



Week 8, Term 4 | 5 December 2018

## UPCOMING DATES

### 5 December

3:30pm-4:45pm Kindergarten Come and Play – School Spiderweb

### 6 December

9:30am-12:30pm Preschool excursion to National Arboretum

RATS of Tobruk luncheon

### 7 December

9:15am Year 1 Assembly

### 10 December

11am Volunteers Morning Tea

4:50pm Bookpack Orders close on Flexischools

### 12 December

11:30-12:30 Kindergarten transition

SRC fundraiser – Dress as a ‘G’

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We enjoyed another very successful Japanese Fun Day this year! The students engaged in numerous multi-aged activities, which enhanced their cultural understanding and competency. There were many highlights on the day; mine were the sea of red and white at morning lines, and watching students achieve difficult origami folds with ease. Congratulations to Morgan Sensei and her experienced group of parent helpers and Japanese Teaching Assistants. It is through their organisation, support and hard work that this event continues to grow and flourish.

This morning, Suzanne Orr MLA announced that Giralang Primary School will be included in the Active Streets program over the next four years. Like other schools in Canberra, Giralang Primary is keen to do anything it can to increase safety for its students when travelling to and from school. Improving the surrounding infrastructure will help to encourage more children to walk or ride to school, which will benefit the entire school community. Giralang Primary has been participating in the Ride or Walk to School program since 2015. Improved infrastructure around the school will help to support the ongoing delivery of this program and encourage a greater uptake of walking or riding to school.

On Wednesday 19 December, all our students will be participating in a Move Up Day. The Move Up Day is so that students and families can know where their class is located, and who their teacher will be for 2019. We have traditionally found that this alleviates any worry or fear of the unknown over the Christmas break. Teachers and the Executive staff have worked hard to get a ‘best fit’ for each individual and have carefully taken into consideration friendships, academic needs, group dynamics and the physical environment when planning class configurations. Our teachers have enjoyed the opportunity this week to meet in their new teams for 2019. They have been busy planning and mapping a yearly overview of learning in 2019 whilst organising exciting activities for Move Up Day.



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As we head into the long Christmas holidays we ask that you please consider maintaining regular reading at home. Our data tells us that many students drop back, up to two reading levels, during this extended break. Perhaps books make the ideal stocking stuffer this Christmas? Also consider joining or going on an adventure to one of our quality public libraries. Kids that read succeed!

Natalie Garrett  
Deputy Principal

## CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE SUCCESS

This year every student from K-6 successfully completed the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Belinda Love and student representatives Asherah, May, Huon and Bailey were excited to attend the recent awards ceremony. Chief Minister Andrew Barr gave a special shout to Giralang Primary School and our 'Hot Reads Trolley' initiative. Our school received certificates and \$300 worth of vouchers for the Paperchain Bookstore in Manuka. Author Jack Heath was also in attendance as an ambassador for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Our student representatives caught up with Jack afterwards and thanked him again for his earlier visit to Giralang Primary this year.



Huon, Bailey, May and Asherah with Chief Minister Andrew Barr



Students representatives and Miss Love with Jack Heath

## 2019 BOOK PACKS – LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Orders for 2019 book packs close at 4:50pm on Monday 10 December 2018. No orders can be accepted after this date.

Payment for book packs will be facilitated through the Flexischools website [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and order forms returned to the school's Front Office. The portal is open and accepting orders. Giralang Primary School cannot accept payments for book packs.

All book packs will be delivered to your child's classroom at the beginning of the school year.

If you do not wish to place an order, please use the book pack list to source your own products and deliver them to your child's new class for the first school day of 2019. The Oxford Grammar book can be sourced through Officeworks.

## HELMETS

Please remember wearing a helmet that meets Australian standards, is an essential and mandated part of riding a bike or scooter. Ensure that they are fastened under the chin to provide the correct protection.

## MUSHROOMS

Due to the rain and hot weather of late, there have been little clusters of mushrooms popping up all over the adjacent fields. This is a timely reminder about not picking and handling them.

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property area is located in the corner of the canteen eating area. There is currently an abundance of jumpers, jackets and other clothing, as well as lunch containers and drink bottles in the area. Please feel free to pop in and check lost property if you have lost items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the second-hand uniform shop and charity organisations at the end of the year.

## P&C CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION





## Japanese Fun Day 2018



## NEWS FROM PE

What a busy year it has been for P.E at Giralang Primary School!

This year marks the first year that we have had P.E taught by a specialist teacher. 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.

As part of an inquiry-based approach to P.E, students practise problem-solving and decision-making strategies during the different sports and activities they are participating in. These strategies, together with critical and creative thinking skills, allow students to develop and enhance their conceptual understandings and skills. Students can reflect on and monitor their ability to use these strategies and skills in making decisions and taking action.



This year, students have been able to experience and gain knowledge from professionals from Netball A.C.T, A.F.L A.C.T/N.S.W and OzTag A.C.T, with two of these programs (Netball and A.F.L) being delivered to our school for free after successfully applying for funding through the Sporting Schools program.

The following list shows just some of the events that students have been involved in outside of school:

- A.C.T Athletics Carnival - *athletics*
- A.C.T Clay Court International (as ballkids) - *tennis*
- ANZ Tennis Hotshots Red Ball A.C.T Final - *tennis*
- APIS International Canberra Tennis Tournament (as ballkids) - *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 Soccer Carnival - *soccer*
- Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival - *swimming*
- Buroinjin Gala Day - *an indigenous ball game similar to A.F.L/European Handball*
- Ginninderra School Teams Challenge - *athletics event*
- Governor General's Sports Fun Day - *various sports*
- Kaleen Tennis Gala Day - *tennis*
- Red Ball Tennis Day - *tennis*
- School Sports Australia 12 and Under Track and Field (Melbourne) - *athletics*
- Western Districts Cricket Blast Cup - *cricket*

During our in-class sessions this year, students have participated in several different sports and activities:

Kindy - Netball, A.F.L and gross motor (including fundamental motor skills)

Year 1 - Netball, A.F.L, gross motor (including fundamental motor skills), cricket

Year 2 - Netball, A.F.L, gross motor (including fundamental motor skills), cricket, tennis

Year 3 - Netball, A.F.L, tennis, basketball, cricket, frisbee activities

Year 4 - Netball, A.F.L, tennis, basketball, cricket, frisbee activities, cooperative games

Years 5/6 - Netball, A.F.L, tennis, basketball, cricket, frisbee activities, cooperative games

2019 promises to be an even busier year at Giralang for P.E. With a change in the running of School Sports A.C.T there will no longer be zone carnival days for individual sports, however, there will be an increase in school-based teams in sports, where we are able to train teams at school and then compete in inter-school competitions with local schools. This allows a greater number of students to participate in sporting competitions and allow them the chance to represent their school.

I look forward to continuing in this role next year and working with all students to help foster their love of physical education.

Kieran Blackwell



## NEWS FROM P&C

More than 25 people took on regular volunteer roles for our P&C in 2018 and twice that number volunteered at events or baked delicious cakes! Thanks to this amazing effort from so many wonderful people, we have been able to run two discos, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and four fundraisers, raising over \$6,000 for our school.

In 2018 P&C volunteers also ran the School Canteen, School Uniform Shop, Second-hand Uniform Pool, Book Club, Breakfast Club, School Banking, and looked after the lost property area!

We are incredibly lucky to have so many members of our community able to contribute to P&C. The time and energy volunteers put into regular tasks frees up the time of our precious school staff to concentrate on teaching and learning, and funds raised help us keep Giralang Primary's learning environment and resources top-notch.

P&C's major achievement last year was to contribute significant funds towards purchase of our new 'spider-web' play equipment. This was made possible by saving fundraising over several years and through the efforts of volunteers who helped with the significant work involved in the purchasing process. We are planning to repeat this strategy again, saving most of our funds raised in 2018, to build up enough capital to contribute to a really big, impactful improvement to our school's outdoor learning environment.

We will be looking for lots of new volunteers in 2019, as some of our wonderful, long-serving volunteers will be moving on from the school or their roles. You can get involved by taking on one of the roles described below, or just by helping out at fundraising events, baking a cake or coming to meetings. We know everyone is busy, so we try to keep time demands to a minimum, and any role can be shared between two or more people. No prior experience is necessary and lots of help and support is provided.

P&C is a great way to meet people and get involved in your community! All school families are automatically members of the P&C and are welcome at all P&C meetings and events. P&C is entirely run by volunteers and we always welcome new people.

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with us at [giralangpandc@gmail.com](mailto:giralangpandc@gmail.com).

<b>P&amp;C Committee roles</b>	
<b>President</b>	Chair meetings, provide leadership & management, liaise with the Principal, staff & school Board (1-4 hours per week)
<b>Vice President</b>	Co-lead and manage the P&C (1-4 hours per week)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Manage the P&C accounts (1-2 hours per week)
<b>Secretary</b>	Manage minutes, agendas, correspondence and membership lists (1-2 hours per week)
<b>Uniform Shop Business Manager</b>	Provide business management for the school uniform shop e.g. stock, co-ordinate volunteer roster (1-4 hours per week)
<b>Delegate to the ACT Council of P&amp;C Associations</b>	Attend Council meetings, keep P&C informed of Council events and services (A few hours per month)

<b>Other P&amp;C roles</b>
<b>Precinct Committee chair and members</b> Work to improve school infrastructure and outdoor learning environment (1-4 hours per week)
<b>School uniform shop assistants</b> Staff the uniform shop on Friday mornings (1-2 hours per fortnight)
<b>Second hand uniform shop co-ordinator(s)</b> Sort donated items, keep the store tidy (<1 hour per week)
<b>Canteen volunteers</b> Help prepare food, serve and wash dishes in the canteen on Thursday or Friday (1-2 hours per week)
<b>Breakfast club co-ordinator(s)</b> Liaise with provider and sponsors, help serve on Tuesday mornings (1-2 hours per week)
<b>Book club co-ordinator(s)</b> Collect orders, bank money, distribute ordered books (2-4 hours per catalogue)
<b>School banking co-ordinator(s)</b> Handle deposits and liaise with bank (2-3 hours per fortnight – work must be carried out on school premises)
<b>Lost property co-ordinator(s)</b> Keep the lost property area neat and tidy and remove unclaimed items at the end of term (<1 hour per week)
<b>Events and fund-raising co-ordinator(s) – <u>Discos</u></b> Learn how to run school disco(s) by working alongside our experienced disco co-ordinators
<b>Events and fund-raising co-ordinator(s) – <u>Mango fundraiser</u></b> Run this popular annual Fundraiser – help and instructions provided!
<b>Events and fund-raising co-ordinator(s) – <u>fetes, events, other fundraisers</u></b> Organise a Mother's or Father's Day Stall, movie night, trivia night, BBQ, bulbs fundraiser or any other fundraiser you are interested in – help and instructions provided!

## FINAL P&C FUNDRAISER FOR 2018

This is the final P&C fundraiser for 2018.

A great way to get your Christmas shopping done while also benefiting our school!

Catalogues are available from the Front Office.



*This year we are using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise money to purchase additional educational resources. Parent Direct offers you the opportunity to purchase quality educational toys with a direct benefit to our school.*

*When you order toys from Parent Direct, up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to us to buy resources that will be used by your children. Plus for every 20 orders we get an additional \$200 to spend!*

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CAN BUY!

## SCHOOL BANKING

### New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



**Slushie Maker Cup**



**Zoom Flying Disk**

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Friday.

## PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

Places for Private PIANO LESSONS will be available at Giralang school in 2019 with Mrs. Jan Downie.

I have 35 years' experience and have been teaching at Giralang school for the last 15 years. Lessons are also available at my home studio in Giralang after school.

I have an Associate Diploma in Piano and a Piano Teaching Certificate covering all styles.

My aim is for all my students to enjoy learning music either just for pleasure or to undertake exams to further their skills.

I have successfully entered students for Piano, Theory and Performance exams up to Associate level.

My rates are \$36 per half hour at school.

For further information please contact me on 6241 2755 or mobile 0406 330 610.

JAN DOWNIE  
AAGM, TTCERT.AGM

## 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.

We are delighted to announce that both Kelly Sturgiss and James Steinbeck will be offering music lessons during school hours in 2019. If you would like to enrol your child for term 1 of 2019, please contact Diane on 0414 788 380 to reserve your booking.

## COMMUNITY MESSAGES

### Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards - Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT.

Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbргold](http://act.gov.au/cbргold)

### Canberra Citizen of the Year Award

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award.

The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbrcitizen](http://act.gov.au/cbrcitizen)



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