



**Giralang Primary School**  
ADVENTURE IN LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING

*The Giralanger*

Week 2, Term 1 | 12 February 2020

#### UPCOMING DATES

**14 February**

2pm Assembly hosted by 5/6B

**25 February**

Nude Food Tuesday

**26 February**

Swimming Carnival, K-Year 6

**6-7 May**

School Photos

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wowee! What a start to 2020. Despite all the atrocities that occurred during the summer break, our students have settled into the routines of their class and learning with brilliant aplomb. I couldn't be prouder of our Giralang stars! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families that have joined us this year.

It was terrific to catch up with many people last night at the annual 'Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Evening.' I think it was the biggest turn out I have seen in years. A big thanks to the P&C for their generosity in providing the sausage sandwiches and water and another thanks to our teachers for turning a sausage and serving. Such a wonderful way to bring our community together to network and relax. The P&C AGM that followed was well attended and I was excited to hear of their excellent plans for 2020.

Did you sign up for a 'Get to Know You Yarn' with your class teacher last night? If not, please contact your relevant teacher to schedule one.

During the week before the commencement of school for students, our teachers joined with colleagues from Southern Cross Early Childhood School to engage in some inspiring professional learning. One day was spent with Catherine Nash who refocused our thinking about writing. Her provocation was "writers should be taught by writers." Adults should be writing for pleasure every day – do you? Our second day was spent with the extraordinary Kath Murdoch who deepened our knowledge about the learner assets and gave us some tools, though inquiry, to prepare for students return after so many natural disasters during the break. Both days were deeply meaningful for our teaching staff.



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**School Office Hours:** 08:30-15:30

#### P&C Association

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## 2020 – WHAT'S IN OUR ACTION PLAN THIS YEAR FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT?

**Our vision:** To become a connected learning community that treasures the past while preparing students to inquire for their future.

**Our Mission:** Giralang Primary School encourages students from Preschool to Year 6 to be creative and confident learners within a safe learning environment. Students, teachers and staff are friendly and fun and use the three school values of caring, cooperation and courtesy. Teachers are innovative in their teaching approaches and design of flexible learning spaces as well as their use of advancing technologies.

### Our Priorities over five years (2018-2022):

1. Improve student outcomes in writing
2. Improve student outcomes in Mathematics
3. Enhance a positive school culture and promote community connectedness

### Strategies and actions for 2020

Priority 1 Writing	Priority 2 Mathematics	Priority 3 Culture and Community
<b>Strategies:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen coaching and mentoring for teachers in planning, pedagogy and assessment for writing.</li> <li>2. Continue to embed the ten essential instructional literacy practices P-6.</li> </ol>	<b>Strategies:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance teachers' understanding of the content and achievement standards of the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics with a view to extrapolate what is essential learning for students.</li> </ol>	<b>Strategies:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implement the 'Be You' mental health framework across the school community</li> <li>2. Explore the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) framework</li> <li>3. Continue action research into improving the cultural integrity of the school</li> </ol>
<b>Actions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Through collaboration, teachers will plan for writing and assessment using a consistent approach across grade levels.</li> <li>2. Develop and embed a belief statement about writing at Giralang Primary School.</li> </ol>	<b>Actions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide appropriate professional learning for teachers in Mathematics.</li> <li>2. Develop a school wide document outlining the essential learning in Mathematics for each year level.</li> </ol>	<b>Actions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a school action plan for the implementation of the 'Be You' mental health framework</li> <li>2. Undertake a consultation process with the school community regarding the adoption of the PBL framework at Giralang Primary School.</li> <li>3. Teaching teams will continue their action research projects from the previous year in improving the cultural integrity of the school.</li> </ol>



## Class Names 2020



Year Level	Class Name	Teacher
Preschool (M-W)	Mulunggang (platypus)	Heather Lombard
Preschool (W-F)	Buru (kangaroo)	Danielle Jackson
KD	Murrung (lizard)	Carly Duncanson
KMK	Bogong (moth)	Melinda Knight
KSK	Dyirrigurat (frog)	Skye Knight
1G	Burugun (echidna)	Steph Garratt
1S	Mundawari (bandicoot)	Meg Speed
2CD	Winyu (sun)	Alana Coghill/Sophie Dash
2V	Kubbadang (moon)	Cayley Vranjican
3G	Bunji (friends)	Sally Gladwin
3L	Garawaŋa (to dream)	Rebecca Lubilanji
4B	Dyurra (stars)	Lauren Boden
4G	Dhurrawan (light)	Shaun Grandi
5/6B	Yurwan (strong)	Kieran Blackwell
5/6G	Gurumbal (valiant)	Matthew Garratt
5/6I	Gundyaina (true)	Lisa Ison

**Our class names have been chosen using words from the language of the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of lands on which we learn, grow and play.**

## **TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Our session and break times are as follows:

8.55am	Morning Lines
9.00am	Morning Learning Session
11.00am	Recess
11.30am	Middle Learning Session
1.10pm	Supervised Eating Time
1.20pm	First half Lunch Play
1.35pm	Second Half Lunch Play
1.50pm	Afternoon Learning Session
2.50pm	Pack, Stack and Story
3.00pm	End of day

## **PHONES AT SCHOOL**

If students are bringing mobile phones to school, we ask that they are handed in at the Front Office in the morning before classes commence and collected at 3pm.

## **LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES**

If your child arrives at school after 9:10am, they are required to be signed in by an adult at the Front Office

Similarly, if your child leaves school early, a parent/carer must approach the Front Office so that it can be entered into the school computer system. The teacher will then release your child into your care.

If your child is absent for the whole school day, please notify the Front Office on 6142 2630. When your child returns to school, please provide a note in writing with the reason for their absence.

Children who are absent from school due to vomiting, gastro etc are required to remain at home until 24 hours after their last episode.

## **2020 TERM DATES**

Term 1:	Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April
Term 2:	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3:	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4:	Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December

## CARPARK SAFETY

Parents and carers are asked to take particular care in the school carpark. For pedestrian safety, parents and carers are asked not to use the footpath at the school crossing signs to drive onto the grass and park under trees.

Please observe the 'no stopping' signs in the carpark. If cars are parked illegally, it is difficult for other cars and large vehicles to pass. When collecting students from After School Care, parents and carers are asked to park in car parking spots, and not along the curb. Curb parking also makes it difficult for other cars to pass.

## PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE

Parents and carers are asked not to park in the bus zone on Canopus Crescent. A number of students catch the bus home from school, and cars obstruct the view of bus drivers, who have driven past students. Also, buses cannot stop to pick up students when cars are parked in the bus zone. Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.

## RECYCLING PROJECT

Giralang Primary School is starting a Container Deposit Project. Ms Boden and her class from 2019 purchased big tubs to collect all eligible 10c containers, and they are ready to be filled!

We will be accepting the following containers:

- PET plastics (water, soft/ sports drink containers)
- Aluminium cans
- Liquid paperboards (juice, milk containers)
- 'Other' (Iced coffee/ flavoured milk containers)



We will NOT be accepting any glass containers for recycling.

The tubs are in the year 3/4 courtyard and all families are encouraged to bring their containers down to the collection area before or after school. Please make sure they are washed out and CLEAN!

Any volunteers who can help transport and recycle the containers are urged to contact Ms Boden.

Thank you!

Ms Boden - [lauren.boden@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lauren.boden@ed.act.edu.au)



# GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM ONE CALENDAR 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1 February</b>	3 Preschool and Kindergarten commence	4 Years 1-6 commence	5	6	7
<b>Week 2 February</b>	10	11 5pm Welcome BBQ & Meet the teacher	12 Get to Know You Yarns  <i>Giralanger</i>	13  National Apology Anniversary	14 2pm Assembly 5/6B
<b>Week 3 February</b>	17 Get to Know You Yarns	18	19	20	21
<b>Week 4 February</b>	24	25	26 Swimming Carnival Dickson Pool  <i>Giralanger</i>	27	28 2pm Assembly  Care for Country Clean Up Day
<b>Week 5 Feb / March</b>	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Week 6 March</b>	09 Canberra Day Public Holiday	10	11  <i>Giralanger</i>	12	13 2pm Assembly
<b>Week 7 March</b>	16	17	18	19	20 The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
<b>Week 8 March</b>	23	24	25  <i>Giralanger</i>	26	27 2pm Assembly
<b>Week 9 Mar / April</b>	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Week 10 April</b>	6 Year 5/6 Camp	7 Year 5/6 Camp	08 Year 5/6 Camp  <i>Giralanger</i>	09	10 Good Friday Public Holiday

- School Canteen is open Wednesday to Friday each week
- School Uniform Shop is open every Friday at 8.30am
- Front Office is open each day 8:30am – 3:30pm. Phone: 6142 2630



## NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN KCD-MURRUNG, KMK-BOGONG & KSK-DYIRRIGURAT

Kindergarten students have spent the first 2 weeks of school settling into their new teaching spaces and making new friends. They are busy writing, reading, creating and problem solving. Students are looking forward to spending time with their Buddies, playing in the big playground and being part of the Swimming Carnival.

Carly Duncanson, Melinda Knight, Skye Knight and Anne Mahony – Kindergarten Teachers



## LIBRARY NEWS

Dear parents, carers and supporters,

This year I have been very lucky to get the opportunity to work with students in the school's beautiful library. My aims are to support students' abilities to locate quality "good fit" books that open up new worlds, ideas and imaginings and to help develop students' information literacy skills. Research shows that students who read regularly experience more success at school and into the adult world. Taking the time to talk with your children about their reading and borrowing as well as reading something enjoyable to each other on a regular basis can help develop strong reading habits for life.

My workdays are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and I would really love it if adults could come in to the library to help out on Thursday mornings (things like book covering, shelf sorting, games organisation). I'd be happy to crack open the cream biscuits and make you a cuppa if you can make it... Please let me know if you're interested by email: [julian.wark@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:julian.wark@ed.act.edu.au) You could also leave a note with the front office or just swing by and introduce yourself.

Julian Wark – Teacher Librarian

### LIBRARY BORROWING DAYS

Monday	KSK Dyirrigurat, 2CD Winyu, 2V Kubbadang, 3G Bunji, 4G Dhurrawan
Tuesday	Preschool Mulunggang, KCD Murrung
Wednesday	1G Burugun, 1S Mundawari
Thursday	Preschool Buru
Friday	KMK Bogong, 3L Garawana, 4B Dyurra, 5/6B Yurwan, 5/6G Gurumbal, 5/6I Gundyaina



## NEWS FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone who stayed around after the welcome BBQ and information sessions last night to be at the P&C AGM and quick meeting. It was fabulous to see some new faces as well many familiar ones and reflect on the huge year that was 2019. It was wonderful to kick off by meeting all of the incredible teaching staff who make up the 2020 team, we really are a very lucky school to have such capable and passionate teachers working with our children.

As you know, the P&C is a volunteer run organisation, and only able to offer services which we have volunteers for. While most positions were filled last night, we are still looking for a couple of people to take on roles as well as regular volunteers to keep services running. None of these are particularly arduous, they require only a small, regular time commitment and are a great way to get involved in and support the broader school community. If you would be interested and would like some more information about what is involved in each of these, please send us an email ([giralangpandc@gmail.com](mailto:giralangpandc@gmail.com)), we'd love to hear from you!

### POSITIONS VACANT

- P&C Secretary
- P&C co-treasurer – working alongside current treasurer Sean
- Breakfast Club volunteers
- Canteen volunteers

### UNIFORM SHOP

During term 4 last year, the Uniform Shop began to transition to new Point of Sale equipment and set up a new online store, which we have been using alongside Flexischools. Over the next few weeks we will complete this transition which will result in our closing uniform sales through the Flexischools app. To check out our new online store go to <https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/uniform-shop>. This link will be pinned to the top of the P&C Facebook page, placed on the school website and shared regularly in the newsletter during the transition. While we don't currently have an app, saving this web address onto your phone home screen will act in a similar way.

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our second-hand uniform shop is currently overflowing with donations, thank you so much! Just a reminder that we can only take school uniform donations, not general clothes, and to please make sure you empty pockets and give clothes a wash before you donate them. This just makes the job of looking after the shop a little easier for our wonderful volunteers who sort and fold items.

Our next meeting will be held on the 18 March (week 7) and we will get into the nitty gritty of all the wonderful events and opportunities we are hoping to see happen this year. We are very excited for another fun-filled year and can't wait to get started!

Brooke Pearson - P&C President

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back everyone and a special 'hi' to all the new families who have joined us this year.

For those who don't our canteen Manager, Cindy has been serving GPS children for over 10 years. She knows everyone by name and what orders they usually have! All of Cindy's homemade meals are 'green' items which have been approved by Nutrition Australia; Cindy has received numerous awards for ensuring our canteen is always green so keep your eye out on Flexischools for her hand made dishes as well as all the other favourites that frequent our menu. The canteen is open for recess and lunch service Wednesday - Friday every week and we still accept brown paper bags for lunch orders.

### CANTEEN CLOSURE

Please note the canteen will be closed for service on Wednesday 19 February.



### NUDE FOOD TUESDAY - 25 FEBRUARY

Cat and Carly will be holding our first ever Nude Food canteen service! As the name implies, dishes will be as close to nature as possible. We use ingredients which have been minimally processed and are free from preservatives, colours and food additives. As we did not want to scare the children off, we kept the order forms generic but for those who are interested, please see the exact ingredients being used in our dishes:

#### Yoghurt with homemade granola, berries and drizzle of honey

Greek yoghurt, oats, LSA mix, chia seeds, shredded coconut, blueberries and raspberries, honey.

#### Nude food chocolate cake

Plain wholemeal flour, raw cacao, coconut sugar, zucchini, olive oil, baking powder, eggs, greek yoghurt.

#### Crumbed chicken burger with smashed avo & baby spinach

Chicken breast, homemade breadcrumbs, eggs, flour, olive oil, avocados, fresh garlic, baby spinach, wholemeal bread rolls. Schnitzels are baked.

#### Spinach & ricotta cannelloni

Onion, garlic, olive oil, basil, passata, ricotta cheese, eggs, Parmesan cheese, lasagna sheets.

#### Trio of dips with handmade naan bread

Flour, water, olive oil, carrots, garlic, beetroot, chickpeas, tahini, lemons, greek yoghurt, cumin.

All garlic, onion and zucchini will be chopped super fine and hidden from fussy eaters! And if you'd like anything changed e.g.: raspberries only, please make a note on your child's form. Order forms will be arriving this week so please have a look and support the canteen on this wonderful new initiative - food is information for our DNA so we are literally, what we eat!

Warm regards, Carly & Cat, 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.

\$37 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.



### Tuning in to Kids



Emotionally Intelligent Parenting for parents of children aged 3 - 10



#### Would you like to:

- Improve interactions with your child?
- Better understand your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids is an eight week program that shows you how to help your child develop their emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- ✓ Have greater success making and keeping friends
- ✓ Have better concentration at school
- ✓ Are more able to calm down when upset or angry

When: Run each school term

Where: BCS, Kippax Place, Holt

Registrations are essential as places are limited.  
Contact BCS on 6264 0200 or email  
Groups@bcsact.com.au



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Hi everyone, my name is Kathleen and I have been the Saver Plus Coordinator in your community for the last 3 years.

Saver Plus is a free program that helps people with a Centrelink concession card pay for education costs. We have provided almost \$100k toward school costs in ACT since 2017.

Participants save \$25/fortnight for 10 months and attend 4 financial skills workshops. At the end of the program, we will match your savings with up to \$500 that can be used towards uniforms and shoes, extra-curricular sports, camps and excursions and other school supplies.

Eligibility criteria applies.

Visit [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au) or contact me on 0448 730 305 to find out more!



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DOES YOUR 3-4 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER LOVE TO DANCE

### TINY TOTS WITH BRINDABELLA PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB!

Come and dance for just \$60 per term. The girls will work on flexibility and fitness, while having lots of fun and making friends.

**MONDAY AFTERNOONS  
4 TO 4.30PM  
COOK COMMUNITY HALL IN BELCONNEN**

Tiny Tots is a class offered by the Brindabella Physical Culture Club. For more information on Tiny Tots or other BJC Physical Culture classes offered to women in the local area, contact Sarah Hajduk on 0459 376 304 or email [brindbellaphysie@gmail.com](mailto:brindbellaphysie@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.



### North Canberra Netball Competition

WINTER 2020

# MIXED NETBALL

**FOR AGES 13-15 BOYS & GIRLS**  
Starting March 2020 during the NCNC  
Winter Season

### Mixed Inters Division

The North Canberra Netball Competition (NCNC) have introduced a Mixed Intermediate Division for all players (boys & girls) aged between 13-15 years old for the NCNC 2020 Season.

If you are interested please contact your local Netball Club or Elsi Wolff - NCNC Administrator - for more details on how you to join.

You only need a minimum of 1 boy per team.

\*Netball ACT Mixed rules apply.



### Contact:

Elsi Wolff  
[CanberraDistrictRegistrar@gmail.com](mailto:CanberraDistrictRegistrar@gmail.com)  
0497 079 014

## Come play AFL with the Belconnen Cats in 2020



### Registration now open

Develop skills, coordination, teamwork,  
and have fun with your mates.

For age groups 5 to 17yrs

Information and contact details at

**[www.belconnencatsafl.com.au](http://www.belconnencatsafl.com.au)**

