PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Concert week is upon us! I am really looking forward to the performances; it is one of my favourite times of the year. The juniors kick off tonight with the Little Big Gig beginning promptly at 6.00pm followed by the Big Gig tomorrow evening. Please make sure your children arrive at their classroom units on time. Children can be collected from their units after the concert has finished. We do ask that parents and their guests stay for the whole concert as it is very disruptive to the other performances when people get up and leave mid-way through.

Thank you to the parents who alerted us to a disturbance that involved some of our students yesterday afternoon. Your prompt action enabled us to take immediate action and make sure that the issue was resolved and all students were able to continue on their way home. I encourage families to alert us to any worry or concern that their child may have as we are keen to work with and support them to resolve issues using appropriate strategies. Next year the school will adopt a program called Friendly Schools. This is a research based program that will explicitly focus on teaching strategies to build resilience. Friendly Schools is the first anti-bullying initiative for schools developed through extensive research with Australian children and adolescents. It is recognised nationally and internationally as a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to student health and wellbeing.

Please let the front office or your child’s teacher know if your child is finishing the year early to go on holidays. While we know that this is unavoidable in some circumstances, we encourage all children to remain at school until the last day of term. Reports will be sent home on Friday 12 December and portfolios will be sent home on Wednesday 17 December.

As always please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the executive team to discuss a question you may have or to seek clarification. We truly value the feedback we receive from our community and believe that we can achieve great results for our students when we work together.

See you at the ‘Little Big’ and ‘Big’ Gigs.

Kind regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the families that have made a voluntary contribution this year.

Contributions are still being gratefully received.

2014 Voluntary Contributions are:

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**Junior Choir**
The Junior Choir has had a very busy and successful year. The choir has performed at assemblies and also enjoyed performing for families and friends at Learning Journey. They are looking forward to performing at the Little Big Gig tonight and are excited to be singing at the upcoming Community Christmas Carols!

Congratulations to all choir members on their commitment and wonderful singing voices!

*Cathryn*

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**Senior Choir**
The Senior Choir has had a most successful year, performing at assemblies, on Grandfriends’ Day and participating in Reconciliation Australia’s Sing Loud competition. Choir members are looking forward to performing at the Big Gig on Wednesday and the Community Christmas Carols in week 9.

Congratulations to all members for their dedication and beautiful singing voices.

*Karon and Peter*

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**Year 5 Band**
The year 5 band has enjoyed a very successful year. Three clarinet players have been offered the chance to change instruments for 2015. Taylah will be playing the alto saxophone, Ethan will play the tenor saxophone and Grace will play the bass clarinet. Congratulations to those students.

*Stacey*

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**Year 6 Band**
Term 4 has been exceptionally busy for students in the year 6 band. The highlight was Bandstravaganza where all Instrumental Music Program (IMP) bands from year 6 onwards come together for a concert at Llewellyn Hall. Our students played beautifully and were inspired by the high school bands which performed after their item.

To finish the term the band is looking forward to playing at the Community Carols evening and at their graduation in week 9.

*Kristy*
SCIENCE @ NGUNNAWAL
Quiz Questions:
1. Which type of penguin is the largest?
2. True or False? Acids have a pH below 7.
3. Compared to Earth, is the force of gravity on Mars stronger, weaker or the same?
4. Name the two types of photoreceptors found in the retina?
5. What do the letters MRI stand for?
   (Hint: it’s a medical technique.)

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Emperor penguins are the largest type of penguin.
2. True. Acids have a pH lower than 7.
3. Compared to Earth, gravity is weaker on Mars.
4. Rods and cones are two types of receptors in the eye.
5. MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging.

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2015
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.

There is one (1) vacancy for a parent representative on the Nggunawal Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. Election of the parent representative will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2015 school year as set out below.

Nomination period:
Opens – 11:00am on Monday 2 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 16 February 2015.

Voting period (if election is required):
Opens - 11:00am on Monday 23 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 2 March 2015.

The successful candidates will be announced by Monday, 30 March 2015.

If you are interested in being a member of the Nggunawal Primary School Board for 2015-2017 and 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 will be available from the school front office from Monday, 2 February 2015. If you would like to have a form before that date, please contact the school front office on 6205 8182.

Jennifer Lewis,
Assistant Returning Officer

Whole School Assembly,
26 November 2014

S.P.E.C.T.R.A. AWARDS
Congratulations to Lachlan H and Ainsley H for achieving their Science SPECTRA awards. Lachlan completed the Rocks, Soil and Sand card and Ainsley completed the Outdoor Science card. Well done to the brother and sister duo!

Left:
The Nggunawal Jets Hockey Teams presented Nikki Van Huizen and Brett Northey with miniature hockey sticks signed by team members as a thank you for coaching and managing them in the recent Championstix Hockey Tournament.

Right:
BEST LISTENING CLASS – 3PL

2014 Market Day

Raffle Prize Draws
Market Day 2014
3KW and 3N
Whole School Assembly, 26 Nov 2014
Summer Intensive French Courses

Learning French is so much fun!

Two weeks: 12 – 23 January 2015
Snack included!

Pre-Kindy, Kindy & Children:
Tuesday to Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Teens:
Monday to Friday from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

You can enrol online, by telephone on 6247 5027, or better still drop in for a visit.

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