

UPCOMING DATES

11 June
Assembly presented by 3B, 2:00pm

14 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

25 June
Assembly presented by 1DD, 2:00pm

25 June
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

12 July
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

MINISTER'S STUDENT CONGRESS - WRITTEN BY GIRALANG SCHOOL CAPTAINS - SOFIA AND NABEEL

Last Friday, the school captains and Mr Garratt attended a very important meeting called the Minister's Student Congress. We met up at Canberra College with school leaders from other schools, including colleges and high schools. The topic of this semester's student congress was 'Creating Respectful School Environments'. To start off with, we introduced ourselves to the others on our tables and played a game about how to be respectful in a certain situation. We then shared our thoughts with someone on another table, and swapped pictures. After that we completed the whole process again with someone else. We learnt that everything and everyone has a base level of respect, and these metres of respect can change depending on how you treat the person, place or thing.

For our second activity we went to a website where we shared thoughts about what is involved in creating a respectful environment, a respected and respectful person, and a respected object. Next, we discussed the

definition of respect and what it means to us. We wrote these thoughts down and stuck them onto walls with the sheets of others. To conclude this activity, we did a gallery walk through all these ideas. Another highlight of the day was hearing from Minister Berry and having our photo taken with her! Overall, the day was enjoyable, and we plan on taking these ideas into our own school to support our respectful environment.

ROSTRUM SPEAKING COMPETITION 2021

Could you deliver an engaging, three-minute speech on glaciers? What about Cars of the Future or Mars? Last week, children from Year 3 to Year 6 spoke in front of their peers on a variety of topics. Each speech was judged on several criteria including expression, body language, eye contact and quality of content.



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After hearing from each speaker, Mrs Aschenberger and Mrs. Garrett selected Jonah Wilson as the overall winner and Liam Strang as the runner-up. The next stage for Jonah is the quarter-final, which is held at school where he will compete against the winners from other schools in our area. Congratulations to all the students who entered the competition, the standard was extremely high.

ACADEMIC REPORTS FOR SEMESTER 1 AND PARENT/CARER/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As the term is drawing to an end you will be receiving your child's Academic Report. This document will provide a report of your child's achievements to date, relevant to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for their year group. Teacher judgements have been based on a wide range of evidence which has been gathered and moderated over the semester to represent your child's academic and social development.

You will also receive a letter from your child's teacher about the upcoming parent/carer/teacher interviews. These interviews will be taking place in week 10 this term. To book in for your interview we are offering an online system called Parent Teacher Online. You will be able to log in and choose your time to meet with your child's teacher. More information will be provided at the beginning of week 9.



It is important that all parents and carers are given the opportunity to speak with their child's teacher about their academic and social and emotional progress this semester. Parent/carer/teacher interviews are a valuable way to discuss celebrations and raise any questions you may have about your child's learning experience at Giralang.

Finally, as the cold weather sets in, please remember to keep your child home if they are feeling sick, have a cold or experiencing flu-like symptoms. Parents and carers if you are entering the school, make sure you check in with the CBR app and use hand sanitiser upon entry. Thank you for adhering to the COVID regulations.

Enjoy your week,

Alex Breen

Executive Teacher

NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Giralang Primary School students can leave their hats off for the months of June and July due to low (under 3) daily UV levels in the ACT. These go back on again in August for all of us as UV levels start to rise again, putting sensible sun protection behaviour back on the radar.

The YMCA Canberra Regional Management have made the difficult decision to not provide Preschool Before School Care for Giralang as of the beginning of Term 3 2021.

Please check your child's classroom for lost property before the end of term. If they have their names on it they will be returned to the student. All clothing with no names on them will be washed and placed in the second hand uniform shop.

Wow, can you believe we are in term 2 week 8! The preschoolers have had a wonderful start to the year.

Last week we had a visit from Kenny Koala and we learnt about the importance of how to stay safe in our community. He taught us all about what we should do if something unexpected happens and where we go for help. It was a very fun and interactive learning program that links to the Early Years Learning Framework- *Outcome 2: children are connected with and contribute to their world.* For more information, please feel free to visit the AFP website.

<https://www.constablekenny.org.au/9-12/community/>



This term we have been using games, manipulatives, songs, chants and rhymes to provide children with opportunities to learn about repeated patterns, measurement and counting. During group time, we have been using the class calendar to learn about the date, month and days of the week and together we are counting the number of children in attendance each day.

In literacy, the children have been concentrating on recognising beginning sounds of words. We have been looking at our first and last names and the letters within them. The children will continue to write their own names to support their pre-writing skills. Each child is encouraged to write their name on the sign in roll every day and we will continue to explore letter-sound relationships through songs and word explorations through literature.



In Japanese we have been learning about colours and we have gone on several colour hunts within the preschool environment. We have also learnt the song, 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

Gross motor is always well received by the children. The preschoolers have enjoyed challenging their fundamental movement skills in the school hall. We have also enjoyed watching the changing colours in our playgroup as we have moved from autumn to winter. As we move into winter please remember to provide your child with a jacket, so they are warm when investigating the outdoor environment.

This term we have implemented our *Wondering Bag* and *Classroom Pet*. The objective of this activity is to enhance the development of children’s oral language, listening abilities and to further establish connections between home and preschool.

We look forward to sharing our ongoing learning journey with you throughout this year.

We value your feedback and contributions. Please feel free to add any comments, suggestions or ideas to our SeeSaw community.

Warm regards, The Preschool Team 😊

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

A big THANK YOU!! to the Giralang community for your support with the Book Fair over the past fortnight. It was great to see so many young readers eyeing off the books and some lucky ones walking out with a Hot Read to take home! Sales from the Book Fair generate credit for us to use with Scholastic to fill gaps in the Library’s collection and we are very grateful for that opportunity.

One Book Fair category that was popular with some students was the craft/cooking/baking kits. We know how important reading is to childrens’ future success and an alternative to the “sit down and read” experience, is reading to create. There are lots of free reading resources out there that you and your child can use to get creative together like:



<https://funfamilycrafts.com/> <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/category/all-family-kids>



<https://frugalfun4boys.com/>

There are plenty more out there, why not look for something you and your child/ren will enjoy and have a wonderful, engaging, and creative readathon?

Yours in reading

Julian Wark

Teacher/Librarian

NEWS FROM LAURA FUNNELL – SPORTS COORDINATOR

On Monday, Giralang participated in the U12 Act Futsal Titles. We entered two girls' teams and two boys' teams. This was a huge tournament with 45 teams from across the ACT and surrounding NSW schools participating. All teams entered from Giralang showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork towards one another and their opponents. Each team was placed high at the top of their group with one of the boy's teams making it into the quarter finals. This is an amazing achievement for our futsal teams. An extra congratulations to Chloe Olivares Valdivia and Karlo Safaric who were chosen to represent the ACT at the Australian Futsal Titles in Brisbane later in the year. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and a huge thank you to Lucas V, Nabeel and Adam for coaching the teams leading up to the tournament and on the day.



NEWS FROM SRC

On May 20, Giralang was buzzing with excitement for the World Bee Day fundraiser! Students and staff participated in a dress up, ate delicious honey infused Nude Food and Year 1 had a special visit from Benny Wilson.

Benny taught students about the relationship between the Australian Native Stingless bee and Country. He discussed the differences between native and European bees, showed us different honey and explained their healing properties. Benny then took students out on Country, painted them in white ochre and taught us a dance for Mother Earth. We danced "Gunninni" - a story of the Queen bee and her worker bees. We hope our dancing and enthusiastic singing was heard by the native bees and they all buzz over to Giralang!

The Student Representative Council (SRC) has counted the gold coin donations, and this will be combined with profits raised from Nude Food sales. We look forward to presenting the Community Garden Collective with some bee hotels and native plants very soon!

Carly Duncanson, Anne Mahony & The SRC



NEWS FROM P&C

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the construction work happening near the Uniform Shop, it would be much appreciated if uniform orders are placed online only. The order will be then filled on Monday and given to your child to take home with them or you can collect them at the Front Office.

The P&C is always keen for more people to get involved. If you want more info drop us an email at: giralangpandc@gmail.com

Nathan Rudder, P&C President

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.

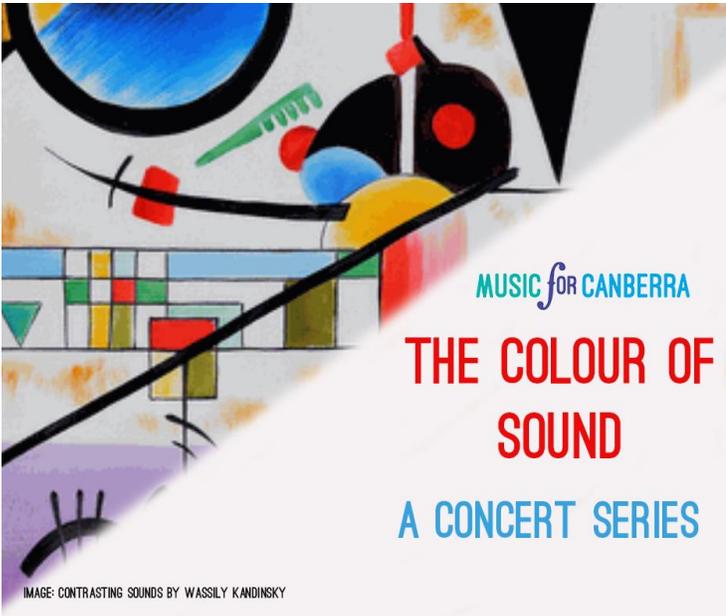
Student goals can vary widely and can include just wanting to learn to play the piano for fun, preparing for AMEB piano practical exams, learning piano to 'keep the brain active', or even learning music theory, history and composition. Diane has helped hundreds of students successfully achieve their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

\$42 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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📍 Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson	📍 Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

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