PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2015 school year! We extend a very warm welcome to new families to our school community and we are pleased to have returning families back. The beginning of the year has gone smoothly and it was especially wonderful to see our preschool and kindergarten students turn up on Monday wearing their biggest smiles. All students have settled well into their classes and learning is well underway.

All of us here at Ngunnawal Primary School highly value the partnership we have with all parents and carers in the education of our students. We encourage you to offer assistance in the classroom especially if you have expertise that will add to the rich learning programs at the school. We also extend an invitation to all parents and carers to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their learning or to clarify any questions you may have.

The leadership team at Ngunnawal Primary for 2015 is:

Kristine Stewart  Principal
Danielle Porter  Deputy Principal
Stacey Naden Executive Teacher (Preschool and Kindergarten)
Sarah Milligan Executive Teacher (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)
Anna McGown Executive Teacher (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
Marika Vrieling Literacy and Numeracy Field Officer
Kirralee Larkin Business and Facilities Manager

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY’S NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE!

Following careful consideration and discussion, the Ngunnawal Primary School Board resolved to move from a paper-based to an electronic based newsletter.

The newsletter can be accessed each week via the Ngunnawal Primary School website at: www.ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

The newsletter link will be emailed to families who request this option.

Paper copies of the newsletter will be provided to families who do not have access to the internet.

Please complete the form below indicating your preferred option(s) for accessing the school newsletter each week and return to the school as soon as possible.

REQUEST FOR EMAIL REMINDER OR PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Family Name:  ______________________________
Student Name: __________________Class: _____
(youngest attending Ngunnawal Primary)
Parent/Carer Signature: _________________________

[ ] Please send an email reminder with the newsletter link to our family each week. Our email address is: ______________________________________

OR

[ ] Please continue to provide our family with a paper copy of the school newsletter.

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Over the holiday period four major projects were undertaken at the school. The school carpark has been extended and there are now twenty extra parking spots that should alleviate some of the congestion that was experienced in 2014. The preschool grounds are looking magnificent with the new artificial turf; children and teachers are enjoying the soft texture underfoot. Painting of the two older transportable classrooms and the canteen were completed, giving them a very much needed refresh and finally the biggest project of the four was the installation of the year five transportable classrooms. I would like to thank our very capable Business Manager, Kirralee Larkin who managed all of these projects from the school end to make sure that everything was ready before the students returned to school. The year five building still needs some work, such as painting and finishing some decking. This will be completed during the term one holiday.

The school will hold an Information Evening on **Tuesday 10 February** followed by Getting to Know you Interviews on **Tuesday 17 February and Wednesday 18 February**. Teachers will outline routines, programs, expectations and upcoming events. You will receive information about this today together with a form to complete. This form will provide teachers with information that will allow them to plan the best possible learning program for your child.

We are pleased to welcome new and returning staff to Ngunnawal Primary this year. Majella Shanahan and Sharon Genero join the preschool team, Stephney Tyler and Mary Aranguiz join the Kindergarten team, Tanya Matthews and Elise Meredith join the year three team, Larry Stackpoola joins the year four team, Lachlan Hennessy joins the year five team, Gina Harrop and Alex Black join the year six team and finally but by no means least, Belinda Robertson joins us as the music release teacher.

**Anaphylactic Allergy Alert NUT and EGGS**

All parents are requested to support the safety and wellbeing of all our students. A number of children at Ngunnawal Primary School suffer from severe, life threatening, allergic reactions when exposed to or ingesting specific foods, known as anaphylaxis.

To prevent potential exposure to these foods, we ask that **NO NUTS or EGGS** be brought to school at any time. This includes nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella, egg sandwiches or fried rice that includes egg. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Please feel free to contact myself or any member of the leadership team if to discuss any question or concern you may have.

Until next week, keep smiling.

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal
OUR TEAM FOR 2015

Leadership Team
Principal Kristine Stewart
Deputy Principal Danielle Porter
Executive Teacher Anna McGown
Executive Teacher Sarah Milligan
Executive Teacher Stacey Naden
Literacy & Numeracy Field Officer Marika Vreiling

Gundaroo (Kindergarten)
KCB Chris Beltrame
KCC Carmel Coles
KCG Cecilia Brunker
KMA Mary Aranguiz
KST Stephney Tyler

Brindabella
1CD Catherine Dray
1CT Cathryn Matto
1CT Chloe Templeton
1WL Wendy Lee

Namadgi
2CB Courtney Boyd
2SK Sharee Hodge and Kate North

Budawang
2ES Estelle Stanton-Yeaman
2HR Hannah Ross

Yerrabi
3EM Elise Meredith
3JS Jill Smith
3KA Kellie-Anne Salway
3TM Tanya Matthews

Redwood
4EE Eloise Eldridge
4FE Fergus Edwards
4LS Larry Stackpoole
4MC Melissa Cook

Year 5 Demountable
5LH Lachlan Hennessy
5LI Laurie Imhoff
5SF Stacey Frances

Wiradjuri
6GA Gina Harrop and Alex Black
6KW Kristy Williamson
6NK Nicole Kent

Preschool
Teacher Emma Boyle
Teacher Janice Schroder
Teacher Majella Shanahan
Teacher Shirley Larsen
Teacher Sharon Genero
Koori Preschool Teacher Belinda Day
Educator Lyndy Parker
Educator Kerryn Price
Educator Caroline Evans
Educator (Koori) Belinda Kinchela-Bashford

Specialist Programs
Year 5 Band Stacey Francis
Year 6 Band Kristy Williamson
ICT Jan Henyion
Indonesian Gloria Ross
PE Release Nikki van Huizen
Music Release Belinda Huizen
School Psychologist Karen Marton
Chaplain TBC

Learning Support Centre Natalie Otten
EALD Tracey Blackmore
Monica Dray
Belinda Denmead

Administration Staff
Business Manager Kirralee Larkin
School Secretary Jennifer Lewis
School Assistant Karina Murphy
Building Service Officer Peter Dray

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)
Preschool Support Allison Wilson
Year 1 Kerry O’Rourke
Year 2 and 4 Debbie Gilbert
Year 3 Brett Northey
Years 5 and 6 Janelle Chapman
Years 5 and 6 James Blundell
Years 5 and 6 Kerrie Thruckettle

Library Technician Karin Tamsett
Indigenous Education Officer Belinda Kinchela-Bashford
Teaching Support Lisa Buchanan

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.
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MEDICAL INFORMATION
All requests for staff to administer medication and/or medical treatment must be in writing, setting out exact procedures. Students are not to bring medication without written advice.

Each request will then be assessed in relation to the Directorate’s First Aid Policy and the school’s ability to follow through. All medication is to be kept at the front office to ensure safety for all concerned. Your cooperation ensures a safe environment. If you have any queries please contact the school. If your child has any of the following conditions an Emergency Treatment Plan must be completed and returned ASAP:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Any other medical condition for which your Doctor has recommended the school needs an Emergency Treatment Plan.

These forms can be collected from the Front Office.

SIGN IN / OUT BOOK
Parents who are bringing their children to school after 9:30am or taking them out of the school for any reason during school hours, must sign the student Sign In / Out book which is located on the counter at the office. This needs to be signed, both when leaving and when returning to school.

PARENTING AGREEMENTS – CUSTODY ORDERS – PROTECTION ORDERS
If your child/ren is/are subject to a custody order, parenting agreement or protection order, the school needs to know. Copies of these documents are kept in a confidential file and teachers are informed on a “need to know” basis. Please see the Principal or Deputy Principal.

BRIMMED HATS
In line with the ACT Department of Education’s Sun Protection Policy, students at Ngunnawal Primary School must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside at all times except for June and July. It has been brought to our attention that some students are wearing baseball caps which offer no protection to the ears and back of the neck. The correct hats are available from the front office: bucket hat $8.

The safety and well-being of your children is very important to us. To assist us in providing a safe play environment for your child we need to ensure all hats have their cords removed to prevent choking accidents. There are brimmed hats available with special safety release cords. If your child has one of these there is no need to remove the cord.

BIKES & OTHER WHEELED DEVICES
If students ride bicycles or scooters to school they must wear a helmet. Bicycles and scooters must be placed in the locked bicycle compound which is out-of-bounds during the day. The compound is locked during school hours but bike compounds are not theft proof. We do recommend that students bring a lock and secure their bike or scooter within the compound. For the safety of all students no wheeled devices (including skateboards, in-line skates and scooters) are to be ridden in the school playground at any time. Skateboards and in-line skates are not considered to be safe transport to and from school for primary-aged children.

The school will not accept responsibility for the care of any wheeled device or associated equipment.

Students must dismount bikes and other wheeled devices before using school crossings.

ASSEMBLIES
School assemblies are held each Wednesday morning at 9:15am. We invite parents to join us to share in the achievements and presentations that celebrate student success and achievement at Ngunnawal Primary School.

A whole school assembly is generally held every two weeks, with Junior and Senior assemblies occurring on a rotating roster in the alternate weeks.

ABSENTEEISM
Please call the school to notify if your child will be absent. If students have not arrived in class by 9:15am, the front office will contact parents by phone to verify student absences. If a student is absent from school, a written note must be sent to the class teacher stating the date and acknowledging that the student had permission to be absent.

TRANSPORT
Where private or hire vehicles are used for excursion activities, the owner and/or driver must ensure that they carry the required licence and that the vehicle is registered and roadworthy. Owner/drivers need to ensure the insurance cover is valid and appropriate for the excursion and that loading does not exceed the seat belt provision of the vehicle. A copy of the driver’s licence and insurance must be sighted and copied prior to students travelling in a private or hire vehicle. A volunteer’s form must also be completed prior to transporting students.

STUDENT SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that there is no direct supervision of children in the playground between 8:30am and 9:00am. The Library opens each morning at 8:30am for student borrowing. It is desirable that students be dropped off at school as close as possible to 9.00am. If children need assistance before school they should contact the front office for assistance.

Before 9am students are required to stay within the courtyard of the school. Playing on equipment is not permitted.

School concludes at 3.00pm and children should go directly home unless they are attending After School Care. Please ensure that your children know the correct procedures for going home each day.

PRECIOUS ARTICLES / VALUABLES / MOBILE PHONES
Parents are asked to ensure that students do not bring precious articles or toys to school. It is extremely distressing for students if valuables are lost or broken. They can also cause a disruption to lessons. Please make prior arrangements with teachers before any “treasures” are brought to school for news. Mobile phones and iPods are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal or Deputy Principal. These items must be handed in at the front office prior to 9am each day and will be stored at the front office until 3pm when they can be collected by students.
Come and play AFL with the Gungahlin Jets
Your local junior AFL club since 2000
Junior Registration Days
Saturday 14th and 21st February
9.30am to 1pm outside Coles Gungahlin
Boys and Girls aged from 5 to 17 welcome
“Live local – Train local”

SCOUTS
= Adventure + Life Skills
Scouting is for boys and girls aged 6-25 years. Scouts participate in programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests.
Come and try Scouts today and take advantage of our 3 week FREE trial.
Visit scoutsact.com.au to find your closest Scout Group or call 1800 SCOUTS

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