

# NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Newsletter No. 23 – 20 August 2019



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**19 - 23 August 2019**  
Book Week

**Wed 21 August 2019**  
Junior School  
Assembly, 9:10am  
(2KM & 2ST)

**Tue 27 August 2019**  
Limelight Technical  
Rehearsal

**Wed 28 August 2019**  
Senior School  
Assembly, 9:10am  
(3AJ & 3TB)

**Thurs 29 Aug 2019**  
Limelight Dress  
Rehearsal & Gala  
Performance

**Fri 30 August 2019**  
District Athletics  
Carnival, AIS Oval

**Tues 3 Sept 2019**  
ICAS Digital  
Technologies

**Thurs 5 Sept 2019**  
Kinder Grandparents  
& Grandfriends  
Celebration

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

This month there are a number of feedback opportunities for families to help our school to improve. Each are mentioned in the table below and in detail throughout the newsletter.

Item	For	Format	Due
Family Contact Information	All families	paper	Return the sheet to school when you have checked it
School Satisfaction Survey	All families	online survey	2 September
OSHC Survey	Families who access out of school hours care	online survey	30 August

### Staffing News

This week we farewell Brett Northey and Belinda Kinchela Bashford. Both Brett and Belinda have been key personnel within our school for a number of years. Brett has had a valuable impact with supporting students to get the most out of every learning opportunity. Belinda has supported the school to reflect on our cultural integrity practices and plan for meaningful improvement strategies that make a difference to all stakeholders in our school community. We wish them well with their exciting new career pathways.



### Family Contact Information

Last week all families will have received a hard copy form documenting the Family A contact details and permissions the school holds for your child. A separate form is going out for Family A and Family B for those families for which this applies. Family B forms will go out this week. It would assist us greatly if all families could **review and return the form even if there are no changes**. It is vital our contact information is current to ensure effective communication with our families.

### Governor General's Science Day

Last week was Science Week. Ngunnawal Primary was fortunate enough to be invited to send four Year 5 students and five Year 6 students to Science Week activities.

The Year 5 students attended a STEM day at Lake Ginninderra College on Thursday 15 August. They



participated in hands on experiments and activities including Virtual Reality, rocket take offs and star gazing in the star lab.

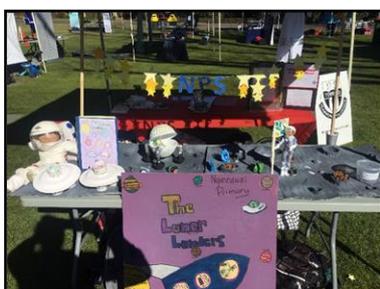
Year 6 students were invited to attend the Governor General's Design Challenge day on Friday 16 August, held on the lawns of Government House.



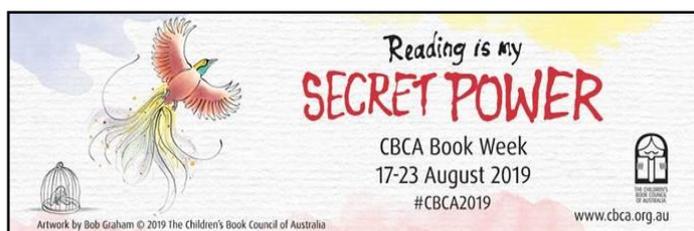
The theme was *Destination Moon: More Missions. More Science.* Their mission was to create a moon lander and table design celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Moon landing. The team were able to test

their design's durability and suitability in a range of simulated lunar environments. Their design was launched, spun, rammed, crammed, frozen and dropped. It was able to withstand a series of worst-case scenarios with its pilot (a water balloon) remaining safely intact in the cockpit.

Our student's design won one of the 3 people's choice awards which were decided by fellow participants, dignitaries and scientists from some of the most prestigious organisations in our region.



Congratulations to all the students who attended and those who assisted at school in the creation of our successful moon lander and table design.



### Book Week

We look forward to seeing our students dressed up as much-loved book characters tomorrow. Reading is my favourite secret power. Families are most welcome to join us for the special whole school assembly at 9.15am.

### Satisfaction Survey

Last week most families received an invitation to complete the school satisfaction survey via email or hard copy. If you have not received this, please contact the front office for the instructions. During week 6 staff carrying devices will be wearing fluoro vests in the courtyard from 8.30 each morning. Please bring your personalised email or letter and we will get you set up to do your survey. Every response counts and helps the school to plan next steps.



### Student Email Addresses

There have been some concerns in the national media around the privacy of students' email addresses and the ability for people outside of the education system to contact students via email or Google Hangouts. This is of particular concern where students are given an automated first.name.last.name email address. This is not the case in ACT public schools. Each student's email address uses their unique student ID number. These email addresses are not searchable outside of the ACT Education domain, and security protocols are in place to reduce the risk of the public gaining access to this information.

We also use Google's industry leading spam detection and an extensive range of additional tools to strengthen security. Currently Google Hangouts is disabled for all schools unless explicitly approved for use by school principals. Only a small number of public high schools and colleges in the ACT have enabled this service. This is however a timely reminder of the importance of making sure our children and young people know how to keep themselves safe online and when to ask for help. This is something that we need to work together on.

At school, we focus on developing safe and appropriate skills in the use of ICT, including cyber safety, acceptable online behaviours and being a well-rounded digital citizen. This includes the benefits and consequences of the use of ICT across their school and social life, so they are better equipped to understand when and where to use it. There are tips and resources on the ACT Education Directorate website at [www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/student-health-and-wellbeing/being-safe-online](http://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/student-health-and-wellbeing/being-safe-online) as well as on the eSafety Commissioner website at [www.esafety.gov.au/parents](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents) to help you talk to and guide your child.

If you have any queries or questions, please speak to your child's teacher or myself.

### Out of School Hours Care at our school survey for families

The Education Directorate is seeking feedback from families about out of hours school care at our school – including before school care, after school care, and/or holiday programs. Below is a link to a five-minute survey that we would appreciate you taking the time to fill out. The Directorate is reviewing arrangements for out of hours school care from January 2020. This includes how providers are engaged and an increased focus on collaborative partnerships between schools and providers that delivers quality services for families. Your response is valued and will inform the out of hours school care service at your school. All responses are anonymous and collated data will be provided back to individual schools. We would be grateful if you could provide your feedback before 30 August 2019, by clicking on this link:

<https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV381zuh4MMfdCsnj>



Kind regards

Rebecca

Rebecca Turner, Principal



# Spotlight on Learning!

## Yerrabi

The children have had an exciting start to the term. We've been going to tennis clinics and learning how to hit a ball with a tennis racquet. Constable Kenny Koala made a special visit to talk to us about safety in the car and when walking across the road.

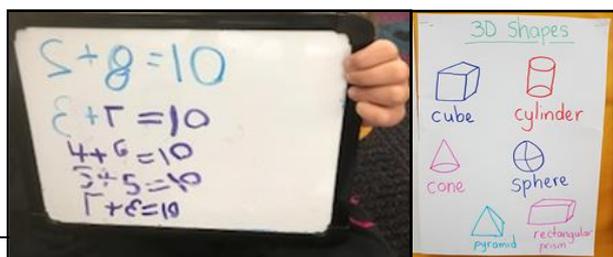
So far this term the **Reading** strategies we have learnt are: to use picture clues, point to the words and getting our mouth ready for beginning sounds.



The adjustment to our Take Home Reading Program has begun. Students have been taking home 2 books that they can read and a quality literature book. Each night they record one book they have read. When they read for 20 nights, they will receive a certificate. We encourage students to practise their sight words to support their reading.

This week In **Mathematics** we are focusing on friends of 10. Students are engaging in addition activities and exploring counting on from the largest number. Some examples of friends of 10 include; 0 and 10, 5 and 5 and 1 and 9.

Kindergarten are also focusing on 3D objects. They have been identifying them in the classroom, school environment and exploring the way 3D objects move.



During weekly **PBL** lessons students have been learning to be safe, respectful and responsible learners. We will focus on, toilets, canteen and general play spaces in the upcoming weeks.



### Constable Kenny – Road Safety

When we are in the car, we must wear our seat belt: **Click, click and clack!**

When crossing the road: **Stop, step back, look left and right and walk across the road.**



### Tennis

Kindergarten have been participating in tennis clinics this term. Students have been engaging in cooperative games and learning how to control the ball and with a racquet.



### Cricket

Kindy have been using the mascot challenge to learn the throwing and catching skills used when playing cricket. Each child will receive a certificate and a ball for their participation in the program at the end.

KNI – Natalie Ivanoff, KBD – Belinda Denmead,  
KIK – Ione Leach and Ingrid Moore, KNM – Kylie Mannix



## SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2019 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Monday 2 September 2019**.

A survey invitation was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey.

The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

Many thanks,

**Arlia Abell | A/g Deputy Principal**

## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

### Notes Home:

**Year 3 Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve**, Monday 16 September 2019. **Permission notes and payment due by Wednesday, 11 September.**

**Preschool Picture Products Fundraiser. Order forms and payments due by Friday 23 August.**

### Reminders:

**2019 Market Day**, Friday 13 August 2019. **Donation request note**

**North Gungahlin District Athletics Carnival**, Friday 30 August 2019. **Permission notes and payments due by Thursday, 22 August.**

**Step into the Limelight Feature Act Performance – Rehearsal** Tuesday 27 August, dress rehearsal and performance Thursday 29 August.

## 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.

## PLAY – THURSDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Thursday mornings after school drop off to grab a tea/coffee/chat with other parents. You can also connect with Community Coordinator Yvonne who can offer support and guidance on a wide range of issues and bring your little ones for some play and fun activities.

Stay and Play will run every Thursday between 9am and 10 am, in our Koori Preschool building. Access is through the gate to the left of the front office (if you are facing the office).



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A free app called Child360 has been released by Emerging

Minds with practical tools and a clear pathway for parents to help

identify and manage the mental health needs of their children. For more information:

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/child360-app/>

# ACT NETBALL SCHOOL GALA DAY

On Tuesday 13 August, two teams of year 5/6 girls (a total of twenty girls) represented Ngunnawal Primary School at an ACT Netball School Gala Day.

Both teams played seven games throughout the day and enjoyed the day learning how to play netball. As the day progressed all students improved and every school we played against commended our girls on their effort and sportsmanship.

A massive thank you to Janet Lane for helping out on the day.

*Jacinta*



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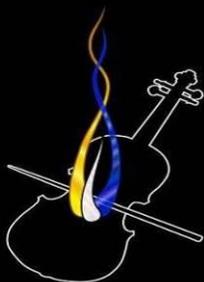
**John Bice** currently has some places available for students who wish to learn to play the piano. For further information and details please contact John on **6254 7238**.



## Natty J Drumming

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# Father's Day Family Night

**FREE**



**Thursday 29th Aug 6-8pm Gungahlin**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

### Major Door Prize for a Lucky Dad!

FREE event for you and your family and friends to enjoy. There will be rides, popcorn, sausage sizzle, RFS fire truck, face painting, fairy floss, kids disco, games, Kids DIY - make Dad a gift, lucky door prizes and a Special Major Door Prize for a Lucky Dad to win! Come along and enjoy the fun!

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)



# GUNG AHLIN SPORTS & RECREATION FAIR

COME MEET & SIGN UP WITH LOCAL CLUBS & SPORTS GROUPS!

**5 SEP 2019 | THURSDAY | 3.30PM - 6PM**  
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