



UPCOMING DATES

30 August

Preschool 'Blokies morning tea'

Limelight dress rehearsal

Father's Day stall 2pm-3pm

Limelight concert 6pm-10pm

31 August

Assembly 2W and 5/6IR

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

6 September

Yr 6 Combined Band 9am-1pm

7 September

Literacy buddies 10-11am

Numeracy activities 11:30am-12:30pm

Reading Picnic 12:30-1:10pm

Primary Concert band performance 2-2:45pm

10 September

Christian Education in Schools

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Wow I can't believe we are half way through term 3 already. Students at Giralang have been very busy learning and celebrating the special weeks we have on our school calendar.

Week 4 was National Science Week and students from Grades 3-6 attended Science in ACTion at the Old Bus Depot. Students were able to visit a variety of stalls with interactive games and activities to enhance their science knowledge.

Then on Wednesday Miss Gladwin took four students from year 5/6 to the National Science Week Design Challenge at Government House. They were set the challenge to design, build, test and modify rockets with the help of our very own rocket scientist! It was a great day filled with engaging science discussions, experimenting, making new discoveries and new friends. The perfect way to celebrate National Science Week!

Last week we were excited to kick off Book Week by looking at the stalls that had been created by every class. Each class was in charge of promoting a different book that had been nominated for a Book Week Award, and students voted on their favourite book display.

Then on Wednesday we had our annual Book Week Dress up where students and teachers came dressed up as their favourite book character. We celebrated with a fun Parade of all the classes, and Mrs Ison read the book 'A Walk in the Park' which won the most popular stall created by 3K Rubrics. See our special page of photos.

Lisa Ison – Executive teacher

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SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2018 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. So far we have received 50 responses from parents and carers. We would like hear from everyone so we can get a complete picture of the level of satisfaction of our parents and carers. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Monday 3 September 2018**. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

FAMILY INVOICE STATEMENTS

This week we will be sending out Family Invoice Statements again. If you have not already contributed to the Library Trust Fund, Building Fund or your child's Preschool contribution, we would appreciate if you are able to now. Please keep an eye out in your child's school bag. All contributions are greatly appreciated and go towards resources for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

There will be no Assembly on Friday 14 September due to our visiting expert, Christine Topfer, joining us to support our professional learning around the Essential 10 Literacy Practices. We are excited to be hosting her again this semester and we look forward to hearing and seeing her expertise in action during our literacy block on that day. We will be celebrating Year 4's learning at the rescheduled assembly which will be held on Friday week 1 term 4.

WHERE IS BELINDA?

Belinda Love will be out of the school in weeks 7, 8 and 9 participating as a panel member on School Review Panels at Southern Cross Early Childhood School, Mawson Primary School and North Ainslie Primary School. As you will remember, Giralang Primary School went through School Review around this time last year. It is a very rigorous process that assists schools along their school improvement journey. While Belinda is out of the school, Mr Simon Barker will be the acting Principal. Simon is from Kingsford Smith School and is really looking forward to getting to know our school community over the next three weeks.

HAVE YOU OR YOUR CHILD BEEN CAUGHT?

There's still time! So many Giralang Stars have been caught reading already. Please help us catch some more before midnight THIS FRIDAY!! Snap a picture of your reader and please post it on your child's Google+ Community. Every reader that is "caught" contributes to your child's class tally.

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.

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY – CHANGE OF DATE

Please be advised that Grandfriends' Day will be celebrated on Friday 21st September. Please join us from 9am to 11:30am to share in a lovely morning together.



The poster features a large, stylized starburst graphic in yellow and blue. The text "Grandfriends' Day" is written across the starburst in a white, bold, sans-serif font. In the top right corner, there is a circular inset photograph showing a young girl, a woman with glasses, and a man looking at a book together. The book cover is visible and has the title "Eliot and the Wishing Well" on it. In the bottom left corner, there is a yellow curved shape containing the text "Giralang Primary School" and "Friday 21st September 9:00am - 11:30am" in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Grandfriends' Day

Giralang Primary School

Friday 21st September
9:00am - 11:30am

NEWS FROM YEAR 1 SCRABLERS AND BOP ITS

Term 3 has begun with plenty of fun and learning in Year 1! Through our Inquiry unit we have been learning about mini beasts. The students have learnt what mini beasts are, drawn and labelled parts of an insect and spider, and we are starting to investigate the different habitats they live in. In the coming weeks, students will have the opportunity to create their own mini beast and design a suitable habitat for it.



In Literacy we have been continuing our daily focus on reading and the many strategies that good readers use. We have been focusing on digraphs, blends and vowel sounds during word work activities and our writing focus has been on information reports. Students have been learning how to listen out for important information and take relevant notes to construct a report on an animal. The students are looking forward to sharing one of their information reports with you during Learning Journeys!



NEWS FROM YEAR 1 SCRABLERS AND BOP ITS – CONT'D

Throughout Maths lessons the students have continued practicing addition and subtraction to solve problems. This knowledge has been applied in a fun atmosphere by playing maths games. Students have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, including their names and properties (edges, faces, vertices). The students have viewed short videos, played 'guess my shape', made shapes with rubber bands on geoboards and used plasticine and matchsticks to construct various 3D shapes.



We look forward to sharing more with you at Learning Journeys in Week 9. Hope to see you all there!



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SPRING FLING DISCO!



Spring is upon us so the P&C plans to celebrate the end of the chilly months with our Spring Fling Disco!

Unfortunately, our favourite DJ Cliff has an injury; we wish him all the best. Miss Love has found us a replacement DJ which is wonderful!

This time we have decided to donate funds raised from the Cake Stall to help struggling drought affected farmers. We need lots of cakes and cupcakes to sell. Cardboard boxes are available for collection at the Front Office. Please include a list of ingredients of the cupcakes.

For the 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 in the following areas:

- Working on the doors – signing children in etc
- Preparing and selling dinner
- Washing up after dinner
- Working on the Cake stall
- Working on the Glow Sticks stall
- Disco monitors
- Cleaning up the disco finishes

If you have First Aid qualifications please step forward, as we need a qualified First Aid volunteer for the disco.

Please get in touch if you need to know more.

Jennifer - 0429 038 926 and Alica – 0435 992 707

BOOK WEEK 2018



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.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Are you a music student? Does your family love music? Don't miss the largest CSO performance this year.

Join us on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th September for an exceptional orchestral experience featuring one of the greatest and most electrifying Australian saxophone players, Nick Russoniello.

The ActewAGL Llewellyn Four Concert is a feast of the most extraordinary and influential French music – a rich and exciting combination of Debussy's *Rhapsody*, Ravel's *Bolero* and Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*.

This concert is a must-see for music lovers! A free pre-concert talk begins at 6:45pm in Llewellyn Hall.

We have special offers for students and their families. For more information, visit <https://cso.org.au/student-group-and-family-pricing/> or make a booking by calling David at CSO Direct **6262 6772** (weekdays 10am to 3pm).

Can't make it? Our next concert in November features violin!



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