From the Deputy

Dear Aranda Community,

3/4 School Camp

Just yesterday we saw the Year 3/4 children excitedly head off to school camp. Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop a sense of independence in a supportive environment. Seeing the Year 4 children sharing their experiences from last year with the Year 3 children was a highlight for me. As the children waited with their class groups it was obvious the Year 4 children were relishing the leadership opportunity. I am sure the children will return Friday with great stories and adventures to share with their families.

Milo T20 Cricket 3/4 and 5/6 Boys and 5/6 Girls

On Monday this week two teams from Aranda represented the school at the Milo T20 Cricket Tournament. Both teams were extremely successful on the day and will now compete against teams from across Canberra. I believe the success comes from the preparation and commitment of the boys and their coaches. In the lead up to the tournament both teams trained during lunch and recess whenever they had the opportunity. Many of the boys also practised their skills at home.

I would also like to acknowledge the 5/6 Girls team who have also been preparing to represent the school tomorrow. Much like the boys the girls have shown dedication and commitment during their many training sessions. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their day.

Science Night

On Wednesday 17 September, Aranda Primary is hosting a Science Night from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The children are busily preparing to act as hosts on the night, taking on a leadership role in their own learning and explaining to their family what they have been learning in class. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the night.

Cheers
Kim McCormack
Deputy Principal
Running Club
Due to the closure of all sportsgrounds in Canberra for maintenance, running club will not be held on Friday, 19 September (Week 9) or Friday, 26 September (Week 10).

UNSW Competition
Congratulations to the 50 students who participated in the UNSW English Competition. We achieved 1 High Distinction, 15 Distinctions, 20 Credits and 7 Merits. The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinctions – Ben (3/4KN)
Distinctions – Alexandra (3/4LLD), Jack (3/4RF), Ethan (3/4KN), Aurelia (3/4LLD), Lily (5/6PD), Olivia (5/6PD), Aaron (5/6LG), Nisala (5/6AW), Ava (5/6PD), Yang (5/6LG), Mia (3/4TF), James (5/6PD), Elaine (5/6JH), Giselle (5/6TB), Gary (5/6PD)
Credits – Fraser (3/4KN), Patrick (3/4LLD), Elias (3/4RF), Llewellyn (3/4CJ), Elizabeth (3/4CJ), Sam (3/4KN), Lisa (3/4CJ), Elaine (5/6LG), Lara (5/6AW), William (5/6AW), Elena (5/6LG), Euan (5/6AW), Nysa (5/6AW), Carmen (5/6JH), Georgia (5/6PD), Holly (5/6LG), Elijah (5/6LG), Elizabeth (5/6LG), Zhuo Zhuo (5/6AW), Alissa (5/6TB)
Merits – Layla (3/4RF), Aania (3/4TF), Ananya (5/6PD), Radeeka (5/6PD), Dimitri (5/6TB), Finn (5/6PD), Jasmine (5/6LG)

Well done to all the students who participated in the competition!
Liz Gocentas and Pam Daly
UNSW Competition Coordinators

G-Force
Lately, the G-force team has been planting trees around the school and mulching the soil as well. Please be careful of the big pile of mulch behind the library, as we are still in the process of spreading it out.

Remember to pick up your rubbish from the playgrounds and put it in the appropriate bins. Also, remember that tissues do not go in the compost, they go in the waste bin.

Oli (5/6AW), Ryan (5/6LG) and Zhou Zhou (5/6AW)
G Force

SRC News
What Happens at an SRC Meeting?
We share issues discussed at our class meetings and come up with the best possible solutions. Then we write this information into our class book so that we are able to take the information back to our next class meeting. We also discuss fundraising activities and possible charities. SRC meetings are chaired by our school leaders. They take agenda items and work through each item.

Fundraiser Wednesday 24 September
This term the SRC have decided to raise money for the Cancer Council. Each year level has been given a letter and we are asking children to dress as something that begins with that letter. If children would like to bring a gold coin donation to contribute to our fundraising efforts it would be greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of the letters we have designated to each year level:

Kindergarten – P Year 4 – R
Year 1 – E Year 5 – N
Year 2 – D Year 6 – F
Year 3 – C Staff – M

The school disco will also be held on this day and the theme is the same so the children can wear the same costume.

School Leaders
Gary (5/6PD), Alissa (5/6TB), Murphy (5/6JH), Emily (5/6JH), James (5/6PD) and Jessica (5/6AW)
**French News**

**ACT Language Perfect Competition**
We did it! We came third in the Language Perfect ACT Competition. This made us the best primary school in ACT, as the first and second positions were won by two high schools.

Well done to all the students who took part. We certainly had a tough fight as Hawker Primary School, the title holder from last year, did not want to let it go! Despite having slightly fewer students than we do, they were very fierce competitors and we would like to recognise their fantastic effort. But this time, it was our turn! Many of our students achieved their personal best and I am very proud of their effort to fight and compete as a school. It was fantastic to see so many of our students competing during recess and lunch time, to the point where we could no longer fit in the French classroom and we had to spread out into the corridor! The winning class for our school, along with each grade winner, will be announced at the next whole school assembly.

Final results:
- Questions answered in the competition: **2,997,860 questions**
- Questions answered at Aranda Primary School: **387,858 questions**
- Aranda Primary School Score: **132,399 points**
- School Ranking in the competition: **3rd out of 26 schools**

I am also pleased to announce that two of our students have won an iPod shuffle thanks to their participation in the competition. (**Every 50 points earned by a student gave them entry into the draw for an iPod shuffle**) I will also announce these two surprise winners at our next whole school assembly.

**Madame Davies**
French Teacher

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**From the Counsellor**

**National Child Protection Week 7 -13 September**

This is National Child Protection Week and as the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove stated in a recent address “It is our responsibility to nurture and care for our children. We must protect and encourage them, and we must do all we can to ensure their happiness and wellbeing as they grow and learn.”

So what can parents do to protect their children? One way is to teach and support them to have healthy and respectful relationships.

Parents can talk about safety with their children, including water safety, fire drills, bike safety and personal and body safety. Talk about what safe behaviour might look like and feel like both at school and at home. Teach your children about safe and unsafe touches and body safety. It is never too early or too late to have these conversations.

Children need to know that they have the right to feel safe and so do other people they have contact with. They need to know that if they feel unsafe they can talk to a network of trusted adults. This helps to set up lifelong help seeking behaviours and helps to keep our children and ourselves connected to others for the good times as well as for the tough times. It is always good to ask for help when you need it and is a sign of strength!

Make a safety plan for your family for everyday situations and include what to do if there is a family emergency.

Celebrate the strengths that your family has and value everyone’s achievements and interests. Help develop your child’s interests and have fun together as a family regularly. Take turns choosing different activities. This will assist in building strong family bonds.

Remember that we can all play a role in keeping kids safe from abuse and neglect and protecting our future.

**Sheri Bottomley**
School Psychologist
**Community News**

To view or download flyers for the following community events, see our Community Bulletin Board at:
http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/community_news

Please be aware that this is a community service and that the school is not endorsing individual activities.

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Woden Valley Youth Choir has been bringing the joy of choral music to the ACT for more than four decades, and we'd love to have you and your school community join us at our annual concert this month.

**What:** "I Hate Music" - Woden Valley Youth Choir's Annual Concert

**Where:** Tim Murray Theatre, Canberra Boys Grammar School, Monaro Crescent, Red Hill, ACT

**When:** 7:30pm, Saturday 13 September 2014 and 2.00pm, Sunday 14 September 2014

**Tickets:** $25 Adults, $20 Pensioner/Child aged 13yrs & under; on sale at the door or bookings at http://trybooking.com/95891

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**The Aranda App Codes**

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