PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday period and are now looking forward with excitement to getting back into the routines of school. It has been lovely to see the many students over the last few days when they have popped into the school to peruse the class lists. They are certainly very excited that school is starting!

Staff have been busily getting ready for students to arrive and participated in a variety of professional learning last week. All support staff updated their First Aid skills and teachers attended sessions on 21st Century Skills, Integrated Inquiry Curriculum and creating safe, supportive and inclusive classrooms.

We have a number of new teachers this year and you will find a list of teachers and what classes they are teaching in this newsletter. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these teachers and also take the opportunity to introduce Will Powell and Jo Pearce who have joined the executive team. We are certainly very fortunate to have such capable school leaders join our team. I am looking forward to working with them in supporting all learners at Ngunnawal Primary this year.

Students settled quickly into their new classrooms today and there was a very positive buzz around the school. I enjoyed my visits to all classrooms and was very impressed with the students’ level of focus and commitment to making their classroom a place of learning where everyone is valued.

This year our enrolment is just over 750 students in preschool to year six. Having such a large enrolment can cause problems with drop off and pick up at the front of the school. I request that everyone parks only in designated spots, please do not block pathways or access points to them and that everyone uses the pick-up and drop off area at the front of the admin block for that purpose only. It is everyone’s responsibility to keep our students safe. We will place a notice on your car’s windsireen if you are parked in an unsafe manner or parked in such a manner that blocks the flow of traffic in and out of the carpark. Please note that parking officers do patrol the carparks and will issue infringement notices for illegal parking. Some helpful hints to alleviate congestion and illegal parking are to use the off streets around the school where permitted or walk your child to and from school. Working together to ease carpark problems will ensure that we keep our students safe.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come and speak with myself or any member of the executive team if you have a question or concern that you would like to discuss.

Until next week, keep smiling.

Kristine

 Kristine Stewart, Principal
OUR TEAM FOR 2017

Leadership Team
Principal: Kristine Stewart
Deputy Principal: Anna McGown
Executive Teacher: Jo Pearce
Executive Teacher: Will Powell
Executive Teacher: Stacey Naden
Executive Teacher: Verrneta Rolls

Preschool
Teacher (Koori Pre): Belinda Day
Teacher: Emma Boyle
Teacher: Julie Ford
Teacher: Sharon Genero
Teacher: Janice Schroder
Teacher: Jessica Wittman
Educator: Caroline Evans
Educator: Debbie Gilbert
Educator: Lyndy Parker
Educator: Kerry Price

Yerrabi (Kindergarten)
KES: Erin Salleo
KMS: Majella-Rose Shanahan
KMV: Maria Vardenaga
KSK: Sandra Kinnane

Budawang (Kindergarten)
KMA: Mary Aranguiz
KST: Stephney Tyler

Gundaroo (Year 1/2)
1/2AW: Ashley Whild
1/2CD: Cath Dray
1/2ES: Estelle Stanton-Yeaman
1/2KM: Kunjal Mehta
1/2NM: Nancye Marrington

Brindabella (Year 1/2)
1/2LK: Laurie Imhoff / Kiranbir Dhaliwal
1/2LS: Larry Stackpoole
1/2RJ: Raina Jose
1/2SM: Sarah Murcutt
1/2TM: Tanya Matthews

Redwood (Year 3/4)
3/4KT: Kyle Tenkate
3/4MM: Melanie Menegazzo
3/4SL: Sharee Hodge / Lisa Buchanan
3/4WL: Wendy Lee

Kosciusko (Year 3/4)
3/4DW: Drew Waghchoure
3/4MC: Melissa Cook
3/4RM: Rochelle Mandelson

Namadgi (Year 5/6)
5/6AB: Alissa Burch
5/6JP: Jason Proud

Wiradjuri (Year 5/6)
5/6AP: Anna Porter
5/6GH: Gina Harrop
5/6KA: Kris Archibald
5/6LK: Lucy Kelly

Specialist Programs
Year 5 Band: Jason Proud
Year 6 Band: Anna Porter
ICT: Jan Henyron
Indonesian: Gloria Ross
PE Release: Karen Burton
Music Release: Belinda Robertson

Learning Support Centre
Elise Meredith

EALD
Tracey Blackmore
Monica Dray
Belinda Donnemead
Sandra Paliaga

Administration Staff
Business Manager: Krralee Larkin
School Secretary: Jennifer Lewis
Administration Support: Karriina Murphy
Administration Support: Allison Wilson
Building Service Officer: Peter Dray

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)
Kerry O’Rourke
Debbie Gilbert
Brett Northey

Library Technician
Karin Tamsett

Indigenous Education Officer
Belinda Kinchela-Bashford

Teaching Support
Ione Leach
Cathryn Sawyer
Maureen Campbell
Susan Robinson

School Psychologist
Courtney Bruce

Chaplain
Bel Young

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.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre on Tuesday 28 February (week 5). All students who are turning 8 years or older this year are eligible to attend. The event will include competitive swimming races for those wishing to participate, as well as a range of water and land based activities for all students.
Students will be cheering on and earning points for their house groups during the carnival. If your child is not sure of their house group they can check with their classroom teacher. Our school houses are Coombs (blue), Bradman (white), Freeman (red) and Jackson (green). Your child can wear their house colours on the day.
All students must return their permission and medical notes and payment by Friday 10 February (week 2). Late notes and payment cannot be accepted after this date.
An alternate program will be run for students not attending the carnival.
If you have any questions, please contact the front office.
Laurie Imhoff

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY’S NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!
The newsletter can be accessed each week via the Ngunnawal Primary School Facebook page or the school website at: www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au
The newsletter link will be emailed to families who request this option.
Paper copies of the newsletter will be provided to families who do not have access to the internet.
Please complete the form below indicating your preferred option(s) for accessing the school newsletter each week and return to the school as soon as possible.

REQUEST FOR EMAIL REMINDER OR PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Family Name: ______________________________________________________
Student Name: ____________________________ Class: ________
(youngest attending Ngunnawal Primary)
Parent/Carer Signature: __________________________________________
[ ] Please send an email reminder with the newsletter link to our family each week. Our email address is:
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
OR
[ ] Please continue to provide our family with a paper copy of the school newsletter.

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.

NGUNNAWAL ANGELS
- meet on Wednesdays, 9:10am 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!
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MEDICAL INFORMATION
All requests for staff to administer medication and/or medical treatment must be in writing, setting out exact procedures. Students are not to bring medication written advice.

Each request will then be assessed in relation to the Directorate’s First Aid Policy and the school’s ability to follow through. All medication is to be kept at the front office to ensure safety for all concerned. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment. If you have any queries please contact the school. If your child has any of the following conditions an Emergency Treatment Plan must be completed and returned ASAP:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Any other medical condition for which your Doctor has recommended the school needs an Emergency Treatment Plan.

These forms can be collected from the Front Office.

SIGN IN / OUT BOOK
Parents who are bringing their children to school after 9:30am or taking them out of the school for any reason during school hours, must sign the student Sign In / Out book which is located on the counter at the office. This needs to be signed, both when leaving and when returning to school.

PARENTING AGREEMENTS – CUSTODY ORDERS – PROTECTION ORDERS
If your child/ren is/are subject to a custody order, parenting agreement or protection order, the school needs to know. Copies of these documents are kept in a confidential file and teachers are informed on a “need to know” basis. Please see the Principal or Deputy Principal.

BRIMMED HATS
In line with the ACT Education Directorate’s Sun Protection Policy, students at Ngunnawal Primary School must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside at all times except for June and July. It has been brought to our attention that some students are wearing baseball caps which offer no protection to the ears and back of the neck. These caps need to be left at home to avoid student frustration. The correct hats are available for purchase from the front office.

The safety and well-being of your children is very important to us. To assist us in providing a safe play environment for your child we need to ensure all hats have their cords removed to prevent choking accidents. There are brimmed hats available with special safety release cords. If your child has one of these there is no need to remove the cord.

BIKES & OTHER WHEELED ITEMS
If students ride bicycles or scooters to school they must wear a helmet. Bicycles and scooters must be placed in the locked bicycle compound. The compound is locked during school hours but bike compounds are not theft proof. We do recommend that students bring a lock and secure their bike or scooter within the compound.

For the safety of all students no wheeled devices (including shoes, skateboards, in-line skates and scooters) are to be ridden in the school playground at any time. Skateboards and in-line skates are not considered to be safe transport to and from school for primary-aged children and are not to be brought to school. The school will not accept responsibility for the care of any wheeled device or associated equipment.

Students must dismount bikes and other wheeled devices before using school crossings.

ASSEMBLIES
School assemblies are held each Wednesday morning at 9:15am. We invite parents to join us to share in the achievements and presentations that celebrate student success and achievement at Ngunnawal Primary School.

A whole school assembly is generally held every three (3) weeks, with Junior (preschool to year 2) and Senior (years 3 to 6) assemblies occurring on a rotating roster.

ABSENTEEISM
Please call the school to notify if your child will be absent. If students have not arrived in class by 9:15am, the front office will contact parents by phone to verify student absences. If a student is absent from school, a written note must be sent to the class teacher stating the date and acknowledging that the student had permission to be absent.

STUDENT SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that there is no direct supervision of children in the playground between 8.30am and 9.00am. The Library opens each morning at 8.30am for student borrowing. It is desirable that students be dropped off at school as close as possible to 9.00am. If children need assistance before school they should contact the front office for assistance.

Before 9am students are required to stay within the courtyard of the school. Playing on equipment is not permitted.

School concludes at 3.00pm and children should go directly home unless they are attending After School Care. Please ensure that your children know the correct procedures for going home each day.

PRECIOUS ARTICLES / VALUABLES / MOBILE PHONES
Parents are asked to ensure that students do not bring precious articles or toys to school. It is extremely distressing for students if valuables are lost or broken. They can also cause a disruption to lessons. Please make prior arrangements with teachers before any “treasures” are brought to school for news.

Mobile phones and iPods are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal or Deputy Principal. These items must be handed in at the front office prior to 9am each day and will be stored at the front office until 3pm when they can be collected 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.

2017 meetings
We meet at 6pm in the school staff room at the front office. Our meeting dates for 2017 are:

- 27 February (AGM)
- 7 August
- 27 March
- 11 September
- 15 May
- 30 October
- 19 June
- 4 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.

Annual General meeting – call for nominations.

Ngunnawal Primary School P & C

Annual General Meeting – Monday 27 February 2017

Nomination for P&C Committee Members for 2017

Name: ________________________________________

Ph Number: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

I wish to nominate for the following position:

[   ] President
[   ] Vice President
[   ] Treasurer
[   ] General Volunteer
[   ] Secretary
[   ] Fundraising Co-ordinator

Please complete this form and return in an envelope to the front office to:

Kristine Stewart, Principal – P&C Committee Position Nomination Form

Please note that ALL nominees need to attend the P & C AGM.
CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

**ADVERTISEMENT**

**Where:** Ngunnawal Primary School Canteen  
**When:** Weekly Fortnightly Monthly each term  
**Hours:** Anytime between 9am and 1.30pm  
**Experience:** None necessary, everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.  
**Salary:** ‘A la carte’ lunch and drink, endless tea and coffee and best of all, friendship  
**Bonus:** Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place – school. You’ll meet new people and make good friends within our school community  
**Applications close:** NEVER! Please contact the canteen on 6205 52264 as soon as possible. Your roster and welcome pack will be sent home to you.

*Thank you in anticipation.*

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**SECOND CHANCE SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

S**ALE**

The Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association runs a second-hand uniform shop on the last Friday of every month. The shop is open from 8.45am until 9.15am and is located at the back entrance to the canteen, next to the school hall.

We have a range of items and sizes. Jackets, jumpers and dresses are $2 and hats, tops, shorts and pants are only $1 each. Feel free to pop down and grab yourself a bargain!

Donations of clean items in good, wearable condition are very much appreciated. Just drop them off at the canteen!

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**NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY FACEBOOK PAGE**

Did you know we have a facebook page? Please take a couple of seconds to check it out. We often post information about what is happening at school, provide updates and amendments when we have to.  
Please like it and share it with our community.

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As we start a new school year, we would like to remind parents and students about our services and how to best prepare for bus travel in the new year.

Details of all school and regular bus services are now available for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. We ask that parents and students familiarise themselves with the most suitable route, times and stop locations for their children as the school term commences.

School bus services are available to school students only however, parents with young children may apply to travel on these services for a few weeks to help their child get used to bus travel. Please use the links below for further information on our bus services:

- [School bus timetables](#)
- [Regular bus timetables](#)

We are urging parents and students to check MyWay cards and top up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the Transport Canberra information line (13 17 10), or in person with a MyWay recharge agent. Passengers who top up using the autoload attract a further 5% discount on all fares.

New bus fares came into effect on 14 January 2017. Single trip concessions cash fares cost $2.50 and MyWay fares are now $1.16. School Students are almost $60 a month better off when using MyWay rather than paying a cash fare to and from school. Parents and students can find more information at transport.act.gov.au or by calling 13 17 10.

*Connected services for the people of Canberra*

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