

Week 8, Term 2 | 17 June 2020

UPCOMING DATES

29 June

Semester one reports emailed home

29 June

Online parent / teacher interviews

1 July

P&C General Meeting, 7pm

3 July

Last day of Term 2

5-12 July

NAIDOC Week

20 July

Term 3 commences

EXECUTIVE TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As the term is drawing to a close, you will have received a letter from your child's teacher about the upcoming parent/teacher interviews. These interviews will be taking place in Week 10. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, these meetings will be online for this term. It is important that all parents and carers are given the opportunity to speak with their child's teacher about their academic and social and emotional progress this semester. To ensure you book a time with your teacher, please return the slip with your email address and meeting time preferences. If you did not receive this note, please contact your classroom teacher by email or on Seesaw, as soon as possible, to book in your time. Parent/teacher interviews are a valuable way to discuss celebrations and raise any questions you may have about your child's learning experience at Giralang.

It is important we are vigilant about health and hygiene. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they *must not* come to school. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. We will be stricter in implementing these rules than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone in our school community.

A friendly reminder to return all Chromebooks and iPads which have been used at home during the remote learning period. Please ensure to also return all charging cords. Thank you to all those families who have already done this.

Please remember that wearing a helmet, that meets Australian standards, is an essential and mandated part of riding a bike or scooter. Also ensure that they are fastened under the chin, so they provide the correct protection.

Enjoy your week, Alex Breen



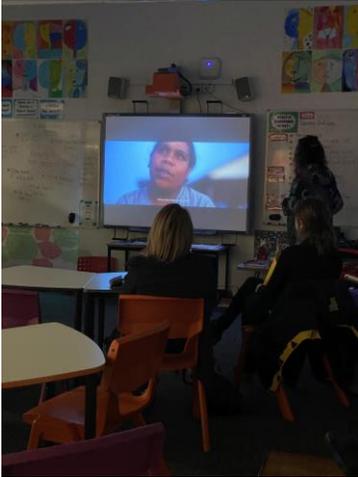
A captured moment by Mrs Garrett during a learning walk in KMK last week. 'Mathematics in action!'

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TEACHING AND LEARNING FOCUS FOR TEACHERS DURING RECONCILIATION WEEK

As part of Reconciliation Week, the staff at Giralang watched 'In My Blood It Runs' during our Teaching and Learning focus meeting. This feature documentary follows the life of a 10-year-old Arrernte Aboriginal boy, Djujan, as he grows up in Alice Springs. The movie portrays how Djujan's family strive to give him the best Arrernte education and western education possible, so he grows up learning 'both ways.' It was a moving film that has strengthened our efforts toward better cultural integrity at Giralang Primary School. I would encourage you to watch the film on ABC on 5 July at 9.30pm.



CYBER SAFETY

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of 'pester power' to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so. While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers. Apps like Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat the required user must be at least 13 years old, in other words not appropriate for primary school aged students. Parents, please become familiar with the eSafety Commission and <https://www.esafety.gov.au> website for all information regarding social media regulation, complaints, reporting and parenting advice. It is a fabulous resource which can help to make informed decision making regarding technology use.

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

This week we have a Perplexing Problem for our junior students. Don't forget that there is nothing wrong with using hands-on materials to help solve problems.

Good Luck! - Maths Committee

Perplexing Puzzles
Apples 3

There are 20 apples that need to be put into 8 bowls. No more than 4 and no fewer than 2 apples can fit into a bowl.

Show and explain with pictures, numbers and / or words how you would place all 20 apples into the 8 bowls.



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RICKY STUART HOUSE

Ricky Stuart House is taking on new families for respite! Ricky Stuart House is an NDIS registered service run by Marymead that provides respite for children (5-12) with disability. Minimum three hour booking including through the school holidays.

For further information and/or to come and have a look at the house please call Michelle Groeneveld on 61625800 or email Michelle.groeneveld@marymead.org.au

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Late last week family statements were sent home with your child. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's bag.

LOST PROPERTY

There has been a large amount of clothing left outside and around the school with no names on them. It is important that your child's clothing is labelled so that it can be returned to them. This is also the case with lunch boxes and drink bottles. Outside the uniform shop is a basket of lunch boxes and drink bottles with no names on them. If they do not get collected by the end of term they will be disposed of.

As the bubblers are locked until further notice due to COVID 19, please ensure your child brings a drink bottle with their name on it to school each day.

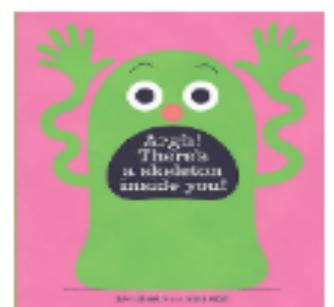
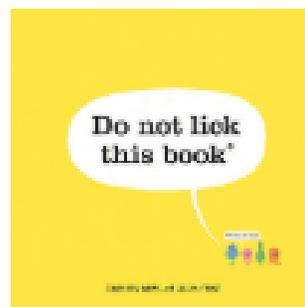
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

With the return of the senior students last week the library has been able to once again utilise the services of a hardworking team of youngsters – the library monitors.

We need to publicly thank the library monitors for their incredible work in helping us keep on top of organising the library. They were amazing last term as hundreds of books were coming and going each day and have been amazing again this term as we get things increasingly back to normal.

So, thank you: Bailey, Charlie D, Charlie H, Dean, Emily, Josie C, Keelia, Lotte, Maeve and, our new recruit, Olivia. You are awesome!

Recently our junior classes enjoyed a picture book called *Do Not Lick This Book* by Idan Ben-Barak, a Melbourne scientist. *Do Not Lick This Book* is a great example of the current trend towards presenting non-fiction content in a narrative format – faction if you like! – and it was rewarding to hear so many students discussing the content days afterwards. Ben-Barak also wrote "Argh! There's a Skeleton Inside You!", another wonderful and interactive read. Both books are available from the library.



Yours in Reading, Julian Wark

NEWS FROM LAURA FUNNELL – PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Wow, can you believe we are already in week 8! What a busy time it has been since returning to school this term. After discussions with students in class about what their favourite home learning challenges were, I received some positive feedback on their favourite activities. The junior school appeared to enjoy the Animal Walk, Alphabet Yoga and Bingo challenge the most while the senior students enjoyed the Senior Bingo and the Kick Flick challenge. Another question I was asked during Google Meets and now in class is when they can bring their bikes or scooters to school for PE again. After discussions with Mrs Andrews about the excitement the students have shown towards bringing their bike or scooter to school, we have decided for PE in week 10 that we will have another bike and scooter session. This will also continue into Term 3 for weeks 5 and 10. If your child is in the senior classes and unable to bring their bike, the school has a small supply of bikes that they can borrow. If your child is not confident to participate in this activity there will be other physical activities set up for them to participate in.

During remote learning, students aged 8-12 years were given the opportunity to participate in the School Sport ACT (SSACT) Virtual Cross Country. This event ran over 4 weeks and finished up in week 6. Congratulations to all 21 Giralang students who participated in this event. It was amazing to see how your times improved over the 4 weeks. You should all be very proud of yourselves. All results have been published on the SSACT website and Facebook page. An extra congratulations to the below students:

BEST TIMES

9 Years Girls Best Time, Amber Ye- 5.30min
9 Years Boys Best Time, Jayden Lloyd- 4.43min
10 Years Girls Second Best Time, Naomi Leitch- 8.18min
11 Years Boys Best Time, Kei Ryan- 10.58min

MOST IMPROVED

Nina – Giralang PS – 1min 12secs
Jayden – Giralang PS – 45secs
Kei – Giralang PS – 10.58min

It is very important for children over 5 years of age to be physically active for at least 60 minutes every day. This doesn't have to be done all in one go, it can be over the course of the day. It is also extremely important for children to eat a well-balanced diet. The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends children should enjoy a wide variety of foods from these five food groups:

1. Grain foods
2. Fruit
3. Vegetables, legumes/beans
4. Milk, yoghurt, cheese or alternatives
5. Lean meats, poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts, seeds, legumes/beans.

Encouraging your child to be physically active and eat a well-balanced diet every day will set them up to lead a healthy and active life. Why not add a new fruit or vegetable to your child's lunch box or dinner plate for them to try? Children have a lot more taste buds than adults so it can take more than one try for them to like it.



Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.
Drink plenty of water.



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SCHOOL BANKING

Due to Covid-19, School Banking will resume in Term 3. Children need to drop off their yellow banking wallets to the Front Office then they will be returned to them after processing.

Banking Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our second-hand uniform shop is bursting at the seams! We have a lot of excellent quality winter stock, especially for sizes 10 and 12, so please help us out and get shopping! Open during school office hours each day, \$2 per item to be paid at the Front Office.

GIRALANG GARDEN COLLECTIVE

It has been very exciting to see things get underway in a physical sense for the Giralang Garden Collective. This coming Saturday, 20 June at 2pm, the GGC will be meeting at school in the grove to talk about the next phase. This meeting is open to anyone and everyone who is interested and we'd love to see you there! As social distancing restrictions continue to ease over the next few months, we will begin to organise a number of working bees to get things ready for Spring planting. Make sure to contact the GGC email to be kept up to date with meetings, events and other exciting news. (giralanggardencollective@gmail.com).

CANTEEN DISCUSSION

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual discussion last week and who have participated in our online survey. It is very important to the P&C Executive that the decision of whether or not to hand over responsibility for providing a canteen service to the school reflects the needs and views of the GPS community and we are very grateful to all of those who have participated in the discussion thus far. We will be **closing the survey tomorrow, Thursday 18, June** to allow us to process the results so please follow the link if you would like to have your say.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAhRo34kAetKaE7GCgeN8EZN_2Am34HqqE8OTe0fg4chQYkg/vi/ewform?usp=sf_link

A number of people have indicated they would like more information around what it would mean to outsource the canteen service to an external provider. Please find below some answers to our FAQ.

How long would the process take?

The handover and installation of a new service would happen very quickly. Through a prior procurement process, the Education Directorate has a number of approved providers which the school could engage for this service. The exact turnover time would not be known until the school begins the process of contracting a specific provider.

What would it look like?

The new service would not work out of the current canteen kitchen, but a hub kitchen located elsewhere, which then delivers the orders to the school at lunch time for distribution. Orders and payments would be processed through the engaged service providers online system, similar to our current Flexischools arrangement.

What would the food be like?

While we are unable to provide a menu, all services operate under the same canteen regulations under which our current canteen operates. This includes the provision of fresh, healthy, 'green' options as well as 'amber' treat items.

What would be different for students?

Students would no longer be able to place cash orders or buy products over the counter. We would also be limited to a lunch time service and no longer be able to provide a morning tea option.

What about special lunch days and fundraising?

The P&C will continue to run special lunch days, Nude Food days, fundraisers, etc, and are excited for the opportunities that will come for student education and engagement as our garden begins to produce.

If you have any further questions or would like any more information, please don't hesitate to send us an email (giralangpandc@gmail.com).

The GGC Committee

Brooke Pearson - P&C President

Updated public transport timetables



START 18 JULY 2020

More services, particularly off peak.

Better connections & faster travel times.



COVID-19 restrictions
may have eased but your
responsibility hasn't.



Maintain good
hand hygiene



Stay 1.5m
apart



Stay home if
you are unwell



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.

\$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.

