

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Education and Training

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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, 23 July**
Whole School
Assembly, 9:15am
(3KA & 3P)
- Monday, 28 July**
P&C Meeting,
6:00pm
- Tuesday, 29 July**
ICAS English
- Monday, 4 August**
National Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Children's
Day.
- Monday, 4 August**
Board Meeting
5:30pm
- Friday, 7 August**
School Disco
- Tues, 12 August**
ICAS Maths
- Mon, 18 August**
Kulture Break
Incursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new term, I hope you all enjoyed the break. It was lovely to see all the students and hear all about their adventures over the last two weeks.

This term we have many celebrations and extra-curricula activities that add to the rich learning programs at the school. We are looking forward to Book Week, Science Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week as well as AFL and Football (soccer) sporting clinics and being a part of the massed choir for the school's participation in Step into the Limelight music spectacular. Please make sure you read the newsletter each week so that you are well informed about dates, times and requirements for these special events.

It is timely at the beginning of the term to remind students, parents and carers that school begins at 9.00am each day and the importance of arriving as close as possible to this time. Students who arrive late often take longer to settle into their learning program. Arriving 30 minutes late each day will result in a loss of 2.5 hours of learning a week, if continued over a term, one week of learning would be lost. Research shows that regular school attendance has a positive effect on improving student learning outcomes. It can be hard to get moving on these cold and frosty mornings but our students will certainly reap the benefits.

We have mountains of lost property! On Wednesday, after the assembly, all clothing will be displayed in the courtyard and teachers will walk

classes past so they can retrieve clothing that belongs to them. If you will be attending the assembly you are also invited to look for your child's lost clothing. In addition, clothing will be sorted and items that are named will be returned to students. At the end of this week all unclaimed clothing will be given to the P & C for the second-hand clothing pool. We will be clearing the lost property twice per term to prevent it from stockpiling and will let you know dates via the newsletter. To help us return lost property to students we request that all clothing be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Last term many of our families enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during the interview process. Due to unforeseen circumstances some interviews needed to be held over to this term. Thank you to those families for your understanding in this matter. I encourage all parents and carers to make an appointment with teachers at any stage during the term if they would like to discuss or clarify any aspect of their child's learning.

As always please contact myself or any member of the executive team if you have any questions or concerns that you need clarified.

Until next week,

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

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 Department of Education's Sun Protection Policy, students at Ngunnawal Primary School must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside during terms 1 and 4. 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. The correct hats are available from the front office: bucket hat \$8.

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 DEVICES



If students ride bicycles or scooters to school they must wear a helmet. Bicycles and scooters must be placed in the locked bicycle compound which is out-of-bounds during the day. 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 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.

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 9:15am**. 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 each second week, with Junior and Senior assemblies occurring on a rotating roster in the alternate weeks.

ABSENTEEISM

Please call the school to notify if your child will be absent. If students have not arrived in class by 9:15am, the front office will contact parents by phone to verify student absences. If a student is absent from school, a written note must be sent to the class teacher stating the date and acknowledging that the student had permission to be absent.

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 make certain 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.





Wednesday
2 July 2014



2E & 2SL ASSEMBLY



NAIDOC Week Dancing



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!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

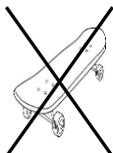
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SAFETY REMINDER – BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND IN-LINE SKATES

- Students who ride bicycles or scooters to school **must wear a helmet a helmet at all times 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.



Best Listening Class

SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:

1. What is dendrochronology?
2. Which baby animal is called a puggle?
3. Would you be most likely to find feldspar:
 - a) in the bark of a tree b) on a scorpion, or c) in a rock?
4. What is the largest moon of Saturn?
5. True or false? Bacteria cells outnumber human cells in the body.



Karon

Science Quiz Answers:

1. Dendrochronology is the study and dating of annual growth rings in trees.
2. A puggle is a baby echidna.
3. c). Feldspar is found in rocks. It is a common mineral in the Earth's crust.
4. Titan is the largest moon of Saturn.
5. True. Your body has ten times more bacterial cells than human cells!



NGUNNAWAL MEN'S SHED HELPS OUR PRESCHOOL

The Ngunnawal Men's Shed has been helping our preschool with painting our preschool cubby house. Two of the men, Paul and Con have been visiting us for term 2, and have beautifully restored the inside and outside of the cubby house. The children have loved watching them paint, and there have been many conversations between the children and the men. On Thursday 3 July we made a special presentation to them for their volunteering work. The children were very excited to see their new special friends. They can't wait to play in the renovated cubby house this term.

Thank you so much, Paul and Con.



The Smith Family assists many families through the *Learning for Life* Program. The program supports families with their children's educational needs.

everyone's family

Local *Learning for Life* Coordinator Bill Caddey will be based in our school on Wednesday mornings. Bill can assist you with accessing different support services in Canberra.

Drop in and have a cuppa and chat with Bill after the school assembly to discuss ways that The Smith Family can help your child. The Smith Family Drop In will be held in the Boardroom at Ngunnawal Primary School every Wednesday.

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The school, its staff and the Territory are not aware of, and make no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information provided in advertisements appearing in this newsletter. Readers should make their own enquiries in relation to the information.

LOST PROPERTY!

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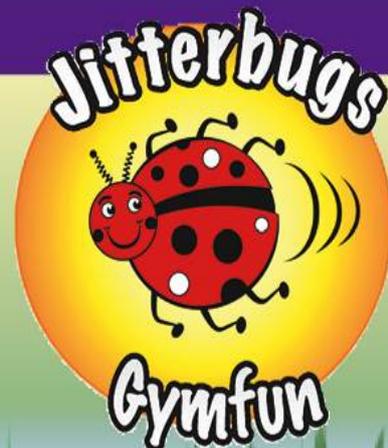
ENROLLING NOW!

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