

**UPCOMING DATES**

**1 July**

P&C General Meeting, 7pm

**3 July**

Last day of Term 2

**20 July**

Term 3 commences

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Last Friday we acknowledged John Fleming's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. To mark this occasion for our much-loved Rat of Tobruk, each class wrote cards of cheer and sent him their best wishes. Unfortunately, he was unable to visit the school, due to health advice, so our lucky School Captains and Louise were able to visit him on behalf of our school community. As always John was his cheery, bright self and he is looking forward to celebrating his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday with us here at school next year!



School Captains Charlie and Lotte with the birthday boy, John!

Over the covid period we heard that many families returned to some good old fashion fun. Enjoying board games, family moving nights, bike rides and hikes in local reserves. If you are looking for something fun to do these holidays, why not consider making a short film for the much-anticipated **FILM FESTIVAL**. More details to follow, but I can tell you the mystery item that must feature in your film is a **DICE**.

As we come to the end of term 2 the words that resonates with us are, thank you! We appreciate the ongoing support that our community has shown, in so many ways. We are proud of the students for their resilience and learning, of our families for their trust and kindness and our staff for their commitment and innovation.

On behalf of the staff we would like to wish you all a very safe, happy and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all next term!

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to inform you that I have accepted the position as Principal of Macgregor Primary School. This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make.

I am so proud of the work we have done as a school community over the last six and a half years. I want to take this opportunity to thank students, families and staff for your commitment to our school community and dedication in providing and supporting high-quality education for all our students. I look forward to seeing how Giralang Primary continues its school improvement journey.

I will be starting in my new role at Macgregor Primary School at the beginning of Term 3 2020 (week 2). The acting Principal will be announced shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Belinda Andrews**

Principal

Giralang Primary School

## WELCOME BACK MS WELLS!

Next term we are look forward to welcoming back Meredith Wells, on a part time basis. She will be supporting students with English as a second language as well as providing some individual and small group student support.

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

The Number 4 – A perplexing problem!

This week we have something for the students in our senior grades. We hope you can solve this perplexing problem! Remember, working out a strategy to tackle complex problems is often the key.

Good luck

Maths Committee

**Try making all of the numbers  
from 1 to 20 using only the  
number 4.**

**Example:  $8 = 4 + 4$**

You can use any operation (+, -, ÷, x) and brackets if you like.

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ADVENTURE IN LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING

# SHORT FILM FESTIVAL



There is a Junior,  
Senior and Open  
category

Movies due to class  
teacher by Friday 4th  
September, week 7

## NEWS FROM MORGAN SENSEI – JAPANESE TEACHER

Minnasan Konnichi wa

We have come to the end of another semester of what has been a very different and interesting year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their work in Japanese, both at school and during the learning at home period. Learning Japanese through online lessons is challenging, and I commend the efforts of those students who attempted the work that was set. Since returning to school all classes have worked really hard to revise and improve their language skills. Whether it is learning how to write in Hiragana or remembering new words and sentence patterns, I have seen the growth across all class levels.

Kindergarten are now able to read and write numbers in Japanese and have amazed me with their writing skills and recognition. Next for Kindergarten is to build on their knowledge of colours and to begin writing short sentences describing the colour of an object.

Year 2 have continued their work on the classroom environment. They are able to identify some items, ask what something is, ask another class member to lend them something and understand and use some classroom instructions. Ask them to sing you the song they have learnt and they will be able to teach you some instructions too!

Years 3 and 4 have learnt lots of new vocabulary such as the days of the week and leisure activities. Next term they will learn vocabulary related to places and transport. They will be able to construct sentences stating where they are going and how they will get there. In term 4 there will be a focus on Hiragana and by the end of the year all 46 characters will have been introduced.

Years 5 and 6 have just finished learning about places and tourist destinations in Japan. They have learnt how to construct sentences which describe what a particular place is famous for. Since returning to school they have also been working hard on improving their Hiragana recognition and writing.

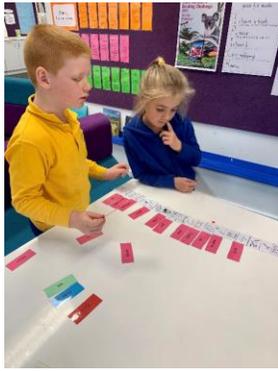
In week 9 Burrige-sensei brought his bamboo trees to school for use in our Tanabata celebrations. Tanabata is a popular summer celebration in Japan, it is also known as the Star Festival. It celebrates the meeting of the stars Vega and Altair. We read a traditional folktale about *Orihime*, a gifted weaver, and *Hikoboshi*, a hard-working cow herder, which is the legend why the stars meet only once a year.

Leading up to the date, 7th July, people all over Japan decorate bamboo trees in public spaces with *tanzaku*, long strips of coloured paper. Before they are hung, people write wishes on the strips of paper. Our students wrote down their wishes and they were hung on the bamboo trees in the library courtyard. Typically children make wishes of a personal nature, such as becoming a professional rugby player or receiving a new game. But, this year it was nice to see a number of altruistic hopes for the future. Some examples of these wishes are pictured below. Thanks to Burrige-sensei for organising the celebration of this festival.

I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to working with you all again next term.

Mata raigakki,

Morgan-sensei



## NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN -

Kindergarten celebrated 100 Days of Learning on Thursday 25 June by having a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Students dressed as bears and brought in a bear and we all had a lovely picnic in the Nature Playground. We celebrated by making bear masks, bear ears and performing plays using their bears as the characters. Students sang songs and read books all about bears.

We were so grateful to have Manny's mum Marijke make us an absolutely amazing cake. Thank you so much Marijke! Students ended the day by watching Paddington Bear 2. We are so very proud of the students. This has been a challenging year and each and every one of the Kindergarten students has risen to the challenge with a growth mindset and a smile!

Thank you to our fabulous parents and friends that have supported us as teachers and given your child the assistance they required during the Home Learning period. Your contributions have been invaluable. Once again Congratulations to Kindergarten for achieving 100 days of learning. You are 100 days smarter!





Skye Knight. Melinda Knight and Carly Duncanson

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all the families who have responded to this term's overdue notices. We have had many items returned which means that other students are able to borrow them. If you have not yet had time to help your child(ren) locate their overdue books it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so in the holidays.

Reading in the holidays has been made easier with the addition of many new titles to the Department of Education's Sora eBook account. This includes many of the more popular series books. It is easy to dismiss these kinds of books (Bad Guys, Billie B Brown etc) as lacking "quality" but actually many of them are well written and, regardless, are a great way to get kids "hooked on books". The familiarity with characters, setting and plot structure makes these books more accessible for young readers.

Whatever you are reading with your young ones, enjoy.

Until next term

Julian Wark

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

We are going through lost property regularly and returning items back to students who have their names on them. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of clothing without names therefore those are washed and put into the second hand uniform shop. Outside the Front Office is a large tub of plastic containers and drink bottles with no names on them. They will be disposed of on Friday if they are not collected so please come and have a look.

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

Join us for our first in person P&C Meeting tonight at 7:00pm since the start of the year! We will be meeting in the 'Step to the Star' area to allow us to be together and practice appropriate social distancing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The GGC Committee

Brooke Pearson - P&C President

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ONLINE AUCTION

On 5 June the Conservation Council ACT Region celebrated World Environment Day by launching an online fundraising auction, which will continue until 9:30 pm on Sunday 26 July. The World Environment Day Online Auction features more than 90 donated items including art pieces by local school-striker Alice Harcourt, a Red Earth home battery system and an iStore energy efficient hot water system. Great value educational items include online or in-person seminars from world leading scientists and academics, Professor Will Steffen and Dr Alison Green, and an amazing singing workshop from the incredible Mal Webb. Most of these eco-friendly auctioned items can be delivered around Australia, New Zealand and the world which means you don't need to be Canberra-based to receive them. If you buy an item that has been donated by our diverse range of environmentally minded sponsors, you will be doing the planet a favour. With the heartwarming support from national and local businesses and individuals, the Conservation Council can raise important funds to continue their work to shape a sustainable future for the ACT and region. More information is available on the Conservation Council website or by going straight to the World Environment Day Online Auction Allbids web page.

## 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 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 to 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.



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