



UPCOMING DATES

20 June

Pre-school bus wash excursion

20-21 June

Kindy Health Checks

21 June

6G science excursion to UCHSK

21 June

Assembly hosted by 3/4W

25 June

6:30pm P&C meeting

28 June

10am John Fleming's 100th birthday party!

28 June

Semester 1 reports emailed home

1-5 July

Parent/teacher interviews

1 July

Rostrum quarter finals

5 July

Athletics carnival

5 July

Last day Term 2

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Semester 1 reports: Your child's Semester 1 report will be issued on Friday 28th June (week 9). This year reports will be emailed to your previously nominated email address.

To ensure reports reach parents and carers, a test email will be sent on Thursday 20th June (week 8). This email will only contain your child's name. The purpose is to check the delivery system is working effectively. Please contact the Front Office if you do not receive the email by Friday 21st June. Additionally, please let us know if there are any issues with the attachment. You may need to check your spam/junk email folders to allow the email and attachment to be successfully delivered.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent Teacher Interviews will be held across the school during week 10. This will be a great opportunity to discuss your children's progress and academic reports. All class teachers have distributed notes outlining their availability before and after school. Please take the time to consider the choices and return the slip with your preferences. You will then receive a note confirming your date and time. Research indicates that reciprocal partnerships between home and school are very important and result in greater learning outcomes for students.

Learning Support at Giralang: At times, some of our students require some extra support to achieve the best learning outcomes. The Learning Support Program at Giralang is designed to provide students with additional support in literacy. Depending on the needs of the students, they may be withdrawn from class for individual or small group work or provided with support in the classroom. Giralang Primary is dedicated to providing early intervention so that students do not fall behind.

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The intervention teachers use high quality, evidence-based instruction to target student's point of need and support them to achieve growth in their literacy skills.

Mini-lit is a special teaching program designed for young children who are struggling to learn to read. We use *Mini-Lit* for our year one and two reading intervention program. Each lesson has three main components:

- Sounds and words activities - where children learn to pay attention to the different sounds in words and the letters that represent them;
- Text reading - which gives the children a chance to practise their new skills; and
- Story book reading - which involves the teacher reading and discussing a story to improve vocabulary and comprehension.

Literacy support is also provided for our students in years three to six who are not achieving grade level results in literacy. This is usually provided in the classroom working with small groups of students on an identified area of need, for example, reading comprehension and writing strategies. Some groups are also withdrawn from class during literacy time to receive intensive instruction and guided practise of literacy skills.

Australian Curriculum - Information for parents/carers: Attached to this edition of the Giralanger are two informative flyers about the Australian Curriculum for years 3 to 6. They clearly explain the key learning areas of the curriculum and typically what students will learn in their school year.

Sarah Baird - Executive Teacher

STEAM DAY

On Friday 14 June Giralang students participated in a STEAM Day. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

Teachers across the school planned for a range of activities to teach students innovation, to think critically and use engineering or technology in imaginative designs or creative approaches to real-world problems. Students were asked to choose three experiences to engage in across the day. They joined multi-age groups in different learning areas to complete the tasks.

Students participated in activities such as: Make it Move, Make it Fly, Eco Warriors, Marvellous Music, One line Portraits, Tower Building, Sports Science, Cooking, Water Magic, Shape Shifters, Optical Illusions and Making Bubbles.

There was much excitement generated around the school as students worked together to design, make, create, test and modify their ideas. Students were activating and testing their maths and science, engineering and inquiry skills in many creative ways.



100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATION!

Our beloved Rat of Tobruk, Mr John Fleming, turns 100 in late June.

On his 99th birthday, when asked how he wanted to celebrate his 100th, John said his wish was to celebrate it with the students of Giralang Primary School. So, of course we have come to the party!



Please join us at the school to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Date: Friday 28 June 2019
Time: 10am
RSVP: 6142 2630

P&C NEWS

It's been another busy couple of weeks for the P&C with a chance to chat and enjoy a sunny afternoon (an a warming hot chocolate!) at our most recent playdate, followed by dinner and dancing fun at last week's disco. It was so lovely to see people from our community getting together and enjoying each other's company at both of these events.

Many thanks to everyone who made the playdate and disco possible, and all the volunteers at the disco. Special thanks to Jennifer and Alica for coordinating the disco, and Leeanne and Amy who coordinated the playdate; and to Wayne, the school's Building Services Officer, who always assists with getting the right furniture in the right place and doors locked and unlocked!

Please join us for the next **P&C Meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday June 25** at the school. As always, the meeting is a great chance to hear what is happening at the school and ask any questions. We'll also hear more detail about the money raised at the election day stalls and talk about what we would like to put it towards for the school.

MINDFULNESS

A wonderful opportunity is being offered for parents and carers.

Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions in weeks 8, 9 and 10 of Term 2.



These sessions are free of charge.

Each session commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings on 21st and 28th June, and 5th July in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness.

No need to sign up, just show up and relax.

NEWS FROM PE

It has been a busy Semester for PE and sports at Giralang Primary School.

Students have been lucky enough to participate in sporting clinics with the team from Get Set Tennis in Term 1 and with representatives from Basketball ACT in Term 2. The reason that we are able to get these professionals to come in to help students learn new skills in these sports is thanks to grants received from Sporting Schools Australia. Every Term they ask schools to submit a grant, which covers most, if not all, of the costs associated with running these clinics. We will continue to put applications in, in hopes of securing more clinics for our school.

We have held two of our “Big 3” carnivals already this year - swimming and cross country. It was great to see a new group of students participating in the competitive side of the swimming carnival - this number seems to be growing each year. The swimming carnival was won by Toucan this year - well done! Our Cross Country carnival was held recently, where we were lucky enough to have great weather for the day. It is great to see so many students giving it their best shot in Cross Country - we are always amazed at the attitudes and perseverance shown. This year the Cross Country carnival was won by Phoenix - well done!

This week we had representatives from ANZ Bank, Get Set Tennis and Tennis ACT come in to Giralang to help present our Kindergarten students with their very own tennis racquet. This was part of the ANZ Racquet Roadshow, which is now in its third year. The ANZ Racquet Roadshow encourages students Australia wide to pick up a racquet and get involved in physical activity. Giralang was the first of 11 ACT schools to receive and hand out their racquets. It is always such an honour to receive these free racquets and we are proud to continue our strong relationship with Tennis ACT and Tennis Australia.

The rest of the year looks to be just as busy in the PE and sports area. We will soon be holding our Athletics Carnival, we are looking into gaining more sports grants so that we can offer more sports and activities at Giralang and we will be looking to participate in a number of gala days for different sports, mostly for senior students.

Please note the change of date for the Athletics Carnival. It will be held on **Friday 5th July** (week 10), weather permitting.

Kieran Blackwell
PE coordinator



COMMUNITY MESSAGES



With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money.

The service is free and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealtoptions

July Holiday Coding & Robotics Program

South Side

9.30am - 4.30pm, 11-12 & 15 July

Canberra College, Phillip

North Side

9 am - 4 pm, 17-19 July

Franklin Early Childhood School, Franklin

Option 1 - Block Coding through play - 3 days (6+ - 8 yrs)

Option 2 - Arcade Game Development + robotics - 3 days (9 - 11 yrs)

Option 3 - Robotics - Introduction to Arduino - build a line following sensor car - 3 days (11+yrs) (require purchase of kit) - High demand class, get in fast to secure your spot

Early Bird until 28 June 2019

Sibling discount \$20 per family



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The poster for World Juggling Day 2019 features a central image of the Earth with colorful juggling clubs (yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, green) radiating from the center. The text on the right reads 'World Juggling Day 2019' and 'Saturday 15th June'. Below this, it says '1:15pm-7:15pm' and 'Kaleen Community Hall'. At the bottom, it lists 'Workshops' including 'Passing', 'Juggling Olympics', 'Capital Fight Night', and 'VolleyClub'. It also mentions 'Hosted By Juggle Hub' with a small logo.

Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Tired of yelling? Looking to find a way to get out the door on time, while still liking each other? Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical, and will help you put peace back into your parenting.

For more information visit our [Parent Skills website](#); join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community; and read [P.E.T. on a Page](#).

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. Investment includes a workbook and textbook.

Course begins: Monday, 29th July, 2019 (minimum number of participants required)

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm

Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, accredited P.E. T. instructor. info@parentskills.com.au



Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

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HOLIDAY MAKER PROJECT WORKSHOPS
DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on 16 and 17 July.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Tuning in to Kids



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Emotionally intelligent parenting for parents of 3 - 10 year olds



Would you like to:

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

Tuning in to Kids is a seven 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: Monday Mornings 9:30am – 11:30am
5th August – 16th September inclusive

Where: Kaleen Primary School
19 Ashburton Cct, Kaleen



Open to parents from Kaleen Primary, Giralang Primary, Maribyrnong Primary and St Michaels. Registrations are essential and places are limited.

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SENSE RUGBY

Does your child need help to be part of a team or a group?

Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy program and we are teaming up with Just Right Therapy Services, Craig Robberds Coaching and Wests Rugby to launch in Canberra.

We are also generously supported by University of Canberra Faculty of Occupational Therapy.

We use modified rugby drills to help kids:

- Process sensory information
- Focus on activities
- Work on their coordination
- Manage their emotions
- Have fun with other kids!

Come and try it at our launch day! Not only will it be free and fun, it will also be run by Australian Rugby Sevens Olympian – Jesse Parahi.

When: Sunday, 23 June 2019

Time: 10.30am – 3.30 pm

Where: Weetangera Oval on Southwell St, Weetangera



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www.senserugby.com.au/sign-up-for-free-launch-dates-here/
or contact us on Hello@senserugby.com.au

Our Founders

Jesse Parahi

Jesse has been a regular fixture in the Rugby Sevens World Series for the past 6 years. He won a bronze medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, participated in the Sevens Rugby World Cup in Moscow and was awarded the 2012 RUPA Rugby sevens excellence award. In 2015, he helped the team qualify for the Olympics in Rio and became an Australian Olympian in 2016.



Carlien Parahi

Carlien is an experienced Paediatric Occupational Therapist who spends her days helping children and their families to get to the bottom of learning, developmental and social-emotional delays. She has significant experience in helping parents to understand more about and help children to overcome or improve Sensory Processing Disorders/difficulties, delays in gross motor or fine motor skill development, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Social-emotional difficulties, ADHD and many more. Carlien has a special interest in sport and its therapeutic use. Her empathetic nature and knowledge in child development has helped hundreds of children become more successful at their daily activities.

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The ACT Junior Chess League presents the
2019 WINTER HOLIDAY BOOT CAMP
– CHESS COACHING AND LIGHTNING–
*a fun school holiday chess day to learn to
 play chess like a Champion and play Lightning*



At the Winter Holiday Boot Camp – Chess Coaching and Lightning day, players will have a morning of top quality coaching from some of Canberra's best coaches. Coaching will take place in ability-based groups over 3 x 1-hour sessions. Afternoon is taken up by fun event "Lightning". Please note we also have the Boot Camp Allegro on Wed 17th July and Boot Camp Long Time Tournament on Thurs 18th & Fri 19th July (please see flyers attached). *A discount of \$10 applies when participants book and pay for all four days of the Boot Camp in advance.*

- When:** Tues 16th July 2019, 9am until 5pm.
- Where:** ACT Junior Chess Centre, Campbell High School hall, Treloar Crescent, Campbell
- Who:** Children born on or after 1 January 1999
- Cost:** \$50/day 9am-5pm per child (Coaching plus Lightning)
- Time Limits:** Lightning event is played with a 5min (blitz) time control. New players will learn how to use clocks, and the rules of the event on the day.
- Awards:** Each coach will present a prize for outstanding effort on the day. Awards in the Lightning event will include 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall, overall and with additional prizes awarded based on the number of entries received, and there will be lucky draw prizes too! .
- Entries:** To Emma Guo, at emmaguo_88@hotmail.com or SMS 0401 321 519 (a/h) by Thursday 11th July, including child's name, date of birth, school attended, current school year and a telephone number where a parent can be contacted on the day. **Spaces are limited, and you are encouraged to book early to avoid missing out!** Late entries will only be accepted if space allows – this will be a very popular tournament!
- Lunch:** Pizza and a drink is available for \$7 per child. Snacks and drink are also available to purchase during the day.
Please note that we have a nut free environment.

Note: Parents are asked to provide details to the organiser of any medical or custodial issues for your child. This should include any known allergies, chronic medical conditions and behavioural issues that may have an impact on your child's participation in, and enjoyment of, our activities. Please make us aware of any medication that your child carries – we will require them to self-administer any medication. Children are expected to behave as they would at school. Please note that children are to remain in the playing hall and are not allowed to play outside the hall at Campbell High, unless there is adult supervision outside. If in doubt, please stay and enjoy the event with your child.

You'll never, never know if you don't have a go!
 Further information about junior chess in the ACT is at our website:
www.actjcl.org.au/actjcl/ or <http://groups.google.com/group/ACT-JCL>
 To join our ACTJCL Googlegroups mailing list – please send your details by email to
emma.guo@actjcl.org.au



The ACT Junior Chess League presents the
2019 WINTER HOLIDAY BOOT CAMP
– Allegro Chess –
*a fun school holiday chess to warm
 up for upcoming school chess team competitions*



If you enjoy playing chess, ACTJCL is inviting you to participate in the fun event "Allegro Chess" this Winter School holidays. Allegro chess playing conditions are the same as the school championships (that is, games are played with clocks with each player having 15 mins to complete his/her moves) but children compete as individuals. This tournament caters to all standards of play and is suitable for all eligible players who can confidently move the chess pieces around the board. Chess Clocks will be used but you don't need to write down your moves. Participants in the event will range from potential grandmasters to (almost) complete novices. All players compete for all rounds (unless byes occur). Nobody is "eliminated" during the day. All children who can confidently make all the basic moves of chess are encouraged to participate, especially those players intending to represent their school in the upcoming school team championships in Term 2 and 3.

Don't miss out! This Allegro Chess on Wed 17th July at Campbell High is an excellent opportunity to practice and warm up (plus catch up with friends) for players playing in the school team championship – or even if you're not – this fun event is for you! Plus Boot Camp Coaching & Lightning on Tues 16th July and Long Time Tournament on Thurs 18th and Friday 19th July. A discount of \$10 applies when participants book and pay for all four days of the Boot Camp in advance.

Prizes awarded based on the number of entries received and there will be lucky door prizes too!

- When:** Wed 17th July 2019, 9am until 5pm. Registration from 8.45am and Presentations at 4.45pm.
- Where:** Campbell High School hall, Treloar Crescent Campbell
- Who:** Children born on or after 1 January 1999
- Cost:** \$30 per child – *a great value day of holiday fun!*
- Time Limits:** Games will be played using chess clocks with 15 minutes per player per game (max 30 mins per round). At least 9 rounds will be played on the day and all players participate for the full 9 rounds (except when byes occur). No players are "eliminated" during the day!
- Entries:** To Emma Guo, at emmaguo_88@hotmail.com or SMS 0401 321 519 (a/h) by Friday 12th July, including child's name, date of birth, school attended, current school year and a telephone number where a parent can be contacted on the day. Spaces are limited, and you are encouraged to book early to avoid missing out! Late entries will only be accepted if space allows – this will be a very popular tournament!
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