PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

There is certainly a settled feeling around the school. Students are well on their way to learning new routines and getting to know both new staff and students. This year we have approximately 700 students enrolled in preschool to year six. With the increase in student numbers we need to be mindful of the increased traffic flow in and around the school. We do encourage students to walk or ride to school with friends where possible or for parents to drop students off at the oval end of Yumba Avenue. Traffic congestion in both car parks is causing long delays during the peak drop off and pick up times. Impatience during this time can put our students' safety at risk. Please drive slowly and park in designated areas and always be aware that little children are around. I thank you in advance for your continued patience and cooperation with this request.

Next week we are holding our Getting to Know You Interviews and for your convenience bookings will be able to be made online through the PTO program. You will receive a letter today with the web address and your unique logon details. These interviews are very important as it provides you with the opportunity to discuss and share information about your child so their teacher can tailor learning for your child.

We are so fortunate to have hard working groups of parents that support the school in a variety of ways. One group is the P & C and they are holding a Meet and Greet BBQ next Tuesday evening. When you are at the school for your child's Getting to Know You Interview please stop by and say hello. They will have a lot of information about how you can become involved. We truly value the contributions that our parent community make to this wonderful school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Communication is vital, please feel free to make an appointment to come in and speak to us about any concern you may have. In the first instance it is best that you speak with your child’s teacher, however you are able to make an appointment to speak with the executive teacher who oversees your child's year level. Executive teachers for year levels are as follows:

- Preschool and Kindergarten: Stacey Naden
- Year One and Two: Anna McGown
- Year Three and Four: Kate North (acting)
- Year Five and Six: Danielle Porter

As always you are able to make an appointment to speak with me if needed by contacting the Front Office.

I had the pleasure of teaching 1CD last week and was hugely impressed about how much they already know about books. We read The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt and then wrote a picture letter to the characters about all the wonderful things we can draw with their colours. Students will continue this work to learn about writing persuasively. I look forward to seeing their completed work in the coming weeks.

I have also had many student visitors sharing their quality work with me. Yesterday Chloe and Summer from 5/6 showed me how creative they have been with designing and building objects that are based around paper clips. I never knew how many different ways a paperclip could be used!

Have a great week.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart
Principal
A big welcome back to all students. I look forward to another year of engaging, educational and awesome Health and P.E. sessions.

Nikki

This term during health sessions, Kindergarten have started to identify things they are good at and how that makes them feel.

Throughout physical education sessions, students have been participating in Fundamental Movement Skills and minor games.

Year 1 and 2 students have begun to describe their own strengths and achievements and those of others.

During physical education sessions, students have been participating in Fundamental Movement Skills and minor games. Students have also discussed the body’s reactions to participating in these physical activities.

Year 3 and 4 students have begun to examine how success, challenge and failure strengthens personal identities during health sessions.

In their physical education sessions, students have been participating in Fundamental Movement Skills and games. Students are also examining the benefits of physical activity and physical fitness to health and wellbeing.

In health sessions this term, Year 5 and 6 students have started to explore personal and cultural identities and how they change and adapt to different situations.

During physical education sessions, students have participated in physical activities designed to enhance fitness, and discuss the impact regular participation can have on health and wellbeing.
Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT:

Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT is an innovative government and non-government school project providing strong evidence about ‘what works’, ‘why it matters’ and ‘how best to foster’ parental engagement in ACT schools.

A second series of resources was recently launched and copies have been distributed to all ACT primary schools. The resources include four parent fact sheets which provide practical strategies to enhance parental engagement and promote student learning and wellbeing. The fact sheets for parents include:

- Family-led learning - engaging the whole family
- What you can do at home - Parental Engagement in early childhood
- What you can do at home - Parental Engagement in primary school
- Communicating with your child’s school


Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT is an ACT Government initiative led by the ACT Education Directorate in conjunction with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY), the Catholic Education Office and the Association of Independent Schools.

SCHOOL BOARD

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school’s future directions.

Nominations have been received to fill the staff representative vacancy and one of the parent representative vacancies on the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018. An Election Return for the appointment of these nominees will be submitted to the Returning Officer.

A new election process will be undertaken to fill the remaining parent representative vacancy.

Nomination period:

Opens – 11:00am on Thursday 18 February 2016
Closes - 11:00am on Thursday 25 February 2016.

Voting period (if election is required):

Opens - 11:00am on Thursday 3 March 2016
Closes - 11:00am on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Successful candidates for all vacancies should be announced by Monday, 28 March 2016.

If you would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Kristine Stewart on 6205 8182. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms for the new election are available from the school front office from Thursday, 18 February 2016.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

P & C NEWS

P & C MEET AND GREET BBQ

The P & C would like to invite all families of Ngunnawal Primary School to come and meet the current members of the P&C.

We will have some information on what the P&C does for those parents who would like to nominate for a role, or just volunteer when available.

We know that everyone is busy, but without a P&C committee we would not have a canteen which is open 5 days per week and offers a great selection of healthy food.

We also would not have a Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall every year for the kids to buy gifts for their parents, something they love to do!

Details of our meet and greet (which is on the same evening as parent/teacher interviews) are:-

School Courtyard
24 February 2016 4.30pm to 7.30pm
BBQ sausage sizzle will be up and running for the evening!

Look forward to seeing you there!

AGM P & C MEETING

Monday 29 February 2016
6pm main staffroom

At the AGM each year all P & C committee positions are declared vacant and election of all new Committee members will take place. All members of the school community are invited to nominate for any of the positions available and are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate in the voting and become involved in the running of the school canteen, community events, and fundraising.

Ngunnawal Primary School P & C
Annual General Meeting – Monday 29 February 2016
Nomination for Committee Members for 2016

Name: __________________________________________________________

Contact Number: _______________________________

I wish to nominate for the following position
P & C EXECUTIVE

☐ President ☐ Vice President
☐ Treasurer ☐ General Volunteer
☐ Secretary ☐ Fundraiser Co-Ordinator (Optional)

Please complete this form and return in an envelope to the canteen or the front office to:
Mel Horrocks, President – Committee Position Nomination Form
Please note that ALL nominees need to attend the P & C AGM.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016
All students who are turning 8 years or older this year will be attending our school swimming carnival at Gungahlin Leisure Centre on Tuesday 23 February (week 4).
The event will include competitive swimming races for those wishing to participate, as well as a range of water and land based activities for all students.
Students will be cheering on and earning points for their house groups during the carnival. If your child is not sure of their house group they can check with their classroom teacher. Our school houses are Coombs (blue), Bradman (white), Freeman (red) and Jackson (green).
All students must return their permission notes, medical notes and payment ($12).
If you have any questions please contact the front office.

Nicole Kent

NGUNNAWAL ANGELS
- meet on Wednesdays, 9:10am to 10:40am in the Library, 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!

Nicole Butterworth, Co-ordinator

NGUNNAWAL FACEBOOK PAGE
Did you know we have a facebook page? Please take a couple of seconds to check it out. We often post information about what is happening at school, provide updates and amendments when we have to.
Please like it and share it with our community.

2015 WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN REWARDS
In 2015 the Ngunnawal Primary School community collected Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. We totalled approximately 34,000 points which is a tremendous effort. Our rewards arrived last week and we are very excited to start using our new equipment. With the points we were able to get a fabulous new Lego collection for use across the school, some new sandpit toys for the sandpits at preschool and in the courtyard, some magnetic construction shapes and some dinosaur fossils. Thank you all for your support.

Ngunnawal Primary School

PAYMENT DETAILS
Payments can be made via Quickweb at: www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/payment

OR

By direct deposit into the School’s bank account.

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.
Come and play AFL with the Gungahlin Jets
Your local junior AFL club since 2000
On line registrations at gungahlinjets.com.au/juniors
Junior Registration Days
Saturday 13th and 20th February
9am to 2pm outside Coles Gungahlin
Boys and Girls aged from 5 to 18 welcome
“Live local – Train local”

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS AT WANNIASSA BELCONNEN and PALMERSTON!
Elementz Rhythmic gymnastics is happy to offer beginners and advanced recreational Rhythmic Gymnastics programs for children 5yrs and older.

Elementz prides itself in offering high-quality, dynamic programs that fuse the fundamentals of dance and gymnastics with ropes, hoops, balls, clubs and ribbons. Rhythmic Gymnastics is our passion and we firmly believe it promotes flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness, working independently and in teams, self-discipline, fun and friendship.

Classes are on every day!
Call today to arrange an obligation free trial class or enrol.
Check out our Living Social deal: great discount for the first 4 classes!
For more information go to our website www.elementz.com.au
Spaces are limited so please get in touch!
6112 8460  info@elementz.com.au

There are over 40 million Scouts in the world today and in the ACT there are Scout Groups in more than 35 local communities. Scouting helps creates friendships, confidence, life skills and much more. Boys and girls aged 6-25 are encouraged to try come and try our 3 week FREE offer.

Simply contact your local Scout Group, go to our website www.scoutsact.com.au or give us a call on 1800 SCOUTS