FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers

What an extraordinarily busy week we have had. As you know last week was Book Week and Science Week, and we celebrated both. On Wednesday it was wonderful to see so many big and little people dressed up for book week. The assembly was a sea of colour. Everyone participated in the book week parade to great applause and fanfare.

On Friday the whole school celebrated Science Week by participating in two investigations, one involving constructing paper airplanes and the other involving acids and bases. The investigations were ably led by students from 5/6L and supported by other 5/6 students. As I roamed around the school I could hear older students explaining, teaching and supporting younger students. It was wonderful to see.

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week and to celebrate this event we are holding our first family maths night. It kicks off at 5:30pm tonight, with sausages available for purchase from 5:00pm. We have had over 100 RSVPs, so we have moved the session into the hall. Please feel free to come on down, learn a new game or activity that you can play at home to reinforce fundamental maths skills with your children.

Also this week, the Ngunnawal Angels are hosting a morning tea in the Library on Wednesday. Come in meet some others and find out ways in which you can contribute to the Ngunnawal community. The Angels meet each week straight after assembly, about 9:40am in the annex part of the staff room.

I’d like to remind you that our annual Learning Journey and Grandfriends’ Day is coming up. It will be on Thursday, 11 September, from 8:30am through to 10:00am, with a concert in the hall to culminate the event. Invitations will come home later this week, so mark the date in your calendar now.

Lastly we have a lot of lost property! When items are labelled with a name they are returned to the child’s classroom promptly. Unfortunately unlabelled belongings are impossible to return, so are given to the P&C clothing pool twice a term. Please assist us in returning lost belongings by making sure they are clearly labelled with children’s first and last names.

To keep your children safe from the sun all students are required to have a sun smart hat for PE activities and play time. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear at school each day.

Hope you have a great week.

Regards

Danielle

Deputy Principal

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call and advise the front office staff on 6205 8182 by 9:30am
This year we have been lucky to have kindergarten as our special buddies. We have worked cooperatively in many activities. Some of the activities have been reading stories, creating drawings and colourful mask using warm or cool colours, writing our names and turning them into alien artwork, of course lots of dancing, listening to stories on the smart board and lots of games and skill. We have really enjoyed being big buddies and role models for our younger buddies.

During term 3, students from years 2 and 3 have been participating in 4 weeks of hockey clinics run by Hockey A.C.T. Tamika from the Women’s A.C.T Strikers team has been our expert coach. During these sessions students learnt the basics of rules of hockey and the skills of dribbling, pushing and tackling. They finished off the 4 weeks with a fun game. Fun was had by students and teachers.

What fabulous costumes we had this year in Yerrabi for Book Week 2014. We all enjoyed the parade in the hall.

Kellie-Anne, Nikki, Peter Kaili, Brett
SCIENCE UPDATE: SCIENCE WEEK ROTATION

It was absolutely wonderful to see the whole school simultaneously actively engaged in two science investigations:

- **Aerodynamics** – “What happens to the distance a plane flies when we change the weight of the paper we make it from?”
- **Acids and Bases (vinegar and bicarbonate of soda)** – “What happens to the fizz level when we change the amount of bicarbonate of soda that we add?”

The Science Leaders did an amazing job of leading the sessions in 24 groups, teaching a multi-age group of students (K-6) how to go about these investigations. Some were exhilarated by the experience and others came back saying “I don’t know how you teachers do this every day!”

Part of the investigation was to reflect on what was learned and what was enjoyable about the investigations. Here are some comments from the students.

**We have learned that:**
- “different materials fly different distances”
- “a plane has 4 forces acting on it when it flies”
- “how to make an awesome paper plane that flies really well”
- “that just because the material is light that doesn’t mean it will go further”
- “acids and bases react with each other and makes bubbles and fizzes”
- “the more bicarbonate of soda you add to the vinegar the more it fizzes”
- “vinegar is an acid and bicarbonate of soda is a base”.

**What we liked about the investigation:**
- “it was fun, amazing and fabulous”
- “we got to make and fly paper planes in class!”
- “working with the group”
- “talking to new people”
- “it was funny watching the bubbles”
- “we liked the fizziness and doing the experiment”
- “we liked the part where we tested the planes”
- “that we all took turns”
- “we liked that we got to work with other students”.

Well done everyone!

**Karon**

**Quiz Questions:**

1. In what century was the Gregorian calendar (the calendar we use today) introduced?
2. What is the glowing wire inside an electric light bulb called?
3. What fluid is produced from the sudoriferous glands in people?
4. What is the Ebola disease caused by? Is it: a) a virus; b) a bacterium; or c) a fungus.
5. What is a baby elephant also known as?

**Science Quiz Answers:**

1. The Gregorian calendar was introduced in the 16th Century. (the 1500s).
2. The filament is the glowing wire in an electric light bulb.
3. Sweat is produced from the sudoriferous glands.
4. a) The Ebola disease is caused by a virus.
5. A baby elephant is also known as a calf.

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**2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS**

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted this term. A letter was sent home last week with further details. The survey opens on 11 August and closes on 29 August 2014. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) are asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools.

The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won’t take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development.

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**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Charlotte C and Ella C, members of the Gungahlin Physie and Dance Club, who competed in the Physical Culture section at the recent Moruya Eisteddfod. Charlotte won First Place in the 5 year old heats and Ella came fourth in the 7 year old heats.

We are always happy to hear about and acknowledge Ngunnawal Primary student success in extra curricular activities and interests.
Book Week Parade
20 August 2014
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2W and 2F Assembly
20 August 2014
NGUNNAWAL ANGELS

• meet on Wednesdays, 9:40am to 10:40am, 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!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

STEP INTO THE LIMELIGHT 2014

Ngunnawal Primary will be participating in the Step into the Limelight massed primary choir.

Step into the Limelight is the major arts showcase for ACT public schools and will include over 1300 students from ACT public schools in 2014. The program involves school-based rehearsals, combined rehearsals and participation in performance week culminating with a performance in front of an audience of 1700 people at the AIS Arena.

Tickets
If you would like to be a member of the audience for the main stage performances, tickets for Step into the Limelight are on sale through Ticketek on 13 2849 or http://premier.ticketek.com.au/.

Please make sure when you are purchasing tickets you order for Thursday 28 August as that is the only day our students will be performing as part of the Step into the Limelight program. Each school’s performance night is also listed on the Ticketek website. Student performers do not need a ticket.

Tickets went on sale Monday August 4.

Costs:
$29.65 Adult
$16.00 Junior/Child
$24.00 Concession
$76.00 Family (4)
$24.00pp (Group of 8+)

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