FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers

It finally feels like spring might be here. We have had a lovely start to September. It is much easier to remember your hat when it is so sunny like it has been over the past few days. A sun smart hat is a vital part of school uniform for the spring and summer terms. Please make sure your child’s name is clearly marked in the hat to make its return possible if it gets lost. If children do not have a sun smart hat for play times and the class spares have all been borrowed they can only play under the fixed shelters. This is to protect them from the damaging high UV levels we have in Canberra.

If you have a child in year 3 or year 5 you would have received your child’s NAPLAN report last week. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy is a national test conducted each May for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is conducted over three days and assesses children’s proficiency in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions, which includes grammar and spelling. These assessments are a snapshot of a child’s learning at a particular point in time. The information gathered gives both Federal and Local government broad information about educational outcomes across the country. If you have any questions about your child’s results please don’t hesitate to talk to your child’s class teacher, one of the executive team or Kristine or myself. We are happy to answer any queries.

Finally I’d like to remind you about Learning Journey this Thursday. I hope you are able to make it to this year’s event. The students and teachers have been busily working away to choose what activities to share with our special visitors. I look forward to seeing you there!

Hope you have a great week.

Regards

Danielle

Danielle Porter
Deputy Principal
Some classes from kindergarten to year 6 have sessions in the Computer Lab with me each week. The kindergarten students are such a delight as they steadily become proficient in the basics of logging on with their unique logins and passwords. Most of them can do that fairly smoothly now and can then go on to work independently online in Reading Eggs. Year 1 students have been consolidating the basic login procedures and working in Reading Eggs and Mathletics online.

Years 2 to 6 have been practising their computer skills in Word Processing and accessing the Internet for information. They are learning how to work between a document in Word and a website to find pictures which they insert into their documents. They are also supporting their learning in maths and reading with the online programs Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Well done students!
The 2014 Indigenous Literacy Foundation Great Book Swap
Thankyou to everyone that supported the 2014 Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) Great Book Swap by bringing in their books and donating a gold coin. This is the third year Ngunnawal Primary has supported the Great Book Swap. The children enjoyed the day. We raised $392 which is a record for the school. The money will be sent to the ILF, a not-for-profit charity which aims to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous children living in remote and isolated regions. This is done through the delivery of books and literacy resources, publishing and visits to remote communities. In addition, the Foundation advocates to raise community awareness of Indigenous literacy issues.

A big thank you to Karin Tamsett, Wendy Bardsley and Natalie Stray for helping with the set up and the running of the day.

Thank you again for your support.  

Belinda Day, Koori Pre Teacher.

ICAS Writing and Spelling Certificate Recipients

Gungahlin District Athletics
Placegetters – Dimity B & Daniel C.

Kate, Nicole and Peter
2014 Public Education Excellence Award Nominees

Best Listening Class
2W
Whole School Assembly
Kindergarten
P&C News

The Fete is coming…..

What are we doing at the fete?

Trash and Treasure

Do you have things that you don't want any more? Is your house or garage cluttered with nice but unused items? Then the trash and treasure part of the fete is for you. For a small site fee, you can have an area within the specially marked trash and treasure area on the oval. Bring along all of your items and go home with extra cash in your pockets. Send an email to the P&C for your registration form NOW!!!

Stalls

Do you or anyone you know make, design or sell products? Perhaps a stall at the Ngunnawal Primary School fete is the way to get your business noticed and make some sales just in time for Christmas. We had a lot of stalls last year and plan to grow it even more this year. Send an email to the P&C and get your registration form in quick to secure a good spot.

Cake/Toy/Book stall

Get those recipes out, dust off some books and toys and donate them to the canteen so that we can sell them at the fete. Last year, the Preschool did a fantastic job of organising the cake/book/toy stall and it was a sell out!! The preschool team have kindly offered to do this again so start planning now.

Show rides and fun

We will be having a number of show rides, entertainment, and fun things to do throughout the day so come along and be part of the action.

There will also be plenty of food, showbags, lucky dips and much, more.

We need your help…..

This is a huge task and we can't do it without the help of parents and carers. Can you spend a few hours assisting with setup, running or cleaning up for this fantastic fundraiser for our children? Drop me a line at the P&C email account.

Feel free to phone or email me with any comments or questions about how your P&C can help enhance our school. There’s also the suggestion box at the front office to make it easy or our newly set up Facebook page.

Adam Smith
President, Ngunnawal P&C Committee
ngunnawalpandccommittee@gmail.com

NGUNNAWL 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
- stay as long as you can, whenever you can.
- children are welcome (there are toys to play with!)

Hope to see you there!

Bronwyn, Chaplain

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SCIENCE UPDATE:

Quiz Questions:

1. What is the larval stage of a frog called?
2. Which metal is used in galvanising to coat steel and prevent rusting?
3. How many ribs does a person typically have?
4. The standard definition of a second is measured using light from atoms of which element?
5. Where would you find the dwarf planet Ceres? Is it:
   a) between Mars and Jupiter;  b) between Jupiter and Saturn, or  c) between Saturn and Uranus?

Science Quiz Answers:

1. A tadpole is the larval stage of a frog.
2. Zinc is used in galvanising to prevent steel from rusting.
3. People typically have 24 ribs.
4. Caesium atoms are used for the standard definition of a second.
5. a) Ceres is found between Mars and Jupiter.

French for Kids @ Ngunnawal
(For children aged 4 – 12 years)

Give your child the opportunity to learn another language!

Start Date/Time: 13 October 2014; 3.15 pm
End Date/Time: 17 December 2014; 4.00pm.

Venue: Ngunnawal PS Library

Tuesday or Wednesday classes available

Register your interest with Sarah Mak @0431252768 or email to sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au

and visit our website www.lcfclubs.com.au