

**UPCOMING DATES**

**25 September**

Disco and dinner

**27 September**

Assembly hosted by the SRC  
Last day of Term 3

**14 October**

First day of Term 4

**14-18 October**

Year 2 Aquasafe program

**21-25 October**

Giralang's Got Talent auditions at recess



**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

What an eventful fortnight! Great things happen at Giralang Primary every day, but these past two weeks were exceptional! Here are some highlights:

- ★ Giralang Primary School was awarded 'Most Outstanding Primary School' at the ACT Tennis Awards. Thank you to Kieran Blackwell for attending the awards and for strengthening our culture of tennis at a school level;
- ★ Learning Journeys were awash with parents and carers last Thursday evening. Many teachers commented it was the best attended Learning Journey in their time here at Giralang Primary. Thank you to everyone who came along to share in their child's learning. Your engagement in their learning improves academic outcomes tremendously;
- ★ Grandfriends' Day was just beautiful, and it made the local news! It is a favourite on our school calendar and again highlights what a supportive and engaged community we have. The school was packed with our special 'VIPs'. Without doubt, it was the best attended Grandfriends' Day we have had. A very big shout out to the P&C for coordinating a scrumptious morning tea, with particular thanks to Jennifer Sexton. One grandfriend commented she hadn't had such delightful food since she attended dances in the 1950's!
- ★ Lauren Wells will be competing in the World Athletics Championships in Doha during the school holidays. She is currently at a training camp in preparation. Good luck, Lauren! We will be cheering hard for you!

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- ★ Charlotte Fowler (year 6) competed in the National Athletics Championships in Darwin last week. Charlotte did extremely well finishing 7th in Australia in the 100m and 10th overall in the 200m. Congratulations, Charlotte! We are so proud of you; and
- ★ Our year 6 band were invited to play at Floriade yesterday. They wowed the crowds with their slick brass tones and smooth tunes. Congratulations to Carly Duncanson and all our band members – you rock!

## STAFFING UPDATE

We wish Leanne Nicol and husband Ben all the very best for the impending arrival of baby number 4! Leanne will finish this Friday to take maternity leave. We are looking forward to hearing your special news! We will be welcoming Mr Mitchell Parker to teach 1N on Monday's in term 4 and Elise Wark will be teaching from Tuesday to Friday.

In term 4, we will welcome Mrs Rebecca Lubilanji to our teaching team. Rebecca will be taking over KM as Lauren Margules prepares for the birth of her first child with husband Jason. We wish them all the very best for this new adventure into parenthood!

## MINDFULNESS AT GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL – WE TEACH IT, WE LIVE IT!

Each Tuesday afternoon teaching staff engage in 'Teaching and Learning Focus meetings.' As the name suggests, we use this time to target discussion and professional growth in aspects aligned to our strategic plan, teacher capacity and improving student outcomes. Last Tuesday, we were very fortunate to have our Learning Support Assistant and trained Yoga teacher, Michelle Langshaw, led us through a yoga session. Not only was it wonderful for our wellbeing, but it reinforced the importance and relevance of our daily mindfulness sessions with our students. Michelle has also been teaching yoga to our students this year. She has focused on two classes per term. Big thanks to Michelle!

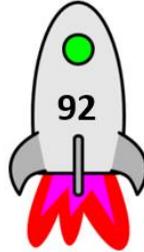


## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – 1 MORE THIS FORTNIGHT!! THANK YOU 😊

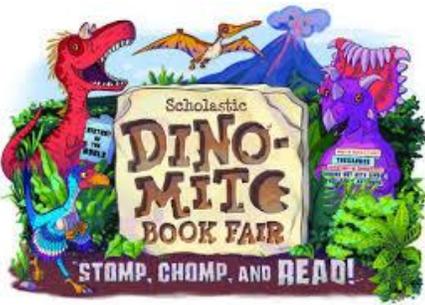
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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – 28 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2019



Giralang Primary School is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair next term in week 3 of term 4.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on books for your family's reading and to plan for Christmas presents!

As always there will be an array of quality books at reasonable prices.

Books, posters & stationery will be on sale before and after school. We look forward to welcoming you in the library from 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm all week!

## MINDFULNESS WITH JENNIFER SEXTON

### MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator Jennifer Sexton will be offering weekly mindfulness sessions beginning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

These sessions are free of charge.

Each class commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits and practise of mindfulness.

No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



# GRANDFRIENDS' DAY 2019



## NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL

We had a wonderful time investigating the Nolan collection at the Canberra Museum and Gallery earlier this term. The program we participated in was called 'Every Picture tells a Story'. The preschool children were able to engage with selected works from Nolan's 'Ned Kelly' series of paintings and bring them to life through art-based games, singing, storytelling, puppetry and role playing. Children further investigated these ideas during a practical art making session in the CMAG studio where each child had the opportunity to experiment with a variety of media to create their very own art works.

Here are some photos capturing our creative learning experience...



Our literacy learning has been focusing on developing children's oral language. To support the children's learning we have been reading quality early childhood literature with a focus on rhyme. The children will continue to write their own names often, to support their pre-writing skills. Each child is encouraged to write their name on the sign-in roll every day, and we will continue to explore letter-sound relationships through songs and word explorations through literature.

Numeracy learning opportunities are embedded throughout the preschool program. This term we have been using games, manipulatives, songs, chants and rhymes to provide children with opportunities to learn about repeated patterns, measurement, counting using one to one correspondence, and subitising. Counting using one to one correspondence is when children are able to count objects and assign a number to each individual item. Subitising is the process of immediately recognising how many items are in a small group without counting. During group time we have been using the class calendar to learn about the date, month and days of the week and together count the number of children in attendance each day.

Please be aware that it is 'hats on' policy and to ensure to provide your child with a hat each day. We have spare sunscreen near the sign in sheets, for you to apply to your child upon arrival.

We look forward to Term 4! We value your feedback and contributions. Please feel free to add any comments, suggestion or ideas to our SeeSaw community.

Heather and Danielle

## P&C NEWS

It's been a busy few weeks in the land of P&C with the trivia night, raffle, auction, Grandfriends' Day and, coming up tonight, the Mexican Fiesta Disco. There have been so many people who have organised, cooked, cleaned, bought things, come along and supported, it really is amazing to be part of such an involved and generous community.

While the final numbers are still being counted, we are super excited to announce that the Trivia Night and Auction raised over **\$7,000!!** A huge thank you to everyone who helped out and supported the event, it was beyond what we were hoping for and we are blown away by the generosity of the people and businesses who donated. Come along to our next P&C Meeting on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to at 6:30pm** to help us spend it all!

Grandfriends' Day was a roaring success, as we saw in the lovely piece put together by Win News ([found here!](#)). A special thank you to Jennifer Sexton who organised the food and beverages for the day and to all those wonderful families who baked. There was only wonderful feedback about our beautiful school, students and the huge array of tasty treats, it was our biggest and best Grandfriends' Day yet!

Don't forget to come along for a delicious dinner from **6pm** and dancing from **6:30pm** tonight. The perfect way to round out another fabulous term!

## CANTEEN NEWS

Canberra's school canteen staff have been busy! 91% of public school canteens (67 schools) have met the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines in 2019. Our canteen manager Cindy Allen is one of them!

We would like to congratulate our school canteen and say a huge thank you to the whole school community for your support in helping make the healthy choice the easy choice for our kids!

Carly and Cat, Canteen Business Managers





## 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.

 **Kippax Kids**  
**Holiday Happenings**  
 for Primary aged children  
 presented at  
**Kippax Uniting Community Centre**  
 Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)  
**10 am - 2 pm**  
**Thursday 03rd & 10th October 2019**  
 **Different craft, games, stories and activities each day**  
 Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks)  
**BYO lunch and hat.**   
**Bookings essential - 6254 1733**  
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**NETBALLER**  
**NETBALL ACT HOLIDAY CLINICS**  
**October 2019**  
**PLAY YOUR WAY.**

**K-Yr2 [5-8 years]**  
 Mon 30 Sep- Tues 1 Oct

**Yr3- Yr4 [9-10 years]**  
 Mon 30 Sep- Tues 1 Oct

**Yr5- Yr6 [11-12 years]**  
 Wed 2 Oct- Thurs 3 Oct

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 Registration includes T-Shirt, Camp Pack and Lunch.  
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**Location:**  
**Kaleen Primary School 19 Ashburton Circuit, Kaleen**

**Starts**  
**Sunday 27th October**

**\$75** 3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am  
 5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am  
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Systemic Innovations are a provider of LEGO® Programs  
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We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
<b>WeDo 2.0- \$45</b> In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9-12 noon (drop off from 8:45)	Emmaus Christian School 73 Davenport St, Dickson
<p>To book: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BFLWG">https://www.trybooking.com/BFLWG</a> Please send your child with morning tea and a drink bottle.</p>				
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**CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE**

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Camp 1: September 30th, October 1st & 2nd

Camp 2: October 9th-11th

Morning, Half & Full Day options available

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### Free Trial - Term 3 - Give Tennis A Go!

We invite new players to our sport to a free trial before Term 4. This is a great opportunity for all students to see if tennis is the sport for them. Please e-mail [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au) to request a free trial and our team will get back to you with the best options.

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