Dear Parents and Carers

The past week was huge for Ngunnawal Primary School! We started off by celebrating Literacy and Numeracy week with our inaugural Family Maths Night on Tuesday evening. It was such a joy to see our students teaching their parents and siblings the maths games they play in class. These games support the acquisition of number skills that students need to know before they can progress to more complex mathematical problems.

On Thursday night senior students performed as a part of the Northside Massed Choir in the annual Step into the Limelight spectacular at the AIS arena. The students sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors for our school. In addition to this we had students perform in the Primary Concert Choir. Congratulations to these students for their fine effort and teachers who organised and managed the school’s participation.

To round out our very busy week I accompanied four students, Jasmine 5/6N, Hayden 4E, Emily 5/6K and Lachlan 4C to Government House where they presented the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove with a basket of wattle on behalf of all Australian school children to mark National Wattle Day. This was a very proud moment for our students and I, they particularly enjoyed the morning tea and the informal chat to the Governor General and his wife.

These opportunities enrich the learning for students and without the support, dedication of teachers and parents, students would not be able to participate in events such as these.

This week the P&C is holding the Father’s Day stall today and Thursday. It is lovely to see the students carefully selecting gifts for their fathers. Thank you to the P & C for organising the stall. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

As always please contact myself or any member of the executive team if you have any questions you need answered or clarified.

Have a lovely week! Kind Regards,

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal
Spotlight on Learning!

Have a look at what's going on in Brindabella this term!

This term year 1 have started learning about writing descriptions. We have used pictures, animals, monsters and even ourselves as stimuli for writing our descriptions. Our focus in maths is on measurement and we are really enjoying learning about how to measure length and capacity! We have started our unit on Geography and have been examining manmade, natural and managed features around our school.

There are many incursions and clinics being run in our school this term. Year 1 had a blast at the Kulture Break incursion and got to show off some of our dance moves. We were especially excited to participate in the AFL and Tennis clinics at school. Everyone loved dressing up for the Book Week parade and engaged in Science Week with year 5/6 students teaching us. We can't wait for our trip to Questacon and to see you all at Learning Journey.

Chloe, Jill, Cathryn, Suzanne
LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK AT NGUNNAWAL PS

Literacy and Numeracy Week was celebrated at Ngunnawal Primary School with a special Family Maths Night on Tuesday 26 August. The night began at 5:00pm with a BBQ sausage sizzle which raised over $300 for maths resources for the school.

From 5:30-6:30pm the hall was filled with families from preschool to year 6 playing games together. Each of the games was chosen to help students with a specific mathematic strategy. Teachers were available to help support parents in learning the games and each family took home a bag with a games booklet, dice, counters and a pack of cards to help get them started.

It was a very enjoyable evening and the feedback we have received from staff, parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to holding a similar evening next year.

Natalie Otten

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Ngunnawal Primary School on Wednesday, 10 September for kindergarten to year students.

This term we will teach the children that Jesus is King from the book of John. We will use songs, stories, and a game to teach the children from the Bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

If you have any questions regarding Christian Education, please call me at New Life Presbyterian Church on 02 6241 3750.

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 8 September 2014.

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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Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______
Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Date: _______/_____/______

SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:
1. How many milligrams are in a gram?
2. Is the cerebrum the largest part of the human brain, or the smallest?
3. Which of these has the longest wavelength? Is it: a) UV; b) visible light; or c) microwaves?
4. Which species of penguin is the smallest?
5. Which continent are piranha fish native to?

Science Quiz Answers:
1. There are 1000 milligrams in a gram.
2. The cerebrum is the largest part of the human brain.
3. c) Microwaves have the longest wavelength.
4. Little penguins, also known as blue penguins, fairy penguins or Korora are the smallest species of penguin.
5. Piranha fish are native to South America, and are famous for their sharp teeth.

Congratulations

• To Maddy W (5/6L) on her selection in the ACT PSSA basketball team which recently travelled to Townsville to compete against other State and Territory teams.
• To Isaac S (2W) who won the Scholastic Book Club Minecraft Competition. Isaac won a $300 prize pack and also a $500 prize for Ngunnawal Primary’s library!
Science Week
22 August 2014
NGUNNAWAL SCHOOL AGE CARE

This term we have been doing lots of wonderful activities at Ngunnawal School Age Care. The Educators and children would like to take some time to share what they have been doing.

Last week we participated in Footy Colours Day to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. The children wore footy colours for a donation of 50c to support children and teens who are fighting cancer.

We are very lucky to be able to take part in the Active Afters Program and this term we are doing touch football and badminton which the children are very much enjoying as it gets warmer outside.

At the start of the term the children asked if they could learn how to knit, so we have been doing many different things with wool! Some of the children have been doing French knitting and others have also learnt how to knit and have made small bags and scarfs.

We have also had the senior students running group games at the end of the afternoon this shows real leadership. Skipping has been popular and the children enjoy it each day.

Afternoon tea is always a big hit with the children at Ngunnawal School Age Care. Some of the children’s favourite things to eat are; homemade chicken soup, beef wraps, nachos and one of the biggest favourites is Rosie’s homemade Burmese chicken curry and rice.

This week at Ngunnawal SAC we are going through assessment to assist us in ensuring that we are meeting the new National Quality Framework and also the My Time, Our Place Framework. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Ngunnawal School Age Care Team

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
- stay as long as you can, whenever you can.
- children are welcome (there are toys to play with!)

Hope to see you there!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have.

All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.

Parentline ACT.
Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833

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TIMES: 8:30AM - 4:30PM
AGES: 7 - 13 YRS
PRICE: $275 PER PERSON
OPEN FOR NORTHIDE & SOUTHSIDE KIDS
NORTHIDE PICK UP AND DROP OFF

PROGRAM INCLUDES
DANCE WORKSHOPS IN HIP HOP BREAKDANCE AND CONTEMPORARY. LOTS OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES AND A FREE END OF WEEK PERFORMANCE FOR ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY. EXCURSIONS INCLUDE: TUNZAFUN, MOVIES AND AISI!

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