

# 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. 07 – 19 March 2019



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Mon 18 Mar 2019**  
**Fri 22 Mar 2019**  
AQUASAFE Program  
(Year 2).

**Wed 20 Mar 2019**  
Harmony Day Whole  
School Assembly  
9.10am

**Mon 25 Mar 2019**  
School Board  
Meeting, 5:30pm

**Wed 27 Mar 2019**  
Junior School  
Assembly 9.10am  
(KMS & KAW)

**Wed 26 Mar 2019**  
Tapaling  
Performance  
(Preschool)

**Wed 27 Mar 2019**  
Christian Education

**Fri 28 Mar 2019**  
Tapaling  
Performance  
(Preschool & K-6)

**Mon 1 April 2019**  
P&C Meeting,  
6:00pm

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This term is certainly flying by, it is hard to believe that we are over half way through the term. Our students are working very hard in all aspects of their learning and I am very proud of their sustained efforts.

Today I was reminded of the importance of shared reading when I visited the year one classrooms. Several students were working together to share the reading of a book. I was very impressed with the questions they were asking each other to support their understanding of the text. Sharing a book with a child is one of the best activities that adults can do with their children to support the acquisition of reading skills. It not only provides an opportunity for children to listen to what good reading sounds like, but also an opportunity for children to show off the emerging reading skills. Shared reading does not need to be an onerous task that takes away from the enjoyment. I encourage all families to not only listen to their children each night but also read to them.



Harmony Week occurs nationally across Australia this week. The theme this year is *Everyone Belongs*, and provides us with an ideal opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of this wonderful country. Some facts and figures about Australia's diversity are:

- Nearly half of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- We identify with over 300 ancestries
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are, Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics website – 2016 Census Data

We will celebrate this important week on Wednesday by engaging in lessons around this important event. We also are encouraging students to wear their national dress or orange clothing. Orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and mutual respect.

The new integrated public transport network for both bus and light rail will begin at the beginning of term two. The timetable for this new system has been released and I urge all families to access the following link [www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools/schools-a-z-listing](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools/schools-a-z-listing) to find out the different services that will be available for students who catch the bus to and from school. You can find a Canberra Transport journey planner at [www.transport.act.gov.au](http://www.transport.act.gov.au) that will be also able to assist in planning.

Until next week, keep smiling.

*Kristine*

Kristine Stewart  
Principal

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## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

### Reminders:

- **Aquasafe** - Monday 18 March to Friday 22 March (Year 2 students)..
- **Harmony Day** – Note regarding Welcome lunch 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

Gula, Guginya, Mundawari – Thursday 21 March 2019.

- **Year 5/6 Camp, Borambola – 10–12 April 2019** (Term 1 Week 10. **Permission notes and full payment due by Friday 29 March 2019.** (Payment can be made by instalments, please contact Business Manager for details). **Online form to be completed as soon as possible preferably by Friday 15 March 2019.**

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term 1 Christian Education sessions will be held in the New Life Church building on Wednesday 27 March 2019 (Week 8).

Our teaching theme for 2019 is KIDS WHO MET JESUS. We will learn from the perspective of children in New Testament history who interacted with Jesus and what they discovered about him.

We are teaching the song 'Nothing Better Than Jesus' by Sovereign Grace.

*Russell Smidt, CEIS - Gungahlin Team Leader*

## 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.**

## TAPALINGA with Majeda Beatty

### THE PERFORMER

Taking you on a journey of Australia's First Nation dreamtime through an interactive and vibrant experience, Majeda Beatty presents both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures as well as sharing her perspective on being an indigenous millennial woman. She believes in the importance of cultural pride and carrying on past traditions as well as moving forward in a modern world.

Majeda is a Sydney based singer, actress and dancer who comes from a proud Wuthathi mother, her roots stemming from Far North Queensland and an African American father. Growing up she was taught the importance of her culture from her mother through movement, song and storytelling. At five years of age Majeda started performing in schools with her family's cultural dance group and over the years her talents have seen her perform over a wide variety of mediums.



### THE PERFORMANCES

**Pre-Primary: Tuesday 26 March and Thursday 28 March**

For the littlies, Majeda tailors a delightful programme in which the richness of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures will be shared, through the teaching and performance of songs, dances, stories and language. The presentation is entertaining, educational and participation is greatly encouraged.

**K - 6: Thursday 28 March**

The richness of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures will be shared in this two-part, immersive performance which is tailored to the age groups of the audience through song, dance, stories and language, all with high levels of participation. The flags will be discussed and Majeda will present and demonstrate various instruments, artifacts and costumes specific to each culture as well as the importance of ochre and the significance of the body paint designs in aboriginal culture. She will perform and teach dances for audience participation.



We are celebrating Harmony Week in week 7. It is a chance for us to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. We will be having a whole school assembly on Wednesday the 20 March.

All students are encouraged to wear their national dress or the colour orange on this day. This is to show support for cultural diversity and inclusiveness.

## Year 5 Instrumental Music Program (IMP) Band

The **parent information session** for the Year 5 Instrumental Music Program (IMP) band will be held on **Thursday 28 March 2019 at 4:30-5pm** in the Ngunnawal primary school music room.

Our IMP teacher David Mahon will explain how the IMP works, student responsibilities and to answer any questions you may have.

This information session is a wonderful way for students and families to begin the IMP band journey. I look forward to seeing you there.

Belinda Robertson



**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

I'm excited to have started as Community Coordinator here at Ngunnawal Primary School. I have been here almost three weeks and I have to say I'm blown away by the warm welcome I have received from students and staff. I can see already that Ngunnawal Primary School is a warm, inclusive school.

A little bit about me – I am a Social Worker with several years experience in Scotland, America and Australia, working with children and families across a variety of settings. Most recently I have worked within the Education Directorate supporting families and students to access education and support services.

The role of Community Coordinator is a relatively new role within the Education Directorate, and in part my role at Ngunnawal will be guided by what you, as parents, need. Initially, some ideas I will implement is offering a "Stay and Play" coffee session. I aim to use this as an opportunity for you to drop in and talk through any concerns you may have about your child, whether that be within school or out of school. For example, if you have concerns about your child's development I can discuss with you how to access supports which may help or promote your child's development. I hope to start this next week – please keep an eye on the newsletter for information. I am also available to meet by appointment, and recognising differing needs I can offer appointments before or after school/work hours.

I would also like to run some parent information sessions, based on what you feel you may need as a parent community. I am aware an area of concern currently is keeping your children safe online. I attended an information session last week and it opened my eyes to a cyber world where we need to be keeping our children safe. I am hoping to share some of this information with you soon.

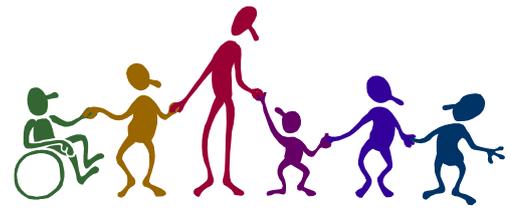
Please feel free to say hi if you see me at line-up or pick up. I am also happy to hear from you via email at [Yvonne.mclauchlan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Yvonne.mclauchlan@ed.act.edu.au), or by calling the school.

*Yvonne McLauchlan*

# PBL at Ngunnawal



Ngunnawal Primary School are undergoing the process to become a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school like many others in the ACT. At the end of last year the PBL team attended training with some other schools from the ACT. We have begun to share this knowledge with the wider staff and work towards building our PBL school vision. Stay tuned to hear more about PBL, what it is and what you can expect, how you the community can help us and common language that can be implemented at home as well as school.



**We Now Have EFTPOS**

**EFTPOS payments can be made at the Front Office or via phone on 02 6142 1500**

## ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDER EXCLUSIVE OFFER

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SCHOOLWEAR

1 DAY ONLY

**20%\***

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**SCHOOLWEAR**

AND EVERYTHING ELSE




**INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 14TH MARCH.**

\* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.  
 Styles and colours may vary from store to store.  
 No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.  
**Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 14/03/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.**

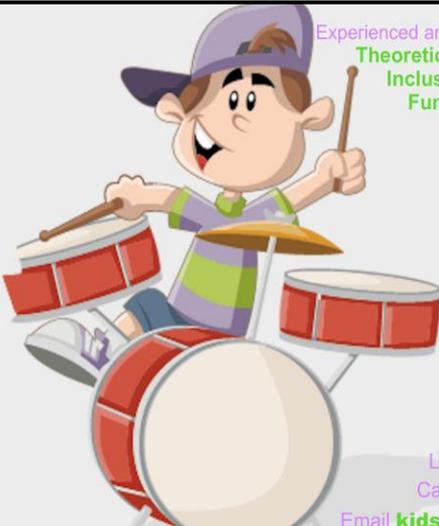
## CHILADA

### Ngunnawal Primary School Uniform Sale – 20% OFF

The Ngunnawal Primary School uniform is available at Chilada Mitchell Store, 83-101 Lysaght Street, Mitchell ACT 2911, telephone: 6262 0080.

The store's trading hours are: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 3pm. Sale applies in store only. Sale ends 31 March 2019.

Ngunnawal Primary School uniform is also available at our website: <https://chilada.com.au/school-uniforms/Ngunnawal%20Primary%20School>.



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**Competitive rates**  
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**Kids on Drums**

Located in Gungahlin Area  
 Call or text **0474 926 849**  
 Email [kidsondrums@gmail.com](mailto:kidsondrums@gmail.com)

## PIANO TUTOR

**John Bice** currently has some places available for students who wish to learn to play the piano. For further information and details please contact John on **6254 7238**.



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**ST. PATRICKS HOCKEY CLUB**

### 2019 Come & Try Day and Sausage Sizzle

Come & Join St Patricks Hockey Club on St Patricks

Day

Sunday 17th March, 10am to 12 pm

Change of Venue

Gungahlin Town Centre Oval - opposite Bunnings

#### Looking to Play Hockey in 2019?

St Patrick's Hockey Club was formed in 1954. Since then the Club has grown to have teams representing them in Men's, Women's, Junior and Indoor. Whilst the club has always maintained a strong social element, Pat's players have progressed to represent both Canberra and Australia.

Hockey truly is a sport for anyone. It is played by men and women, boys and girls from the age of five through to people in their 80s. There are programs, variations and levels of competition for every age and ability so whether you're looking for something for your children to play, or you want to take up a new sport, hockey is the answer.

Come along to St Pats Come & Try Day Sunday 17th March 2019 and try our Sport of Hockey. We will have coaches and players of all levels available to assist & teach beginners the basics.

If you would like to know more please email Dave, St Patricks Junior Registrar [stpatregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:stpatregistrar@gmail.com)

[www.stpatrickshockey.com.au](http://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au)

[www.facebook.com/StPatricksHockeyCanberra/](https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksHockeyCanberra/)

#### Change of Venue

Due to scheduled works at Nicholls not being completed we have had to change our Venue. ST Pats Come and Try day will now be

Sunday 17th March, 10am to 12 pm, Gungahlin Town Centre Oval - opposite Bunnings

Parking is available onsite

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