FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can’t believe we are already half way through the term! The students are all working hard in their classrooms. Over the past week I have had the opportunity to work with kindergarten students in guided reading, where they demonstrated their growing sound, letter word knowledge. It is very tiring remembering what all those squiggles mean, and then adding on that they say things when in a certain order. They are developing into readers and writers at a great rate. I also taught in year 3 where we were focused on learning about angles. The students were able to locate and identify right, acute and obtuse angles in the classroom and courtyard.

This week the school is getting its next computer roll-out which will result in more computers in the teaching units over the next few weeks. We are really looking forward to additional machines in the school. Also this week the teachers will be participating in professional learning in Mathematics, particularly the number strand. The program is called Count Me in Too and it focuses on early number acquisition.

We had a great turn out for our meet and greet BBQ after homework club last week. It was a lovely opportunity to have a chat and a sausage with our families. I know all the staff who were there really enjoyed themselves.

Finally, a reminder that before school all the fixed equipment is out of bounds. We would appreciate your support in keeping your children off the equipment. This is to ensure the safety of all our students.

It is great to see how many students ride to school. Once they arrive at school it is really important that students dismount and wheel their vehicle to the compound. There are so many students and extended families at school in the mornings and afternoons we just don’t have the space for riding within the school grounds.

Regards,

Danielle

Danielle Porter,
Deputy Principal

Ngunnawal Primary School acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of the land we are on, the Ngunnawal people.

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.

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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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ORDERS DUE

MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2014

ORDER FORM

Grade

Title

Quantity

Total

Parent Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date
Spotlight on Learning!

This week’s focus...

Spotlight on Yerrabi

What a great start to the year Yerrabi Year 3 students have had. We have settled quickly into classroom routines with great enthusiasm.

In English we have been convincing our readers with our fabulous expositions. We have discovered we have an opinion about topics that matter to us.

In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 10000 through place value and addition activities. We have also been exploring and making different kinds of 3D shapes.

In History we are learning about celebrations in Australia. We have enjoyed looking at Anzac day and Australia day!

We are proud of our outstanding artworks. We enjoy learning new techniques and exploring with different materials.
SCIENCE UPDATE:  **POWER GLOVE**  
(Source: CSIRO - Science by Email)

Jake Coppinger, from Gungahlin College in Canberra, has designed a glove that could change the way we use technology – and it is as easy as lifting a finger.

The glove, branded ‘Swirlesque’, allows a person to control technology from a distance. The master mitt can recognise hand gestures and control internet-connected devices such as computers, smart phones and music players. A small computer sewn into the glove – called a microcontroller – receives data from a motion sensor. The computer looks for specific patterns in the data. When it recognises a pattern, it sends instructions to the required device using wireless Bluetooth signals.

From an early age, Jake has been interested in mechatronics and filmmaking. He has taught himself programming and design skills which have been very useful in the design of Swirlesque. Once a keen Science by Email reader, Jake’s mantra is: “Don’t be afraid to reach for your dreams!”

The tech-savvy sixteen year old used his idea in a project for the CSIRO CREATivity in Science and Technology (CREST) awards program. After spending 140 hours to design and program the glove, he won third place at the 2014 BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards.

**Quiz Questions (Source:CSIRO)**

1. What is measured in Pascals?
2. The Milgram experiment was in which field of science?
3. What does an analgesic do?
4. In computing, what does http stand for?
5. What’s a ventile, and why would you be wearing it in the company of penguins?

**Quiz Answers**

1. The pascal is the SI unit of pressure. One pascal is the pressure generated by a force of one newton acting on an area of one square metre.
2. (Social) Psychology
3. Acts as a painkiller
4. HyperText Transfer Protocol
5. Ventiles are items of protective clothing worn in sub-freezing conditions.

**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

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**P&C NEWS**

Our first disco for 2014 will be held on **Thursday 27 March 2014** with K-2 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Years 3 – 6 from 6.45pm to 8.00pm.

As usual, there will be a fantastic sausage sizzle to fill hungry tummies and the opportunity to purchase some goodies and novelties from the canteen.

We recommend you purchase your VIP tickets by sending $8 in a zip lock bag with your child’s name AND class on the front and give it to the canteen. Tickets will then be distributed by the teachers. Your VIP ticket includes entry, a lolly bag, glow sticks and drink. GET YOURS NOW!

Alternatively, entry only is $5 and can also be done by pre-purchase.

Tickets will also available at the door for those who can’t purchase beforehand.

Are you able to assist us on the night in the canteen, on the BBQ, or at the door? If so, please let me know. We love to have parents come and assist at our events to help them run smoothly.

Our **next P&C meeting is on Monday 31 March 2014 at 6.00pm** in the administration building. Come along and have your say and support the P&C to continue to do great things for the children.

Should you not be able to make it to the meeting , you can drop me a line at ngunnawalpandcommittee@gmail.com, leave a note in the suggestion box at the front office or give me a call should you have any ideas or questions.

Adam Smith
President, Ngunnawal P&C Committee

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**ANZAC ASSEMBLY**

Wednesday, 9 April 2014 starting at 9:15am.

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If you are a member of the Australian Defence Force and would like to speak at the assembly about the importance of ANZAC Day, please contact Andrew Gibson through the front office on 6205 8182 or by sending an email to: info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

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Thank you.

**ACTION SCHOOL BUS SERVICE ROUTE REVIEW**

Action Buses will review school bus routes if there is sufficient demand from suburban areas which are not currently serviced.

We are seeking feedback from families who reside in the vicinity of Bungaree Crescent, Ngunawal who have students attending Ngunawal Primary and who would use an Action School Bus Service to and from Ngunawal Primary.

Please submit the following details to the school front office:

- street in which you reside
- number of students who would use the service.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

We are all very excited and looking forward to the Cross Country Carnival that is quickly approaching.

The Junior and Senior cross country carnivals will be held on **Tuesday 18th March, 2014** (week 8).

**Junior Cross Country** includes kindergarten and year 1 students and will be starting at **11:20am**.

**Senior Cross Country** is year 2 – year 6 students and will be starting at **12:00 noon**.

Both carnivals will be starting on the basketball courts.

Please ensure your child has appropriate running shoes, a sunsmart hat and a drink bottle for the day.  Good luck and may the speed be with you.

*Nicole*

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Ngunawal Primary School on:

**Wednesday, 26 March 2014**

9.10am (K-2) and 9.50am (Years 3-6).

We will teach the children the Easter story ‘Jesus is Alive - how amazing’ from Luke 24:13-35, 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.

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 24 March 2014.

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**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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Parent/Carer Signature: __________________________________________

Parent/Carer Name: (please print): ________________________________

Date: __________________________

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**HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day gives students the opportunity to learn about the varied backgrounds of their school friends who live in their community.

On **19 March (week 7)** students will help celebrate this event by wearing something orange or dressing up in their National dress. Year 4 students will host an assembly with a multicultural focus. In class, students will talk about cultural diversity and participate in related classroom activities.

*Belinda Denmead, EALD*
Come and Try Day
Gold Creek Primary School playing fields
15th March 12-2pm 2014
St Patrick’s Hockey Club invites all interested individuals and families to its annual Come and Try Day for 2014.
St Pats Hockey Club was established in 1954 and we are celebrating our 60th year in 2014. We have a long tradition in having a welcoming club culture, fielding teams from Minkey (Under 7’s) to Veterans for both men and women.
Hockey is a great team sport played all over the world. Australia has a strong tradition at Olympic and Commonwealth Games levels. St Patrick's Hockey Club will have some of our national and state players there on the day to answer any questions.
Come and join in activities suitable for participants as young as 5 up to 55 (and beyond!).
There will be a free sausage sizzle and drinks available.
For more information about our club please visit our web page or the contacts below
www.stpatrickshockey.com.au
Juniors – Karen Cornish gkcornish@gmail.com or 0411019931
Seniors – wwallace@johnxxiii.anu.edu.au or 0439450159
To help us with catering and to register your interest please email stpatstreasurer@live.com
We look forward to seeing you there!

WALSH MARTIAL ARTS
Martial arts are a safe, supervised and non-violent activity.
Improve concentration, coordination, flexibility and strength.
Learn skills that bully-proof you for life!
KIDS FREE WITH PARENT
We really want families training together.
So, if mum or dad train, all kids in your family train free.
ONE ACTIVITY - MANY OUTCOMES
Kids train with friends in an environment that rewards discipline, persistence and good manners. We teach defence not fighting and a ‘life approach’ to fitness and respect.
Parents de-stress from a busy week with other parents, get fit with your kids and learn valuable self-defence skills.
Two Gungahlin classes:
Mondays: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
at Ngunnawal Primary School gym
Thursdays: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
at Franklin Early Childhood Centre
Cost: $95 registration
(free uniform + 1st month training)
Instructors: Kieran Doery (1st Dan Black Belt) or Jodie Vaile (2nd Dan Black Belt)
Info: kierand290@gmail.com / 0431 688 765
jodievaile@iinet.net.au / 0424886529
Website: www.walshmartialarts.com.au
No experience or fitness level assumed.

KIDSOCCER – PRE-SEASON SKILLS BASED PROGRAM
Is your child playing soccer this winter? Give them a great headstart by joining our skills based term 1 program.
Kidoccer runs skills based, age appropriate programs for preschool and primary aged children. Our program is designed specifically for children – from age 3 to 12. Whether you are new to soccer or wanting to play Division1, we have the program for you.
We have sessions available at O’Connor, Bonner, Garran and Hughes – visit www.kidoccer.info for all the details. It is never too late to register with us. Keep fit, make new friends and impress your old ones with your new found agility and ball skills.

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Confirmation Dates for 2014
(children in Year 6 or older):
Parent AND Child Information Session:
Thursday 13 March at 1:00pm or 7:00pm
Commitment Mass followed by Enrolment:
Saturday 22 March at 6pm OR
Sunday 23 March at 9:30am OR 5:30pm
Celebration of the Sacrament:
At Masses on 10 June, 11 June and 13 June
(times to be advised).
Please stay in touch via our parish website
www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
More details concerning the Sacramental Program are available in the foyer of the Church, Burdekin Ave, Amaroo or contact the Sacramental Coordinator via email: fionawilk@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

PIANO TUTORS
Our current piano teacher, John Bice will not be taking any new students in 2014. John will continue teaching his current students. If you have any queries John can be contacted on 6254 7238.
This year a new piano teacher, Ms Kerrie Yard, will accept students wanting to start learning to play piano. Kerrie can be contacted on 6254 8141.

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