

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:

Wednesday 8 March

Junior School
Assembly, 9:15am
1/2NM & 1/2AW

Monday 13 March

Canberra Day Public
Holiday

Wednesday 15 March

Whole School
Assembly, 9:15am
(Harmony Day)

Monday 20 March

Indigenous Performance
Preschool

Thursday 23 March

Indigenous Performance,
K-6 and Preschool

**Monday 3 April –
Friday, 7 April**

Kindergarten Health
Checks

Monday 27 March

Kenny Koala visits
Preschool

Friday 31 March

Kenny Koala visits
Preschool

**Monday 3 April –
Wednesday, 5 April**

Year 5 Camp
(Borambola)

**Monday 3 April –
Wednesday, 5 April**

Year 6 Camp (Cooba)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week six! Last week we held a very successful swimming carnival with all students displaying support for the sporting houses during events. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day such an outstanding success. Ribbons for placegetters and the announcement of the 2017 Swimming Carnival Champion House will be made at the senior assembly in week eight, with year two participating students attending.

Students across the school have settled well into their learning programs and I was very impressed with the hard work of students in 3/4 while working on place value and round up or down in number. Students were working independently and collaboratively to further develop their understandings in this area. The lovely weather has allowed some music classes to be held in the courtyard. Students are working on learning about music notation and playing percussion instruments. It is lovely to hear their compositions while walking around the school.

It is timely to remind parents and carers about some very important procedures that we request you follow at Ngunnawal Primary. For a variety of reasons parents or carers will often need to collect their child during the day. Students must be signed out at the front office prior to being collected from their classroom. When students are signed out, parents or carers will be given a yellow slip by front office staff. Parents must hand this slip to the teacher when collecting their child from the classroom. Following this very important procedure allows the school to know where our students are, especially during evacuations.

Teachers have been requested to ask parents or carers to visit the front office and obtain a yellow slip and sign their child out if they arrive without completing these important and very necessary steps.

Last week I held my first *Coffee and Chat* session and talked about Student Welfare at Ngunnawal Primary. Some of the information shared was the process the school follows in supporting students when things have gone askew and the importance of working together with families to achieve positive outcomes. We also discussed different types of programs that students can access, such as lunch clubs and the School Chaplain's role at Ngunnawal Primary. The school acknowledges the importance of building relationships with students and will always work with them in a relational manner. Thank you to everyone who attended, I am looking forward to planning our next *Coffee and Chat* to be held in term 2.

Please remember that the first point of call is your child's class teacher if you have a question or concern. If you require further clarification please contact the front office to make a time to speak with a member of the executive team or myself.

Have a great week.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

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Spotlight on Learning!

Specialist Programs

Music

In music this term students are learning words from the traditional Ngunnawal language through song.



See if you recognise this well-known Australian song.

**Guginya sits in the old Yerradhang,
Merry, merry king of the bush is he.
Birrigai Guginya, Birrigai Guginya,
Gay your life must be!**

Students in K-2 are learning a variety of musical games to reinforce concepts such as beat and rhythm. Rhythm Jump is a popular game which shows children the difference between the note and rest values. Students in year 1/2 classes are also learning how to play the recorder.

Students in years 3 to 6 have started the year focusing on how to write rhythms in common time using a Rhythm Grid. Creating a performance piece using the claves and djembe is the culminating activity. Students will also have an opportunity to learn a stringed instrument this term. Year 3/4 classes will learn the ukulele while year 5/6 classes will learn the guitar.

Belinda R.



Indonesian

In Indonesian this term students are learning words from the Indonesian language.

Selamat Pagi - Good Morning

Selamat Siang - Good day

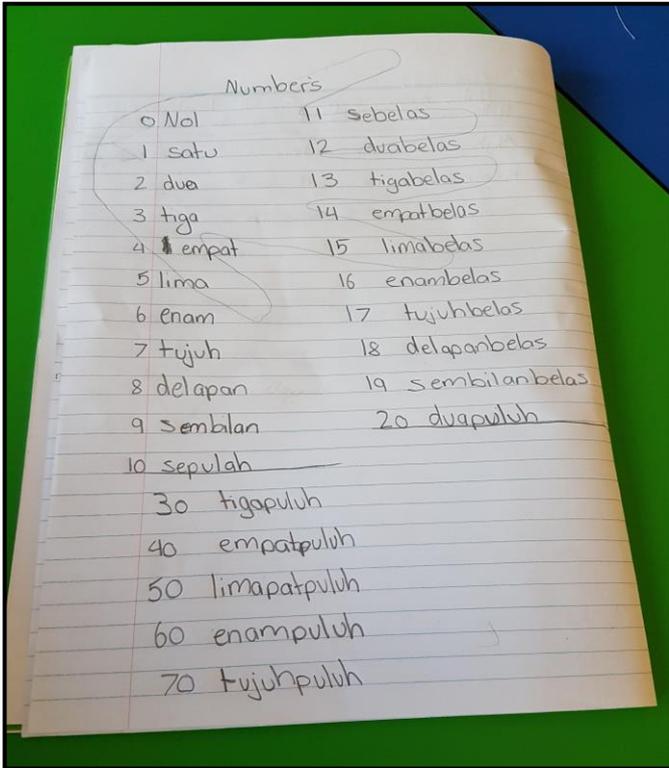
Selamat Tinggal - Goodbye

Students in year 5/6 classes have started focusing on Indonesian words and phrases. Students also have an opportunity to learn Indonesian art by creating their own 'Batik' on a piece of fabric using acrylic paint and glue.

Students will also learn how to write dialogues/ expressions using Indonesian language.

Students in year 1/2 classes have started focusing on Indonesian sounds and how they are different from English sounds. Students will also get an opportunity to learn basic Indonesian words including greetings and numbers.

Kiranbir



TEACH KIDS TO PROBLEM SOLVE

By Michael Grose

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That's fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve.

Of course, if you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. "Mum, my sister is annoying me?" "Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?" "Hey, I can't find my socks!"

It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out.

Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. "What can you do to make her stop annoying you?" "What's the best approach to take with your teacher?" "Socks, smocks! Where might they be?"

Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:

1. **"Can you solve this yourself?"**
Get kids thinking they can do it.
2. **"What do you think needs to happen?"**
Start kids thinking about solving problems.
3. **"What's the first step?"**
Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.
4. **"How would you like me to help?"**
Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.
5. **"What's the best way to do this?"**
Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it's the one that many of us aren't equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.



Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Harmony Day gives students the opportunity to learn about the varied backgrounds of their school friends who live in their community.

On **Wednesday 15 March (week 7)** students will help celebrate this event by wearing something orange or dressing up in their National dress. The whole school assembly will have a multicultural focus. In class, students will talk about cultural diversity and participate in classroom activities.

End of week **Preschool** classes will participate in activities on **Friday 17 March**.

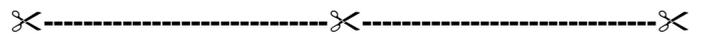
An **indigenous performance** will be held during **week 8** as part of Harmony Day celebrations at Ngunnawal Primary.

Belinda Denmead, Sandra Paliaga, Sharon Genero

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Combined Gungahlin Churches will present the Term 1 Christian Education program (Kinder to Year 6) at Ngunnawal Primary School on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 9:15am (K-2) and 9:50am (3-6).

If you wish your child to attend the Christian Education sessions and have not previously done so, please complete the permission slip below and return to the school.



PERMISSION NOTE - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Christian Education sessions at Ngunnawal Primary School.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Parent/Carer Name: (please print): _____

Date: _____

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

Reminders

- **General Medical Consent Form** (bright yellow card) – please return these as soon as possible as this information is needed for excursions during the year.

Notes Home:

- **Year 6 Shirts & Jumpers** - orders due by Friday 17 March. **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Year 5 Camp (Borambola), 3 - 5 April 2017** – permission notes and payments due by Monday, 27 March.
- **Year 6 Camp (Cooba), 3 - 5 April 2017** – permission notes and payments due by Monday, 27 March.
- **Aqua Safe Program, 27 March to 7 April 2017** – Year 2 students – permission notes and payment **MUST** be returned by Friday, 10 March.
- **IMP Year 5 and Year 6 Bands** – Notes due back ASAP.



P & C News

The Ngunnawal Primary School Parents and Citizens (P & C) Association plays an important part in supporting our wonderful school. We run the school canteen and a second-hand uniform shop, as well as organise events such as school discos and the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls during the year.

To find out more about how you can get involved in the P&C, come along to a meeting (details below), send an email to ngunnawalps_pandc@outlook.com or like us on Facebook.

We meet at 6pm in the school staff room at the front office. Our meeting dates for 2017 are:

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| 27 March | 11 September |
| 15 May | 30 October |
| 19 June | 4 December |

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

Online ordering now available at the School Canteen!

The Ngunnawal Primary School Canteen now offers **online ordering and payment** through Flexischools! Available from your mobile or computer, you can place canteen orders and pay securely online anytime, anywhere! Just go to flexischools.com.au and click 'register'. More information is available from the Canteen.

Personalised name labels for school

Stuck on You have labels for everything your child owns. Their personalised labels stick to just about everything from lunchboxes and drink bottles to clothing, books, school supplies and sports equipment. Dishwasher safe, microwave safe and scratch-resistant, the labels are definitely up to the rough and tumble of the playground and beyond.

Never lose a hat or drink bottle again!! They're a must for every parent!

To order go to: www.stuckonyou.com.au/fundraising/npspc and 20% of all sales will go to the Ngunnawal P & C Association to buy books, equipment and other supplies for students.



The Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association runs a **second-hand uniform shop** once a month during school term. We have a range of items and sizes. Jackets, jumpers and dresses are \$2 and hats, tops, shorts and pants are only \$1 each.

To be notified of the dates and times, 'like' us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Ngunnawal-Primary-PC-Association-221250924740393>

Donations of clean items in good, wearable condition are very much appreciated. Just drop them off at the canteen!

CHOOSE WATER AS A DRINK

Water is the best way to satisfy your thirst – and it doesn't come with the added sugar found in soft drinks, fruit juice drinks and other sweetened drinks.

Milk for children of all ages is a nutritious drink and a great source of calcium.

Give kids whole or cut up fruit to eat, rather than offering fruit juices which contain less fibre.



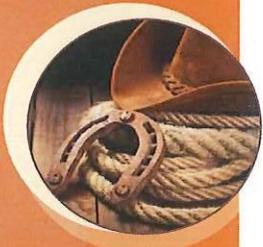
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Communities@Work

Palmerston - Autumn 2017

School Holiday Program



Monday 10

Theme Day: The Wild West

Anything is possible as cowgirls and cowboys take on the sheriff and deputies, relax inside the barn cooking and crafting, or play outside with the coyotes and campfires!

Tuesday 11

Monster Skate Park

The Monster Skate crew cater to all ability levels and create a safe and fun environment for children to develop their skills on skateboards and scooters.

1:30pm - 3:30pm, incursion

Wednesday 12

The Boss Baby

Today we are off to Hoyts Belconnen to watch *The Boss Baby*. The story of a 7 year old boy who is jealous of his new baby brother.

9:00am - 12:30pm, excursion, movie

Thursday 13

Science or Magic?

Children will be introduced to a series of scientific concepts including properties of gases, forces, air pressure, gravity and the relationship between properties of materials and temperature.

1:30pm - 3:30pm, incursion

Friday 14

**Closed for Good Friday
public holiday**

Daily Cost: \$72

Please bring: a packed lunch and morning tea

Monday 17

**Closed for Easter Monday
public holiday**

Tuesday 18

Muttley Crew

At Harrison School, Farmer Dave will teach children how to act safely and behave around dogs, communicate effectively and develop a relationship based on trust and respect. The children might even be lucky enough to meet Alice the white Dingo!

10:00am - 12:00pm, excursion

Wednesday 19

Kiddie Kartz

All budding race car drivers can muck around in go-karts within an inflatable track. Fully trained staff supervise children and ensure their safety as they enjoy the ride!

10:00am - 12:00pm, incursion

Thursday 20

Smurfs: The Lost Village

Today we are off to Hoyts Belconnen to watch *Smurfs: The Lost Village*. A mysterious map sets Smurfette and her best friends on an exciting and thrilling race through the Forbidden Forest filled with magical creatures.

9:15am - 12:30pm, excursion, movie

Friday 21

Inflatable World

The children will jump, climb and challenge themselves on all that Inflatable World has to offer. Bouncing is the key word, which means high energy fun will be had by all. Socks are compulsory.

9:15pm - 12:30pm, excursion

Call: 1300 212 273

Email: enrolments@commsatwork.org

Families wanting to know more information about the holiday programs please follow the link below:

<https://www.commsatwork.org/services/children/>



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!



PIANO LESSONS

Do you have a child interested in learning to play the piano?

Piano teacher, John Bice, currently has some vacancies in his schedule.

If you would like more information regarding piano lessons with John, please contact him on 6254 7238.

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.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:15am.

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PRESENTS



SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2017
10AM - 2PM

LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN
(Black Mountain Peninsula)

Come along and reconnect with Canberra's most well-known aquatic location - Lake Burley Griffin - and all the activities it has to offer!

Event will Feature:

Children's Activities and games / Interactive Displays / Demonstrations / Barbecue / Scavenger hunt Prizes / Giveaways

and much more!

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BRICKS

@ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 18 & SUN 19 MARCH 2017
9AM-4PM

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$10.00/family

For details go to

<http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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