



UPCOMING DATES

15 August

P&C Meeting

16 August

Values Rocket celebrations

17 August

Assembly, Kindy

22 August

Book Week Dress up

30 August

Limelight performance at AIS

Father's Day Stall 2:00-3:00pm

31 August

Father's Day Stall 8:30-9:15am

6 September

Spring Fling School Disco

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week the Education Directorate launched its new strategic plan 2018 -21 – *A Leading Learning Organisation*.

Vision: *We will be a leading learning organisation where people know they matter*

Mission: *We develop and deliver educational services to empower each child and young person in the ACT to learn for life.*

The Strategic Plan positions the organisation to meet the Minister's vision within the *Future of Education strategy* by:

- . Creating schools where students love to learn
- . Investing in Early Childhood
- . Building a learning culture throughout all layers of the organisation
- . Providing the tools and capability for evidenced informed decision making
- . Building productive partnerships for wellbeing and learning through United Leadership

These goals will provide the anchor for our decision making about what we spend time, effort and resources on. Aligning with our Giralang Primary School Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022, we will have a strong focus on maintaining and cultivating innovative and welcoming environments where students feel safe and supported. We will continue to nurture wellbeing and productive partnerships as we strive to meet our set English and Mathematics targets. Importantly, we will foster a love of learning in students and support them to reach their own personal learning goals.

Natalie Garrett – Deputy Principal

Giralang Primary Vision:

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

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JACK HEATH AUTHOR VISIT

Jack Heath, the author of many of our favourite senior primary action novels, visited our school last Tuesday. He was an instant hit with the students in years 4-6 for he shared many funny anecdotes and informative hints for writing non-fiction. He told stories of how you need to be 'bored' for your mind to kick-in and imagine scenarios and how he spends 100 hours writing a book and 200 hours editing his work.

Jack explained that characters are like tea bags – you need to put them in hot water to see what they are made of, hence his love of nail biting action! Thank you also to Jack for his latest novel, *Liars – the truth App*, which he donated to the school's library. So hot off the press, it is not in stores yet.



SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The annual School Satisfaction Survey will begin on 14 August; you will receive an email with a link to the survey. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 & 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. If you require a paper copy of the survey or you would like the survey in another language other than English, please see the front office and they will be able to assist you. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. It is your opportunity to have your say!

ROCKET TAKE OFF

We are looking forward to our whole school celebration on Thursday 16 August, to celebrate filling our Values Ticket rocket to the brim. There will be two sessions of fun dance activities. Students are encouraged to wear their coloured party clothes and sensible runners (no heeled or wheel shoes) so that they can express themselves in our Value Ticket colours of orange, purple and blue. Students can also put forward their favourite song/dance in the box beside the values rocket for DJ LOVE to add to the playlist.

SPECIAL RATS OF TOBRUK PRESENTATION



Reynold Keats

Last week, Kristin and Bronya Keats with the assistance of Eli presented the school with their father Reynold Keats' Australia Army jacket that he wore during his five years of service starting in 1940. Sadly, their mother Joy passed away on 15 June and honouring Joy's promise of donating Reynold's jacket to our Rats of Tobruk collection, Eli presented the jacket to our school captains Shae and Selima. We will seek advice as to how best to display the jacket in the coming weeks.



L-R – Kristin, Selima, Shae, Bronya, Eli, Belinda

REVIEW OF THE SUSPENSION, TRANSFER OR EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY

The ACT Education Directorate is seeking feedback from students, families, teachers, support staff and others about its review of the *Suspension, Transfer or Exclusion of Students in ACT Public Schools Policy* and related documents.

The revised policy aligns with current research and includes a greater focus on a prevention and early intervention approach to behaviour support to reduce the incidence of behaviours that potentially lead to suspension, exclusion and transfer.

All input will be considered and will help to ensure the revised policy documents are clear, current and relevant to meet the needs of schools and the community. Please refer to the Education Directorate's website under "What's New" for further information and links to participate in the consultation www.education.act.gov.au/home.

Education staff are available to explain the policy documents and record feedback from individuals who would prefer to provide this verbally. Individuals wishing to use this alternative should contact Colette Brown on 6207 0457 or etdstudentwellbeing@act.gov.au. Colette will arrange a time for verbal input to be provided either by phone or in a face-to-face meeting.

BOOK WEEK

It's the most wonderful time of the year... you guessed it! BOOK WEEK!! We love books at Giralang and it's time for us to celebrate quality literature as a school! Book Week is held in Week 5, 17-24 August. We encourage all students to dress up as their favourite book characters on Wednesday 22nd of August. We will be having a whole school parade at 9:15 am in the Hall.

We can't wait to see all of the amazing costumes!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know?

Last month our local Giralang 7-Eleven store owners and operators Nivita & Dayal won the 7-Eleven Spirit Award 2018, for their high levels of customer service. They were the overall winners of this award for ACT and NSW. They were commended for their store cleanliness, performance sales and hard work. To celebrate this success, ask Navita about a special treat she has, with every full tank of petrol, for our Giralang School Community. Great work and congratulations!





YEAR 2



The start of Term 3 has been busy with both classes learning about the positions on a compass, coordinates and giving directions. Try asking the Year 2's about playing naughts and crosses using North, East, South, West and North West, South West.

This directly links to our Geography unit based on the seven continents. Students have been learning how to use atlases and globes to locate places and information. Students are being encouraged to inquire using questioning. Some of our favourite questions have been;

Why did life start in the ocean?

How do we know where one ocean starts and another ends?

What is the difference between a continent and a country?

What is a scale on a map?

Over the course of this unit students will be creating their own atlas demonstrating both their knowledge and skills. We can't wait to further share our learning with you at Learning Journey's at the end of this term.





Place Value Knockout

4-digit (1-6) Playing Board



6 000	5 000	4 000	3 000	2 000	1 000
6 00	500	400	300	200	100
60	50	40	30	20	10
6	5	4	3	2	1

Place Value Knockout

Goal: To get the most numbers on the game board. (Finn) It teaches us to read bigger numbers. (Ruby K)

Equipment:

- Counters (Ruby D)
- 4 dice
- Place Value Board (Campbell)
- 2 people

Method:

- 1) Roll four dice and make a four-digit number. (Jay & Arlo)
- 2) Place a counter on the board on top of the number that is rolled. For example, if the dice show 6, 3, 2, 1 then cover 6000, 300, 20 and 1 with your colour counters. (Oliver B)
- 3) You can move your dice into a new order if there is already a counter on a number you roll. (Max M)
- 4) The winner is the person who has the most counters when all the numbers are covered. (Naomi)

Learning Intention: Year 2 can organise their writing using procedural structure.

Congratulations to the students nominated to be part of the Semester 2 Student Representative Council.



KS – Ethan Smith & Bailey Vangelatos

KR – Eleanor Rudder & Nicholas Benney

1W – Kristian Lucas & Violet Gold

1N – Jessica Maloney & Shahmir Mahmood

2W – Jonathan Bourne & Mia Roberts-Petrow

2G – Naomi Leitch & Eden Jasper

3H – Tomoki & Sofia

3K – Emily Veale & Bailey Kerin

4V – Josie Desmond & Kahlin Gilbert

4W – Talia Maloney & Evan Kostesic

5/6Is – Ella Strang & Lucy Harber-Hill

5/6Ir – Kamel & Emily M

5/6GI – Maida & Peter

5/6Gr – Kiara Maloney & Phoenix Jones

Students already have great ideas about initiatives for the SRC to introduce at Giralang. We are going to have a great semester!

Stephanie Vials

SRC Coordinating Teacher



We are proud to announce that we were one of the 19 schools who recently ‘graduated’ from Fresh Tastes! We joined Fresh Tastes over three years ago and now join eight other graduate schools, which have all made positive improvements to their food and drink environment. The graduating schools were recognised for their efforts by receiving a certificate and a vertical garden presented by Suzanne Orr MLA, Member for Yerrabi. Sofia (3H) and Selima (5/6GL) received the certificate on behalf of the students of Giralang Primary. You can check out our amazing vertical garden in the courtyard outside the library. We will continue our journey and share insights with other schools. We would like to thank our students, families and community for supporting our endeavours with Fresh Tastes and look forward to exciting events in the future.



The P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall in week 6. Don't miss out!

We have carefully selected some hand-made items and a range of fun and useful gifts as well. We have aimed to make sure there is something suitable for every child to take home for the special person in their lives.

Where? 'Steps to the stars' area

When? Thursday 30 August: class groups visit the stall from 2 to 3pm Friday 31 August: 8:30-9:15am

Cost? Gifts range from \$2 to \$7. Children participating in Limelight will be able to visit the stall on their return from the Thursday rehearsal. For preschoolers: A range of \$2 gifts will be provided for both the M-T-W and W-Th-F preschool children to make their selection in the preschool unit - details to follow in a note home. If you are interested in helping us prepare and sell the gifts, you would be most welcome. We will need some extra hands on the stall – it is a hoot to watch the kids shop and help them make their selection - from 1:30-3:15pm on the Thursday and 8:30-9:30am Friday, including pack up and set up. We would also welcome people to help wrap the gifts (along with a cuppa and a chat!) during school time on either Thursday 23 August or Tuesday 28. Just email us if you are interested and we will work out a time to suit. Thanks, Janelle Kennard and Alison Brake janelle.kennard@gmail.com Father's Day stall coordinators



It feels like spring is just around the corner and P&C will be celebrating the end of the chilly months with our:

Our favourite DJ Cliff will be returning to get us all moving for our first disco of the year on **Thursday 6 September**.

We will need lots of volunteers to make the disco a success, so if you would like to help out please get in touch on giralangpandc@gmail.com. We are particularly looking for a volunteer to coordinate a cupcake and muffin stall.

Further details will come home soon as a note.

THANKS TO OUR HELPERS!



A big thanks to the willing and hard-working parents who helped prepare the cheese plates for the Art Show last month - Kathryn, Jennifer, Katherine and Michelle. Thanks guys, we really appreciate your help.

AUGUST BAKE AND TAKE TO WORK CHALLENGE

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



P&C Fundraising activities have been a little short on the ground this year and we thought a good way to restore the P&C treasury coffers after our awesome spiderweb purchase would be to set a challenge for all of our talented bakers in the school community.

In August we are asking you to “Bake and Take” a batch of cupcakes (or other delights) to your workplace and ask your colleagues for a donation (recommended \$2.50) to the Giralang P&C for the deliciousness that you have provided. See attached flyer for you to use.

If 100 families completed this challenge and ‘sold’ 12 cupcakes it would mean a massive \$3000 to the P&C to enhance the experience of your child at school.

Once you have completed the challenge pop the funds in an envelope, addressed to the P&C Treasurer, Bake and Take Challenge (include your name).

Don’t forget to post pictures of your delicious efforts on the Facebook page.

Have fun and let’s get Baking!

Megan Hemming
President



Please donate \$2.50 and in return take a delicious sweet treat!

I am participating in the Giralang Primary School P&C August

August Bake and Take to work Challenge!

The Giralang Primary School P&C has asked the school community to “Bake and Take” a batch of cupcakes (or other delights) to their workplace and ask colleagues for a donation to the P&C for the sweet deliciousness!

All funds will be used to enhance the educational experience of the children at the school.

Yes, we are just too time poor to run a fete. ☺



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.



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