

# NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Newsletter No. 12 – 7 May 2019



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Wed 8 May 2019**

Junior School  
Assembly 9.10am  
(1NE & 1SK)

**Mon 13 May 2019**

Preschool Photos  
(Beginning of week)

**Mon 13 May 2019**

School Board  
Meeting, 5:30pm

**Tues 14 May 2019 to**

**Fri 17 May 2019**  
NAPLAN testing.

**Tues 14 May 2019**

2ST & 2KM excursion  
to National Museum

**Wed 15 May 2019**

Senior School  
Assembly, 9.10am  
(3GH & 3JS)

**Thurs 16 May 2019**

2EP & 2MA excursion  
to National Museum

**Friday 17 May 2019**

Preschool Photos  
(End of week)

**Mon 20 May 2019**

P&C Meeting

**Tues 21 May 2019**

School Photos K-6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

A huge thank you to our School Captains and Tanya Matthews for hosting our ANZAC Day assembly last week. Congratulations to the School Choir who performed beautifully. We also thank our defence families who gave their time to participate and help our students understand the significance of this day for all Australians.

### Strategies to Maximise Student Engagement

#### **Alternate Learning Classroom**

During the last break work commenced on converting the wet area in Yerrabi into an alternate learning area. This space will be used to provide personalised learning experiences in a small group setting. We welcome Specialist Teacher Angela Ward to Ngunnawal Primary School from week 3. Angela brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise, we look forward to her joining the team.

#### **Sensory Room**

The Sensory Room has reopened to students with school leaders now staffing this space. The room is intended for students to reset, enabling them to return to class in a place for learning.

### School Improvements

#### **Student Toilet Upgrade**

You may have noticed work has commenced on the toilet block in Yerrabi. Each of the toilet blocks will progressively be upgraded over the course of this term.

#### **Front Office Painting**

Over the holidays the front office building has been painted. During this time some staff have relocated. Executive teachers are now in Yerrabi and Redwood. Karen Oakley, School Psychologist has moved to the front office. Community Coordinator Yvonne McLauchlan is also located in Redwood.

### New Staff Profiles

#### **Stacey Hodgson**

Executive Teacher, Preschool  
and Kindergarten

#### **What's your background before working at NPS?**

I always loved working with young children so teaching was a natural fit for me. I was lucky enough to complete my internship at NPS back in 2006 and have worked in ACT schools since then with the majority of my time spent at Ainslie Baker Gardens Preschool and Maribyrnong Primary School. In 2013 I had a break from classroom teaching and spent 18 months facilitating the Early Childhood Education students, the CIT component of their Bachelor Degree. I am also an executive member of Early Childhood Australia, an organisation that advocates for quality education and care for children aged birth to 8. I have worked in both the Preschool and Primary setting and am excited to be back at NPS. Outside of this, I have 3 kids of my own and have lived in the Gungahlin area for around 15 years.

#### **What makes NPS a great school to be a part of?**

The community has been so welcoming and I am looking forward to getting to know the families in the school more over the coming weeks. The teams are passionate about quality learning and I can't wait to work with them on this and their work on student wellbeing in the community.

#### **What do you enjoy most about being a teacher?**

I love that you never have the same day twice! It never ceases to amaze me how much you learn from working alongside children and the ideas for learning that they bring to the classroom.

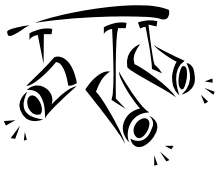
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*Rebecca*

Rebecca Turner, Principal



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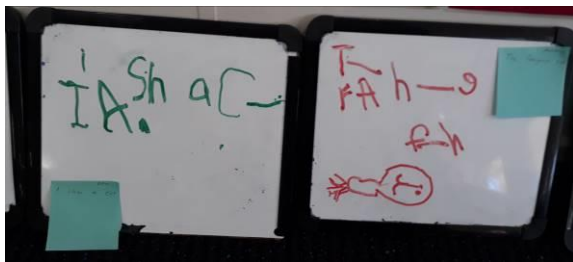
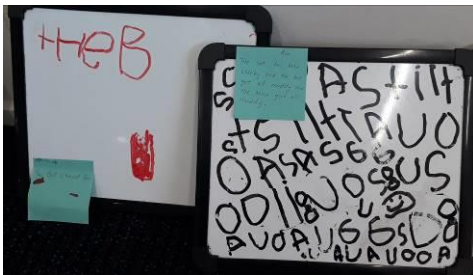


# Spotlight on Learning!

## Budawang

The children have returned to school with wonderful enthusiasm. We have a busy term ahead and have been settling quickly back into our routines. We are very excited to be able to play on the oval at recess and lunch times along with the rest of the school.

In **English** students have been participating in recount writing. Students sit with a partner to talk about their weekend, including information about who? what? when? and where? After sharing and listening they write their stories on a whiteboard and include a picture. We also use stories as stimulus for our writing. After reading the story The Farmyard Cat by Christine Anello we were able to write about the animals in the story using finger spaces, beginning sounds and a full-stop.



During weekly **Friendly School** lessons students have been learning about different emotions and how they make us feel. Students have been practising strategies to use when they are feeling sad or angry. We have discussed how we can identify emotions through our facial expressions.



Kindergarten have been busy learning about letters and the sounds they make. Each week we have been focusing on 2 letters. Students brainstorm all the different words they know with each sound. Students often create artwork to represent their learning.



Not only have we been enjoying the oval during play times, during **Physical Education** we have also been out there with our classes practising for the Cross Country race.





This year's theme, **Soaring**, encourages participants to explore one of the multiple meanings this work evokes - from the feelings of joy and exhilaration, to stories of human endeavour, to the world of nature, to the world of space.

**Thursday 29 August and Friday 30 August, 2019**  
**AIS Arena, Bruce**

Ngunnawal Primary School is hoping to perform a feature act in the 2019 Step into the Limelight Gala Showcase called 'Ngunnawal Dreaming' - a music and dance retelling of the dreamtime story of the rainbow serpent and the creation of the birds. This performance follows on from our successful original performances in 2017 and 2018.

**Auditions Week 2 and 3.**

See Belinda Robertson for details.



### Upcoming workshop on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

*Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning* is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues including what is working well or not working well. This is a reminder about the two remaining activities you can be involved in to have your say:

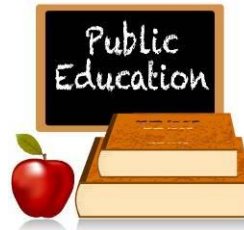
- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm this workshop will follow on from the first workshop and explore the key question "How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?"
- In mid-late June 2019 a 2 - 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend either of the workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on [Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au) or 6205 2912.



### We Now Have EFTPOS

EFTPOS payments can be made at the Front Office or via phone on 02 6142 1500



## You're invited!

Ngunnawal Primary School will be celebrating Public Education Week by having an art show showcasing the student's learning through art in which family and friends are invited to attend a viewing.

All students from each class P-6 will be creating and displaying artwork using a variety of mediums and techniques.

**When:** Thursday 30 May

**Where:** The Art Show will take place in the hall from 8:30am – 9:30am and 3pm–4 pm.

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

**Positive Behaviour for Learning at Ngunnawal Primary School – Expectations Matrix.** Return form by Friday, 10 May 2019.

### Reminders:

**Year 2 Excursion to National Museum,** Tuesday 14 May (2ST & 2KM) and Thursday 16 May (2EP & 2MA). **Permission notes and payment due by Friday 10 May.**

**Preschool excursion to Boundless Playground,** Tuesday 21 May (Balbo, Bunduluk, Dyindan, Karrugang) and Friday 24 May (Guginya, Gula, Mundawari). **Permission notes and payment due by Tuesday, 14 May.**

**School Photo Envelopes – Preschool Photos** will be taken on **Monday 13 May** and **Friday 17 May.** **Years K-6 photos** will be taken on **Tuesday 21 May.**

## ICAS 2019

The 2019 ICAS competitions will be held in **Term 3** this year for students in years 3-6. All tests will be completed online. Students will need IT permission if they do not already have to access chrome books.

The following subject areas will be part of the ICAS competitions this year.

<b>Digital Technologies:</b>	Tuesday, 3 September
<b>Science:</b>	Thursday, 5 September
<b>Writing:</b>	Tuesday, 10 September
<b>Spelling:</b>	Thursday, 12 September
<b>English:</b>	Tuesday, 17 September
<b>Mathematics:</b>	Thursday, 19 September

More information regarding enrolment and pricing will be provided week 1 of term 3.

## 2019 NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will be conducted at Ngunnawal Primary on the following dates.

Date	NAPLAN test
Tuesday 14 May	Writing
Wednesday 15 May	Reading
Thursday 16 May	Conventions of language
Friday 17 May	Numeracy
Monday 20 May, Wednesday 22 May, Thursday 23 May	Make up tests

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## ThinkUKnow Presentation

Ngunnawal Primary School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 6pm in the School Library**, and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) or contact **Yvonne McLauchlan, 6142 1500**



ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

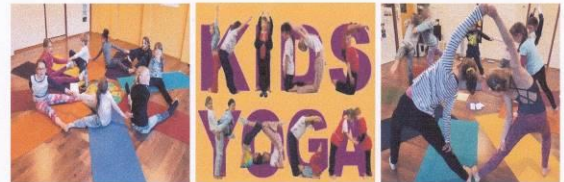
The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

## KIDS YOGA

Ages 4-6 & 7-12  
EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST



We are currently taking Expressions of Interest (EOI's) for:

Kids Yoga (Ages 7-12), Tuesdays 4.45-5.30PM  
Kids Yoga (Ages 4-6), Date/Time TBC

TERM 2: Mon 13 May – Sun 7 July (8 weeks)

TERM 3 Mon 5 Aug – Sun 29 Sept (8 weeks)

TERM 4: Mon 28 Oct – Sund 22 Dec (8 weeks)

**Tidy Temple Yoga, 125 Temperley Street, Nicholls**

\$100 per Child/Term (\$12.50 per class value)

\$80 Sibling Discount per Child/Term (\$10 per class value)

\$15 Casual Visit

To register your interest, don't delay, contact us today!  
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## 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**.