PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Such wonderful support was shown for the Colour My World fundraiser for Diabetes Australia last Wednesday. Many students and staff dressed up in brightly coloured clothing, donned some fantastic wigs and purchased a cupcake or two. Thanks to Melissa Horrocks and Linda Vincent for donating the ingredients; to the wonderful cooks and decorators Melinda Coupland-Thorne, Matt (Emma’s Husband), Melissa Horrocks, Natalie Stray, Sonya Wyman, Lynne Puschak and Chantel Earl, and to the Ngunnawal Angels who assisted with the delivery of cupcakes to the students. Just over $1000 was raised for this worthy cause. It is this community spirit that makes Ngunnawal Primary such a special place. Thank you for your support!

Learning is at the core of what we do here at Ngunnawal Primary and during my class visits last week I was able to participate in the Daily 5 Literacy program in 4E and 4C. This program enables teachers to structure reading sessions that promote independence and student self-direction. Teachers are able to work with small groups or individuals for explicit and targeted teaching to meet the needs of every child in the class. I was fortunate enough to have Jake from 4C read to me and enjoyed the opportunity to unpack the text with him and explore unfamiliar words and their meanings. I look forward to spending more time like this in all classrooms.

I also had some more visitors to my office proudly sharing their quality writing with me. Jaynaha, Renske, Nathan, Liliane, Chloe and Isabella from 3KA have been working hard on structuring persuasive texts. Their writing has me convinced that cats do make wonderful pets!

On another note, we again had some water problems here last Thursday when a pipe was accidentally hit during the installation of the demountable building at the preschool. This problem was remedied very quickly and no damage was sustained. The demountable is still on track to be completed by the end of this term. We are looking forward to the completion of the building works.

We value the strong and positive relationships we have with our community. The first point of call should be your child’s classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns. However, if you require further clarification do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the executive team. Have a great week.

Kristine
Kristine Stewart, Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Wed, 19 March Whole School Assembly, 9:15am
- Wed, 19 March Harmony Day Assembly
- Tues, 25 March Kindergarten Parent Reading Workshop, 9:10am
- Wed, 26 March Senior School Assembly, 9:15am
- Wed, 26 March Christian Education
- Wed, 26 March Kindergarten Parent Reading Workshop, 5:00pm
- Wednesday-Friday 26 -28 March Kinder Health Screening
- Thurs, 27 March P&C Disco K-2, 5:30-6:30pm Yr3-6, 6:45-8:00pm
- Monday, 31 March Start - AIS Swim Lesson Program

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Scholastic Book Club Orders due Monday, 24 March 2014
Spotlight on Learning!

This week’s focus...

What a great start to the year Brindabella Year 1 students have had.
We have settled quickly into classroom routines with great enthusiasm.

In English, we have been learning about rhyming words and are beginning to write stories to entertain an audience. We have been learning the skills to read independently and as part of a group. We especially enjoy listening to the Mr Men and Little Miss stories.

In maths, we have been exploring number through games and hands on activities. We have been practising the skills of counting on and counting back and are developing our understanding of mathematical language.

In History, we are learning about our families and the different roles our family members have. We are looking forward to sharing this information with our peers.

We love meeting with our new senior buddies. We have learnt a little about each other and have made some construction artworks and played cooperative games together.

We are proud of our self-portraits so don’t forget to stop in and check them out.

Cathryn, Chloe, Jill and Kate
SCIENCE UPDATE
The first round of SPECTRA (Science Program Exciting Children Through Research Activities) science card orders have been placed and the cards should arrive soon. If you want to know more about this voluntary, at home Science program you can pick up an introductory letter and brochure from the front office or see Karon Campbell, the Science Teacher.

Quiz Questions:
1. What is the name of the largest object in the asteroid belt?
2. Which is longer – a yard or a metre?
3. What happens if you put gold into sulphuric acid?
4. What did Jake Coppinger brand the glove he designed?
5. How much geological time is represented by the Phanerozoic Eon?

Quiz Answers:
1. Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt.
2. A metre is longer than a yard.
3. Nothing happens if you put gold into sulphuric acid.
4. Jake Coppinger branded the glove ‘Swirlesque’.
5. The last 542 million years of geological time is represented by the Phanerozoic Eon.

P&C NEWS
IS YOUR CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN?
Do you want to help them to become a reader?
Come along to our reading workshop.

We are hosting 2 reading workshop sessions for parents and carers this term.
You can choose to attend either workshop:
Tuesday, 25 March at 9:10am

or

Wednesday, 26 March at 5:00pm

in the Library.

RSVP to the Front Office on 6205 8182.
Contact Natalie Otten if you require any further information about these sessions.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR DISCO TICKETS YET ???
The first P&C disco for 2014 will be held on Thursday 27 March 2014 with K-2 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Years 3–6 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm. There will be a fantastic sausage sizzle to fill hungry tummies and the opportunity to purchase some goodies and novelties from the Canteen. Purchase your VIP tickets by sending $8 in a zip lock bag with your child’s name AND class on the front and give it to the Canteen. Tickets will then be distributed through the teachers. Your VIP ticket includes entry, a lolly bag, glow sticks and drink. GET YOURS NOW! Alternatively, entry only is just $5 and can also be done through pre-purchase. Tickets will also available at the door for those who can’t purchase beforehand.
Can you assist us on the night in the canteen, on the BBQ, or at the door? If so, please let me know. We love to have other parents come and assist at our events to help them run smoothly. We can’t do it all on our own.

Canteen Assistant wanted
Are you interested in assisting the school and its children by filling the role of canteen assistant for the Ngunnawal Primary School Canteen? We currently have a position going on Mondays and Fridays each week to assist the Canteen Manager. If you or someone you know may be interested, send your resume and a covering letter to the President – Ngunnawal Primary School P&C via email at the address below or mark it attention to me and provide it to the front office. Applications will close at 4.00pm on Friday 28 March 2014. For any further information, please don’t hesitate to give me a call on 0438 672 494.

NEXT P&C MEETING
Our next meeting is on Monday 31 March 2014 at 6.00pm in the administration building. Come along and have your say and support the P&C to continue to do great things for the children. Should you not be able to make it along, you can drop us a line at ngunnawalpandccommittee@gmail.com, leave a note in the suggestion box at the front office or give us a call should you have any ideas or questions.

Adam Smith
President, Ngunnawal P&C Committee

ANZAC ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 9 April 2014
starting at 9:15am.

Ngunnawal Primary School is holding its annual ANZAC commemoration assembly in week ten of this term. If you are a member of the Australian Defence Force and would like to speak at the assembly about the importance of ANZAC Day, please contact Andrew Gibson through the front office on 6205 8182 or by sending an email to: info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

Thank you.

Bronwyn, Chaplain
Junior Assembly

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12 March 2014
WALSH MARTIAL ARTS

Martial arts are a safe, supervised and non-violent activity.
Improve concentration, coordination, flexibility and strength. Learn skills that bully-proof you for life!

KIDS FREE WITH PARENT
We really want families training together.
So, if mum or dad train, all kids in your family train free.

ONE ACTIVITY - MANY OUTCOMES
Kids train with friends in an environment that rewards discipline, persistence and good manners. We teach defence not fighting and a ‘life approach’ to fitness and respect.
Parents de-stress from a busy week with other parents, get fit with your kids and learn valuable self-defence skills.

Two Gungahlin classes:
Mondays:  6.30pm – 7.30pm
at Ngunnawal Primary School gym
Thursdays:  6.30pm - 7.30pm
at Franklin Early Childhood Centre
Cost:  $95 registration
(free uniform + 1st month training)
Instructors:  Kieran Doery (1st Dan Black Belt) or Jodie Vaile (2nd Dan Black Belt)
Info:  kierand29@gmail.com /0431 688 765
jodievaile@iinet.net.au /0424886529
Website:  www.walshmartialarts.com.au

No experience or fitness level assumed.

PIANO TUTORS

Our current piano teacher, John Bice will not be taking any new students in 2014. John will continue teaching his current students. If you have any queries John can be contacted on 6254 7238.

This year a new piano teacher, Ms Kerrie Yard, will accept students wanting to start learning to play piano. Kerrie can be contacted on 6254 8141.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Ngunnawal Primary School on:

Wednesday, 26 March 2014
9.10am (K-2) and 9.50am (Years 3-6).

We will teach the children the Easter story ‘Jesus is Alive - how amazing’ from Luke 24:13-35, using songs & stories, and a game or quiz to teach the children from the Bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

If you wish your child to attend the Christian Education sessions in 2014 and have not previously done so, please complete the permission slip below and return to the school by 24 March 2014.

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PERMISSION NOTE - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Christian Education sessions in 2014.

Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______

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Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________________

Parent/Carer Name: (please print):

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Date: ____________