PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the term already. All student reports were handed out last Friday. I hope that everyone enjoyed and celebrated the achievements with their children over the weekend. Our students here at Ngunnawal Primary work very hard in achieving their learning goals and I am very proud of their efforts. Teachers are looking forward to parent interviews this week where they will have the opportunity to further discuss your child’s achievements with you. If you have not already done so, please make an interview time. Students’ learning portfolios will go home with them on Friday. We ask that you spend time over the holidays reviewing and discussing the work samples and ensure that the portfolio is returned to school in week one of next term.

NAIDOC is being celebrated at the school this week. This is a time for us all to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The school began our celebrations by holding a flag raising ceremony where Violet Sheridan, a Ngunnawal Elder conducted the Welcome to Country. All classes will have a NAIDOC focus throughout the week and we will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday where our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will perform a dance lead by Duncan Smith and the Wiradjuri Echoes. Thank you to Anna McGown and Leah Brideson for organising these events. All members of our community are invited to attend the special assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

A Message from the Minister

Parental Engagement A Priority

During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children’s schools; through different activities and programs.

I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.

For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the ‘Parents and Students At The Centre’ page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.

Other initiatives include the ‘Fresh Tastes’ program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students.

I also recently launched the ‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system.

Have a great run-up to the end of term and stay warm!

‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ can be viewed online at www.det.act.gov.au.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training
**YEAR 5 BAND**

On Tuesday 3 June, the Year 5 Band went to Harrison School to play with two other woodwind bands and one brass band. They sounded amazing together and we could see that Ngunnawal band stood out as one of the best bands.

“Some things I learnt were the song, We will rock you, how to do a paradiddle and how to play Hot French Bells.”  
Jonte D

“My favourite activity of the day was playing altogether with the other bands because we sounded really good!”  
Cooper L

**JUNIOR CHOIR**

This semester, the Junior Choir have been working hard, and are having lots of fun, developing our singing skills. A recent achievement for the Junior Choir has been our fantastic performance of Let It Go at the term 2, week 8 Junior Assembly! We are learning lots of new songs and are looking forward to performing again later this year.

Cathryn

**SENIOR CHOIR**

Students in years 3 to 6 who love to sing are part of the Ngunnawal Primary senior choir. The choir has performed ‘Touch the Sky’ from the movie Brave as assembly and has entered Reconciliation Australia’s Sing Loud! Competition. Our entry was recorded live at Ngunnawal Primary’s Reconciliation Week assembly, accompanied by staff members on guitar and keyboard and a Year 6 Band member on percussion. Both performances reflected the hard work and dedication of the students in the choir. Well done Senior Choir!

Karon

**YEAR 6 BAND**

Highlights this term for the Year 6 Band have included; performing at whole school assembly, hosting a combined band practice and learning a range of pieces from their new book ‘Movie Favourites’.

At our combined band practice we were joined with brass and woodwind bands from Harrison, Palmerston, Amaroo and Macquarie Primary. Combining with other schools is an excellent opportunity for our students to hear and perform pieces with the brass section and create a full concert band sound. To finish the day we put on a concert for the rest of the school.

The Year 6 Band looks forward to performing some of their new pieces at assembly early next term.

Kristy
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Leah Brideson who received an ACT and Region Indigenous Excellence Award as an Indigenous High Achiever through the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Leah is the Indigenous Education Worker here at Ngunnawal Primary and has worked at a number of ACT Public Schools. This award recognised the impact Leah has had with students and in the schools she is and has been connected to over the past seven years and in particular Leah’s innovation and creativity in engaging young people in their education and life journey.

As the term draws to an end it is not only a time to celebrate the achievements of our students but it is also a time to thank the many parents, carers and grandparents who work so hard in supporting us here at school. We are very lucky to have so many people who help out in the classroom with reading; the Ngunnawal Angels who do a variety of jobs for the teachers; the P & C who ran a Mother’s Day Stall and the Shrapnel Drive and also operated our school canteen. I truly value this support and thank you for your much appreciated efforts.

Please take time out to rest and enjoy the holiday break. I look forward to seeing you all in term three.

Happy holidays!

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL CLIMATE MEASUREMENT TOOL (ASCMIT) SURVEY

Ngunnawal Primary is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making informed decisions. 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

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SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:

1. What common bodily sound is known as borborygmus?
2. Are hippos: a) herbivores, b) carnivores or c) omnivores?
3. Which two planets are not named after ancient Roman gods or goddesses?
4. What word starting with ‘p’ means a solid that drops out of solution?
5. To find weight, what must be multiplied by mass?

Science Quiz Answers:

1. Borborygmus is a stomach rumble.
2. Hippos are considered to be a) herbivores, but they have been filmed occasionally eating dead animals.
3. Earth and Uranus are not named after Roman gods.
4. A solid which drops out of solution is called a precipitate.
5. Gravity is multiplied by mass to find weight.

Karon

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THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family assists many families through the Learning for Life Program. The program supports families with their children's educational needs.

Local Learning for Life Coordinator Bill Caddey will be based in our school on Wednesday mornings. Bill can assist you with accessing different support services in Canberra.

Drop in and have a cuppa and chat with Bill after the school assembly to discuss ways that The Smith Family can help your child. The Smith Family Drop In will be held in the Boardroom at Ngunnawal Primary School every Wednesday.

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PLEASE NOTE: THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 4 JULY 2014.

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Extract from ETD Policy:

RESPONDING TO STUDENT ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS: SUPPORT, REPORTING AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

1. INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS TO COVER STUDENTS WHO ARE INJURED
1.1. There is no automatic insurance provision for student injuries.
1.2. The ACT Government (the Territory) meets claims (including claims resulting from school activities or excursions) against it where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which the injury was sustained.
1.3. The Education and Training Directorate is an agency of the Territory which has insurance arrangements in place in order to meet such liabilities.
Wednesday, 25 June 2014

SENIOR ASSEMBLY
5/6L, 5/6A & 5/6N
SENIOR ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 30 June 2014

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

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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS – BOYS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS – GIRLS

MERIT AWARDS

NEWSLETTER NO. 20 – 1 JULY 2014
NAIDOC WEEK
Flag Raising Ceremony - Ngunnawal Primary School
Monday, 30 June 2014
NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY CANTEEN
END OF TERM SPECIAL

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 - 1 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

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