

UPCOMING DATES

27 August

Yrs 3 & 4 Touch Football Gala Day

28 August

Nude Food day

31 August to 4 September

Literacy & Numeracy Week

1 September

Harry Laing Poet, Yrs 1 to 3

4 September

Short Films due

9 September

Combined Band Rehearsal

14 & 17 September

School Photos

16 September

P&C Meeting, 7:00pm

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Term 3 is shaping up to be an action-packed term at Giralang Primary as we return to our normal program of activities.

Last week we celebrated Science Week. The theme this year was '*Deep Blue: innovation for the future of our oceans*'. Classes engaged in some exciting science activities with their buddy classes including creating habitats for ocean creatures. As part of this celebration of science, we have booked the Questacon Science Circus. Students will attend this show in our hall over the next two Wednesdays,

Next week we will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. On Tuesday 1 September we will have a visiting author, Harry Laing, who will be running workshops with years 1-3. As part of this celebration, we will acknowledge Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday 2 September. On this day, we will be holding a Great Book Swap. Each child can bring one much loved book to school on or before Friday 28 August. Children

will receive a raffle ticket when they bring in a book to use at the Book Swap. We ask that children bring a gold coin donation on the day to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Thursday 3 September will be our annual board games day. Children can bring in a board game, dice game, card game etc. to play with their classmates. We are asking for games to be brought in on Friday 28 August to allow for quarantining. These will be kept safely in the classrooms.

There are a few safety issues we need your help with. After school there is no supervision in the school grounds and playground areas. There are an increasing number of students staying around school in the afternoon with their friends and playing near the carpark. We would like to ask you to collect your children at 3:00pm or ask them to walk home promptly. We are happy for families to utilise our playground spaces after school with parental supervision. We also have an excellent After School Care Program operating in our school hall every afternoon. Enquires can be made at giralang.oshc@ymca.org.au. We would also like to remind everyone not to park close to the school crossing at pick up and drop off times. This is a significant safety issue.

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Don't forget the Giralang Film Festival. Students, classes and families can make a short film (5 mins maximum). The key items to include are dice. Entries need to be in by Week 7 and the films will be viewed by students in week 9. Look out for posters around the school for more information.



Congratulations to the students who received Merit Award last week

Sarah Baird
Executive Teacher

Wasting Water

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Harper needs exactly 5 L of water. All she has is a 7 L and a 3 L container.

Explain how she can use these containers to measure exactly 5 L of water.



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MESSAGES FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Student absences can be sent by calling the Front Office; leaving a message on the answering machine; send an email to giralangps.absences@ed.act.edu.au; send an email to your child's teacher or via SeeSaw.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is bursting at the seams. Please feel free to come and have a look, the shop is open from 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday. Each item of clothing is only \$2 and can be paid by cash and eftpos is available.



Lost property with no names



Second hand uniform shop

2020 SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Parents: Want to help improve our school? Over 64% of our parents and carers have already completed the *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* but, for the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many of you as possible to complete the survey before 31 August.

If you cannot locate the unique survey link sent to you on Monday 10 August (your child's name and school will be in the first line of the email) or did not receive one, please use this link to take the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y6y8owmj>. You will need to have your child's Student ID handy. To complete the survey for a second child, simply click on the link again.



Thanks to all our families who have completed the survey; your feedback is appreciated.

NEWS FROM 5/6B YURWAN, 5/6G GURUMBAL & 5/6I GUNDYAINA

Science week and Weekly Science with the Academy of Future Skills. Last week was National Science Week. The 5/6 students have been lucky enough to already be engaging in Science through the expertise of Mark Alliston from the Academy of Future Skills, where they have been learning about Biomes, Plant Adaptation and Human Impact on plants. The focus for Science Week 2020 was Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans. As a part of this the 5/6 students worked with their Kindergarten buddy class to research and find out more about some of the creatures that live in the ocean, including their characteristics, what they eat and how big they are!



5/6 Cooperative Reading - This term the 5/6 Cohort are doing Cooperative Reading twice a week in our Literacy Block. The main goal of cooperative reading is to stimulate a love of reading. Cooperative reading encourages students to study novels with their peers in a supportive and structured way. It promotes high engagement in reading as students have a say in what they are interested in reading. This program allows students to have a voice and express opinions on a variety of literature.

How does it look in the classroom? - Each cooperative reading session connects to the Daily Five including read to other, listen to reading, read to self, working with words and working on writing. In addition, the group discussion that ensues after a reading assignment is completed is structured around four reading roles— Summariser, Literary Luminary, Code Breaker and Discussion Director. Individually students are responsible for completing a written assignment based on the roles in their reading journals.

What are the students learning? - Responding to text: they will learn to keep a response journal that documents their thoughts and feelings of major events and themes.

Reading skills & strategies: prediction, comprehension, summarising, word decoding, reading for meaning and language development.

Enjoyment of reading: -students will be exposed to high interest stories. They will be given the opportunity to discuss the novels with their peers and engage in cooperative learning activities.

Why does the learning matter? - Reading is an essential life skill. Developing and fostering a love of reading in our students is critical for lifelong learning. Students are encouraged to read, discuss and respond to the events and themes in the book. In doing so, they will reflect upon their own values and personal views and make connections to their own lives. They will have the time to evaluate novels and share their opinions in a safe

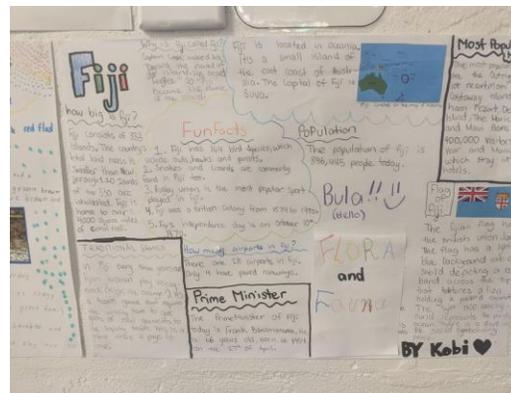
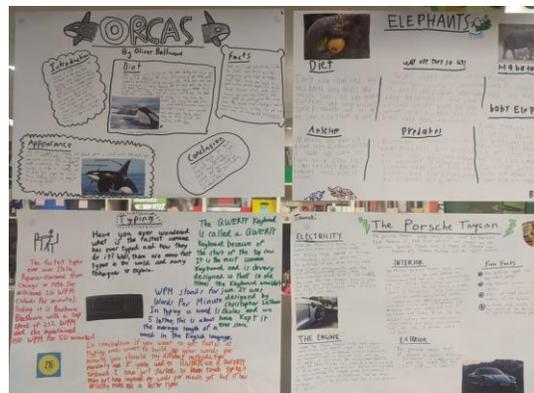
environment. This program also promotes a peer support model for student development and improvement. Students support and coach each other during read to other and self.



Softball - Giralang Primary School was lucky to receive another Sporting Schools Grant this term, which allows us to pay for sports clinics. This term we are fortunate enough to have Ilaria from Softball A.C.T come in and run clinics for 4 weeks with the Year 2-6 students. The 5/6 students are learning how to run bases, throw and catch to get players out and the proper rules of T-ball and softball through game situations.



Information Reports - Across the 3 classes, all students have been busy researching and creating information reports on a topic of their choice. We looked at effective ways to research such as checking that the source is current and reliable before skim reading for the required information. This research was then written as a draft before finally being used to create informative posters that are on display in the classroom.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



As anticipation heats up for next week's Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations, it seems timely to announce that this year's Book Week celebrations will be taking place in Week 2 of next term. Usually Book Week occurs earlier in the year, but nothing is normal about 2020! The theme this year is "Curious creatures, wild minds" – lots of dress up possibilities there. More details as the date approaches.

In other news, the library committee will be sending out a link later this week for our "user needs survey". This survey helps us get a picture of how the library is meeting the community's needs and/or how we could be doing things differently. Taking the time to fill in the short survey would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Wark

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT



Giralang Primary School would like to send a huge shout out to Adam Villatobas the Uncle of Lucas in 4G and Sammy in 1S. He has kindly donated 44 brand new sports jersey's and shirts for our students to wear during sporting events. We are so excited and will feel even more proud when representing our school in the kit that Adam has donated to us. Adam has kindly donated the kit just in time for the upcoming 3/4 Touch football Carnival that will be held this week on Thursday 27 August.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



In the ACT there are 88 public schools, over 49,000 public school students and around 3,800 educators. But of course, I understand that for each of us as parents, the most important school is the school our children go to. That's why I want to make sure that every public school is a great school.

The ACT Government is upgrading and expanding public schools to make sure that learning environments are accessible and sustainable.

The government is committed to ensuring that every public school has the infrastructure to support high-quality education and that's why the government has been investing more than \$115 million to upgrade public schools right across the Territory.

Here at Giralang Primary School the government has provided:

- an upgrade of the phone system to a modern digital network, including new phones, servers and an uninterruptable power supply for emergencies;
- upgrades to the main hall, ceiling and student toilets;
- greater thermal comfort in various learning spaces through new ceiling fans and ventilation systems;
- draught proofing around the school for improved energy efficiency; and
- a carpet replacement project in the junior school co-funded with the school.

Upgrades to the sensory nature play space and installation of plumbing and water tank were completed as part of the ACT Government's \$35 million fast track stimulus program to support local businesses and keep Canberrans employed.

Every child and family has a place in ACT public schools regardless of their background or life circumstances. That's why this investment into public school infrastructure goes beyond just the basic things that allow learning and teaching to take place. The ACT Government invests in public schools to make sure that every student has what they need to be included, and to learn and develop their interests, passions and life skills.

The ACT Government has upgraded heating and cooling systems, reducing polluting emissions and making temperatures comfortable and conducive to learning in over 40 older public schools across Canberra.

The government also provided 4,000 Chromebooks to schools at the beginning of this school year and a further 3,000 Chromebooks and 500 iPads were purchased for use during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with remote learning.

Schools have seen upgraded classrooms, toilets, libraries, canteens and bike shelters, as well as gardens, landscaping and playground areas in schools to make sure that these spaces are positive and accommodating.

As Canberra grows, the government is making sure that schools grow with it. Every child has the right to access education and the ACT Government is making sure that this right is equally ensured for every young person.

Yvette Berry MLA

STRANGER SAFETY MESSAGE: This is a reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue. Contact: schooloperations@act.gov.au Ph: 620 53313

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Just a reminder that today Wednesday 26 August is the last day to place your order for this Friday's Nude Food Day! Follow the link below to order a slice of Cat's delicious chocolate cake or one of our hearty, home-made soups to fill those hungry bellies

<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/nude-food>

SAVE THE DATE for our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 16 September at 7:00pm. Virtual and physical will be available unless restrictions change in the interim. It would be great to see you there!



NUDE FOOD DAY
- Friday 28th August -

On Friday 28th August, the P&C will be serving up some delicious nude food for recess and lunch

RECESS – \$3.50
Cat's Chocolate Cake – Back by popular demand!

LUNCH – \$5.50
Pumpkin Soup – served with a fresh bread roll
Potato and Leek Soup – served with a fresh bread roll
Chicken and Corn Soup – served with a fresh bread roll

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to accept cash payments. Please order through our store by following this link:
<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/nude-food>

Orders must be placed by Wednesday 26th August.

HOME-MADE – FREE OF PRESERVATIVES – FREE OF COLOURS & ADDITIVES – FREE OF REFINED SUGAR

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.





“The Giralang Before and After School Care Team works with the children to program the afternoons packed full of their interests as well as fun experiences to help the children develop and learn. The afternoons are filled with a variety of outdoor experiences, arts and crafts, cooking, science experiments, group games and much, much more.

The children’s personal favourites are experiences such as slime, volcano eruptions, the Coke and Mentos experiment, cooking and decorating cupcakes, bike riding and playing Wii. Giralang OSHC is also starting a new Club program where on specific days of the week clubs will be run to focus on the children’s specific interests. Science Club runs on Monday afternoons and Outdoors Club runs on Thursday afternoons. Tech Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday where the children get the chance to experiment with different forms of technology. The children also get to have a go at building and programming Sammy the robot. If all of this isn’t enough to excite the children they can look forward to the ‘End Of Term Fun Day’. Each term the children get to choose a big activity to run such as a colour run, water fight, Easter egg hunt, Christmas feast, etc., for the last day to finish the term off with a thrilling experience.

We look forward to seeing you at Giralang Outside School Hours Care and can’t wait to spend our afternoons having fun!

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For more information please call Michelle 6162 5800

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