



UPCOMING DATES

4 December

Katrina Ireland retires today
11:30am-12:30pm Kindy 2020 transition
3-4pm Kindy Stay and Play

6 December

2pm Assembly hosted by 3/4I and Preschool

9 December

9:10-10:30am End of Year awards ceremony

11 December

9am-1pm Year 5/6 SmartStart banking
11:30am-12:30pm Kindy transitions

13 December

9:30-11am Year 6 graduation
5:45-9pm Year 6 dinner and disco

17 December

Year 6 Fun Day

18 December

Move Up Day

19 December - Thursday

Last day of the year!



EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the school year, we have many reasons to celebrate. Giralang Primary has achieved many successes throughout 2019. One of our most recent achievements has been the presentation of the runners up award in the 2019 Anzac Day School's Awards. We have been commended for the strong relationship between our school community and the Rats of Tobruk. The judges felt that our ANZAC Day Service, along with the creation of an honour walk in our playground, are a constant reminder of the service and sacrifice of our veterans. They also noted the strong sense of pride felt by the students and our school community. Thank you to Katrina Ireland for co-ordinating our school's entry. We have received a plaque, a certificate and \$500 in prize money. Congratulations Giralang!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would also like to celebrate the outstanding career of Ms Ireland who retires TODAY after more than thirty years in the ACT public school system. Ms Ireland has made an impact on the lives of thousands of students and contributed greatly to several schools in the ACT. We would like to thank her for her commitment to her students and the positive impact she has had on our school community. The Bike Club have celebrated with Mrs Ireland with a ride to Lake Ginninderra and a barbeque. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Ireland for the wonderful contributions she has made to Giralang Primary and wish her all the best for her next adventure.

Sarah Baird - Executive teacher

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FRED HOLLOWS HUMAINTY AWARDS



On Wednesday 20 November, two of our senior students attended the Fred Hollows Humanity Awards at the National Library of Australia. Hikari Robinson was announced as the ACT 2019 Junior Ambassador and Samuel Knight was highly commended. We would like to congratulate these students on their outstanding achievement.

2019 PEOPLE'S SPORTING CHAMPION – LAUREN BODEN



We would also like to congratulate the amazing Lauren Boden for her success in winning the Canberra Milk People's Sporting Champion at the CBR Sports Awards. Miss Boden was chosen as the favourite local sportsperson by the people of Canberra. Thank you to all our school community members who voted. Well done Miss Boden!

RATS OF TOBRUK CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On Monday we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon with Mr John Fleming, families of Rats passed and other invited guests. Jim Hodgson provided some delightful choral entertainment and our school captains were very gracious hosts.



END OF YEAR AWARDS

On Monday 9 December we will celebrate the success of our students at the End of Year Awards Ceremony. Class teachers will present awards for academic success, citizenship, sporting excellence, artistic ability and achievement in Japanese. We will also present the annual awards to some of our outstanding year six students. This will include:

- Sportsperson of the Year;
- Glen R Memorial Award- presented to a student who demonstrates high achievement across all areas (a good all-rounder);
- Di Herbert Award-presented to a student who consistently demonstrates the Giralang values of caring, co-operation and courtesy; and
- The Raymond Widdows OAM Rats of Tobruk Prize- presented to a student who consistently demonstrates resilience when faced with a challenge.

We will also present the House Shield to the winning House group for 2019 and announce our new school captains for 2020.

Please join us in the school hall at 9:10am to celebrate.

2020 BOOK PACKS – DEADLINE LOOMS!

Please be reminded that orders for Book Packs should be submitted by **Wednesday 18th December 2019**. We have only received 91 orders thus far.

Order forms were sent home in week 4. Please contact the Front Office should you wish to receive an emailed copy.

Ordering and payment is completed in one easy process through this link: [Giralang Primary School 2020 Book Packs](#). After ordering online, please ensure that you submit your order form to the Front Office.

Book Packs will be delivered to school in late January 2020 and distributed to your child's classroom, ready for the new school year.

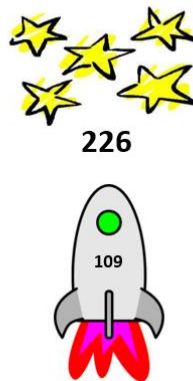
TEST EMAIL FOR SEMESTER 2, 2019

Parents and carers will have received an email from the school from this address info@giralangps.act.edu.au, testing the electronic delivery of Semester 2, 2019 reports. The email was sent to the parent/carer who is listed as Contact #1 in our database and contained a pdf attachment with your child's name. If you have more than one child at the school, you should have received a separate email for each child.

If you did not receive a test email, please contact Anna Klose by email so we can explore any errors in email addresses. Please also check the Spam/Junk folder if you did not receive the email in your Inbox, as this may be the first time some families receive an email from the info@giralangps.act.edu.au email address.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – SIX MORE! THANK YOU 😊

Voluntary Contributions 2019



JAPANESE FUN DAY

We had a wonderful day of activities at our recent Japanese Fun Day. In mixed age groups, students participated in a range of language and cultural activities, including making onigiri rice balls, drawing anime, making Japanese fans and listening to Japanese folktales.

Learning another language is an enriching experience, and this was certainly evident throughout the day as students came together to celebrate our Japanese program. A big *yoku dekimashita!* to Morgan Sensei for organising the event and for her continuing work in bringing Japanese language and culture to our classrooms. Thank you also goes to Morgan-sensei's volunteers, who assisted in the smooth running of the day.

Our day ended with students experiencing Japanese drumming. An enjoyable time was had by all!



MOVE UP DAY – WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

Just a quick reminder that 'Move Up Day' is happening on Wednesday 18 December. All students should meet in the school hall for morning lines on that morning to hear about their new teacher and new classmates for the day and for 2020.



Giralang Primary's

SRC Food Drive

for the Salvation Army

Please support the SRC to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army who will distribute to Canberra families in need.

Please ensure donated items are within their expiry date.

Below are some ideas of items you can give. The donations can be left in the donation box at the Front Office.

Thank you from the SRC!



Christmas items - Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread, long-life cream, custard.

Snacks - biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies.

Table décor - bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins.

Tinned foods - (ring-pull tins only, please), fruits in juice, vegetables, soups, meats or fish, baked beans, spaghetti.

Meal bases - pasta and pasta sauces, rice, curry and stir-fry sauces, meal kits (Mexican, Asian etc), cereal, spreads, savoury biscuits, packet of jelly, liquid gravy, sugar, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long-life milk or juices, iced tea, baby food.

Additional grocery items - personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper), cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder), baby care (nappies, baby wipes).

NEWS FROM PE

What a busy year it has been for PE at Giralang Primary School!

This year I have been lucky enough to work with each class group, at least once a week, to help them acquire, apply and evaluate movement skills, concepts and strategies in a variety of physical activity contexts and settings.

Students this year have also been able to experience and gain knowledge from professionals from Get Set Tennis, Basketball ACT, Softball A.C.T and Sydney Thunder/Cricket NSW through the Sporting Schools Program. Sporting Schools is a \$240 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. To help achieve this, Sport Australia has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs). Giralang Primary School has been successful in gaining grants through the Sporting Schools Program this year to the value of \$11,700 - which has allowed us to have clinics run by the above mentioned organisations.

The following list shows just some of the events that students have been involved in at Giralang Primary in 2019:

- ACT Athletics Carnival - athletics
- ANZ Tennis Hotshots Red Ball A.C.T Final - tennis
- AquaSafe Water Safety (Year 2) - swimming and water safety
- Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival – athletics
- Belconnen Zone Cross Country Carnival - cross country running
- Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival – swimming
- Canberra Raiders Tag Gala Day - rugby league tag
- Canberra United Soccer
- Red Ball Gala Tennis Day (joint winners) – tennis
- School Sports Australia 12 and Under Track and Field – athletics
- Under 10's T-Ball in the local ACT Softball competition
- Western Districts Cricket Blast Cup - cricket

Giralang Primary School was also fortunate to be nominated for, and to win, the Most Outstanding School in the ACT for Tennis for the 2nd time in 3 years. We were presented with our award at the Tennis ACT awards ceremony in late Term 3. It is an honour and a privilege to receive this award again and as a part of this award, I have been asked to speak to an audience at the APIS Canberra International tennis tournament in January, the most significant tennis tournament that has ever been held in Canberra. We look forward to continuing our great partnership with Tennis ACT for many years to come.



As you can see, 2019 has been a very busy and exciting year in the world of health and physical education at Giralang Primary School. Looking forward to 2020 it appears that we will be just as busy, and we hope to be

involved in many more sporting activities as well. Thanks to all of the volunteers and parents who have helped out this year with all of our programs - we look forward to working with you again next year.

Kieran Blackwell
P.E Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

If you didn't catch the last edition of the Giralanger, Cat and Carly will be running Nude Food Tuesdays twice a term in 2020. Home made recess and lunches will be made from minimally-processed ingredients and will be 100% free from numbers and preservatives. NO processed or packaged food will be available on these days.

The first Nude Food Tuesday will run on Tuesday Week 4 and again on Tuesday Week 8. Orders can be placed via Flexischools or via 'hard copy' in the lunch baskets. More information TBC.

Thanks as always

Carly & Cat
Canteen Business Managers

P&C NEWS

GIRALANG GARDEN COLLECTIVE - A GIRALANG P&C PROJECT

The vision for the Giralang Garden Collective (GGC) is to create an environment that allows students and the community to connect with each other, develop gardening skills, understand the value of sustainable practices, improve eating habits, and reap the physical and mental benefits of increased outdoor activity. This will be achieved by turning approximately 1,370m² of unused space at Giralang Primary School into productive vegetable garden and food forest. The space proposed is out of bounds for students during recess and lunch and is shown in the image below.

We want the GGC to provide opportunities for students, teachers and the community to engage with gardening, sustainability and outdoor learning all year round. A draft design has been developed by a permaculture expert and is on the following page. We would like to engage with the Giralang Primary School community as we progress this project. Please take the time to fill out our short survey where you can provide input to the project and identify how you might like to be involved.



Giralang Garden Collective survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDV56YF>

3. Preliminary design

Mixed hedge can be planted outside the fence to hide the fence over time. Taller plants can be used at the back while they might become smaller nearer the entrance for better visibility. Low maintenance hedge species requiring little to no supplementary water could include: grevillea johnsonii, viburnum tinus; acacia floribunda; pittosporum, photinia robusta and common jasmine (vine).

Underplant larger trees along the winding path behind the teaching area with useful companion species, including comfrey, violets, berries, plus more lucerne and calendula (see advice for meadows).

Dwarf fruit trees can be planted in this corner if water can be provided via a secondary tank that takes water from the roof of the central teaching space (or if tap water can be supplied from the school to this corner). The location was selected because of the proximity to two sides of the fence at right angles – which would make building a bird excluding enclosure relatively easier than in other parts of the site. If water cannot be provided, this area could become part of an extended bush garden while the dwarf trees are moved closer to the larger tank on the western side by the veg beds (dwarf trees have smaller root systems so need more regular watering than larger trees).

Greenhouse is on the east side of the teaching space for protection from westerly sun. I saw a well-priced but good quality greenhouse at Canberra City Farm recently. They said they got it from this company:

<https://www.redpath.com.au/>

Bush Tucker garden can consist of a variety of small garden beds (1-3 metres across) bordered with small rocks to make the appropriate outline. Each bed could be mass-planted with one species of bush tucker plant (this will make plant identification much easier than with mixed beds). My suggestion for easy-to-grow bush tucker species that don't need supplementary watering include: old man saltbush (salty leaves taste quite good); *carpoportus rostris* (native pig face – small fig like fruits); *Iomandra longifolia* (young seeds and leaf bases are edible); *diandra revoluta* (the blue berries were eaten); *hardenbergia violacea* (leaves make a nice tea); and hairy apple berry (*billardiera scandens* – local native edible berries). All are evergreen so can be viewed all year round. Silver wattle (*acacia dealbata*) is an attractive local native edible wattle that can be used for shade around the sitting area (varying climate).

Large water tank can be used to store water from the roof of the nearby sports court (up to 800m² of water harvesting potential). Suggest a tank of around 20000 litres capacity if using whole roof, or 10,000 litres if using only one side of the roof.

To save on costs, vegetable beds can be made straight in the ground, with mulch pathways between them, so long as they can be regularly watered by drip irrigation from the large water tank. A solar powered pump can be used to distribute the water. Green manures are an inexpensive way to improve the soil before planting vegetables. Eventually, there may be some tree root competition in the vegetable beds, after which it may be worth replacing with wicking beds, but this is unlikely to be needed for several years.

Herb 'flower' of different perennial culinary herbs can be planted in circular wicking tubs or in the ground. These are close to teaching area so they are easy to notice and can be picked regularly.

Secondary compost bay for easy access for disposal of general organic waste from school lunches etc.

Edible gardens benefit greatly from flowering species nearby. It's also important to ensure good northern light exposure to any teaching structure in the middle of the garden for passive solar gain in winter, so for the area to the north of the teaching space, two flowering 'meadows' of very hardy, mostly perennial species could be planted which would not need any supplementary watering after planting. They would also look very attractive, making for a nice vista on the way to the teaching space. Very tough species that could be grown here include: lucerne (alfalfa); osteospermum daisies; erigeron (seaside) daisies; rosemary; French lavender; gazania; English marigold (calendula - annual but self-seeds vigorously). A border of *lomandra* 'Tanika' would look lovely and formalise it a little, although this would add to the cost (alfalfa and calendula can be bulk planted as seeds at the right time of year for only a few dollars).

I was thinking of using mulch for most pathways and access areas in the first instance, noting that you may need to pave the main ones for disability access at some point. Different coloured mulch can be used to differentiate the animal shapes in the garden. Fresh chippings from arborists may be obtained for free, rather than purchasing all mulch.

Suggest sliding gates of at least 4 metres each opening on each side to allow entry from both sides. Flower bed at entry optional only.

From the P&C President....

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas dinner last week and those who attended the final P&C meeting of the decade! We flew through in record time (9 minutes!) and got straight down to the important business of food, wine and hanging out. It was a really lovely evening with everybody. The business of P&C is wrapping up for the year but keep an eye on our Facebook page for information about any upcoming events and opportunities.



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 also 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 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.

\$37 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

Two Sheds Workshop Woodwork for Kids Canberra

Pre Xmas holiday workshops for girls and boys ages 7 and up, running from Monday 16nd to Sunday 22nd we have heaps of different woodwork project workshops to choose from. Make a timber sword, a bug keeper, holiday decorations, funky critters or a present for someone special and more. Using tools and timber and the guidance our inspired tradeswomen - fun fun fun.

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| THU 28 NOV (4:00PM - 5:00PM) | SAT 7 DEC (9:00AM - 10:00AM) | THU 12 DEC (4:00PM - 5:00PM) |

ALL TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CANBERRA TENNIS CENTRE, RIGGALL PL LYNEHAM

Christmas Family Night

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Thursday 5th December 6-8pm

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PRO PERFORMANCE CRICKET

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11th - 13th December
Kingston Oval
8 Dawes Street, Griffith.

ACT CAMP 2
18th - 20th December
Daramalan College,
Cowper Street, Dickson.

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20th - 22nd January
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23rd - 24th January
Kippax Oval
Ormsby Place, Holt.

ACT CAMP 3
28th - 31st January
Radford College,
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