PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are only at the start of week three of the new school year. The students have settled in very well and have quickly adapted to the routines of the school day. I am especially impressed with our preschool and kindergarten students who are managing extremely well.

The year five students participated in the IMP music assessments for the Year 5 Band. Once the results have been analysed some students will be offered a place. As in previous years a spot in the IMP Band program is highly sought after and not all students will be successful in gaining a place. All students at Ngunnawal Primary will have the opportunity over the year to participate in a variety of musical programs run at the school. Junior and senior choirs have begun and Belinda Robertson, has commenced drumming with some of her classes. We are awaiting the arrival of some new resources that will further enhance the music opportunities for Ngunnawal Primary students. Watch this space!!!!

Communication is very important at a large school such as Ngunnawal Primary; I urge parents and carers to speak to their child’s class teacher in the first instance or any member of the leadership team to impart information that will support us to provide an optimum learning environment for your child. We truly value the partnerships that we have with families and believe that when we are working together we achieve much stronger outcomes for students. The school newsletter is also another very important conduit for the school to communicate with families. Often there is information about upcoming events and important information about school programs. The newsletter is published each Tuesday and if requested an email with a link to the current newsletter will be sent to you each week or a hard copy can be sent home. The newsletter is always available on the school website: http://www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au/ Getting to Know You interviews are being held this week and are an important part of the new school year. They provide families with the opportunity to give information about their child to the teacher so they are best able to meet the child’s needs. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not yet made a time to come and speak with them. I would like to welcome Jo Maybury to Ngunnawal Primary for the next two weeks. Jo is replacing our Business Manager, who is on leave. I know you will make her welcome.

The P&C operate the school canteen at Ngunnawal Primary and are keen to recruit new volunteers who would like to contribute some time to this valued service at the school. Later in this newsletter you will find a slip that you can fill in, nominating your availability. This is a great way to contribute and to meet new people. There has been a tradition of year five and year six students assisting with over the counter sales in the canteen. Unfortunately we are not able to continue to offer this opportunity to the students at the school.

As always please contact myself or any other member of the leadership team if you have any questions or need to seek clarification.

Until next week, keep smiling.

Kristine Stewart, Principal
4EE and 4MC
Senior Assembly
11 February 2015
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.

NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NLPC) – CAR PARK

The NLPC will be conducting a regular Senior’s activity at the church building on Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm beginning this Thursday, 12 February 2015.

All NLPC parking spaces will be required for this activity and it is important that no vehicles are parked outside of the designated spaces, in turning zones and adjacent to the church hall doors, to ensure the safety of the seniors who will be exiting from the building and carpark at 3pm.

Ngunnawal Primary parents and carers are strongly urged to assist the NLPC by not parking in the church carpark on Thursday afternoons.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2015

Nominations for the election of one (1) parent representative and one (1) staff representative to the Ngunnawal Primary School Board for the period of 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017 have closed.

Based on nominations received, an election to fill the vacant positions will not be needed this year.

Election return forms will be submitted to the Returning Officer later this week and appointments will be published in the newsletter in week 9 of term 1.

Jennifer Lewis,
Assistant Returning Officer

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Senior Assembly

11 February 2015

2015 STATIONERY PACKS

If you have not yet paid for your child(ren)’s stationery pack(s), please contact the front office.
Welcome back to Commonwealth Bank School Banking 2015

This year we our theme is “Outer Space Savers”. All Kindergarten children should have now received the parent packs and all existing school banking students will receive their new perforated rewards chart to let the children know what reward is available throughout the year over the coming weeks when they make a deposit.

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:
- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office. Alternatively there will be an account opening session at Ngunnawal Preschool on 19th and 23rd February from 8.45am by Jo the School Banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank. To open an account at this time you would need to provide a Drivers Licence of Photo ID.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

Should you have any further questions you can contact me at tokleyfamily@bigpond.com

Julie Tokley, Ngunnawal Primary School Banking Co-ordinator

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING

Account Opening Day

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding account opening days at 8.45am on Thursday 19 February and Monday 23 February at the Preschool. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Volunteers Needed

As the number of students banking this year has increased we are seeking some more volunteers to help with the School Banking program. If you have approximately 1 hour on a Thursday morning between 9am to 10am and would like to help process student deposits please let me know. I can be contacted at tokleyfamily@bigpond.com

Julie Tokley
Ngunnawal Primary CBA School Banking Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The canteen at Ngunnawal Primary operates five days per week and is run by the school P&C. We are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help out so we can continue to offer our excellent service for Ngunnawal Primary School children. Helping in the canteen is a fantastic way to meet new people and be involved in the P&C.

All volunteers must hold a current ACT Working with Vulnerable People card. Applications forms and advice can be obtained from the front office of Ngunnawal Primary School. No costs are associated for volunteers when applying.

Please drop in or call Chantelle or Tammy on 6253 8142 if you would like further information about volunteering in the canteen.

Thank you
Ngunnawal Primary P&C

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

I would like to volunteer to assist in the school canteen. My preferences are indicated below.

Monday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Tuesday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Wednesday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Thursday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm
Friday 9am - 11 am 11am - 1pm 12noon – 2pm

Weekly Fortnightly Once a Term

Signature: _________________________ Tel No: ____________

Please Print Name: ____________________________
Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Confirmation Dates for 2015
(For children in Year 6 or older):

Parent AND Child Information Session:
Tuesday 24 February 1:00pm OR 7:00pm
Commitment Mass followed by Enrolment:
Saturday 28 February at 6pm OR
Sunday 1 March at 9:30am OR 5:30pm
Celebration of the Sacrament:
At Mass on 27 May, 3 June and 5 June

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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

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