



UPCOMING DATES

23 July
Assembly 2:10pm, presented by KS

28 July
Year 6 Combined Band Practice

30 July
Athletics Carnival

6 Aug
Assembly presented by 2V

Year 5 Combined Band Practice

19 August
Kindergarten Health Check

27 Aug
P&C Trivia Night



EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

Term 3 is off and running and it is shaping up to be an exciting term of learning, caring and achieving.

I would like to welcome Karice Ward to Giralang Primary School. Karice has just recently moved to Canberra with her husband (only 8 weeks ago) and is settling into a much more relaxed pace of life. She is an experienced teacher from the UK working in both London and Manchester. In her previous role before leaving for Australia, she was an English Lead and Attainment Lead Teacher, as well as teaching a Year 5 class. She still regularly FaceTimes the class and speaks to them whilst they are at school.

Karice will have various roles around the school including intervention where she will be supporting students with English as a second language as well as providing some individual and small group student support. She will also be teaching KK on Thursdays and Fridays for the first few weeks. Please make Mrs Ward feel welcome.

As many of you are aware there are some minor changes to school operations for ACT public schools as we continue to adapt to living with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chief Health Officer is strongly encouraging all adult visitors to the school to use the Check In CBR app. We will keep you informed of any changes to restrictions and what they will mean for our school. Cleaning of high frequency touch points such as door handles will continue across the school both during the day and out of school hours, and we will continue to provide sufficient soap, paper towel and hand sanitiser for students and staff.

A gentle reminder to families to ensure that students are wearing the correct school uniform including warm and appropriate school jumpers. A consistent uniform enables us to maintain a safe learning environment for every child as well as safely identifying our students in the community. If you have missing items, please double check lost property baskets. If they have their names on it, they will be returned. All clothing with no names on them will be washed and placed in the second-hand uniform shop.

Kathi HuHo, Executive Teacher

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LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Giralang Primary offers a variety of formal and informal clubs at lunch times each week. They assist students to learn new skills, grow independence and enable friendships with mutual interests to form. Throughout the year these clubs will vary as we hope to have a good cross section of interests covered. Some of the clubs facilitated by our multi-talented staff this term include:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chess Club	Lego Club Library Art Club	Dance Club Library	Programming Club Library SRC	Chess Club

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you made your voluntary contribution to school this year? You can nominate the Library Trust Fund (reading resources) or the Building Trust Fund (resources for the external learning environment). Did you know that you can pay in instalments? Yes, you can! We fully understand that a lump sum of \$80 can be hard to find. You can nominate what you would like to contribute over time. Thank you to our families who have recently contributed to voluntary contributions. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

HATS ON AGAIN FROM 1 AUGUST



Thursday 1 August is 'Hats On Again' for all ACT schools. From August we start to witness a rise in UV levels to 3 and above. Sensible sun protection is therefore needed during some periods of the day. Children will be reminded to wear hats on the playground. Students with no hat will be required to play in a well shaded area.

Hats can be purchased from the Front Office for \$8 and are available in two styles, wide-brimmed and bucket.

CELEBRATIONS

In the holiday our dear Rats of Tobruk friend, John Fleming celebrated his 102nd birthday. Congratulations John, what an achievement! Thank you to Bailey, Nabeel and Louise who attended on behalf of the school. We all wish John the very best on his special day.



NEWS FROM KS - WARAGANJ

KS Waraganj has had a great start to term 3, getting back into our school routines and jumping straight into our learning. We started this term by celebrating NAIDOC week and thinking carefully about ways to care for Country. Students in Kindergarten are actively thinking about things they can do in their own lives to support the environment. They care for the Giralang Collective Garden every week by weeding, watering and harvesting the plants.



This term, KS Waraganj are thinking creatively to solve problems during maths activities. They identify and connect number names, numerals and quantities to 20. Students explore real world, practical situations when solving addition problems. They work collaboratively to play maths games like bingo, higher/lower and subitising.

KS Waraganj will be hosting their first assembly on Friday, week 2. They have worked really hard to practise their performances and their speaking parts. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting them by helping with their lines at home or planning to attend the assembly! We will have such a great time sharing our learning with the community.



Kindergarten also celebrated 100 days of learning together on Wednesday. We participated in many “100” based activities and shared our favourite toys in a big picnic. Students dressed up as their favourite toy and it was a really special day for us to come together as a group. Congratulations to all of the Kindergarten students on reaching 100 days of school and for their amazing efforts towards their learning so far this year. I am very impressed!

Meg Speed

Kindergarten teacher

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Last week teaching staff received training in the use of our new online encyclopedia subscription: Britannica Schools.

The Library Committee chose to pay for a subscription service because of the value it adds to our students’ information literacy development. Namely:

- when researching, students can focus on the relevant information without getting distracted by ads or irrelevant links.
- the information is relevant, up to date and trustworthy.
- the information is written for an audience of children. The complexity and structure are accessible for most students.
- other accessibility features are available. These include built in dictionaries, translation into other languages and a text to talk function.

I encourage you to explore the use of Britannica Schools with your children, it is a great service which is available to all Giralang students at home:

Address: <https://school.eb.com.au>

User Name: giralangps

Password: eba2021

Alternatively, just click on the icon below...



Don't forget you also have home access to the school's Storybox Library account too...

Address: <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

User Name: giralangps

Password: giralangps

Two great services provided by your school library!

Yours in reading

Julian Wark

Teacher/Librarian

ACTIVE STREETS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our school is participating in the [Active Streets for Schools](#) program.



Active Streets delivers infrastructure improvements around schools to make it safer and easier to ride, walk, scooter or skate to and from school.

To support students who may be beginning to travel independently, we distributed an Active Streets resource pack to students in years 4-6 at the end of last term. The pack included a map highlighting routes to our school.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about how they can use these resources to support walking or riding to school. Starting small is often a good approach, so try using local points a short distance from the school and accompany students to teach them safe habits.

The Active Streets program helps children to develop independence, while providing health and safety benefits for the school community, with increased physical activity and fewer cars on the road.



Book your babysitters!

Bust out your buddies!

Giralang P&C trivia night is back!!

Save the date – Friday 27th August

More details to come soon...

We are hunting for prize donations, please contact us at giralangcommunity@gmail.com if you can help.

TRIVIA NIGHT

It's time to start gathering your dream team and planning your trivia team names! The trivia night will be held on **Friday 27 August from 6pm - 8pm at the Kaleen Clubhouse**. Tickets are \$20 per person with tables of 8 people. You will be able to pre-order delicious platters: See below:

TRIVIA NIGHT PLATTER OPTIONS:

Option 1: \$50

- 1 X Chicken wings
- 1X Antipasto Plate
- 1x Bowl Chips
- 1x Bowl Sweet Potato Fries

Option 2: \$50

- 1 X Margarita Pizza
- 1 X Clubhouse Pizza
- 1 X Bowl of Chips

Numbers are limited and tickets will go on sale next Monday, 26 July. Further information will be sent out via email and posted on Seesaw. You won't want to miss it!!

DONATIONS

We are seeking donations for the raffle and trivia night prizes. If you or someone you know is able to support the school by making a donation, please send us an email at giralangcommunity@gmail.com

NATIVE BEE GARDEN

A huge thank you to our amazing SRC who presented us with a giant cheque at the last assembly! As a result of the World Bee Day fundraiser, \$384 was raised to go towards creating a bee habitat and food in the school garden. We have been talking to the Kaleen and Giralang Men's Shed about making some bee hotels and hope to have these ready for the garden in Spring. The wonderful Nude Food team also raised almost \$900 which we will be using to buy beds for the native plants which will feed our native bees.

JOIN US!

If you are curious to learn about wicking garden beds, join us at our next working bee on Saturday 14 August from 1pm - 3pm. We will be finishing the remaining beds. We will also have some other light gardening jobs do, or simply join us for a cuppa and a chat.

When the weather warms, we will be organising some after-school play dates in the garden. If you would like to help organise or participate in these, send us an email at giralanggardencollective@gmail.com

If you want more info drop us an email at: giralangpandc@gmail.com

Nathan Rudder

P&C President



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

Have you applied for a Respite Effect and Recovery Grant yet?

Are you a person with disability, or a family carer? Have you experienced increased financial pressures, a loss of regular activities, and/or increased social isolation as a result of COVID-19?

The ACT COVID-19 Disability Strategy is offering Respite Effect and Recovery Grants that provide financial support as a one-off payment, of up to \$500, to adults and children with disability and their family carers. These Grants provide the opportunity for families of people with disability to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and to assist with community recovery.

Already under this program 195 applications have been approved to a total of \$96,625. This funding has supported people with disability and their families to reduce the impact of COVID-19 by providing help for things like paying bills, spending a weekend away, or purchasing technology that increases their connection to friends and family.

The Respite Effect and Recovery Grants are open right now and have just received an extra \$50,000 in ACT Government funding. Applications close when funding is exhausted, and will be processed on a first-in, first served-basis – so apply today!

For more information and to apply for assistance, visit a participating organisation, or see the Respite Effect and Recovery Grant Program Guidelines.



ALL GIRLS are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to.

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NSW & ACT Guides have FUN

indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to:

<https://girlguides-nswactnt.org.au/> or

<https://www.northcanberragirlguides.com/>



BASKETBALL FOR JUNIORS



We Get Kids Active!



Just \$90 for 6 classes in Term 3 2021

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

Location: Kaleen

Kaleen Primary School 19 Ashburton Circuit, Kaleen

Starts

Sunday 25th July

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

\$90

\$90

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Approved by the University of Canberra's Human Research Ethics Committee.

Seeking Participants for Head Lice Treatment Trial

Do you or your child suffer from head lice? You may be eligible for **FREE** treatment as a participant in this research study

University of Canberra researchers are trialling a new natural topical treatment shown to kill head lice and eggs rapidly in pre-clinical studies.

You are eligible if you:

- Are aged 5-55 years
- Have no known history of allergy to malathion or essential oils.

What is involved?

- 3 in-person appointments at the University of Canberra Health Clinic, Bruce, across a two-week period.
- Telephone follow ups during the study.

Participants will receive:

- Free treatment
- A ticket to a lucky draw to win an iPad.

**UC head lice survey
summary results**

1 in 5
school-aged children
are affected by head lice

Head lice affects
1 in 5 SCHOOL CHILDREN in
Australia at any time - nearly
30% MISS SCHOOL as a result.

Head lice infestation causes
parental anxiety
and leads to significant economic
loss through missed school days
and caregiver time off work.

Our recent
survey shows that
there is poor activity,
acceptance and
tolerability towards
existing treatments.
There is an absolute need
for newer treatments to
get rid of this nuisance.

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Book an appointment today using the following link or QR code:

<https://calendly.com/headlice-research-uc/head-lice-clinical-trial-appointment>



For more information, please contact the study team via:

Phone: 0469033062 or email: headlice.research-uc@canberra.edu.au
Facebook page: UC Head Lice Trial (<https://www.facebook.com/UCheadlice>)