



UPCOMING DATES

27 March

Year 6 transition visit to UCHSK

28 March

NAPLAN practice test

29 March

Assembly hosted by 1N

3 April

3:15pm-4:30pm - Junior school parent reading afternoon

3 April

6:30pm - General P&C meeting

9 April

School photos - first of two days

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This mural represents a special place where you can be yourself, giving a chance to succeed and feeling valued for who you are and the different abilities and cultures you have.

These handprints symbolize trust, respect and friendship and supporting each other and learning together striving for equality and better futures in the journey towards reconciliation.

The colours of the handprints (orange, blue and purple) represent strong values – to be caring, cooperative and courteous both with the school community and outside of school in the wider community from which everyone at Giralang Primary School have captured so well.

The Giralang star in the middle represents each and every one of you...shining bright, guiding you along and making positive decisions.

These circles represent meeting places where you share stories, sing songs, dance, it is also a place where you can set goals...and each goal you set, you will gain strength to challenge yourself a little more...the more goals you set in life...the more your self-respect will grow through your journey in life.

The middle piece of the mural represents a Dreamtime story that teaches us...that it is ok to be different and unique...you don't need to be like everyone else, or part of a group to be special...and that it is important to be happy in your own company.

Kristie Peters – Wiradjuri Artist

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MURAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRITY ACTION RESEARCH

We hope that you have been watching the amazing evolution of the mural throughout term one. Every student from preschool to year 6 has contributed to its progress. It has been an honour to work with Wiradjuri artist, Kristie Peters.

Our Cultural Integrity team is working full steam ahead and facilitating many fantastic opportunities for professional learning and student engagement. We have welcomed Ginibi Robinson, Assistant Director of Diversity and Culture from the ACT Education Directorate, to assist staff to deepen our knowledge of Aboriginal culture and our shared history by providing several teacher professional learning sessions. All staff are also completing a Cultural Integrity action research cycle in partnership with Southern Cross Early Childhood School. Jessica Staines from Koori Curriculum will be working as a critical friend to support us through this process.

INTERNATIONAL PI DAY

Last week we celebrated Pi Day on 14th March at Giralang Primary School. Pi is used in Mathematics to represent a constant – the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter – which is approximately 3,14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for our young maths enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi. Congratulations to all the students who participated, you are amazing! A special mention goes out to Peter Yang (528 digits) and Oliver Bellwood (320 digits) in Year 3 who placed 1st and 2nd in the Canberra Primary Schools competition held at Dickson College. Peter also finished in 3rd place and Oliver 4th place in the K-Year 12 division.



BELCONNEN ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to the swimmers who will be representing Giralang Primary School at the Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival this week (28/3). We wish you all the best - Caydie, Ruby D, Elsie, Njeru, Peter L, Isabelle, Marko, Hikari, Lucas V, Ella & Liam S.

Natalie Garrett – Deputy Principal

RELAY FOR LIFE



Congratulations to Lisa Ison, Marion Huho and the Kardum family who took part in the Relay for Life last weekend.

They walked for 24 hours to raise important funds for Cancer Council research, prevention and support.

Mrs Ison, Dion (yr 2), Trey (yr 7)

HARMONY DAY



Thursday 21 March was Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students participated in exciting activities with their buddy class to celebrate the cultural heritage and identity of our country, and to promote the theme of “*Everybody Belongs*”. Students were invited to wear orange (the colour signifying harmony) or come to school dressed in national costume.

We created a **Hand Tree** to promote Harmony Day and that everyone belongs here at Giralang Primary. Each child created a handprint with their buddy, decorated it using their choice of art medium (paint, pastels, crayons, textures, coloured pencil). The tree is on display at Steps to the Star, where our community can admire its beauty and message of belonging.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS 2019

Please be advised that the Returning Officer has made a declaration on the successful candidates for the two positions on our school board for parent and citizen representatives.

Please join me in congratulating Nathan Kruger and Eve Wisowaty on their appointments to the school board, effective 1 April 2019. Their appointments to the board are for a period of 24 months.

Thank you for your interest in this process.

Anna Klose - Assistant Returning Officer

SCHOOL PHOTOS – CHANGE OF DATE AND ROUTINE

Please be advised of the change of date for the second sitting school photos, as well as a change in the running of both days. The School Photographer will be taking our photos in Week 10 Term 1 and Week 3 Term 2.

- **On Tuesday 9 April 2019** the whole school, Preschool Monday to Wednesday, and siblings will have their photo taken.
- **On Friday 17 May** Preschool Wednesday to Friday, siblings, and students who were absent on Tuesday 9 April, will have their photo taken. Additionally, the Year 6 whole group and specialist photos for our bands, SRC, choir, school captains will also be taken on this day. The specialist photos can be ordered separately at the Front Office at a cost of \$15.

Each student has received an order envelope. These can be returned to the Front Office by the day photos are taken. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the Front Office.

The preferred method of payment is online via credit card. If paying by cash, the Front Office is unable to provide change, so correct money is appreciated.

ENROLLING FOR PRESCHOOL IN 2020

Online enrolments for our Preschool 2020 opens Monday 29 April 2019. Please visit the [enrolments portal](#) on the Education Directorate's website to submit your enrolment application. In 2020, we are offering two preschool sessions with a maximum of 22 students in each session. Priority is given to residents of Giralang.

PRESCHOOL PAMPHLET DELIVERY

If you would like to help the school deliver preschool pamphlets in Giralang, please see Louise in the Front Office before the end of Term 1. Delivery can be done any time from now until the start of Term 2 (Monday 29 April). The upcoming school holidays is the perfect time to strap on your sneakers and take a stroll around our suburb!

PARENT/CARER READING WORKSHOP – 3 APRIL 2019



Giralang Primary School
ADVENTURE IN LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING

Parent/Carer Workshop

**HELPING
YOUR CHILD
TO READ**

Kindergarten to Year 2

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL

3:15PM

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COME ALONG TO
FIND OUT HOW WE
TEACH YOUR CHILD
TO READ AND
HELPFUL TIPS TO
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD
TO READ AT HOME.

**STEP TO
THE STARS
AREA**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding a Kindergarten to Year 2 parent/carer workshop "Helping Your Child To Read" on Wednesday 3 April, 3:15pm. The workshop will outline how reading is taught at school, expectations for reading and how to support your child with their reading at home. The session will take place in the Step to the Stars area (next to the Year 6 classrooms).

To assist us to provide adequate resources, it would be helpful if you would please RSVP by Monday 1 April via email alex.breen@ed.act.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Alex Breen
Kindergarten to Year 2
Executive Teacher
21 March 2019

The P&C elected a new committee at its recent AGM. We have a great mix of new faces and continuing volunteers! Thanks to everyone who came and those who put up their hand to fill roles.

Many heart-felt thanks to the outgoing committee for all they have done - especially Tracey Pinto and Megan Hemming, who have been pivotal to running the P&C and canteen for years. Thank You!

It's your P&C

All Giralang parents and carers are automatically members of the P&C. It's *your* organisation, so do feel free to contact us any time with queries, ideas and offers of help! You can use the P&C email address (see below) or contact a committee member directly (see below). If you don't receive occasional emails from us, we would be happy to add you to our distribution list. You can also keep in touch by liking the 'Giralang Primary P&C Social Page' on Facebook. We plan to be more active with the page this year, so you can find out about events and meetings.

Announcing the 2019 P&C committee

President:	Brooke Pearson shared with Janelle Kennard
Vice-president:	Kumalie Walker
Treasurer:	Sean Macintyre
Secretary:	Ryan Wilson
Canteen Business Manager:	Carly Fiumara and Cat Williams
Canteen treasurer:	Brydie Lang
Council Delegate:	Kumalie Walker

We have also filled many important volunteer roles – thanks to all! We will announce these in future newsletters.

Planning for a great year

Our next general meeting is on **Wednesday 3 April at 6.30pm** at the school. Everyone is welcome. It is a great chance to hear about what is happening at the school (thanks to Belinda's terrific Principal's reports), ask questions, and share ideas. There will be snacks (maybe even home-baked!), we will be looking at the year ahead, and what we would like to focus our efforts on. If you have any issues you'd like to raise, please email your suggestions to the below address.

Would you like to look after our shop?

The school needs a volunteer to look after the P&C-run Uniform Shop. It's the only place to get Giralang's school uniform, so it is an important job! Laura Anderson has had everything running very smoothly over the past few years (thanks heaps Laura!) but is ready to hand over to someone else. The main tasks are keeping track of stock and placing orders, rostering and instructing volunteers who open the shop each week, helping the P&C treasurer manage the uniform shop bank account, and keeping an eye on pricing. The job takes approximately

1-4 hours a week. Laura is available to explain how it works and get you started, and to help along the way. Please let us know if you are interested or would like to know more.

the P&C Committee
giralangpandc@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen and Breakfast Club are seeking volunteers to help once a month.

Breakfast Club runs from 8am-9am every Tuesday and involves toast buttering, fruit cutting, serving and some dishes. We know there are professional toast butterers and dish washers out there (!), so if you can spare 1 hour, once a month, we would be most grateful for your involvement.

If mornings aren't your thing, perhaps a few hours helping in the canteen could be an option? The canteen requires volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays to prepare all the on-line and hand-written school orders, as well as basic food prep, food service and some minimal dishes. It's a great way to meet the kids, other parents, and to understand how much the canteen contributes to our wonderful school. If you can spare a few hours once a month, please contact Carly (0405 317 519) or Cat (0431 174 567), or alternatively pop in and see Cindy and Kirsti at the Canteen.

Don't have time but have heaps of fresh herbs growing in your back yard? The canteen would LOVE and gratefully accept any fresh herbs which we can use in Cindy's home cooked meals. We are trying to make our menu even greener by sneaking in a few more herbs and veggies for taste and nutrition, so if you can donate any 'green stuff', we would be over the moon.

Did you know: parsley is highly nutritious & contains vitamins A, B, C & K as well as iron & potassium? Parsley reduces the risk of many cancers, improves immune function, reduces inflammation, & because of its folic acid content, helps us to maintain healthy blood vessels reducing risk of heart disease and stroke? ALL herbs have amazing health benefits and should be snuck in at every opportunity 😊

Carly & Cat
Canteen Business Managers

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property area is located in the corner of the canteen eating area. There is currently an abundance of jumpers, jackets and other clothing, as well as lunch containers and drink bottles in the area. Please feel free to pop in and check lost property if you have lost items.

RE-USEABLE CANVAS BAGS

We still have a stock of re-useable canvas bags for sale. With Mother's Day approaching, why not fill a bag with her favourite goodies? 😊

Support our school and help care for the environment by purchasing these bags for \$3.50 each.



ACTIVE STREETS – PARENT / CARER FEEDBACK REQUESTED



The Active Streets for Schools program is an infrastructure program – supported by educational resources – to make it safer and easier for children to walk or ride to school. Our school will be supported by the program over the next four years.

Active Streets helps to make school environments safer and more accessible by providing a range of tailored solutions depending on the school and local environment. Improvements may include new or improved footpath connections, more dedicated crossings or traffic calming (e.g. speed humps) to ensure the trip is safe and easy for children to navigate.

To commence the program, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) would like to discover how children currently travel to and from school and find out where you think improvements can be made around the suburb and the school.

TCCS have set up a [survey](#) to gather this information. All the information collected will be de-identified and confidential. The final survey question asks about the type of infrastructure improvements our community would like considered through the program. To complete this question you can either:

- Provide an explanation in the text field in the survey, or
- Drop a pin on our [Ride or Walk to School map](#) and provide a comment

To drop a pin on the map, you will need to be signed in to a Google account, which is as simple as signing up if you don't already have one. More information about setting up an account and dropping a pin on the map is available in [these instructions](#).

TCCS will also welcome feedback about our Ride or Walk to School map, so please use the drop pin feature to comment on the highlighted routes. Alternatively you can print our map, write on the map and return it to [TCCS](#).

Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Your response will help to influence how the program is delivered to suit our school community.

[Complete Survey](#)

<http://bit.ly/AS-survey>



2019-20 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A local childcare centre in our community, Totom House, is selling Entertainment Books this year. You can help them raise funds for their centre by purchasing an Entertainment Book at www.entbook.com.au/2y4605.

NEWS FROM YEAR 5

Here we are almost at the end of first term - unbelievable! The Year 5s have been exceptionally busy with a multitude of activities, events and learning. Highlights include:

- Swimming Carnival
- Tennis Clinics
- Harmony Day
- Working with our artist in residence, Kristie Peters, on our new mural
- Birrigai camp



Science this term has been very exciting. The students have enjoyed learning about animal adaptations. We began with finding out how animals and plants use camouflage to either protect themselves or to hunt their prey. In the following weeks students researched an animal of choice and presented their findings to the class.

Our final investigation was applying our understanding to the camel. The students discovered how many amazing adaptations the camel has developed to survive in the desert.

Our focus in spelling has been applying the program developed by Dr Tessa Daffern. Each week students apply either a phonological, orthographic or morphological lens to specific words either generated by the teacher or the individual student. By implementing Tessa's program, our students are discovering and using multiple spelling strategies in their writing.



Students really enjoyed the goldfield simulation day at camp. They experienced life as a miner during the 1850s. Back at school we have been learning more about the Gold Rush, the value of gold, life on the field, and how Australian society changed with the influx of migrants from around the world. We will continue this unit of work for the rest of the term and in to Term 2.



MINDFULNESS

MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

A wonderful opportunity is being offered for parents and carers.

Jennifer Sexton, Giralang Primary School parent and trained meditation facilitator, will be offering mindfulness sessions in weeks 8, 9 and 10 of Term 1. These sessions are free of charge.

Each session commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings on 29 March and 5 & 12 April in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness as a daily practice. No need to sign up, just show up and relax.



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.



Death Cap Mushroom

Amanita Phalloides

The Death Cap mushroom (*Amanita Phalloides*) is a deadly poisonous fungus. They often grow near established oak trees, and are found when there is warm, wet weather. In Canberra this usually occurs in autumn but there is no specific mushroom season. There have been multiple incidents and fatalities associated with Death Cap mushrooms.

It can be extremely difficult for even experienced collectors to distinguish Death Cap mushrooms from an edible mushroom. **People should not pick or eat wild mushrooms**, and should talk to their families, friends and neighbours about the dangers of Death Cap mushrooms. Cooking Death Cap mushrooms does not make them safe.

Symptoms

Symptoms of Death Cap mushroom poisoning generally occur 6–24 hours or more after ingestion of mushrooms and include stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Symptoms may subside for 1–2 days giving a false impression of recovery. However, by this stage the toxin will have already caused serious liver damage. Liver failure and death may occur.

Medical Treatment

Anyone who suspects that they might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department. Where possible take a whole mushroom sample for identification. The sooner the treatment begins, the better the chances of survival.

Further information and assistance if poisoning is suspected can be sought by calling the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

For further information or to report the location of death cap mushrooms contact Access Canberra on **13 22 81**.



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**ARMSTRONG
SIDDELEY
CENTENARY
CLASSIC CAR
DISPLAY
CANBERRA**

**Old Parliament House
King George Terrace
Parkes ACT
Saturday 30th March
10am - 3pm**



*1 Jack Mildenhall with his 14Hp A/S

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- *1: NAA3560,3120
- *2: NAA3560,699
- *3: NAA3560,938
- *4: NAA3560,17



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THE ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY CAR CLUB

www.armstrongsiddeley.org



**Celebrating 100 Years of
Armstrong
Siddeley**

Members of the Armstrong Siddeley Car Club of Australia, as a part of our celebration of the Centenary of the marque, invite you to visit us at Old Parliament House on Saturday, 30th March, 2019, between 10am and 3pm, where we will present a large selection of these 'Cars of Aircraft Quality'.



*2 Part of the Government Fleet (1927). 18Hp A/S cars at Parliament House

There was a strong connection between Armstrong Siddeley cars and the development of Canberra. William James (Jack) Mildenhall (1891-1962) became the Information Officer for the Federal Capital Commission in 1926, and subsequently created the Mildenhall collection of over 7,000 images of the development of Canberra now held by the National Archive of Australia ("NAA").



*3 & *4 A/S service vehicles were a common sight in Canberra in the 1920s, as the above pictures of a 'dashing' 14Hp Fire Chief's car and ambulance show



Sapphire Limousines like this one were extensively used in the 1950s to the mid 1960s by the Federal Government (ASM factory picture)



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

MAKER PROJECT

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on April 15, 16 and 17.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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