trumpet teacher

Kelly has been teaching music privately for the past ten years. She has a diploma in music and has studied classical piano, flute and a variety of instruments since the age of five. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Art, in which she has included music and sound into her work. Kelly's strengths lie in teaching students to read and understand music from a beginner level. Her method of teaching includes different ways of understanding, and blending techniques to best suit the student.

She also includes an improvisation session in every lesson, to have the student *feel* the music and exercise their knowledge and natural expression. She adores the beauty and structure of classical pieces, but her repertoire extends to contemporary and composition. Kelly strives to be a dynamic and inspiring teacher.

### James Steinbeck – Guitar and Electric Bass Guitar

James began his musical journey by playing guitar in bands in high school and has continued to be a performer in bands ever since, he subsequently has completed an Advanced Diploma in Music Performance. James currently plays in several bands in Canberra, his style ranges from contemporary, rock and jazz. James teaches the following instruments from beginner to intermediate level - acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass guitar.

James wants to share his love for the guitar and passion for performance with all his students!

\$35 per 1/2 hour lesson  
Contact Diane on 0414 788 380.  
[www.canberramusicsschool.com.au](http://www.canberramusicsschool.com.au)



**\*New Children's Ukulele Classes**

[www.lilmelodies.com](http://www.lilmelodies.com)

**PALMERSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
STARTING TERM 3.**

- FUN & AFFORDABLY PRICED
- A WELL-ROUNDED INTRODUCTION
- INCLUDES SINGING, PICKING & STRUMMING
- LEARN TO PLAY EAR AND BY NOTE
- TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
- AGES 6-12 YEARS

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music for everyone

Contact: Amy Gray 0421 848 329

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