

UPCOMING DATES

20 November

9am-1pm Yr 3/4 StartSmart banking
11:30am-12:30pm Kindy 2020 transition
5:30pm Yr 6 Bandstrav at Llewellyn Hall

22 November

Market Day
No assembly

25 November

Yr 3/4 Pre-camp visit to Birrigai

27 November

Japanese Fun Day!
1-2pm Preschool Come and Play
6:30pm P&C Christmas dinner

4 December

11:30am-12:30pm Kindy 2020 transition
3-4pm Kindy Stay and Play

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 6, we are now halfway through busy Term 4. Our teachers are currently working together to assess and moderate students' work across the year levels to compose the end of year academic reports. Assessment rubrics and criteria are used to assess the students work, then teaching teams have been working collaboratively to compare and moderate all students' abilities to ensure consistency across academic grades. Semester 2 reports will be emailed home on Monday 16 December.

Good luck to the Year 6 band for Bandstravaganza at Llewellyn Hall on Wednesday night. Thank you to Carly Duncanson for her work with the band.

We are all looking forward to Market Day on Friday 22 November. A reminder that tickets have been pre-purchased and there is no money exchanged on the day. Tickets will be delivered to the classrooms on Friday 22 November.

Over the next few weeks there will be transition sessions for the 2020 Kindergarten students. They will be completing a session on Wednesday 20 November, Wednesday 4 December and Wednesday 11 December from 11:30-12:30pm. This will be in the Kindergarten classrooms and they will be taking part in getting-to-know-you activities, games and discovering the school.

The whole school will be participating in Move Up Day on Wednesday 18 December. All students Kindergarten to Year 5 will experience a day with their new classmates, in their new classrooms with their new teacher for 2020. It will be helpful if you could explain the purpose of the day to your child and how to expect to be in a different classroom.



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The Year 6 students will participate in Japanese, STEM and PE lessons throughout the day.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Lauren and Jason Margules who have welcomed their first baby, a beautiful boy. Welcome to the world Isaac!

Alex Breen
Executive Teacher

2020 BOOK PACKS

Please be reminded that orders for Book Packs should be submitted by **Wednesday 18th December 2019**.

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

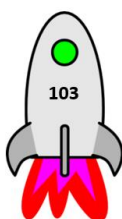
Over the course of this week (week 6), you will receive an email from the school from this address info@giralangps.act.edu.au, testing the electronic delivery of Semester 2, 2019 reports. The email will be sent to the parent/carer who is listed as Contact #1 in our database. The email will contain a pdf attachment with your child's name.

If you do not receive a test email by Monday 25th November, please contact me by return email so we can explore any errors in email addresses. Please also check the Spam/Junk folder if you do 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.

Please contact Anna Klose on 6142 2630 should you have any questions in relation to this process.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – THREE MORE! THANK YOU 🙏

Voluntary Contributions 2019



NEWS FROM THE SRC

On Wednesday 13th November the SRC held their 'Fiver for a Farmer Dress-Up Day' to raise much needed funds for our Australian farmers experiencing drought. Students and staff wore some great farmer and animal costumes and the students demonstrated the school values of caring, cooperation and courtesy. The school community raised an amazing **\$854.00!!!** The SRC sends out a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for supporting this fundraiser.

Later this week, the SRC will launch their final fundraiser for 2019. This will be a Food Drive for the Salvation Army. A decorated box will be outside the Front Office to donate non-perishable food such as tinned and dried food. There will be a list on the box of acceptable items – please make sure all food has a long expiry date. The food will be collected in Week 10 and given to people in the Canberra community who need assistance over the holiday period. Thank you for supporting the SRC in 2019!

From the SRC Team – Anne Mahony and Elise Wark





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 YEAR 3 AND 4

The 3/4 Team have had an amazing 5 weeks of Term 4 and we are excited for the next 5 weeks. In Literacy we have been learning how to write procedures and narratives, enjoying spelling and reading groups and practising our cursive writing and touch typing. In PE we have had soccer clinics and cricket clinics. Numeracy has seen lots of fun with measurement, chance, data and money. Then finally, some classes have been continuing to explore near and far by inquiring into celebrations and special days in our culture.

Indigenous Pedagogy

In 3/4I we have changed things around a bit for term 4. We are learning through culture and using Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing. We start and end each day with a Yarning Circle and our Mindfulness uses Aboriginal Music or going outside. We have slowed the pace down in our classroom and we are taking more time to listen to each other and process our learning at a deeper level. Our main inquiry has been around the Indigenous understanding that if people know their 'Story for Place' then they will 'Care for Country'. 3/4I have been learning all about our suburb of Giralang, what we can do to look after our place and then enacting that understanding. We have also read a large variety of Indigenous books in free reading time and reading groups. Finally, we are turning these stories into Corroborees using Indigenous dance, music and drama. This week we are looking forward to heading to the Giralang Wetlands to see how we can care for our place there. Here are some photos of 3/4I enacting their learning.



Scrabble Inquiry

In 3/4B students have been investigating the board game Scrabble, the tiles and their corresponding point value. Students chose a text and recorded every single letter they read. Together we tallied up the total for each letter and create a graph based on letter frequency. By interpreting the graph, students reallocated point values to each letter tile. Then the students compared their new point values to the original ones to see how many had changed in value and how many remained the same.

	Classic Scrabble		3/4 Winyu Scrabble
1 point	A E I L N O R S T U	1 point	E A O
2 points	D G	2 points	R T S I
3 points	B C M P	3 points	N L D
4 points	F H V W Y	4 points	Y P C M U
5 points	K	5 points	G W B H
8 points	J X	8 points	K V F
10 points	Q Z	10 points	J Z X Q

The outcome was that only 6 maintained their original value! Students wondered why this might be the case... What do you think?



Power rangers

In 3/4G we have looked at energy use. We have developed a Power Ranger team who at recess and lunch check on our school's energy use, especially leaving on unnecessary lights, fans, heaters and Interactive Whiteboards.



We are keeping a record to see what class is doing the best job.

The power rangers leave encouragement and friendly reminders to motivate classes to do the right thing. We are hoping to see a difference in our energy bills very soon.

Some things you can do at home to save energy:

- Turn off appliances when they are not in use
- Use a power board so it easier to switch off all appliances at the same switch
- Shut down your computer at the end of the day
- Change any old light globes to energy efficient globes
- Only use the dishwasher or washing machine when it's full
- Keep curtains shut on hot days to keep in the cool



We hope this helps you save energy too!

Sports Clinics

This term we are loving our soccer and cricket clinics. Students have been learning how to throw, catch, bowl and bat. We have played some really fun games that keep us active and teach everyone new skills.

Our instructor broke down the key components of bowling in a fun and exciting way. Here are some pictures of 3/4F playing their favourite cricket skill game.



Coming up...

We have lots of exciting events coming up! We are especially excited to go to Birrigai for our pre-camp excursion during week 7. It will be a great day to help prepare the students for what to expect at camp. We will participate in camp activities and get familiar with the routines of camp.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come have a chat to your child's teacher.

Thanks from the 3/4 team: Lisa Ison, Sally Gladwin, Lauren Boden and Aaron Foy

P&C NEWS

On Wednesday 27th November the P&C will be holding their annual Christmas Celebration Dinner and we would love for you to come! It's a great opportunity to catch up in the midst of the end of term 'crazy' and celebrate the fabulous work we have done throughout the year (modesty is clearly our strong suit!). This is **NOT** only for those who have volunteered or attended meetings throughout the year, it is open to the whole school community and we truly believe in 'the more the merrier'.

Unsure if you want to get involved with the P&C? Been burned in the past? Heard that we are cliquey and political? Pretty sure it's only the crazy parents who would get involved? Come along and let us prove you wrong!! This is a great way to test the waters without feeling like you are selling your soul. We will be holding our final meeting of the year beforehand to wrap up any loose ends. This will be short and sweet as the purpose of the evening is to be together and enjoy the wonderful parent and carer community that exists at Giralang Primary. Please RSVP to giralangpandc@gmail.com by Monday 25th November and join the event on our Facebook page for updates and the menu. The North Canberra Bear Bar are kindly hosting us and with their fabulous wine selection and \$10 burger special - you really don't want to miss it!

We hope to see you there!

The P&C Team



CANTEEN NEWS

Next year the canteen will be trialling a new canteen day: Nude Food Tuesdays (NFT).

In 2020, Cat and Carly will be running the canteen on a Tuesday, twice a term (all details TBC next year) but as the name implies, we would love to encourage the children to eat 'nude' or 'clean', which means as close as to nature as possible.

We are aware of fussy eaters and that change can be a slow process so we hope to build it up over the course of next year. The plan is to introduce meals made from minimally processed ingredients which will be 100% free from numbers and preservatives. All of the food will be home cooked and there will be NO processed or packaged food for sale on the Tuesdays we operate. If the children like the food on offer, we will start adding these items to the regular school canteen menu.

If you, or your child have any suggestions, or would like a particular meal to be made, please drop Cat or Carly an email and we will get it on the menu. Or if you'd like to come help cook your child's favourite meal, we'd love some new faces in the canteen. Please stay tuned for updates about Nude Food Tuesdays.

A huge thank you to the wonderful people who have donated herbs to the canteen! Cindy has been beefing up her spaghetti bolognese and beef patties with the extra flavour and it appears we have been making more sales of these items as a result. THANK YOU :)

As usual, the canteen would love new volunteers. 2 hours in the morning for prep or 2 hours in the afternoon for service would be most appreciated. Please drop in and see Cindy or email Cat and Carly if you're interested.

Thanks as always
Carly & Cat
Canteen Business Managers
E: charlyfly@protonmail.com or catgeurts@gmail.com

MINDFULNESS

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS **beginning Friday 22 Nov 2019**

Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions for parents and carers in November, free of charge.

Commencing at 9.00am – 10:00am on a Friday 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.



SAFE CYCLE FOR FAMILIES – NEW ACT HEALTH ONLINE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

ACT Health has launched a new online resource to help families get bike riding! A range of topics are included from teaching children to ride, through to basic bike maintenance skills e.g. changing a tyre. This resource is filled with videos and downloadable posters and is worth having a browse through with your children.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/healthy-living/ride-or-walk-school/resources-families>

This resource supports the Ride or Walk to School and It's Your Move Safe Cycle for high school programs currently delivered in 84 ACT schools. The following link has further information about Ride or Walk to School, including teacher professional learning.

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.

Free Tertiary Education for parents – 2020 Clemente program for adults

Clemente is a free-of-charge University program set up for adults wanting to study despite previous academic or personal history. The classes run during the University semesters.

Students are provided with textbooks and learning materials as well as lunch and morning tea on Fridays (when the classes run).

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For more information please email clemente@svdp-cg.org.au.



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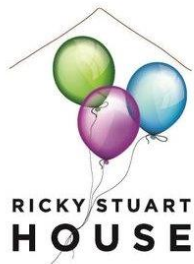
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We are opening the house for families, carers and service providers interested in using our service on Friday 22 November from 10 – 2 at 70 Maclaurin St Chifley. This event will also feature providers and services for children within the Canberra Community.

Come along and have a cuppa and a chat! Please RSVP to Michelle.Groeneveld@marymead.org.au.

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2019**

CSO Shell Prom

Saturday 30 November, 6pm – 8pm Gates open 4.45pm*

Lawns of Government House Dunrossil Drive, Yarralumla

The Canberra Symphony Orchestra presents a program of musical theatre and film favourites for the Shell Prom picnic concert, from *My Fair Lady* to *Frozen*. Guest vocalists Simon Gleeson and Genevieve Kingsford join the orchestra onstage, under the baton of acclaimed conductor Geoffrey Castles.

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Pack a picnic or grab dinner from the Lions Club sausage sizzle on the night.

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