

Week 8, Term 4 | 4 December 2019

#### UPCOMING DATES

##### 4 December

Katrina Ireland retires today  
11:30am-12:30pm Kindy 2020  
transition  
3-4pm Kindy Stay and Play

##### 6 December

2pm Assembly hosted by 3/4I and  
Preschool

##### 9 December

9:10-10:30am End of Year awards  
ceremony

##### 11 December

9am-1pm Year 5/6 SmartStart  
banking  
11:30am-12:30pm Kindy transitions

##### 13 December

9:30-11am Year 6 graduation  
5:45-9pm Year 6 dinner and disco

##### 17 December

Year 6 Fun Day

##### 18 December

Move Up Day

##### 19 December - Thursday

Last day of the year!



#### EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the school year, we have many reasons to celebrate. Giralang Primary has achieved many successes throughout 2019. One of our most recent achievements has been the presentation of the runners up award in the 2019 Anzac Day School's Awards. We have been commended for the strong relationship between our school community and the Rats of Tobruk. The judges felt that our ANZAC Day Service, along with the creation of an honour walk in our playground, are a constant reminder of the service and sacrifice of our veterans. They also noted the strong sense of pride felt by the students and our school community. Thank you to Katrina Ireland for co-ordinating our school's entry. We have received a plaque, a certificate and \$500 in prize money. Congratulations Giralang!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We would also like to celebrate the outstanding career of Ms Ireland who retires TODAY after more than thirty years in the ACT public school system. Ms Ireland has made an impact on the lives of thousands of students and contributed greatly to several schools in the ACT. We would like to thank her for her commitment to her students and the positive impact she has had on our school community. The Bike Club have celebrated with Mrs Ireland with a ride to Lake Ginninderra and a barbecue. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Ireland for the wonderful contributions she has made to Giralang Primary and wish her all the best for her next adventure.

Sarah Baird - Executive teacher

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School Office Hours: 08:30-15:30

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## FRED HOLLOWES HUMANITY AWARDS



On Wednesday 20 November, two of our senior students attended the Fred Hollowes Humanity Awards at the National Library of Australia. Hikari Robinson was announced as the ACT 2019 Junior Ambassador and Samuel Knight was highly commended. We would like to congratulate these students on their outstanding achievement.

## 2019 PEOPLE'S SPORTING CHAMPION – LAUREN BODEN



We would also like to congratulate the amazing Lauren Boden for her success in winning the Canberra Milk People's Sporting Champion at the CBR Sports Awards. Miss Boden was chosen as the favourite local sportsperson by the people of Canberra. Thank you to all our school community members who voted. Well done Miss Boden!

## RATS OF TOBRUK CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On Monday we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon with Mr John Fleming, families of Rats passed and other invited guests. Jim Hodgson provided some delightful choral entertainment and our school captains were very gracious hosts.



## END OF YEAR AWARDS

On Monday 9 December we will celebrate the success of our students at the End of Year Awards Ceremony. Class teachers will present awards for academic success, citizenship, sporting excellence, artistic ability and achievement in Japanese. We will also present the annual awards to some of our outstanding year six students. This will include:

- Sportsperson of the Year;
- Glen R Memorial Award- presented to a student who demonstrates high achievement across all areas (a good all-rounder);
- Di Herbert Award-presented to a student who consistently demonstrates the Giralang values of caring, co-operation and courtesy; and
- The Raymond Widdows OAM Rats of Tobruk Prize- presented to a student who consistently demonstrates resilience when faced with a challenge.

We will also present the House Shield to the winning House group for 2019 and announce our new school captains for 2020.

Please join us in the school hall at 9:10am to celebrate.

## 2020 BOOK PACKS – DEADLINE LOOMS!

Please be reminded that orders for Book Packs should be submitted by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. We have only received 91 orders thus far.

Order forms were sent home in week 4. Please contact the Front Office should you wish to receive an emailed copy.

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.

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

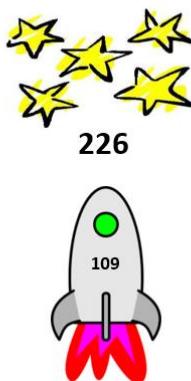
## TEST EMAIL FOR SEMESTER 2, 2019

Parents and carers will have received an email from the school from this address [info@giralangps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@giralangps.act.edu.au), testing the electronic delivery of Semester 2, 2019 reports. The email was sent to the parent/carer who is listed as Contact #1 in our database and contained a pdf attachment with your child's name. If you have more than one child at the school, you should have received a separate email for each child.

If you did not receive a test email, please contact Anna Klose by email so we can explore any errors in email addresses. Please also check the Spam/Junk folder if you did not receive the email in your Inbox, as this may be the first time some families receive an email from the [info@giralangps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@giralangps.act.edu.au) email address.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – SIX MORE! THANK YOU ☺

Voluntary Contributions 2019

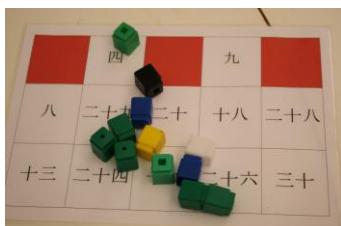


## JAPANESE FUN DAY

We had a wonderful day of activities at our recent Japanese Fun Day. In mixed age groups, students participated in a range of language and cultural activities, including making onigiri rice balls, drawing anime, making Japanese fans and listening to Japanese folktales.

Learning another language is an enriching experience, and this was certainly evident throughout the day as students came together to celebrate our Japanese program. A big *yoku dekimashita!* to Morgan Sensei for organising the event and for her continuing work in bringing Japanese language and culture to our classrooms. Thank you also goes to Morgan-sensei's volunteers, who assisted in the smooth running of the day.

Our day ended with students experiencing Japanese drumming. An enjoyable time was had by all!



## MOVE UP DAY – WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

Just a quick reminder that 'Move Up Day' is happening on Wednesday 18 December. All students should meet in the school hall for morning lines on that morning to hear about their new teacher and new classmates for the day and for 2020.



## Giralang Primary's SRC Food Drive for the Salvation Army

Please support the SRC to collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army who will distribute to Canberra families in need.

Please ensure donated items are within their expiry date.

Below are some ideas of items you can give. The donations can be left in the donation box at the Front Office.

Thank you from the SRC!



**Christmas items** - Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread, long-life cream, custard.

**Snacks** - biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies.

**Table décor** - bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins.

**Tinned foods** - (ring-pull tins only, please), fruits in juice, vegetables, soups, meats or fish, baked beans, spaghetti.

**Meal bases** - pasta and pasta sauces, rice, curry and stir-fry sauces, meal kits (Mexican, Asian etc), cereal, spreads, savoury biscuits, packet of jelly, liquid gravy, sugar, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long-life milk or juices, iced tea, baby food.

**Additional grocery items** - personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper), cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder), baby care (nappies, baby wipes).

## NEWS FROM PE

What a busy year it has been for PE at Giralang Primary School!

This year I have been lucky enough to work with each class group, at least once a week, to help them acquire, apply and evaluate movement skills, concepts and strategies in a variety of physical activity contexts and settings.

Students this year have also been able to experience and gain knowledge from professionals from Get Set Tennis, Basketball ACT, Softball A.C.T and Sydney Thunder/Cricket NSW through the Sporting Schools Program. Sporting Schools is a \$240 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. To help achieve this, Sport Australia has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs). Giralang Primary School has been successful in gaining grants through the Sporting Schools Program this year to the value of \$11,700 - which has allowed us to have clinics run by the above mentioned organisations.

The following list shows just some of the events that students have been involved in at Giralang Primary in 2019:

- ACT Athletics Carnival - athletics
- ANZ Tennis Hotshots Red Ball A.C.T Final - tennis
- AquaSafe Water Safety (Year 2) - swimming and water safety
- Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival – athletics
- Belconnen Zone Cross Country Carnival - cross country running
- Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival – swimming
- Canberra Raiders Tag Gala Day - rugby league tag
- Canberra United Soccer
- Red Ball Gala Tennis Day (joint winners) – tennis
- School Sports Australia 12 and Under Track and Field – athletics
- Under 10's T-Ball in the local ACT Softball competition
- Western Districts Cricket Blast Cup - cricket

Giralang Primary School was also fortunate to be nominated for, and to win, the Most Outstanding School in the ACT for Tennis for the 2nd time in 3 years. We were presented with our award at the Tennis ACT awards ceremony in late Term 3. It is an honour and a privilege to receive this award again and as a part of this award, I have been asked to speak to an audience at the APIS Canberra International tennis tournament in January, the most significant tennis tournament that has ever been held in Canberra. We look forward to continuing our great partnership with Tennis ACT for many years to come.



As you can see, 2019 has been a very busy and exciting year in the world of health and physical education at Giralang Primary School. Looking forward to 2020 it appears that we will be just as busy, and we hope to be

involved in many more sporting activities as well. Thanks to all of the volunteers and parents who have helped out this year with all of our programs - we look forward to working with you again next year.

Kieran Blackwell  
P.E Co-ordinator

## CANTEEN NEWS

If you didn't catch the last edition of the Giralanger, Cat and Carly will be running Nude Food Tuesdays twice a term in 2020. Home made recess and lunches will be made from minimally-processed ingredients and will be 100% free from numbers and preservatives. NO processed or packaged food will be available on these days.

The first Nude Food Tuesday will run on Tuesday Week 4 and again on Tuesday Week 8. Orders can be placed via Flexischools or via 'hard copy' in the lunch baskets. More information TBC.

Thanks as always

Carly & Cat  
Canteen Business Managers

## P&C NEWS

### GIRALANG GARDEN COLLECTIVE - A GIRALANG P&C PROJECT

The vision for the Giralang Garden Collective (GGC) is to create an environment that allows students and the community to connect with each other, develop gardening skills, understand the value of sustainable practices, improve eating habits, and reap the physical and mental benefits of increased outdoor activity. This will be achieved by turning approximately 1,370m<sup>2</sup> of unused space at Giralang Primary School into productive vegetable garden and food forest. The space proposed is out of bounds for students during recess and lunch and is shown in the image below.

We want the GGC to provide opportunities for students, teachers and the community to engage with gardening, sustainability and outdoor learning all year round. A draft design has been developed by a permaculture expert and is on the following page. We would like to engage with the Giralang Primary School community as we progress this project. Please take the time to fill out our short survey where you can provide input to the project and identify how you might like to be involved.



Giralang Garden Collective survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDV56YF>

## P&C NEWS – CONT'D

### 3. Preliminary design



### From the P&C President....

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas dinner last week and those who attended the final P&C meeting of the decade! We flew through in record time (9 minutes!) and got straight down to the important business of food, wine and hanging out. It was a really lovely evening with everybody. The business of P&C is wrapping up for the year but keep an eye on our Facebook page for information about any upcoming events and opportunities.



## 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

### Two Sheds Workshop Woodwork for Kids Canberra

Pre Xmas holiday workshops for girls and boys ages 7 and up, running from Monday 16nd to Sunday 22nd we have heaps of different woodwork project workshops to choose from. Make a timber sword, a bug keeper, holiday decorations, funky critters or a present for someone special and more. Using tools and timber and the guidance our inspired tradeswomen - fun fun fun.

Go to [www.twoshedsworkshop.com.au](http://www.twoshedsworkshop.com.au) to book. Our workshop is at 4/65 Sternberg Cres Wanniassa ACT.

## Tennis Canberra 2020 Junior Summer Registrations Now Open

- Play at an official Tennis Canberra Club
- Taught by Tennis Australia Coach Professionals
- Walk-To-Tennis: After-school Program (selected schools)
- Groups for all Ages & Abilities
- Weekend Competition Options Available
- Special: Join The January Summer Swing Sessions for FREE when signing up for a 2020 Summer Coaching Package

Registrations: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)



- Barton Tennis Club
- Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
- Majura Tennis Club (Dickson)
- Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Reid Tennis Club
- Turner Tennis Club
- Wesley Tennis Club (adj. Telopea Park School)

## Tennis Canberra Holiday Tennis Camps - Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- January 20th-22nd (Week 1) & January 29th-31st
- Play in the beautiful Old Parliament House Tennis Club Rose Gardens
- Morning, Half-Day & Full Day Options

Reserve Your Spot: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program)

## Contact Tennis Canberra

Website: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au)

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**FREE COME AND TRY SESSIONS**

SAT 9 NOV (9:00AM - 10:00AM) THU 14 NOV (4:00PM - 5:00PM) SAT 23 NOV (9:00AM - 10:00AM)  
THU 28 NOV (4:00PM - 5:00PM) SAT 7 DEC (9:00AM - 10:00AM) THU 12 DEC (4:00PM - 5:00PM)

ALL TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CANBERRA TENNIS CENTRE, RIGGALL PL LYNEHAM

# Christmas Family Night

**FREE**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6–8pm**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping station
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

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The multisport camp is 3 days of fun, learning, growth and sports challenges delivered by some of Canberra's most elite women's sporting teams and high performance specialists.

**3 DAY PROGRAM**

University of Canberra Sports Centre & Lyneham Hockey Centre

**CAMP 1.** Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th December 2019

**CAMP 2.** Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Girls aged from 8 - 13 years  
9am - 5pm supervised camp activities  
Register now at [www.sportconnect.com.au](http://www.sportconnect.com.au)

**\$120 PER DAY**

Inc all sports activities & camp t-shirt  
Detailed camp information provided on booking  
Capped at 50 participants per day  
Staff to athlete ratio 1:6

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For further info contact Megan  
**0409 558 201**  
[sportconnect.com.au](http://sportconnect.com.au)  
[info@sportconnect.com.au](mailto:info@sportconnect.com.au)



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY

CRICKET CAMPS & T20S

### ACT CAMP 1

11th - 13th December  
Kingston Oval  
8 Dawes Street, Griffith.

### ACT CAMP 2

18th - 20th December  
Daramalan College,  
Cowper Street, Dickson.

**TIMES: 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY**

(8:30am early drop off, pick up  
no later than 3:30pm please).

**\$295 FOR 3 DAYS**  
**\$110 A DAY**



Catering for ages 7-15 we offer intensive individual and group skill development for all ages and stages across all facets of the game. With an excellent coach to player ratio and incorporating current and former first class cricketers it's the perfect environment for the kids to have heaps of fun, make new friends and take their gameto a new level.

### PHILOSOPHY

We are passionate about helping each and **every player achieve their goals** and reach their potential through expert coaching in a **fun, challenging, positive and professional environment**. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players **learn, grow and develop** into becoming **better people**.

### SPECIAL GUEST COACHES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Steve Smith
- Peter Nevile
- Daniel Christian
- Trent Copeland
- Geoff Lawson
- Pat Cummins
- Chris Tremain
- Scott Henry
- Ben Rohrer
- Kurtis Patterson
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## JANUARY HOLIDAY

CRICKET CAMPS & T20S

### ACT CAMP 1

20th - 22nd January  
Radford College,  
1 College Street, Bruce.

### ACT CAMP 2 (GCC)

23rd - 24th January  
Kippax Oval  
Ormsby Place, Holt.

### ACT CAMP 3

28th - 31st January  
Radford College.  
1 College Street, Bruce.

**TIMES: 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY**  
(8:30am early drop off, pick up  
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**\$375 FOR 4 DAYS**  
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