

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 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.

**Wednesday – Friday
13-15 June 2018**
Kinder Health Checks

Thurs 14 June 2018
ICAS Writing
ICAS Spelling

Monday 18 June 2018
School Board Meeting,
5:30pm

Monday 18 June 2018
Kenny Koala visits to
Kindergarten classes

Wed 20 June 2018
Junior School
Assembly; 9:15
(1/2RJ & 1/2NE)

Wed 20 June 2018
Christian Education

Friday 22 June 2018
Kinder Health Checks

Monday 25 June 2018
P&C Meeting, 6:00pm

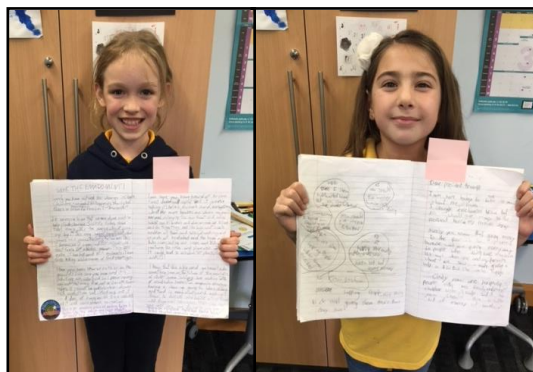
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week seven. I am constantly amazed at how quickly the time flies by. We will be at the end of the term before we know it!

We are looking forward to our Athletics Carnival tomorrow, however if the weather is as it is today we will postpone it and it will be school as normal. If we do postpone the carnival we will post a message at 8.30am on the school's Facebook page advising that it has been called off. Details about the rescheduling will be sent out to families on Thursday this week.

At Ngunnawal Primary School we are working on implementing our goal to improve spelling for all kindergarten to year six students. To really highlight this focus we are working on building a word conscious culture by having an explicit print and word rich environment in all classes. When visiting classrooms you will see this in a variety of ways such as: *Word Walls*, *Word of The Week* displays, teacher *Hot Reads*, and student's writing. Bella and Kalani from 3/4TT, have used their learning about using strong words to write a



persuasive argument about a topic they are

passionate about. Bella wrote about looking after our environment and Kalani about the need to help homeless people. Congratulations to both students for demonstrating your learning in such a thoughtful and powerful way.

Thank you to the members of our community who drive their children to and from school. Your patience and efforts over the last two weeks to exercise caution during the peak periods in the school's carpark and surrounding areas, has certainly been noticed. We have seen a decrease in incidents of people parking in areas that obscure footpaths and parking or leaving cars unattended in the school set down and pick up area. This practice makes it much safer for our children.

Teachers are busily writing student's mid-year reports and are looking forward to meeting with you in week 10 to discuss your child's progress during the first half of the year. I encourage all parents to make a time to meet with your child's teacher and hear all about their growth in all aspects of the curriculum. Notes will be sent out shortly with your access codes so you will be able to logon to PTO, the school's online booking program to book a time.

As always please do not hesitate to make a time to meet with myself or any member of the executive team to discuss a concern or clarify any questions you may have.

Until next week, keep smiling.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

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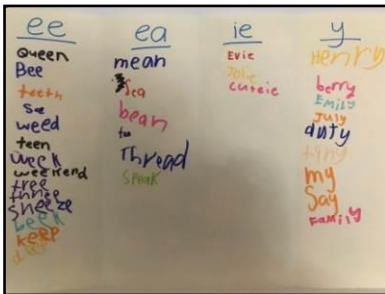
Spotlight on Learning!

Redwood

Spelling

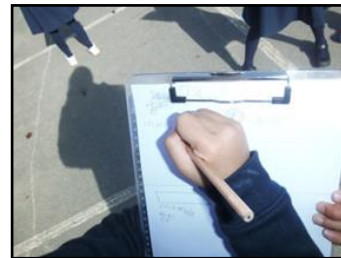
Year 1/2 have been exploring words with the short E and long E sounds during our spelling lessons. Students have been participating in activities including magnet letters and rainbow writing to spell their words.

During other lessons, including silent reading, students are encouraged to find words with these spelling patterns and add them to the chart.



Shape

We have begun looking at shapes in Maths. Students have been using their prior knowledge to hunt for shapes in the classroom and playground. We have also been experimenting with them by making pictures using a variety of shapes. In lessons we will build on this knowledge of 2D shapes and will explore 3D objects.



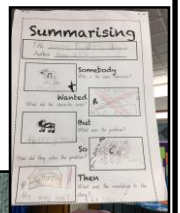
Reconciliation Week

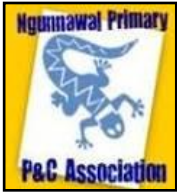
During week 4 we acknowledged Reconciliation Week. At our whole school assembly our senior choir led the school in singing the Narragunnawali song. In our classroom we engaged in lessons to further explore reconciliation and its meaning for all Australians.



Summarising

This term students have been learning about the reading strategy of summarising. Students have been learning to find key words and the main ideas from the text to summarise their reading. Students have shown enjoyment in reading a variety of texts and summarising them using graphic organisers to draw and write the key information in their own words. A summarised story wheel about the book 'Hanukkah in Alaska' was created below by students.





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:

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.

ROSTRUM

This week Ngunnawal Primary held its annual Rostrum Speaking Competition. 13 students from 3/4 and 5/6 classes presented their carefully crafted speeches to the school. Congratulations to runner up Ash from 3/4XB who presented a highly engaging speech on 'Breaking the Ice'. The Ngunnawal 2018 Rostrum winner is Marlies from 5/6LK who captured the audience's attention with an explosive speech about 'Volcanos'.

Marlies will represent Ngunnawal Primary in the upcoming ACT quarter finals on 8 June.

Sian and Belinda D



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!

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

Notes Home:

- **5/6LW, 5/6SM & 5/6MS - STEAM Excursion to Gold Creek School - Wednesday 27 June. Permission notes due back Friday 16 June.**
- **P&C Preschool Special Lunch -**
Tuesday 19 June (Dyindan, Balbo, Bunduluk, Karrugang)
Thursday 21 June (Mundawari, Gula, Guginya)
Orders due back by Monday 18 June.

Reminders:

- **Year 1/2 Classes - Questacon Liquid Nitrogen Show (in school program), Thursday 28 June. Permission notes and payment due by Monday, 25 June**
- **2018 Voluntary Contributions letter, Kinder to Year 6**
- **AECD Data Collection Note – Kindergarten classes**

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

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.

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



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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!

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Contact Diane on 0414 788 380.

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