



Week 10, Term 1 | 11 April 2018

UPCOMING DATES

12 April

Oztag in-school program

School photos - Preschool W-F, siblings and catch-up

13 April

Wetlands excursion – Pre-school and Year 4

Year 1 Assembly cancelled

Term 2

2 May

ANZAC Day assembly cancelled

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As term one draws to a close, I have been reflecting on how fortunate I am to lead such a magnificent learning community of engaged, curious students and dedicated and skilled staff. Supporting us all the way, of course, are our families. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our students are getting the best education they deserve. Our collaboration with you is highly valued and strengthens every child's chance of experiencing success at school. As student portfolio's come home on Friday, I encourage you to take some time with your child to continue this reflection on progress made towards learning goals during term one. These rich conversations between you and your child will encourage them to continue to strive to reach their learning goals and to move on to new ones in term two.

School leader, Mark Alliston, has been successful in winning a temporary leadership position within Teaching and Learning section of the Education Directorate commencing from the beginning of term two and running until the end of the school year. We congratulate Mark and wish him all the best! We are finalising Mark's teacher replacement this week via the formal teacher recruitment process. We are also engaged in a separate recruitment process for Mark's leadership position, too.

We are excited to announce the final figure for the 'Walk for Jacob' walkathon. Our school community raised a phenomenal \$8314.60 to go towards Jacob's medical costs, including his ongoing rehabilitation. Jacob and his wife Waka are so grateful for the strong community support they are receiving and wish to extend their heartfelt thanks! Jacob is continuing to progress well with his rehabilitation and could be cleared to travel home in late May. Once back in Australia, Jacob will continue with his rehabilitation.

A reminder that our school hall will be out of action until 15 June. This is due to the removal of the false ceiling inside the hall. After School Care has been relocated to the Year 5/6 area commencing tomorrow. Without access to our school hall, school assemblies will be temporarily suspended. We will be reopening our school hall with the annual Art Show. More details will follow early next term.

Belinda Love – Principal



STEAM Day- students using Raspberry Pi to develop computer programs.

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ENROLLING FOR PRESCHOOL IN 2019

The proposed opening of online enrolments for Preschool 2019 is Monday 30 April. Please check the Education Directorate's website for updated details over the next two weeks <https://www.education.act.gov.au/>. In 2019, we are offering two preschool sessions with a maximum of 22 students in each session. We are inviting any prospective Preschool students and their families to join us on Thursday 3 May for a 'Come and Play' open morning. It commences at 9.30am in our Preschool Unit.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C-run Mother's Day stall is back this year - because the kids love it! (We make only a small profit which of course goes back to the school). This year we have focused on local items hand-made by small enterprises, so that we are supporting local businesses while the students will be able to get a gift for Mum that's a bit different. Don't worry - the usual selection of novelty items will also be available!

Where: Steps to the Star area

When: Thursday 10 May - class groups visit the stall from 2 to 3pm AND Friday 11 May 8:30-9:15am

Cost: Gifts range from \$2 to \$7

For Preschoolers: A range of \$2 gifts will be provided in the preschool unit, for both groups of preschool children to make their purchase.

If you are interested in helping us prepare and sell the gifts, you'd be most welcome. We'll need some extra hands on the stall, as well as pack up and set up, from 1:30-3:15pm on Thursday and 8:30-9:30am Friday. It's a hoot to watch the kids shop and help them make their selection. You can sign up online at www.volunteersignup.org/7ALEY or email us.

We'd also welcome people to help us make some of the items and to wrap the gifts (along with a cuppa and a chat!). Just email us if you are interested and we'll work out a time to suit.

Many thanks

Janelle Kennard and Alison Brake

Mother's Day stall coordinators

janelle.kennard@gmail.com

Second-hand uniforms

A selection of pre-loved school uniforms is available for you to purchase for just \$2 near the Front Office. We are currently very short of shirts with the school logo and would be grateful of any clean items in good condition which your children have out-grown.

NEWS FROM 5/6

Here we are at the end of first term - unbelievable! The 5/6 unit have been exceptionally busy with a multitude of activities, events and learning. Highlights include the:

- Swimming Carnival
- Walk for Jacob
- National Day Against Violence and Bullying
- STEAM Day
- Harmony Day
- Year 6 UCKHS Orientation Day



Science this term has been very exciting. Year 5 students have enjoyed learning about animal adaptations. We began with the camel, learning about the cool ways camels have adapted to survive in the desert. In the following weeks students researched an animal of choice in small groups. Students then were able to present their findings to the class. It was wonderful to see all the creative and engaging ways students communicated their findings including posters, puppets and slideshows.

The Year 6 students investigated the world of microorganisms. Over several weeks students conducted and created experiments on the physical conditions required for mould to grow on bread. The results were a little disturbing, particularly if you enjoy eating processed sliced bread and included slices of very green, mouldy bread to no changes at all. Just makes you wonder what manufacturers add to our food to increase the shelf life.

We all hope you have a relaxing, peaceful and rejuvenating holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Sally, Shaun, Lisa and Katrina



fresh TASTES

healthy food at school

Fresh Tastes provided us with a beautiful vertical garden bed as a gift at the end of last year. On Friday 6th April, Giralang received some plants and help from Bunnings to get our vertical garden bed looking swish! A group of students helped to put it in the soil and plant some seedlings. This will be located in the Year 4 courtyard if you would like to take a look at the finished product.



MESSAGE FROM THE ACT GOVERNMENT

YOUR REMINDER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY AROUND SCHOOLS



Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined.

The ACT Government has developed a short video to help communicate with parents about the need to ensure they park correctly around schools. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6B6PPgOC8I>

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR



Dear Parent/Guardian

Free influenza vaccine for children aged 6 months to under 5 years

Last month, the ACT government announced it will provide a free influenza ('flu') vaccine to children from six months to under five years of age to help protect them from getting sick this flu season.

You can get the free flu vaccine for your child through your usual immunisation provider, including your general practitioner or ACT Health Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics. Families should be aware that GPs may charge a consultation fee. The vaccine will be available from April 2018.

The 2017 flu season was a particularly bad season around the country. In the ACT, children under five years were most affected. We know children under five years of age are at increased risk of hospitalisation and severe illness, including death, from flu. Young children also contribute significantly to influenza transmission in the community.

A yearly flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk of your child getting sick with the flu and spreading it to others.

Given the flu season usually occurs during winter and spring, I encourage you to have your child vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available from April prior to the flu season. It is important to know that if your child is receiving the vaccine for the first time, they will require two doses at least four weeks apart.

For more information about the ACT Childhood Influenza Vaccination Program, please visit health.act.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Kelly'.

Dr Paul Kelly
Chief Health Officer

29 March 2018

BRICKS

@ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 5TH MAY 2018 9am – 4pm &
SUN 6TH MAY 2018 9am – 2pm

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$15.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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April 2018

holiday program

Juggling - Acrobatics - Still Walking - Hula Hoop
Plate Spinning - Staff - Poi - Trick Sticks - Diabolo
Trapeze - Lyra - Tissu - Chinese Pole - Unicycle
Mini Tramp - Adagio - German Wheel

For students from 5 years all the way to adults, who want to learn new circus skills or upskill in a fun active program!

Week 1: Mon 16th - Fri 20th April (8yrs +) (Chifley & Kaleen) 9am - 3pm \$350

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Training Intensive: Mon 16th - Fri 20th April (Intermediate +) (Kaleen) 12:00pm - 7:00pm \$370

Week 2: Mon 23rd - Fri 27th April (8+ yrs) (Chifley & Kaleen) 9am - 3pm \$300

Week 2: Mon 23rd - Fri 27th April (5 - 7yrs) (Kaleen) 12pm - 3pm \$160

Wednesday 20th April is Public Holiday



Warehouse Circus Chifley x Chifley Health and Wellbeing Hub

4/70 MacLaurin Cres, Chifley ACT

Warehouse Circus Kaleen x University of Canberra High School Kaleen

104 Baldwin Drive, Kaleen ACT

Enrol Now!

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KALEEN

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?



Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 17, 18 and 19 April.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Canberra

22 & 23 May 2018

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue:	Pavilion on Northbourne 242 Northbourne Avenue Dickson ACT 2602
When:	Tuesday 22 & Wednesday 23 May 2018 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)
Catering:	Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.
Register Online:	positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open Tuesday 27 March 2018 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!
Questions?	If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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GUITAR LESSONS

I look forward to another fun-packed year of teaching guitar at Giralang Primary School, having taught for the last six years. I am classically trained and have studied guitar for 30 years, including under internationally recognised teachers. Students will start by learning to play simple melodies, understand rhythm, and read music. As they progress, they will be able to play more advanced solo and group pieces. A few of my students have progressed on to completing graded national exams, while others have just learnt for fun. Either way, they are well placed to join a music program when they move on to their next school.

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Fee: \$300 per term for 10 lessons

