

UPCOMING DATES

22 – 26 October

Scholastic Book Fair

25 October

5:30pm - Film Festival

26 October

11:30am – 1pm Giralang's Got Talent Final

Student Congress

31 October

Yr 6 transition visit to UCHSK

1 November

Outdoor Classroom Day

5 – 9 November

Year 2 AquaSafe programme

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to term four! I am thrilled to have returned to Giralang Primary after spending three weeks participating on School Review Panels. There really is no place like 'home'. I would like to extend my gratitude to Simon Barker and Natalie Garrett for their leadership in my absence.

This week is Children's Week. It is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship. In honour of Children's week we are celebrating our students' talents by holding the annual Giralang Primary Film Festival on Thursday evening and the final of Giralang's Got Talent on Friday. I hope to see you all there.

Last week, we welcomed Jacob Burridge back to work! Jacob will be teaching with the Year 4 team and also completing some administrative tasks for the school for two hours a day, two days a week. It's just wonderful to have him back at Giralang Primary School.

Earlier this week, I sent all families an email notifying them of a request from Chabad ACT to share our playground space if they are successful with their application to register a Jewish School for children in years K-3. If you have any questions or feedback, please forward it to the email addresses provided before Friday 2 November.

Congratulations to Year 5/6GL and Year 5/6IR who have been selected as finalists in the Schools Reconciliation Challenge. The Schools Reconciliation Challenge is an annual writing and art competition for young people across NSW and the ACT. Students were encouraged to create artworks and stories inspired by a theme, and to reflect on what reconciliation means to them. In 2018, our theme is Our Voices, Our Future! Both classes collaborated to create the artwork pictured to the left titled ***Giralang – Our Voices, Our Future!*** Their artwork has been selected to be a part of this year's Schools Reconciliation Challenge exhibition and Regional Tour that travels across the country.



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Nathan Kruger 0409 956 667

STAFFING UPDATE

Natalie Garrett is assisting at Majura Primary School during weeks 1-4 this term while their Principal takes leave. Kathi Huho is acting Deputy Principal and Kieran Blackwell is an acting Executive Teacher while Natalie is away.

PLANNING FOR 2019

Planning is already underway for the 2019 school year. If your child is not returning to Giralang Primary in 2019, please inform the Front Office ASAP. If you have any special considerations that you would like Belinda to be aware of for class placements in 2019, please email belinda.love@ed.act.edu.au

FRED HOLLOWS HUMANITY AWARDS

Congratulations to Shae and Selima for being awarded a Fred Hollows Humanity Award for 2018. Shae and Selima are our School Captains and exemplify our school value of caring. This aligns perfectly with the criteria for the Fred Hollows award. They both go above and beyond to ensure our students feel safe and included and also become the voice for some when they need adult assistance. We are very proud of you both! The awards ceremony was held during the school holidays and was attended by Fred Hollows' wife Gabi and the Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry. Unfortunately, Selima was unable to attend the ceremony.



Shae, Miss Love and Selima



Gabi Hollows, Shae and Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry

MORE WEDDING BELLS!

Matthew Garratt and Stephanie Vials will be married on Saturday 3 November. We wish them much love and happiness as they become a married couple. We look forward to welcoming back Mr and Mrs Garratt on the following Monday!

NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER - 6142 2630

Please be advised that as of Friday 21 September 2018, Giralang Primary School has a new telephone number – 6142 2630. The old telephone number will be re-directed to the new number for a short period of time.

NEWS FROM YEAR 3

Students in 3K have started term 4 with loads of energy and enthusiasm.

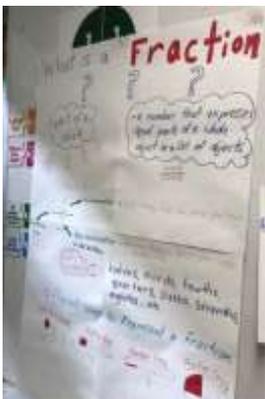
Our Maths focus is fractions. Students are learning to model and represent unit fractions including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{5}$.

Students made 'chatterboxes'. Instead of asking their friends to choose a number or a colour, they asked their friends to choose a fraction. Students represented fractions in different ways on the chatterboxes, eg: as a picture, as a part of a group, as $\frac{1}{2}$, or as a number line. We had fun playing the game.



Students also used playdough to demonstrate their knowledge of fractions as being part of a whole and to compare the size of fractions, looking for equivalent fractions.

Students used the inquiry process and were given one large blob of playdough. They were asked to discuss in their groups a way to physically represent a whole, halves, thirds, quarters and fifths by using the playdough in any way they chose.



Next came detailed discussions, trial and error and finally, solutions. Students demonstrated their learning and articulated their thinking behind the strategies they used and their reasoning for them.

I am so proud of you all. I'm looking forward to another amazing term of fun and learning.

Skye Knight

NEWS FROM YEAR 3 – CONT'D

3M have been learning about fractions for the beginning of Term 4. Students have identified what a fraction is and where we can find them in our daily lives. They realised that fractions are everywhere and they actually already knew quite a lot about fractions without noticing.



We discussed that fractions need to have equal parts and talked about the numerator, denominator and divisor. As a whole class, we made fractions calculators to help us when comparing different fractions.

Students created a fraction wall made out of coloured paper strips in which they folded into a certain amount of equal parts. They made connections when doing this by taking notice of equivalent fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$, and $\frac{2}{5}$ was the equivalent to $\frac{4}{10}$. Students then learnt how to add simple fractions together when the denominator (bottom number/number of total parts) was the same.



They are enjoying the hands on aspects of learning about fractions and some of them are making links to percentages and decimals naturally when finding out about fractions.

You might like to notice fractions within the home or when you are out and about. You could be noticing fractions in clocks when reading the time, sale signs at the shops, when cutting up vegetables, pizza or cake and even when measuring ingredients when cooking in the kitchen.

Lauren Margules

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

7 – 28 NOVEMBER 2018

WEDNESDAYS 9am-10am

A wonderful opportunity is being offered next term for parents and carers. Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions for parents and carers throughout the month of November, free of charge. Commencing at 9am for one hour on a Wednesday in our Giralang Cloud, Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness as a daily practice. No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Some families may have already experienced our new absences notification system via text message. From week 1 of term 4, and launched from our new Departmental-wide database system (SAS), at 10am each morning a text message is sent to parents/carers informing them that their student has been marked absent from school that day. The text message requests parents/carers to ring the school to explain the absence. If the school does not receive a phone call or a signed letter from parents/carers, the student's absence will be recorded as Unexplained.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Please be reminded that if your student arrives late to school, parents/carers are required to sign them in by filling out a Late Arrivals slip at the Front Office. If students are not signed in by an adult, their arrival is recorded as Unexplained.

If a student is required to leave school early, a parent/carer must sign them out via the Front Office. Students will not be released unless an Early Departure slip is filled in by a parent/carer at the Front Office, and handed to the student's teacher.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Term 4 Family Statements will be coming home this week.

Did you know that your voluntary contribution is **tax deductible**? It is! So far this year we have received voluntary contributions from 97 families out of 215 families, and 20 consumable contributions from Preschool families.

The **Library Trust Fund** will be used to purchase:

- Multiple copies of the latest “hot reads” fiction and non-fiction (junior and senior)
- High interest, low readability texts
- Graphic novels
- Atlases
- Non-Fiction – The Arts, Countries, History, Geography, Japanese, Technology
- Senior student non-fiction
- Updating our reference section

The **Building Trust Fund** has been going towards the second stage of the multipurpose court and future enhancements to our playground.

The School Board has nominated an amount of \$80 per child (which equates to \$20 per term) or \$150 per family, to equitably spread the load among all parents. You are not restricted to these amounts or contributing to just one fund.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
Wendy Morschel - Business Manager

FILM FESTIVAL - THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

Our Annual Film Festival will be held on Thursday 25 October (week 2, Term 4) to compliment Children’s Week celebrations. Entry submissions have now closed and from our sneak peek, it looks like a very competitive field! We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you commencing at 5:30pm.

GIRALANG’S GOT TALENT – FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

The Giralang’s Got Talent Final will be held on Friday 26 October, 11:30am – 1:00pm in the School Hall. Students that have been selected to perform at the final will be notified. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the final. A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing our stars shine on stage!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG....AND SO HAS HAYFEVER!

If your child suffers from hayfever and you would like the school to administer hayfever medication, please supply the Front Office with the medication and appropriate instructions on dosage.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

This year the following Giralang Primary School staff members have been nominated for a Public Education Award:

1. Di Sullivan – Primary Educator of the Year
2. Skye Knight – Primary Educator of the Year
3. Sally Gladwin – New Educator of the Year
4. Louise Robinson – Education Support Person of the Year

Good luck to all our worthy nominees!



GROWTH MINDSET POSTER COMPETITION

The poster says it all!

The results were initially announced last term at morning lines, however it gives us great pleasure to more formally announce that the Growth Mindset Poster Competition is concluded. 1st place goes to Jazy Petit-Swadling and Joint Runners-up awarded to Charlotte Leeming as well as one completed by May Howard, Asherah Foxlee and Izzy Pekkarienen. In addition, there are 17 Honorable Mention posters displayed around the school.

All posters are displayed with a yellow slip giving feedback on which aspects of the design were done well, as well as those that could be reconsidered for improving future poster designs.

Congratulations to all involved!

Growth Mindset Team
Elise Wark and Anne Mahony



P&C NEWS



Mango orders will be accepted by the Front Office until COB Friday 26 October 2018 (this Friday).

FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2018 – WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER – 6PM

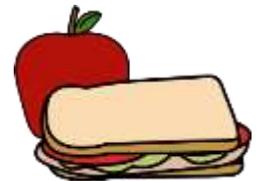
At this meeting, held at the school, we will:

- review P&C activities and fundraising for 2018;
- make plans for 2019; and
- vote on whether P&C will continue to operate our School Canteen in 2019.

If you would like to have a say or get involved, please make sure you come along and join the discussion.

Megan Hemming, President.

Wanted: New Volunteer Business Manager for Giralang Primary School Canteen



Did you know that our School Canteen is owned and managed by your P&C?

For many years a small group of dedicated P&C volunteers have provided business and financial management for our School Canteen. Unfortunately, these volunteers are not able to continue in their roles next year. To keep the School Canteen running in 2019, we need to find a new Canteen **Business Manager**.

This is a volunteer role that can be filled by one person or shared between two or more people. The role is a great way to use existing business management or accounting skills to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our School Community or could be a way to add some small business management experience to your CV. Comprehensive handover and training will be provided. The workload is approximately a day per week during school terms and requires a commitment of at least one year.

If P&C is unable to find a Business Manager for the canteen in 2019, the P&C-operated Canteen will close at the end of Term 4 this year.

The Canteen Business Manager is responsible for:

- Canteen staffing, in accordance with the National Employment Standards (the canteen has two paid employees)
- Food Business Registration and compliance with ACT Health Food Safety Regulations
- Compliance with all relevant ACT Education Directorate, and WorkSafe ACT regulations for school-based businesses, including Working with Vulnerable People Registration
- Workplace health and safety
- Service and employment contracts and position descriptions
- Public Liability and Workers Compensation coverage
- Accounts (including accounts receivable and payable, payroll, tax, stocktake, pricing, preparation of balance sheets and profit and loss statements for quarterly P&C General Meetings and annual audit of accounts)

- Compliance with National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines
- Professional development for canteen staff
- Menus and advertising
- Flexischools online ordering
- Communication with the P&C Committee and the School Principal.

Our Canteen menu meets the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines, with over half of the menu items being GREEN food and drinks, which are healthy and nutritious and can be eaten every day. We are continually improving the menu and replacing 'traditional' canteen foods with freshly-cooked, healthy alternatives. Our long-term aim is to provide fresh, healthy food and drink at the lowest possible prices to our school community and to use the canteen menu and service to reinforce learning about healthy eating that occurs through the Australian Curriculum and ACT Health Fresh Tastes Program.

If you are interested in this role please get in touch with us on giralangpandc@gmail.com.

TOY FUNDRAISER

This year we are using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise money to purchase additional educational resources. Parent Direct offers you the opportunity to purchase quality educational toys with a direct benefit to our school.

When you order toys from Parent Direct, up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to us to buy resources that will be used by your children. Plus for every 20 orders we get an additional \$200 to spend!

HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THE CATALOGUE,
THEN PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE AT
parentdirect.com.au
AND REMEMBER TO NOMINATE US FOR THE
FUNDRAISING VOUCHER DURING CHECKOUT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FEEL FREE TO TAKE EXTRA COPIES OF THE CATALOGUE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE FOR YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS - THE MORE ORDERS WE GET, THE MORE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES WE CAN BUY!



Entry: \$4
Face Painting: \$1
Cup Cake: \$2
Lollipop: 50c
Glow Lights: \$1 - \$4

Halloween

DISCO

Thursday, 1st of November
6.30 - 8.00 pm

Dinner and Drinks
5.30 - 6.30 pm

Sausage Sandwich:	\$2.50
Steak Sandwich:	\$5.00
Fruit Box:	\$2.50
Bottled Water:	\$1.00 or

bring your water bottle (refill is possible)

The canteen will not be open during the disco.

Halloween is coming, and so is the P&C annual HALLOWEEN disco next week! DJ Cliff will be back on duty. This year our discos were held close together this year, due to construction work in the school hall earlier this year.

At our Spring Fling Disco we raised over \$1300, of which we donated \$500 to drought-affected farmers. In a wonderful development Coles matched our donation dollar-for-dollar. What a great effort? Thank you to all our bakers and buyers.

For the Halloween disco to go ahead we need volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two, that would be great. Please put your name down at the Front Office or get in touch via email: giralangpandc@gmail.com

We need volunteers for the following jobs:

- * Setting up after school – blowing up balloons etc
- * Preparing and selling dinner
- * Working on the Cake Stall
- * Working on the Face Paint Stall
- * Cleaning up after the disco finishes
- * Working on the doors - signing children in etc
- * Washing up after dinner
- * Working on the Glow Sticks Stall
- * Disco monitors

Please get in touch if you need to know more.
Jennifer - 0429 038 926 and Alica - 0435 992 707

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.



ACT Primary Concert Choir - 2019



The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2019 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education Directorate schools.

During its first four years the choir has been invited to perform in high profile events such as the nationally televised Australia vs New Zealand Brumbies game, Parliament House Open Day, Step Into the Limelight, Wattle Day Citizenship Ceremonies, National Eisteddfod and IMP Concerts.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching environment. **The PCC is a performance ensemble and the families of children auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.** Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information letters are available at your child's school. These letters detail what is required during the audition and also further information about the audition process. If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 61420477.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hKLIGHgO0ReTpXgD3>

Applications are now open and close Friday 9 November.



Tennis Canberra Junior Coaching Times & Venues

Monday: Old Parliament House Tennis Club & Majura Tennis Club, Dickson
Tuesday: Turner Tennis Club
Wednesday: Barton Tennis Club & Reid Tennis Club
Thursday: Majura Tennis Club, Dickson & Turner Tennis Club
Friday: Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
Saturday: Old Parliament House Tennis Club & Majura Tennis Club, Dickson

For a limited time all new players receive a **FREE** tennis racquet & ANZ Hot Shots player shirt, and have the opportunity to attend a trial lesson.



Sign-up & more information visit: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis

To contact us email: play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call **0416 186 121**.

Robbie Manzano

GUNGAHLIN LITTLE ATHLETICS

Come and join in the fun at Gungahlin Little Athletics Centre. Fun and friendly athletics in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Registrations for the 2018/19 Little Athletics season are now open - <http://www.gunlac.org/registration.html>

There's something for everyone: running, jumping, throws, hurdles, walks.

Who: 4½ to 17 years; for the 2018/19 season we welcome athletes born between 1 Jan 2002 and 31 Dec 2013.

Season Dates:

The 2018/19 season commences on **Saturday 20 October 2018** (season runs across Term 4 and Term 1 of school).

Weekly meets are held at Amaroo Oval, Horsepark Drive (behind Amaroo and Good Shepherd schools) on Saturday mornings from 8.55am to 11.30am.

Registration Details:

Come & Try and Registration Days - Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 October 2017, Amaroo Playing Fields, 10.00am - 12.00pm

For more information please visit our website at www.gunlac.org, visit our Facebook page or email enquiries@gunlac.org.au

Attention Year 6 Parents

With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours

Your child's vaccinations are due next year

The following vaccines are offered **FREE** as part of the ACT School Immunisation Program

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

 Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

 FIND

 SIGN

 RETURN



Where can I get more information?
<http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/high-school-immunisation-program>



A very good place to start

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

For more than 30 years, the Australian Girls Choir has played a role in the growth and development of girls across the country. We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Pharrell Williams. For the past 20 years, we've been proud to represent Qantas at live events and in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns.

Now accepting 2019 enrolments for our rehearsal venue in Deakin.

Join us at our OPEN DAY on Sunday November 4!

Call 1800 338 142 or email headoffice@aspagroup.com.au



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Gilmore Primary School

Car Boot Sale

AND

Mini Fair



Saturday 10 November 2018

9:00am - 2:00pm

Car spaces
available for \$25
Market Stalls
3m x 3m for \$40

**Gilmore Primary School
Heagney Crescent, Gilmore**

Help us raise
money for our
school!

**Preloved, handmade and new items
for sale! Hot food and cold drinks!
Coffee! Cake stall! Kids activities!**



Book your car space or stall by emailing gilmore.pandc@gmail.com



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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