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**Aranda Primary Twilight Fete ‘15**

**Saturday 24th October 3-7pm**

We Need You!!!

We are seeking volunteers to help make this year’s fete another great success. We are aiming for a fun, community day as well as raising funds to provide resources at the school.

We are initially asking for the following helpers:

- **An extra Fete coordinator** to join our team – coordinators help to organise activities across the whole fete including liaising with the school

- **Two Silent Auction coordinators** – connect with local families and businesses to donate items for auction. This was a HUGE success at our last fete.

- **A PR Coordinator** – help to advertise the fete effectively to the WHOLE community

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact us either by email or in the playground.

**Your Fete Coordinators:**

- Karolyn Carmody  karolyncarmody@gmail.com
- Emma Stockings   emma-resolve@grapevine.com.au
- Tracey Voss      tvoss@mcneils.net

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**From the Principal**

Dear Aranda Primary School community,

Congratulations to the following students who were recently selected for the ACT Primary Concert Band: Elaine (5/6TB), Isobel (5/6PD), Nyssa (5/6TB), Annabel (5/6TB), Georgia (5/6LG) and Holly (5/6JH). Congratulations to David (5/6PD) who was selected in the ACT Primary Concert Choir. These talented members of our school community spend many hours practising and performing in their pursuit of excellence.
Term 2, 2015 begins Tuesday, April 28

There has been some confusion about the Term 2 start date. I can assure you that the date provided here is correct. Monday is an ACT Public Service Holiday therefore ACT Government schools will be closed.

Thank You Aranda Afters

The Aranda Afters Association recently approached me and made a generous donation of $10 000 which will go towards the new adventure playground area below the multi-purpose court. Aranda School and the Education and Training Department will contribute a further $30 000 towards this important project. Some of your voluntary contribution funds will go towards the adventure playground, general grounds upgrade and the renewal of big books and literacy resources in the school. As part of the adventure playground, we intend to plant trees for natural shade in the future, design a dry riverbed for digging and exploring, include plenty of rocks, climbing obstacles and a few other fun bits and pieces for the children. Aranda Afters will also buy a defibrillator for use by trained staff in the case of an emergency at Aranda School.

Running a successful Afters program in any school is a fine balance between meeting the needs of families and respecting the needs of the teaching and administration staff between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday. I’m sure we will continue to respectfully find that balance at Aranda and I look forward to signing the new licence agreement with the Aranda Afters Association in the near future.

Phil’s Soapbox

Senseless, brainless, selfish vandals: those who choose to smash, steal and deface property that belongs to someone else simply don’t consider the inconvenience and cost to others. I would agree with many in our school community that our grounds look a little old and worn. It’s difficult to upgrade or improve our grounds when we have to continually use our maintenance budget to repair and replace property damaged by vandals. In recent times we have had to repair the school’s front doors after they were significantly damaged after hours. We regularly have to repair the expensive soft fall in the playground after weekend vandalism, we find cigarette butts and bottles all around the school regularly – often accompanied by graffiti that we pay to clean up. The multi-purpose court must be the local hangout on most weekends and the pea-brains who use it don’t believe in taking their rubbish home with them.

I’m all for community schools where the public shares our facilities as often as possible but not when the damage left behind leaves us with costly bills. These funds should be used to educate our children, not to clean up after idiots.

Phil Gray

Preschool

We are approaching the end of our first term at Preschool and boy have we been busy! Our aim at Preschool is to help our young people develop into confident, involved learners who can communicate effectively and have a strong sense of wellbeing. We plan the program for each fortnight based on the needs of students, as well as our reflections on what interested the children in the days before. Very often the programs for the three classes will look quite different.

The construction site next door has inspired many of us to become builders and there has been lots of talk as we have watched the buildings grow from the ground up. There have been plenty of trucks coming and going and even cranes which totally transfixed some children. To coincide with the primary school Swimming Carnival, we had an afternoon of water fun on Tuesday 3 March. Some of the children ended up quite wet but luckily we had packed a change of clothes and it was a nice warm day. The cooler days recently and some change in the leaves have prompted an interest in autumn and we have been exploring leaves both inside and outside of the classroom. Please feel free to add comments in the Educator’s Diaries at any time, particularly if your child is showing an interest in something specific and you haven’t had a chance to mention it to one of us.

Preschool Team
**French News**

**Bonjour à tous**

Every year, The Alliance Française of Canberra and the French Embassy organise a competition highlighting Francophonie, the organisation that links all the French-speaking countries together. Year 5/6 students are generally assigned a particular Francophone country for which they design a poster while Year 3/4 students are required to create a hat that represents that same country. This year Aranda Primary was assigned Morocco as our country. Year 5/6 worked hard on researching and designing their posters using their Chromebooks. 12 of them were selected to represent our school. Some Year 3/4 students from the French club created a typical Moroccan hat. Our entries are now displayed at the Alliance Française. The competition prize ceremony will take place this Saturday at the Alliance Français during the Alliance Française Open Day with stalls and displays from many Embassies from French speaking countries. I encourage everyone to go and have a look at what the Alliance Française has to offer and look at all the entries and stalls, as it is usually a very informative and fun day. Entry to the event is free. The open day starts from 11:00 am and the Competition results will be announced around 1:00 pm.

This year again, we are happy to provide our Year 3 to 6 students with registration to Language Perfect and all students should have now received a letter telling them how to use the program. If they have any questions they are very welcome to come and ask me at any time. The World Wide Competition will start on 18 May and will run for 10 days.

**Madame Davies**
French Teacher

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**Aranda Volleyball Teams**

**Congratulations**

Aranda Primary School was very well represented at the first Junior Volleyball tournament of the year with 24 students competing at Erindale over the weekend. The students were: Nyssa (5/6TB), Cassie (5/6JH), David (5/6PD), Holly (5/6JH), Austin (5/6TB), Claire (5/6LG), Sophie (5/6AW), Euan (5/6TB), Eva (3/4BB), Lily (5/6PD), Ryana (5/6TB), Aidyn (3/4LLD), Lisa (5/6TB), Aislin (5/6TB), Jenna (3/4TF), Amanda (3/4TF), Layla (3/4TF), Finlay (3/4ZW), Tara (5/6LG), Tara (5/6AW), Julia (5/6JH), Polly (5/6LG), Nektaria (5/6JH), Susannah (5/6AW).

All four Aranda teams played very well against teams from Weetangera Primary and the Tuggeranong Panthers. They showed terrific team spirit, scored some great points and came away with some wins (some undefeated). One of our teams got the opportunity to test their skills against some teenage volleyball players on a full court with a proper volleyball (which is considerably harder than the soft ones we use at trainings). While this was quite a different experience for them, they adapted very well and came away with the win!

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as the teams were playing and we’re looking forward to more fun at future tournaments this year.

**Rachel Uren**
Aranda Volleyball
**Education and Training**

**Media Team**

Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates

**Opening Date:** Monday 23 March 2015. **Closing Date:** Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.


ETD Media Team

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**SRC Fundraiser**

**Pyjama Day Thursday April 9 (Week 10)**

This term the SRC will raise money for the leukaemia foundation and for UNICEF who are working in Vanuatu to repair damage made by cyclone Pam. Our fundraiser will be a pyjama day on Thursday April 9 (Week 10). Please bring a gold coin if you would like to make a donation to these charities.

Thanks,

Elijah (5/6JH), Ava (5/6JH), Elaine (5/6TB) and David (5/6PD)

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**P&C Matters**

**Canteen**

*It's a wrap – thanks for supporting our Special Lunch fundraiser*

The canteen special lunch on Tuesday was a hugely successful fundraiser thanks to all of the families that ordered and all of the volunteers who helped on the day.

Thank you to Jayne and Maeve Simon, Natalie Drummond, Naja Syed and Kate Smith for volunteering to make close to 200 wraps! Which meant grating six kilos of carrots!

If grating carrots is not your strength but you're good with numbers, the Canteen Committee is in the process of seeking out a Treasurer to take the reins from Chris Stocks in 2016. A gradual handover or just a chance to begin chatting with Chris about what this voluntary role involves could be a nice way of easing in. So if you feel that you could contribute to our school community in this way next year, please get in touch: arandacanteen@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the canteen.

Tiffany Bonasera
Aranda P&C Canteen Subcommittee

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**Library Shelf**

**Book Fair is Here!**

The cases and boxes for Book Fair have all arrived here at the Resource Centre and we will be setting up this afternoon. I can’t wait to see what they sent us! The Book Fair is one of our big fundraisers for the library as well as a good way to build up your family library or even get in some early Christmas shopping.

The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 am and 2:30 to 3:30 next Monday to Thursday. We will be able to take cash, cheques as well as **EFTPOS**. Sadly, there will be no Book Fair on Friday because it is a holiday. Because the Fair will be open before and after school, if you can’t get here yourself, you can send money in with your children and they can do their own shopping.

Tomorrow all the students will get a chance to have a quick preview of what will be on offer next week. Keep a look out for the ‘wish list’ that they may have filled out.

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant
**Bank on It**

_School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1_

These new rewards have been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

Boys and girls if you have not banked for a while and you have tokens to use, don’t forget to either redeem your tokens or keep banking so you can earn a reward!

_Disneyland competition_ – the Disneyland competition is running throughout the year. Children must have at banked at school 25 times throughout the year. So now is the time to start banking to make sure you have entered the competition.

The prize, a fantastic family holiday including airfares, 5 night’s accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to 2 adults and 2 children, plus $2000.00 spending money!!

Happy banking!
Sharon Hewett
School Banking

**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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_Larissa Dann_

**PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)**

Supported by Parentline ACT

Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children.

Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

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

$290 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

**Course begins:** Thursday, 7th May, 2015; **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. Instructor.

0413 952 607 www.parentsskills.com.au
info@parentsskills.com.au

Registrations are open for the U6/7 and U8/9 girls competitions at Belsouth.

The girls play on Saturday mornings at Hawker every week against other Belsouth teams. The girls will have a soccer skill session followed by a game each week against other Belsouth teams.

The emphasis is on participation, having fun, and developing soccer skills as part of a team.

For more information on the girls season please visit http://belsouthsoccerclub.com.au/girls-under-6-under-9-on-the-field/

The Frequently Asked Questions link will provide answers to most questions for new players and their families http://belsouthsoccerclub.com.au/frequently-asked-questions/.
The Smith Family Woden Store

BUYING IS GIVING
DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY PURCHASE FROM THE SMITH FAMILY STORE SUPPORTS PROGRAMS TO HELP DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN TO SUCCEED AT SCHOOL?

There is something for everyone at The Smith Family Woden Store, located at 4 Easty St, Phillip ACT (Cnr Launceston and Easty St). Not only will you find a great range of high quality clothing and accessories for the whole family at affordable prices, but your purchase will also go towards helping disadvantaged young Australians create better futures for themselves through education.

At The Smith Family stores, buying is giving because all proceeds we make from the sale of clothing donations go directly to learning programs for disadvantaged children supported by The Smith Family.

The Smith Family is a national children’s charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, to prevent them from experiencing a lifetime of poverty.

We look forward to seeing you at our Woden store!

For more information visit thesmithfamily.com.au/recycling

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You are invited to a
Sausage Sizzle,
Easter Raffle & Cake Stall

on
Sunday 29th of March
9am – 3pm
Outside Hawker Woolworths

Come and enjoy some sizzled sausages
Buy some home made cakes or biscuits
And maybe win an Easter basket of goodies.

All funds raised go towards a swing for Pat Ruby Park in Coombs.

Contact Dorothy 6251 3775 or Helen 6251 8343

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The Aranda App Codes

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.ed.act.edu before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before desired publication.