

# 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. 16 – 5 June 2018



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wed 6 June 2018**

Senior School  
Assembly; 9:15  
5/6KE & 5/6MS

**Monday 11 June 2018**

Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**Tues 12 June 2018**

Yr 5 Combined Band  
Practice, Neville Bonner  
Primary School

**Tues 12 June 2018**

Yr 3/4 Excursion to  
Aust War Memorial

**Wed 13 June 2018**

NPS Athletics Carnival,  
Amaroo Oval

**Wed 13 June 2018**

Junior Athletics Carnival  
(K-Yr1), middle session  
at NPS

**Wed 13 June 2018**

No Whole School  
Assembly due to School  
Athletics Carnival.

**Thurs 14 June 2018**

ICAS Writing  
ICAS Spelling

**Monday 18 June 2018**

School Board Meeting,  
6:00pm

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REMINDERS page 2**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Well the cold weather has certainly made its presence felt over the last week or so. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for the cold weather and at this time of year students are able to wear beanies if they so desire. We have entered the 'Hats Off' period, where we do not enforce the schools 'No Hat No Play' rule. This is because the UV levels drop to under 3 during this time of year and assists children to get exposure to Vitamin D. Sun Smart hats will be required to be worn again at the beginning of August.

Last week our school captains acted as the Principal for a day. They are such outstanding role models for all students at the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for the respectful and responsible manner in which they conducted themselves. Below you can read their 'Principals Message.'

### **Principal for a Day – School Captains' Message**

Last Thursday, we had the opportunity to act as Principal for the day. First we opened the Art Show at morning lines, then visited the Art Show and took notes. Every class produced vibrant art works!

We walked through each unit at the school. Year 1/2 students were working on writing, reading and science. In the year 3/4 classes, students were working on reading and history. We loved our visit to kindergarten where we read stories. The students really enjoyed it!

At recess we were excited to eat with the teachers in the staff room. After recess we held a sausage sizzle to raise money for the school. We sold over 500 sausages.

After lunch we met with Bek to discuss our day. We quickly realised how busy it is at the front office.

As school Principals we got to experience what the life of a Principal is like and how exhausting it is at the end of the day. We really enjoyed the experience.

From your School Captains  
*Alex, Ella, Pippa and Xavier.*

### **Class Dojo – Important Information**

As you are aware, we have implemented a program called Class Dojo as a communication method for teachers to share work or small pieces of information with the parents or carers of students in their class. Feedback from families is extremely positive and it is evident families enjoy receiving small learning stories about their child. I would however like to inform parents and carers, that while this is an exciting new communication initiative between home and school, it is important that messages are kept brief, two to three sentences in total. If you require writing a longer form of communication, or having a question or concern, these are best dealt with in person or with a phone call. Parents and carers are most welcome to ring the Front Office on 61421500 to make an appointment time to meet with their child's teacher. Naturally all teachers want to work with the families of students in their class, however it is not possible for them to respond to requests in the Class Dojo forum. This is especially the case during out of

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hours or over the weekend as it is not possible for teachers to respond to parent or carers request. If you do need to contact the school out of hours due to an emergency, or an urgent matter, please do so by emailing the [info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au) and your email will be acknowledged and actioned during the business/school day. I thank you in advance for respecting this request.

Have a great week.

*Kristine*

Kristine Stewart,  
Principal

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

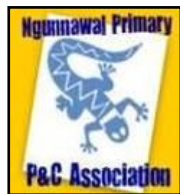
### Notes Home:

- **Year 1/2 Classes - Questacon Liquid Nitrogen Show** (in school program), Thursday 28 June. **Permission notes and payment due by Monday, 25 June.**

### Reminders:

- **2018 Voluntary Contributions letter**, Kinder to Year 6
- **AECD Data Collection Note** – Kindergarten classes
- **Excursion to Australian War Memorial Year 3/4** - Tuesday, 12 June. **Permission note and payment due back by Friday, 8 June 2018.**

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



## 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.



## Welcome Hats Off Period

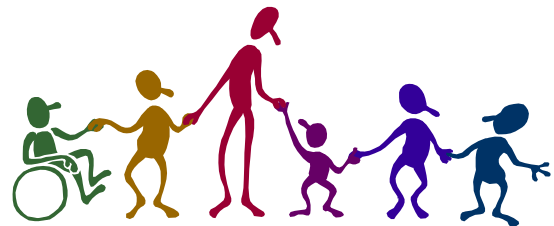
Yes, this week begins the "Hats Off" period for ACT primary schools as daily UV levels drop off to levels that are considered low (ie under 3) all day, for the months of June and July.

Many years ago Cancer Council ACT coined the phrase - **End Of May is Hats Off Day** to assist Canberra primary schools and early childhood services with their balanced hats on (and off) message to students and the school community.

So, in keeping with the **End of May is Hats Off Day** spirit, Canberra primary school students (and teachers) can safely leave their hats off during outdoor activities including lunch time.

End of May spells Hats Off Day for ACT primary schools. Read more about UV exposure and Vitamin D [here](#).

Note: Beginning of August is Hats On Again For All Of Us!



## 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.**

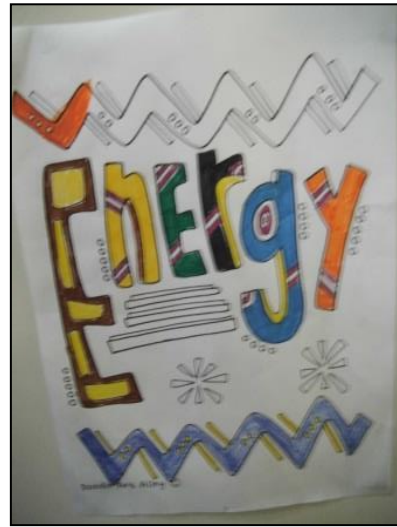


# Spotlight on Learning!

## Specialist Programs

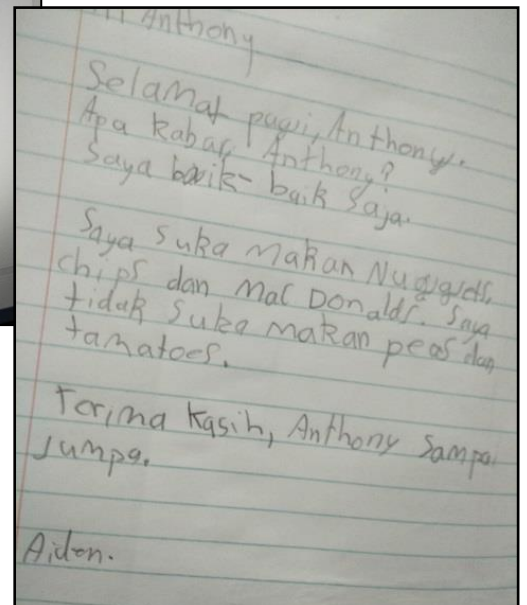
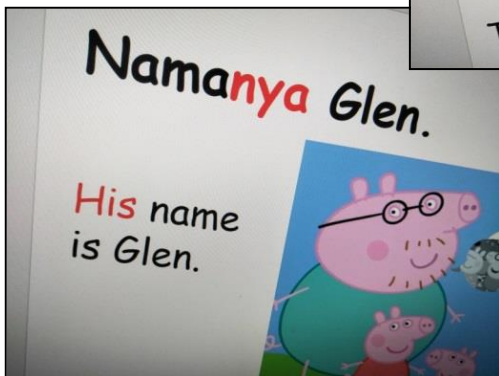
### Environmental Science

Students this term have learnt about Energy and how it is an essential resource. They are learning about renewable and non-renewable energies and how human consumption has a major effect upon energy resources. The next step in our program is to look at how we can reduce our energy consumption and lessen the impact this has on our environment.



### Indonesian

Students this term have been focusing on a range of literacy text types using Indonesian for a range of purposes. Year 5 and 6 students have been writing children's storybooks about imaginary families. Year 3 and 4 students have been writing letters to friends about foods they like and don't like. While students in Kindergarten to Year 2 have been preparing puppet plays about an imaginary group of friends going to school. This has been lots of fun for all ages, along with a strong literacy focus and support for building the school's word conscious culture.





# Music

There's plenty of excitement in the music program at Ngunnawal Primary School.

## Kindergarten

Students have been learning how to play the djembe drum and can now play a simple rhythm. They have also enjoyed using our new Boomwhackers!

## Years 1 and 2

Classes have been learning about the Angklung – a traditional Indonesian instrument made out of bamboo! Students have continued developing their skills on the djembe drum and have incorporated the recorder in simple melodies.

## Years 3 and 4

Students have been developing their skills on the ukulele and are now playing 4 note melodies. They are focusing on reading music and understanding different music notation symbols.

## Years 5 and 6

Classes are finishing their guitar learning by writing their own song and performing it for the class. Students will also have an opportunity in weeks 8 and 9 to show their skills during 'Music Show and Tell'. This is a time put aside during music sessions for students who come prepared with an extra musical item -whether it be on a band instrument, piano, voice or any other instrument they may be learning at home, to perform for the class.

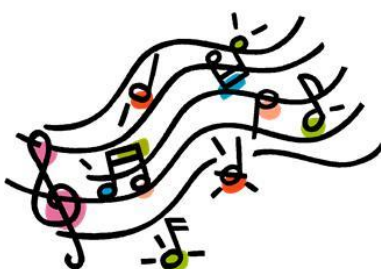
## Limelight

The Limelight group for 2018 has been selected after 2 weeks of auditions. Students involved met for the first time last Friday to find out about our showcase feature act. Limelight rehearsal will take place 2-3pm each Friday afternoon.

## Public Education Week celebrations.

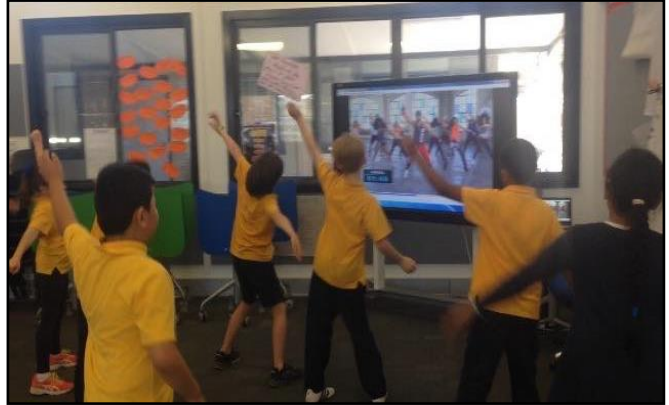
Well done to students in the Year 5 and Year 6 bands who played in the courtyard for Public Education Week last Thursday. It was great to have so much music in the courtyard for all to see!

A big thank you to those students who performed during the Art Show. We had performances on the piano, violin, saxophone, flute and bass clarinet. It was inspiring to see you perform!



## Physical Education and Health

All students in PE this term will have had the opportunity to participate in dancing and Aboriginal Games. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 learnt the Chicken Dance and the Macarena and participated in Every Chance to Dance. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 learnt the Cha Cha Slide and Heel Toe Polka. All year groups have been learning different types of Aboriginal games and in particular Buroinjin.



In Health, all year groups have explored the concept of Sportsmanship. Students were engaged in this topic and a lot of students were able to use their experiences as examples. Each class made a set of sportsmanship rules that will be used for the rest of the year. This will be an ongoing topic throughout the year for all students.



This term in Kindergarten, we are focusing on learning about hygiene practices. We will be focusing on ways to keep ourselves clean and learning the steps of washing our hands. In Years 1 and 2 students will be learning about healthy eating, in particular the 5 food groups. Year 3 and 4 students will be learning about the importance of promoting physical activity. Students in Year 5 and 6 will be learning about how to seek and access health services to maintain their health.



## Junior Tennis Coaching - Tennis Canberra Clubs - FREE Racquet, Player Shirt & Trial Lessons Available

### 2018 Autumn/Winter Junior

#### Timetable

- Monday - Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Tuesday - Turner Tennis Club
- Wednesday - Barton Tennis Club or Reid Tennis Club
- Thursday - Majura Tennis Club (Dickson)
- Friday - Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
- Saturday - Majura Tennis Club (Dickson) & Old Parliament House Tennis Club

**Sign Up\*:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis/](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis/)

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or call 0416 186 121

*\*Free Racquet & Shirt for New Tennis Canberra Players*

*Robbie Manzano*

## 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.canberramusicschool.com.au](http://www.canberramusicschool.com.au)



### \*New Children's Ukulele Classes

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