

# NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Newsletter No. 37 – 27 November 2018



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wed 28 Nov 2018**

*Whole School  
Assembly 9.10am*

**Fri 30 Nov 2018**

*Year 5/6 Excursion  
to Parliament  
House*

**Fri 30 Nov 2018**

*Kindergarten  
Transition Visit &  
Canteen Visit  
9:30am – 10:30am*

**Mon 3 Dec 2018**

*School Board  
Meeting, 5:30pm*

**Wed 5 Dec 2018**

*Junior School  
Assembly 9.10am  
(Preschool)*

**Book Club  
orders due by  
Thursday  
29 November**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week 7 of term 4. As the end of the year draws closer, it is an exciting and busy time for students and families with many celebrations to look forward to. Please keep a close eye on upcoming dates so you can stay informed of all the happenings at school during this eventful time. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at The Little Gig and The Big Gig next week. This week, I have enjoyed watching the students rehearsing and observing their excitement about performing for their families. We are looking forward to a great night!

### **Preschool information session**

On Wednesday 28 November we will be holding the Preschool information session in the school library from 5 – 6 pm. All families will receive their preschool information pack at this session and hear about some of the ways you can become involved and support your child at Ngunnawal Primary School.

### **Preschool to Kindergarten transitions**

All current preschool children have now experienced the library, junior equipment and assemblies during the normal part of their preschool year and have participated in specific Kindergarten transition visits during this term. They are very much looking forward to starting Kindergarten in 2019. If you have any questions about your child's transition to Kindergarten, please discuss these with your child's teacher.

### **School holidays**

Please let your child's teacher or the front office staff know if your child is finishing school early this term to commence holidays. It is important that we

have this information in writing, especially if your return date is after school commences in February. As always please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the executive team if you would like to meet and discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Warm regards,

*Bek*

Bek Richardson  
Acting Principal

### **.....MORE DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wednesday 5 December 2018**

*Christian Education*

**Wednesday 5 December 2018**

*Little Gig (Preschool to Year 2)  
5:30pm – 6:30pm*

**Thursday 6 December 2018**

*Big Gig (Year 3 – Year 6)  
5:30pm – 6:30pm*

**Monday 10 December 2018**

*P&C Meeting, 6:00pm*

**Wednesday 12 December 2018**

*Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11:45am – 1:00pm*

**Friday 14 December 2018**

*NPS Chess Championship*

**Friday 14 December 2018**

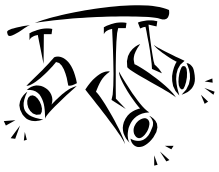
*Semester 2 Reports go home.*

**Thursday 20 December 2018**

*Year 6 Graduation, School Hall,  
9:10am - 11:00am*

**Friday 21 December 2018**

*Last Day of Term 4  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*



# Spotlight on Learning!

## Redwood

### Book Talk

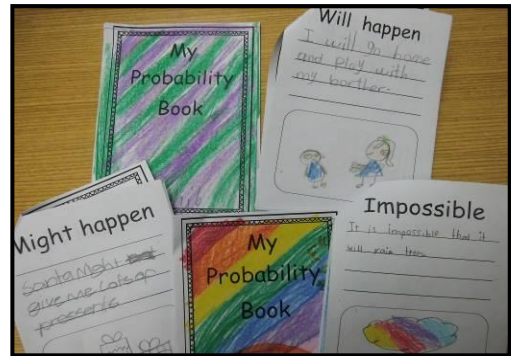
This Term, we implemented 'Book Talks' in our class. It allows students to practise the reading strategies they learned over the year and develop a love for a range of books.



It has replaced Talk Time and in the same format as Talk Time did. Each week, students are required to choose and read a book from the weekly category, then present their book to the class.

### Chance

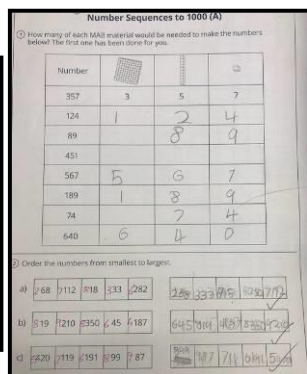
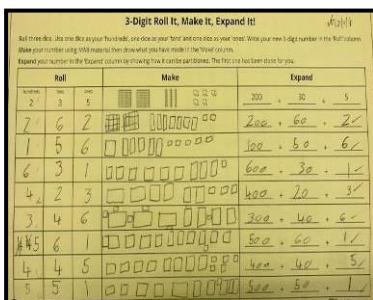
Year 1/2 students have been learning about chance and probability this term. We have been discussing different everyday events and describing their outcomes using chance language. We explored the languages 'will happen', 'might happen', 'won't happen', 'likely', 'unlikely', 'certain' and 'impossible'. Students completed a probability booklet and wrote their own event that fits in with the right probability.



### Maths (Number)

This term students have been learning about patterns. Students have been creating and investigating patterns with objects, shapes and numbers. They are learning about different types of patterns such as increasing and decreasing patterns and are also working on ordering numbers.

Students have also been learning about quick mental computation strategies such as partitioning to add and subtract numbers more efficiently.



### Health

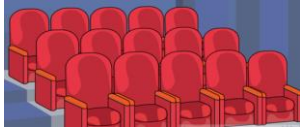
This term our Health focus is looking at healthy habits and the importance of keeping our bodies healthy. These include eating healthy foods and what a healthy food is.

We have been investigating the different types of healthy food and the difference between 'healthy' and 'sometimes' foods. Students have been classifying foods from their lunch box which has also linked in with our Inquiry unit on changing the states of matter.



## LITTLE GIG & BIG GIG PERFORMANCES - SEATING

Please let your child's teacher know if you require special seating for the Little Gig or Big Gig performances.



We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

### Reminders:

- **Year 6 Graduation and Fun Day Excursion**, Thursday 20 December. **RSVP and permission note due back by Tuesday 5 December.**

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term 4 Christian Education sessions will be held in the New Life Church building on Wednesday 5 December (Week 8).

Our teaching theme for 2018 is **HORRIBLE HISTORY - FANTASTIC FUTURE**. We will learn about four people from Old Testament Bible history who had a 'horrible' time... but who God used to be heroes and leaders.

We are teaching the song 'God's Good All The Time' by Colin Buchanan.

**Term 4 will introduce the character of Moses (born in ancient Egypt) and trace his history to Jesus (born in Bethlehem).**

Russell Smidt  
CEIS - Gungahlin Team Leader



**Parents and carers** we hope you are ready and excited for Ngunnawal Primary School's biggest and most spectacular event of the year

# The Little Gig

starring students in **kindergarten to year 2** in the school hall on **Wednesday, 5 December 2018** commencing at **5:30pm**  
and

# The Big Gig

starring students in **years 3 to 6** in the school hall on **Thursday, 6 December 2018** commencing at **5:30pm**.

Each class has been working hard to create an exciting concert performance with a focus on one or more of the learning areas of the curriculum.

**Students are to meet their class teacher in their classroom at 5:00pm.**

Members of the audience are asked to make a gold coin donation upon entry to the hall.

The estimated duration of the concert is one hour. Parents and carers are encouraged to stay and watch all the performances and the finale.

Please contact your child's class teacher if your child is unable to attend the concert or if you have any further questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert.



## REPORT SEMESTER 2, 2018 REQUEST FOR SECOND COPY

If your family circumstances have changed and a second copy of your child's report is required for another parent/carer please contact the front office on **6142 1500** and confirm details of recipient and best means of forwarding the second copy.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM A-E REPORT

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** wish to receive an A - E report for my child for the following period: *(please circle your selected option)*

**[Semester 2, 2018]** OR **[Until further notice]**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Carer: *(please print)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to school front office by 3 December 2018.**

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Please join us to celebrate the Year 6 students at their Graduation on Thursday, 20 December.

The ceremony be in the hall and will run from 9.10am - 11am.

We will conclude the morning with cake and photos in the courtyard afterwards.

Please remember to RSVP on the excursion note.

## PIANO TUTOR

**John Bice** currently has some places available for students who wish to learn to play the piano. For further information and details please contact John on **6254 7238**.

## Ngunnawal Primary School

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments can be made via Quickweb at:

[www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/payment](http://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.**

## Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 Classes

### STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2018

Now is the time we begin our initial planning for the 2019 school year.

If you have a child in kindergarten to year 5 who **WILL NOT BE ATTENDING** Ngunnawal Primary in 2019 could you please fill in the details below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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◆ Will be moving overseas to (*Country*):

\_\_\_\_\_

◆ Will be moving interstate to (*State/Territory*):

\_\_\_\_\_

◆ Will be moving to another school in the ACT (*please indicate which school*):

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /

Parent/Carer Name (please print):

**Please complete and return this form to the front office as soon as possible.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.**

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