

Week 4, Term 4 | 6 November 2019

UPCOMING DATES

8 November

Soccer clinics
9am-1pm Yr 5 combined band to McGregor Primary

11 November

2pm Remembrance Day assembly hosted by 6W

14 November

11:45am 2020 school captain speech assembly

15 November

Soccer clinics

19 November

9am-1pm Yr 6 Combined Band at Turner school

20 November

11:30am-12:30pm Kindy 2020 transition
5pm Board Meeting
5:30pm Yr 6 Bandstrav at Llewellyn Hall



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Thursday night we attended the Public Education Awards ceremony. Congratulations to Max Richardson and Jodie Freebody who were recognised for their excellent work as Learning Support Assistants. Giralang Primary also had three outstanding finalists in their prospective category:

- Belinda Andrews – Finalist in School Leader of the Year
- Lisa Ison – Finalist in Primary or Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- Shaun Grandi – Finalist in New Educator of the Year

A fantastic achievement! Congratulations to all nominees, the future of Public Education and Giralang Primary is certainly very bright.

Giralang's got talent! There was an incredible variety of acts this year with outstanding participation by students, parents and staff. We never doubted how entertaining and talented our students are, but we were truly blown away. A BIG thank you to Skye Knight and Carly Duncanson for organising this fantastic event to celebrate Children's Week.

It was a pleasure to attend the formal ceremony for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge at the National Library of Australia with Xavier, Emily and Nevaeh last week. Congratulations to the Year 3/4 students who successfully completed the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. We received a lovely award from Minister Andrew Barr and a gift voucher for our library from Paperchain bookstore in Manuka.

Last week Sensei Morgan and her teaching assistant Yuina hosted the Japanese Teachers Network meeting at Giralang Primary. The special guest speaker was our very own Mrs Andrews, who shared her experiences in Japan from earlier this year, whilst on a study tour.

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Secretary Eve Wisowaty 0431 655 865

Treasurer

We are very sad to farewell our fabulous Learning Assistant Max Richardson this week. Max has been offered a job in finance after completing his Bachelor of Commerce last year. He has been a wonderful role model for students and an exceptional support to students and staff. We wish Max all the best for his new endeavour and bright future.



Our Public Education Award nominees and finalists

2020 BOOK PACKS

Book Pack order forms will be sent home to families this week.

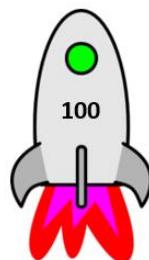
Ordering and payment is completed in one easy process through this link: [Giralang Primary School 2020 Book Packs](#). After ordering online, please ensure that you submit your order form to the Front Office.

Orders must be submitted by **Wednesday 18th December 2019**.

Book Packs will be delivered to school in late January 2020 and distributed to your child's classroom, ready for the new school year.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – SIX MORE! THANK YOU ☺

Voluntary Contributions 2019





SRC Fundraiser for Term 4 A Fiver for a Farmer

Support our farmers through the drought.
Come dressed as a farmer or an animal!

Wednesday 13th November (week 5)

Following further record drought, farmers in rural Australia are in dire straits.

Let's band together again and show them we care.

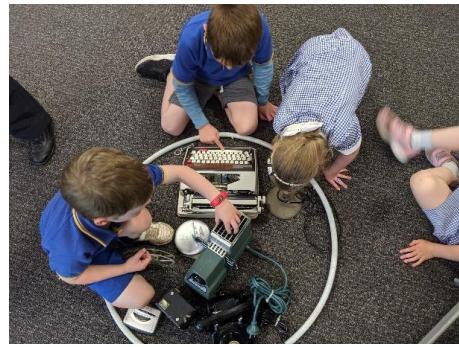
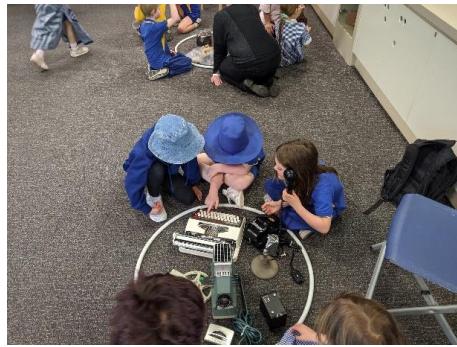


NEWS FROM YEAR 1

Year 1 has had an exciting start to Term 4! We welcomed Elise Wark and Mitchell Parker into the team as Leanne left to deliver baby number 4. Congratulations to Leanne and Ben, on the safe arrival of baby boy, Ashby Mathew.



As you can see from this photo, we have certainly been enjoying each other's company as well as the change in the seasons when we go out to play. Our Inquiry unit this term is about change over time, so we've been thinking about the seasons and other ways that we can see time changing.



Year 1 were lucky enough to experience the 'Then and Now,' unit at the National Museum of Australia this term. The students have been exploring the past and investigating the differences between the past and the present. The museum was a great opportunity for the students to put hands-on authentic, historical artefacts used in all sorts of rooms in the house, such as kitchens, garages, toy rooms, dressing rooms as well as odd pieces of technology such as a phone that you dialled by sticking your finger in a hole and turning!

We saw and discussed multipurpose artefacts used by some Aboriginal Australians. Later, we explored one of the galleries that showed us artefacts that 20th century Australians used to travel around and complete day to day chores. A great big thank you to those parents who were able to support us with this excursion.

The students have also been investigating the history of their own families, through sharing photos of themselves from the past, creating family trees and interviewing their Grandfriend's about their own experiences as children. Thank you, families, for all your support in helping the students organise items and information to share about their and their family's pasts. Students are loving immersing themselves in rich and interesting history.

Ms Floyd has organised a chat box of artefacts from the Canberra Museum and Art Gallery for us to explore in class as well. We have been learning about a great many interesting things from history.

The writing focus for Year 1 this term has been ‘narratives’. This is a great opportunity for the students to really demonstrate their creativity and imagination. Students have been learning about character, setting, problems and solutions, to structure their narrative writing. They have been exploring descriptive language to help make their writing engaging and are enjoying sharing their writing with others.

For Maths this term, not only have we been looking at time, but we have also been looking at Australian coins. After learning to recognise coins and describe their features, we began to learn about their value. Students practiced converting cents to dollars and combining a range of coins to create a certain value.

We look forward to spending the last weeks of 2019 with our talented, kind and caring classes. We are some very lucky teachers!

Meg Speed, Elise Wark and Mitchell Parker

P&C NEWS

How wonderful it was to be able to celebrate all the wonderful teachers at our school on World Teachers’ Day and express our gratitude for their tireless efforts. Thank you to families and students who filled in an apple, brought in a card or flowers, helped display the apples, cooked for the morning tea and wrote beautiful chalk messages all the way up the path and into the school. I know that our teachers felt loved and appreciated by the school community. A particular shout-out to the spectacular Lili Jankovic for being the driving force behind all these efforts!

A few weeks ago, the school was gifted 20 beautiful native plants from the Australian Native Plant Society to help us in replenishing the gardens after the loss of our grass trees earlier in the year. These will be planted during a working bee early next year.

At last week’s P&C meeting we established a sub-committee called the Giralang Garden Collective to look at establishing a community permaculture garden at the school. We are in the beginning phases and are hoping to include as many families and students as possible in the consultation process. There will be much more information and avenues for feedback in the coming weeks and we look forward to another opportunity to contribute to our beautiful school environment.

In what feels like record time, we have reached the part of the year when we begin to think about next year! Book packs for 2020 are available for purchase through our online store at: [Giralang Primary School 2020 Book Packs](#).

There is also the option to purchase uniforms through the online store. This term we will be moving from using Flexischools for online uniform sales to our own online store in an effort to make things easier for our volunteers and customers. Both Flexischools and the online store will be operating until the end of the term at which point we will move completely to our own store. Check it out by following this link: <https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/home>

Thank you to all those who came along to last week's P&C meeting. We got so much done and it was a lovely evening. We will be squeezing in one more quick meeting before the end of the year, date TBA.

Happy week 4!
The P&C Team

CANTEEN NEWS

THE ECO WARRIORS NEED YOU!

As a community and a school, we are focusing on sustainability and caring for country by reducing waste and phasing out single use products in our school canteen. This is where we need you! Together with the Eco Warriors, the school canteen is asking for donations of glass containers for food storage. These can be brand new or pre-loved.

By using reusable glass containers to store our delicious home-cooked meals in, we are reducing the amount of plastic used that ultimately ends up in land fill. Glass is safer to use when reheating food (none of those nasty chemicals!).



So please help us by bringing in what you can to help us achieve our goal of making Giralang Primary School Eco friendly!

By 2020 we hope to have dramatically reduced the amount of single use items in the canteen and provide our children with food options that have been heated safely and are served using biodegradable products. We would greatly appreciate your donations, and of course we are always open to ideas to make Giralang Primary School canteen the best in the ACT!

Please drop any glass containers and Pyrex dishes to the canteen Wednesday to Friday, or to the Front Office.

Yours in sustainability,

Cat and Carly

MINDFULNESS

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS beginning Friday 22 Nov 2019

Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions for parents and carers in November, free of charge.

Commencing at 9.00am – 10:00am on a Friday in our Giralang Cloud, Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness as a daily practice. No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



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 also 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 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.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

JUNIOR PROGRAM 
Director Lisa Gill
For children going into kindergarten and Year 1 in 2020.
The students in the Junior Program will be engaged in fun, challenging and educational activities, games and musical adventures in singing, dancing, creating, listening, drawing, making, sharing. There will be a series of rotating musical and instrumental experiences that will engage, excite and educate our youngest students.
There are no prerequisites for this program.

WEEKDAYS JANUARY 6 - 17 2020
at the Canberra Girls Grammar School

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL



MORE INFORMATION & APPLY ON LINE NOW www.youngmusicsociety.org.au

PRIMARY PROGRAM
Director Scott Temby
For children in Years 2 to 4 at school in 2020 who are either beginners or have had some prior experience in music.
This program offers children the opportunity to experience music concepts, learn the basics of a new instrument and be engaged in a range of diverse musical and artistic activities in a fun and supportive atmosphere. In 2020 the students will work on a newly commissioned music theatre work. There are no prerequisites for this program.

MIDDLE PROGRAM
for students going into Years 5 to 7 in 2020
SENIOR PROGRAM
for students going into Years 8 to 12 in 2020
Director Reuben Lewis
These two programs are built around involvement in a wide range of fun musical activities that create opportunities for students to experience new instruments or continue to develop the instrumental skills they might already have, to have choices from a wide variety of exciting electives, and to further develop artistic skills in small and large ensembles. Activities include music theatre, jazz, composition, voice, dance, rock ensemble, gamelan, concert band, song writing, art and many, many more...
There are no prerequisites for these programs.

ADVANCED PROGRAM
Director Dr Robert Davidson
This is a program for the serious music student who is looking for an intensive and challenging experience, who wants to excel, and who wants to experience the thrill of high-level music-making with other like-minded young people.
The young musicians will be aged between 14 and 18 years and have achieved a level of mastery and command over their instrument. (AMEB Grade 5+).
Students will be required to prepare a short piece to present at an audition prior to acceptance into this program.

The MUSIC ACADEMY
YMS Summer Music School 2020 is proudly supported by
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