

Week 6, Term 1 | 11 March 2020

## UPCOMING DATES

**12 March**

P&C Play Date & Info session,  
3:10pm

**13 March**

*Assembly, presented by 4B, at 2pm*

**19 March**

Harmony Day celebrations

**23 March**

CEIS (Christian Ed In School)

**25 March**

Yr 6 Transition to UCKHS

**26 March**

Belconnen Zone Swimming

**27 March**

*Assembly, presented by 2CD, 2pm*

**6-8 April**

Year 5/6 Birrigai Camp

## EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Each week, teachers and school leaders participate in Learning Walks. A Learning Walk is where the leadership team visit classrooms for a period to experience the learning that takes place through the students' eyes. During this time the teachers ask the students set questions about their learning. For example, 'What are you learning?', 'Is this learning important? Why?', 'Where do you go for help?', 'How do you know you are doing well with your learning?'. This term the focus has been on mathematics, specifically, at the beginning of the lesson when students are participating in 'warm up games.' Warm up games have a clear focus/reason/purpose, they are differentiated to meet the needs of all students, have minimal equipment setup and have simple rules. After the learning walk, teachers receive personalised feedback about the teaching and learning that has taken place and discuss future steps to improve student outcomes.



Over the past few weeks you might have noticed a significant number of University of Canberra students at our school. This term we are hosting two sessions of school-based teaching clinics. This includes two groups of pre-service teachers who are planning and teaching HASS to small groups of students in our 5/6 unit on Tuesdays, and with our Year 3 and 4 classes on a Wednesday afternoon. This allows the pre-service teachers to work alongside our classroom teachers who share their experiences and strategies and provide support. Our students benefit greatly from the small group experiences.

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## STUDENT CELEBRATION

We would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected in the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2020. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. The ensembles will perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year. Some groups also participate in interstate and overseas tours.

Jacob	Year 4	Primary Concert Choir
Sofia	Year 5	Primary Concert Choir
Logan	Year 6	Primary Concert Band
Naomi	Year 4	Primary Concert Choir



L-R: Logan, Sofia and Naomi (Absent: Jacob)

## COVID-19 ADVICE AND HANDWASHING PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL

For the most up to date information relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please follow this link: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/all-news-and-news-alerts/news-items/january-2020/novel-coronavirus-information-for-parents-and-carers> Information is updated very regularly.

At Giralang Primary School, we are asking students to wash their hands using soap or anti-bacterial sanitizer before recess and lunch as well as after sneezing or coughing. The posters below guide our practice.

### PRACTICE GOOD HAND HYGIENE

Protect yourself, your family and the community by washing your hands regularly. Washing your hands properly takes about 20 to 30 seconds.

Washing your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitiser kills viruses that may be on your hands. Always use soap and water if your hands are visibly soiled.



For more information and advice visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

### PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Issue a tissue or cover and smother

When you're about to cough, sneeze or splutter

Then soap up and rinse because handwashing's a cinch!

Or pump on some gel and rub it in well!

### PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person in close contact with one another and through droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Good hygiene practices will reduce your risk of getting sick and spreading disease.

Always make sure you do the following:



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitiser for 20 to 30 seconds



Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or your inner elbow and wash your hands afterwards



Discard used tissues immediately into a bin

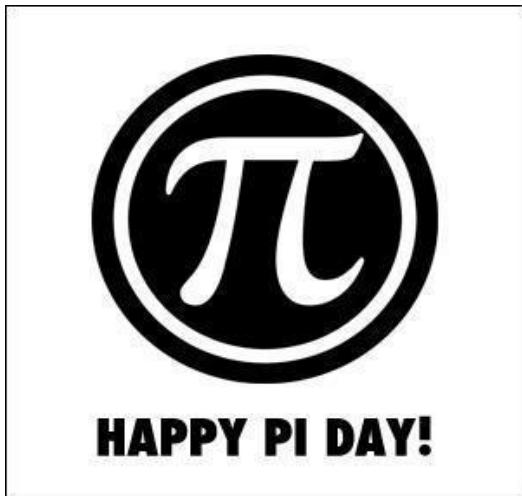
## PARENT READING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020 – 3:30-4:30PM

Kindergarten to Year 2 parents and carers are invited to a workshop on how to support your child at home with reading. Come along to gather some ideas and strategies to use when reading with your child. The teachers will also be discussing the home reading program across the junior school at Giralang. There will be activities set up in the nearby classrooms for smaller siblings. The workshop will take place in the KCD classroom in Kindergarten.

Have a great week,

Alex Breen - Executive Teacher

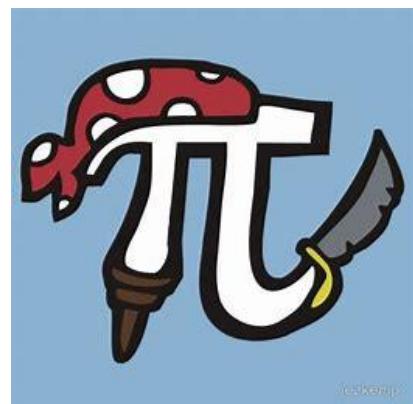
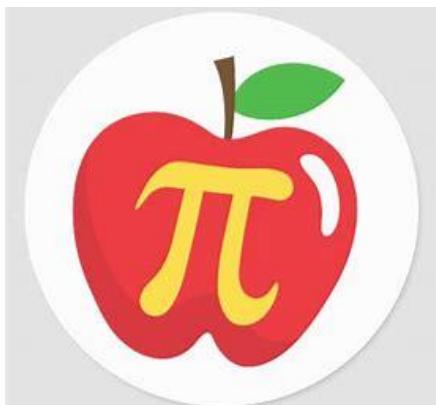
## MATHEMATICS



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We hope that you are memorising the digits of Pi! With National Pi Day falling on a Saturday this year we will host our school competition this Friday 13 March.

In the meantime, see if you can solve these:



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Harmony Day celebrations will take place on Thursday 19 March at Giralang Primary school. All students are encouraged to wear the colour **orange** or their traditional dress to school. We will be participating in school wide activities to celebrate the theme of Harmony Day, '*everyone belongs.*' The whole school will join together to eat lunch outside on the day. A school wide art piece demonstrating the connections between all of us will be created and displayed in the hall. Below are some interesting facts about the colour orange and why we wear it for Harmony Day.



### The colour orange

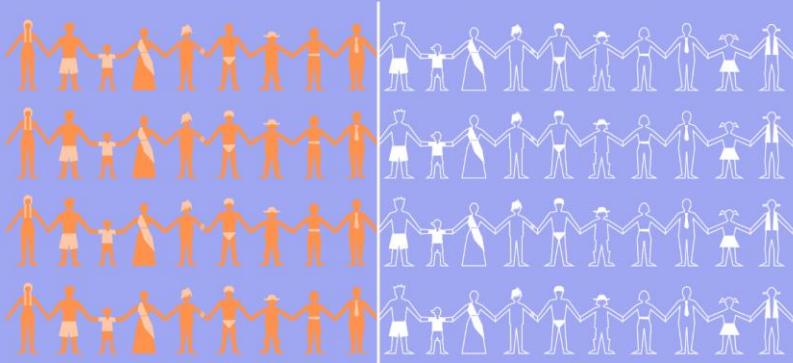
The colour orange radiates warmth and happiness, combining the physical energy and stimulation of red with the cheerfulness of yellow.

The colour psychology of orange is optimistic and uplifting, rejuvenating our spirit. In fact, orange is so optimistic and uplifting that we should all find ways to use it in our everyday life, even if it is just an orange coloured pen that we use.

With its enthusiasm for life, the colour orange relates to adventure and risk-taking, inspiring physical confidence, competition and independence. Those inspired by orange are always on the go!

Orange represents:

- Adventure and risk taking: orange promotes physical confidence and enthusiasm
- Social communication and interaction: orange stimulates two-way conversation between people
- Friendship: group socializing, parties, the community - wherever people get together to have fun and socialize orange is a good choice.



**Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was**



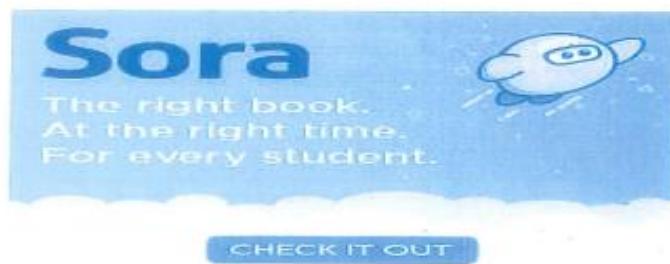
**We identify with around 300 ancestries**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Even though there is something special about physical books – associations, the smell of new pages, the feel of pages flicking through our fingers – eBooks have a place too in this digital age. If your kids are desperate for something to read on the weekend or in the holidays, they can borrow eBooks through the school. One way to do this is through Oliver, the library borrowing software system. A more convenient (once installed) way is through the Sora app. Instructions are below.

Enjoy!

Julian Wark – Teacher Librarian



### Getting started with Sora

With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from the centralised collection. There are over 6,000 ebooks and almost 1,000 audiobooks purchased for all students and staff in government schools by ACT Education Directorate. You can borrow up to 10 resources at a time. Easy, early return of e-books and audiobooks for those quick enthusiastic readers. Easy renewal process if no one has placed a HOLD (reserve).

#### Step 1

Install the free Sora app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#), or go online to [soraapp.com](#).

#### Step 2

In Sora, ENTER THE SET-UP CODE which is **ACT EDUCATION DIRECTORATE (not the individual school name)**, then sign in using your school login credentials eg. Student ID number and password or for staff use your Schoolsnet account and password.

#### Step 3

 **Explore**  
Browse the  tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

#### Step 4

 **Shelf**  
Close the book and go to  to see all your books From there, you can:

- Select **Open book** or **Open audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Select **Options** to renew or return the book.

## NEWS FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Tomorrow **Thursday 12 March** we will be having our **Term 1 Playdate**. Bring a bite to share and spend some time with other school families while the kiddies run off all the days excess energy. It's a great way to meet new people and connect with our beautiful school community in a relaxed and fun setting. We will also be holding an Independent School Development Information Session at the playdate.

### BULB FUNDRAISER

Last week the eldest child of each family was sent home with a Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser catalogue. Please support this great fundraiser by going online to order your bulbs, how beautiful will your garden look this Spring? Orders close on Friday 17 April <https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/GIRALANGPS>

### WORKING BEE - SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding working bees on **Saturday 2** and **Saturday 9 May**. We are lucky enough to have some ADFA volunteers to help us, but we need building experts to help build our raised garden beds and support our volunteers. If you can spare 2 hours for the working bee please email [giralanggardencollective@gmail.com](mailto:giralanggardencollective@gmail.com)



Look out for the P&C Newsletter that was sent out yesterday. If you would like to receive the P&C newsletter via email please get in touch by messaging me at [giralangpandc@gmail.com](mailto:giralangpandc@gmail.com)

Brooke Pearson - P&C President

## CANTEEN NEWS

### BREAKFAST CLUB

After a few weeks of uncertainty as to whether our breakfast club would continue to operate, we finally found a supplier for our breakfast club ingredients.

On behalf of GPS I'd like to say a huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Katherine Kellie (who is a new mum at our school and luckily for us, a Manager at Supa Barn Express Kaleen). When the call went out for someone to help supply the breakfast items, Katherine came to our aide and appealed to the owners of Supa Barn to support our school. Amazingly they agreed and for the last two weeks, Supa Barn Express have been supplying our milk, fruit and bread. Thank you, Supa Barn!

Pop in and show your support for Supa Barn Express Kaleen, they have an amazing selection of green grocery items, an excellent selection of baked goods, a wonderful deli and a very good selection of wines;).

### NUDE FOOD

The next Nude Food day, which was scheduled for Tuesday Week 8, has been moved to Friday evening 3 April so Cat and Carly can cater for the bush dance. More info to come but please pencil in the date for a fun filled evening and a night off cooking!

## CANTEEN



Can you spare 2 hours once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month? If so, the canteen would love some new volunteers for basic food prep, packing lunch bags and a few dishes. If you want to lend some time and get to know all the little faces in our school, please pop in and see Cindy at the canteen, contact Carly on 0405 317 519 or alternatively you can email the P&C [girangpandc@gmail.com](mailto:girangpandc@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support

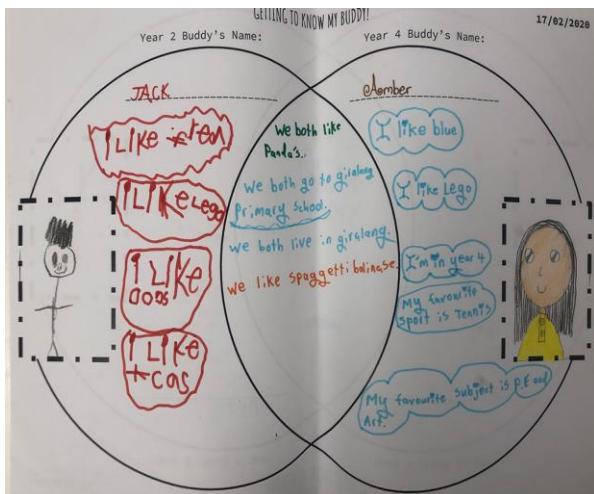
Cat and Carly - Canteen Business Managers

## NEWS FROM 4G – DHURRAWAN (LIGHT) & 4B – DYURRA (STARS)

### BUDDIES

Recently, Year 4 teamed up with their buddy classes. 4G are buddies with the Wednesday - Friday Preschool group and we have been visiting them on Friday mornings. Our students have engaged in a variety of activities such as reading, fine motor skills and just general playing and socializing.

4B are buddies with 2V (Miss Vranjican). One of the first things we talked about when we met our buddies was that our class name - Durra - means stars. They were amazed because the class name of 2V is Kubang, which means moon! A perfect match! Our buddies worked together to discover the similarities and differences they have with each other. It was great to see both classes and our buddies smiling, laughing and having fun!



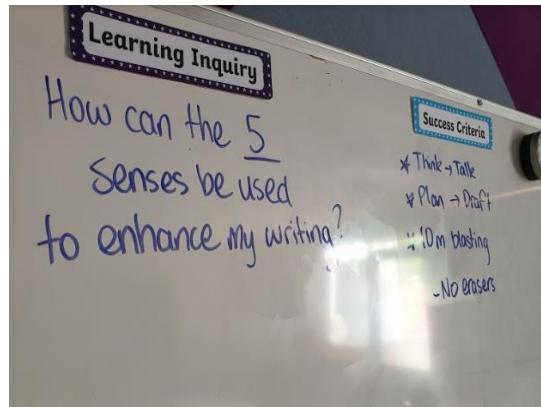
### SEESAW



Students in 4G and 4B have begun using the app, Seesaw. This app allows us to share our work with parents and any other family members connected to the individuals account. We have posted several aspects of our learning so far. This includes items in Mathematics, Literacy, Physical Education and time with our Buddy class. Please let your teacher know if you are not yet signed up to Seesaw!

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Students have been working hard building their love for writing to begin the year. We have employed a 'no erasers' policy, alongside a daily protected writing time to help build a love for writing. Students have currently been focusing on constructing sentences using the five senses and are moving onto descriptive writing strategies.



In Numeracy, students have begun the year focusing on place value, odds and even numbers and addition and subtraction. We engage daily in a variety of warm up games, problem solving tasks and practicing vital mental and written computation skills.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Students from years 4 - 6 were very fortunate to take part in a presentation from the Canberra Raiders players - with the theme being on 'respect'. Students engaged in answering questions and participated in some passing activities. This has been a great talking point for us during our own Physical Education sessions.



## 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.

\$39 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

### GIRALANG PRIMARY BULB FUNDRAISER

BRING THE BEES AND  
BUTTERFLIES INTO YOUR  
GARDEN



GIRALANG PRIMARY IS PARTNERING WITH TESSELAAR FUNDRAISING TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND TO MAKE OUR GARDENS BEAUTIFUL!

VIEW THE RANGE AND PURCHASE BULBS FROM:  
[WWW.BULBFUNDRAISER.COM.AU/GIRALANGPS](http://WWW.BULBFUNDRAISER.COM.AU/GIRALANGPS)  
BY 17 APRIL 2020

### NGUNNAWAL & WIRADJURI STORY TIMES @ LIBRARIES ACT



#### WIRADJURI STORY TIME

with Larry Brandy

Woden Library

- \*Saturday 29 February 10.30 am
- \*Saturday 18 April 10.30 am
- \*Saturday 27 June 10.30 am

#### NGUNNAWAL STORY TIME

with Selina Walker

Woden Library

- \*Saturday 28 March 10.30 am
- \*Saturday 30 May 10.30 am
- \*Saturday 25 July 10.30 am

Bookings not required



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## INNER NORTH PLAYSCHOOL

Enrolments are now **OPEN**

Inner North Playschool is a licensed Playschool which provides exceptional early childhood education for **3-4 year olds in Canberra**. Our aim is to enrich the child's development in a safe and nurturing environment while having fun and making friends. There is plenty of opportunity for parents to be involved too. To enquire about vacancies contact us today.



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