

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 19 June 2019

Junior School
Assembly 9.10am
(KNM & KNI)

Wed 19 June 2019

Christian Ed

Wed 19 June 2019

Sullivan Shield
Competition

Thurs 20 June 2019

Musica Viva 'Taiko'
Japanese Drumming
11:45 (P-2) & 2pm (3-6)

Friday 21 June 2019

Kinder Health Checks

Wed 26 June 2019

Senior School
Assembly 9.10am
(5/6BG & 5/6SM)

Wed 26 June 2019

Year 4 Excursion to
National Botanic
Gardens

1 to 5 July 2019

NAIDOC Week
Whole School
Assembly, Tues 2 July

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REMINDERS
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Reports and Interviews

Semester 1 Reports for all K-6 students and Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for those students who have these will be sent home on Friday 28 June. Preschool students will be reflecting on semester 1 and developing goals with their families during interviews. We encourage all families to take the opportunity to discuss their child's learning in week 10. Teachers will be available until 6.45 on Tuesday 1 July for those families who need after hours appointments. Portfolios of learning will be shared by the teacher during the interview and will remain in the classroom to continue the collection of learning evidence during semester 2.

Kindergarten Teachers for Semester 2

The wonderful Nancye has won a position at Margaret Hendry School to commence next term. We wish Nancye the very best as she takes up her exciting position as a Learning Coach at Margaret Hendry. Kylie Mannix, an existing Kindergarten teacher will be the teacher of KNM commencing Term 3. KIK will continue with Lone Leach Monday to Wednesday and Ingrid Moore will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday. Ingrid was a regular face at Ngunnawal in 2018 and we welcome her back after teaching at Aranda Primary School in semester 1 this year.



Celebrating our Talented Students at North-Gungahlin Cross Country

Angang and Ruben had a great morning at the ACT

championships for Cross Country at Mt Stromlo. They both ran their fastest, showed sportsmanship and had fun. Great job representing our school and the North Gungahlin area.

Athletics Carnival

We were very lucky to have great weather for the Athletics Carnival last week. Well done to all students who tried their very best. We look forward to hearing who will be going to represent our school at the next level of competition.



Open Morning

I love this picture from the Open Morning and Breakfast with our awesome school community. It is great to see the sea of faces in the courtyard!



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Spotlight on Learning!

Kosciuszko

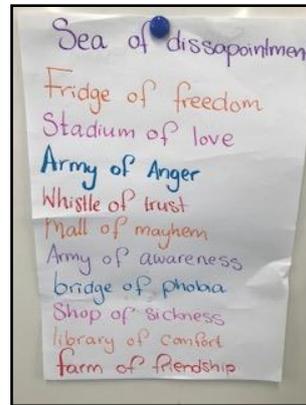
Science: Plant Life Cycle Investigations

This term we have been exploring the life cycle of plants. Students have been investigating the way in which seeds grow via daily observation. Students record the height and changes of the plant, noting any changes that are occurring. This has been in preparation for our upcoming excursion to the Australian Botanic Garden where we will be able to see our knowledge of plants in action.



English: Poetry

Our English focus this term has been poetry. Students have investigated rhyme schemes, kennings and free-verse poems. 4XB has used their knowledge of free verse poetry to create poems inspired by Kit Wright's 'Magic Box' poem. Their poems included beautiful lines such as "a cup of anxiety", "a scattering of stars" and "the look of a child watching the world change". We discussed the way in which free-verse poetry creates images in your mind.



Mathematics: Multiplication

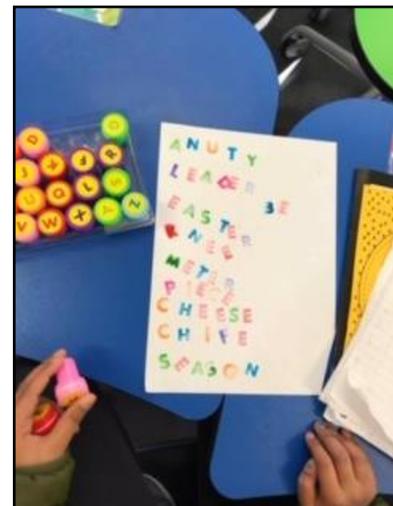
We have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplication. Students have been exploring the relationship between multiplication and repeated addition through the use of multiplication games.

We have also been working on strategies such as arrays, grouping and building on a mental computation strategies to recall multiplication facts up to 12.



Spelling Rotations

This term in Spelling we have been exploring a range of single sounds and digraph blends. Students participate in spelling rotations to consolidate our learning of each weeks lists words. Some of our rotations include spelling our list words with stamps, playdough and even lego.



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Staff Profile: Sheridan McLeod

What's your background before working at NPS?

Prior to coming to NPS I was relief teaching here in Canberra after a few years as a public servant. I have been teaching for many years both in primary and secondary schools in Victoria before moving to Canberra.



What makes NPS a great school to be a part of?

NPS is a great school to teach at because the staff are very friendly and have great teamworking relationships. I have been made feel very welcome and included as part of the teaching team here at NPS. The students are friendly, well mannered and try very hard to get tasks completed. My goal is to continue to build the great learning environment in my classroom and help the students develop their knowledge and skills so they will become lifelong learners and positive members of society.

What do you enjoy most about being a teacher?

I enjoy seeing the excitement of the students when they grasp a new skill and seeing their faces when a final piece of work completed. I also like the teamwork and professional manner of the staff who work together to make the learning experiences enjoyable for all our students.

Kind regards

Rebecca

Rebecca Turner, Principal

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

Notes Home:

Reminders:

Musica Viva 'Taikoz' Japanese Drumming Performance, Thursday, 20 June 2019. **Permission note and payment due back by Friday 14 June.**

Year 4 Excursion to National Botanic Gardens, Wednesday 26 June 2019. **Payment and permission notes due back by Tuesday 18 June 2019.**

Year 2 Friendly School Plus – Viewing of Movie 'Inside Out' – Permission note to be returned by **Friday, 28 June (Week 9)**

Year 2 Science: Diorama – Which water is best? Request for families to provide shoebox for their child by **Friday, 28 June (Week 9).**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term 2 Christian Education sessions will be held in the New Life Church building on Wednesday 19 June 2019 (Week 8).

Our teaching theme for 2019 is KIDS WHO MET JESUS. We will learn from the perspective of children in New Testament history who interacted with Jesus and what they discovered about him. We are teaching the song 'Nothing Better Than Jesus' by Sovereign Grace.

Russell Smidt, CEIS - Gungahlin Team Leader

Ngunnawal Primary School – Student Representative Council

is hosting a

PYJAMA DAY

on **Wednesday, 3 July 2019**

to raise funds for our school.

For a **gold coin donation**, students and staff can wear pyjamas and dressing gowns to school. Please be aware **students will need appropriate shoes for PE lessons and during breaks.**



With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that

don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours. Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money. The service is free and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin. To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions

Lifeline Canberra Bookfair

Come & join us at our July Bookfair! Featuring books & so much more...

- textbooks
- puzzles, console & board games
- computer software & games
- lego, war gaming, models & miniatures
- magazines, pamphlets & comics
- maps & atlases
- collectables & rare books
- cd's, records & sheet music
- talking books
- DVD's & blu-ray
- calendars & postcards
- note books & diaries
- bookmarks, posters & prints
- stamps & trading cards
- sets & encyclopaedias

Friday 12 July 9am - 6pm
Saturday 13 July 9am - 5pm
Sunday 14 July 10am - 4pm

Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium

Saturday is Family Day with fun activities for the kids

Gold coin donation entry

icon, Australian National University, STORAGE KING, TRANSPORT, Canberra Weekly, Hertz, mix106.3, hit 104.7

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL IMAGINATIVE PLAY SPACES

We are in the process of creating new imaginative play spaces in our empty garden beds in the preschool. We will be creating a trucks and diggers play space, dinosaurs and animals, fairy garden and areas for loose parts play.

These new play spaces will be an extension of existing gardens that foster positive encounters amongst students, creativity, problem solving, cooperative and imaginative play and opportunities for students to develop their social skills.

In doing this we are seeking out donations of any materials you may have lying around or you may have contacts who could donate materials to us.

The Preschool Team.

PLAY – THURSDAY MORNINGS

Starting this week, join us on Thursday mornings after school drop off to grab a tea/coffee/chat with other parents. You can also connect with Community Coordinator Yvonne who can offer support and guidance on a wide range of issues and bring your little ones for some play and fun activities.

Stay and Play will run every Thursday between 9am and 10 am, in our Koori Preschool building. Access is through the gate to the left of the front office (if you are facing the office).

ICAS 2019

The 2019 ICAS competitions will be held in **Term 3** this year for students in years 3-6. All tests will be completed online. Students will need IT permission if they do not already have to access chrome books.

The following subject areas will be part of the ICAS competitions this year.

Digital Technologies:	Tuesday, 3 September
Science:	Thursday, 5 September
Writing:	Tuesday, 10 September
Spelling:	Thursday, 12 September
English:	Tuesday, 17 September
Mathematics:	Thursday, 19 September

More information regarding enrolment and pricing will be provided week 1 of term 3.

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION to fill Casual Vacancies

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school's future directions.

An election is being conducted to fill the following casual Board vacancies:

- Parent Representative (1) -August 2019 to 31 March 2020**
- Staff Representative (1) -August 2019 to 31 March 2020**

The timetable for the election of a parent representative and a staff representative to fill these casual vacancies is:

Nomination period:

- Opens - 11:00am on Friday 21 June 2019**
- Closes - 11:00am on Friday 5 July 2019.**

Voting period (if election is required):

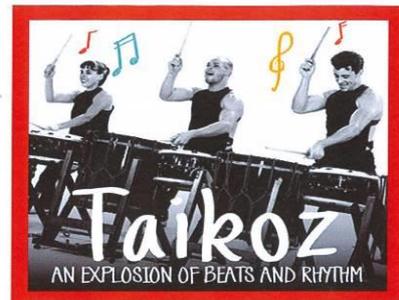
- Opens - 11:00am on Monday 22 July 2019**
- Closes - 11:00am on Monday 29 July 2019.**

If you are interested in being a member of the Ngunnawal Primary School Board and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Rebecca Turner on 6142 1500. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms are available from the school front office from Wednesday 20 June 2019.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

Musica Viva presents.....



Performing at

Ngunnawal Primary School

Details of this exciting in-school experience are as follows:

Date:	Thursday 20 June 2019 (Term 2Week 8)	
Time:	P-2 @11:45am	Years 3-6 @ 2pm
Where:	Ngunnawal Primary School hall	
Cost:	\$10	

Parents and Carers may attend this performance free of charge.

NOTE AND PAYMENT BY: Friday 14 June 2019



July Holiday Coding & Robotics Program

South Side

9.30am - 4.30pm, 11-12 & 15 July

Canberra College, Phillip

North Side

9 am - 4 pm, 17-19 July

Franklin Early Childhood School, Franklin

Option 1 - Block Coding through play - 3 days (6+ - 8 yrs)
Option 2 - Arcade Game Development + robotics - 3 days (9-11 yrs)
Option 3 - Robotics - Introduction to Arduino - build a line following sensor car - 3 days (11+yrs) (require purchase of kit) - High demand class, get in fast to secure your spot

Early Bird until 28 June 2019

Sibling discount \$20 per family



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PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

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Tired of yelling? Looking to find a way to get out the door on time, while still liking each other? Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical, and will help you put peace back into your parenting.

For more information visit our [Parent Skills website](#); join the [Parent Skills Facebook community](#); and read [P.E.T. on a Page](#).

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. Investment includes a workbook and textbook.

Course begins: Monday, 29th July, 2019

(minimum number of participants required);

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm;

Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.
info@parentskills.com.au



TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

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WK 1 Monday 8th - Fri 12th July

WK 2 Monday 15th - Fri 19th July

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8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A 9AM START

3 GREAT VENUES

Gold Creek Country Club, Curran Dr, Nicholls
 Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Cl, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)
 Pines Tennis Club, Cnr Norriss St and Goldstein Cres, Chisholm

ENQUIRIES

Email robert@csot.com.au or Call 0432 118 204

Head coach Robert Jamieson, Tennis Australia accredited

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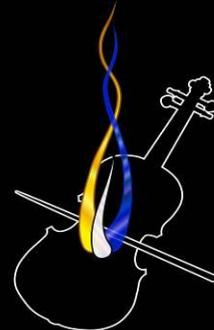
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PIANO TUTOR

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