

UPCOMING DATES

14 August

Science Week STEAM Day

16 August

2pm – Assembly hosted by 1S

19-23 August

Book Week

19 August

Belconnen Athletics Carnival

20 August

UC PCK Art Workshops Years 1 & 2

21 August

9:15am - Book Week Parade

6:30pm – P&C meeting

27 August

9:30-11:30am - Limelight technical rehearsal AIS

UC PCK Art Workshops Yrs 1 & 2

28 August

9am-1pm – Yr 5 Combined band excursion to Fraser Primary

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

To celebrate National Science Week, we enjoyed a great day of STEAM rotation activities. Students engaged with the ‘Space’ themed activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing and first moonwalk. Australia’s space tracking stations played a vital supporting role, relaying to the world the first televised images of Neil Armstrong stepping onto the Moon’s surface. Who knows, we might even have an aspiring astronaut in our midst at Giralang Primary School?

Last term the Maths Committee participated in the Principals as Numeracy Leaders (PANL) professional learning with Paul Swan. It is a comprehensive research-based project designed to assist school leaders and teachers to develop knowledge and skill to positively impact teaching and learning in numeracy. PANLs will assist in the design of whole school planning for numeracy improvement, based on an audit of current practices and resources.

We also welcomed the team from ReSolve who developed our understanding of Mathematics by Inquiry. It is an innovative national program that promotes relevant and engaging mathematics teaching and learning from Foundation to year 10. It is a collaboration between the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Thank you to Sally Gladwin and her Sustainability Team for nominating Giralang Primary to participate in the ACTSmart National School Tree Day. One of the many steps in embedding sustainability into the curriculum and educating students for a bright future.



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UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA SCHOOL BASED CLINICS

In week 5 we welcome the University of Canberra school-based clinics back to Giralang Primary School. The year 1 and 2 classes will be enjoying The Arts focused small group sessions each Tuesday afternoon for the remainder of the term. They sound like they are going to be a great opportunity for fun and interactive learning.

BOOK WEEK 2019 – READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

Next week is Book Week! It is a great opportunity to visit the Library to see some of the noteworthy new releases and to pick up a book to enjoy as a family. During the week students will be introduced to the short-listed books, authors and illustrators. On the Wednesday there will be the chance to dress up for the annual Book Week Parade. Preschool students from both groups will have the opportunity to participate at different times. This year's theme is 'Reading is my SUPER POWER'. We envisage lots of super hero costumes amongst the array of book characters. We ask that parents are mindful of ensuring safe footwear, sun-smart clothing and outfits that students can still run and play in. Please also avoid super hero 'weapons' as they will not be permitted on to the playground.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Today you will receive an envelope addressed to your family, sent home with your eldest child at Giralang Primary School. Inside there will be a letter with instructions and a unique code (external reference code/student ID). This code will be required to complete the Satisfaction Survey. Each child requires a different code which will be on their individualised letter.

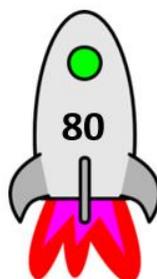
Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS * UPDATE * WE'VE MOVED FROM 75 TO 80!

Voluntary Contributions 2019



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A reminder that we have a **P&C meeting** next week, Wednesday 21st August at 6:30pm, in the board room. As always there will be wonderful people, tasty food and no pressure to volunteer or sell your soul! If there is anything that you would like us to add to the agenda, please get in contact. We have some exciting news to share so it will definitely be worth braving the cold to come along and hear the news!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our upcoming **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** through purchasing tickets, donating goods and services and sharing the event on Facebook. Everything is coming together thanks to the incredibly hard work of Amy Pepper and Katie Calvert, with over \$4,000 in donations for prizes and the silent auction....you'd be crazy not to join in the fun! We also have a variety of dessert platters available for pre-order to ensure your night is delicious as well as fabulously fun. Trivia tickets, raffle tickets and platters can all be purchased at <https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/trivia-night>. We are hoping to make this an environmentally-conscious event so we encourage people to bring their own glasses, crockery, cutlery and napkins.

FAQ

How many people to a table? What if I can't fill an entire table?

It is tables of 8 for the trivia night but if you aren't able to fill a whole table don't worry! Tickets can be purchased individually, and we can place you on a table for the night. Have 6 coming but need 2 more trivia enthusiasts? Shoot us an email and we can help you find somebody!

What do I need to bring?

It is BYO drinks with complimentary tea and coffee provided. Dessert platters are available for purchase but feel free to bring your own snacks if you'd rather. There will be lots of opportunities to purchase advantages or special prizes on the night so bring along cash or pay by card as you prefer. Most importantly, bring your fabulous, fun self!

What if I can't come on the night?

Clearly, you're devastated at missing out on THE social event of the year, so to help ease your pain, raffle tickets can be purchased online, and prizes collected from the Front Office at your convenience. The silent auction will also be held online and open in the week leading up to the event, so you'll still have the chance to grab yourself something fabulous whilst supporting the school.

What if I just really don't like trivia?

Never fear! The aim of the night is fun and community and there will be other games and events interspersed throughout the evening. This will be a wonderful way to connect with other members of the school and broader Giralang community and if all else fails, the food is delicious and there is wine to be won!

For any other questions or suggestions send us an email at triviagiralangprimary@gmail.com

Brooke Pearson and Janelle Kennard
P&C co-presidents

Giralang Primary School

TRIVIA NIGHT



and

SILENT AUCTION

**Friday 6th
September**

Doors open at 7.00pm Trivia starts at 7:30pm
\$15 per person / Tables of 8 players

BYO Drinks | Silent Auction | Raffle Prizes

Get your friends together for a fun night and support our school!

Visit our online store to reserve your table, purchase raffle tickets and order gourmet platters for the night!

<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/trivia-night>

For more information email

triviagiralangprimary@gmail.com

2019: Bake and Take Challenge

Calling all Bakers!



August has rolled around again, following the success of the Bake and Take Challenge last year we are doing it again!

How do I participate?

It is as easy as 1, 2, 3....

Step 1:

Bake and Take a batch of cupcakes (or other delights) to your workplace and ask your colleagues for a donation (recommended \$2.50) to Giralang Primary School P&C for the deliciousness that you have provided. See attached flyer for you to use.

Step 2:

Once you have completed the challenge pop the funds in an envelope, addressed to the P&C Treasurer, Bake and Take Challenge, include your name, and hand it in to the school's Front Office. If you would prefer to do an electronic transfer, email giralangpandc@gmail.com and they will provide you with the account details.

Step 3:

Don't forget to post pictures of your delicious efforts on the Giralang Primary School P&C Facebook page.

If 100 people participate in this challenge and 'sell' 12 cupcakes in their workplace, it translates to a massive \$3,000 donated to the P&C. This allows us to enhance your child's experience at Giralang Primary School.

Have fun and let's get baking!

MINDFULNESS WITH JENNIFER SEXTON

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator Jennifer Sexton will be offering weekly mindfulness sessions beginning on Friday 30th August.

These sessions are free of charge.

Each class commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits and practise of mindfulness.

No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



SCHOOL BANKING

Our lovely School Banking co-ordinators perform banking duties for us every Friday. Please drop off your banking books to the Front Office in the morning.

If your child would like to participate in school banking, parents and carers must register online. If you would like to know more, please visit [the Commonwealth Bank website](#).

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM POOL

Our second-hand uniform pool is always available for parents and carers to access. Clothing costs \$2 per item. If you wish to donate uniform items that are clean and in good condition, please place your donation into the plastic tub in the uniform cupboard. Our kind volunteers keep the pool stocked and organised for all to access.

NAMING BELONGINGS

Parents and carers are reminded to please name every item your child wears and brings to school. The lost property area can become quite congested at times, and it is helpful for our lovely parent volunteers to be able to hand back clothing to the owner when items are labelled.

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

New Members



Welcome!

Do you love to sing?
Like to be part of a women's group
who sing in harmony – a cappella?
Like to develop your technical skills and musicianship?
Perform in the community?
Make new friends?

Want to learn Christmas songs in 4-part harmony?
You can achieve all this and more!

Come and visit us

**Canberra Harmony
Chorus**

Rehearsal on Thursday 7.30-9.30pm
At Calvary Haydon Retirement Village Hall,
2 Jaeger Circuit, Bruce ACT

For more info:
Canberraharmony.org.au Email: info@canberraharmony.org.au





Miles Franklin
Music

**An invitation to
young
musicians**

THE 34TH MILES FRANKLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL
21 and 22 September 2019

Closing Date for Entries
18th August 2019

Sections for Solo and Group:
Piano, Keyboard, Recorder,
Woodwind, Brass, Strings, Guitar to 14 years

For Information and entries go to
www.facebook.com/milesfranklinmusicfestival/
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-34th-miles-franklin-music-festival-2019-tickets-65776995765>
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