



UPCOMING DATES

28 February

Clean Up Aust Day

Assembly, hosted by Year 1 at 2pm

4 March

Yr 5 Band Info Session, 5pm

9 March

Public Holiday

23 March

Harmony Day celebrations

6-7 May

School Photos

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful swimming carnival yesterday. It was so nice seeing students enjoying the outdoors, playing, laughing and doing their best to gain valuable house points! We certainly also have some talented swimmers in our midst. Thank you to Kieran Blackwell and his team for organising such a successful event. Thank you also to the parent helpers who jumped in to support staff and the P&C for the sausage sizzle.



We had a great day at Dickson Pool yesterday!

The values of Giralang Primary School are **Caring**, **Cooperation** and **Courtesy**. Not only are they prominent in our school song, hallways and the language we use in and around our school, but our values are an embedded part of who we are at Giralang Primary School. Students will often say 'I was caring for our school when I made sure our eating area was tidy', 'I was showing courtesy when I held the door open for others' or 'I used the cooperation value when I waited my turn'. We commend students for showing these attributes and celebrate students daily.

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OUR BELIEFS AT GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the end of 2017, together with our School Board, we agreed on and developed a set of whole school belief statements, these eight belief statements are listed below. As a teaching team, we challenge these beliefs daily and ask ourselves if we hold fast to these beliefs, what will you see, hear and feel?

At Giralang Primary School we believe:

- **All students can learn** - you will see differentiated learning, intervention, personal passion projects, supportive and expert teaching teams, high expectations and inclusion.
- **Every student is entitled to one year's growth for one year's learning** – you will see regular feedback cycles, student/teacher conferencing, consistent monitoring, intervention, extension opportunities, individualised learning and celebration of student learning progress.
- **Learning should be visible** – you will see clear learning intentions and success criteria, teaching and learning cycles which demonstrate opportunities for students to master concepts and opportunities to hear students articulate their learning to others.
- **Students and teachers receive quality feedback** – you will see and hear conferencing, written and verbal feedback from teachers, coaching and mentoring programs for teaching staff, learning walks and peer observations.
- **Our teaching practices should be research informed, evidence based and anchored to neuroscience in education perspectives** – you will feel a calm, welcoming and inclusive environment. You will see reflective practitioners, action research projects and professional learning for teachers.
- **Our identity continues to be connected with the school's architecture, cultural identity and traditions** – You will see and hear recognition of our school's history, respect for the heritage of the building and its surrounds. You will feel culturally safe and supportive environments and acknowledgments of the traditional custodians of the land we learn, work and play.
- **Strong community partnerships will enrich student learning outcomes** – You will see students visiting and accessing experts, University of Canberra affiliated school workshops, strong community connectedness, an active P & C focused on student outcomes and teachers tapping into the resources within the local area.
- **Building our Cultural Integrity benefits the whole school community** – You see, hear and feel a school committed to reconciliation and caring for country.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2020

Congratulations to our House Captains for 2020. They have already fulfilled their first responsibilities yesterday at our school Swimming Carnival. We look forward to your continued leadership throughout the year.



Archer – Elsie and Talia

Centaur – Hayley and Joey

Phoenix – Bailey J and Josie D

Toucan – Logan and Liam

Loose Change



Use this activity to help your child develop an understanding of patterns and variables (the unknown) to solve a problem.

What you'll need:

- Some coins

What to do:

- Ask your child the following questions:

1. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 15 cents. What do I have?
2. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 25 cents. What do I have?
3. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 50 cents. What do I have?
4. I have three coins in my pockets. They are worth 70 cents. What do I have?
5. I have ? coins in my pocket. They are worth ? cents. What could I have?

Extension - This problem has more than one answer.

1. I have coins in my pocket, which have a value of ? cents. How many coins could I have?

You get the idea! Give your child a few coins to figure out the answers.

2020 YEAR 6 TOPS



2020 YEAR 6 SHIRTS



Last week the notes for the Year 6 Leadership shirts went home. To ensure timely delivery and the lowest possible costs, please return these notes to the front office as soon as you can.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2020

We have received three nominations for the two positions on our school board.

To vote, please collect a ballot paper and envelope from the Front Office of Giralang Primary School. Fill it out according to the instructions and place it in the locked box located at the Front Office. Voting closes 11am Monday 3 March 2020.

The appointment will be made by the Returning Officer on approximately 24 March 2020, and the announcement will be made approximately 7 days later.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Early next week family statements will be sent home with your child. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's bag.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

Our whole class programs and targeted intervention programs **start at 9.00am sharp** so being only a few minutes late can impact your student's learning significantly. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children arrive at school on time.

The table below is a summary of the time lost when punctuality becomes a daily problem.

My child is only missing...		
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year
20 mins per day	1 hour and 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year
60 mins per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year

NEWS FROM 3G – BUNJI

3G have had an amazing start to the year! In Literacy we have been learning how to write a narrative, enjoying reading and our literature studies. We are also loving our class novel 'The Wild Robot'. In PE we are learning new games and playing some old favourites. In Science, we are looking at living and non-living things.

In Inquiry, we have been asking questions about Giralang. We started with broad questions which lead us to the question 'What birds are native to Giralang?' We researched different birds that live locally. We discovered many birds and discussed the ones we had seen in the neighbourhood. We choose six of these birds to create our bird artworks. We looked at the artist Pete Cromer who inspired our oil pastel and water colour artworks. Take a look!



3G are now learning all about Giralang Primary School. We looked at some old photographs of the school. We got into small groups to try to work out where in the school these photos were taken. We then went on an adventure around the school to locate and take updated photographs of these spots. Finally, we compared the photographs and found things that had changed and remained the same and why that may be. We are looking forward to the rest of term 1, we had a great time at the swimming carnival and we will be participating at the Caring for Country (clean up Australia day) on Friday.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come have a chat.

Sally Gladwin - sally.gladwin@ed.act.edu.au



Julian Wark

Teacher Librarian

It's on again!! The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage students to read for pleasure. The Challenge runs until July 31 and students aim to complete 30 books in this time. Class teachers will provide more details on how the challenge will operate and the library will be supporting students to complete the challenge by providing a range of diverse, quality and fun books to read.

One author students might wish to read is [Mark Wilson](#) who writes well researched historical junior fiction books. He has just released a book called *Eureka! A Story of the Goldfields* which has just arrived in the library. Who will be first to grab this hot read?

Koori Preschool Program

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary University
- Wanniassa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions.

Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website www.education.act.gov.au

For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

NEWS FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

On **Wednesday 12 March** after the final bell we will be having our **Term 1 Playdate**. Bring a bite to share and spend some time with other school families while the kiddies run off all the days excess energy (seriously, where does it come from??). It's a great way to meet new people and connect in with our beautiful school community in a relaxed and fun setting. We promise not to make you volunteer, sign up to anything or sell your soul, this is purely an opportunity to connect in amongst the everyday crazy of kids, work, school and life and we'd love to see you there!

We are so grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Swimming Carnival Sausage Sizzle yesterday. It is always wonderful to be able to be a part of school events and see all the happy and excited faces as they swim, race and cheer for their house groups.

A massive thank you to our wonderful canteen business managers Carly Fiumara and Cat Williams for organising our first 'Nude Food' on Tuesday, what a smashing success! Over 160 orders of delicious and nutritious food kept bellies full and brains firing throughout a long day of learning. We'd love feedback on whether 'Nude Food' days are something you'd like to see more regularly, how your little people felt about the food that was served, and whether you'd like to see any of these items added to our regular canteen menu. Shoot us through an email (giralangpandc@gmail.com), message us through our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Giralang-Primary-School-PC>) or catch Cat and Carly on the playground after school to let us know what you thought.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday 3 April for a boot scootin', hay balin', yeehaw of an evening! More details to follow soon but you'll be left crying into your beans if you miss it!

GIRALANG GARDEN COLLECTIVE

Last year the P&C won an ACT Government grant to establish a school garden. Since then we have developed a garden plan with the help of Cally from Canberra Permaculture Design. Feedback from the consultation process has been positive and it was wonderful to meet so many keen gardeners at the Welcome BBQ!

We are eager to get started on the garden and would like to tap into the immense talent and skills in our community. We are looking for people or recommendations of businesses that can help us with the following tasks:

- construction of a fence around the parameter of the garden
- construction of wicking garden beds
- writing grant applications
- help coordinating working bees for the garden
- assistance with digging holes and soil preparation
- gardeners to start saving seeds and growing seedlings for the garden and to sell at fundraising stalls.

We are also seeking donations of:

- fencing material
- garden beds
- gardening tools

Any help big or small is greatly appreciated! If there is something you are particularly interested in doing please get in touch at giralanggardencollective@gmail.com

Our little garden committee is meeting on Saturday 7th March at 1pm on the school grounds, near the multipurpose court. If you would like to join us please RSVP to giralanggardencollective@gmail.com Everyone is welcome!

Today the eldest child of each family will be coming home with a Tesselaar Bulb Fundraising catalogue. All money raised from your online purchases will go towards making the school gardens beautiful.

Brooke Pearson - P&C President



"Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday 1 March. Come and Join us at the Giralang Ponds at 10am to clean up our local environment. Drinks and snacks will be provided - BYO water bottle, gloves and a hat.

Clean Up Australia Day is a great way to contribute to keeping our school and neighbourhood looking beautiful, however we need to do more than picking up litter once a year. Please remind your children to take their rubbish with them and responsibly dispose of it in a bin rather than leaving it on the ground along the footpaths. This also goes for rubbish from items purchased at the 7/11 such as slushie containers.

At Giralang Primary School we believe in helping to take care of our planet. This year we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day.

When: Friday 28 February at 12:45pm – 1:10pm

Where: The school grounds and surrounding ovals



Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along and help! Let your child's teacher know.

We have re-useable canvas bags for sale at the Front Office for \$3.50

CANTEEN NEWS

Wow what an amazing week 4 we have had in the canteen. We held our first ever Nude Food Tuesday which involved healthy, home cooked meals for recess and lunch.

Recess involved a Nude Food chocolate cake (with hidden vege!) that was an absolute hit with the children and had teachers and parents asking for the recipe. We also served Greek yoghurt with homemade granola roasted fresh in the canteen with a side of berries and a drizzle of organic honey.

Lunch was a busy time with the very popular crumbed chicken burger served with freshly smashed avocado and baby spinach. Bellies were filled with delicious spinach and ricotta cannelloni with a slow cooked tomato sugo. Our last dish was a trio of dips served with freshly cooked homemade naan bread!

We were overwhelmed with very positive feedback from the children as they returned their reusable plates and cutlery.

It was a very successful and rewarding fundraiser for the canteen and we'd like to thank all the families for participating and of course the wonderful Giralang staff for all their support.

Shout out to Eva, Meg, Bianca and Sage from 5/6B who helped us in the kitchen making the dishes disappear in half the time!

Stay tuned for the next Nude Food Tuesday!

And special thanks to Kirsti for running the canteen last week while Cindy had a well-deserved break.

Cat and Carly
Canteen Business Managers



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 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.

Student goals can vary widely and can include just wanting to learn to play the piano for fun, preparing for AMEB piano practical exams, learning piano to 'keep the brain active', or even learning music theory, history and composition. Diane has helped hundreds of students successfully achieve their musical goals.

\$39 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.





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