

Diary Dates	
30 March	Parent Teacher Interviews Years 3 and 4
31 March	Parent Teacher Interviews Years 1 and 2
1 April	Parent Teacher Interviews Kindergarten
2 April	Parent Teacher Interviews Years 5 and 6
2 April	Combined Assembly
6 April	ICAS Entries Close

the length of the Franklin Building, allowing the students to be sheltered as they move from the car park to their classroom.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the recent whole school **Swimming Carnival** held at the Lakeside Leisure Centre in Tuggeranong. Special thanks to Christopher Wark who coordinated the planning and organisation for the day. Well done to Christopher and his staff and parent helpers who worked hard to ensure the day ran smoothly and successfully. The team spirit on the day was evident and I was proud of the overall behaviour of the girls and boys. Congratulations to the students who moved to the next level of competition and good luck to those who will go on to the ACT finals.

Many thanks also to our junior school teachers who organised and ran a great **Water Fun Day** at school. By all accounts the students had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's Water Fun Day!

Our hardworking teachers are very busy preparing for next week's **Parent/carer and Teacher Interviews**. The interviews are a key part of our ongoing communication regarding the academic and social progress of the students. Please make sure you have booked your interview time through the school front office staff. Appreciation goes to the front office team who have also been kept very busy managing the bookings for the interviews – thank you!

Years 3 and 4 are participating this week in an outdoor education program at **Camp Birrigai**. I am sure that their feedback will be positive and reflect the unique experience a school camp brings students. I still have fond memories of my first Primary School camp. I would like to acknowledge our fantastic teachers who leave their families to provide this experience for the girls and boys. Our teachers are truly dedicated and committed, and on behalf of the community I thank them for their quality 24 hours of care for the children.



From the Principal's Desk

Week 08/10, Thursday 26 March, 2009

I am absolutely delighted to announce that a letter has been co-signed by our Board Chair, P&C President and the school to acknowledge our agreement to a proposed schedule of work in relation to *Primary Schools for the 21st Century Program* and the *National Schools Pride Program*. The proposed work identifies key priorities. The first priority for our school is to construct a new multipurpose hall (with the main part of the Hall to be the size of an indoor junior basketball court) that also includes a stage, storage facilities, office, kitchenette and toilets.

Given that we build the **new Hall** within the proposed budget we will then address the first priority in the *National Schools Pride Program*. This work will be to refurbish our current school Hall to create a new Library that includes an office area, circulation desk and suitable storage.

Work and information regarding these major developments for Garran Primary is progressing very quickly and I will endeavour to keep you informed of further details as they transpire.

The **new Learner Support Unit (LSU) building program** is making steady progress, with the concrete slab poured this week. Additional areas of the footpath near the Unit have been fenced off. This is to allow the building of a covered walkway along

_____ of 5/6S is in the crew **'Fire'**

which will be competing in the Canberra round of the Australian Hip-Hop Championships this Thursday evening, 26th March!



We wish Theo best of luck for tonight's competition!

School Badges

School badges are available from the front office for \$5.00 each.



APRIL SPORTS SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM will be conducted by **FUN FIT SPORTS**, at St Edmunds College Narrabundah 14—24 April.

Fun Fit Sports Programs are designed for children 5—13 yrs and are based on active participation in a variety of different sports and activities including:

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| * Netball | * Ball Skills |
| * Motor skill development | * Soccer |
| * Basketball | * Golf |
| * Modified Hockey | * Dance |
| * Badminton | * T-Ball |
| * Tae Kwon Do | * Baseball |
| * A F L | * Flag football |
| * Cricket | * Athletics |



Excursions—we are off swimming and waterslides this holiday plus Ten Pin Bowling.

CCB % Subsidy Assistance applies to the program (fees from \$6 per day)

For program forms, enquiries and bookings, please phone KAREN 0418 216 836 or email karenp@bigpond.net.au, Or consult web www.funfitsports.com

KALEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Car Boot Fair and Fete



Saturday 9 May
9:30am—2:00pm

Bargains Galore!
Mothers' Day Gifts
Entertainment, Food and Drinks

Sites \$15—turn up between 7:30am & 9:30am

Will be held in Gym if wet

For more info or to donate goods to the White Elephant Stall contact school on 6205 5811

For Peaceful Parenting and Resilient Children PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T) Supported by ParentLine ACT

P.E.T.:

- helps you yell less - stop those arguments before they start!
- enhances your relationship with your children, to last a lifetime
- helps you raise confident, considerate children in an atmosphere of mutual respect
- is suitable for parents of children from birth to adulthood
- offers you the "how to" of helping your child become emotionally intelligent.
- offers you an alternative to using rewards and punishment - to help your child develop inner discipline.
- is evidence based and extensively researched

The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. POA.

Date: Course begins **Mondays, 4th May, 2009**

Time: 7 pm to 10.15 pm

Place: Woden, ACT.

For more information, phone accredited P.E.T. instructor and group leader:
Larissa on 041 345 1607

FALL INTO CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE THIS AUTUMN!

Holiday Drama Workshops for ages 7-12

The school holidays are fast approaching and Canberra Youth Theatre is getting ready to run two fantastic drama workshops for young people aged 7-12. The workshops are daily from 10am-3pm in our theatre at Gorman House Arts Centre, they will be packed full of fun drama games and exercises and will conclude with a short performance for family and friends.

The first week of the holidays (14-17 April) invites 7-9 year olds to join *Tiny Tales*, participants will see how many tiny tales they can create in one week as they develop characters and master the art of the very short story. *Clown-O-Rama* will run in the second week (20-24 April) and is perfect for 10-12 year olds who want to clown around, participants will develop their own unique clown character and create a story chock full of crazy clown slapstick antics.

Places in workshops are limited so avoid disappointment and enrol today! Sibling/Friend discount available!

Enrol now by contacting CYT on 6248 5057 Or email us@cytc.net

Brindabella Gardens Fete

Saturday 28th March 10.00 am—3.00 pm

- Monster Gourmet Raffle
- Glorious Food! BBQ, Fruit Salads, Hot Dogs, Ice Creams, Cold Drinks.
- Morning Teas
- Numerous Stalls! Garden, Crafts, Hats & Accessories, International White Elephant, Boutique Clothing.
- Jams, Cakes & Preserves
- Chicken Wheel
- Stacks of Books , CDs, DVDs.
- Ride, slide and bouncing castle.
- Live music
- Lots of fun activities for Kids!



Come along for a fun day and help support Brindabella Gardens Retirement Community!

Canberra Friends of Dili

CURRY EVENING



For the purpose of providing Clean Water for December 10 High School in Dili, East Timor

Saturday 9 May 2009, 6pm for 6:30pm
St John's Church Hall, Constitution Ave, Reid

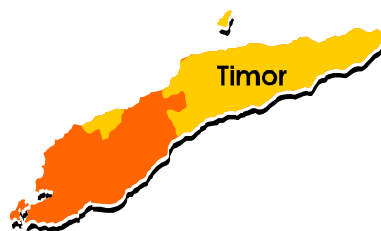
Proceeds support the provision of water supply for December 10 High School in Dili, East Timor

Meal includes 3 types of Curry: Beef, Chicken and Vegetarian, with salads, condiments, fruit salad, ice-cream, tea and coffee, with the sounds of band
South American Beat

Cost \$40 per person

Bookings: Wendy and Robert Altamore
6287 7512 (h) 0423 931 753 (m)
Email altamr@bigpond.com

Bookings with payment by Monday 4 May 2009



Bullants Netball Club:

Wanted

Netta and Junior players born 2002,2001,2000,1999,1998,1997

Contact Jane Ph.62852595