



Week 6, Term 1 | 14 March 2018

UPCOMING DATES

16 March

Walk for Jacob – No Assembly

21 March

Harmony Day

Preschool Gross & Fine Motor Information afternoon

26 March

Yr 3 – War Memorial Excursion

CEIS (Christian Ed In Schools)

30 March

Good Friday (Public Holiday)

2 April

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

EXECUTIVE TEACHER MESSAGE

The towels are dry and the water has drained from our ears, yet we are still riding the wave that was our 2018 Swimming Carnival. It was a beautiful day to be at the Dickson Pool, with students entering competitive swimming races, participating in mixed-aged games and cheering on their teams. We are ever so proud of the way our students demonstrated an encouraging, competitive spirit in giving the day's events their best.

Teachers, students and the school community would like to say a huge thank you to Katrina Ireland for coordinating such a fun, well-run event that focused on student participation and team spirit. The house points and results will be announced soon, and students will be presented with ribbons for their races at a forthcoming assembly.

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Pi champions Peter and Oliver with Miss Love and Mr Alliston.

Mark Alliston – Executive Teacher

NAPLAN 2018

ACT schools are actively planning to transition to NAPLAN Online testing from 15-25 May 2018.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Together with all schools across the ACT, students in Year 3 and Year 5 at Girralang Primary School will participate in a practice/familiarisation test on 22 March 2018. The practice test does not assess student performance and has been developed to replace one of the familiarisation activities that schools have traditionally undertaken.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>. The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

For further information please contact NAPLAN coordinator [Mark Alliston](#).

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PI DAY AT GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again students were invited to memorise and recite digits of pi in celebration of Pi Day. Each class held their own recital competition, with at least one student from each class selected to participate in our school finals. The whole school was simply blown away by how many digits students could memorise and how confident they were in reciting them. The audience hung on to every digit, providing a tense yet supportive and caring atmosphere for those participating. Congratulations go to Peter Yang (2G) for memorising and reciting a mind-boggling 197 digits of pi. We hope you enjoy wearing your new pi t-shirt prize! The following students received a special "Happy Pi Day" sticker for memorising and reciting the most digits in their class:

1C – Nicholas G – 19 digits

4A - Logan F – 14 digits

2G – Peter Yang – 197 digits

4V - Lily C – 29 digits

2G - Oliver B – 101 digits

5/6GL - Peter L – 40 digits

2W – Marko R – 55 digits

5/6GR - Khuzaimah – 14 digits

3H - Kei R – 50 digits

5/6IR - Jim H – 31 digits

3K - Damien V – 17 digits

5/6IS - Olivia A – 78 digits



Swimming Carnival 2018

YEAR 2G – BANDICOOTS AND YEAR 2W SONICS

Year 2 have brainstormed some words to help describe the start of 2018:

Creative - Challenging – Cute

Why did we say creative?



The Bandicoots and Sonics have engaged in some creative activities to develop new friendships and learn how to work collaboratively. Throughout Year 2 there will be a focus on literacy skills, oral language and mathematical thinking. Why not ask your child about ‘good fit’ books, barrier games or the different ways to use a hundred chart?

Here is some creative writing that the students have published:

My favourite part of me is my smile

I feel happy when I smile when it makes other people smile.

I feel proud to make people smile.

I see people smiling when I smile

I see people smiling when they have A good time

I hear people smiling and laughing

I hear heaps of people smiling

I wonder why people frown when they can smile.]

By Billie Carson

My favourite part of me is my tummy

I feel my belly button

I feel my ribes inside my tummy

I see my scar from the operation

I see my tummy inflate and deflate

I hear my heart if i am really quiet

I hear cough after cough when i am sick

I wonder how many organs are in my tummy

By SIENNA REEVES

Why did we say challenging?



Year 2 is already throwing up some new challenges. We have reinforced the understanding of numbers being made up of place value parts such as ones, tens, hundreds and thousands. We're also learning about the importance of each word in a sentence and how some words are special and need capital letters ***all the time***. Year 2 are also strengthening their speaking and listening skills. If you walk past the classrooms, you will hear lots of deep conversations and student questions.

Why did we say cute?

What other word could we use to describe our new baby chicks!? These fluffy fellows will call Year 2 home for two weeks before they are returned. In that time, the Sonics and Bandicoots will have gained a much deeper understanding about life cycles. Stay tuned as we are expecting some ducklings over the next few days.

The chickens and ducks are for sale. Chickens are \$5 each and ducks are \$10. There are a few requirements if you want to buy:

- They need to be bought in pairs or more
- They still require a heat lamp
- They will need to be transported in a cardboard box on Friday 16th March
- Please email matthew.garratt@ed.act.edu.au if interested in purchasing.



IC SCRABBLERS AND IN BOP ITS

We have had a fantastic start to Year 1, with lots of learning happening!

In reading, we have been practising how to retell the main events in stories, making sure we sequence the events in order. We have used pictures to help us retell a story orally to our partners.

During our writing time we have been working on recounts. Throughout this we focus on using different strategies to help us write unfamiliar words such as listening for the sounds we can hear throughout the word and using the word wall.

We have been practising skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's using different tools such as a hundreds chart and number line. If you get a chance to practise this at home that would be wonderful!



We have enjoyed the netball clinics throughout the term. We have been focusing on using the correct technique when chest passing and bounce passing. Check out some of the fun in these photographs.



Year 1 will be hosting assembly on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 13 April) at 9:15am. We hope to see you all there!

Alana Coghill alana.coghill@ed.act.edu.au

Leanne Nicol leanne.nicol@ed.act.edu.au

NEWS FROM P&C

Thanks to a very generous response from our community, almost all of the P&C volunteer roles have been filled for 2018! We are now only looking for a President and some more volunteers for the School Canteen.

The canteen needs people to help out with some simple tasks for an hour or two on Thursdays and Fridays. Whether people can volunteer regularly, or just every now and then, every little bit is appreciated and it all helps to keep our canteen running.

The P&C also really does need a President to keep all of our activities and services running this year. I really enjoyed being the P&C President for the past two years. It is an interesting role and it gave me so much insight into how our wonderful school provides a top-quality teaching and learning environment for our children. I can't fit the role into my schedule this year, but am very happy to provide regular advice and support to anyone who is willing to give it a go. The key tasks for the President are chairing P&C meetings (two per term), checking to make sure administrative and compliance tasks are up-to-date and being a conduit for communication between the school, Board and P&C. You will work with two Treasurers, two Business Managers (uniform shop and canteen) and a Secretary, so there are plenty of people to share the workload!

If you think you can help out, or would like to know more, drop us a line at girolangpandc@gmail.com, or come have a chat at pick-up - I'm usually there!

Also, keep an eye out for our Bulb Fundraiser this term, and our first disco of the year on 17th May, Term 2.

Megan Hemming – Outgoing P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have an hour or two to help out in the Canteen on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Kirsti (Canteen Co-ordinator) on 0411 358 468, or drop in at the Canteen on either of those days to have a chat.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen.

Cindy Allen – Canteen Manager

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.

Video – [Parking safely around schools](#)

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>

ART SHOW 2018 WHAT LIFTS YOU?

‘What lifts you?’ - it’s an inquiry question, a wondering, a STEM activity.

‘What lifts you?’ - it’s about design, creativity and growth mindset.

‘What lifts you?’ is the Dreamtime, and has cultural integrity.

‘What lifts you?’ can be about machines, propellers, movement, flight, technology and architecture.

‘What lifts you?’ can also be about our spirit, the land, friendship, colour, connection, inspiration and motivation.

It’s for our students to interpret, explore and create!

Come along and see for yourself on Monday 14th May at this year’s Art Show.

Come along to the



at St Simon's Anglican Church

Georgina Cres Kaleen

(behind the shops)

Saturday 17 March

10am – 2pm

With BBQ and a cake stall.

To book a \$20 car spot or table by Fri 9th March
go to www.stsimons.org.au

A poster for the Belconnen Children's Choir. At the top, it says "Young Music Society presents". Below that is the choir's name, "BELCONNEN CHILDREN'S CHOIR", in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the name, it says "for primary - aged children", "TUESDAYS", "during school terms, weeks 2 - 9", "4:15 - 5:15pm", and "Music Room, UC Secondary College Lake Ginninderra, Emu Bank, Belconnen". There is a small photo of the choir members singing. At the bottom, it says "SIGN UP NOW OR JUST TURN UP!" and provides a phone number "(02) 6258 0290" and a website "WWW.YOUNGMUSICSOCIETY.ORG.AU". The poster has decorative brushstrokes in green, orange, and pink.



Giralang Primary School Easter Special

ACT Tyre, Brake & Mechanical, with 2 locations in Canberra (Braddon and Mitchell), are running an awesome car service voucher promotion, giving away over \$1500 worth of labour free Car Servicing to each family member for only \$99, if they are interested. The car service voucher includes all of the following:

- 1 x Major Car Service (**Saving you \$264**)
- 2 x Standard Car Services (**Saving you \$264**, \$132 each)
- 1 x Free, 5 Wheel Balances & complete Tyre Rotation (**Saving you \$75**)
- 1 x Brake Fluid Flush (**Saving you \$99**)
- 1 x Radiator Flush (**Saving you \$132**)
- 1 x Free Suspension Inspection (**Saving you \$66**)
- 2 x Free Brake Inspections and Adjustments (**Saving you \$132**, \$66 each)
- 1 x Front or Rear Brake Disc Pad Replacement (**Saving you \$99**)
- 2 x Free Puncture Repairs (**Saving you \$90**, \$45 each)
- 1 x Free Piece of Mind Vehicle Inspection (**Saving you \$132**)
- 2 x Free Wheel Alignments (**Saving you \$154**, \$77 each)

There are a limited number of vouchers available, so get in quick to secure yours! The offer is valid for one vehicle per voucher.

To purchase your vouchers please Email jackson@mechanicalpromo.com

- Your Name and the number of vouchers you would like to purchase. I will send you payment details and once paid, I will have your vouchers sent to you by courier.

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