

**UPCOMING DATES**

**5-9 and 12-16 November**

Year 2 AquaSafe programme

**8 November**

9-1pm Year 5 Combined Band at Miles Franklin

Year 1 excursion to NMA

**9 November**

10:15am Remembrance Day assembly

**14 November**

1-2pm Preschool Come & Play

**16 November**

11:30-1pm Market Day

**19 November**

9-1pm Year 6 band rehearsal at Macquarie Primary

**20 November**

7-9pm Year 6 Bandstrav

**21 November**

2.00-2.30pm Kingsford Smith School Band Performance P-6

**28 November**

11:30am-12:30pm Kinder transition

**ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Each year we commence a range of transition programs for Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 7. This began last week with our Year 6's visiting UC High School Kaleen for an orientation day. Next week, Giralang Preschool will host the home to preschool transition with our 'Come and Play' afternoon. The first of our Kindergarten transitions will commence on Wednesday 28 November (week 7) with a parent information session in the hall. These sessions have been planned to give the children different experiences at the school, and students will have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom space with the teachers and meet some new friends.

Our whole school "Move up Day" will take place on Wednesday, 19 December for Preschool to year 5. During this time, students will acquaint themselves with next year's class by participating in getting-to-know-you activities with their 2019 classmates and teacher in their new classroom. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Teachers are busily preparing end of year student progress reports. Reports are an important part of the teaching and learning cycle, capturing student achievement and further areas for development. This week, teaching teams have been released to moderate evidence of learning. Reports will be going home with students on Monday of Week 10.

Last week was a wonderful celebration for Children's Week with our annual Film Festival and Giralang's Got Talent final. The calibre of both just keeps building and building each year! Congratulations to all the students who entered. We are so proud of the confident, brave and talented students we have.

Thank you to Lisa Ison, Kieran Blackwell and Skye Knight for organising both events. The results follow on the next page.

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**School Office Hours:** 08:30-15:30

**P&C Association**

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## Film Festival

Best Overall to Angus B with 'Reverse Video'.

Junior to Jacob B with 'A surprise at school', highly commended to Harry P with 'Stop Motion' and encouragement award to Brax Z with 'Like a Fire'.

Senior to Marli M with 'Marli's got Talent', highly commended to Hayden M with 'Undercover' and encouragement award to Leitch Family with 'Spring Sing'.

## Giralang's Got Talent

Junior: - 1<sup>st</sup> to Jon and Bodhi C with Puppet babies, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Year 1 Green Glitter Girls with 'Count on Me' and highly commended to Liam and Lucas with 'Thunder'.

Senior: - 1<sup>st</sup> to Sonny, Tyrone & cousin with Man in the Mirror, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Keelia with Jazz Dance and highly commended to Year 4 Heaven and Hell Drama/Dance.



Kathi Huho – Acting Deputy Principal

## ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Some families may have already experienced our new absences notification system via text message. From week 1 of term 4 and launched from our new ACT Education Directorate-wide database system (SAS), at 10am each morning a text message is sent to parents/carers informing them that their student has been marked absent from school that day. The text message requests parents/carers to ring the school to explain the absence. If the school does not receive a phone call or a signed letter from parents/carers, the student's absence will be recorded as Unexplained.

## LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Please be reminded that if your student arrives late to school, parents/carers are required to sign them in by filling out a Late Arrivals slip at the Front Office. If students are not signed in by an adult, their arrival is recorded as Unexplained.

If a student is required to leave school early, a parent/carer must sign them out via the Front Office. Students will not be released unless an Early Departure slip is filled in by a parent/carer at the Front Office and handed to the student's teacher.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Did you know that your voluntary contribution is **tax deductible**? It is! So far this year we have received voluntary contributions from **97 families out of 215 families**, and 20 consumable contributions from Preschool families.

The **Library Trust Fund** will be used to purchase:

- Multiple copies of the latest “hot reads” fiction and non-fiction (junior and senior)
- High interest, low readability texts
- Graphic novels
- Atlases
- Non-Fiction – The Arts, Countries, History, Geography, Japanese, Technology
- Senior student non-fiction
- Updating our reference section

The **Building Trust Fund** has been going towards the second stage of the multipurpose court and future enhancements to our playground.

The School Board has nominated an amount of \$80 per child (which equates to \$20 per term) or \$150 per family, to equitably spread the load among all parents. You are not restricted to these amounts or contributing to just one fund.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!  
Wendy Morschel - Business Manager

## 2019 BOOK PACKS

The 2019 book pack lists were sent home with your child yesterday, Tuesday 6 November 2018. Payment for book packs will be facilitated through the Flexischools website [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and order forms returned to the school's Front Office. The portal is now open and accepting orders.

**Orders close** at 4:50pm on Monday 10 December 2018, and no orders can be accepted after this date. Giralang Primary School cannot accept payments for book packs.

All book packs will be delivered to your child's classroom at the beginning of the school year.

If you do not wish to place an order, please use the book pack list to source your own products and deliver them to your child's new class for the first school day of 2019.

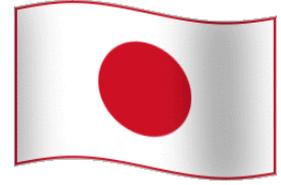
# Outdoor Classroom Day!

International Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On Thursday 1 November, students took part in lessons outside and had the opportunity to play, laugh and learn in the school's outside spaces.



日本語

Japanese



Minasan Konnichiwa!

While we are coming to the end of another busy and productive year, this term is a busy one for Japanese. Term 4 is flying by very quickly and ahead of us is our annual Japanese Fun Day which is scheduled for Week 7 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The Fun Day is a great way to celebrate our learning of Japanese and to enjoy some traditional games and activities. There is always a performance on this day, and this year we have the musical duo George and Noriko returning. They performed at our Fun Day a few years back and were sensational.

Last term we welcomed Megumi Oki to Giralang Primary as a Japanese Teaching Assistant. Megumi is a university student from Kagoshima, Japan and is a wonderful resource and addition to our Japanese program. Megumi has been staying with Giralang students' families and will do so until the end of the year. Thank you to the McGrath, Sissingh-Meier and Harrild families for hosting Megumi, and to the other families who offered their homes as well. Megumi has been a great asset to all classes, and the students and I are learning so much from her. The Japanese Teaching Assistant (JTA) program is available to schools in the ACT that teach Japanese. Each year schools are able to apply for an assistant to support and enhance their program. As we have enjoyed and benefitted so much from Megumi's invaluable contribution, the JTA program is something that we would like to continue at Giralang. If you would be interested in hosting an assistant in the future, please contact myself or the school for more information.

Megumi has also begun teaching Japanese in the preschool alongside Rowelanne Stubbs. Rowelanne has been living in Japan and working in Japanese schools as part of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. Megumi and Rowelanne will teach the pre-schoolers Japanese songs and games and basic vocabulary in preparation for kindergarten Japanese.

The current kindergarten classes have been building their knowledge of Japanese language and culture this year and their pronunciation of Japanese words is impressive. They can now greet others, count numbers 1 to 20, recognise colours in Japanese, and discuss some simple facts about Japan and its traditions. They have spent this term adding to their vocabulary with some adjectives, and have begun using them in sentences.

Years 1 and 2 have been working on a unit on Family, and this term we are extending that to include pets. Students have learnt vocabulary to identify family members and have learnt how to describe the constitution of different families. This term they will learn the names of different animals and how to count them.

Years 3 and 4 finished a unit of work on 'the body' last term. They learnt how to identify body parts in Japanese and to describe how they are feeling health wise. Students had to perform a role play which involved a 'visit to the doctor' scenario. This term both Year 3 and 4 students began learning the Hiragana writing system. All 46 characters will be introduced over the course of the term and this will be consolidated next year. Recognition of the

characters has been the main goal, and students will be writing more and more of their work in Hiragana in the senior years.

Years 5 and 6 students have been working on a unit about sports and hobbies. They learnt to say what sports and hobbies they liked and disliked, as well as what sports they played. Students also learnt how to conjugate verbs in the present and past tense and use them in sentences to describe what sports/hobbies they play or played. This term they are learning about occupations and how to express what job they may like to do in the future. A lot of the Year 5/6 class work is expected to be written in Hiragana to reinforce their writing and recognition of characters.

Finally, a huge thank you to you all students for your effort and hard work in Japanese this year!

Mata rainen,

Morgan-sensei

## SOCKS NEEDED!!



One of our regular games on Japanese Fun Day is Tamaire. This game involves a red and white team throwing red and white balls into a basket and the team who gets the most in wins. Every year Giralang Primary borrows these balls from other schools. These balls are made of folded up old socks covered with either red or white fabric. I would like Giralang to have our own set of

Tamaire balls and so that is why I am asking for your old your cleaned old socks to the Front Office or to Japanese them to the pile to be sewn into tamaire balls.

Arigatougozaimasu!

Morgan-sensei



socks! Please bring class and I will add

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property area is located in the corner of the canteen eating area. There is currently an abundance of jumpers, jackets and other clothing, as well as lunch containers and drink bottles in the area. Please feel free to pop in and check lost property if you have lost items.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG....AND SO HAS HAYFEVER!

If your child suffers from hayfever and you would like the school to administer hayfever medication, please supply the Front Office with the medication and appropriate instructions on dosage.

## P&C NEWS

Our Halloween Disco last Thursday evening was a 'howling' success, with over \$1000 dollars raised on the night. A big thank you to all volunteers who helped on the night and to our cupcake bakers. The costumes were outstanding!

## SCHOOL BANKING

### New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



**Slushie Maker Cup**



**Zoom Flying Disk**

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Friday.

## MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**7 – 28 NOVEMBER 2018**

**WEDNESDAYS 9am-10am**

A wonderful opportunity is being offered for parents and carers. Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions for parents and carers throughout the month of November, free of charge. Commencing at 9am for one hour on a Wednesday in our Giralang Cloud, Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness as a daily practice. No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



## 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.



# MARIBYRNONG Primary School TWILIGHT FAIR

Friday 23 Nov. 4 - 8 P.M.  
Alberga St. Kaleen



\$2 Shop Face Painting Crafts Silent Auction

Plants



Side Show Alley



Gelato

Lucky Dips

Raffle

cakes

BBQ

& lots  
more!



**Celebrating**  
**40**  
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**UC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**KALEEN**

Date: Friday 16th November  
10am Celebration Assembly - All welcome to attend  
For catering purposes RSVP to the school front office by 9th Nov  
11am Morning tea for staff & invited guests  
Open school 10am-3pm with entertainment from 1-3pm  
Phone - (02) 61420490

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just for kids

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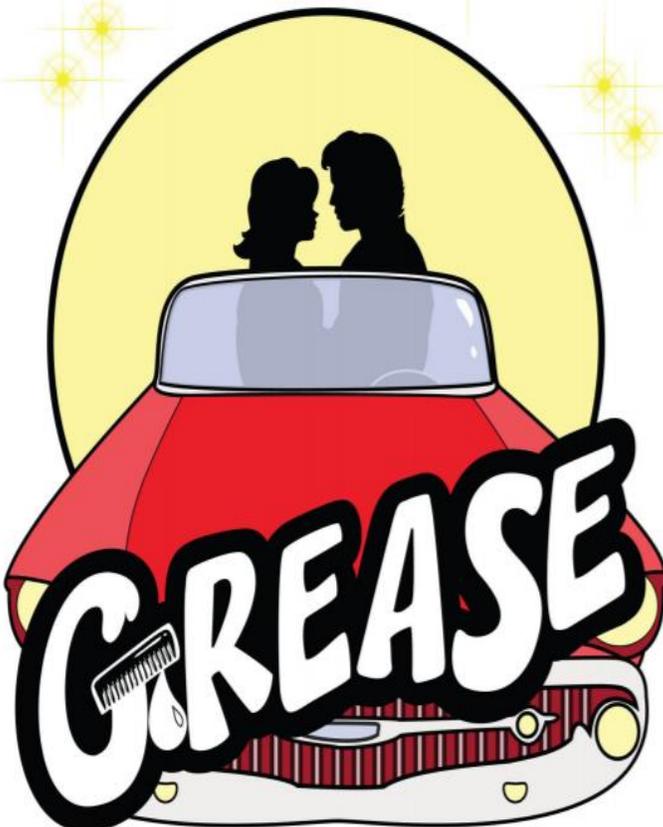


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Forrest Primary School  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Official Assembly

12:15pm Senior Hall

## Family Fair

3pm - 7pm

Free Entry • Food • Entertainment

Unlimited ride passes  
available for purchase via  
[trybooking.com/ZAWV](http://trybooking.com/ZAWV)

Early Bird Tickets  
on sale until 9.11.18

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov



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