PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is Reconciliation Week and to acknowledge this important time students from Ngunnawal Primary participated in the National Sorry Day Bridge Walk last Friday. Thank you to all families who also joined with us to complete the walk. Tomorrow’s assembly will have a Reconciliation focus and after school we will be holding a Reconciliation BBQ. Please check the details for the BBQ later in this newsletter and RSVP through the front office if you will be attending.

We have an ever growing amount of lost property at the school. If your child has lost any clothing you can locate the lost property basket in the foyer of the hall. If clothing is clearly marked with names it makes it easier for us to return it to their rightful owners.

I have again been impressed by our Kindergarten students. Last week I was invited down to their unit to read a book called Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Duborsarsky as part of National Simultaneous Story Time. Students not only displayed excellent listening skills but they were confident to share their predictions about the story during the reading. After the story students worked in cooperative groups to design and build an elephant house. Many practical and well thought out designs were built. I am sure any elephant would have been happy to call these houses home. I look forward to spending more time in classes and sharing learning experiences with our students.

We have welcomed Stacey Naden to Ngunnawal Primary. Stacey will lead the Preschool and Kindergarten teams. Please feel free to make yourself known to Stacey when you see her out and about our school.

Until next week, keep smiling.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

A-E REPORTS

At the end of this term parents will receive a written report detailing their child’s progress over the first semester of the year. In accordance with Federal Government regulations, all students from years 1 to 6 will also have their academic progress recorded using the A-E format. If you do not wish to receive the A-E portion of your child’s report please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A-E REPORT

Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: _____

I DO NOT wish to receive an A - E report for my child for the following period: (please circle your selected option)

[Semester 1, 2014] OR [Until further notice]

Signed: __________________________

Name of Parent/Carer: (please print)

________________________ Date: _________
Each week year 2 students go to the hall to participate in a variety of physical activities that are planned to improve gross motor skills.

These activities include skipping, ball throwing and ball kicking at targets, beam balancing, commando rolls, hula hoops and obstacle course.

As well as the obvious importance of physical activity, gross motor provides the opportunity for students to cooperate in groups and work with students from other year 2 classes.

_Estelle, Lisa, Sharee, Wendy, Fergus_
SCIENCE UPDATE:

**Quiz Questions:**
1. What is the chemical name for slaked lime?
2. What do baby vampire bats drink?
3. On Venus, which is longer – a Venus year or a Venus day?
4. What order do moths and butterflies belong to?
5. What is measured in lumens?

**Quiz Answers:**
1. The chemical name for slaked lime is calcium hydroxide.
2. Baby vampire bats drink milk.
3. A Venus day is longer than a Venus year. It takes 243 Earth days for Venus to rotate on its axis (a day) and 224.7 Earth days for Venus to revolve around the Sun.
4. Moths and butterflies belong to the order Lepidoptera.
5. Lumens measure how much light is emitted from a source (like a light bulb).

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**SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

**Thursday, 5 June 2014.**

**WHO:** All students who are 8 years and older by the end of 2014.

**WHERE:** Students will walk to and from the Amaroo District Playing Fields.

**WHEN:** Students will leave the school at approximately 9:10am and return by 2:50pm.

Information and permission notes were sent home with students last Friday. **Please return the permission note by Monday, 2 June.**

Parent volunteers who are able to assist with the event are very welcome. Please contact the school and leave your details.

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**SAFETY REMINDER – BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND IN-LINE SKATES**

- Students who ride bicycles or scooters to school **must wear a helmet while riding.**
- Bicycles and scooters skates are **not to be ridden within the school grounds** at any time.
- Skateboards and in-line skates are **not considered a safe means of transport** to and from school for primary school aged children and are **not to be ridden or brought to school.**

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance in this matter.

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**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL CLIMATE MEASUREMENT TOOL (ASCMIT) SURVEY**

Ngunnawal Primary is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end the school in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers.

The aim is to gather information about the school’s social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and future challenges. This survey will take place this term (Term 2, 2014). You will receive a letter from the school with a link to the survey. Students will complete the survey at school.

We hope to be able to discuss the findings of the survey with you at a future time and feel that gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers.

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**Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students**

Dear Families and Carers,

Your children are invited to attend a series of dance workshops which start in week 4. Students will be given an opportunity to learn a range of traditional dances. The dance instructor will be Duncan Smith. A showcase will be held as part of our NAIDOC assembly in week 10.

**Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops:**

- **When:** Thursday weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9,
- **Where:** Ngunnawal Primary School Library
- **Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- **Cost:** Nil

Extended family and siblings are welcome to come along.

The Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops will be a great opportunity for your children to participate in traditional dance and song cultural activities. If you have any questions about the workshops please call or email me.

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**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!

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Anna McGown
MINISTER’S STUDENT CONGRESS

On Friday 9 May, we attended the Minister’s Student Congress as Ngunnawal Primary’s representatives. The congress has representatives from all the public schools in the ACT and was held at Gungahlin College.

During the day we learnt a lot about what being a good leader is. For example, instead of trying to improve yourself to make the team better you should improve everyone in the team to make it better. Don’t just focus on the problem, make sure you see the whole picture, because that sometimes helps you solve the problem.

We answered questions about careers and got some information about trying to find work. There’s not just one thing you can do. You could do many things from one interest. For instance if you are interested in food, that could lead to a job in restaurants, cooking, farming produce, fresh food market, supermarket, McDonalds, the list is endless. There are lots of options you just need to look at it creatively.

They gave us a great lunch as well and we look forward to sharing our learning with the students of Ngunnawal.

Jonte 5/6S and Chloe 5/6K

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY MERIT AWARDS

Hi Kids!
Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It’s fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is Click, Flick and Skip!

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21 May 2014
Nggunawal Primary School P&C Association
Silver Shrapnel Drive

Not sure what to do with those pesky silver coins taking up room in your pocket or purse? Excess coins weighing down your purse or wallet? Why not bag them up and send them into school!

A new twist on our five cent fundraiser – as part of our silver shrapnel drive, we are asking for any silver coins to be donated to help raise funds for our school. Last year we raised over $1,000 from your donated five cent pieces, which helped us purchase iPads for the school. This year, we want to do better and buy even more electronics for the school.

Simply pop them in a zip-lock bag and mark with your child’s class and name and send them to the school canteen.

The coins will be counted each week with a running tally to see how well your class is doing. The class that raises the most will win a special prize.

You can start bringing in your shrapnel now! Collections will close on Friday 20th June (end of week 9) with the winning class announced in the newsletter and at the assembly.

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Canteen
New Menu Item

We are proud to introduce
Chicken Noodle Soup
and
Tomato Soup
this cold season.

Available in terms 2 and 3 every Tuesday and Wednesday

Just $4.00 or
$4.50 with a fresh buttered roll

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Sorry Day Bridge Walk
SUPA Club stands for Scripture Union Primary Age. It’s a fortnightly lunchtime club that allows children to explore who Jesus is in a fun & relaxed way.

Coming to SUPA Club is voluntary & children can only participate if they have a signed permission slip.

PLEASE NOTE: All children who attend SUPA Club MUST now fill in a new registration form each year.

WHO: Children in kindergarten to year 6 who have a signed permission slip.

WHEN: Fortnightly during term on Thursdays - 29 May, 12 June, 26 June.

WHERE: Redwood Unit.

This term we are looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

For more information: there are brochures at the front office or call Russell Smidt, Ngunnawal SUPA Club Coordinator, on 6241 3750 or email russell@nlpc.org.au

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**Reconciliation Week Family BBQ**

This week is Reconciliation Week. As part of Reconciliation Week, Ngunnawal Primary School will be hosting a Reconciliation Week Family BBQ. Students and families are invited to attend, assist in preparing healthy food and participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural activities during the BBQ.

**When:** Wednesday 28th May

**Time:** 3pm - 4:30pm

**Where:** Ngunnawal Primary School Library

If you would like to come along, please fill in the note below and hand in to the front office by **Wednesday morning, 28 May**, for catering purposes.

Kind regards,

Leah Brideson
Indigenous Education Worker

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**Ngunnawal SUPA Club Permission Slip**

Child/rens name/s:

1. __________________________________________
   Class: _________ Age: _________

2. __________________________________________
   Class: _________ Age: _________

3. __________________________________________
   Class: _________ Age: _________

Does your child/ren have any food allergies or special needs?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

I consent to my child's photo being taken at SUPA CLUB.

Yes / No

Phone No. (Home): ____________________

Phone No. (Work): ____________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _____________________________

Signature: _______________________________________

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