**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Public Education Week and a time to celebrate the wonderful achievements of Public Education and in particular those of Ngunnawal Primary School.

I have many reasons to be proud of the many and varied achievements that occur on a daily basis at our school. Last week the year 6 leaders truly demonstrated what can be achieved when working together as a team. These students worked tirelessly with Peter, Andrew and Kristy to refresh the sandpit for our younger students and have made the gardens around Wiradjuri Unit much more appealing by planting some new shrubs and replenishing the mulch. Thank you to these hardworking students for taking the time to improve our school environment.

Every week students visit me from classes across the school and proudly share their learning with me. Ashleigh and Tharusha from 5/6L have been really enjoying their science lessons over this term. They were able to teach me a thing or two about micro-organisms. For example some micro-organisms like mould are not healthy and others like mushrooms are healthy. They did stress however that we should only eat mushrooms that we buy from the shops as some mushrooms that grow in the wild are very poisonous. Charli from 4M has been working very hard in maths and was able to share with me why the jump strategy in maths is so useful when solving problems. Sophie, Ahmed, Keerthi and Dallandra from 4C have been writing some interesting sentences with descriptive language that evokes powerful imagery for the reader. Congratulations to all of these students for working so hard during their class time.

It is my pleasure to announce that Stacey Naden will be joining Ngunnawal Primary as the new executive teacher. Stacey will join us from the beginning of week 5 and lead the preschool and kindergarten teams. Stacey is currently at Duffy Primary School and is looking forward to her move to Ngunnawal Primary.

Just a reminder that the Gungahlin Cluster schools Gifted and Talented education brochure will be launched this Wednesday at 5.30pm at Gungahlin College. Please send an RSVP to the front office if you are attending.

As always please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the executive team if you have any questions you would like to discuss. We truly value the partnerships we have with our families as we work together to maximise the learning outcomes for our students here at Ngunnawal primary.

Kind regards

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

**NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER IS MOVING INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!**

Please see page 3 inside for details.
We have had a great start to Term 2. **Well done kindergarten!** The students have been engaging in history, geography, mathematics, reading and writing, art/craft, technology, social skills and music lessons just to name a few. Welcome to our pre-service teachers from the University of Canberra working in Carmel and Catherine’s classroom this term.

Students have been participating in **dancing** every Wednesday. We have learned some new moves and how to keep to a beat.

In **Mathematics** students have been making simple and complex patterns using objects, shapes and colours.

In **History** this term students have been sharing their family celebrations. Some celebrations include birthdays, Easter, special achievements and ANZAC day. We have been learning a special celebration song which we will share at assembly tomorrow (Wednesday 21st May).

As a part of our **technology** and music unit, students will begin to make their own musical instruments. Leading up to this making process, students have had to explore and play with different instruments and then design their own.

Kindergarten **Art/Craft** Gallery

Cath, Carmel, Chris, Hannah, Cecilia, Kerry
**SCIENCE UPDATE:**

**Quiz Questions:**
1. What heats your hands when you rub them together?
2. Which are the four heaviest flightless birds?
3. Which metal is always found in amalgam?
4. In astronomy, what is a brown dwarf?
5. Electric and manta are both kinds of what type of fish?

**Quiz Answers:**
1. Friction heats your hands when you rub them together.
2. The four heaviest flightless birds are the ostrich, cassowary, emu and emperor penguin.
3. Mercury is always found in amalgam.
4. A brown dwarf is a dim, star-like object that does not have enough mass to fuse hydrogen into helium.
5. Electric and manta are both kinds of rays.

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**EALD MODERATION**

During term 2 EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) students from kindergarten to year 6 will be withdrawn from classes to take part in testing for EALD moderation. This testing enables the school to gather data to fund EALD programs, so that EALD students continue to receive additional support in their English learning. We aim for this to be a short process with minimal disruption to normal classroom programs.

If you have any queries regarding the testing you can contact the school and speak to one of the EALD teachers.

Thank you,

Tracey Blackmore, Monica Dray and Belinda Denmead

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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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**Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops For Aboriginal and Torres Islander Students**

Dear Families and Carers,

Your children are invited to attend a series of dance workshops which start in week 4. Students will be given an opportunity to learn a range of traditional dances. The dance instructor will be Duncan Smith. A showcase will be held as part of our NAIDOC assembly in week 10.

**Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops:**

When: Thursday weeks 4; 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9,
Where: Ngunnawal Primary School Library
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Cost: Nil

Extended family and siblings are welcome to come along.

The Wiradjuri Echoes Dance Workshops will be a great opportunity for your children to participate in traditional dance and song cultural activities. If you have any questions about the workshops please call or email me.

Anna McGown

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**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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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL’S NEWSLETTER IS MOVING INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!

Following careful consideration and discussion, the Ngunnawal Primary School Board has resolved to move from a paper-based to an electronic based newsletter.

From week 5 of term 2 (27 May 2014) the newsletter will be able to be accessed via the Ngunnawal Primary School website at: [www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au](http://www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au).

If you do not have access to the internet, please complete the form below and we will organise for a paper copy to be provided to your family each week.

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**REQUEST FOR PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Please continue to provide our family with a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Family Name: ________________________
Student Name: ________________________ Class: _____
(youngest attending Ngunnawal Primary)

Parent/Carer Signature: ________________________
1J & 1C ASSEMBLY

14/5/2014
Swimming Raffle
Prizes were awarded to three students who participated in the AIS Swim Program in term 1.
The lucky winners are:
  Benji M, Kindergarten
  Mia G, Year 1
  Ava N, Year 2.

S.P.E.C.T.R.A. Science Award
Congratulations to Hannah B from 2SL. Hannah is the first Ngunnawal Primary student to complete a SPECTRA science challenge this year.

Best Listening Class
Students from 2ES accept the Best Listening Class award from Kellie-Anne.

Students and their families enjoying the HOMEWORK CLUB BBQ held in term 1.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Gungahlin Cluster of schools is dedicated to providing the best in public education. As part of this commitment, we have listened to those of you who have asked for more information on the programs and pathways available to Gifted and Talented students in Gungahlin.

To meet this request we have produced a brochure which provides an overview of the programs and opportunities existing at:

- Amaroo School
- Gold Creek School
- Gungahlin College
- Franklin Early Childhood School
- Harrison School
- Ngunnawal Primary
- Palmerston District Primary School

We would like to invite all interested families to attend the launch of the brochure at the Gungahlin College Theatre on Wednesday, 21 May at 5.30pm. It will be followed by an opportunity to meet with representatives from the schools involved where you will be able to ask questions and speak to teachers and students about their experiences.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Anna.Mcgown@ed.act.edu.au. Please include “RSVP - G and T” in the subject line of your email and indicate the number of people attending.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Anna

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Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association

Silver Shrapnel Drive

Not sure what to do with those pesky silver coins taking up room in your pocket or purse? Excess coins weighing down your purse or wallet? Why not bag them up and send them into school!

A new twist on our five cent fundraiser – as part of our silver shrapnel drive, we are asking for any silver coins to be donated to help raise funds for our school. Last year we raised over $1,000 from your donated five cent pieces, which helped us purchase iPads for the school. This year, we want to do better and buy even more electronics for the school.

Simply pop them in a zip-lock bag and mark with your child’s class and name and send them to the school canteen.

The coins will be counted each week with a running tally to see how well your class is doing. The class that raises the most will win a special prize.

You can start bringing in your shrapnel now! Collections will close on Friday 20th June (end of week 9) with the winning class announced in the newsletter and at the assembly.
WALSH MARTIAL ARTS

Martial arts are a safe, supervised and non-violent activity

WINTER SPECIAL

KIDS FREE WITH PARENT
We really want families training together.
So, if mum or dad train, then all kids in your family train free.
Spend Time with Family, Improve concentration,
coordination, flexibility and strength.
Learn skills that bully-proof you for life!

When/Where:  Mondays, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
at Ngunnawal Primary school gym
When/Where:  Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Franklin Early
Childhood Centre
Cost:  $95 registration
(free uniform + 1st month training)
Instructors:  Jodie Vaile (2nd Dan Black Belt) and
Kieran Doery (1st Dan Black Belt)
Info:  jodievaile@iinet.net.au /0424886529 or
kierand290@gmail.com /0431 688 765
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