Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated welcome back to everyone, it is certainly great to be back at school and see how well our students are engaged with their learning. It is hard to believe we are into the last term of the year. This is the term where we are not only busily preparing for end of year reporting but also planning for the 2015 school year.

Staffing for next year is well underway and I am very pleased announce that Anna McGown has been appointed permanently to Ngunnawal Primary School. Anna has made an enormous contribution to the school over the last twelve months and I look forward to continuing to work with her in the future. I am also pleased to announce that our Literacy and Numeracy Field Officer’s position has been extended for another twelve months and that Marika Vrieling has been appointed to this position. Marika is a highly skilled school leader who will bring with her a wealth of knowledge about literacy and numeracy learning. We hope to have Marika join us before the end of this year.

Ngunnawal Primary continues to grow and to meet the demands of an increased student body, I have been advised that the school will receive a further two demountable classroom buildings. These buildings will be located in the vacant area near the Wiradjuri Unit. In light of our growing student numbers in the senior years we have decided to run separate year five and year six classes in 2015. At this stage we are planning for three classes in each year level. It is hoped that the demountable classroom buildings will be completed and ready for year 5 students at the beginning of the new school year.

If you know that your child is leaving Ngunnawal Primary School next year and is in preschool to year 5 please complete and return either the form located in this newsletter or the form sent home with students today. This information is extremely important when we begin to put together classes for next year.

Last week we were informed that the main car park will be upgraded and include an additional twenty new car parking spaces. The design is in the initial stages and when completed work will begin. At this stage I have no date for the proposed works however as soon I am informed I will pass on the information. In the meantime could those of you who drive to school please exercise caution and vigilance whilst parking in or around the school when dropping off or picking up your children. I know that being unable to find a parking spot can increase anxiety and frustration levels; however we all must remember that the safety of our children has to be a priority at all times.

I thank the parents who continue to contact either myself or the executive team to clarify areas of concern. This provides us with the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of issues with our community and work together on developing our shared picture of Ngunnawal Primary. I encourage you to come and speak with myself or an executive member so we can continue to build our home school communication.

Lastly, please come along and support our P & C Fete this Saturday! Thank you to our hardworking P & C and band of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that this event is a success. I am personally looking forward to purchasing some goodies from the cake stall, but I think I may leave the show rides to the kids!

Enjoy your week

Kind Regards,

Kristine

Kristine Stewart, Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, 29 October
Whole School Assembly, 9:15am
(1JS & 1CM)

Sat, 1 November
P&C Fete

Wed, 5 November
Junior School Assembly, 9:15am
(Kindergarten)

Wed, 5 November
Parent Helper
Morning Tea

Tues, 18 Nov
Bandstrav
Rehearsal

Wed, 19 Nov
Bandstrav Evening
Performance

Tues, 25 Nov
Year 5/6
Market Day

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P&CPUse Fete
Saturday
1 November
10am–3pm
Spotlight on Learning!

This week's focus...

Redwood

Health
This term in health we have begun a new unit on Everyone, Everyday. The aim of the program is to equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take personal and collective action to enhance the inclusion of people with disability, especially children, in everyday life.

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Maths
We have begun the term with a focus on fractions. We are looking at halves, quarters, eighths and thirds and how to add them together.

Writing
Our writing focus this term is Writing to Entertain. We have begun reading lots of different narratives so that we will be able to write our own picture book at the end of the term. We have focused particularly on Fox by Margaret Wild and the emotive language she uses when writing.

An example of a sentence written using the structure from Margaret Wild’s Fox.

Dance
Last term and continuing this term we have been enjoying our weekly Every Chance to Dance program. We are very much looking forward to showing off our skills at the Big Gig on Wednesday 3rd December (week 8).

Melissah, Eloise, Courtney
Congratulations
to all students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser this year.

Ngunnawal Primary School achieved the highest fundraising result in the ACT in the history of Jump Rope for Heart!

We raised a total of $12,379.83.

SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL

Quiz Questions:
1. When a paper plane flies, what is drag?
2. Are minerals made of rocks, or are rocks made of minerals?
3. In your body, the cells that divide the fastest are related to what? Is it: a) hair  b) eyesight  or c) blood?
4. The 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded for creating what colour of light emitting diodes (LEDs)?
5. Which planet has a moon called Ganymede?

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Drag is a force that acts in the opposite direction to the moving paper plane. It is caused by air hitting the plane and slowing it down.
2. Rocks are made of minerals.
3. a) Cells related to hair divide fastest.
4. The 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded for creating blue LEDs.
5. Ganymede is a moon of Jupiter and is the largest moon in our solar system.

Students in Preschool to Year 5 Classes
STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2014

Now is the time we begin our initial planning for the 2015 school year.

If you have a child in preschool to year 5 who WILL NOT BE ATTENDING Ngunnawal Primary in 2015 could you please fill in the details below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Name: ________________________________ Class: _____________
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♦ Will be moving overseas to (Country): _______________________
♦ Will be moving interstate to (State/Territory): ____________________
♦ Will be moving to another school in the ACT (please indicate which school): _______________________

Parent/Carer Signature: ___________________________ Date: __/__/____
Parent/Carer Name (please print): ______________________________________________________________________________

Please complete and return this form to the front office as soon as possible.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

What you give comes back to you

Award Recipients
Senior Assembly, 22 October 2014
3KA and 3P
Senior Assembly
22 October 2014
2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

In 2015 Ngunnawal Primary is introducing the roles of school captains and vice captains to increase the leadership opportunities for students. This program aims to raise the profile of active citizenship within our school.

The current year 5 students are in the process of submitting an expression of interest for these leadership roles. Following this nomination process 8 students will be selected as candidates for these positions. Candidates will be asked to present a speech to students from year 3-5 who will then vote for their leaders.

Student Leadership Team

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Noble Style
Corner Ernest Cavanagh & Hinder Streets, Gungahlin
School Uniform Suppliers
Get your orders in early to be ready for the start of the 2015 school year!
To ensure items can be supplied by the beginning of the 2015 school year, please place your orders with Noble Style before the last day of Term 4 which is Wednesday 17 December 2014.
Don’t forget – you can trade in old uniform items:
Polo Shirts $2 each
Vests & Jackets $3 each

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Patricia Jones, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305
or patricia.jones@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Canberra and Queanbeyan by The Smith Family.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Saver Plus Fact Sheet

What is Saver Plus?
Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program. The program is offered locally by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia.

Who can join?
To be eligible, participants must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- be at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work themselves or their partner including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment; and
- be a parent or guardian of a child at school or at attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

ANZ has provided more than $9 million dollars in matched funds to participants across Australia since 2003.
Participants have saved more than $33.5 million dollars during the program.

What is the benefit of the program?
Independent research published by IMT in 2012 found that of participants who completed the program:
- 87% continued to save the same amount or more up to 12 months post completion.
- 93% reported that achieving their goals increased their self esteem.
- 79% said they were better equipped to deal with unexpected expenses.
- 86% encouraged family members, including children, to save.
- 89% reported that the education program had a positive effect on their own or their child’s experience.

How to find out more
To find out more, call 1800 880 355 or email saverplus@blc.org.au