

UPCOMING DATES

8 May

7-8pm P&C meeting

10 May

Assembly hosted by 3/4I

14-16 May

NAPLAN

17 May

School photos

Cross Country

18 May

Federal Election fundraiser

20 May

9am-1pm Year 6 Combined Band at

Fraser Primary School

20-24 May

Scholastic Book Fair

21 May

Art Show

22 May

Year 1 excursion to Botanical

Gardens

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to term two at Giralang Primary School and Happy Ramadan! A special welcome to our new families joining us. Everyone has settled back into the rigours of learning and have reconnected with friends.

I would like to acknowledge, with sadness, the passing of Dr Enrico Taglietti at age 93. Enrico was the original architect who designed our beautiful school amongst many other prominent Canberra buildings. He was recognised as an important architect and a leading practitioner of the late twentieth century organic style of architecture. Enrico enjoyed visiting our school over the years, most recently he came to see the completed works in the school hall. It delighted him to see the hall ceiling restored to its original form. How lucky we are to carry on custodianship of a building designed to be an adventure playground for education. The first goal within the ACT Education Directorate's strategic plan is *schools where students love to learn*. Enrico's innovation and design has stood the test of time to assist us to achieve this first goal. Vale Dr Enrico Taglietti.

We held a very moving Anzac Day assembly last Friday. In attendance was Rat of Tobruk John Fleming, Commander Jason Middleton, Squadron Leader Vern Carmody, Ian Sayers from the Belconnen branch

of the RSL, and family members of Rats of Tobruk who are no longer with us. Special thanks to Commander Middleton for his very interesting presentation about his travels and experiences. Commander Middleton presented the school with a beautiful medallion that has grains of sand from Gallipoli captured within in. Thank you to Shaun Grandi and 6G for reminding us that Anzac Day is not about the glory of war but a time to remember and give thanks to those men and women, who have and who are still, serving our country to preserve our safety and free way of life.

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NAPLAN

Next week, our students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. Students will be assessed in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. NAPLAN is not the only data we collect and monitor to inform us about student progress at Giralang Primary School. It is just one set that we use to triangulate what we already know. We are very proud of each student that attends our school. We believe strongly in fostering a growth mindset for students and staff and we know every student has strengths in a wide variety of academic, creative, social, and sporting areas. So, I don't need to wish our students luck, it's not about luck, as they are Giralang Stars already!

STAFFING UPDATE

1. This term we have welcomed Alana Coghill back from maternity leave. Alana will be taking on the EAL/D role for the remainder of the year.
2. Congratulations and best wishes to Leanne Nicol and husband Ben who are expecting their fourth child in late October. Leanne and Ben have three boys who are eagerly awaiting to welcome their new sibling!

SIEGE OF TOBRUK COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

On Sunday 14 April, several Giralang families and students attended the commemoration of the Siege of Tobruk at the Rats memorial on Anzac Parade. The school captains and vice captains also attended a lighting ceremony of a lantern from the War Memorial's eternal flame. The students, with their families, carried the lantern to the memorial where a commemoration service was conducted by John Hogan. Many members of the public who have connections with the Rats of Tobruk Association also attended. It was such a privilege for our students to participate in the ceremony and continue to strengthen our links with the Rats of Tobruk association.

Katrina Ireland – Rats of Tobruk Coordinator



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

2019



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be advised that the second sitting of school photos will take place in week 3, Friday 17th May 2019. Please note that the cross-country carnival is also scheduled for this day.

Preschool Wednesday to Friday, siblings, and students who were absent on Tuesday 9 April, will have their photo taken. Additionally, the Year 6 whole group and specialist photos for our bands, SRC, choir, school captains will also be taken on this day. The specialist photos can be ordered separately at the Front Office at a cost of \$15.

Each student has received an order envelope. These can be returned to the Front Office by the day photos are taken. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the Front Office.

The preferred method of payment is online via credit card. If paying by cash, the Front Office is unable to provide change, so correct money is appreciated.

STUDENT INFORMATION CHECK SHEET

Please be reminded that the Student Information Check Sheet sent out at the beginning of Term 1, should still be submitted back to the school, even if there are no amendments to be made.

If your family requires a re-print, please visit the Front Office for another copy.

ART SHOW 2019



We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Art Show in the Hall on Tuesday 21 May.

Students have been busily painting, drawing, creating and building artwork that have all been inspired by the theme of PATTERNS. Students have explored patterns in maths, culture, colour, repeating patterns, patterns in science and fabrics.

We hope parents and friends will join us for a refreshment and a cheese plate on the evening, starting at 5pm. A sneak peak will be from 3-3:30pm for those who cannot make it later in the evening. Our senior choir and school band will also be performing.

Thanks, Skye Knight and the Art Show Committee

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

The teaching population at Giralang Primary increased significantly this term as we welcomed a group of Preservice Teachers from University of Canberra (UC). Over 10 days, 8 UC Education students, in their first year of study, have been exposed to a myriad of classes, experiences and events at Giralang. The students kindly welcomed our visitors into their classrooms.

Angus Roberts, a third year UC student, is teaching with Mr Foy in Year 3/4F. Angus is excitedly planning and running his own lessons. All our guests have expressed how welcoming the Giralang community is.

Carly Duncanson, Preservice Teacher Coordinator



NEWS FROM THE SRC

On Wednesday 10th April (term 1 week 10), the SRC held their first fundraiser for 2019. For a gold coin donation, the students enjoyed a dress up day in whatever clothes they liked! We saw a huge variety of costumes from super heroes to princesses, book characters to sports gear. A big thank you to the school community for supporting the SRC – we raised a fantastic **\$353.50** for our school initiatives of Eco-Warriors and Fresh Tastes.

Watch out for posters about our Term 2 fundraiser.

Thanks, from the SRC team, Anne Mahony and Elise Wark

P&C NEWS

Term 2 promises to be a fun and busy one for the P&C, and we are excited to get started!

SAVE THE DATE: On the 30th May we will be having our first disco for the year! More details to follow.

The upcoming Federal Election (18th May) is a great opportunity for us to fund-raise for the school and get involved in our local community. There are many opportunities to help out both beforehand and on the day. Take advantage of our new online volunteer platform by following the link below or pasting the url into your internet browser. It will be a fun day and fabulous way to connect with the broader school community, the more the merrier! volunteersignup.org/94Y49

Our next P&C meeting is **TONIGHT** from 7pm-8pm. Please meet at the Front Office. We will be discussing the upcoming disco and other events, as well as hearing about Belinda's trip to Japan. Everyone is welcome!

The P&C Committee
giralangpandc@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

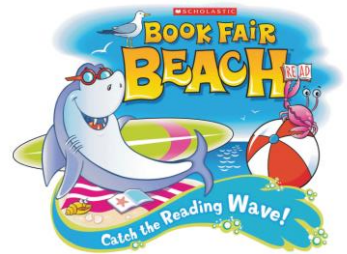
The canteen will be resuming normal service this week. As the weather cools down, keep an eye out for our winter warmers on the canteen menu: hot home-made soups & curries to keep little tummies toasty at lunch time.

If you can spare 3 hours once month in the canteen, please contact Carly Fiumara on 0405 317 519 or Cat Williams on 0431 174 567. It's easy work and a great way to get involved with the kids. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Giralang Primary School is once again hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. It will take place in week 4 of term 2 (20-24 May 2019).

As always there will be an array of quality books at reasonable prices. A sneak peek display will be available on Thursday and Friday of week 3 (16-17 May 2019).



GROWTH MINDSET



Giralang Primary School is a Growth Mindset school. Growth Mindset is a particular kind of problem-solving perseverance in the face of challenges. It includes developing characteristics of grit, determination, resilience, confidence and adventurousness but centres around the idea that the human brain never stops changing and developing through learning. Through practice and problem-solving our way through learning challenges, the pathways in our brain become stronger and challenges become less challenging. Of course, repeatedly making the same mistake will also make the mistake learnt behaviour, hence why the problem solving is so important.

Thomas Edison famously said when working on developing a light bulb: "I have not failed 700 times. I have not failed once. I have succeeded in proving that those 700 ways will not work. When I have eliminated the ways that will not work, I will find the way that will work." Embracing the positivity of the mistakes that you have made can be the most difficult part of developing a Growth Mindset. Problem-solving perseverance means accepting that you might not know how to do something 'yet' but that you can try different things, learn about yourself and in time develop the skills not only to be successful with your goal but also to become expert at it. This can be a confronting new way of looking at things – especially for students who believe they are inherently 'smart' and don't really have to try.

Effort and owning the quality of the effort you've applied to problem solving a challenge is necessary for developing skills. As parents you can help your child with developing a Growth Mindset by helping them to recognise when they are putting in effort, praising their efforts when they are learning a new skill and reminding them that the skills they already mastered have been acquired through past efforts.

Growth Mindset Team, Elise Wark and Anne Mahony

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lucas Villatobas of 3/4I Mindygaris, played for the ACT in the Futsal National Championships in January this year. He was then selected for the Australian Under 9's Futsal team and is travelling to Italy in June to represent Australia at the Montesilvano Futsal Cup. Well done, Lucas!



Will Yeomans has been selected to the ACT Little League baseball team that will represent Canberra at the National Tournament in Lismore from 5-10 June. During the regular competition, Will plays for the Belconnen Bandits. They had a great season, making the semi-finals this year. Congratulations and good luck Will!



NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Our Term 1 Inquiry unit was about our past and present connections to people and places. Students investigated inquiry questions including:

- What does my place tell me about the past and present?
- How are people connected to their place and other places, past or present?
- How has technology affected daily life over time and the connections between people in different places?

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to Hall Museum and were fascinated to see items from the past including telephones and a cash register. They compared these items to the ones we use now and discussed how this change in technology has assisted our way of life. Students wrote recounts of their day. Students in 2K particularly enjoyed hosting an old-fashioned afternoon tea for their parents using tea cups, saucers and home-made scones and biscuits.



Recount by student Zahra B 2W



Zahra: Hall School Museum

On Tuesday 5th of March 2019 we went to the Hall School Museum. Year 2 Bural and Kaagu went. We went to see how technology has changed in the past.

The Old Classroom In the olden days children went to school with a horse or they walked. The thing that happened was Mr Percy Cane checked our fingernails, shoes and hair to make sure we were clean. Children marched into the classroom in lines. Girls first then boys. Girls sit at the back and boys sit at the front. We wrote on slate boards with slate pencils. Old classrooms had long wooden desks. Some boys were naughty and would put the girls hair in the inkwells.

School yard Games - We played knuckle bones, hopscotch, jump ropes, hula hoop races and coils which are horseshoes. I played knuckle bones and you throw the knuckle bone in the air and you grab one from the ground then catch the knuckle bone that was in the air.

Matched New And Old - We matched new and old and the toilet paper in the olden days was old news paper now we use paper that is really soft. In the olden days when we used toilets they were called potties and they couldn't. The whisk wasn't electric and the new whisk was electric.



Artefact Timeline Room - There was a movie theatre, fireplace, shop, tools and a trap. The fireplace was electric but the old but the old one is not electric. The shop didn't have any stuff like we have. They had needle thread and a needle.

Conclusion - The classroom was my favourite because it was fun to play with the slate boards with slate pencils. Mr Percy Cane was really nice and lovely.

Term 2 – What we will learning this term

Inquiry – Students will be exploring an Inquiry Unit that has a Science focus called Push – Pull. Through investigations, students will observe and gather evidence about how the forces of push and pull act in air and water, and on the ground. Students will identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can ‘push’. PE lessons will also involve games and movement that requires shushing and pulling.

Maths – Term 2 will be a busy term in Maths. Students will investigate many addition and subtraction strategies using 1,2,3 and 4 digit numbers. Students will also enjoy making graphs and interpreting graphs, measuring angles and using money.

Literacy - Students will be writing information reports this term. There will continue to be a focus on CAFÉ reading strategies including retelling information texts. Spelling will include long vowels sounds and plurals.

We are all looking forward to the Art Show and have produced some really special pattern inspired art works.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and we're once again joining it. For those parents who aren't aware of the program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1st of May and the 25th of June you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll be able to swap them for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids, and more.



So for any parents and carers who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box, which is located at the Front Office.

Thanks for helping out!



GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM TWO CALENDAR 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 April-May	29	30	1	2 9:30am – 11am Preschool Come & Play	3 NAPLAN Equity test 2pm ANZAC Day Assembly 6G
Week 2 May	6	7	8 <i>Giralanger</i>	9	10 2pm Assembly 3/4I
Week 3 May	13	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 9:15am School photos 11:30am Cross country
Week 4 May	20 Bookfair 9am-1pm Yr 6 Combined Band to Fraser Primary	21 Bookfair Art Show	22 Bookfair Year 1 excursion Botanical Gardens <i>Giralanger</i>	23 Bookfair	24 Bookfair 2pm Assembly 2K
Week 5 May	27 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday	28	29	30 UCHSK On the Road Show Belconnen Cross Country Disco (P&C lead)	31 Rostrum Final
Week 6 June	3 9am-1pm Yr 6 Combined Band	4	5 <i>Giralanger</i>	6	7 2pm Assembly KM & KS
Week 7 June	10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11	12	13	14
Week 8 June	17 12-3pm Christian Education in Schools	18	19 <i>Giralanger</i>	20 Kindy health check	21 Kindy health check 2pm Assembly 3/4W
Week 9 June	24	25	26	27	28 Semester 1 reports go home
Week 10 April	1 Parent/teacher interviews	2 Parent/teacher interviews	3 Parent/teacher interviews <i>Giralanger</i>	4 Parent/teacher interviews	5 Parent/teacher interviews 2pm NAIDOC Week Assembly

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

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



UPCOMING WORKSHOP ON HOW WE CAN ALL HELP REDUCE VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers- working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues including what is working well or not working well. This is a reminder about the two remaining activities you can be involved in to have your say:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am–4:30pm this workshop will follow on from the first workshop and explore the key question *"How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?"*.
- In mid-late June 2019 a 2–3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend either of the workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.

TENNIS CANBERRA

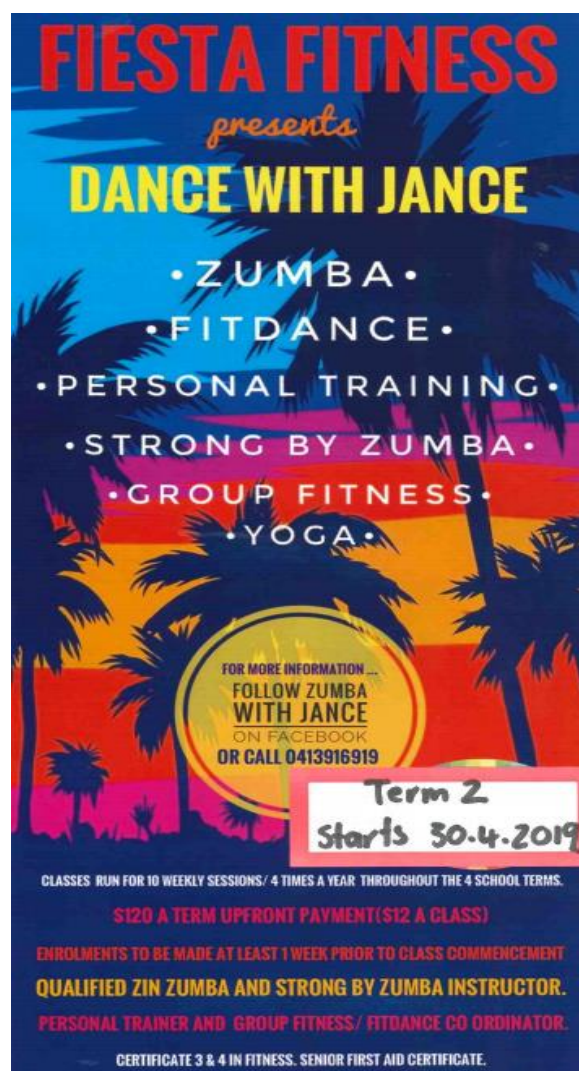
Term 2 has the Tennis Canberra Team is back. We invite new students to join a FREE Tennis Lesson at their local Tennis Canberra club. New players who sign-up for the upcoming Autumn Season will receive a free racquet!

JUNIOR COACHING & COMPETITIONS - Term 2

- FREE Tennis Racquet for new players
- South & North Canberra Venues
- Programs for students of all ages and abilities
- Junior Competitions Available www.tenniscanberra.com.au/competitions
- FREE Coaching Trial Available www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

Old Parliament House Tennis Club - OPEN DAY

- Saturday May 4th
- Time: 12-3pm (Free Junior & Adult Coaching 12-30pm)
- BBQ & Open Court Session 12:30-3pm
- Bring family & friends!



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Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

**SAT 11TH MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &
SUN 12TH MAY 2019 9am – 2pm**

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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