

Week 10, Term 1 | 10 April 2019

UPCOMING DATES

12 April

Assembly hosted by 5I

Last day Term 1

14 April

Rats of Tobruk commemoration ceremony

29 April

First day Term 2

3 May

2pm – ANZAC Day assembly hosted by 6G

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 portfolios 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.

The proposed opening of online enrolments for Preschool and year 7 for 2020 is Monday 29 April at 9:00am. The process to apply for enrolment is to complete the online enrolment application located on our Directorate's website. Once you submit your application, a copy will be automatically emailed to your nominated email address (that you include on the form) and to the school. In 2020, 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 2nd May for a 'Come and Play' open morning. It commences in our Preschool Unit at 9:30am.

For families wanting more information about year 7, each high school holds an information night throughout May which you are welcome to attend to develop further insights into the approach to learning in place. Our in area high school open night is:

- UC High School Kaleen - 7 May 6pm-8pm



OPEN MORNING
THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2019
9.30AM - 11.00AM

TELEPHONE: (02) 6142 2630

www.giralangps.act.edu.au

info@giralangps.act.edu.au

TWITTER: @GiralangPrimary

School Office Hours: 08:30-15:30

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Further information, including the enrolment portal, calculator to check your child's grade level and open night dates, please see the following link: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy term break. Term two commences on Monday 29 April.

RATS OF TOBRUK COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Giralang Primary School has a long and proud connection with the Rats of Tobruk Association. This Sunday, 14 April, the Rats of Tobruk will hold a commemoration ceremony marking the 78th anniversary of the siege of Tobruk. Students and families are invited to attend the ceremony at the Rats of Tobruk Memorial on Anzac Parade.

Date: Sunday 14 April 2019

Time: 10:30am

Place: Rats of Tobruk Memorial, Anzac Parade, Campbell



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our ANZAC Day assembly where we will honour all Australians who have served our country in times of war and conflict.

Date: Friday 3 May 2019

Time: 2pm

Place: Giralang Primary School hall

PRESCHOOL PAMPHLET DELIVERY

If you would like to help the school deliver preschool pamphlets in Giralang, please see Louise in the Front Office before the end of Term 1. Delivery can be done any time from now until the start of Term 2 (Monday 29 April). The upcoming school holidays is the perfect time to strap on your sneakers and take a stroll around our suburb!

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who made the time to come to our first general meeting of the year! It was lovely to see some new faces and welcome back familiar ones as we begin planning for another fabulous year supporting the Giralang Primary community. **Thank You!**

We have a truly fabulous group of volunteers who help behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. While there are too many to list at one time, we'd love to introduce you to a few of the fantastic people and how they contribute to our wonderful school community.

Breakfast Club – Early every Tuesday, the ever-energetic **Carly Fiumara** provides our students with the opportunity to kick off the day with a delicious and nutritious breakfast, giving curious minds the best opportunity to grow and learn!

Lost Property – what a mammoth job! The incredible **Giselle Cruzado** wrangles all of those items who have managed to lose their owners and sorts out the mountain at the end of each semester.

Uniform Shop Manager – **Laura Anderson** has done an amazing job of ensuring our uniform shop runs smoothly and that all our students look fabulous! Throughout this year she is hoping to find another wonderful volunteer to train in ordering, pricing, rostering and training volunteers as she finishes up.

Uniform Shop Assistants – The friendly faces who help us ensure our little people are dressed and ready to go. At the moment **Jill Masters** and **Laura Anderson** are looking after this but they'd love some new assistants. If you could help out on a Friday morning once a month or fortnight from 8:30-9:15am, please let us know.

Without our beautiful volunteers who so generously offer their time, we wouldn't be able to do so many of the little things that go into making Giralang Primary the kind and welcoming school community that we all love and appreciate. There is always something to be done, so if you would like to volunteer a little (or a lot!) of your time we would love for you to get in touch.

The P&C Committee
giralangpandc@gmail.com



CANTEEN NEWS



As term one draws near, everyone will be excited to see who wins the Easter raffle this Friday 12 April!

For those who love choccy, first and second prize are two huge chocolate baskets which are tantalisingly on display at the Front Office. For those who don't go choccy-crazy, this year's third prize is a \$30 gift voucher for a box of fresh produce which has kindly been donated by Dilliro Vegetables.

Due to freshness, we are unable to provide the produce box this Friday, so the winner will have to make a trip to the Epic Farmers Markets to claim their prize - a great way to stock up for the Easter break and to support local growers in our region. Dilliro Vegetables is a family-run business who grows all of their produce organically. Dilliro can be found at the Epic Farmers Market every Saturday from 7am - 11am so if you find yourself there, please pop in and support them (the info tent at main entrance can tell you exactly where to you go) or alternatively, you can jump on line and order wonderful veggie boxes which can be delivered straight to your door: dillirovegetables.com.au

A HUGE THANK YOU to Erhan from Dilliro Vegetables for contributing to our Easter raffle and of course, a HUGE THANK YOU to all the families who have entered the Easter raffle which is supporting our little canteen.

Good luck!

The Canteen

NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL

Wow! Can you believe we are already in week 10 of Term 1? The Pre-schoolers have had a wonderful start to the semester.

Our focus this semester is on 'who we are' as individuals and as a part of a community. We focused on how to build relationships and friendships and what makes us who we are. A discussion was started about our family and what makes our families different and the same as others. The children were really engaged and started to talk about their families. We identified who has siblings.

Our yarning circles discuss the importance of Acknowledgement to Country. We identified that this is an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of the land, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



We are enjoying the weekly Japanese lessons with Rowelanne. We have been learning about the Japanese culture and language through stories, songs, rhymes and games.

We have enjoyed getting to know our buddy class and building relationships with the broader school community.

Gross motor and Library are a highlight for all preschool children.

We look forward to sharing our ongoing learning journey with you next term. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday, we look forward to Term 2 and the many learning opportunities coming our way.

Warm regards,
Heather, Danielle, Megan and Mel



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.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



TRANSPORT CANBERRA'S NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK STARTS

WE'RE CONNECTING CANBERRA

From Monday 29 April 2019 our transport network will be transformed.

Routes and timetables will change to deliver a better, more connected transport network by having light rail and more buses, more often, 7 days a week.

To find out how Canberra's network is changing or to plan your future trip, visit transport.act.gov.au



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Play Rugby in 2019

U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls

Southwell Park, Lyneham

Training starts in March!

Registrations online

For more information and to register

www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au

or

 Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club

Any queries please email

info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY



Learn the
basics of
hockey



Registrations are now open!

Hookin2Hockey is designed for boys and girls aged 10 and under.

When: Saturday mornings, 9-10am
(from May to September)

Where: Gold Creek Primary
(Kelleway Avenue Nicholls)

Price: \$85
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For more information, contact Jason at
hookin2hockey@centralhockey.org



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We help young people find a means through which to experiment, grow, and express themselves creatively as well as physically.

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4/70 Maclaurin Cres, Chifley ACT
Kaleen - University of Canberra High School Kaleen
104 Baldwin Drive, Kaleen ACT

Contact:

Email: programs@warehousecircus.org.au
or Phone: (02) 6260 3626

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Tennis Canberra Holiday Camps at Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- Camp 1: April 15th - 17th
- Book Online: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program

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Contact us via email play@tenniscanberra.com.au or 0416 186 121.