PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The cold winter weather has well and truly hit today. When the weather is as freezing and wild as it is today we keep all students inside.

As a part of the National Regulations for Early Childhood Education and Care, all service providers must be assessed against the National Quality Framework using a nationally recognised rating scale. Ngunnawal Preschool will be assessed during week 4 of next term. We are looking forward to this affirming process. If you have any questions about the preschool assessment process please do not hesitate to contact Stacey Naden or myself.

Tomorrow, year 4 students will leave for their overnight camp at Birrigai. Everyone is very excited and we look forward to hearing about their camp adventures. Have fun!

On Friday all children will bring home their mid-year progress reports. Parent/teacher interviews will be held during week 10. Please make sure you have returned your interview booking slip to your child’s teacher.

Have a great week 9.

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, 25 June
Senior School Assembly, 9:15am
(5/6N, 5/6A & 5/6L)

Wed, 25 June & Thurs 26 June
Year 4 Camp, Birrigai

Friday, 27 June
Year 2 Excursion to Australian War Memorial

Wed, 2 July
NAIDOC Week Whole School Assembly, 9:10am

P&C meeting has been rescheduled.
Next meeting will be Monday, 28 July at 6:00pm.
What a busy term 2 we have had at Preschool!

Some of the special events we have had at preschool this term include a special afternoon tea for mother’s day, a bus wash excursion, a visit from Johnny Huckle to celebrate Reconciliation week and a visit from Linda at NoWaste ACT who came to talk to us about recycling.

The Koori Roos enjoyed making Aboriginal flag biscuits with Payton and her Dad Matt and also worked together to make a Rainbow Snake
No Waste Visit

Johnny Huckle Performance

Bus Wash Excursion
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS
The ribbons for the Senior Athletics carnival will be awarded at this week’s assembly on Wednesday 25 June.
Parents are welcome to attend. Assembly will begin at 9:10am.
Students who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in their age group will receive ribbons for long jump, shot put and running races.

PLEASE NOTE: As the year 4 camp is on this week, year 4 students will receive their ribbons at the assembly in week 1 of term 3.

SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:
1. What is the pH of coca-Cola?
2. Is vanilla harvested from a type of:
   a) wattle, b) orchid or c) jonquil?
3. Who was the second person to walk on the moon?
4. What do you call a device that measures temperature?
5. In which year was the first Macintosh computer released?

Science Quiz Answers:
1. The pH of Coca-Cola is around 2.5.
2. Vanilla is harvested from an orchid.
3. Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin was the second person to walk on the moon.
4. A thermometer measures temperature.
5. The first Macintosh computer was released 30 years ago, in 1984.

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 started in week 4. Students are given an opportunity to learn a range of traditional dances. The dance instructor is Duncan Smith. A showcase will be held as part of our NAIDOC assembly in week 10.

Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops:
When: Thursday week 9,
Where: Ngunnawal Primary School Library
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Cost: Nil
Extended family and siblings are encouraged 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.

Anna McGown

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.
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.

Kate
2W & 2F
ASSEMBLY

18 June 2014
SAFETY REMINDER – BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND IN-LINE SKATES

- Students who ride bicycles or scooters to school must wear 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.

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

PIZZA DAY

Friday, 4 July 2014 $6

Please place your order in to the canteen by no later than Wednesday, 2 July 2014

Meal 1 Hawaiian Pizza - 1 slice
- Fruit salad
- Choice of drink

Meal 2 Supreme Pizza - 1 slice
- Fruit salad
- Choice of drink

Meal 3 Cheese Pizza - 2 slice
- Fruit salad
- Choice of drink

Extra slice of Pizza $1.50

DRINK CHOICES

- Sports water - Lemonade, Blackcurrant or Raspberry
- Juice - Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant
- Bottled Water

ENROL YOUR CHILD IN DRAMA TODAY! FOR TERM 3!

ACTing Up!
Creative Drama Classes

Do you have children between the ages of 5-12yrs? Do they love Drama and Singing? If so consider enrolling in our friendly and creative drama classes.

To register your child, please contact Brooke on P: 0409 135 921 E: actingup.act@gmail.com
W: www.actingupact.com
Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes? Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 3 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://esp psy uq edu au type 1 diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07) 3365 7689 at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07) 3365 6724.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Aima Monswala, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

Ngunnawal 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.