PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term two. I hope your holidays were restful and allowed you to spend some quality time with your family. During my classroom visits yesterday I had the opportunity to talk to the students about their holidays. I think the overall favourite for most was going to the cinema, watching the Lego movie and sleeping in!

Last Thursday the staff attended a whole day of professional learning about teaching reading in a primary school setting. The session highlighted the importance of reading practice, especially for children in the early years. Children are encouraged to read daily and from a variety of sources, this includes reading books, TV guides, cereal boxes and magazines as well as online content. Once you start looking, you will be amazed at how many opportunities arise for us to read everywhere.

Late last term one of our students proudly shared some of his learning with me. Jamey from 3KA has been working very hard on developing his writing knowledge and skills and he produced a text that persuades the reader. I look forward to more students sharing their learning with me this term.

I would like to welcome Suzanne Molison, who has joined us this term. Suzanne will be teaching 1K for the remainder of this term. We are fortunate to have Suzanne join the Ngunnawal team.

A reminder that school begins promptly at 9.00am each day and concludes at 3.00pm. It is important that students arrive as close as possible to 9.00am as Ngunnawal Primary does not provide playground supervision. We request that no student is on the school grounds prior to 8.30am. Information regarding the before school program operated by Communities@Work at Ngunnawal Primary is available on their website www.commsatwork.org, or telephone 1300 212 273 (9am to 5pm).

Enrolment applications for ACT public schools opened on Monday 28 April. If you are enrolling your child to start school in 2015 or if your child is transferring to another ACT public school, including high school, please use the online enrolment/transfer form that can be found on the ACT Public School section of the Education and Training Directorate’s website www.det.act.gov.au.

Enjoy your week.

Kristine
Kristine Stewart,
Principal

Ngunnawal Primary School
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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.
**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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**SCIENCE UPDATE**

**Quiz Questions:**

1. What fruit belongs to the genus **Fragaria**?
2. At room temperature, which is heavier: a litre of oxygen or a litre of nitrogen?
3. What is the anatomical term given to the shinbone?
4. How many planets in our solar system are known to currently support life?
5. What shape are the cells in a honeycomb?

**Quiz Answers:**

1. Strawberries belong to the genus **Fragaria**.
2. At room temperature, a litre of oxygen is heavier than a litre of nitrogen.
3. The **tibia** is the anatomical term given to the shinbone.
4. Only one planet is known to currently support life in our solar system: **Earth**.
5. The cells in honeycomb are hexagons.

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**Congratulations!**

to Hayden S from 4M who has qualified for the 9yrs boys 50m freestyle at the ACT Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 8 May.

We wish Hayden all the best in his event.
**St Patrick’s Hockey Club**

**Minkey (Under 7s and Under 9s)**

**2014 Season**

The Minkey (Under 7s and Under 9s) Hockey season is commencing Saturday, 3 May and provides a great way to have fun and meet new people.

To get involved come along to our first session at Gold Creek Primary School, synthetic field, Kelleway St, Nicholls at 9:30am

If you would like further information, please contact Luke at stpats.minkey@gmail.com

This competition is part of the ACT Hockey’s “Hook in2 Hockey” program.

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**SAFETY REMINDER – BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND IN-LINE SKATES**

- Students who ride bicycles or scooters to school **must wear a helmet while riding**.
- Bicycles and scooters skates are **not to be ridden within the school grounds** at any time.
- Skateboards and in-line skates **are not considered a safe means of transport** to and from school for primary school aged children and **are not to be ridden or brought to school**.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance in this matter.

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**Canberra Festival Ballet School**

**MARKET DAY**

**Sunday 4th MAY**

**A GREAT Day out for the family**

Mother Teresa School
40 Wimmera Street, Harrison
9.30am - 3.30pm

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