



Girraween Public School
K-2 Parent Information Session
2021

Kindergarten Staff

KK - Miss L. Khoury (Assistant Principal)

KA - Miss A. Centrone

KB - Mrs B. Hau

KC - Miss C. Kelly

KH - Mrs L. Helmrich

KL - Mrs B. Litchfield

KS - Mrs S. Ajgaonkar

KT - Mrs A. Smith

KK Executive release day: Mrs. L Williamson,
Mrs. K Propst, Mrs S. Perez and Mrs A. Dhond



Year 1 Staff

1D - Mrs T. Dawes (Assistant Principal)

1B - Mrs C. Baker

1L - Mrs L. Da Silva

1N - Mr M. Nash

1O - Mrs L. Olijnyk

1P - Miss R. Plummer

1V - Miss V. Bhattar

1D Executive release day: Mrs B. Jones



Year 2 Staff

2A - Miss M. Ayoub (Assistant Principal)

2E - Miss R. El-Bazouni

2K - Miss C. King

2L - Miss L. Prithiviraj

2P - Miss R. Parrish

2R - Miss R. Legaspi

2T - Mrs S. Thorpe

2W - Miss T. Williams

2A Executive release day: Mrs L. Chisari



What Your Child Will Need Daily

- A large bag
- School hat
- Lunch (fruit, substantial lunch, snack)
- Drink bottle with water
- Raincoat
- Jacket or jumper (weather changes quickly)
- Change of clothes (underwear, socks, shorts)

Please label all items with your child's name and class.



Food

- Crunch and Sip (raw fruit and vegetables).
- Provide recess (snack e.g. popcorn, biscuits) in ziplock bag.
- 1 substantial lunch that is easy for them to eat. Please let your child know if they have a lunch order.
- Bottle of water.

We encourage students to not bring any nut products.



Food

Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, students are not able to bring cakes/food/loot-bags/etc to share on their birthday.



Additional Programs

- **Library:** Each class will be allocated a library session to borrow books from the school library.
- **Community Languages:** Students will have two hours of Community Languages lessons each week.
- **Sport:** Kindergarten sport is on Monday or Tuesday. Year 1 and Year 2 sport is on Friday.
- **Scripture:** 30 minutes on Thursday.

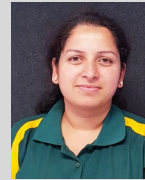


Community Language and Cultural Awareness

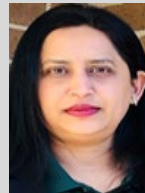
Assistant Principal- Mrs L. Candelario



Cultural Awareness- Mrs Y. Kulkarni



Gujarati- Mrs R. Dighe



Hindi- Mrs A. Dhond, Mrs K. Tandon



Tamil- Miss H. Janapalachandran, Mrs P. Nadesan



Telugu- Mrs R. Bommireddipalli



**Community
Language
teachers are
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Community Language and Cultural Awareness

Community Language Enrolment Policy

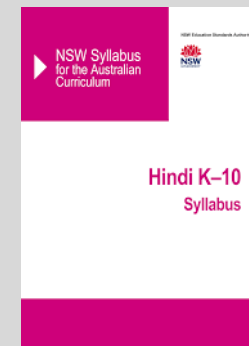
Community Language is not an elective language program. It is a maintenance program for home languages.

Students are placed in CL classes based on the information provided by parents at enrolment about the main home language.

Linguistically similar languages have been placed together.

Community Language Programs

CL programs are based on NSW syllabus documents.



Community Language and Cultural Awareness

Brief outline of programs- CL/CA teachers

- Community Language (CL) is offered to K - 4 students for 2 hours per week.
- Community Language (CL) is offered to Year 5 and 6 students for 1 hour per week.
- Programs are written in accordance with the K - 10 Language syllabus.
- Students who are not in the CL language groups will be attend Cultural Awareness sessions.



Community Language and Cultural Awareness

Brief outline of programs- CL/CA teachers

For Term 1, students will be learning about:

Year 1	Awareness of self
Year 2	Family Connections
Year 3	Growth and Change
Year 4	School and its Environment
Year 5	Book study - Mirrors
Year 6	Life in the countryside

In Cultural Awareness sessions, the students learn about different countries and their cultures.



Kindergarten Community Language

In Semester 1, Kindergarten students are settling into their class routines. During this time, students are getting to know the community language teachers.

Community Language starts in Semester 2.



EAL/D - Kindergarten

Mrs Bartholomew



- EAL/D = English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- Over 96% of our students are from language backgrounds other than English.
- This year, all EAL/D students will receive an additional comment on their reports explaining the student's progress in English.

My role as an EAL/D teacher in Kindergarten:

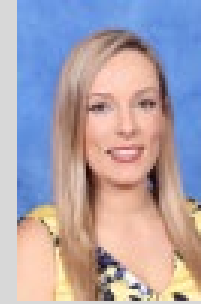
- Our focus this term is building our students social skills, that is, to identify and describe emotional responses people may experience in different situations and practise interpersonal skills to interact positively with others.
- We will use talking and listening activities to support and build new knowledge of the English language from vocabulary to correct sentence structure.
- I will work in the classroom with classroom teachers.



EAL/D - Year 1



Ms Turner
Mrs Lynch



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- Over 96% of our students are from language backgrounds other than English.
- This year, all EAL/D students will receive an additional comment on their reports explaining the student's progress in English.
- Ms Turner will work with students in withdrawal groups and in the classroom with class teachers. The focus in Term 1 will be on writing.
- Mrs Lynch will work with students in withdrawal groups. The focus in Term 1 will be on reading.



EAL/D - Year 2



Mrs Brennan-Culling Mrs Tracey



- EAL/D = English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- Over 96% of our students are from Language backgrounds other than English.
- This year, all EAL/D students will receive an additional comment on their reports explaining the student's progress in English.
- Mrs Brennan-Culling and Mrs Tracey will work with students in withdrawal groups and in the classroom with class teachers. The focus for Term 1 will be informative writing.



Learning and Support Teacher

Mrs Stocker



- The Learning and Support Teacher at Girraween Public School works with classroom teachers, Learning and Support Officers and the Learning and Support Team to support all students.
- This year, Mrs Stocker will work with students in withdrawal groups and in the classroom from K-6.



Absences

- If your child is sick or not feeling well, please keep them at home (in accordance with NSW Health).
- Students with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.



Absences

- Please contact the teacher via Seesaw if your child is absent before 11.00am.
- If absent for any reason (sickness, family reasons, doctor appointments or religious reasons), please bring in a note within 7 days. It is important that absences are explained in writing for legal reasons.
- Students who arrive late or leave early need to sign in and out at the office.



Reporting To Parents

- Semester 1 Report to go home at the end of Term 2
- Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 2
- Semester 2 Report at the end of Term 4

More information will be provided at a later date.



Merit System

- Merit cards are awarded each week to students who have actively demonstrated our school rules:

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A GOOD LEARNER

- 3 merit cards – Bronze Award
- 3 more merit cards (6 in total) – Silver Award
- 3 more merit cards (9 in total) – Gold Award
- 3 more merit cards (12 in total) – Medal



School Uniform

Your child is expected to be in full school uniform everyday.

Boys Summer Uniform	Girls Summer Uniform	Sport	Boys Winter Uniform	Girls Winter Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey shorts • Short sleeve polo with school logo • Grey socks • Black shoes • Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress • White socks • Black shoes • Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short sleeve polo • Green shorts • White socks • White shoes • Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey pants • Long sleeve polo with school logo • Grey socks • Black shoes • Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow long sleeve polo with green tights and a pinafore OR • Yellow long sleeve polo with green track pant (yellow stripe on side) • White socks • Black shoes • Hat



Contacting Classroom Teachers

If you need to contact classroom teachers, please:

- Call the front office to arrange an appointment.
- Send a message through Seesaw.

