



UPCOMING DATES

18 December
Move Up Day

19 December - Thursday
Last day of the year!

3 February 2020
New students all years, kindergarten
and pre-school Mon, Tues, Wed
commence school

4 February 2020
Continuing students return to
school

GRATEFUL AND PROUD PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, what a year! Like many of you, I am wondering where the year went? Upon reflection, the year zoomed by with lots of learning, fun, friendship and growth. Our students are the shining lights at Giralang Primary School. They arrive at school each day smiling and ready for learning. This is due to the unconditional love and support you provide for your child each and every day. Educators at Giralang Primary School never overlook the enormous trust you place in us to continue to provide a safe, secure, consistent and predictable environment where learners can thrive. This is our core business.

Thank you to our outstanding staff for another wonderful year. We are a strong, skilful and dedicated team who strive for excellence every day.

Thank you to our parents, carers, grandparents and friends who have given countless hours of volunteer time throughout the year, strengthening the home-school connection. We deeply value you.

Congratulations to our new school captains and vice-captains for 2020. Charlie Howard and Lotte Holgate will be our school captains and Charlie Deren and Kobi Carson will be our school vice-captains. I am very proud to welcome them to the school's leadership team.

Congratulations and farewell to our graduating year 6 class for 2019. You have made your mark and you are ready for the next big step in your education. Take care and be kind to one another.

Finally, I am looking forward to a wonderful 2020. I wish all our families a terrific festive break and a fun-filled summer. Take some time to unplug and spend time with those who mean the most to you.



Mrs Andrews with our Captains and Vice Captains for 2020.



Keep cool and enjoy your summer holidays!!

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School Office Hours: 08:30-15:30

P&C Association

Brooke Pearson and Janelle Kennard	Presidents
Kumalie Walker	Vice President
Ryan Wilson	Secretary
Sean Macintyre	Treasurer

Board Representatives

Kathryn Couter (Chair)	0414 410 672
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STAFFING UPDATE

We are farewelling some amazing staff members tomorrow:

- ★ Josie Floyd (Turner Primary School)
- ★ Elise Wark (Mt Rogers Primary School)
- ★ Natalie Duke (Macgregor Primary School)
- ★ Aaron Foy (Evatt Primary School)
- ★ Anna Klose (Good Shepherd Primary School)

Thank you all for your significant contribution to our school. You will be missed but we wish you all the very best in your new adventures at your new schools. Your new school communities are very lucky!

We are welcoming the following staff members to the team in 2020:

- ★ Tracey Blackmore (Ngunnawal Primary School)
- ★ Cayley Vranjican (Lyneham Primary School)
- ★ Sophie Dash (Harrison School)
- ★ Julian Wark

Further updates:

- Di Sullivan is taking 12 months leave in 2020. I promise she will return in 2021!
- Laura Funnell is returning in 2020 to the PE release role
- Kathi Huho will be returning for term 1 and will then be taking more maternity leave. That's right! Mrs Huho is expecting baby number two!! Congratulations to Kathi and Tobi and big sister to be, Malia.

CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 2020

Preschool	Heather Lombard (M-W) and Danielle Jackson (Th-F)
Kindergarten	Carly Duncanson, Skye Knight and Melinda Knight
Year 1	Stephanie Garratt and Meg Speed
Year 2	Alana Coghill (M-W) and Sophie Dash (Th-F), and Cayley Vranjican
Year 3	Sally Gladwin and Rebecca Lubilanji
Year 4	Lauren Boden and Shaun Grandi
Year 5/6	Kieran Blackwell, Matt Garratt and Lisa Ison
Japanese	Linda Morgan and Jacob Burrridge
PE	Laura Funnell
Library	Julian Wark
Intervention Team	Sarah Baird and Tracey Blackmore
EAL/D	Tracey Blackmore
GATLO	Jacob Burrridge

RECYCLING PROJECT



In 2020 Giralang Primary School will be starting a Container Deposit Project. Ms Boden and 3/4 Winyu have been trialling this scheme throughout 2019, raising over \$210 from all eligible 10c containers! The students wanted this project to become a school-wide initiative and have used most of the money raised to buy tubs for all families to use next year.

We will be accepting the following containers:

- PET plastics (water, soft/ sports drink containers)
- Aluminium cans
- Liquid paperboards (juice, milk containers)
- 'Other' (Iced coffee/ flavoured milk containers)

We will NOT be accepting any glass containers for recycling.



The tubs will be collected Friday afternoons to deposit containers and returned to school Monday mornings. Any volunteers to deposit containers are urged to contact Ms Boden. Another reminder will be sent out early 2020 for those who are interested in supporting this Eco Warrior initiative.

Thank you
Ms Boden and 3/4 Winyu

SCHOOL BOARD POSITION FOR 2020

Giralang Primary has a vacancy for a parent representative position on the school board. The position is available for a period of 2 years, commencing 1 April 2020. To be eligible for nomination of a position, you must be a parent or carer of a child at the school.

Nominations open Monday 3 February 2020 and close at 11am on Monday 17 February 2020. Nominees will be announced on Tuesday 18 February 2020. Voting opens at 11am on Monday 24 February 2020 and closes 11am Monday 2 March 2020.

The appointment will be made by the Returning Officer on approximately 24 March 2020, and the announcement will be made approximately 7 days later.

A nomination form is attached. You can lodge the nomination form via the front office in an envelope marked to Wendy Morschel, Assistant Returning Officer. Alternatively, you can email the nomination form to Wendy.Morschel@ed.act.edu.au.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6142 2630.

Kind regards
Wendy Morschel - Business Manager

2020 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1

Monday 3 February (new students) or Tuesday 4 February (continuing students) – Thursday 9 April

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December

TO DO LIST FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

A handy list for parents at this crazy time of year!

- ☒ Collect medication from the Front Office
- ☒ Look through the lost property basket in classroom and in the canteen area
- ☒ Order 2020 Book Pack
- ☒ Return any library books

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Our P&C-run Uniform Shop will be open in the early days of Term 1 for the convenience of parents and carers. The Uniform Shop is located near the Front Office.

Thursday 30th January 9:00-10:30am

Monday 3rd February 8:30am-9:15am

Friday 7th February 8:30am-9:15am

The second-hand uniform cupboard can be accessed every day during school hours. Donations of items are always welcomed. Items can be purchased for \$2 per piece.

ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME 2020 APPLICATIONS

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in years 7 to 10, to assist with the costs of schooling. To be eligible, applicants must have a current means-tested Centrelink card or Healthcare card.

Application forms are held at the Front Office, should families wish to apply.

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.

SCHOOL REPORTS SEMESTER 2, 2019

By now, you will have received your child/children's school reports for Semester 2, 2019 via email from the email address info@giralangps.act.edu.au. Please check your Spam/Junk folders. If you did not receive an email per child with a pdf file attached, please contact wendy.morschel@ed.act.edu.au.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear parents, carers and supporters

Thank you for your support over the year. It is wonderful to see so many students enjoying our library books. A special thank you goes to those families who have generously donated quality books that they no longer need.



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May you all enjoy a safe and joyful Christmas and school holidays.

Rita Reid

NEWS FROM.....

日本語

JAPANESE!

Minasan Konnichiwa!



We have come to the end of another busy and productive year. Term 4 has flown by very quickly and it has been full of learning, fun and excitement in Japanese. Our annual Japanese Fun Day was in week 7 and it was a fun-filled and successful day. The Fun Day is always a great way to celebrate our learning of Japanese and to enjoy some traditional games and activities. The performance by Taiko drummer, Kiyomi Calwell was a little different this year as it included 'hands on' participation by all students. Each student had the opportunity to play the taiko drums. This required patience, listening and bravery from the students and I believe they did this exceptionally well.





In term 2 this year we welcomed Yuina Hirata to Giralang Primary as a Japanese Teaching Assistant. Yuina is a university student from Kagoshima, Japan and has been a wonderful resource and addition to our Japanese program. Yuina has been staying with Giralang students' families and will do so until the end of the year. Thank you to the Grudnoff, Fitzpatrick and Harrild families for hosting Yuina during her time in Australia. Yuina has been a great asset to all classes, and the students and I have learnt so much from her. I would like to thank Yuina for her wonderful contribution to our work in Japanese. The students and staff will miss her greatly. Unfortunately, we are unable to have a Japanese assistant at Giralang next year due to fewer numbers of assistants coming to Canberra and not enough host families to accommodate one.

Yuina has also been teaching Japanese in the preschool alongside Rowelanne Stubbs. Rowelanne began teaching with us last year and her and Yuina have been teaching the pre-schoolers Japanese songs and games and basic vocabulary in preparation for Kindergarten Japanese.

The current Kindergarten classes have been building their knowledge of Japanese language and culture this semester with Mr Burrridge. They have learnt a lot with Mr Burrridge and are ready for Year 1!



Years 1 and 2 continued their unit of work on clothing this term. The focus was on verbs and using the correct verb when describing what you are wearing on different parts of the body. This wasn't an easy concept to grasp, but the majority of students were able to construct simple sentences using the correct verb ending.

The Year 3/4 students began learning the Hiragana writing system. All 46 characters were introduced over the course of the term and this will be consolidated next year. Recognition of the characters has been the main goal and students will be writing more and more of their work in Hiragana in the year ahead.



Years 5 and 6 completed a unit of work on Food this term. The students learnt about traditional Japanese dishes and made comparisons between the Australian and Japanese diet. They also learnt how to describe events using past and present tense.

Finally, a huge thank you to you all for your effort and hard work in Japanese this year! I look forward to teaching you again in 2020.

Mata rainen,
Morgan-sensei

CANTEEN NEWS

It's the end of another busy year at Giralang Primary. The canteen has been busier than ever this year and we would like to thank all our families that use the canteen whether it be for recess, lunch or even for an icy treat on a hot day.

The canteen would not be possible without the continued support from our wonderful families and this extends to our beautiful parent volunteers. Thank you to those who have given up their time to help prepare orders, serve and clean up. Your help is invaluable.

Thank you to our hardworking P&C committee. Your support is appreciated, and we look forward to working with you again in 2020.

And of course, a massive thank you to the amazing canteen manager Cindy. All this would not be possible without you, especially, and we wish you a restful, well deserved break over the holidays.

The new decade will see the canteen bring some exciting things to Giralang Primary including our Nude Food Tuesday's where your children will be able to enjoy homemade meals made only from super fresh and raw foods emphasising health and goodness. We will also continue to work on eradicating single use plastic and will be using safe and environmentally friendly products.

In 2020 you will also see the usual successful fundraisers and as always volunteers are always much appreciated!!!

If you have anything to contribute to our wonderful canteen, please get in contact with us.

Merry Christmas to all. We look forward to a bigger and better 2020!

Thanks as always

Carly & Cat
Canteen Business Managers

2019 END OF YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY



Kindergarten



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Sportsperson of the year, The Glen R Memorial Shield (Good All-Rounder), The Di Herbert CCC Award and The Raymond Widdows OAM Rats of Tobruk Prize for Resilience

YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2019



YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER AND DISCO



Good bye and
good luck!



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



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DISCOVERY

A dance and drama discovery program for young artists aged 7-12 years old.

20-23 JANUARY



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20-23 January 2020 | 9am - 3:30pm
Performance on 23rd | Gorman Arts Centre

Co-produced by Canberra Youth Theatre and QL2 Dance
Supported by Ainslie Gorman Arts Centres

In January two of the ACT's leading youth arts organisations are joining forces on a discovery program that will introduce young people aged 7-12 to the performing arts. Over four days, discover the creative possibilities of both dance and drama through a series of workshops, culminating in a performance for family and friends that will take over the grounds of Gorman Arts Centre.

This new program is ideal for young people who may never have engaged with the performing arts before, as well as those who simply can't get enough and are excited to discover more. Please note: young artists will work in smaller age groups during the workshops.

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Key Info:

Ages: 8 to 14 year olds

When: Mon 20th Jan - Thurs 23rd Jan,
9.00am-5.00pm

Cost: \$360 per student (incl. lunches)

Where: Bec Taylor School, Dickson, and
a sound masterclass and gig at
Smiths Alternative on Thursday at 4pm

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