

**UPCOMING DATES**

**25 February**

Nude Food Day

**26 February**

Assembly, hosts 3G

**2 March**

Kindy Health Check forms to be returned

**8 March**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**18 March**

School Photos – Pre T/F, Kindy-Yr 6

**22 March**

CEIS (Christian Ed in Schools)

**23 March**

School Photos Pre M/T and catch up

**24 March**

Recycling Hub excursion – Yr 2

**26 March**

Assembly, hosted by 2CW

**29-31 March**

Camp Birrigai – Yr 5/6

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we conclude our Welcome Yarns, can I please take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for attending. As a stakeholder in your child's education we value this partnership. These conversations are valuable to building relationships and discussing goals and aspirations. If you have been unable to attend, please contact the class teacher and arrange a suitable time or email any information you would like the teacher to know about your child.

Following on from our cyber safety sessions in term four 2020, we made a commitment to revisit our online student pledges and work to educate students towards building safe and supportive online communities. On Friday the Year 5/6 students took place in a virtual classroom with other students across the ACT. The webinars focus was:

- identify trustworthy information about current issues
- detect fake news and sponsored endorsements
- recognise the harm caused by misinformation online

Not only was the session informative, it was also engaging and inspiring. Many students were keen to voice their concerns and share strategies they have used in the past. We look forward to continuing our work in this space in 2021.

Yesterday we participated in the annual Swimming Carnival at Dickson pool. It was wonderful to see how excited the students were to be together in their house groups. A big thank you to our staff, the directorate and Dickson pool staff for making this covid-safe event possible. There were certainly some very capable and determined swimmers in our midst. We look forward to celebrating individual student achievements and the overall House winner with you in the coming weeks.

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<b>School Office Hours:</b>	08:30-15:30		



We would like to welcome Miles from Hawker College and Jessie from Dickson College who will be completing their workplace apprenticeship (ASBA) at Giralang Primary. Miles will be working to support the school with ICT and Jessie will be providing administrative assistance in the Front Office. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our PCK University of Canberra student teachers, who will be working with our Year 5/6 team, to provide some differentiated small group lessons.

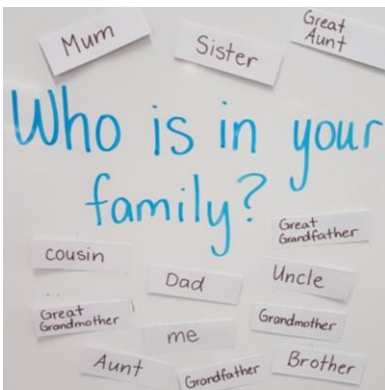
Remember that students who read succeed, so start establishing those daily routines which encourage this practice.

Natalie Garrett

## NEWS FROM 1DD - BURIN

The students in 1DD are deep into their Inquiry Unit called This is Me! Students are gathering information about their own family history, sharing "All About Me" presentations in front of the class and inquiring into the differences and similarities between schools now and then.

Along the way, students are learning how to look closely at their own unique features in order to draw accurate self portraits. We are exploring "identity" as we create stories of who we are. Stay tuned for some of our wonderful discoveries!



## NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Please remember not to park in the no parking zones at the front of the school. The disability car park is only for people who hold a disability parking permit. We have also had complaints from community members that people are parking across the zebra school crossing at pick up time, this is extremely dangerous and illegal.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

During the next fortnight you will receive a family statement requesting Voluntary Contributions towards our Library Trust and Building Trust Funds. This contribution is voluntary but very much appreciated and goes towards library resources and future building projects. Please nominate your preference when making your contribution. All contributions are tax deductible.

## SUPA CLUB



### GIRALANG SUPA CLUB IS BACK!

SUPA Club will be meeting Thursday lunchtime (even fortnights) from Week 6, Term 1.

Giralang SUPA Club provides a safe and welcoming place for all interested students and gives them the chance to investigate Christian beliefs. SUPA Clubs operate in public primary schools throughout Australia and are run by trained Scripture Union (SU) volunteers.

Students must have permission to attend, so please look out for permission notes coming home next week.

For more information please contact Kerryn Rudder (Eleanor's & Hugo's Mum) [kerryn.rudder@gmail.com.au](mailto:kerryn.rudder@gmail.com.au)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list print off the section below and return it to the school or go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)

### PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL TO ADD YOUR CHILD TO THE EXISTING LIST

**YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.**

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



## Come play AFL with the Belconnen Cats in 2021



Registration now open

Develop skills, coordination, teamwork,  
and have fun with your mates.

For age groups 5 to 17yrs

Information and contact details at

[www.belconnencatsafl.com.au](http://www.belconnencatsafl.com.au)



### Grants of \$1000 available now to help women return to work!

The ACT Women's Return to Work (RTW) Grants Program is an ACT Government initiative which supports women who have been out of the workforce for an extended period onto pathways to meaningful and stable employment. Successful applicants can access a \$1,000 grant which can be used for a range of activities and resources including: education and training fees, educational expenses such as textbooks, computers/software and transport to courses/study, or work-related expenses such as clothing, uniforms and equipment and childcare. The RTW Program includes wrap-around support and mentoring delivered by a community partner for eligible participants.

Enquiries about the RTW Program can be made at the below contact details:

Phone or text the Grants Coordinator on : 0466 856 760 or email [CSDRTW@act.gov.au](mailto:CSDRTW@act.gov.au)

Online application and more information about the Return to Work Grant is available at [communityservices.act.gov.au/women/return-to-work-grants-program](http://communityservices.act.gov.au/women/return-to-work-grants-program)

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The ACT Women's Return to Work Grants Program can help women to return to work. The program is funded through the ACT Office for Women.

Individual grants of up to \$1000 are available to assist in meeting the cost of training and work-related expenses.

For more information on eligibility — and how to apply — visit the Women ACT website [www.women.act.gov.au](http://www.women.act.gov.au), telephone the ACT Office for Women on 6205 2885, email [rtw@act.gov.au](mailto:rtw@act.gov.au)