DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I have been thinking about reading, and what helps children become proficient readers. It is a combination of clear instruction, practice and time. If children read for 10 minutes each day of the year, that adds up to over 60 hours. Which is a lot of practice! One of the great things about reading is that you can do it anywhere, in the kitchen, outside, in the car, while waiting at the doctors...the list is endless. I’d love to know where and when your family is reading, remind your children to let me know.

With the beginning of the new year, some family pick up and drop off arrangements have changed. Please make sure your child’s teacher and/or the front office staff know about these arrangements as well as your child so we can make certain that everyone is collected quickly after school.

This year we have an executive staff member on duty in the car park after school. You will be able to identify the teacher as she will be wearing a hi-vis vest. This is to support the safe collection of children. Teachers will not let children run out into the carpark to get into cars. Please support us by using the pick-up lanes to collect your child safely.

By now I’m sure you have all seen our new building where year 5 are located. At this stage the internal fence is still in place, however this is scheduled to be removed as soon as possible, which will make the building feel more connected to the rest of the school. The external painting is to happen during the term 1 holidays. We are in the process of naming the new building and will be seeking suggestions from the students.

AIS SWIM LESSON PROGRAM

Parents/carers of students in kindergarten to year 2 wishing to secure a place for their child/ren in the AIS Swim Lesson program in weeks 9 and 10 of this term

PLEASE NOTE completed permission slips and medical forms must be submitted by lunchtime on Friday, 27 February.

Remaining places in the program as of lunchtime on Friday will be opened to students in years 3 to 6 on Friday afternoon.

Chloe Templeton and Wendy Lee
2CB & 2KS Junior Assembly
18 Feb 2015
Every year ACT Health conducts health screening checks for kindergarten children across the ACT. This consists of both a physical check and a questionnaire.

School nurses will visit Ngunnawal Primary School in week one of term two (28 April to 1 May) to complete the physical component of the check which includes a vision check, hearing check and a height, weight and body mass index (BMI) check.

All kindergarten children received the questionnaire component of the health check earlier this term and these were due back to the front office by Monday 23 February 2015.

If your child is in kindergarten and has not yet returned this paperwork could you please ensure it is returned to the school as soon as possible.

If you do wish your child to be checked by the school health nurses, please return the forms indicating this in the consent section of the questionnaire.

Once the health checks are completed, results will be posted directly to parents and carers, as well as to a GP if you indicated one on the questionnaire.

If you have any questions about this health check could you please speak to your child's classroom teacher or Stacey Naden.

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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.

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Merit Award Recipients

Junior Assembly

18 February 2015

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ACT KINDERGARTEN
HEALTH CHECK 2015

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NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

- meet on Wednesdays, 9:40am 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!

Nicole Butterworth, Co-ordinator
NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:15am.

2015 STATIONERY PACKS

If you have not yet paid for your child(ren)'s stationery pack(s), please contact the front office.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2015

Nominations for the election of one (1) parent representative and one (1) staff representative to the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for the period of 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017 have closed.

Based on nominations received, an election to fill the vacant positions will not be needed this year.

Election return forms have been submitted to the Returning Officer. Board Appointments to the will be published in the newsletter in week 9 of term 1.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The canteen at Ngunnawal Primary operates five days per week and is run by the school P&C. We are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help out so we can continue to offer our excellent service for Ngunnawal Primary School children. Helping in the canteen is a fantastic way to meet new people and be involved in the P&C.

All volunteers must hold a current ACT Working with Vulnerable People card. Applications forms and advice can be obtained from the front office of Ngunnawal Primary School. No costs are associated for volunteers when applying.

If you can spare some time please circle your preferences below and return the form to the canteen.

Please drop in or call Chantelle or Tammy on 6253 8142 if you would like further information about volunteering in the canteen.

Thank you
Ngunnawal Primary P&C

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

I would like to volunteer to assist in the school canteen. My preferences are indicated below.

Monday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Tuesday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Wednesday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Thursday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Friday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm

Weekly Fortnightly Once a Term

Signature: _________________________ Tel No: ____________
Please Print Name: ____________________________

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NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NLPC) CAR PARKING

The NLPC will be conducting a regular Senior's activity at the church building on Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm beginning this Thursday, 12 February 2015.

All NLPC parking spaces will be required for this activity and it is important that no vehicles are parked outside of the designated spaces, in turning zones and adjacent to the church hall doors, to ensure the safety of the seniors who will be exiting from the building and carpark at 3pm.

Nggunawal Primary parents and carers are strongly urged to assist the NLPC by not parking in the church carpark on Thursday afternoons.
SUPA Club is a fortnightly lunchtime club that allows children to explore who Jesus is in a fun & relaxed way. It is coordinated by Scripture Union and the volunteer teachers belong to local churches.

PLEASE NOTE:
Participation in SUPA Club is voluntary and all children must provide a signed permission slip each year.

WHO: Children in kindy to year 6 who have a signed permission slip.

WHEN: Thursday lunchtime in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.
SUPA Club will commence on Thursday, 5 March.

WHERE: Redwood Unit.

For more information: there are brochures at the front office or call Russell Smidt, Ngunnawal SUPA Club Coordinator, on 6241 3750 or email russell@nlpc.org.au

Ngunnawal SUPA Club Permission Slip
Child/ren's name/s:

1. ____________________________________________
   Class: __________ Age:_________

2. ____________________________________________
   Class: __________ Age:_________

3. ____________________________________________
   Class: __________ Age:_________

Does your child/ren have any food allergies or special needs?

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I consent to my child's photo being taken at SUPA CLUB.

   Yes / No

Phone No. (Home): _______________________

Phone No. (Work): _______________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________

Signature: ________________________________

PIANO TUTORS 2015
John Bice will continue teaching his current students and can be contacted on 6254 7238 if you have any queries.

Ms Kerrie Yard, will accept students wanting to start learning to play piano. Kerrie can be contacted on 0403 973 542.

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