



UPCOMING DATES

11 June

Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

12 June

Yr 5 Combined Band excursion

Rostrum quarter finals 7pm

13 June

ICAS Spelling

Maths Olympiad

14 June

ICAS Writing

EXECUTIVE TEACHER’S MESSAGE

It is amazing to think that we have passed the half way point of the term. We have had a busy fortnight beginning with our 5/6 students and teachers venturing off to Camp Birrigai for 3 days. The camp provided opportunities to socialise, reinforce problem solving skills, set challenges and conquer them, while developing team-building skills. Big thanks to Lisa Ison for organising a fun-filled camp, and the 5/6 teachers and Birrigai staff who made it such a huge success. Mrs Ison has already booked us in for next year!

In recognition of Reconciliation and National Sorry Day last week, Giralang Primary School took part in the theme of *Don’t Keep History a Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow.* Our key school focus was ‘Yarning Circles’. Yarning Circles have been used by Aboriginal people for thousands of years to discuss important issues in an inclusive and collaborative way, as well as creating a non-hierarchical environment for conversations. Our aim was to gather students’ voices as a part of our Reconciliation journey, to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and develop a deeper understanding of our national story.

Via these Yarning Circles, students had the opportunity to respond as a class as the teachers facilitated conversations using the questions:

- What are you thinking?
- How are you feeling?
- What do you bring to this circle?

We are now looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week. This year’s theme is “Because of her, we can”. We have invited Veronica Jordan, a Kalkadoon woman, in to share some traditional knowledge workshops with our students. These workshops will include discussion about how important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are in our communities and the workshop will also include basket weaving and doll making.



Preschool students participating in Yarning Circles

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GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL ROSTRUM FINAL



On Friday, sixteen students from Years 3-6 presented their speech in the Giralang Primary School Rostrum final. All students gave outstanding speeches to a captivated audience of teachers, parents and peers. The judges certainly had a tough decision choosing a student to represent our school in the next round.

Huon White was crowned the eventual winner and will represent our school at the ACT Rostrum Competition Quarter Final. James Grundoff and Jonah Wilson were announced as joint runners-up and an honourable mention went to Sam Knight.. A

big round of applause for all students who took part in our Rostrum finals this year. Good luck Huon!

GOOGLE COMMUNITIES +1, COMMENT, AND REPLY

Each week, teachers endeavour to share the learning and fun happenings in their class with you via our Google Community. You will receive an email notification when something new is posted on the community page. It is a private page that only teachers from the school and parents from the class have access to. We would love to see community members share thoughts, ideas and wonderings about the content via the class communities themselves. Our goal is to have more parent/family input around teaching and learning. There are three ways to participate in conversations by leaving comments and +1'ing posts:



- Clicking the +1. This 'likes' a post, comment or reply;
- Clicking the comment box to a post displays below the original post; and
- Replying to a comment which will insert the name of the person to which you are replying at the beginning of a response.

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

In 2018, all schools will take part in the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). This project collects the number of students who require adjustments to participate in education. This data presents a picture of the support provided for each student, with the focus on assisting government to target support and resources in schools to help all students reach their potential.

If your child requires some additional support at school, they may be included in the data collection. Some examples of adjustments at school may include small group literacy and numeracy sessions, use of specialised equipment, additional time to complete tasks, modification of assessment tasks, or class work.

A significant change which has occurred in recent years is that parents do not need to provide consent for the data collection, however they are provided with the opportunity to withdraw their consent. All parents will be given the opportunity to do this. If you have any questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to email me:

Kathi.huho@ed.act.edu.au

Kathi Huho – Executive teacher

DA VINCI DECATHLON



Our 5/6 da Vinci Decathlon team had a successful day of brain stretching last Wednesday 30 May. The team consisted of Levi, May, Hannah, Lucy, Jonas, Peter, Harry and Theo.

Our team completed challenges in Science, Creative Produces (Drama), English, Ideation, Engineering, Mathematics, Art/Poetry, Cartography, Coding and General Knowledge. We can't wait to do it again next year!

Lisa Ison – Executive teacher

END OF MAY IS HATS OFF DAY!

From the Cancer Council ACT...

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive, to what is considered "low" levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) all day for a few months, and so End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools.

HEATING LUNCHES

In accordance with health and safety regulations, please be reminded that staff are unable to re-heat student lunches that have been brought from home.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a keen Mum, Dad, Carer or Grandparent that would have some time to look over our school bikes and give them some minor servicing i.e. tighten bike chains, pump up tyres etc. If you could donate your time to assist us, please contact Katrina Ireland via the Front Office or email katrina.ireland@ed.act.edu.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The P&C met on 23 May 2018 to catch up on what is happening at the school, and to make some plans.

We heard from Belinda about how well the new spider web playground is being used, keenly and cooperatively by all ages; how wonderful the roof over the multipurpose court is; and reports on the joys of camp and NAPLAN. We also considered possible plans for a school fence and discussed what the community consultation around this might look like over the next term or two so that everyone can have input.

We looked over our planned activities for the year - there's work to do from the heritage grant we won last year, and volunteers have offered to run two discos, a Father's Day stall and the mango fundraiser. The idea of creating more community events was popular, perhaps a monthly Friday afternoon play session/community picnic supported by the P&C. If you'd like to know more about the P&C or anything from the meeting, email giralangpandc@gmail.com and join our email list to receive meeting minutes.

Everyone from the school community is welcome at our next meeting, scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

Janelle Kennard - P&C member

News from 3H Dominoes and 3K Rubik's Cubes



3H have been participating in debates, verbal expositions and role plays to support them to draw simple conclusions based on information and data presented. It has helped them to respectfully interact with others and encouraged them to share points of view in an appropriate manner. Students reflect on learning to propose actions in response to an issue or challenge and consider possible effects of proposed actions. An example of this was when students were given a topic based around a family farm and a new road that needed to be introduced through that farm and students were given the side that they had to argue for. The reasons and evidence provided were most impressive and it helped students see that there is almost always two sides to every story.

3K have been exploring Democracy and how to make decisions using democratic processes. Students are discussing the benefits of living in a democratic society and were surprised at how long it took Australia to allow women and Indigenous Australians the right to vote. Students are learning the value of their vote and how they can contribute to their community in positive ways. Students are writing their own policies and campaign slogans in order to convince their peers that they should be Prime Minister of 3K. Voting booths will open soon. We will let you know who our new Prime Minister will be.

In Maths, we have been learning about measurement using formal units including centimetres and metres. Students explored a range of different objects and were required to measure their length and height.



3H Dominoes have been busy rehearsing and presenting their Readers' Theatre plays to the class. Students formed small groups and practised their fluency, expression and confidence when reading aloud.



Students in 3K are enjoying creating and writing simple, complex and compound sentences. They identify the subject, verbs and conjunctions. They have also become experts in identifying and independently spelling words with prefixes and suffixes.



Congratulations to all the students who have been brave enough to stand in front of the class and present their Rostrum speeches. The standard has been outstanding and they have all been so different! Your teachers are very proud of your efforts!



COMMUNITY NEWS

A parent request:

I'm looking for a reliable and loving Giralang Primary School parent who is available from 6:30am to drop my 7 year old son to school of a morning, along with your child/ children. I am a nurse working shift work, so the required days will be different each week although plenty of notice will be given. I will pay a daily rate. Please contact Hannah on 0422 364 252 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Kelly Sturgiss – Piano, singing, flute and trumpet teacher

Kelly Sturgiss has been teaching music privately for the past ten years. She has a diploma in music and has studied classical piano, flute and a variety of instruments since the age of five. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Art, in which she has included music and sound into her work. Kelly's strengths lie in teaching students to read and understand music from a beginner level. Her method of teaching includes different ways of understanding, and blending techniques to best suit the student. She also includes an improvisation session in every lesson, to have the student *feel* the music and exercise their knowledge and natural expression. She adores the beauty and structure of classical pieces, but her repertoire extends to contemporary and composition. Kelly strives to be a dynamic and inspiring teacher.

James Steinbeck – Guitar and Electric Bass Guitar

James began his musical journey by playing guitar in bands in high school and has continued to be a performer in bands ever since, he subsequently has completed an Advanced Diploma in Music Performance. James currently plays in several bands in Canberra, his style ranges from contemporary, rock and jazz. James teaches the following instruments from beginner to intermediate level - acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass guitar. James wants to share his love for the guitar and passion for performance with all his students!

\$35 per 1/2 hour lesson.

Lessons can be held at the school during school hours, or at Canberra Music Education School in Lyneham. Lessons are also offered on Saturdays.

Please contact Diane on 0414 788 380 for more information.