

**UPCOMING DATES**

**1-5 July**  
Parent/teacher interviews

**5 July**  
Athletics carnival  
Last day Term 2

**5 July**  
First day Term 3

**ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**A splendid birthday party:** Congratulations to the children, staff and families of Giralang Primary School for hosting such a special birthday party to celebrate the school's Rats of Tobruk friend John Fleming on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mr Fleming said that he had a wonderful time and had never been to such a big party before. He appreciated the song, dance, special books and crown. He enjoyed his birthday cake and felt very honoured to share his special day with the Giralang Primary community. A special thank you to Mrs Skye Knight and the front office team for organising the event, Emily and James for hosting, the year six leaders for serving morning tea and Kat Williams for making the gorgeous birthday cake.

**Staffing news:** Next term Ms Meredith Wells will commence maternity leave. Ms Melinda Knight will take on the role of classroom teacher for 2W for the remainder of the year. Ms Knight has been a part of our Intervention Team, providing literacy support to small groups of students across the school three days each week. Her role has also involved teaching 2K on Thursdays and Fridays. As Ms Melinda Knight will be teaching 2W for Semester 2, Ms Carly Duncanson take over from Ms Knight on Thursdays and Fridays teaching 2K. Ms Duncanson is also a part of the Intervention Team and teaches the Year 5 and 6 Bands. All teachers have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition of programs and have been spending time in the classrooms getting to know the students in Year 2. We wish Ms Meredith Wells all the best for the safe arrival of her twins in coming weeks.

**Student Congress:** On 5 July James G and Theo R are representing Giralang Primary School at The Minister's Student Congress. The Congress is an opportunity for ACT public school students to come together to discuss issues that matter to them and affect their education. The Congress provides a direct link to the Minister for Education and is an avenue through which students are able share their



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**School Office Hours:** 08:30-15:30

**P&C Association**

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views with Minister Yvette Berry. The Congress is led by a student executive, a small group of students, elected by their peers, who will lead the Congress for a year. The topic for July's Congress is *Bullying*. We look forward to hearing a report back from James and Theo early next term.

**Thank you for having me:** It has been a delight to be the acting Principal at Giralang Primary School during weeks 9 and 10 whilst Ms Love has been doing school reviews across other ACT Public Schools. I have enjoyed working with children, staff and families as I have been part of the dynamic learning culture at Giralang. The school is a very welcoming, happy and vibrant learning environment in which children are encouraged and supported to learn new skills and knowledge. I have enjoyed meeting children as they have delivered values ticket to the rocket and have also had the opportunity to join their learning as I have visited classes each day. It has been lovely to meet many parents, thank you for your friendly welcomes. Thank you to the fabulous staff at Giralang Primary who work so hard to provide rich learning for all children. A special thank you to the leadership and admin team for helping me find my way and know the ins and outs of Giralang.

You have a lovely school that you can be very proud of. Next term I return to my role as Principal at Fadden Primary School. I have been working on a project in central office for four months so am very much looking forward to being back in my school.

If you are travelling these holidays, please stay safe.

Regards  
Liz Wallace

## WINNER – MASTER BUILDERS ACT AWARD!

It is with great excitement we announce that the ceiling replacement works performed on our school hall by Project Coordination last year, won the award for Best Use of Material – Commercial at last Friday night's MBA awards. Project Manager, Max Urack, says in an email to Belinda: "Working on this project alongside Enrico and Melinda was very inspirational and rewarding. Thank you to the Directorate, IFCW and Belinda for this opportunity."



## SEMESTER 1 SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports were sent out to families via email on Friday of week 9 (28 June 2019). In semester 1 2019, approximately one third of ACT Public schools implemented a new electronic reports distribution through the School Administration System. Our success rate was excellent, with only some minor teething issues. If you did not receive your child's report on Friday of last week, please contact Anna Klose at the Front Office on [anna.klose@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:anna.klose@ed.act.edu.au).

## PHONES AT SCHOOL

If students are bringing mobile phones to school, we ask that they are handed in at the Front Office in the morning before classes commence, and collected at 3pm at the end of the school day.

## HEATING LUNCHES

In accordance with health and safety regulations, please be reminded that staff are unable to re-heat student lunches that have been brought from home.

## MINDFULNESS – LAST SESSION

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 2.



These sessions are free of charge.

Each session commences at 9.00am and will run for 1 hour on Friday mornings on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, and 5<sup>th</sup> July in our Giralang Cloud.

Jennifer will lead you through the benefits of mindfulness.

No need to sign up, just show up and relax.

## UNCLAIMED BIKES

We have a stock of unclaimed bikes that have been left in the school's bike shed over the term. Please see the Front Office if you believe one might be yours.

## MEDICATION HELD AT FRONT OFFICE

If your child requires their medication in the school holidays, please pop in to the Front Office and collect it.

## LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property area is teeming with unclaimed items. A friendly reminder that there are two locations that lost property is located around the school:

1. each classroom has a washing basket that found items are placed in; and
2. an area located at the back wall of the canteen inside area. At the moment there is an abundance of jackets, hats, pants, lunchboxes, containers, and books.

Please feel free to visit the school and claim items that belong to your family.

## THANK YOU!

Woolworths Earn & Learn is officially over and we'd like to thank everyone who has helped us out by shopping at Woolworths and collecting those stickers. Now comes the fun part, the counting!

Obviously we want to count as many as we can, which is why we need your help to bring in all the stickers you may have collected and put them in our collection box. And keep an eye out for any rogue stickers too. You may find them down the side of the car seat. Or hidden in the back of drawers. Every sticker counts. And the higher we can count, the more equipment we can get!



## P&C NEWS

A huge thank you to those who braved the cold for our meeting last week and for those who sent along their apologies. Term 3 is going to be fantastic with many fabulous opportunities to engage with the broader school community and help fundraise for the external learning environment. We will have dates coming up for another play date, a disco, 'Bake and Take' and a spectacular sounding trivia night, but we will be kicking off with our.....MOVIE NIGHT! Come along and see the new live-action Lion King movie at a private showing at Hoyts Belconnen. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 6:20pm for a 6:45pm movie start, tickets \$20pp, limited seats available. Buy your tickets here (<https://giralang-primary-school-pc.square.site/>) before they run out!

## NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

### NEW CANTEEN ITEM!

As of next term, the canteen will be selling organic Sunraysia juice pouches! No preservatives, no added sugar, JUST JUICE. They can be purchased as a juice, or if your child would like a 'slushy' substitute, you can get one partially frozen too. They will cost \$2.50 and will be available through Flexischools and over the counter at lunch time.

Wishing all the Giralang families a warm and relaxing break.

Carly, Canteen Business Manager



## P&C TRIVIA NIGHT



Need a fun night out with friends? The P&C will be hosting a Trivia and Silent Auction on the 6th of September, so save the date and book in your babysitters!

To make this event a huge success we are seeking support from our community to donate products or vouchers that can be prizes or auction items. Do you, or someone you know, have a business that would like to support our school? Our sponsors will be advertised via our newsletter and social media, as well as receive plenty of good karma! Contact [triviagiralangprimary@gmail.com](mailto:triviagiralangprimary@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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**

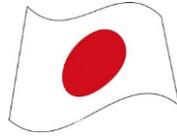
James began his musical journey by playing guitar in bands in high school and has continued to be a performer in bands ever since, he subsequently has completed an Advanced Diploma in Music Performance. James currently plays in several bands in Canberra, his style ranges from contemporary, rock and jazz. 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.

# Nihongo



# 日本語

Konnichiwa!



It has been an exciting and productive first semester in Japanese. In term 2 we welcomed our new Japanese assistant, Yuina Hirata, from Kagoshima University. Yuina has been working with all classes and has been a fantastic help and resource for both the students and myself. Having a Japanese assistant is a relatively new program at Giralang primary which started last year with our first assistant, Megumi. The program is an extremely valuable and beneficial part of our Japanese learning and is only possible through the help of our school community offering homestay accommodation. Many thanks to the Grudnoff, Fitzpatrick and Harrild families for hosting Yuina this year. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

We are also lucky to again have Rowelanne Stubbs volunteering in our Wednesday classes as well as taking two of the Preschool classes each week. Yuina has been joining Rowelanne in the preschool on a Wednesday as well. Row's knowledge of the Japanese language is excellent and her experience of living in Japan offers the students the opportunity to ask many questions. The students have very much enjoyed their classes with both Yuina-sensei and Rowelanne-sensei, and I have been very pleased with the progress in all classes.



Kindergarten have shown much enthusiasm learning to read and write numbers in Kanji, while Years 1 and 2 have been learning how to describe the weather in different cities in Australia and Japan. The students have retained the weather vocabulary very well and are ready to report!



Years 3 and 4 have been learning how to identify a variety of sports in Japanese and are able to say what sports they do or don't play. They have also learnt how to write these sentences in the past tense.

Years 5 and 6 have working on giving and following directions off a map. Students are able to give basic instructions on how to get from one place to another. They also learnt how to write some of the more common words in Kanji and are slowly starting to recognise them without assistance.



I would like to thank all students for their continued effort and enthusiasm in Japanese and I look forward to lots more learning and fun next term.

Mata raigakki, Morgen-sensei.



# AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CHILDRENS SOCCER PROGRAM

## Minis Program

For boys and girls  
aged 2.5 - 3 years

## Preschool Program

For boys and girls  
aged 3 - 5 years

## Junior Program

For boys and girls  
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# MID- WINTER NIGHTS

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WEDNESDAY 10 – SATURDAY 13 JULY 5.30–9 PM

## NatureArt Lab

Learn - Be Inspired - Love Your Art



### July School Holiday Program

Designed for 5-12 year old children.

Theme: Threatened Species

Dates: 8th-12th July

Time: 10am-2pm

Venue: Crosbie-Morrison Building,  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

Cost: \$70 per session

Bookings: [natureartlab.com.au](http://natureartlab.com.au)



Become a Planet Ambassador and build a life-long connection to nature in our Threatened Species School Holiday Program!

Discover, look and learn through drawing and observation, nature journaling, painting and hands-on activities. Our theme for July is Threatened Species. Learn all about the endangered plants and animals we have in the ACT, and what we can do to protect them.

Our amazing tutors will teach different art mediums, techniques and science discussions throughout the program so there is something new to learn every day.

We are proud supporters of the Threatened Species Children's Art Competition and we will be working on entries to submit as part of the class. Our kids created amazing artworks last year and some went on to win awards! We will also be working on one large group entry throughout the program to enter into the competition.

For more information visit: <http://www.threatenedspeciesartcomp.net.au/>

NatureArt Kids is located in the Australian National Botanic Gardens, where we have access to the amazing range of biodiversity living within the gardens and collections.

We are also grateful to have support from The Green Shed, who have kindly donated supplies for the program. We use natural, recycled and eco-friendly materials to teach our kids it is important to care for the earth.

All materials and art supplies are provided, children must bring a hat, drink bottle and packed lunch.

For more information please contact:  
[natureartlabkids@gmail.com](mailto:natureartlabkids@gmail.com)





July 27th & 28th, 2019

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**Saturday, 13 July 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

**Where: All Saints Hall, 9-15 Cowper St, AINSLIE**

**Bring the kids to learn the Brown Snake, the Caterpillar,  
the Bunny Hop and lots more dances.**

**Experienced callers, great Aussie bush music  
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