

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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 6 Feb 2019

*Whole School
Assembly 9.10am*

Thurs 7 Feb 2019

*First day Term 1 for
Preschool end of
week groups.*

Wed 13 Feb 2019

*Junior School
Assembly 9.10am
(Host Classes?)*

Mon 18 Feb 2019

*School Board
Meeting 5:30pm*

Mon 25 Feb 2018

*P&C Association
AGM, 6:00pm*

Thurs 7 Mar 2018

*School Swimming
Carnival*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2019 school year. For those of you who are returning this year, it's great to have you back and for those of you who are new to the Ngunnawal Primary community I extend a very warm welcome to you. I am looking forward to reconnecting with students and families over the coming days and also eager to get to know all of our new students and families. It is important that we build a positive and productive relationship that are grounded in respect so that all students benefit.

I hope that all families enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another fantastic year at school. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the newsletters, as this is our main form of communication with our families.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten students settled well in to their classes yesterday. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for doing such a great job in supporting children in readiness for their first day at school. Although the students were tired at the end of the day, many of them assured me they would be back ready for learning today.

We have a number of new staff who have joined us at Ngunnawal this year and a full staff list will be found later in this newsletter for your reference. This year we are trialling a new leadership structure where we will have two deputies and we are currently in the process of recruiting a Community Coordinator that will further support students and families at Ngunnawal Primary School. The Community Coordinator will start before the end of the term and once the selection process has been completed I will advise our school community of the start date. Our school psychologist for 2019 is Karen Oakley. Bek Richardson is on Long Service Leave this term. The leadership team for term one 2019 is as follows.

Principal - Kristine Stewart

Deputy Principal (Yr 1/2 team leader) - Will Powell (a/g)
Deputy Principal (Preschool team leader) - Arilia Abell (a/g)
Executive Teacher (Kinder team leader) – Erin Salleo (a/g)
Executive Teacher (Yr 3/4 team leader) – Vernetta Rolls
Executive Teacher (Yr 5/6 team leader) – Keren Briggs

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the appropriate team leader if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss. I am available for appointments if you have information you need to share with the school and to work with families in supporting their children's learning at Ngunnawal Primary School. In all instances please contact the Front Office on 61421500 to make an appointment.

Our school day begins each morning with students lining up in the courtyard and below I have provided the session and break times for your information. If you need to pick up your child early from school you must sign them out at the Front Office before going to the classroom to collect them, similarly you must sign your child in to school if they arrive after 9.15am. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this school process as it makes our school a safer place for everyone.

Morning Session:	9:00am – 11:00am
Recess:	11:00am – 11:40am
Middle Session:	11:40am – 1:20pm
Lunch:	1:20pm – 2:00pm
Afternoon Session:	2:00pm – 3:00pm

I hope you have a great week and are enjoying the children being back at school. I know that staff here have missed the students very much and are well prepared for a great year ahead.

Until next week keep smiling 😊

Kristine

Kristine Stewart
Principal

OUR TEAM FOR 2019

Leadership Team

Principal	Kristine Stewart
Deputy Principal	Will Powell (A/g)
Deputy Principal	Arilia Abell (A/g)
Executive Teacher	Keren Briggs
Executive Teacher	TBC
Executive Teacher	Erin Salleo (A/g)
Executive Teacher	Vernetta Rolls

Preschool

Teacher (Dyindan - Koori Pre)	Belinda Day
Teacher (Bunduluk & Guginya)	Kerri Hayes
Teacher (Balbo)	Julie Ford
Teacher (Mundawari)	Jessica Wittman
Teacher (Karrugang & Gula)	Nina Leuning
Teacher (Preschool Release)	Sandra Paliaga
Educator (Mundawari & Release)	Laura Trott
Educator (Balbo)	Debbie Gilbert
Educator (Bunduluk & Guginya)	Kerryn Price
Educator (Karrugang & Gula)	Jessica Stevens
Educator (Dyindan – Koori Pre)	Erin Wanganeen

Yerrabi (Kindergarten)

KBD	Belinda Denmead
KIK	Ione Leach & Kylie Mannix
KNI	Natalie Ivanoff
KNM	Nancye Marrington

Budawang (Kindergarten)

KAW	Ashley Whild
KMS	Maria Vardanega & Sharon Genero

Gundaroo (Year 1)

1MO	Matt Olsen
1NE	Nichole Edwards
1RJ	Raina Jose
1RM	Rochelle Mandelson
1SK	Sandra Kinnane

Redwood (Year 2)

2EP	Emma Peel
2KM	Kunjai Mehta
2MA	Mary Aranguiz
2ST	Stephney Tyler

Brindabella (Year 3)

3ES	Erin Salleo & Tanya Matthews
3GH	Gina Harrop
3JS	Jacinta Scott
3TB	Tenille Bayley

Kosciusko (Year 4)

4LK	Lucy Kelly
4SB	Simone Buckley
4XB	Xian Buggy

Namadgi (Year 5/6)

5/6MS	Mark Semmler
5/6TB	Tricia Butters

Wiradjuri (Year 5/6)

5/6BG	Brent Griffiths
5/6LW	Laura Wolfson
5/6SM	Sarah Murcutt
Japanese	Fiona Smith

Specialist Programs

Year 5 Band	Belinda Robertson
Year 6 Band	Belinda Robertson
Music Release	Belinda Robertson
Japanese	Fiona Smith
Environmental Science	Larry Stackpoole
PE Release	Sean Gourlay

Learning Support Unit

EALD

Administration Staff

Business Manager	Jenny Cavalier (A/g)
Finance & Enrolments	Trina Clyde
School Secretary	Jennifer Lewis
Administration Support	Christina Jones
Building Service Officer	Peter Dray

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)

Riley Albrecht
Kelly Baker
Taylor Marriott
Brett Northey
Kerry O'Rourke
Michelle Ryall
Liam Willis

Library Technician

Indigenous Education Worker

Teaching Support

Karin Tamsett
Belinda Kinchela-Bashford
Maureen Campbell
Cat Manners
Tanya Matthews
Karen Oakley
Alistair Buchanan

School Psychologist

Chaplain

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2019

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school's future directions.

Board vacancies to be filled are:

Parent Representative (1) - 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021

Staff Representative (1) - 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021

The timetable for the election of the parent representatives and the staff representatives is:

Nomination period:

Opens – 11:00am on Monday 4 February 2019

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 18 February 2019.

Voting period (if election is required):

Opens - 11:00am on Monday 25 February 2019

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 4 March 2019.

The successful candidates will be published before the end of March 2018.

If you are interested in being a member of the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for 2018-2020 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Kristine Stewart on 6142 1500. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms are available from the school front office from Monday, 4 February 2019.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All requests for staff to administer medication and/or medical treatment must be in writing, setting out exact procedures. Students are not to bring medication without written advice.

Each request will then be assessed in relation to the Directorate's First Aid Policy and the school's ability to follow through. All medication is to be kept at the front office to ensure safety for all concerned. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment. If you have any queries please contact the school. If your child has any of the following conditions an Emergency Treatment Plan must be completed and returned ASAP:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Any other medical condition for which your Doctor has recommended the school needs an Emergency Treatment Plan.
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

These forms can be collected from the Front Office.

SIGN IN / OUT BOOK

Parents who are bringing their children to school after 9:30am or taking them out of the school for any reason during school hours, must sign the student Sign In / Out book which is located on the counter at the office. This needs to be signed, both when leaving and when returning to school.

PARENTING AGREEMENTS – CUSTODY ORDERS – PROTECTION ORDERS

If your child/ren is/are subject to a custody order, parenting agreement or protection order, the school needs to know. Copies of these documents are kept in a confidential file and teachers are informed on a "need to know" basis. Please see the Principal or Deputy Principal.

BRIMMED HATS

In line with the ACT Education Directorate's Sun Protection Policy, students at Ngunnawal Primary School must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside at all times except for June and July. It has been brought to our attention that some students are wearing baseball caps which offer no protection to the ears and back of the neck. These caps need to be left at home to avoid student frustration. The correct hats are available for purchase from the front office.

The safety and well-being of your children is very important to us. To assist us in providing a safe play environment for your child we need to ensure all hats have their cords removed to prevent choking accidents. There are brimmed hats available with special safety release cords. If your child has one of these there is no need to remove the cord.

BIKES & OTHER WHEELED ITEMS

If students ride bicycles or scooters to school they must wear a helmet. Bicycles and scooters must be placed in the locked bicycle compound. The compound is locked during school hours but bike compounds are not theft proof. We do recommend that students bring a lock and secure their bike or scooter within the compound.

For the safety of all students no wheeled devices (including shoes, skateboards, in-line skates and scooters) are to be ridden in the school playground at any time. Skateboards and in-line skates are not considered to be safe transport to and from school for primary-aged children and are not to be brought to school.



The school will not accept responsibility for the care of any wheeled device or associated equipment.



Students must dismount bikes and other wheeled devices before using school crossings.

ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies are held **each Wednesday morning at 9:10am**. We invite parents to join us to share in the achievements and presentations that celebrate student success and achievement at Ngunnawal Primary School.

A whole school assembly is generally held every three (3) weeks, with Junior (preschool to year 2) and Senior (years 3 to 6) assemblies occurring on a rotating roster.

ABSENTEEISM

If your child is absent from school please:

- call 6142 1500 and advise the front office staff or leave a voice message giving child's name, roll group and date of absence;
- OR**
- please email the school NgunnawalPS.Absences@ed.act.edu.au stating the child's name, roll group and date

and acknowledging that the student had permission to be absent from school.

STUDENT SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that there is no direct supervision of children in the playground between 8.30am and 9.00am. The Library opens each morning at 8.30am for student borrowing. It is desirable that students be dropped off at school as close as possible to 9.00am. If children need assistance before school they should contact the front office for assistance.

Before 9am students are required to stay within the courtyard of the school. **Playing on equipment is not permitted.**

School concludes at 3.00pm and children should go directly home unless they are attending After School Care. Please ensure that your children know the correct procedures for going home each day.

PRECIOUS ARTICLES / VALUABLES / MOBILE PHONES

Parents are asked to ensure that students do not bring precious articles or toys to school. It is extremely distressing for students if valuables are lost or broken. They can also cause a disruption to lessons. Please make prior arrangements with teachers before any "treasures" are brought to school for news. **Mobile phones and iPods** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal or Deputy Principal. These items must be handed in at the front office prior to 9am each day and will be stored at the front office until 3pm when they can be collected by students.



NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

Notes Home:

Reminders:

- Year 5/6 Camp, Borambola – 10–12 April 2019 (Term 1 Week 10. Expressions of Interest notes and deposit payments overdue.

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

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY'S NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!

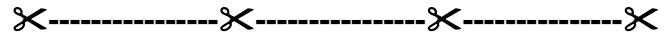
The newsletter can be accessed each week via the Ngunnawal Primary School Facebook page or the school website at:

www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

The **newsletter link** will be emailed to families who request this option.

Paper copies of the newsletter will be provided to families who do not have access to the internet.

Please complete the form below indicating your preferred option for accessing the school newsletter each week and return to the school as soon as possible.



REQUEST FOR EMAIL REMINDER OR PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

(youngest attending Ngunnawal Primary)

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

- [] Please send an email reminder with the newsletter link to our family each week. Our email address is:

OR

- [] Please continue to provide our family with a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Ngunnawal Primary School Parents and Citizens Association 2019 Annual General Meeting (Date to be Confirmed)

The P&C hold an Annual General Meeting at the beginning of each school year to appoint an executive committee. All P&C committee positions are declared vacant and election of new committee members takes place. All members of the school community are invited to nominate for the positions and are encouraged to attend and vote.

Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association 2019 Annual General Meeting: (Date to be Confirmed) Nomination for Committee Members for 2019

Name: Contact Number:

Address:

I wish to nominate for the following position:

P&C Association Executive:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

P&C Association Additional Roles:

General Volunteer

Events/Fundraising Coordinator

Please return completed form in an envelope to the canteen or front office addressed:

Emma Prime, Secretary – Committee Position Nomination Form

Please note that **ALL** nominees are required to attend the P&C AGM

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING 2019

Ngunnawal Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School banking will resume in Week 1 Term 1 on Thursday. Could parents please ensure that their child's new class for 2019 is written on the deposit wallets.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

2019 Polar Saver rewards

(two released each term, available while stocks last)

Term 1

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set

Term 2

- Yeti Fluffy Notebook
- Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3

- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards

Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

We are always after volunteers to help process the deposit books between 9.00am and 10.00am so if you have a spare hour you are most welcome.

Should you have any further questions you can contact me at tokleyfamily@bigpond.com

Julie Tokley

Ngunnawal Primary School Banking Co-ordinator

Ngunnawal Primary School

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments can be made via Quickweb at:

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.



East Gungahlin Netball Club 2019 Grading

New and returning players are invited to attend the 2019 club grading

Venue: Harrison School Gym

Tuesday 5th and 12th of February (boys and girls)

6 to 10 years: 3.30 to 4.30 pm

10 to 12 years: 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Friday 8th and 15th of February

13 to 18 years: 4.30 to 5.30 pm

For further information please contact the club

Email: egnetball@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/egnetball](https://www.facebook.com/egnetball)

Phone: 0456 397 847

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