

Week 8, Term 1 | 24 March 2021

UPCOMING DATES

24 March
Recycling Hub excursion – Yr 2

25 March
Easter Nude Food Day

25 March
NAPLAN test – Years 3 & 5
5/6 Netball Gala Day

26 March
Assembly, presented by 2CW
Earth Hour

29-31 March
Camp Birrigai – Yr 5/6

1 April
Last day of term 1

19 April
First day of term 2

20 April
AGM Meeting

29 April
UCKHS Information Night



EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

Last week we acknowledged Harmony Week, a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. All classes across the school investigated their cultural backgrounds and discussed what it means to be inclusive. On Friday, students were invited to wear orange or their national dress to show their support for cultural diversity.

Classes worked together to produce an artwork to represent the idea that 'Everyone Belongs'. These are displayed in the Step to the Stars area. We were also lucky enough to be entertained by a Chinese lion dancing troupe as part of our celebrations. Many thanks to the Wong Family and the Prosperous Mountain Lion Dancing group for your wonderful performance.

BELCONNEN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 17 March, an enthusiastic team of six Giralang students headed to the Stromlo Leisure Centre to compete with students from schools across the Belconnen region. All our students put in their best effort and supported each other demonstrating our school values. All swimmers improved on their previous times and did a fantastic job representing our school. Thank you to all the parents who came along to assist and support our swimmers.



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SAFETY REMINDER

It is great to see so many students riding and walking to school. We would like to remind students that the playground is a busy place before school as students and their families arrive and are getting ready for Morning Lines. It is important to remember to get off bikes and scooters as you move through the playground to avoid any collisions. Thank you for your support with this safety issue.

PARENT READING WORKSHOP

As we approach the end of our first term at school, many parents are asking what they can do to support their children's learning at home. Our junior school teachers have created an online Reading Workshop to help explain the process of learning to read and to give you some tips on reading together at home. This will be shared with all junior classes through Seesaw next week so that you can engage with it during the school holidays.

PI COMPETITION

On Friday 12 March we held our Annual Pi Competition. We had over 65 students participate with 7 students recalling over 100 digits of Pi and 3 students over 500+ (Amber, Peter & Oliver). Oliver 5/6L won our school-based competition with over 800 digits. Congratulations to all students involved, you are seriously amazing! Our year level winners were:

Year 1 – Saskia/Kate

Year 2 – Caetano

Year 3 – Tiffany

Year 4 – Ava

Year 5 – Peter

Year 6 (and overall winner) – Oliver

CONGRATULATIONS – BABY NEWS!

Matthew & Stephanie welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Isabella Rae Garratt to their family on Saturday 6 March.

Everyone is happy, healthy and doing well. Congratulation to these proud new parents!



Thank you,

Sarah Baird

Executive Teacher

HARMONY DAY – EVERYONE BELONGS



NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Due to the roll out of our new finance system, voluntary contribution statements will now be sent home early next term via email. This is the first time statements will be sent home via email to the primary email address that we have for your child.

Please check your child's classroom for lost property. Items of clothing that do not have a name on it will be washed and put in the second hand uniform shop. Food containers and drink bottles with no names on them will be disposed of.

NEWS FROM 3B - WARRATAHS

2021 is shaping up to be an extremely busy year in the Year 3 Waratahs. Every two weeks students are sitting within a different group setting, so that they can get to work with other students that they might not normally work with. We have attached table points to our tables, which students can earn for either individual work or for working well within their team.

Our Science focus is on living and non-living things this term and we will be visiting the National Zoo and Aquarium in Week 9. As a part of their "Feathers, Fur and Scales" learning session, we will be looking at an overview of the basic needs of animals (habitat, food) and how animals are classified into different groups. Students may also get the chance to meet a mammal, reptile and bird to learn firsthand how they are classified into groups. We are very excited to be going on this excursion and will be sharing some of the things that we learn on Seesaw later this term, as a part of our portfolio work.

Continuing our focus on living and non-living things, students have been learning about some of the birds that we find around the ACT. We did some research about an Australian artist, Pete Cromer, who is renowned for his signature bursts of glowing colour and beautiful textures, all reflected in his bold collages, paintings and sculptures. Here are some of our finished artworks that were inspired by his work!



Years 2-6 have been lucky enough to participate in the Raiders Tag clinics over the last 4 weeks. During these sessions students have learned the rules of Raiders Tag, including how to dodge, pass, score a try, tag a player and how to kick the ball properly during the game. Waratah's students have shown great skill, teamwork and resilience during these sessions and we look forward to further sporting clinics this year.



We are looking forward to many more exciting activities and learning opportunities this year. Please remember that if you have any questions about anything this year that you can contact me at kieran.blackwell@ed.act.edu.au .

Kieran Blackwell - Year 3 Waratahs

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thanks to the wonderful parents and grandparents who responded to last newsletter's cry for help. The stockpile of uncovered books has now been heavily reduced and that means many more books are in the hands of our readers. Thanks Brooke, Lyn and Nicole!

This year's Chief Minister's Reading Challenge is now underway. Students across the school are being asked to read and record thirty titles to complete the challenge. Junior classes will be undertaking the challenge as a whole class while senior students will read and record their books independently. This year's twist sees students able to write a book report to count towards their title count. More details are available [here](#).



The Challenge is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child’s reading habits with them. Year 5/6 students have been given a “To Read” list where they can keep a record of books they are interested in reading. You are welcome to make a copy for your home use, [here is a link](#).

We have also been exploring genres and “read alike”, both of which are important concepts to use when trying to find the next “hot read”. Some links that may be useful to you when you are seeking hot reads for your child:

[10 Reading Genres to Know About](#)

[Genres of Fiction - Elementary Educational Video for Students](#)

[Read Alikes by Audience](#)

[If you like... | Hennepin County Library](#)

Thank you,

Julian Wark

NEWS FROM LAURA FUNNELL – SPORT COORDINATOR

During week 7 some students from year 5 and 6 represented Giralang Primary School in the Northside Touch Football Gala day. Over the course of the day each team played 6 games. The year 6 boys team came away with 4 wins, a loss and a draw, while the year 5 boys team won 5 and lost 1. The girls 5/6 team also had a very successful day, winning 5 and losing 1. The Touch Football gala day was a huge success with over 12 teams competing in this event. Well done to all students that played in these teams and a special mention to Bianca Menzies and Sanusi Bukhari who helped to coach the teams on the day.

This week on Wednesday two teams of year 3/4 students will participate in a Netball Gala day while on Thursday two teams of 5/6 students will compete in their Netball Gala day. We hope all the students participating enjoy the day and wish them good luck.



GIRALANG TEEBALL

The Giralang teeball and softball teams started the season in October 2020 and finished last weekend. The teeball team played on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and the softball team played from 11:10-12:30. Teeball students played in the Under 10's division and softball students played in the Under 12's division.

Well done to the softball team, as they made the hard move from teeball to softball this season. They showed great resilience in learning new skills and putting them to use against players who have already been playing softball before. They had to show much more patience as well, waiting for the ball to come to them rather than hitting off a tee. A special congratulations to Nevaeh Chapelli who won the Most Valuable Player in the Under 12's softball division for her participation in the game, as well as her willingness to learn how to umpire junior games.

Well done to the teeball team who made it all the way to the Grand Final this year and won, taking out the final game 31-19! All students showed great enthusiasm and team work skills throughout the whole season and they also showed a great improvement in their individual skill levels.

We look forward to our next season, starting in October, in which we will be looking for new players for both teams.



Kieran Blackwell and Meredith Wells (Coaches)

NEWS FROM THE NUDE FOOD COORDINATORS

NUDE FOOD DAY
- Thursday 25th March -

Nude Food is back with a delicious back-to-school celebration!

RECESS – \$2.50
Traditional and Fruitless Hot Cross Buns (GF/DF/Vegan available)

LUNCH – \$5.50 – \$6.50
24 hour sous vide roast lamb (GF/DF/Vegan available)
Tender pulled pork in homemade bbq sauce (GF/DF available)
Turmeric-spiced whole roast cauliflower (GF/DF/Vegan available)

Served with pork crackle, roast potatoes, roast carrots and steamed green beans

<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/nude-food>

Orders must be placed by **Monday 22nd March**. See website for details regarding dietary requirements.

HOME-MADE – FREE OF PRESERVATIVES – FREE OF COLOURS & ADDITIVES – FREE OF REFINED SUGAR

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.

\$42 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

The Planning, Transport and City Services Committee will seek on behalf of the Giralang community an update from the developer on the progression of the shops development, and is seeking written submissions. Giralang residents can have their say by emailing LCommitteePTCS@parliament.act.gov.au. Submissions must be relevant, written and received before 8 April 2021. See: www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/ptcs/inquiry-into-giralang-shops

There is also a Facebook group that people can follow for updates, it was created by a group of residents: www.facebook.com/giralangshops



The advertisement features a blue background with two children. A boy in the foreground is wearing a black t-shirt with the OZCodeAcademy logo and is making a peace sign. A girl is partially visible behind him. Two yellow thought bubbles are positioned above the children. The first bubble, containing the text 'I would love to create awesome games', is connected to the boy. The second bubble, containing 'I am curious about Artificial Intelligence', is connected to the girl. The OZCodeAcademy logo, which includes a stylized 'O' and the tagline 'Explore Build Innovate', is in the top left corner.

GET AHEAD THIS APRIL HOLIDAYS!!
CODING & ROBOTICS FOR KIDS

Face-to-Face (3 days) 12 – 14 April 2021
Online (4x 1.5 hr session) 6 – 9 April 2021
Early Bird 5% discount until 30 March

- Introduction to AI + Robotics
- Introduction to block coding + Robotics
- Introduction to Java Script through block coding + Robotics

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

<https://au.ozcodeacademy.com/holiday-program/>
FB & Instagram : Ozcode Academy +61 451071 920

PSM PUMA PATHWAYS Rugby League Clinics

CANBERRA APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Date: Friday 9th April 2021
 Location: Higgins Playing Fields - Fullagar Crescent, Higgins ACT

- 6-8 years / \$50
- 9-12 years / \$65
- 13-17 years / \$85

Visit www.signonday.com.au/listing/psm-camps to register now!
 Due to COVID-19 restrictions spots are limited so get in quick to secure your spot!

****Free PUMA T-Shirt for each participant****

GO ID SAFE

PSM Clinics provides an opportunity for junior athletes to participate in a Rugby League clinic created by senior Professional Coaches such as Former Penrith, NSW and Australian Rugby League player and current assistant coach of the Brisbane Broncos, John Cartwright.

Due to COVID-19 Camp numbers will be limited - Register Now so you don't miss out!

The PSM Clinic will be a school holiday-based opportunity for junior rugby league players in various age groups looking to expand their rugby league skill base and knowledge.

These programs will help junior players develop fundamental skills and act as a small showcase to identify elite junior Players. Elite junior players identified by PSM scouts, displaying traits of high character and talent during these camps will be invited to join the PSM Academy and reap the benefits of elite development.

PSM manage the careers of some of the biggest rugby league stars like Daly Cherry-Evans, Jason Taumalolo, Valentine Holmes, Payne Haas and Dylan Brown. PSM provide a pathway for all players who are wishing to be identified.

We will be selecting players from the 13+ age group to come to Sydney for our academy day (the academy day will be in late October) , at this day they will get to mix with elite players of their age, be coached by NRL coaches, meet, talk to and be put through drills and skills by current NRL players.

PSM provide a pathway for all campers who are wishing to be identified.

simply follow the link to register today. <https://www.signonday.com.au/listing/psm-camps>

Please see a link to our promo video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrbVzCn5008>

Please see a link to our Combine video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeVsdDjX56c>



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The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



CANBERRA CRICKET CAMPS & T20s



Times: 9am - 3pm each day
(8:30am early drop off, pick-up no later than 3:30pm please).

CAMP 1

📅 6th - 9th April (4 days)

📍 Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

CAMP 2

📅 12th - 16th April (5 days)

📍 Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

Our 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.

\$450 for 5 Days
\$375 for 4 Days
\$295 for 3 Days
\$110 per Day



Catering for ages 6-15 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 game to a new level.

Our camps include T20 games and high-quality coaching with specialists in batting, bowling, fielding & wicketkeeping focusing on the specific technical, tactical, psychological & physical skills required in each discipline.

Players will be exposed to a variety of games and drills designed to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Click below to book into a camp NOW!

BOOK NOW



David Dawson Head Coach

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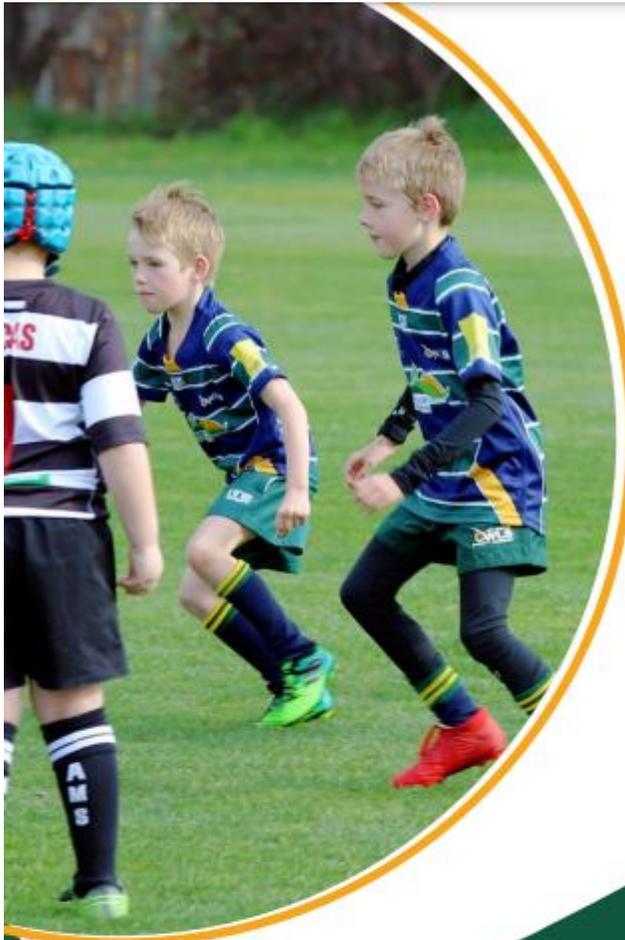
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Kippax Kids

Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

Kippax Uniting Community Centre

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)



10 am - 2 pm

Thursday 8th & 15th April 2021

**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. Do not attend if unwell.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



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**This is a Covid
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