

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 25 May
Junior School
Assembly, 9:15am
(KST, KMA KSM)

Friday 27 May
Musica Viva –
performances at
9:40am and 11:20am

Reconciliation Week
30 May to 3 June
Musica Viva –
performances at
9:40am and 11:20am

Tuesday 31 May
Ngunnawal Primary
Ride or Walk
to School Day

Tuesday 31 May
ICAS Science

Tuesday 31 May
Indigenous
Performance

Wednesday 1 June
Senior School
Assembly, 9:15am
(5/6AP & 5/6GH)

Friday 17 June
Senior and Junior
Athletics Carnivals

PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK PRINCIPALS FOR A DAY

Welcome to Public Education Week! Our names are Sophie and Alex, the proud School Captains at Ngunnawal Primary. We have taken on the role of being the principals for a day at school. Why you might ask? Well, Public Education Week means public schools like Ngunnawal are celebrating their achievements and attitude towards their learning.

This week, some of our kindergarten students had the opportunity to display their work at the Gungahlin Library. They were very excited to show the public their hard work.

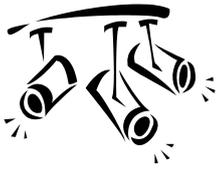
Due to the rain on Monday, the Athletics Carnival was postponed to a later date. Many students were extremely disappointed by this news, however the teachers did not want to take the chance of students getting caught in the rain while walking over to the Amaroo Playing Fields. The Athletics Carnival will now be held on Friday the 17th of June. We hope to see lots of parents there helping out on the day!

As part of our job being principals, we decided to do a few class visits. We visited years 1, 2 and 5/6. In year 1, we saw everyone listening and following instructions quickly and quietly. They were working together in groups and communicating with others well. All students in year 5/6 showed a positive attitude towards their learning and were very engaged while participating in activities. In year 2, Sarah's class was very focused on their handwriting. Everyone was doing their best and trying their hardest to form the letters correctly. When we walked in, a few people lifted their heads but still went on with their work, deep in concentration.

Sophie and Alex

Ngunnawal Primary School Captains





Spotlight on Learning!

MUSIC

NPS students attend weekly specialist music lessons and focus on listening, composing and performing. They learn about the elements of music-rhythm, pitch, dynamics, form and timbre through singing, instrument learning, movement and a range of musical activities.

Students in K-2 learn to differentiate between their singing and speaking voice and how to create a steady beat. In lessons, students learn how to play percussion instruments and progress onto the djembe drum and recorder. In groups, students have opportunities to perform for each other and learn how to be an active performer and a reflective listener.



Students in Years 3 -6 develop their musical knowledge and skill through singing and instrumental learning. At Ngunnawal Primary, we are privileged to offer learning on one or more of the following instruments-the djembe drum, recorder, ukulele, guitar and glockenspiel.

Lessons focus on learning to read music notation, creating and refining pieces and performance skills. Musical games and activities reinforce and develop aural skills and understanding of the elements of music.

Akoustic Odyssey

In addition, during term 2 students have been listening to and learning about a wide range of acoustic instruments from different cultures in preparation for a special musical incursion by 'Akoustic Odyssey'.

On Friday 27 May, 2016 (this Friday!) we will hear the beautiful sounds of the Mediterranean in music and

song as 'Akoustic Odyssey' share their passion for music with us! It will be a wonderful interactive experience. Students have received notes, and parents and carers are invited to join us for the performance free of charge.

Choir

Students may choose to become involved in the Junior Choir (Yr1-2) or Senior Choir (Yr3-6) which meet and rehearse each week. Students work together



to learn and refine songs, develop and improve singing skills and to fine tune performances. Our students enjoy performing and have opportunities to sing at assemblies and other special occasions throughout the year.

Senior choir - Friday 9:40-10:30am in the music room.

Junior Choir - Friday 2:10-3pm in the music room

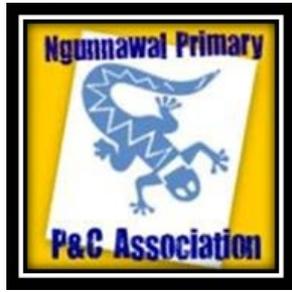
Students in the senior choir may audition for the 'Step into the Limelight' Massed Primary Choir.

Auditions will take place during senior choir time in Week 6 and 7.

Belinda Robertson



YOUR P&C



Over the past few weeks and in the coming weeks there is a truly enormous array of out of school activities happening throughout our school. I'd like to take a moment to highlight the extraordinary efforts of the school executive, teachers, staff and volunteers who are putting their heart and soul into giving our children the very best educational and social experiences. You are real superheroes. Thank you.

Starting on 30 May the P&C will be collecting 5c coins to raise funds to support the school and our children's education. Those few 5c coins that are rattling around in the bottom of your drawer or gathering lint in the depths of your wallet are probably feeling pretty lonely. Bring them into the canteen so they can hang out with other like-minded coins and it won't take long before they start to feel like they can make a difference. Every coin counts. Don't forget to put coins in a bag or envelope with your child's class name written on it and make sure they know to bring it to the canteen. Teachers cannot take donations. The class that saves the most lonely 5c coins wins a prize. Winners will be announced during the week 10 whole school assembly.

On Monday 16 May the P&C held a general meeting. This is the place where you can hear about the activities of the P&C first hand. You can contribute your views and participate in decisions about what the P&C invests its time in. Thanks to those parents who made it to the meeting and helped shape the P&C winter calendar.

We're planning on making a difference; join in and together we can. You can donate in many ways: your time, your expertise, your enthusiasm, your ideas all make a difference. Just being part of the conversation is a worthwhile contribution. If you want information about exactly what it means to volunteer for an event or to take that first tentative step toward participating then please don't hesitate to contact us. There's email, (ngunnawalps_pandc@outlook.com), Facebook and face to face (the canteen). If you want us on your favourite social media let us know and we'll do our best to get connected on it. Check out the Ngunnawal P&C Facebook page for the latest and greatest school community news and events. Search for Ngunnawal Primary P&C Association or if your typing is better than mine, put this into your favourite web browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ngunnawal-Primary-PC-Association-221250924740393>.

In my last article I promised to write about a new P&C constitution and the donation of visualisers to the school. This has had to be delayed; but I'm hoping to get you that information and other news for the next instalment of YOUR P&C.

Ty Newton, P&C President



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 17 May, I was very fortunate to take 18 eager students to the North Gungahlin district cross country carnival. The students showed determination and pride representing Ngunnawal Primary School. I was very proud of their efforts. Lachlan J had a fantastic day finishing second in his race and has now qualified to represent North Gungahlin region at the A.C.T carnival. Well done Lachlan.

Nikki



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

Akoustic Odyssey

Performing at

Ngunnawal Primary

On Friday 27 May, 2016

(Friday Week 5)

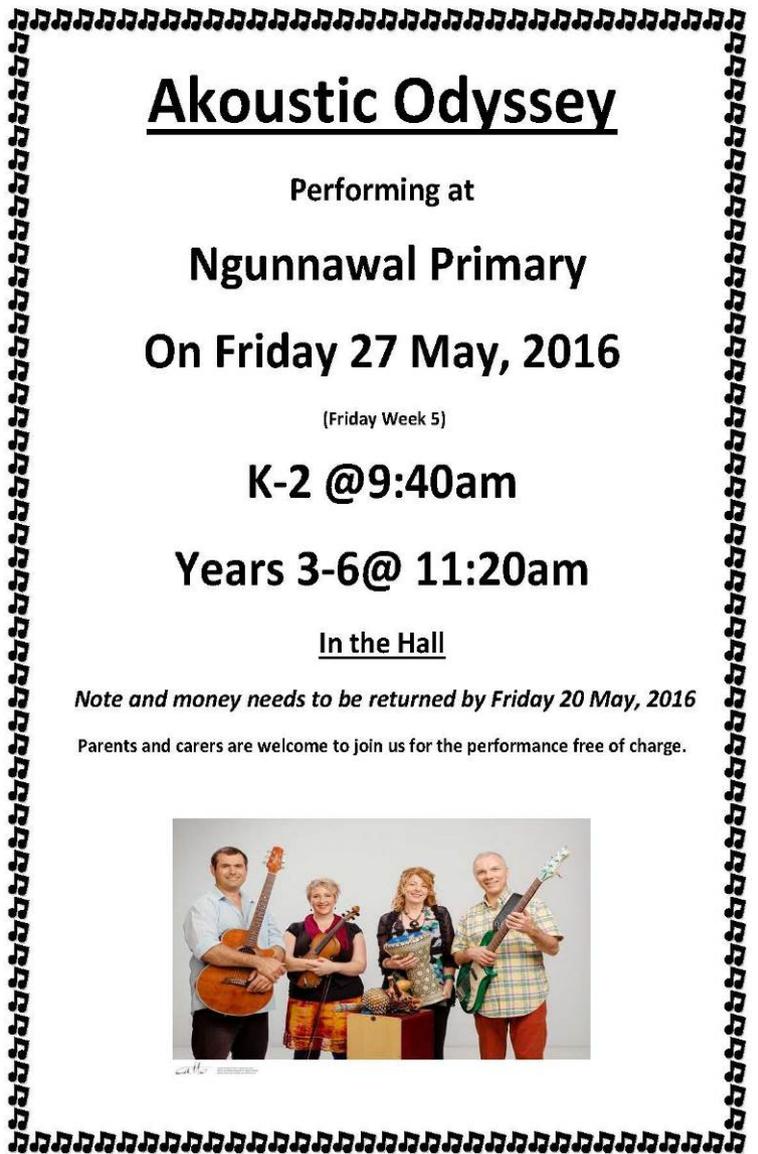
K-2 @9:40am

Years 3-6@ 11:20am

In the Hall

Note and money needs to be returned by Friday 20 May, 2016

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the performance free of charge.



BUNNINGS VISIT TO NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY

On Thursday May 19, Bunnings Gungahlin paid a visit to Ngunnawal Primary School. The purpose of the visit was to run a gardening workshop with a small group of students.

The workshop involved building the garden bed, filling it with soil and planting the vegetables and herbs. The students were taught how to plant each type of plant and what they would need to care for the plants.

We look forward to watching our plants grow and using them in our cooking activities.

Natalie Otten



NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY 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.



UPDATING OF CONTACT DETAILS

Recently we sent home the contact information we currently have for your child. It is important that we have up to date contact information for all students. Can you please amend details as necessary, sign and return this form as soon as possible. Thank you

EACH Childhood Services

EACH CHILD JOEYS PLAYGROUP

A FREE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP



Each Child Joeys is a free 'drop in' supported playgroup.

The group will be facilitated by Michelle who has been part of our team since early 2015. Members of EACH's early intervention team – speech pathologists, occupational therapists and early childhood teachers – will attend in rotation to support the facilitator and provide advice and feedback to families. Sessions include indoor and outdoor play, craft, a snack, music and stories.

Anyone can attend and it will provide you with opportunities to discuss any concerns about your child's development. Current EACH clients are welcome.

Where concerns are identified EACH will offer developmental screening and assessment to see if your child may benefit from early intervention. If that is the case we will help you to get that support.

Dates and times:

- Monday mornings during school term, commencing Monday May 23rd
- 11am – 12.30pm
- Evatt Primary School – in the new building to the left of the main school, directly behind the large rubbish skips
- Please register your interest – contact details below
- You are welcome to drop in to EACH Child Joeys, it is not necessary to commit to attending each week or to have a referral.

EACH Child ACT

Program at Evatt Primary School, Heydon Crescent, Evatt
Phone: 6259 3191
Email: ECIS.act@each.com.au

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1300 00 EACH (1300 00 3224) info@each.com.au
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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.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2016

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Tuesday, 31 May.

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



The Ngunnawal Primary School P&C Association

runs a
second-hand uniform shop
on the
first Friday of every month
during school term.



The shop is **open from 8.45am until 10am** and is located at the back entrance to the canteen, next to the school hall.

We have a range of items and sizes. Jackets, jumpers and dresses are **\$2** and hats, tops, shorts and pants are only **\$1** each. Feel free to pop down and grab yourself a bargain!

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

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

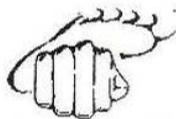
BSB: 032777

Account No.: 001738

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR
CHILD'S NAME AND REASON FOR DEPOSIT
IN THE REFERENCE SECTION.**



*Northside
Traditional*



Taekwon-Do

SELF DEFENCE AND FITNESS

Learn practical self defence, gain confidence and improve your fitness in a supportive and friendly environment. Classes are taught by experienced black belt instructors and are available for men, women and children of all ages

START TODAY

Classes Tuesday and Thursday

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Nicholls Sports Precinct

Community Centre

(between the football ovals

off Clarrie Hermes Drive, Nicholls)

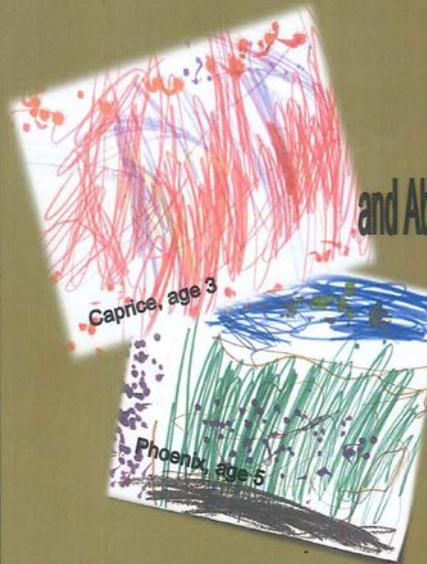
For more information come any night,
phone 6241 9055 or visit our website

www.nttkd.com.au

**MENTION THIS FLIER AND RECEIVE THE
FIRST MONTH FREE**

Starting 17th May!

Deadly Bubs



Parents, Carers
and Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander children

For more information
Call Tammi or Megan
on 62070120
or text 0419035195

At: Gungahlin Child and Family Centre

When: Tuesdays 1-3pm

Bring: Just you and your children



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