PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has passed and we have seen great progress with the building work on the new preschool demountable building which has arrived. The work is progressing well and is on target to be completed for term two. Below are two pictures of the demountable arriving and being put in place.

Traffic congestion continues to be an area of concern not only for us at the school but also members of our community. I received a letter last week about cars not stopping for students at the school crossing on Wanganeen Avenue. I urge our families to be vigilant and stop and give way to pedestrians who use this as a safe place to cross the road. We spend a lot of time talking to students about how to use the crossing in a safe manner. We thank you and appreciate you reinforcing this important message at home with your children.

During my class visits last week I was able to spend time with students and discuss their learning with them. I was particularly impressed by students in 3KA and their learning about place value. Students were very keen to tell me why it is important to know about place value when working with numbers. I also received a number of visitors from various classes who came to share their quality work. Faaiz, Ned, Emily, Noor, Alex, Devaras, Liana, Thomas, Haider, Harrison and Jermaine from 1E have been learning all about fractions, in particular quarters. Students were even able to add fractions to work out that $1/4+1/4+1/4+1/4=1$. When I was discussing fractions with them they told me that knowing about quarters is important as it helps you to divide things like pizzas into four equal parts. Nahida, Anna and Zainab from 3P have been working really hard learning how to do cursive handwriting, while Liang and Charlotte from KCC have been making fantastic progress with reading and writing. I am so proud of our students’ efforts and look forward to seeing more great learning over the coming weeks.

Voting for the School Board parent representative positions closed yesterday at 11.00am. Results should be known shortly. Ngunnawal Primary is so fortunate to have such an interested and involved community. Thank you to all those who nominated for election, it is wonderful to see so many people interested in this key role in the school.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any one of the executive team to discuss or clarify any questions you may have.

Have a great week 5.

Kristine
Kristine Stewart,
Principal
In Namadji and Budawang year 2 students are loving morning reading groups. Thank you to the parents who have been spending time in our classrooms to help us with our reading. If you are interested in helping during reading groups please see your child’s teacher.

Another enjoyable aspect of our reading program is our weekly visit to the Library where we love to browse and read some of the 46,000 books that are to be found on the shelves.

We are able to borrow three books from either non-fiction or fiction sections, if we have remembered a library bag!

Estelle, Lisa, Sharee, Fergus, Wendy
ACTION SCHOOL BUS SERVICE ROUTE REVIEW

Action Buses will review school bus routes if there is sufficient demand from suburban areas which are not currently serviced. We are seeking feedback from families who reside in the vicinity of Bungaree Crescent, Ngunnawal who have students attending Ngunnawal Primary and who would use an Action School Bus Service to and from Ngunnawal Primary. Please submit the following details to the school front office:

- street in which you reside
- number of students who would use the service.

SCIENCE UPDATE

The SPECTRA orders are rolling in. If you are interested in being part of the voluntary Science awards program get your order in so we can get things happening!

Need more information or an order form? Please see Karon Campbell, the Science Specialist or ask your teacher.

This week's quiz questions

**Quiz Questions**

1. What galaxy is our solar system part of?
2. True or false: molluscs have mainly hard bodies.
3. Approximately how much bigger is Saturn than Earth: a) 5 times, b) 10 times, or c) 15 times?
4. Where is the thinnest skin on your body?
5. A recent CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology climate change study found that the annual average of very high or extreme fire danger days in Canberra is likely to increase, from the present 23.1 days to how many days by 2020: a) 24.1 to 25.3, b) 25.6 to 28.6, or c) 30.1 to 30.5?

**Science Quiz Answers**

1. The Milky Way
2. False; they have soft bodies.
3. b) About 10 times.
4. Your eyelids.
5. b) 25.6 to 28.6 days of very high or extreme fire danger.

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday last week, 24 Ngunnawal Primary students travelled to the AIS to compete in our school swimming carnival. Several students entered in multiple races and all did a fabulous job at doing their best!

All students behaved very well and it was a delight to see them cheering on their peers.

We would not have been able to run the carnival without help from our wonderful parents. A BIG thank you to the parents who came to support their child/children and a special thanks to Narelle Chubb, Rachel Garbutt, Michaela Macauley, Neane McKenzie-Knowler, Annette Sephton and Andrew Wyman for helping with timekeeping and photography.

James, Laura and Kate

NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2014

Voting in the 2014 School Board election closed at 11am on Monday, 3 March.

Election returns have been submitted to the Directorate’s Returning Officer and results will be published by 31 March 2014.

Jennifer Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer

Merit Award Recipients

Senior School Assembly,
Wednesday, 26 February.
Senior Assembly

5/6S and 5/6K
26 February 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!

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P&C NEWS

Welcome back to 2014 from your P&C Committee.

The P&C 2014 Annual General Meeting was held on 17 February and a P&C Executive was elected. The P&C Committee for 2014 is:

Adam Smith – President  
Linda Vincent – Vice President  
Polly McGuire – Treasurer  
Amy Burr – Secretary.

We also welcome Robyn Prior as our Assistant Treasurer who will help Polly out as required.

A big thank you to all of the new parents who turned up at the meeting to support the P&C and share their ideas.

Already, we are shaping up for a big year with forthcoming events such as our Mother’s Day stall, Easter Parade and other exciting fundraising opportunities. You will see notes go home on occasion too from the Canteen advising of the latest yummy treats and special lunch order days. Stay tuned to the school newsletter for updates.

DISCO

The first disco for 2014 will be held on Thursday, 27 March 2014 with K-2 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Years 3–6 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm. As usual, there will be a fantastic sausage sizzle to fill hungry tummies and the opportunity to purchase some goodies and novelties from the Canteen.

We recommend that you purchase your VIP tickets by sending $8 in a zip lock bag with your child’s name AND class on the front and hand it in to the Canteen. Tickets will then be distributed via class teachers. Your VIP ticket includes entry, a lolly bag, glow sticks and drink. GET YOURS NOW!

Alternatively, entry only is just $5 and can also be bought through pre-purchase. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for those who are unable to purchase beforehand.

The next meeting is on Monday 31 March 2014 at 6:00pm in the administration building. Come along and have your say and support the P&C to continue to do great things for the children at Ngunnawal Primary.

Should you not be able to make it along, you can drop me a line at ngunnawalpandccommittee@gmail.com, leave a note in the suggestion box at the front office or give me a call should you have any ideas or questions.

Adam Smith  
President, Ngunnawal P&C Committee

KIDSOCCER – PRE-SEASON SKILLS BASED PROGRAM

Is your child playing soccer this winter? Give them a great headstart by joining our skills based term 1 program.

Kidoccer runs skills based, age appropriate programs for pre-school and primary aged children. Our program is designed specifically for children – from age 3 to 12. Whether you are new to soccer or wanting to play Division1, we have the program for you.

We have sessions available at O’Connor, Bonner, Garran and Hughes – visit www.kidoccer.info for all the details. It is never too late to register with us. Keep fit, make new friends and impress your old ones with your new found agility and ball skills.

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ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

starting at 9:15am.

Ngunnawal Primary School is holding its annual ANZAC commemoration assembly in week ten of this term.

If you are a member of the Australian Defence Force and would like to speak at the assembly about the importance of ANZAC Day, please contact Andrew Gibson through the front office on 6205 8182 or by sending an email to:

info@ngunnawalps.act.edu.au

Thank you.

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