



UPCOMING DATES

14 & 15 February

Meet the teacher interviews

15 February

2pm Assembly hosted by 6W

18 – 22 February

Meet the teacher interviews

19 February

Welcome BBQ and class information sessions

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are off and away for the 2019 school year! It's been wonderful to see teaching and learning take off with such rigour and gusto. I am particularly impressed with our new Kindergarten students and Preschool students. They are true Giralang Stars! I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining our school community.

On the Wednesday and Thursday of 'Week 0', all staff joined with our colleagues from Southern Cross Early Childhood School for professional learning. Day one centred on deepening our Cultural Integrity. Our facilitators for the day were Dr Red Ruby Scarlet and Jessica Staines. Some key takeaways were:

1. The acknowledgement of country is not just something we say at the beginning of the day and forget about it. We must honour our words via our actions throughout the day
2. What is your why?
3. Remember to teach *through* culture not *about* culture

During day two we completed a refresher of Team Teach. This program shows staff the best and most safe ways to support students before, during and after they become angry or frustrated.

On Sunday, I will be travelling to Japan for an eight-day Educational Leaders Tour. The Japan National Tourism Organisation selected one School Principal from each state and territory to join the tour – I am very fortunate! I will be visiting various schools and popular sites in Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima. Natalie Garrett will be the acting Principal in my absence, supported by Alex Breen as the acting Deputy Principal and Lisa Ison as acting Executive Teacher.

Belinda Love - Principal



Our school community back together again!

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School Office Hours:	08:30-15:30		

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We reviewed our break times in 2018 and have refreshed them for 2019. Our new session and break times are as follows:

8.55am	Morning Lines
9.00am	Morning Learning Session
11.00am	Recess
11.30am	Middle Learning Session
1.10pm	Supervised Eating Time
1.20pm	First half Lunch Play
1.35pm	Second Half Lunch Play
1.50pm	Afternoon Learning Session
2.50pm	Pack, Stack and Story
3.00pm	End of day

NEW ASSEMBLY TIME

Now that our School Hall ceiling is completed, and after numerous parent requests, we are moving School Assembly time back to its original time of 2.00pm every even week on a Friday. Reverting to an afternoon Assembly will give us back our fifth uninterrupted Literacy Block time. Assemblies will commence this Friday with our hosts, 6W. We look forward to seeing you all there!

GOOGLE COMMUNITIES

Thank you to those wonderful families who have already signed up to their class Google Community. As you may be aware, Google are retiring Google+ profiles in April. The ACT Education Directorate is in talks with Google about the possibility of reaching an arrangement for us to continue using Google Communities. We are optimistic for a great outcome. However, if the outcome doesn't fall our way, we are investigating alternative communication vehicles. Watch this space!

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Kathi Huho and husband Tobi on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Malia. Malia arrived right on time on 1 February. Wishing you all the best as you settle into your new routines as a family of three!

It is with tremendous excitement that I also announce that Meredith Wells and her partner Darren are expecting TWINS!! Yes, you read that correctly, TWINS!! Anyone who knows Meredith, knows that she has always been an over achiever. This wonderful news is no exception. Congratulations to you both!

PHONES AT SCHOOL

If students are bringing mobile phones to school, we ask that they are handed in at the Front Office in the morning before classes commence and collected at 3pm.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2019

Would you like the opportunity to contribute to the governance of Giralang Primary School? Please consider nominating for one of two parent and citizen positions on our School Board. No prior experience is necessary. The appointment commences on 1 April 2019 for a period of 2 years. To be eligible for nomination of a position, you must be a parent or carer of a child at the school.

Nominations open 4 February 2019 and close at 11am on Tuesday 19 February 2019. Nominees will be announced on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Nomination forms are available at the Front Office. Please lodge the nomination form via the front office in an envelope marked to Anna Klose, Assistant Returning Officer. Alternatively, email the nomination form to Anna.Klose@ed.act.edu.au.

Voting opens at 11am on Monday 25 February 2019 and closes 11am Monday 4 March 2019.

The appointment will be made by the Returning Officer on approximately 25 March 2019, and the announcement will be made approximately 7 days later.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Klose on 6142 2630 or on the above email address.

CARPARK SAFETY

Parents and carers are asked to take particular care in the school carpark. There have been increasing incidences, reported to the school, of community members not adhering to the school crossing signs, and driving through them when students are attempting to cross the road.

For pedestrian safety, parents and carers are asked not to use the footpath at the school crossing signs to drive onto the grass and park under trees.

Parents and carers are asked to please observe the 'no stopping' signs in the carpark. If cars are parked illegally, it is difficult for other cars and large vehicles to pass. When collecting students from After School Care, parents and carers are asked to park in car parking spots, and not along the curb. Curb parking also makes it difficult for other cars to pass.

PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE

Parents and carers are asked not to park in the bus zone on Canopus Crescent. A number of students catch the bus home from school, and cars obstruct the view of bus drivers, who have driven past students. Also, buses cannot stop to pick up students when cars are parked in the bus zone. Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

If your child arrives at school after 9:10am, they are required to be signed in by an adult at the Front Office. A slip will be given to the student to hand to their classroom teacher.

Similarly, if your child leaves school early, a parent/carer must approach the Front Office to receive a slip to hand to the classroom teacher. The teacher will then release your child into your care.

If your child is absent for the whole school day, please notify the Front Office on 6142 2630. When your child returns to school, please provide a note in writing with the reason for their absence.

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1:	Monday 4 February to Friday 12 April
Term 2:	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3:	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4:	Monday 14 October to Thursday 19 December

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

KELLY STURGISS – PIANO, SINGING, FLUTE AND TRUMPET TEACHER

Kelly Sturgiss has been teaching music privately for the past ten years. She has a diploma in music and has studied classical piano, flute and a variety of instruments since the age of five. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Art, in which she has included music and sound into her work. Kelly's strengths lie in teaching students to read and understand music from a beginner level. Her method of teaching includes different ways of understanding, and blending techniques to best suit the student. She also includes an improvisation session in every lesson, to have the student *feel* the music and exercise their knowledge and natural expression. She adores the beauty and structure of classical pieces, but her repertoire extends to contemporary and composition. Kelly strives to be a dynamic and inspiring teacher.

JAMES STEINBECK – GUITAR AND ELECTRIC BASS GUITAR

James began his musical journey by playing guitar in bands in high school and has continued to be a performer in bands ever since, he subsequently has completed an Advanced Diploma in Music Performance. James currently plays in several bands in Canberra, his style ranges from contemporary, rock and jazz. James teaches the following instruments from beginner to intermediate level - acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass guitar. James wants to share his love for the guitar and passion for performance with all his students!

\$35 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.



GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM ONE CALENDAR 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 February	4 Preschool and Kindergarten commence	5 Years 1-6 commence	6	7	8
Week 2 February	11	12 5pm Welcome BBQ & Meet the teacher <i>postponed</i>	13 Swimming Carnival Dickson Pool <i>Giralanger</i>	14 Get to Know You Interviews	15 2pm Assembly 6W Get to Know You interviews
Week 3 February	18 Get to Know You Interviews	19 Get to Know You Interviews 5pm Welcome BBQ & Meet the teacher	20 Get to Know You Interviews	21 Get to Know You Interviews	22 Get to Know You Interviews
Week 4 Feb / March	25	26	27 <i>Giralanger</i>	28	1 2pm Assembly 2W
Week 5 March	4 Year 5/6 camp	5 Year 5/6 camp	6 Year 5/6 camp	7	8
Week 6 March	11 Canberra Day Public Holiday	12	13 <i>Giralanger</i>	14	15 2pm Assembly 3/4I
Week 7 March	18	19	20	21 Harmony Day	22
Week 8 March	25	26	27 <i>Giralanger</i>	28	29 2pm Assembly 1N
Week 9 April	1	2	3	4	5
Week 10 April	8	9 School Photos	10 <i>Giralanger</i>	11	12 2pm Assembly 5I

- School Canteen is open Wednesday to Friday each week
- School Uniform Shop is open every Friday at 8.30am
- Front Office is open each day 8:30am – 3:30pm. Phone: 6142 2630

GIRL GUIDES – A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!

Girl Guides NSW & ACT is part of an international offering an engaging weekly program for girls aged 5 to 18 years.

Girls have:

- fun together and gain new skills;
- learn more about themselves, their environment and other people;
- develop leadership, confidence and community responsibility;
- go hiking, canoeing, camping, and enjoy weekend and holiday adventure days and excursions.



The Giralang – Kaleen area has vacancies for girls and women in units meeting in Kaleen on Wednesdays during school term starting on 13 February 2019:

5-10 years: 6 – 7.30pm

11-14 years: 6 – 8pm

14-18 years: 6.30 – 8.30pm

Other units nearby offer alternative nights to accommodate those who can not attend on Wednesday nights. Daughters and Mums are very welcome!

For further information/inquiries please contact: Bev on 0417 485 737.

WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of ACT and Queanbeyan schoolchildren for 50 years, since February 1969. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 21 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education programme and one of our staff has just received accreditation for the Australian Kodály Certificate. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for young people from year 3 to university age wishing to join the choir in 2019 will be held on Saturday 23 February. We have a small number of vacancies in our two primary aged choirs and about a dozen places in our high school/university age treble voice choir and our new choir "Centauri Voices" for young men with changing/changed voices. For more information please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email info.wvyc@gmail.com or phone 1300 599 655.

ROTARY CLUB OF HALL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

WVYC is pleased to announce that scholarship(s) to the value of \$1,000 have been generously provided by the Rotary Club of Hall to enable indigenous Canberran young people to have access to the choir. Applicants should follow the application process for an audition and also contact the administrator on info.wvyc@gmail.com for scholarship guidelines.



Giralang Family Day Care

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I have vacancies for preschool-aged children on Wednesdays in 2019 and will deliver/collect from Giralang Preschool or offer before/after school care.

For more information please contact Anne by:

PH: 0419 668 300

OR EMAIL:

anne@giralangfdc.com.au



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WWW.GIRLSBRIGADE.ORG.AU

Contact Elizabeth

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GIRLS' BRIGADE
Australian Capital Territory



Play Rugby in 2019
U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls
 Southwell Park, Lyneham

Training starts in March!

Registrations online

For more information and to register

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