FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gosh what another busy week we had at Ngunnawal Primary. Last week we conducted our Cross Country Carnival. All students participated in running the course which stretched out across our school. We celebrated Harmony Day with a wonderful assembly, and with so many people wearing orange to school last Wednesday, there was also a strong visual reminder about working harmoniously. Some Canberra Raiders players visited our year 5/6 students and played games with them. I would like to thank the teachers and others who go the extra mile to make certain our students are able to participate in these events, which wouldn't happen without the efforts of Ngunnawal Primary School staff.

Also last week a number of our teachers prepared Individual Learning Plans for our students who benefit from some extra planning about their learning. We were lucky to have Sam Seton from the Education and Training Directorate working with us last Friday.

I was reminded the other day when I received an email from the ACT Cancer Council that, although the hot weather is abating, the UV levels in Canberra are still very high. By wearing a hat you are protecting yourself from the risk of skin damage from UV rays, so it is really important that your children still bring their sun smart hats to school to wear at recess, lunch and during PE lessons.

Please this week take a few minutes to read the road safety insert in this newsletter. Child safety is paramount and we need to work together to keep all our students safe on the way to and from and while attending school.

I was privileged to work with year two last week during their reading sessions. They are learning how to use a growing number of reading strategies to support them when reading independently. We were focusing on the reading strategy of scanning and had a great time looking in recipe books for specific items.

Lastly, this week we are sending home the family details update form. Keeping these records up to date is very important as it enables us to contact you quickly when your children need us to. Please check that your family details are correct and send it back to school promptly.

Have a great week,

Danielle

Danielle Porter,
Deputy Principal

TEMPORARY CLOSURE
OF PRESCHOOL ACCESS GATE.

Please note that the preschool access gate from the Wanganeeen Street carpark in front of the preschool will be closed from Tuesday, 1 April 2014 and will be reopened on Tuesday, 8 April.

Access to the preschool during this time will be via the gate near the front office of the primary school which is located within the primary school carpark.

Thank you for your continued patience during this construction project.
Here Kitty Kitty...

Granny Nicelady wants to know which kitty litter is the best because Granny only wants the best for her beloved cat Snookems. But the question is; which material makes a cat litter the best? The options are: clumping clay litter, recycled paper or crystals. Granny also wants to know which litter absorbs the most efficiently and could save her money.

Here Kitty Kitty... is a Science unit based on a CSIRO Crest Awards Program investigating the absorbency of cat litter. Students have worked through the process of observing the properties of the litter – what it looks like, what is feels like and what it smells like. The next step is to scientifically design an investigation to test absorbency. 3KW are the first out of the blocks. They have recorded observations and predictions about the 3 types of litter to be tested. They have designed an investigation and selected materials. Measurement is really important here, especially if the test is to be fair one. These photos show their first testing session and look at them go!
SCIENCE UPDATE

Quiz Questions:
1. Approximately how many people die of malaria each year?
2. Arboreal animals are those that move through the trees. Which is the largest?
3. You have hypothermia if your core temperature drops below what temperature?
4. What is the term for a group of cheetahs?
5. What area of Australia holds the record for the highest rainfall in a year?

Quiz Answers:
1. About 800,000 (based on World Health Organisation figures for 2006)
2. The orangutan. They also have the longest arms of all the great apes.
3. 35 degrees Celsius.
4. A coalition.
5. Tully in Far North Queensland. It received over 11,000 millimetres in 1979.

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 while riding.

• Bicycles and scooters 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.

BELATED THANK YOU!

To Sonya Wyman for her much appreciated assistance with donating ingredients and decorating the cupcakes for the recent ‘Colour My World’ Diabetes 1 Fundraiser.

Ngunnawal Primary School

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE UPDATED THE SCHOOL’S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS.

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.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:30am.
Harmony Day Celebrations

4C, 4E & 4M Assembly!

19 March 2014
CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS
Junior Cross Country
Kindergarten and Year 1

On Tuesday 18 March 2014, kindergarten and year one children participated in the Junior Cross Country on the oval.
The children had a great time and showed persistence and endurance as they completed the course. It was wonderful to see so many parents come to support their children and cheer them on.
A big thank you the year two students who did a great job leading the children through the course – Lachlan J, Max K, Indra J, Dakota T, Hailey L, Charlie M, Josh J and Adam A.
A great day was had by all. Well done everyone!

Carmel Coles and Chris Beltrame

Senior Cross Country
Years 2 - 6
Parent Effectiveness Training (P.E.T) supported by Parentline ACT

Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children, without the use of punishment or reward. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, laugh more.

Building relationships that last a lifetime.

The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.

$290 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Thursday, 8th May, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra's most experienced P.E.T. instructor.

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**Expand Your Creative Portfolio!**

**jazminbell.com**

**art & craft classes**

April 14th, 15th, and 16th at the Gungahlin Town Library.

For students aged 18 years and under at any skill level.

Learn the basics of basket making, watercolour, puppet making, pattern design, embroidery, and fashion design.

Limited spaces available!

Enrol or find out more at jazminbell.com or call 0401 042 670

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**BASE OPEN DAY**

**See your local rescue helicopter up close!**

**Meet the Crew!**

Enjoy a day of entertainment and activities for the whole family!

**Sunday 30 March**

10:00am - 3:00pm

The helicopter Base is located on the Monaro Highway, Symonsston,

(15km South of Walwa North Town). There will be an ACT Street Machine Show & Shine competition, Market stalls and kids zone. Lea Rights

Come and meet the crew who save lives in your region, and share your story with Snowy Hydro Southern.**