

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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 7 March 2018
Junior School
Assembly; 9:15
(1/2ST & 1/2KMA)

Thurs 8 March 2018
School Swimming
Carnival

Mon 12 March 2018
Canberra Day
Public Holiday

**Tues 13 March to
Mon 19 March 2018**
Aquasafe Program

Tues 13 March 2018
Burroinjin Tournament

Wed 14 March 2018
Senior School
Assembly 9:15
(3/4XB, 3/4RM, 3/4DW)

Wed 21 March 2018
Harmony Day Whole
School Assembly 9:15

Wed 21 March 2018
Kenny Koala Visit
(Hi Vis Vests Program)

Mon 26 March 2018
School Board Meeting

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are so excited that our swimming carnival will be held on Thursday this week. This is a great opportunity for our students in years 3 – 6 to participate in races both in and out of the water. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours, white for Bradman, green for Jackson, red for Freeman and blue for Coombs. Please remember that no coloured hairspray, face paint or any other decoration that will run into the water can be worn. We would hate for anyone to miss their event because of hairspray and face paint.

During recess and lunchtime we run a variety of clubs that students can access such as Board Games, Karaoke, Dance and Chess. One very popular club this term has been the Beyblades Club. This club was instigated by a year six student, who wrote me a very persuasive letter



last year where he requested we consider this club for 2018. He provided some very good reasons and backed them up with ideas about how the club could run. As a result Ngunnawal Primary has a Beyblades club that approximately 40 students attend on Thursdays at lunch time. This is a great example of how students demonstrate their learning in real life contexts and be change agents.

This year the Education Directorate has moved to an online system that enables teachers to mark

their class rolls electronically. Please do not be alarmed if you see teachers using their electronic devices in assembly, as they are just marking their rolls. Rolls have to be marked and submitted each morning because this new system also allows the school to send out an SMS to families if their child is absent from school and we have not been notified. While there have been some initial system wide glitches to this new system, being able to send out SMS is a great time saving measure for our hardworking front office staff as these have replaced the daily telephone calls.

I know that many of our parents enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher last week. The meetings provided an opportunity for families to provide additional information to the teacher to support their learning this year. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher last week please contact the front office to make a time. Teachers are your first point of contact when you have a question or concern, you are however able to make a time with myself or any member of the executive team to discuss any issue. Please contact the front office on 6142 1500 to make a mutually convenient time so we can meet.

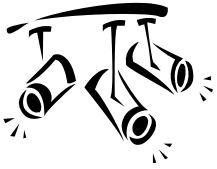
As always I look forward to meeting with members of our parent and carer community if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss. Appointments can be made by calling the front office on 6142 1500.

Enjoy your week.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

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Spotlight on Learning!

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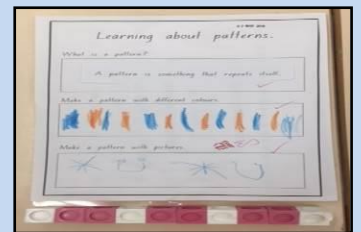
We have had a great start to Term 1. Well done Kindergarten! The students have all settled in well and have started to fall nicely into the daily classroom routine. The students have been engaging in history, science, mathematics, reading and writing, phonics, art/craft, social skills and music lessons just to name a few.

Students have been participating in **gross motor** every Monday. They have been participating in a rotation of activities that focuses on their fundamental motor skills.

In **Mathematics** students have been making simple and complex patterns using objects, shapes and colours.



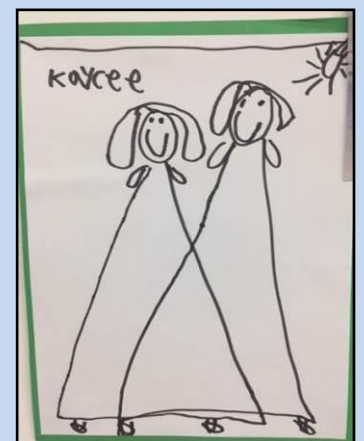
In **History** this term students have been sharing stories about their families and where they came from. They have also been looking closely at themselves and characteristics that make them who they are.



This term we have been introduced to our **buddies**. We created a special portfolio piece where we drew a combined picture incorporating something that we have in common.



Kindergarten **Art/Craft** Gallery



As a part of our **Science** unit we have been looking at materials and where they come from. We have been discussing the attributes of each material and what they are best used for. So far we have looked at brick, wood, and wool.

As part of building our social skills, students have been participating in a unit called **Friendly Schools Plus**. This term students are focusing on the School Share Values and how they incorporate these strategies in and out of the classroom.



NAPLAN will be online from **15-25 May 2018.**



NAPLAN Online:

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN.

Visit www.nap.edu.au to see how the test works and for more information.

2018 Stationery Pack Winners

Pre School	Jada
Kindergarten	Fletcher
Year 1	Gerardo
Year 2	Riley
Year 3	Tom
Year 4	Sara
Year 5	Ella
Year 6	Kayley

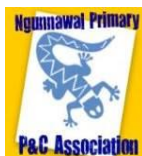
NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

Notes Home:

Reminders:

- **Buroinjin ACT Primary Schools Tournament** – Year 5/6 students, Tuesday 13 March.
- **Aquasafe Lessons** – Tuesday 13 March to Monday 19 March.
- **General Medical Information and Consent Form** – due back to front office ASAP please.
- **Year 5/6 Camp Cooba** – Wednesday 4 April to Friday 6 April. Permission note and deposit payment due by Tuesday 6 March 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 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:

21 May	17 September
25 June	5 November
13 August	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.

Ngunnawal Primary School PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments can be made via Quickweb at:

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.



The power of role models

"Actions speak louder than words!" This old saying does not ring truer than when it comes to children learning from watching their parents!

In fact, the research on healthy eating shows that parental role modelling is one of the most powerful predictors of setting kids up with good habits for life.

Going to a school involved in Fresh Tastes means that your child is learning about healthy eating in the classroom. Part of the learning process is knowing how to put what they learn into practice.

The way you choose food, talk about food and behave around food at home, at cafes, at restaurants and in other environments will make a big difference to how your children will choose food in these situations too. You can help them put their new healthy knowledge into practice by role modelling healthy choices day to day.



Quick tips

The next time you're at a cafe, order a bowl of fruit salad instead of a cake or muffin.

When you're putting dinner on the table always try to include vegetables (either cooked or salad) as a side. I even do this with takeaway pizza and this helps to further cement the value that eating vegetables is a normal part of everyday life.

When your child asks for dessert why not serve up a small bowl of yoghurt and some freshly chopped fruit.

When dining out at a restaurant create the habit of always having a jug of water at the table instead of just ordering soft drink and juice. You'll have a hard time convincing your child to drink water if you're not.

Avoid offering food as a reward or label a particular food as a 'treat'.

act.gov.au/freshtastes



NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please advise the front office staff on **6142 1500** or

email

NgunnawalPS.Absences @ed.act.edu.au

by 9:15am.

ACT Ombudsman
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THE ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Art Competition

Calling all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists!

The ACT Ombudsman invites you to create a traditional or contemporary piece of art that represents 'Our Community'.

The winning artist will receive a prize of **\$1,000** and their artwork will feature proudly on all our promotional products, social media campaigns and website.

1ST PRIZE: \$1,000 | 2ND PRIZE: \$500 | 3RD PRIZE: \$250

COMPETITION OPENS: Monday 5 March 2018
COMPETITION CLOSES: Monday 2 April 2018

For Terms and Conditions and to submit your entry contact Rachelle Kelly, ACT Ombudsman on **(02) 6276 3792** or Rachelle.Kelly@ombudsman.gov.au

The Commonwealth Ombudsman, also the ACT Ombudsman, is an independent and impartial officer appointed to investigate and resolve complaints from the community and to monitor the actions of Government agencies and the police.
Our Office is committed to ensuring all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a voice, because your story matters to us.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



STALL HOLDERS NEEDED



Do you have some bits and pieces to sell but don't want to have a garage sale?

We have a great idea for you!

Jazzy Jumper World Jump Rope team Car Boot Sale.
Only \$20 per site for you to sell your trash and treasures.

When: Saturday 24 March 8am set up, ready to sell at 9am.
Where: Ngunnawal Primary School carpark

Be quick to secure your spot!

Contact us via our Facebook page @jazzyjumperscanberra or phone 0407 897 467



SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR 2018!

Type of school: Not-for-profit community based playschool providing early childhood education.

Age group: 3 and 4 year olds (pre-preschool aged children).

Operating hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (9.20 am – 2.20 pm) during ACT school terms.

Educators and program: Possums offers two trained and enthusiastic staff with 25 years of experience in early childhood education between them. The program at Possums is varied and child centred, offering both free and directed play experiences. Our aim at Possums is to foster independence, enhance a wide range of skills, create relationships between peers and families, to learn through play and very importantly, have fun!

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Register and play with the Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Union Club in 2018

The Gungahlin Eagles Junior Rugby Union Club is a community focused club that welcomes children of all ages from u7s to u18s. In 2018, we are also seeking to fill teams in the girls u14, u16 and u18 10s competitions.

To register for the 2018 season, go to:
www.rugbylink.com.au

Click on the 'Registrations' tab, select 'Find your club, and search for us. Then simply click on the green 'Register' button.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Christine Thomson, Registrar
c_milczuk@hotmail.com

Go the Eagles!

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