



**UPCOMING DATES**

**17 December**  
Lunchtime Disco

**18 December**  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**1 February 2021**  
First day of school PreM-W Group & Kindergarten

**2 February 2021**  
First day of school for continuing students

**3 February 2021**  
First day of school for PreW-F

**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Well what a term! There's been so much happening and the last few weeks are no different. Last week we congratulated students who have displayed consistent achievement in various curriculum areas at our awards ceremonies. It was a lovely way to wrap up the year and celebrate student successes. We also farewelled our graduating class of 2020 at the graduation ceremony and dinner/disco on Friday night. It was a lovely day and a great success. Thank you to the staff and parents involved for their organisation, setting up, decorating and cooking. You have played a key role in farewelling our students and making this a special and memorable event.

This Thursday during the middle session we will be hosting a junior and senior disco to celebrate the rocket which is full to the brim with values tickets. Congratulations to all students who have been working hard to demonstrate the school values and making Giralang Primary a **caring, cooperation** and **courteous** place to be. Students are encouraged to wear clothing in our values colours tomorrow.



Today our students also got to spend the day with their new classmates and teacher for 2021. It was a big day with lots of getting to know you activities and fun learning. Planning classes is a big job and lengthy process. It requires the balancing of student connection, friendships, student learning needs, gender balances and the list goes on. A lot of time and energy goes into making classes and we are invested in giving all students a great learning environment for the year ahead. We would like to wish Skye Knight all the best as she goes on leave for the year and also Patrick Lubilanji who will be moving on to new endeavours. We wish them all the best and thank them for their contribution to our school.

As we move into the holiday period, we encourage families to be a little vigilant when using facilities around the school. We are so lucky to have some great outdoor spaces which can be enjoyed and accessed after hours and on weekends. Over the holidays please enjoy the facilities but we also ask that you keep an eye out when you're

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on site. Any concerning or suspicious behaviour should be reported to the police. We will also be having security surveillance patrols to ensure our school is looked after during the holiday period.

Lastly, I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing break ahead. Whatever your plans for the festive season I hope you have a special time with those who matter most. Please take care when travelling and we look forward to seeing you all back at the beginning of February.

Emma Aschenberger

## CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 2021

<b>Preschool</b>	Heather Lombard (M-W) and Danielle Jackson (W-F)
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Melinda Knight and Meg Speed
<b>Year 1</b>	Lauren Boden, Carley Duncanson/Sophie Dash and Leanne Nicol/Anne Mahony
<b>Year 2</b>	Alana Coghill/Lucy Weaver and Cayley Vranjican
<b>Year 3</b>	Sally Gladwin and Kieran Blackwell
<b>Year 4</b>	Lauren Margules and Shaun Grandi
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Matt Garratt, Lisa Ison and Rebecca Lubilanji
<b>Japanese</b>	Linda Morgan
<b>PE</b>	Laura Funnell
<b>Library</b>	Julian Wark
<b>Intervention Team</b>	Sarah Baird, Tracey Blackmore
<b>EAL/D</b>	Meredith Wells
<b>GATLO</b>	Jacob Burrige

## 2021 SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Term 1

Monday 1 February PreM-W, Tuesday 2 February (continuing students) or Wednesday 3 February PreW-F – Thursday 1 April

### Term 2

Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June

### Term 3

Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

### Term 4

Tuesday 5 October – Friday 17 December



## MERIT AWARD CELEBRATIONS



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



**Congratulations** to Amy Linmore in year 5 for being accepted into the IMP Primary Concert Choir in 2021.

Well done Amy!

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

**Lost Property:** All lost property will be displayed outside the front of the school on Friday 18 December. Any clothes items left after 3:00pm will be washed and put into the second hand uniform shop and plastic containers and drink bottles will be disposed of.

**Medication:** All medication which has been kept at the Front Office during the year will be sent home for families to update if needed.

**Book pack:** If you decided to source the book pack yourself, please ensure your child brings it to class on the first day of school.

**Tea Towels:** If you thought you missed out purchasing a Tea Towel you are in luck. There are tea towels at the Front Office for you to purchase for \$15. Please come and see Louise.

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Our P&C-run Uniform Shop will be open in the early days of Term 1 for the convenience of parents and carers. The Uniform Shop is located near the Front Office.

Friday 29 January                      8:30am-9:30am

Monday 1 February                    8:30am-9:30am

Friday 5 February                    8:30am-9:15am

The second-hand uniform cupboard can be accessed every day during school hours. Donations of items are always welcomed. Items can be purchased for \$2 per piece.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Well, that's 2020 and what an interesting year it was – a steep learning curve for everyone, including Mr Burridge and myself in our first year at the helm of the library.

Looking back, we are proud of our efforts to manage the library during the home learning period - a time that saw massive amounts of books leave and return to the library. We also saw the establishment of the school library committee which consulted with the community to draft mission and vision statements to guide the library's future direction. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the user needs survey and to the committee members too. I would also like to give a big thanks to Janelle and Kathryn for covering many library books throughout the year.

We also had a successful Book Week followed immediately with a bumper Book Fair. Thanks again to everyone for your support with these important library activities.

Our biggest thanks, however, go to a small group of Year 6 students who gave up many hours of their own time to help in the library. From shelf sorting to pencil sharpening, lunchtime loans to club clean-ups, these students truly shone in their role as library monitors.

Thank you to Charlie D, Josey C, Keelia, Lily, Lotte and Maeve. You are superstars!

Happy holidays to all,

Mr Wark



Don't forget that students have access to e-books and audiobooks over the December/January break. They are available every day and all hours of the day and night through Sora.

Currently demand is hot as students and staff are placing holds (reserves) on popular titles in the centralised e-book/audiobook collection.

Please regularly check your holds notifications in SORA. If a title is ready to check out you will see this cute bell icon in the right hand corner. It will move (ring) when you hover over it and click on it. You then have the choice of taking the title as a loan or delaying the hold for later.



# SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY



## COLOUR RUN - FUNDRAISER

A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful families who helped with the colour run, the kids loved it and it was a great event to help close out the year. We were able to raise \$4,300 for the school and the organisation will plant 499 trees to be planted in a conservation area thanks to the generosity of families, friends and the community. A special thanks to Laura Funnell and Katie Calvert for organising this event and making sure it ran so smoothly.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER AND DISCO





**ay Holiday Program**

NDIS Care, Support & Planning  
ASN: 848 418 317 14

**WEEK 1: MONDAY 11 JAN 21 - FRIDAY 15 JAN 21**  
**WEEK 2: MONDAY 18 JAN 21 - FRIDAY 22 JAN 21**

**9AM - 3PM DAILY**  
Small group - 8 children - 4 staff  
NDIS plan eligible

MORNING TEA, LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

Our awesome driver at **Spirited Kidz** will pick you up in the mini van and drop you home at the end of the day .

Pickup and drop off times can be negotiated to suit your needs

Location: Latin American Cultural Centre  
28 Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

Activities will be dependent on the children's interests.  
Examples of activities include the following:  
Canberra Zoo and Aquarium - Swimming - Movies - Craft - Games Cooking - Parks & Playgrounds - Power Cart Raceway Nerf Wars Indoor Rock Climbing - Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Cockington Green Gardens - Dinosaur Museum

If you want to have lots of fun in a supportive environment and learn new skills please call  
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Age Group **YEAR 1-6**




## TWO SHEDS WORKSHOP

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Lots of awesome workshops for kids aged 7yrs+ , an excellent gift for Christmas, and one Creative Kids Voucher covers two workshops.

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- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 9 Years
- Skills based intro to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

**Location: Kaleen**

**Kaleen Primary School 19 Ashburton Circuit, Kaleen**

### Starts

**Sunday 14th February**

3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am  
 5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am  
 7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

**\$78**

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To receive the Earlybird price of \$78 you need to Enrol+Pay before 1st February.

After 1<sup>st</sup> February cost will be \$90 FOR 6 SESSIONS INCLUDING A TENNIS RACQUET FOR YOU TO KEEP!

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Date: 11-12 Jan 2021  
Mon-Tue, 10 am-4 pm

Place: Harrison Cricket nets  
Katoomba St., Harrison

Cost: \$100 per player

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YOUTH THEATRE



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**Holiday Program** 13-15 JANUARY 2021

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## 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 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 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.

