

# 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. 22 – 25 July 2017



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **Wednesday 26 July**

Senior School  
Assembly 9:15am  
(5/6AP & 5/6KA)

#### **Thursday 27 July**

Rostrum Semifinal, 7pm  
Rosary Primary School

#### **Tuesday 1 August**

ICAS English

#### **Wednesday 2 August**

Junior School  
Assembly 9:15am  
(1/2LS & 1/2SM)

#### **Friday 4 August**

IMP Percussion  
Performance, School  
Hall, 9:30am

#### **14 – 18 August**

**Book Week**  
(Week 5)

#### **LIMELIGHT 2017**

**Wed 23 August**  
Technical Rehearsal

**Thurs 24 August**  
Dress Rehearsal &  
Evening Performance

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are certainly enjoying the beautiful sunny days here at school during the day. We are currently in the 'Hats Off' phase as per the recommendation from the ACT Cancer Council. This is so we can maintain healthy levels of Vitamin D that the sun provides. At the beginning of August we will begin to wear our sun safe hats for protection from harmful UV rays. Please refer to information provided in the graphic from the ACT Cancer Council to give you more information about when we should take action to protect ourselves and our children from the sun's harmful rays.

Last week all families should have received a fridge magnet with important contact numbers and website information for the school. Please let the front office know if you did not receive one and we will make sure that one makes its way home to you.

Over the winter months we understand that children can come down with a number of ailments that prevent them attending school. However it is timely to remind parents and carers of the parental responsibility of ensuring that children attend school on a regular basis.

School attendance is mandatory for all children who are of school age and this is explained in the *ACT Education Act 2004 (the Act)*. Parents have a legal responsibility for ensuring their child receives an education. If your child has not yet completed year 10 you must ensure your child:

- is enrolled with an education provider or registered for home education (or both); and
- if your child is enrolled at a school, he/she is meeting the school attendance requirement; or
- if your child is enrolled with an education provider other than a school, he/she is meeting the full-time participation requirement or has an Exemption Certificate.

Failure to comply with these requirements can render a parent or carer liable for a penalty under Part 2.6 Section 17A of the *Act*. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance at school, please make an appointment via the front office to discuss them with me. School attendance is strongly linked to children achieving positive learning and social outcomes and is important to build a solid foundation for the later years of schooling.

If your child is absent from school please contact the front office on 6142 1500 and let staff know they will not be at school. All parents/carers whose child is absent from school without explanation will be contacted by the school as per our regular school procedures.

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# Spotlight on Learning!

## Budawang

Welcome back to Term 3. We look forward to working together with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful Term 3. It has been a great start to the term and we have enjoyed hearing about their holiday stories. Students have settled very well into their classes.

To celebrate NAIDOC week we listened to various Dreamtime stories. After reading 'Tiddalik the Frog' by Robert Roennfeldt students created a story map retelling the story.



Students are continuing to develop their number recognition and numeral formation skills to 20. We have been adding groups to 12 using the 'counting on' strategy.



In our **History Inquiry** students learnt about the significance and importance of NAIDOC week. Following our NAIDOC assembly students completed painting craft.



This term students will continue to participate in **gross motor** activities every Monday. They will continue to develop skills such as throwing, catching, skipping and kicking.

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### Kindergarten **Art/Craft** Gallery

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The year 5/6 students are learning about life on the Goldfields and have been showing a lot of responsibility by carrying their Digger's Licenses on them during the day. They are definitely on the lookout for any bushranger, who might be prowling around in the hope of stealing their gold from them. Make sure you have a conversation with your child if they are in year 5/6 about their learning from this important time in Australia's history.

As always please make a time to come and meet with me or any member of the executive team if you would like to discuss a concern or have a question.

Have a great week.

*Kristine*

Kristine Stewart,  
Principal



## Book Week 2017 14 to-18 August (Week 5)

### Theme: Escape to Everywhere

#### Story time in the library - each day.

- From 8:30- 9:00 each day for families and their children to share a book.

#### Preschool buddy read - each day.

#### Book Week parade – Wednesday, Senior Assembly (K-6, Dyindan, Balbo, Karrugang, Bunduluk)

- Students **dress up** as their favourite book characters and all students will attend the **senior assembly** to parade their costumes.

#### Book Week activity rotation with buddy classes Wednesday middle session.

#### Book Week dress up - Friday Mundawari, Gula, Guginya

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

- Limelight information and permission note sent home with participants last Thursday. Permission notes to be returned by Tuesday, 15 August 2017.

## NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Please take a couple of seconds to check it out. We often post information about what is happening at school, provide updates and amendments when we have to.

Please like it and share it with our community.



## From the Friendly Schools Plus Team:

This is an article talking about the difference between teasing and bullying.

## Teasing Versus Bullying

By Michael Grose

When speaking with parents when I present at schools, or engaging with them via our social media, bullying is always a hot topic. A recent Facebook post had one of our biggest engagement rates ever. It begged the question- "What is bullying? Do we mix it up with teasing and other forms of mean behaviour?"

Bullying is a term that's wrapped in emotion. For many people it's associated with bad childhood memories. It's been estimated that around 40 per cent of people have experienced bullying in the past. It's something that we don't want to happen to our kids. But I fear it's being overused at the moment and confused with teasing and rudeness.

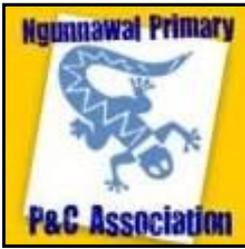
**Rudeness** refers to thoughtless behaviours and thoughtless words. Kids often do rude things to each other without thinking their actions through. Examples include breaking wind in a child's direction; joking about the colour of a child's hair in front of others; failing to share possessions and neglecting to acknowledge someone. Rudeness is usually about selfishness and thoughtlessness. Taken on their own many rude behaviours can be seen as an element of bullying but when looked at in context they are more about thoughtlessness, lack of consideration and poor manners rather than a deliberate attempt to hurt someone.

**Teasing** refers to annoying, hurtful behaviour that is used to get a reaction from someone else. Teasing can be persistent in nature, but not always. It's generally an attempt to get under a person's skin. It can involve name-calling; it can be personal and hurtful in nature. It can also infringe on another person's rights. But generally teasing doesn't have the key ingredients that make up bullying.

**Bullying** is the *selective, uninvited, repetitive* oppression of one person or group by another. It involves **three elements** – intent to hurt or harm; power imbalance; and repetition over time. It takes many forms and guises including physical aggression; verbal abuse; emotional aggression (or blackmail); intimidation; harassment and exclusion.

The new cyber-dimension to bullying has moved the goalpost for many kids. In the past children and young people could escape bullying behaviours by being at home. Cyber-bullying means that children can't escape bullies like they once could.

Our ability to be discerning about bullying is as important as the action we take when we are sure that our child is on the receiving end of bullying behaviour. These actions include: dealing with feelings; providing emotional coping skills, getting others involved; building up a child's support networks; and building self-confidence that can take a battering.



# 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.

We meet at 6pm in the school staff room at the front office. Our meeting dates for 2017 are:

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|--------------|------------|
| 11 September | 4 December |
| 30 October   |            |



The Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association runs a **second-hand uniform shop** once a month during school term. We have a range of items and sizes. Jackets, jumpers and dresses are **\$2** and hats, tops, shorts and pants are only **\$1** each.

To be notified of the dates and times, 'like' us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Ngunnawal-Primary-PC-Association-221250924740393>

Donations of clean items in good, wearable condition are very much appreciated. Just drop them off at the canteen!

## Online ordering now available at the School Canteen!

The Ngunnawal Primary School Canteen now offers **online ordering and payment** through Flexischools! Available from your mobile or computer, you can place canteen orders and pay securely online anytime, anywhere! Just go to [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) and click 'register'. More information is available from the Canteen.

## OUR CANTEEN RULES!!!!

We LOVE that our canteen is so popular with our students but that means it can get pretty crowded during recess and lunch time. To make sure everyone gets their turn and stays safe, we ask that parents and carers to remind their children about the following things:

- please do not share your money or canteen food with other children
- wait in line patiently without pushing in
- use the proper line - there are separate lines for Juniors and Seniors
- over-the-counter service finishes at the lunch time half-bell

**Thank you for supporting our canteen and making it great for everyone!**





Now anyone can help local schools earn amazing equipment. Just shop at Woolworths to earn one sticker for every \$10 spent from 26 July 2017, while stocks last.

Incredibly, last time over 16,000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn & Learn, and earned nearly 450,000 pieces individual items. This is your chance to help!

You can help Ngunnawal Primary School by collecting stickers from Woolworths, completing a sticker sheet which can be collected from the front office and place them into the deposit bin which will also be located at the front office.

If you are unable to complete a whole sticker sheet or have left over stickers, please leave them with the front office staff.

Ngunnawal Primary School appreciates your support.

### NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

**If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6142 1500 (please note new number)**

[NgunnawalPS.Absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:NgunnawalPS.Absences@ed.act.edu.au)  
by 9:15am.

### 2018 Australian of the Year Awards- Be Great and Nominate

Give our nation's best the recognition they deserve. Play your part in recognising Canberrans doing remarkable work, helping others and making a difference. Nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years) or Australia's Local Hero. Nominations can be made online at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au) and close on 6 August 2017.



### NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

- meet on Wednesdays, 9:10am to 10:40am in the Library, 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!

### 2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) - Years 3 to 6

For over 20 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has been conducting the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. The English and Mathematics competitions will be held at Ngunnawal Primary School on the dates below:

English	Tuesday	1 August
Mathematics	Tuesday	15 August

For further information, please contact Vernetta Rolls.



**Upcoming Tennis Season: July 24<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Join the Pre-Season Sessions for FREE: July 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Junior Coaching** \*ANZ Tennis Hot Shots \*\*School Partner Program

\* Junior Players new to the academy receive a **FREE TENNIS RACQUET**

\*\* Tennis Canberra School Partner Students Receive Season Discount and FREE Tennis Racquet

\*\*Is your school a Tennis Canberra Partner? [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners)

#### Official Tennis Canberra Clubs

Old Parliament House Gardens Tennis Club	Barton Tennis Club
Dickson – Majura Tennis Club	Reid Tennis Club
Braddon Tennis School - Merici College	Turner Tennis Club
Tuggeranong – Active Leisure Centre (Erindale)	

Online Registrations: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/book-online](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/book-online)  
Email: [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)  
Phone: 0416 186 121

## BrickExpo

Canberra 11th to 13th August 2017

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**  
[www.BrickExpo.com.au](http://www.BrickExpo.com.au)



Sessions and tickets are limited!

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#### What is it?

An entertaining and interesting exhibition of rare and unique LEGO® creations by interstate and local collectors and modellers.

Hundreds of static, moving and robotic models in themes including: Star Wars™, Trains, Planes, Space Ships, Racing Cars & Sculptures.

#### Where is it?

The Hellenic Club, Matilda Street Woden

#### When is it?

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Friday 11th August 2017  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 12th August 2017  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Sunday 13th August 2017

Brick Expo is a not-for-profit event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group. Event proceeds will assist our major charity PaTCH (Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital).

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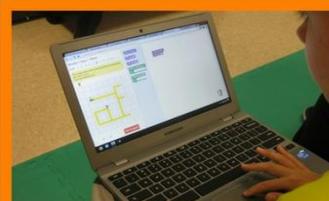
### Teaching kids about coding and robotics

We are excited to bring coding and robotics to your child. Children will learn valuable skills such as creative problem solving, coding, teamwork and basic engineering.



#### Coding with Robots

Teaching young minds to Code with different Robots



#### Coding with Computers

Teaching game design, coding languages, dexterity and fun.



#### Unplugged Creations

Teaching kids to create, design and engineer without technology

Where: Ngunnawal Primary School Library  
When: Saturdays during school terms  
Time: 9:30 to 11:30am and 12:30 to 2:30pm  
Cost: \$275\* per child per term, Ages: 7 to 12  
Register your Interest: [www.blockcrafters.com.au/interest/](http://www.blockcrafters.com.au/interest/)  
More Info: Call Kira on 0432 884 436 or visit [www.blockcrafters.com.au](http://www.blockcrafters.com.au)

\* Pricing is subject to change at any time

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