

UPCOMING DATES

30 August

2pm – Assembly hosted by Kindy
9-11am - Limelight dress rehearsal
6-10pm – Limelight concert

2 September

Rostrum grand final at UC

3 September

ICAS Digital Technologies
UC PCK Art Workshops Years 1 & 2

4 September

Literacy & Numeracy Board Game Day

5 September

ICAS Science
9:15am-1pm - Kindy excursion

6 September

7pm – Trivia Night & Silent Auction

10 September

ICAS Writing
UC PCK Art Workshops Years 1 & 2

11 September

Board Meeting

EXECUTIVE TEACHERS' MESSAGE

Last week, we celebrated Book Week across the school. The theme this year was 'Reading is my Secret Power'. There were several whole school activities to celebrate this important event. All classes read a selection of picture books that had been nominated for awards and completed creative responses to the texts. These included a range of wonderful artworks and written responses. They have been displayed in the Steps to the Star area. Please come and have a look when you are in the school. The celebrations also included our amazing Book Week Parade. The costumes looked fantastic and it was inspiring to see the wonderful range of books and characters the students are enjoying. There is a photo display on the screen in our front foyer if you would like a taste of the parade.

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week, we will be holding a Board Games Day on Wednesday 4th September. Students will play board games that challenge their literacy and numeracy skills and utilise their turn taking and problem-solving skills. Students are encouraged to bring in some of their own games from home to share with their classes. We are also planning to engage in some outdoor games in the afternoon.

Social Emotional Learning Programs: At Giralang Primary School staff believe that every student can aim for excellence in both their social and academic goals at school, and that student success is founded in academic, physical, social and emotional development. We support student success with developing respectful relationships, negotiating and resolving conflicts, demonstrating resilience, mindfulness, and engagement.



TELEPHONE: (02) 6142 2630

www.giralangps.act.edu.au

info@giralangps.act.edu.au

TWITTER: @GiralangPrimary

School Office Hours: 08:30-15:30

P&C Association

Brooke Pearson and
Janelle Kennard

Kumalie Walker

Ryan Wilson

Sean Macintyre

Presidents

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Board Representatives

Kathryn Couter (Chair) 0414 410 672

Nathan Kruger 0409 956 667

Eve Wisowaty 0431 655 865

We do this by explicitly teaching social skills that complement our school values of caring, co-operation, and courtesy. At Giralang, our teachers are using a school-wide program called Friendly School Plus. This resource includes learning experiences addressing self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and social decision-making. All classes participate in at least one explicit lesson a week. Weekly lessons include topics relevant and appropriate to each age group.

We are also using a national framework called Be You that is aimed at promoting and protecting mental health in children and young people. Be You aims to help educators and whole school communities to strengthen and improve mental health awareness and foster a positive, supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Sarah Baird
Executive Teacher

SCIENCE WEEK – BY HUON, MAEVE, DEAN AND EVAN

On the 15th of August 2019 we went to Lake Ginninderra College for a fun filled day of science activities. First Brad Tucker came in and gave us a talk about space and showed us a video of the moon landing. Then we were split into groups and Ms Floyd took us to the planetarium in the library. We went into the planetarium and Ms Floyd showed us a video about the evolution of telescopes. Then we went outside and had recess. Maeve's brother came and ate her food.

Next we went inside and created a scientific reaction that made the lid of a canister pop off. Another activity was going on a virtual reality adventure in space. The adventure was so realistic that it made Huon feel sick and he couldn't eat his lunch. After that, we went inside and did a robotic challenge with Sphero. We had to program the Sphero to roll as close to a bowling pin as possible without hitting it. Then we had some free time to mess around with them. After an extremely busy and exciting day we went home.



SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2019 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by Monday 2 September 2019. A survey invitation was sent home with the eldest child to parents and carers. If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey. It is not too late to have your say!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

- ★ To Meredith Wells and partner Darren on the safe arrival of twin boys Arthur and George on Friday 16 August. Both boys are absolutely gorgeous and thriving and all four are deliriously in love! Congratulations!!
- ★ To Aaron Foy who married his fiancée Vivian on Saturday 24 August. We wish you both a lifetime of good health, lasting love and unlimited happiness.

NEWS FROM YEAR 6

Drama program

On every Tuesday of Term 3, 6G and 6W have been having drama lessons with Annabel Scholes from the Sydney Theatre Company. Both classes have chosen a book to study. The program uses drama to deepen our understanding of the big ideas in the story and how the characters are thinking and feeling.

Jackie V



Seesaw

Students in 6G and 6W have begun using the app, Seesaw. This app allows us to share our work with our parents and anyone else who looks at a student's work. We have posted several aspects of our learning so far. This includes items in Mathematics, STEM, Physical Education and Civics and Citizenship.



Ella S

Buddies

Recently, Year 6 teamed up with our Kindergarten buddies, teaching our small peers how to use watercolor paint.



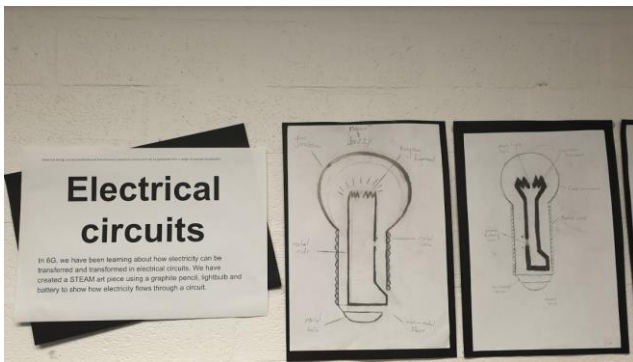
First, we drew on our paper with oil pastels and then dabbed our brush into the watercolor and gently dragged it across the paper. Some groups watered down their paint to make it a lighter shade and some groups did not. We based our art on something we like to do with our family. This included things such as; gardening, bike riding, horse riding, going to the pool or even rock climbing. Although there were a lot of spills it was a learning experience for all. It was great to see our buddies smiling, laughing and having fun.

Sarah W

STEM

In Science we have been learning about Electrical circuits. 6G completed an art piece which included graphite pencils, an A4 piece of paper, eraser, light bulb and battery. What you have to do is sketch a light bulb, lightly. Next, you have to go over the lightbulb sketch and make it very **dark**. If you don't make it dark then the circuit will not work. You also have to put some circuit breaks in the lightbulb because if you don't then the electricity will not flow in the circuit and will target the whole lightbulb instead of the tungsten filament. Finally, you put the battery on the circuit and put the lightbulb in the tungsten filament where it will light up. We had so much fun making this science art piece.

Khuzaimah



Angus experimenting with how to complete a circuit & turn on the light.

PE with Year 2

On Thursday, Year 6 spent time with the 2K class teaching them 2 PE games. The first game we played was hula hoop rock paper scissors. To play the game you need hula hoops laid out on the ground in a weird way like squiggles and we need two teams. The second game we played was mix of dodgeball and garbage toss, where the aim was to hit a ball off a protected cone on the opposition side of the field. We had a lot of fun running these activities and look forward to running more in the future.



Charlie G

Civics/Citizenship



In Civics, Year 6 has been learning about law-making, including the importance of our constitution. The Australian constitution should recognise Aboriginal people as the first people of this land. What we would see is a voice and a different opinion from people that should be counted in parliament seeing as they are the first people of this land. This would benefit Indigenous Australians as they can advise on any laws that may affect them.

As a result we would see a more fair and inclusive parliament. Indigenous Australians will have an inspirational future not just for them but for their culture.

Evie S

Australian of the Year

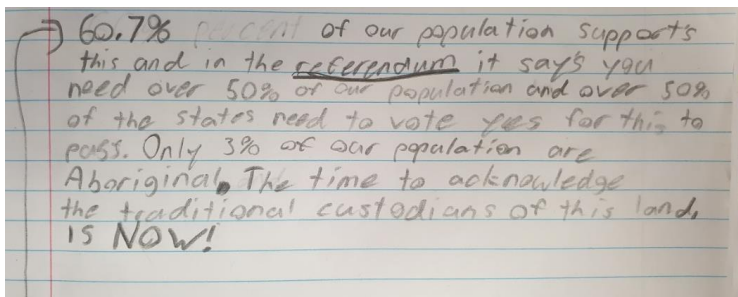
Year 6 has also been investigating the Australian of the Year website, finding out about some inspiring people. Kate and Tick Everett are amazing Australians. For example, when their daughter committed suicide because of cyberbullying they then decided to take bullying more seriously. They started doing fundraisers to support Dolly's dream of raising awareness about bullying and its potentially devastating effect on friends and families. As a result, it means that hopefully we will be able to lower how much bullying there is in Australia. We can also support anyone who is being bullied.

Tash W

Adam Goodes is the definition of a great Australian. For example, Adam is a great role model and advocate (supporting the cause) for the fight against racism both on and off the field and is admired by a great many people around the nation. Together with his cousin and former teammate Michael O'Loughlin, Adam established the Go Foundation which empowers the next generation of Indigenous role models in all walks of life. Adam co-chairs the foundation, focused on promoting education, employment and healthy lifestyles. Adam is proud of his Indigenous heritage and is actively involved with several Indigenous sport and community programs. He has spent time working with troubled youth, including those in youth detention centres. His actions give the aboriginal people a lot more respect. Adam Goodes being aboriginal and also being well respected empowers the Aboriginal people and changes the way people look at them, by their actions not their skin colours. If all Australians are like him we would support the same cause of no racism and we would get a better face as Australia.



David T

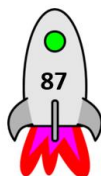


VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – 7 MORE THIS FORTNIGHT!! THANK YOU 😊

Voluntary Contributions 2019



226





Giralang Primary School
ADVENTURE IN LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING

Literacy and Numeracy Week

BOARD GAMES DAY

Wednesday 4 September,
Week 7

BRING ALONG A BOARD GAME FROM
HOME TO PLAY WITH YOUR CLASS.

Have fun!





Seesaw @ Giralang Primary School

Seesaw is how we are sharing what your child is learning at school.

Seesaw gives your child a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology. Each child gets their own journal and we will periodically add entries to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes.

When there are updates, you can be notified.

- You will only get notifications about your child's new journal posts.
- You can access your child's journal anytime via iOS app, Android app, Kindle Fire app, or on the website using other smartphones and computers for the whole year!

All student content is safe and secure.

- Journals are only accessible by your child, their teachers and yourself.
- Journals are not public on the web and information is never shared with third parties.

Download the app today to keep up to date with your child's learning at Giralang Primary!



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our P&C Meeting last week, it was wonderful to see so many people there, familiar faces and new! A quick recap of the evening's main points:

- The trivia night and silent auction fundraiser is powering ahead and shaping up to be a fabulous event! It's not too late to book a table, buy a platter or try your luck in the raffle! Follow the link to join in the fun <https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/trivia-night>. Tickets are selling fast and the silent auction will be up and running soon. We need a few volunteers to help everything come together on the night, so follow the link if you are able to help (volunteersignup.org/AQ8FF). Many of these can be done as well as joining in the trivia so no need to miss out on the fun! A huge thank you to Amy Pepper and Katie Calvert who have put in so many hours organising everything, they are absolute super stars;
- Speaking of these super stars, Amy and Katie also submitted a community garden grant application at the beginning of the term on behalf of the P&C, seeking funding for an edible garden at the school. It is a project which we are very excited about and we should hear back about the success of the application within the next few weeks;
- In exciting news, the canteen has reported over \$3000 in profit for this year! A huge thank you to Cat, Carly and Cindy for all their hard work, we appreciate all of the time and effort you all put in to making sure that our kiddies are eating delicious, healthy meals. Massive thanks as well to Brydie Lang for her incredibly generous donation of a \$2000 oven to the canteen! For the first time in many years the canteen has two functioning ovens meaning we can all enjoy more of Cindy's delicious baked goods;
- Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who put in time in the uniform shop, school banking, book club, in the canteen, sorting lost property and do all the many things that go unseen but contribute greatly to our beautiful school. If you have a few hours on a Friday, the canteen would love to hear from you. Many hands make happy work; and
- The disco is coming up on 25th September and promises to be another high-energy, super fun night! Come along early for a Mexican-themed feast and stay to boogie along with the always groovy DJ Cliff.

Brooke Pearson and Janelle Kennard
P&C co-presidents

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 6th September

Doors open at 7pm Trivia starts at 7.30pm

Tables of 8 players \$15 per person

TICKETS

Join us for a fun night of trivia, games and a chance to win one of our amazing raffle or lucky door prizes!

Tables are filling up quickly, so pre-purchase your ticket for a table of 8 or individual tickets at our online store.

Can't rally a table of 8? No worries, small groups and individuals will be allocated to a table—what a great chance to meet others from our school community!

GOURMET PLATTERS

To ensure your night is as delicious as it is fun, order one of the gourmet platters. Orders can be made at the trivia online store and are due by **Monday 2nd September**.

RAFFLE

Can't make it to the trivia night, but don't want to miss out on your chance to win one of the fantastic prizes? You can purchase raffle tickets at the online trivia store and your ticket numbers will be emailed to you! Send the link to your friends and family so they can have a chance to win too!

SILENT AUCTION

What is a silent auction? It is just like a regular auction but you can bid on items from the comfort of your own home! Our amazing community and local businesses have donated art, vouchers and items that you can bid on. All you need to do is visit our online silent auction site, browse the items and place a bid! The person with the highest bid on **Friday 13th of September** wins the item! Share the link with family and friends and encourage them to support our school! **The auction will open on Friday 30th of September.**

ESSENTIAL INFO

TRIVIA NIGHT ONLINE STORE

Single tickets—\$15

Table Tickets—\$120

Raffle Tickets

Gourmet Platters

Visit:

<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/trivia-night>

SILENT AUCTION ONLINE

Make a bid on some art, sporting vouchers....

Visit: [https://](https://www.biddingowl.com/GiralangPrimarySchool)

www.biddingowl.com/GiralangPrimarySchool

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email:

triviagiralangprimary@gmail.com

Platter 1 - \$45

Seasonal fruit

A variety of hard and soft cheeses

Warm baked camembert

Home baked sourdough with oil
and balsamic reduction

Platter 2 - \$65

Fresh scones with jam and cream

A range of homemade cookies

Individual chai-spiced cheesecakes

Warm spinach and bacon cob loaf

Platter 3 - \$85

Caramelised onion, goats cheese
and thyme tartlets

Individual pavlovas with fresh
berries and dessert wine syrup

Layered milk and white chocolate
panna cottas

Choux buns topped with craquelin
and filled with crème patisserie

CANTEEN NEWS

The next issue of the Giralanger will contain some great news with regards to the canteen transitioning away from plastics for both health and environmental reasons. Since May, the canteen has started using compostable sugar cane containers for all home-cooked meals. The containers are one of the most environmentally-friendly products available and are produced from the pulp of sugar canes which have had their juice extracted. They take approximately 30-90 days to break down and the best bit is they can be recycled into yellow bins, composted or thrown into regular bins. More on our mission next fortnight so stay tuned.

Don't forget our Winter Warmer!

To keep our bellies warm through the cold winter season, the canteen is offering a Burrito option for lunch:

Rice and black bean bowl base - \$3

Add corn salsa - \$1.50

Add chicken - \$1.50

Wrap it in a tortilla – 50c

Sour cream is an optional free extra

Carly and Cat, Canteen Business Managers

MINDFULNESS WITH JENNIFER SEXTON

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator Jennifer Sexton will be offering weekly mindfulness sessions beginning on

Friday 30th August.

These sessions are free of charge.

Each class commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits and practise of mindfulness.

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



PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

DIANE LONDON – PIANO

Diane London has played piano since childhood and instantly developed a love for music, it is this enjoyment and appreciation that she has been passing on to others as a piano teacher for over 15 years in Canberra. Diane's training has included university study (BMUS) at the Canberra School of Music (Australian National University) as well as a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies from the Australian National University. Diane teaches from ages 4 years and upwards and also teaches many adult students at her Lyneham studio.

As part of her studies at the Canberra School of Music, Diane has been taught by some of Australia's most talented musicians, including Professor Larry Sitsky who is a prolific Australian composer, pianist, researcher and who is one of the founding members of the Canberra School of Music (ANU) and John Luxton (former head director of the Canberra School of Music (ANU)). Diane has also been taught by Wendy Lorenz, making her a 6th generation descendant student of Ludwig Van Beethoven, the lineage is - Diane London - Wendy Lorenz - Maria Curcio - Artur Schnabel - Theodor Leschetizky - Carl Czerny - Ludwig van Beethoven.

As a pianist, Diane has performed many times at the Canberra School of Music as well as performances across Canberra including the Australian Parliament House and Wesley Music Centre. Diane has also adjudicated piano competitions such as the Miles Franklin Music Festival Piano Competition.

One of Diane's key approaches to her teaching is recognising and responding to unique student needs. Instead of following just one inflexible teaching style, she prioritises developing goals with the student and then creates a plan for the student to achieve their goals.

\$37 per 1/2 hour lesson.

Please contact Diane on 0414 788 380 for more information.





CODECAMP

What will you code and create these school holidays?

More than 80,000 Aussie boys and girls have loved Code Camp so far.

SAVE \$20
CODE: LOCAL20

Sponsored by **Westpac** Powered by **hp**

Book now at:
www.codecamp.com.au

Give us a call on:
1300 263 322



parentline

Available to all families in the ACT.
Offering a free and confidential counselling service.
Assisting & supporting parents with ideas about raising children.

The only telephone counselling service for parents and carers in the ACT.

**PARENTLINE
6287 3833
9AM-5PM
FREE TELEPHONE COUNSELLING**



Department of
Primary Industries



Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is \$40 PER CHILD, and includes:

- rod and reel combination
- shirt
- hat
- tackle box
- show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Dates

Gaden Trout Hatchery	Fri & Sat 4 th & 5 th	October 2019
	Fri & Sat 10 th & 11 th	January 2020
Batemans Bay	Tuesday 14 th	January 2020
	Tuesday 14 th	April 2020
Lake Illawarra	Wednesday 22 nd	January 2020
	Tuesday 21 st	April 2020
Greenwell Point	Tuesday 21 st	January 2020
	Wednesday 22 nd	April 2020
Merimbula	Wednesday 15 th	January 2020
	Thursday 16 th	April 2020
Turross Head	Wednesday 15 th	April 2020

To book: e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 0438 245 190
Web details: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

Western District Junior Cricket Club



REGISTER NOW to play Junior Cricket this summer with Wests.

If you are a boy or girl aged 5–15 we have a team for you.

Parents – Cricket doesn't take as long as you may think!

Junior Blaster (5–7 year olds) – 1 hour session

Master Blaster (7–10 year olds) – 1.5 hour game

Junior Competition (10–15 year olds) – 2–3 hour game

To register, or find out more, go to playcricket.com.au and search for 'Western District Junior Cricket Club', or go to www.westsjuniors.act.cricket.com.au

At Wests we are committed to developing our players, developing a passion for the game and having fun in a friendly and positive community environment.



BANDITS
BASEBALL
CLUB

REGISTERING NOW

T-Ball and Baseball
Ages 5 and up

Junior, Senior (Open)
and Womens' Teams

Come and Try Day – 15 September
Pre-season training on Sundays
See website for details – all welcome!

www.actbandits.com.au
contact@actbandits.com.au
www.facebook.com/ACTBanditsBaseball

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Registrations are now open for the upcoming Little Athletics season. Come and join the fun at the reigning ACT Little Athletics Club of the Year. Athletes are supported in a fun and friendly atmosphere at Charnwood Oval each Saturday morning where they will earn new skills and make new friends. Ginninderra Athletics caters for all ages from 3 year olds (Tiny Tots) through to Opens and Masters with events for all ages and abilities.

SEASON COMMENCES 19 OCTOBER 2019
AT CHARNWOOD OVAL

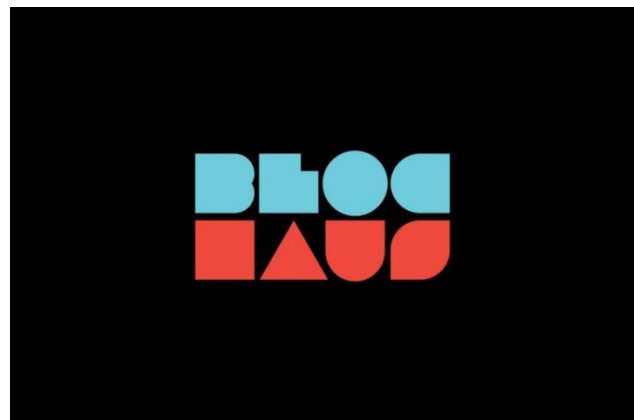
TINY TOTS TO UNDER 8's - 8.30am
UNDER 9 TO UNDER 11's - 9.30am
UNDER 12 TO OPENS - 10.00am

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT

GINNINDERRA.COM

Thank you to our amazing community who have supported the Trivia Night and Silent Auction!!



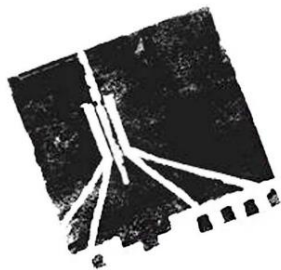


HOOK & HOOT



BROOKE PEARSON
FACE PAINTING

P: 0437 763 318 E: brookepearson28@gmail.com



CAPITAL
WINES









COCKINGTON GREEN GARDENS

EST 1979