

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, 22 October
Senior School
Assembly, 9:15am
(3KA & 3PL)

Thurs, 23 October
Preschool – Reptile
Incursion

Thurs, 23 October
NLPC Christmas
Hamper Fundraising
Sausage Sizzle

Mon, 27 October
Board Meeting,
5:30pm

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

Sat, 1 November
P&C Fete

**Scholastic
Book Club
Orders Due
Monday
3 November**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week it is Childrens' Week and we are acknowledging it in a number of ways across the school.

We had a great start to the term last week, even though the weather took a turn for the worse. The students settled back into their school routines quickly.

Also this week kindergarten students are undergoing the end of year PIPS (Performance Indicators Primary School) assessments. These tests assess students' reading, oral language and mathematics skills. They are conducted in an interview style administered by your child's class teacher. In the coming weeks families will be provided with their child's results. If you have any questions about this testing please see your child's class teacher or one of the executive team.

We have a number of transition processes happening this term. Year six students are involved in visiting their receiving high school over the coming weeks. Preschoolers started their transition visits to kindergarten today and pre-preschoolers are getting information to get them ready for preschool next year. We aim to make the children's move to new settings as smooth as possible.

I'd like to remind you that the school fete is only two weeks away. We are still desperately short of volunteers, so if you can give any time on the day, please don't hesitate to fill in one of the sign-up sheets that are up around the school, let one of the P and C representatives or the front office know so they can pass on the information. It is sure to be a great event, with something for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the executive team.

Have a great week,

Regards

Danielle

Danielle Porter
Acting Principal

Term 4 Calendar Amendments

Some assembly details on the Term 4 Calendar sent home last week were incorrect.

The correct details are as follows:

- Week 2 – Senior Assembly (3KA & 3PL)
 - Week 4 – Junior Assembly (Kindergarten)
 - Week 6 – Senior Assembly (4EE, 4CB & 4MC)
 - Week 8 – Junior Assembly (2FE & 2WL)
 - Week 9 – Senior Assembly (5/6N, 5/6A & 5/6L)
- Apologies for any confusion.



Spotlight on Learning!

This week's focus ...

Wiradjuri

Maths

We have begun the term with a focus on fractions. Students have been learning how to make fraction calculators for fraction families. Fraction calculators are a great tool to help students to develop a sound visual and conceptual understanding of amounts less than a whole. Students are learning to read, represent and calculate fractions and to make connections between representations. They have already been using their calculators to solve fraction problems relating to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are looking forward to linking our work on fractions to decimals and percentages.



Also this week in maths some of the 5/6 students worked co-operatively to solve an area and perimeter challenge. Students worked in teams and each member of the team had to create a shape with an area of exactly 24 square units and a perimeter different to everyone else in their group.

Parliament

We are continuing our Parliament unit this term. Students have been learning about how political parties are formed and the relationship between political parties, elections and policy. They have also been learning about different voting systems including first



past the post, preferential voting and proportional voting. Some classes have set up their own class parliament, with students nominating for roles and writing and debating their own bills.



Holiday writing

We enjoyed sharing our holiday experiences with our classmates and shared this through poetry and recount.



Coming up

Our Market Day will be held on Tuesday of week 7 (25 November). In preparation for Market Day students in Wiradjuri will be meeting weekly as they decide on the stalls to be run and to start preparations for their stalls. The money raised on Market Day goes towards the year 6 graduation evening on Thursday of week 9 (11 December).

Laurie, Andrew, Nicole, Kristy, Stacey, Janelle and James



ACT Primary Concert Choir 2015

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2015 to audition for the Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education and Training Directorate schools and it is expected that members of the PCC will also participate in the choir or vocal ensemble at their school if this opportunity is available.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for enthusiastic and talented young singers to work together in a supportive and fun environment. The PCC is a performance ensemble and children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year. Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form and audition timeslot booking form can also be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child's school. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265.

<https://forms.act.gov.au/smartform/public/FormServer?formId=1115>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baea923a2fd0-actprimary>

Applications are now open and close Monday 27 October.

SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL



Congratulations Hannah B in 2SL for completing her second SPECTRA Award – Fun with Chemistry. Hannah played a jellybean tasting game with her family where they had to guess flavours blindfolded. She also made spaghetti dance in soda water and created some fake cat vomit. Well done Hannah – sounds like fun!

Karon

Quiz Questions:

1. Which famous physicist said "imagination is more important than knowledge"?
2. What are the two upper chambers of the heart called?
3. Which of these clouds forms highest? Is it a) cumulus b) cirrus or c) stratus?
4. The 2014 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded for discovering brain cells that do what?
5. Have people ever walked on Mars?



Science Quiz Answers:

1. Albert Einstein said "Imagination is more important than knowledge."
2. The two upper chambers of the heart are called atria. There's the right atrium and the left atrium.
3. a) Cirrus clouds form higher than cumulus or stratus clouds.
4. The 2014 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded for discovering cells that create a positioning system in the brain that allows us to know where we are.
5. No, people have never walked on Mars. Instead, we explore it with robots such as Curiosity.



Above: Best Listening Class - KHR



Above Right: Year 6 Band

5/6S and 5/6K Assembly

15 October 2014

Right: ICAS Mathematics and Australian Mathematics Competition Certificate Recipients



5/6S and 5/6K Assembly

15 October 2014





ACT Community Language Schools Day 2014

The Canberra community are invited to come along and join a day of celebration organised by the ACT Community Language Schools Association with the support of the ACT Government through the Community Language Schools Program.

55 Community language schools and playgroups that teach 40 languages across Canberra will gather together during Children's Week to celebrate and share their learning through displays and performances. There will be games and activities with the assistance of ACT Bilingual Education Alliance plus several schools will be cooking some of their traditional foods for you to purchase.

When: Saturday 25 October 2014

Time: 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: University of Canberra Refectory, Bruce

Cost: Entry and activities are free. Multicultural food will be available for purchase.

For more information contact: ACT Community Language Schools Association 6230 5191

email: admin@actclsa.org.au



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

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Students in Kindergarten 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 kindergarten 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):

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