

UPCOMING DATES

20 November

Market Day
School photos sent home

23 November

Mango collection, Hall, 2:30pm-4:00pm

24 November

Mango collection, Hall 8:30am-9:15am

23-25 December

Yr 5/6 Camp – Birrigai

25 November

2021 Preschool 'Come and Play'

26 November

Nude Food Day

1 December

Yr 6 Band – mini Bandstrav, 2:15pm

2 December

Kindy Transition 11:30am-12:30pm

4 December

School Colour Explosion

5 December

Yr 5 Band performance, Hall 2:30pm

9 December

Kindy Transition 11:30am to 12:30pm

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEACHER

Welcome to week 6 of term 4. This week we will begin transition visits for our preschool students in preparation for their move to Kindergarten. They will be visiting school on Wednesday 18 November from 11.30am to 12.30pm. The Kindergarten teachers have some wonderful activities planned for them. We will also be running a parent information session in the hall. There will be two more transition sessions for the 2020 preschool groups in weeks 8 and 9.

As part of our school commitment to developing caring, cooperative and courteous digital citizens, our year 4, 5 and 6 students have participated in a Safety by Design – Take the Lead eSafety session. These sessions introduced the students to information about the digital footprint they are creating, shared information about how they can protect their privacy online and discussed what it means to be a safe, respectful digital citizen. The learning that the students engaged with is aligned to the Health and PE curriculum and the Personal and Social Capabilities. The resource links below might be of interest to you. These are provided through the office of the eSafety Commissioner.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice>

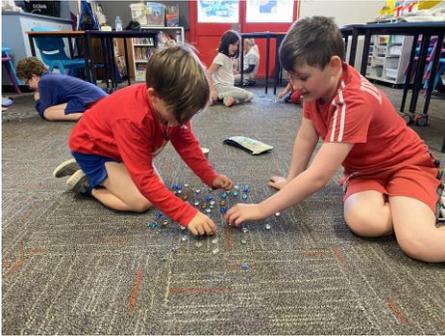
Last week we acknowledged Remembrance Day with a special assembly run by 5/6G. Students from this class led all classes in an online ceremony followed by a recording of the Last Post and a minute silence. The ceremony concluded with students from each class laying a wreath at our Rats of Tobruk memorial wall.

We also celebrated NAIDOC week across the school. This is a time to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. All classes have been involved in a research

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project about a famous Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Classes have created a poster and these are on display in the school. We are celebrating the achievements of artists, sportspeople, authors, actors, musicians and more!



JAPANESE FUN DAY



Thank you Sensei Morgan

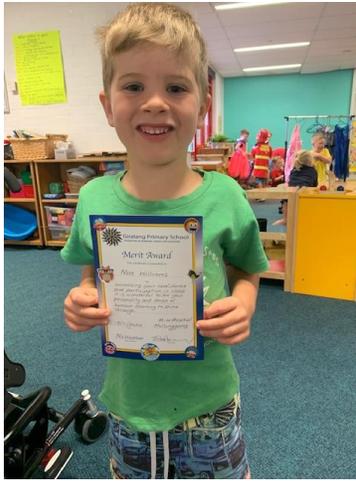


As we are approaching the end of the year, we are beginning to make plans for our 2021 classes. Can you please let us know if your children will not be returning to Giralang next year?

Thank you

Sarah Baird - Executive Teacher

MERIT AWARD CELEBRATION –



IN THE COMMUNITY



Giralang Primary School – proud winners of the 2020 Blackshaw Belconnen Dream Jersey competition, wearing their new jerseys for the first time at the Woolworths Cricket Smash Competition on Monday 2 November.

Despite COVID and schooling from home, students from across Northside public schools embraced the 2020 Blackshaw Belconnen Dream Sports Jersey Competition, culminating in **so many fantastic and creative entries** submitted between May-July earlier this year.

The shining stars that won this year's competition were **Giralang Primary School with a formidable entry by preschooler Kiara**, which paid respect to their suburb's namesake.

"Giralang means 'star' in the Wiradjuri Aboriginal language – in fact, all of the streets in Giralang are named after Aboriginal words for stars, astronomers and constellations seen from the southern hemisphere. At school, we continue with this theme and have named our sporting houses after constellations." said Laura Funnell, Physical Education Teacher at Giralang Primary School.



Matt Sebbens with Giralang Primary School Principal Emma Aschenberger, PE teacher Laura Funnell, students, and preschooler Kiara who submitted the winning entry.

With help from her Mum and Grandma, **Kiara beautifully incorporated Aboriginal symbols** for water holes connected by running water, people sitting, a meeting place, a resting place at the bottom of the jersey, plus the Giralang star that features in the school's logo.

Laura said, "We've had the **same sport jerseys for a whopping decade-and-a-half!** Our new jerseys will foster team unity and motivate students to proudly represent our school in sports gala days. It's just wonderful."

Giralang Primary **proudly unveiled their new jerseys at the Woolworths Cricket Smash Competition** last Monday 2 November where they won four of their five games. Well done!



Chris Churchill, Matt Sebbens, Esther Sebbens and Sean Vanholland from Blackshaw Belconnen with the winning entry.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

What a crazy few weeks we've had in the library - first Book Week, then Book Fair and now the dust is beginning to settle...

We have had confirmation from Scholastic that the Book Fair that just finished was our most successful since 2017! That's a huge achievement for the school community given the COVID-19 restrictions and the unfamiliar format that was used. Thank you!



Rest assured that the funds raised by your generous support will go towards building a quality library collection – replacing missing books or filling “gaps” we have identified.

Given the Book Fair's success, we will be looking at combining an online payment/website system with the traditional “drop in” Fair format next year.

Hot Reads

Year 2 are currently working to broaden their chapter book repertoire. We have been thinking about how we can go about finding our next “hot read”. Some ideas we have had include:

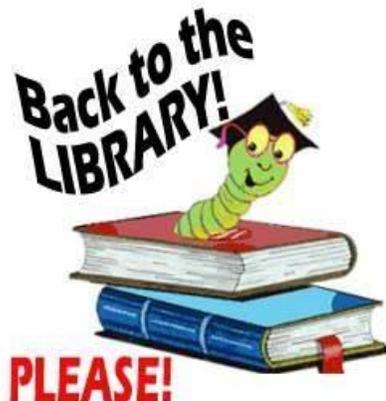
- Read the blurb on the back cover, it can help you decide whether to try it out or not.
- Read a selection from inside the book. Use the Good Fit Guide to work out if the book works for you or not (is it interesting/too easy/hard/just right).
- Read a book from an author or series you know well.
- Read a book from a “read alike” author or series (e.g. if you like Roald Dahl, you'll probably like David Walliams).
- Seek out recommendations from other sources like: the library's “Hot Read” board, ask your friends, talk to the librarian, find recommendation lists (online and physical).

We'll look at recommendation lists in more detail next time.

Overdues

Overdue lists went home last week. If you have lost a library book, please make contact to discuss how to move forward.

Julian Wark



First two wicking beds built at working bee!

On Sunday 8 November we held our second weekend working bee. There was lots of work carried out by carers, community members and children alike! The french drain was plumbed in to catch the tank overflow, worm farms were put in place, natives and vegies were planted, mulch was spread and oh so many weeds were pulled up!

Of particular note, our first two wicking beds were built and our first garden harvest was reaped too - strawberries, silverbeet and lots of herbs!

A big thank you goes to Greening Australia and Farmgate Natives for donating a selection of beautiful native plants that we planted around the perimeter of the garden. Farmgate Nursery can be found at 1264 Murrumbateman Road and we would love you to support them as they have supported us!

Our garden is getting noticed! We had a community member from Gungahlin pop in to assist at the working bee. She heard about our garden and is keen to start something similar at her son's school. We also had other community members, including a former Giralang Primary School P&C President (whose children have since grown up).

The next big ticket item we are working on is a garden shelter. A place to take refuge in the summer heat. Stay tuned for details...



From paddock to plate! A yummy Sunday night dinner with silverbeet and chives picked fresh from the Giralang Garden!

Open garden every Wednesday until the end of term (3pm- 4pm)

Now that the weather is warming up we need to ensure that our garden is being watered and generally cared for on a regular basis. To achieve this purpose, we will be opening the garden every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm-4pm.

Please feel free to drop by, have a chat, check out the garden, pick some produce or perhaps lend a hand with watering, weeding or spreading sugar cane mulch.

Children are welcome of course, but they must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

As always, if you are keen to get involved in the garden please email us at giralanggardencollective@gmail.com, we'd love to hear from you. Feel free to invite your neighbours and family members, particularly those with green thumbs to come along!

Giralang Garden Collective is now on Facebook

Follow us at 'Giralang Garden Collective' to keep up-to-date with our latest news and initiatives!

Amy, Anne, Katie, Sarah C and Sarah W



GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Xmas Trees



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*The freshly cut trees can be
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Friday 11 December*

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Email: giralangpandc@gmail.com



Stuck On You – Fundraising

What a great opportunity to keep an eye on our children's hats, jumpers, drink bottles and lunch boxes. By clicking on the link below and typing in the code: **giralangprimaryschool** you will be able to purchase a wide range of labels to place on your children's items so that they can find their way back to your them.

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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 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 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.

