

UPCOMING DATES

7 June

10-11am - Silence is Deadly session

Year 5 & 6 boys

2pm Assembly hosted by Kindy

10 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

12 June

Year 3/4 excursion to Recycling Hub

P&C disco

14 June

STEAM workshop

17 June

Christian Education in Schools

18 June

Pre-school bus wash excursion

19 June

Maths Olympiad paper #2

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Assessment and academic reporting: This term is a formal reporting term and over the past few weeks, teachers have been working together to assess and moderate students' work across the year levels. Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and interpreting students' work samples, presentations, discussions and observations in the classroom. Teachers make informed decisions and future planning on students' results and outcomes. Assessment rubrics and criteria are used to assess the students work, then teaching teams have been working collaboratively to compare and moderate all students' abilities to ensure consistency across academic grades.

New report emailed home: Along with other ACT Public Schools, Giralang will start to use the new Academic Reporting template, and this will align with other schools across the system. This term you will receive your child's report via email, and it will contain your child's progress against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards. **It is extremely important that the front office has an up to date email address for you to receive your child's report.** Please contact the front office to update your information if needed. Reports will be sent home at the end of week 9, with parent-teacher interviews in week 10.

Australian Curriculum - Information for parents/carers: Attached to this edition of the Giralanger are two informative flyers about the Australian Curriculum in Foundation (Kindergarten) and Years 1 and 2. They clearly explain the key learning areas of the curriculum and typically what students will learn in their school year. In the next newsletter we will provide the flyers for years 3 to 6.

Rostrum: Congratulations to Samuel Knight for winning our school rostrum final last week. Charlie Howard was first runner up and Huon White was our second runner up.

Alex Breen – Executive Teacher

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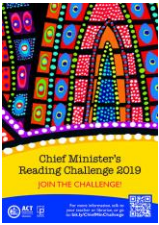
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CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019



Giralang will be participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge for 2019. Classes from preschool to year 2 will be taking part in the challenge as a whole class, recording 30 books they have read from now until September. Students from years 3 to 6 will be taking part in the challenge individually, recording their 30 books independently. If your child is stuck for any ideas of books to read - Rita in the library would love to steer you in right direction!

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION - PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Project Coordination is excited to advise that their project **Giralang Primary School Hall Ceiling Replacement** is a finalist in the 2019 Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Building Excellence Awards in the **Best Use of Material - Commercial** category. The winners will be announced at the award event on 28 June 2019.

The Master Builders Association run a 'People's Choice Award' through their Facebook page. If you would like to vote for the Hall Ceiling Replacement project, please click on the link below and hit 'like' before 5pm Friday 14 June 2019.



NEWS FROM THE SRC



We had a wonderful visit from Alpaca therapy last Wednesday 29th May. The SRC were great hosts and got to meet Hercules and baby Paprika before introducing the alpacas to the rest of the school. Mr Lantzke from Alpaca Therapy was very impressed with the students at Giralang, how they related to the alpacas and the excellent questions they asked. Mr Lantzke thanks the school for their hospitality and wanted to let everyone know that while Hercules is a veteran of school visits, Giralang Primary was baby Paprika's very first school visit. While having lots of fun, the SRC raised approximately \$275 for Alpaca Therapy. A special mention to Blake Cootes who raised concern about the story of Mimosa at SRC and our ideas came from there.

SRC coordinators Anne Mahony, Alana Coghill & Elise Wark

END OF MAY IS HATS OFF DAY!



Being a Sun Smart School, we follow the Cancer Council's guidelines for sun exposure. The End of May spells Hats Off Day for ACT schools. All Canberra school students (and teachers) can leave their hats at home or replace it with a beanie as we enter in the low UV June and July winter months.

P&C NEWS

A vertical strip on the left side of the poster featuring a close-up, out-of-focus image of several colorful bubbles in shades of yellow, orange, and pink.

GIRALANG P&C WINTER PLAY DATE

**WEDNESDAY
5TH JUNE
3.00-4.30PM**

WHY?
TO MEET OTHER FAMILIES
AND CONNECT WITH
THE BROADER COMMUNITY
IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT

WHERE?
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
AND OVAL

WHO?
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

THE LAST PLAY DATE WAS SO
MUCH FUN, WE ARE DOING IT
AGAIN!
RUG UP AND BRING A PICNIC
BLANKET AND SOME FOOD TO
SHARE.
WARM DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
SO BRING YOUR COFFEE CUP!



Winter Disco

Wednesday 12th of June 6.30 – 8.00

Dinner and Drinks: 6.00 – 7.00

Entry: \$4.00

Face Painting: \$1.00

Glow Lights: \$1.00 - \$4.00

Lolly bag: \$3.50

Sausage Sandwich: \$2.50

Steak Sandwich: \$5.00

Fruit Box: \$2.50

Bring your water bottle, top up available!

Winter has arrived, so the P&C plans to celebrate the start of the chilly months with our 'Winter Disco'. Our favourite DJ Cliff will be on duty.

For the disco to go ahead we need volunteers, if you can spare an hour or two that would be great. Please follow the link (<https://www.volunteersignup.org/YTM78>) to sign up for a shift.

We need volunteers in the following areas:

- Working on the doors – signing children in etc.
- Preparing and selling dinner
- Washing up after dinner
- Face painting
- Working on the Glow Sticks stall
- Working on the Lolly Bag stall
- Disco monitors
- Disco clean up



If you have a first aid certificate please step forward, as we need a volunteer with one on the night.

Please get in touch if you need to know more!

Jennifer - 0429 038 926 & Alica - 0435 992 707



LOST PROPERTY

A friendly reminder that there are two locations that lost property is located around the school:

1. each classroom has a washing basket that found items are placed in; and
2. an area located at the back wall of the canteen inside area. At the moment there is an abundance of jackets, hats, pants, lunchboxes, containers, and books.



MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness for Parents and Carers

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 in weeks 8, 9 and 10 of Term 2.

These sessions are free of charge.

Each session commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings on 21st and 28th June, and 5th July in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness.

No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



STOP PRESS! YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

Have you enrolled your child in year 7? The first round of enrolments for ACT public schools closes this Friday 7th June 2019.

Please visit the Education Directorate's website to submit your online enrolment. [Click here!](#)

NEWS FROM YEAR 3/4

History Inquiry: This term our Year 3/4 Inquiry is about the history of Australia's first peoples. Students are investigating and researching inquiry questions including:

- Who lived here first and how do we know?
- How has our community changed? What features have been lost and what features have been retained?
- What is the nature of the contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community?
- How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?
- What was life like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples before the arrival of the Europeans?
- What was the nature and consequence of contact between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and early traders, explorers and settlers?

We organised a 'Discovery Box' from the National Museum of Australia, which included a variety of objects such as handmade tools and artefacts for the students to see, touch and explore. This resource and experience proved to be highly valuable for our inquiry, as students got to learn about the living history and culture that they are a part of as Australians.



We investigated each object, making predictions about what the object was, what it was used for and what it was made from. Students thoroughly enjoyed this Discovery Box. It was wonderful for them to actively participate and handle the objects with curiosity and care.

Rostrum: We wanted to say a big congratulations to the whole of year 3/4 for presenting Rostrum speeches this term. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your peers and speak. We were very proud of all the hard work each student put into their speech and the diversity of the topics from each class.



Alpaca Visit: Last Wednesday we were very fortunate to have a visit from our friendly Giralang Community Members Hercules and Paprika. The students were delighted to be able to pat and feed the Alpacas and spend time getting to know them and their very important job of making people happy.



Coming up: On Wednesday the 12th June, Grade 3/4 are going on an excursion to the Recycling Discovery Hub in Hume. We will be learning about what happens to our waste and learn more about sustainability. Please return your money and note to the school front office asap.



Thanks from the 3/4Team: Lisa Ison, Sally Gladwin, Lauren Wells and Aaron Foy



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**SWIMMING
IN WINTER**

4 REASONS

1. Swimming in winter builds immunity and fitness.
2. Maintains skills and knowledge learnt in summer, so children don't forget over winter.
3. Classes are often smaller meaning your child has more time with their teacher.
4. Continued socialisation for children... & parents too!

USEFUL TIPS:

- WEAR A SWIM CAP to keep heads warm and hair dry.
- WEAR A RASHIE as a second layer of warmth.
- Have a warm shower after lessons and change into dry clothing.

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Winter Junior Tennis Coaching @ South & North Canberra Tennis Clubs

- Qualified Tennis Australia Coaches
- Free tennis racquet for new players
- Trial lesson available

July School Holiday Camps @ Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- July 8th - 10th (Week 1) & July 17th - 19th (Week 2)
- All ages & abilities
- Morning, half-day & full-day options

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Classes are conducted in a semi-formal environment where students

- learn to react instinctively without a second thought
- improve coordination, reflexes, physical fitness, self-control and self esteem
- learn to manoeuvre any situation to their advantage through the use of leverage, balance and momentum.

Training Groups

Juniors (6yrs – 13yrs)

Seniors (14yrs +)

Training Nights and Times

Thursday 6.30pm -7.30pm

Thursday 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost per School Term

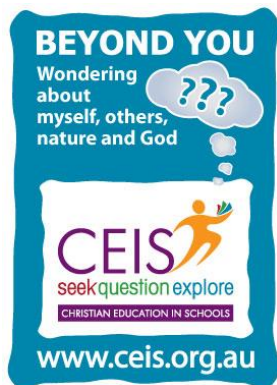
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\$100.00

Venue: Giralang Primary School Hall, Atalumba Cl Giralang

Enquires: Jeremy Ascione Ph: 0424 273 129 or email kaleen.pmajik@gmail.com

No Obligation - First Lesson Free
Fully Accredited Instructors



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 2 – Beyond You

Using an interactive game which takes a journey through the Bible, students this term will discover more about God (as Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Student attendance is with parent request only.

Please use the section below if you would like to request & haven't done to PREVIOUSLY.

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list print off the section below and return it to the school or go to www.ceis.org.au/yes

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL TO ADD YOUR CHILD TO THE EXISTING LIST

☐ **YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.**

Child: _____

Parent name: _____

Child: _____

Parent signature: _____

Child: _____

Date: _____



Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange



You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need your: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>

If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.



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*Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have.
All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.*

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.
Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

**Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833**



A SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE YOUR TEEN WON'T FORGET!

Create a micro-business, hand-made products and sell to real customers at Old Bus Depot Markets (CBR) or Eumundi Markets (QLD) these holidays!

Entrepreneurship taps into creativity and teaches important and practical skills that are crucial for young people growing up today. Our Maker2Market program is for creative 10-17 year-olds. It develops independent creative thinkers who through the real-world experience of a full business cycle stimulate entrepreneurial mindset.

Our three-day, school holiday program is a fun way for young people to learn prototyping, customer service, finance, marketing and research, critical thinking and many other practical skills. Also, important 21st century and life skills that they carry with them as they grow – such as generating ideas, problem-solving, creativity, making, collaboration, perseverance and powering up their initiative.



TRASHMOB & SS4C

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CLEAN UP!

SUNDAY 2ND OF JUNE

11AM

JOHN KNIGHT MEMORIAL PARK
(NEAR THE PLAYGROUND)



Barbecue +
Music

Bring:
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Gardening gloves



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