

UPCOMING DATES

20 May

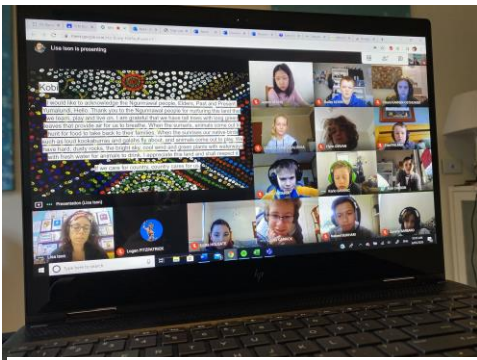
P&C virtual online meeting

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to term two everyone! Remote learning is in full swing whether students remain in their home or are attending a Safe and Secure Learning Hub. I am so proud of all our Giralang stars, big or small. I extend a huge thank you to parents and carers for your support of your child whilst they engage in Google Meets and remote learning online or offline. Again, I would really like to stress that you need to make remote learning work for you and your family. We are very happy to find ways that suit your own working from home arrangements while balancing supervision of learning.

While we remain remote learning, teachers will still be marking student attendance. Procedures for marking student attendance have changed slightly to reflect the complexities and variables in play whilst students are off site. In brief, we need one of the following to happen before 12pm each day to mark a student present:

- Participation in the morning Google Meet
- Active presence on Seesaw or Google Classroom
- An email or phone call from the parent/carer to say the student is engaging in learning but may not be online for Google Meet or submitting work before 12pm



Acknowledging country in our Google Meets – thanks 5/6!

We have some exciting news to share regarding the progress of the Giralang Garden Collective project. The ACT Education Directorate have agreed to fund the start up phase of the project. This includes a fence for the garden, guttering and downpipes for the multipurpose court, drainage and a tank. This is excellent news and we thank the Infrastructure and Capital Works Branch of the Education Directorate for their support. The P&C and School Board will now continue to work together to find ways of progressing the project further. Watch this space!

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GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD 2020

The newly formed Giralang Primary School Board met online for the first time in week 10 last term. It's my pleasure to announce that Paul Calvert was elected as the new School Board Chair for the next two years. Our School Board members for 2020 are:

- Paul Calvert School Board Chair
- Eve Wisowaty Parent Representative
- Nathan Kruger Parent Representative
- Carly Duncanson Teacher Representative
- Kieran Blackwell Teacher Representative
- Helen Hai Community Representative

MOMENTS IN TIME – JOURNAL WRITING PROJECT FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The ACT Education Directorate are calling on the Canberra school community to participate in their journal writing project, Moments in Time. Through the project they hope to capture students' and families' experiences during this pivotal stage in history. Student voice is a key foundation of the Future of Education Strategy and Director-General, Katy Haire is encouraging you to record your observations, feelings and experiences through this collaborative project.

Each Thursday, a writing prompt will be available to respond to, and the first week's theme of "Change" is currently live on the Directorate's [website](#). Here you can read and listen to the featured journal entry from the Director-General herself as well as a local Canberra school teacher. ***Spoiler alert*** a Giralang Primary School teacher will be a featured teacher soon!



ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 ARE NOW OPEN!

Enrolments for 2021 have now opened. If you have a child ready to commence Preschool, Year 7 or Year 11 in 2021, you need to submit an online enrolment form now. If you have a child that currently attends our preschool you are automatically enrolled for Kindergarten at Giralang Primary School in 2021. You do not need to do anything. You can find the online enrolment form at www.education.act.gov.au



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



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If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at education.act.gov.au



2021 school enrolments now open



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- 1. Go to education.act.gov.au** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.

NEWS FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

The next P&C meeting will be held online on Wednesday 20 May. A link to a Goggle Meet will be forwarded to your email address soon. If you would like to join the P&C mailing list, please email giralangpandc@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

Brooke Pearson
P&C President

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.

