PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome to week three! Yesterday we had the pleasure of hosting the Massed Choir rehearsal for our Step into the Limelight gala that will be held later this term. As always, I was very proud of Ngunnawal students as they were great ambassadors for our school. If your child is participating in Limelight this year, please keep an eye out for any notes that come home as they will contain important information that we need in order for your child's participation. Thank you to Jill Smith and our Limelight teacher team for the dedication and enthusiasm in organising our school’s participation in this event.

One of my constant joys at Ngunnawal Primary is the regular student visits where learning is shared with me. Over the last week Chloe, Ryan S, Sarah H, Sasha, Isabella and Lillian from 3KA shared their fraction learning with me. I was reliably informed that this is important learning because fractions can be a ½ or ¼ of a whole, four quarters equal one whole and that you need to know this as it helps you when you have to share things like pizzas and oranges equally. Chloe also shared her number learning with me. She has been learning all about 100s and 1000s. She told me that this learning is also important as it will help when adding things up when buying things. It is really great to see our students making important connections with their learning to the world beyond school. I look forward to sharing more great learning stories with you over the term.

I received notification from ACTION today that they will be making some changes to some of the bus routes that may impact on some of the services for Ngunnawal Primary. Details of these changes are included with this week’s newsletter. Please note that the changes will come into effect in four weeks.

As always please do not hesitate in contacting myself or any member of the executive team if you seek clarification or if you have any questions.

Have a great week

Regards

Kristine

Kristine Stewart,
Principal

2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS
The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted this term. A letter will be sent home this 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.

The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at www.det.act.gov.au under Publications.
4C, 4E and 4M have hit the ground running in our learning this term.

In Literacy we are focusing on Writing to Socialise which includes letters and invitations.

In Numeracy we are focusing on money and looking at how many different ways you can make an amount.

Lachlan in 4E’s letter to Courtney

Emily in 4E showing what she knows about money.

Logan in 4M’s example of formal letter.

Hadyn in 4M using catalogues to spend money and work out change.

In Art we are looking at desert and lush landscapes and will be drawing our own. We have looked at examples of some famous Australian artists to give us some ideas.

We have also been really enjoying our AFL clinics on a Friday and have looked at how to pass an AFL ball which is very different to other footballs.

Melissah, Courtney and Eloise
SCIENCE UPDATE:

**Quiz Questions:**
1. What kind of animal is a barbell?
2. In rocket fuel, which liquid is known as LOX?
3. How thick is the Earth’s crust? Is it approximately 
   a) 40 kilometres, b) 400 kilometres or c) 4000 kilometres?
4. True or false? Red blood cells are larger than liver cells.
5. What force, starting with ‘d’ is created by parachutes to slow objects down?

**Science Quiz Answers:**
1. A barbell is a type of fish.
2. LOX is liquid oxygen.
3. a) The Earth’s crust is approximately 40 kilometres thick.
4. False. Red blood cells are actually smaller than liver cells.
5. Drag is created by parachutes to slow objects down.

Karon

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

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STEP INTO THE LIMELIGHT

Nggunawal 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 production 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/](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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SAVE THE DATE !!!

**Gungahlin Community Craft Fair**
Supporting local students through chaplaincy.

Venue: Salvation Army Church, Valley Avenue, Gungahlin.
Date: Saturday, 20 September 2014
Contact: gungahlinraftfair@gmail.com
Go to: [www.facebook.com/GungahlinCommunityCraftFair](http://www.facebook.com/GungahlinCommunityCraftFair) to purchase quality handmade items prior to the fair.

Bronwyn, Chaplain

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**FLURO DISCO - PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!!!**

Are you able to assist us with the Disco? Help is needed to prepare for the night and also on the night with the BBQ, in the canteen and at the door.

We love to have parents come and assist at our events to help them run smoothly. If you are able to give some time to assist, please let the ladies in the Canteen know as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**NGUNNAWAL PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO – FLURO THEME!**

**Thursday, 7 August 2014**

Junior Disco (Kinder to Year 2) – 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Senior Disco (Year 3 to Year 6) – 6:45pm to 8:00pm
Sausage Sizzle available from 5pm
Hair colouring, drinks, lollies and novelty items for sale on the night!

**Pre-paid VIP Pass available for $8**
(can be purchased until 5 August only)
(includes entry, lolly bag, 3 glow sticks and a drink)

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The Smith Family assists many families through the Learning for Life Program. The program supports families with their children’s educational needs.

Local Learning for Life Coordinator Bill Caddey will be based in our school on Wednesday mornings. Bill can assist you with accessing different support services in Canberra.

Drop in and have a cuppa and chat with Bill after the school assembly to discuss ways that The Smith Family can help your child. The Smith Family Drop In will be held in the Boardroom at Ngunnawal Primary School every Wednesday.

Homework Club Term 3

Just a friendly reminder that Homework Club has commenced for term 3. For students attending Homework Club, here are the details:

When: Wednesday afternoons (weeks 2 - 9)
Time: 3pm – 4:30pm
Where: Ngunnawal Primary School Library

Afternoon tea is provided.
Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

P&Cs News

Welcome back to a new term.

Thanks to all who sent in those pesky coins for our silver shrapnel drive. A great effort was made by all classes with 4C coming out on top and raising the most money! Congratulations 4C, you have won a $50 book club voucher for your class to buy some fantastic things! A sticker will be placed in each item you buy, dedicating it to the school on your behalf.

DISCO – GET YOUR VIP TICKETS NOW AND WEAR YOUR BEST FLURO OUTFIT

The fluro themed disco is coming this week on Thursday, 7 August with Juniors from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Seniors from 6.45pm to 8.00pm.

Get in quick – send your money ($8 for the VIP tickets) in a sealed bag with your child’s name and class to the canteen. Your VIP ticket includes entry, glow sticks, a drink and lolly bag. Tickets will be delivered to classes. Payment of $5 can be paid at the door on the night if you need entry only. Given the temperature of late, we encourage pre-paid sales rather than at the door to ensure smooth flow and unnecessary queuing.

A BBQ will be ready from 5pm with hot sausages to fill hungry bellies. Other items of food, drink and novelties will also be on sale all night. Come and get your hair done in fluro hair spray and show your colours.

Entry to the disco is through the gate next to the canteen with pick up on the other side at the basketball courts.

BULBS BULBS BULBS

Are you a greenthumb or do you enjoy planting bulbs for the forthcoming season? Do you have someone special who enjoys gardening? If so, our fundraising bulb drive is just for you. Stay tuned to a letter coming soon to order some fantastic bulbs at great prices. Order some for friends, family or neighbours or take it to work to bring some flower joy into a work colleague’s life. All details and the order form will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

THE FETE IS COMING (AND WE NEED YOUR HELP)

Our fete on 1 November is fast approaching. Do you have any ideas? Can you help? Do you know someone who can? Do you know of people who may want a stall?

Some of our highlights will include show rides, our fantastic cake stall, market stalls, entertainment, food, BBQ and lots, lots more. We plan to make this bigger and better than last year.

We need volunteers to assist with the coordination and execution of the day. If you can assist, or can provide some help in preparation (or know of someone who is willing to donate their time, efforts or business to support our school) please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call on 0438 672 494 or send an email at ngunnawalpandccommittee@gmail.com.

Adam Smith, President – Ngunnawal Primary School P&C

PIANO LESSONS

John Bice, one of the piano tutors at our school has some vacancies for children who would like to learn to play the piano.

Parents can contact John on 6254 7238 if you are interested.

Lesson vacancies are on Monday.

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