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**All families are invited to an information
session on
Thursday 11 May 2017,
4:30-5:30pm.**

**We will discuss the Preschool to Year 2
program for 2018 and answer questions about
enrolment.**

Dates to remember:
Tues 9th May
Start of Bush School
Kindy—Year 2
Fri 26th May
Make up Kindy Health
Checks

23-27 Kootara Crescent Narrabundah 2604 Phone 6142 3828

Leadership Team Overview

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope everyone has returned rested and ready to embrace the new term with excitement. We have had a very smooth start to the school term with children productively engaged in their learning.

Waste Wise Accreditation

We have been very fortunate to engage the services of Felicity Maher-Channing in facilitating the schools strategic direction in sustainability. Part of our annual action plan for 2017 was to achieve our accreditation around waste. Felicity has worked tirelessly around creating our action plan, training the children to be responsible for collecting the waste and distributing it into the right containers and she has tried very hard to educate the staff (a work in progress). As a result we were awarded our accreditation on the last day of term 1. We received a certificate to acknowledge this and we will be displaying this in the air lock. Many thanks to Felicity for never giving up and continually progressing work in this area. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful community who support us to achieve our goals.

Revitalising our school environment

Bike Path

Many of you may have noticed all of the work vans around the school. The Great Wall of NECS has finally been completed. As a result the area that has been fenced off has required some tender loving care (TLC). Now that we have access to the space we have engaged the services of a contractor to create our planned bike path for the children. We look forward to this being completed and watching the children enjoy this space as they develop their confidence and skills in using the wheeled toys.

Library

Over the break we had some work completed to enclose our school library. This will enable learning programs, meetings and professional learning to take place in this place without any interruptions.

Mural

Take a moment to look in on the mural that has been created for our library. Sophie Powell began working on this project some time ago and was finally able to commission a street artist who embraced the brief provided to create this lovely piece of work.

Staffing

We have had a few staffing changes. Melanie Peterson-Navin will be joining us as an additional resource in teaching our kindergarten and K/1 group. Cadeyrn Ollerenshaw is currently teaching year two. We also have a few new faces joining us in year one as Tina has taken up a temporary position at Wanniasa School in their front office. Jason Dillon is currently in the support role and we anticipate we will soon have Kian Grainger joining us in this role.

Classroom Connections

Classroom Connections are due out next week. We hope this provides a snapshot of what is happening in your child's classroom.



Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours

UR FaB

Program in Schools

Hello from the UR FaB team,

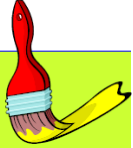
Your child's school has volunteered to take part in the UR FaB early intervention program for children in Kindy to Year 2. Ur FaB is run in partnership between the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), ACT Health and the Education Directorate (ED). The program is staffed by health professionals from the Childhood Early Intervention Program, CAMHS, who specialise in early emotional and social development, together with the school psychologist, and a class teacher from Narrabundah Early Childhood School.

The program aims to support children who are struggling to manage their strong emotions and behaviours. Previous research has shown that helping families and schools work together in the early years of primary school can have positive results for children in both their classroom and wider social world. The program specifically focuses on developing children's understanding about their emotions and behaviour and how to manage them, as well as to improve social and friendship skills.

UR FaB will be in your school setting up in Term 2, with a small group program being run in Term 3 for some families and children. The program involves both a child group and parent group, followed by an hour of parents and children together. Activities of the program are fun for children and provide an opportunity to practice and rehearse the skills learnt. You may also find us running fun classroom based activities in some Kindy to Year 2 classes.

We look forward to running our program at Narrabundah Early Childhood School. Further information for children in Kindy to Year 2 will be sent home soon. The information pack will contain more detailed information about the program and a questionnaire for you to complete.





Paint and Play



A free outdoor playgroup

For children birth to 5 years & their
parents/carers

Painting, art & craft, stories and lots of
fun activities.



Saturday

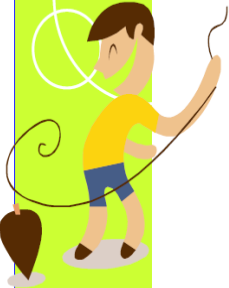
13th May 2017

9:30am to 11:00am

Narrabundah Early Childhood School
23-27 Kootara Cres, Narrabundah

(Second Saturday of every month excluding school holidays and wet
weather)

*P.S. Remember your healthy morning tea, hat, sunscreen and water
bottle*



Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can currently be found across the Canberra region. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have previously been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms**.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

WILD MUSHROOMS CAN KILL YOU



Don't pick wild mushrooms.

Don't eat or cook them.

Cooking will not make them safe to eat.

If you accidentally eat them seek medical advice immediately.

**If you see them call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81
to report the location.**



Community Event



Gugan Gulwan & Winnunga Nimmityjah

When: Saturday 6 May

Where: Gugan Gulwan

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

- Sample of healthy lunch box options for your children
- Free lunch boxes and drink bottles for families
- Enjoy a BBQ lunch!!
- Come along and meet James Milligan MLA - Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs



For further information please contact Amber Bootle or Brendan Richards on 6296 8900 or email: ggyacadmin@gugan-gulwan.com.au

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