

Week 8, Term 2 | 20 June 2018

UPCOMING DATES

25 June

Art Show 333 POSTPONED

25 - 26 June

AFL clinics

29 June

School reports coming home

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Tuesday evening Giralang Primary School hosted the ACT Rostrum Quarter Final. Congratulations to Huon White from 4W who delivered an outstanding speech and was selected as the winner on the night. He was commended for his innovative and engaging speech 'Under the Microscope'. Huon will now progress onto the semi-final in August. Thank you to Lisa Ison for her outstanding organisation of this event; it was highly commended on the night by the head adjudicator from ACT Rostrum.

Yesterday, we met with the contractors and Education Directorate representatives for a progress report on the school hall ceiling restoration. **Unfortunately, it is not going to be ready for the scheduled Art Show 333 – What Lifts You?** We apologise for this delay. The works inside the school hall have been a complex project. The silver lining, however, is that extra 'bits and pieces' have been added to the project, within budget, that will make the delay worth it. Watch this space for further information! The Art Show will now be held over until early term three. We will update you when we have a firm date.

As many of you have seen, work on the Giralang Community Park has commenced. Students of Giralang Primary School were invited to participate in the design process for some aspects in consultation with Wellspring Design. Thank you to our teacher representative, Allan Wylie for his coordination of this community project. Our Year 3 students will be assisting in a Visual Art design inspiration section where their artwork will be digitalised and reproduced onto totem poles that lead down the path to the school. Our Year 4 students are also involved in the creation of a maze section and painting of resources in this area. Photos of this collaboration are further along in this edition of the Giralanger.



*ACT Rostrum Quarter Final Winner
Huon with Mrs Ison*

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REPORTS/PARENT INTERVIEWS

Teachers are in the process of finalising reports after rigorous moderation of work samples, assessment tasks and rich professional discussions. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on individual student growth, achievement and student directed learning goals. We look forward to sharing this information with you. Reports will be sent home on Friday 29 June. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July.

A note for your preference of Parent Teacher Interview times was sent home recently. Please make a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher to hear more insights and answer any questions you may have.

KIDSMATTER - KINDNESS

Kindness is described as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. There are so many opportunities for students, staff and families to practise this in a school day. It could be as simple as opening a door, sharing a warm smile or giving an affirmation. We are very fortunate to have many volunteers in our school who kindly donate their time to support others. Thank you also to:

- those who assist in the classroom, lunch clubs, STEAM activities and excursions;
- our P&C and Board members;
- parents/carers who support other families in our community; and
- Giralang Primary School staff and students.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – COMING SOON!

We have been informed by The School Photographer, that our school photos will be arriving by the end of term.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY – OVERDUE POLICY

With the support of the school community Giralang Primary has a well-resourced library, providing the students with the opportunity to discover the enjoyment of reading. We appreciate the support the library receives from our families and in the endeavour to keep these resources available to all, our overdue policy has been reviewed:

1. As students are borrowing books, they are reminded of any overdue items. They are encouraged to find and return the books;
2. In week 5, a class list of overdue books will be sent to the class teachers as a reminder for those who have not returned their overdue books ;
3. In week 9 of term, an email will be sent to families of students with overdue books. This email will include book/s details and replacement cost; and
4. In term 4 the return of all borrowed books will enable a smooth running of stocktake. There will be extra reminders, to return overdue books in this term.

It would be appreciated if overdue books be returned as soon as possible. If they are lost, a reimbursement would help replace missing items.

GIRALANG COMMUNITY PARK COLLABORATION

*Wellspring Design and
Students from years 3 and 4*



NEWS FROM THE P&C

The P&C met on 23 May 2018 to catch up on what is happening at the school, and to make some plans.

We heard from Belinda about how well the new spider web playground is being used, keenly and cooperatively by all ages; how wonderful the roof over the multipurpose court is; and reports on the joys of camp and NAPLAN. We also considered possible plans for a school fence and discussed what the community consultation around this might look like over the next term or two so that everyone can have input.

We looked over our planned activities for the year - there's work to do from the heritage grant we won last year, and volunteers have offered to run two discos, a Father's Day stall and the mango fundraiser. The idea of creating more community events was popular, perhaps a monthly Friday afternoon play session/community picnic supported by the P&C. If you'd like to know more about the P&C or anything from the meeting, email giralangpandc@gmail.com and join our email list to receive meeting minutes.

Everyone from the school community is welcome at our next meeting, scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

Janelle Kennard - P&C member

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest Scholastic Book Club orders are due today. Orders will be accepted until COB tomorrow, Thursday 21 June 2018.

2019 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – BE GREAT AND NOMINATE

Play your part by giving our nation's best the recognition they deserve. If you know a remarkable Canberran who inspires you, then nominate them for an Australian of the Year Award.

You can nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years) or Australia's Local Hero.

Nominations close on 31 July 2018.

Visit australianoftheyear.org.au to nominate today.

Wow we can't believe it is Week 8 of Term 2 already and we're almost halfway through the year. The 5/6 cohort have had a super busy term with NAPLAN, Cross Country, Camp Birrigai, UCHSK Visits, Maths Olympiad, da Vinci Decathlon and ICAS Competitions, Rostrum, AFL Clinics, SRC Hero Dress Up and preparing for the Art Show.

We are currently working on finalising our Portfolios and these will be sent home at the end of Week 9 with reports. Please make sure you book in a time with your teacher for an interview in Week 10.

Enjoy reading our blog below about Camp Birrigai and our UCHSK Transition visits.

CAMP BIRRIGAI

On Monday 21st May to Wednesday 23rd May students in 5/6 attended Camp at the Birrigai Outdoor School which is in the Tidbinbilla National Park. We enjoyed participating in many activities that we wouldn't normally get to do like the Giant Swing, Crate Climb, Scavenger Hunts through the Bush, putting up a tent, building a fire and cooking damper. We also participated in lots of Team Building activities, a drama night, outdoor play and a fantastic Colonial Simulation where we stepped back in time and had to survive and thrive as a family in Australia in the early 1800s.

For many students this was their first time sleeping away from home and it was great to see them practising life skills of making their beds, setting a table, sweeping the floor, looking after their belongings and the biggest challenge of all rolling up their sleeping bags and stuffing it into the bags which are never big enough :)

The teachers would like to congratulate all of our students on their self-managing, good choices and having a positive growth mindset during all their camp experiences. Everyone had lots of fun and it was wonderful to see all our 5/6 students joining in, collaborating and enjoying themselves.



UCHSK Transition Visits

On Tuesday 8th May we were privileged to have some visitors from UCHSK come and chat to us about high school next year. We met the Principal Lana Reed, Deputy Principal Daniel Mowbray, and two past students, Nathan and Edana. We were able to listen to lots of information and ask questions!

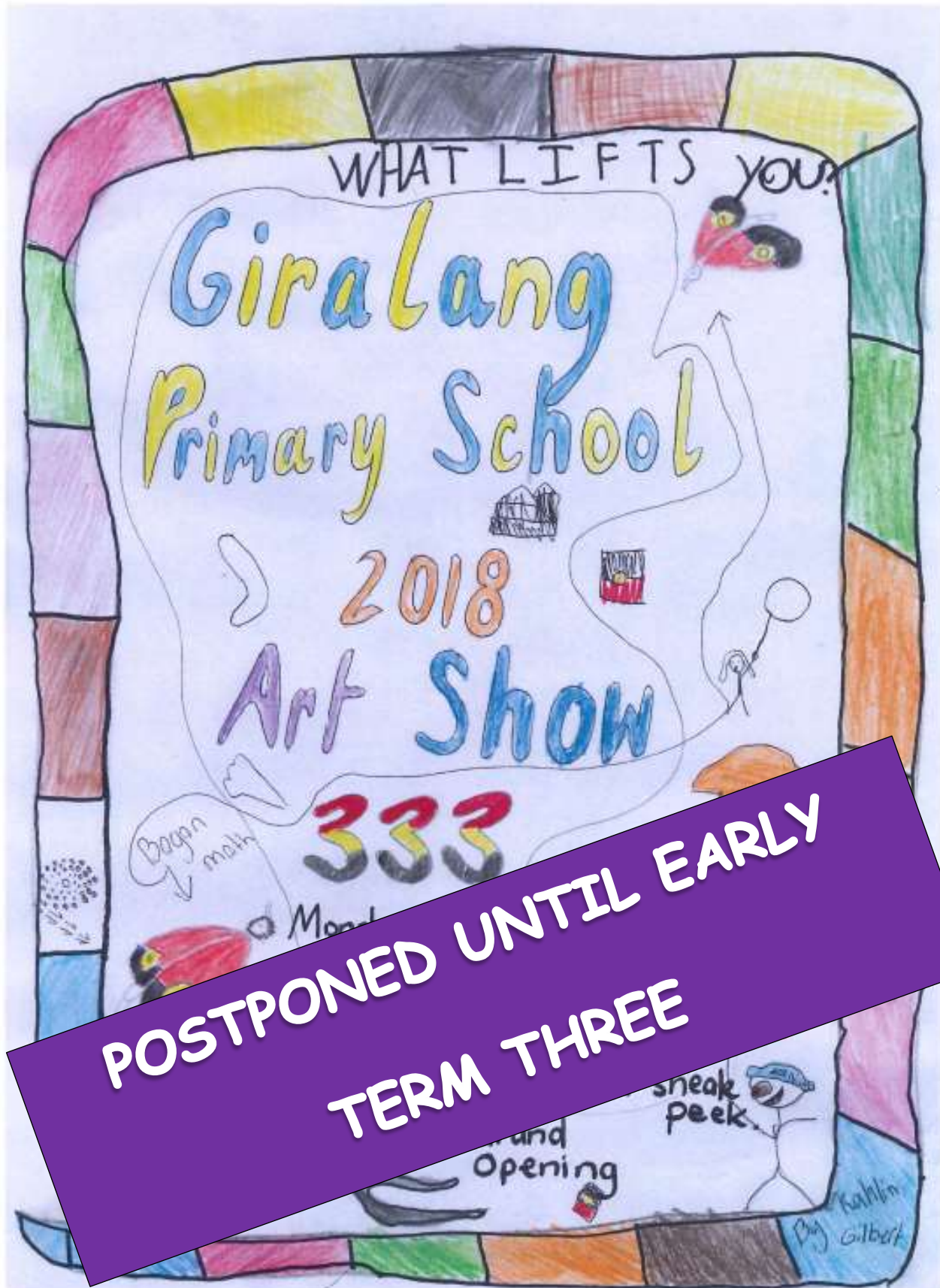


Then on Friday 8th June, 5/6 students were invited to go to UCHSK to participate in Circus Workshops which were run by some Year 9/10 students as part of their Circus Skills Elective! Our students went through a range of activities from riding a unicycle, to swinging on a hula hoop! They tumbled, bounced, juggled, flew through the air on a trapeze and had a lot of fun! This was also extremely helpful to all the Year 9/10 students involved in running the circus as they were able to implement their lesson plans and practice their teaching skills.



Overall we have had an amazing term and we are looking forward to the last three weeks of term before a well-deserved holiday!

Thanks - Lisa Ison, Shaun Grandi, Sally Gladwin and Katrina Ireland



**POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY
TERM THREE**



AND

Attention Eco Warriors

are teaming up to work together on a few projects coming up at Giralang Primary School to promote sustainability. The first is the Eco Warriors design project, which is hoping to reduce single-use plastic within our school community by creating custom design reusable shopping bags and cups, especially with Plastic Free July coming up. With this in mind, our next project is to ensure EVERY student at Giralang has a beeswax wrap to use in their lunch box. A beeswax wrap is a multipurpose food wrap that keeps food fresh longer without using plastic wrap. They ensure your food is keeping its freshness without costing the Earth.

Some alternatives to use in your lunch box to reduce your single-use plastic waste include:

1. Reusable drink bottle
2. Beeswax wraps instead of plastic wrap products
3. Buying in bulk and using containers
4. Pack cutlery from home to reduce plastic cutlery

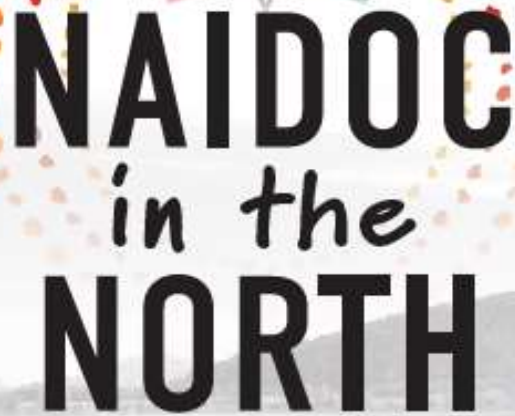
**ECO WARRIOR DESIGN COMPETITION ENDS
WEDNESDAY WEEK 9!**

Keep a look out for more updates in the Giralanger.

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NAIDOC in the NORTH

11:00AM – 3:00PM
SATURDAY 14 JULY 2018

Kingsford Smith School,
Holt (via Hardwick Cres)

Because of Her, We Can...!



FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL

- > open photographic exhibition
- > face painting and fun for kids
- > live music and dance performances
- > drop-in art & craft workshops for all ages
- > food stalls, a bonfire, free hot damper and more!

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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.

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon **MAKER PROJECT**

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 the 17, 18 and 19 July.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

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