PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 7, I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and took some time out to rest and relax with your families.

This is a busy time for schools as all teachers are involved in writing reports. You will note that teachers have included a strategy to support each student’s learning in English and Mathematics. You might like to try these with your children at home. We will also have parent/teacher interviews during week 10 and are looking forward to this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress over terms one and two. The final part of the reporting process for this term will be student portfolios going home on Friday of week 10. Please take the time to sit with your child to look through and celebrate their achievements over the term. We ask that all portfolios be returned to school during week one of next term so that teachers are able to continue adding to them.

I continue to have many students visiting me to share and celebrate success with their learning. Katalyna, Natasha and Amy from KCB shared their writing that demonstrated their correct use of punctuation and spelling. Xander from KCC read fluently to me using wonderful expression and Lucy, Jessica and Nabeeha from 3N showed me their artistic interpretations of Van Gough’s Starry Night using lines to create landscapes.

Last week families received a letter about the Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey. I encourage all families to complete this survey as it will provide the school with information about Relationships, Connection and Engagement as these three areas have been identified as being critical to school success and ongoing improvement. The survey can be accessed online at: https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5iQBGNXqXkKtnL. Please contact Kate North, who is coordinating this survey at the school if you have any further questions.

As always please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the executive team if you have any questions you would like to discuss.

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

A-E REPORTS

At the end of this term parents will receive a written report detailing their child’s progress over the first semester of the year. In accordance with Federal Government regulations, all students from years 1 to 6 will also have their academic progress recorded using the A-E format. If you do not wish to receive the A-E portion of your child’s report please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

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 1, 2014    [ ] Until further notice

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Parent/Carer: (please print) ___________________________ Date: __________
This week’s focus …

Year 1 is having an exciting term in Brindabella!

In maths we have been exploring time. We can discuss why we need time and show times to the hour and half hour. We had a great time gathering data, such as counting the cars that went past the school, and transferring this data into picture graphs.

This term all the year 1 students have been learning more about narratives as part of our unit on writing to entertain. In our classes, we have read a range of narratives and have discussed orientations, complications and resolutions. We have discovered that orientations have settings, characters and a timeframe.
SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:
1. What colour is the mineral malachite?
2. Which organ in the body is treated with medicine extracted from foxglove plants, also known as digitalis?
3. Which is the brightest planet, as viewed from Earth?
4. Does wintergreen oil smell:
   a) minty,  b) lemony,  or  c) floral?
5. Who is closer to the centre of the Earth: a scientist at the North Pole, or one on a beach at the Equator?

Quiz Answers:
1. Malachite is green.
2. Medicine from digitalis plants is used to treat heart conditions.
3. Venus is the brightest planet, as viewed from Earth.
4. Wintergreen oil smells minty.
5. The scientist at the North Pole is closest. The spinning Earth bulges at the middle, so a scientist at the equator is around 21 kilometres further from the centre of the Earth than one at the North Pole.

Karon

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL CLIMATE MEASUREMENT TOOL (ASCMIT) SURVEY

Ngunnawal Primary is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end the school in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers.

The aim is to gather information about the school's social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and future challenges. This survey will take place this term (Term 2, 2014). You will receive a letter from the school with a link to the survey. Students will complete the survey at school.

We hope to be able to discuss the findings of the survey with you at a future time and feel that gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers.

Kate

Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Dear Families and Carers,

Your children are invited to attend a series of dance workshops which started in week 4. Students are given an opportunity to learn a range of traditional dances. The dance instructor is Duncan Smith. A showcase will be held as part of our NAIDOC assembly in week 10.

Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops:
When: Thursday weeks 7, 8 & 9,
Where: Ngunnawal Primary School Library
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Cost: Nil

Extended family and siblings are encouraged to come along.
The Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops will be a great opportunity for your children to participate in traditional dance and song cultural activities. If you have any questions about the workshops please call or email me.

Anna McGown

PRIMARY CONCERT BAND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Year 6 band members who were successful in their audition for the 2014 IMP (Instrumental Music Program) Primary Concert Band. Well done!

Michael (5/6K)  Jasmine (5/6A)
Jasrajdev (5/6L)  Eve (5/6A)

Kristy

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Ngunnawal Primary School for kindergarten to year 6 classes on Wednesday 18 June at 10am.

We will teach the children from John’s gospel chapter 3, verse 16, 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.

PERMISSION NOTE - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______
Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______
Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______

Parent/Carer Signature: ________________________ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Bronwyn, Chaplain
4C, 4E & 4M ASSEMBLY

14/5/2014
Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 5 June 2014
Hey Mum and Dad
Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program.
You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It’s easy, safe and secure.
www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart
Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

Senior Assembly Merit Awards
Wednesday, 4 June 2014

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
Over the past two terms, I have provided a listening ear and a caring presence for a number of individual students with a range of issues such as grief, loss, family difficulties, low self-esteem and friendship.

I have also facilitated a Paint by Numbers small group on Wednesday at lunchtime, enabling students with classroom or playground issues to develop their social skills within a small group setting.

I have enjoyed co-ordinating the Ngunnawal Angels parent group which meets each Wednesday morning to assist classroom teachers with tasks such as laminating, cutting out and book covering as well as having a chat.

Next term I will be facilitating our annual Operation Christmas Child craft and information workshops with the year 3 and year 4 students which provides them with the opportunity to increase their awareness of global poverty and provide gifts for children in developing countries who would otherwise never receive any gifts.

In weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term I will be away overseas on a family holiday. I look forward to my return to Ngunnawal Primary at the start of term 3.

Bronwyn, Chaplain
CENTRAL CANBERRA FAMILY DAY CARE

We have places available in your area. Our educators have first aid, WWVP checks and have qualifications in children's services. All educators have fun happy environments for the children. Nice small groups great for one on one time. Coordinator visits with educators to ensure all is well.

If you would like more information please contact our office on 6125 2000 or info@familydaycarecc.com.au

ACTION CALISTHENICS INC.
Belconnen & Gungahlin

Do you love dancing, gymnastics, performing and making new friends? Try Calisthenics, it’s all that!

Recreational classes are now available for the following groups:

**Children - 4 to 10 years old**
Wednesdays, 4.30pm til 5.30pm
Gungahlin Community Hall

**Masters (adults)**
Thursdays, 7.30pm til 9.00pm
Kippax Uniting Church

For more information call
Amy 0417 650 162
contact@actioncalisthenics.com.au
www.actioncalisthenics.com.au

Ngunnawal Primary School P&C
Silver Shrapnel Drive

Not sure what to do with those pesky silver coins taking up room in your pocket or purse? Excess coins weighing down your purse or wallet? Why not bag them up and send them into school!

A new twist on our five cent fundraiser – as part of our silver shrapnel drive, we are asking for any silver coins to be donated to help raise funds for our school. Last year we raised over $1,000 from your donated five cent pieces, which helped us purchase iPads for the school. This year, we want to do better and buy even more electronics for the school.

Simply pop them in a zip-lock bag and mark with your child’s class and name and send them to the school canteen.

The coins will be counted each week with a running tally to see how well your class is doing. The class that raises the most will win a special prize.

You can start bringing in your shrapnel now! Collections will close on Friday 20th June (end of week 9) with the winning class announced in the newsletter and at the assembly.

DISCLAIMER
The school, its staff and the Territory are not aware of, and make no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information provided in advertisements appearing in this newsletter. Readers should make their own enquiries in relation to the information.