



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

Week 1:	Whole School
Week 2:	Junior (2LG & AW)
Week 3:	Senior (5/6JH & JB)
Week 4:	Whole School (4BS & MD)
Week 5:	No Assembly

Dates to Remember

11-15 Feb	Getting to Know You Interviews (K-6)
27 Feb	Aranda Swimming Carnival
4 Mar	MT Group Preschool Photos
5 Mar	School Photos (Years K-6)
8 Mar	TF Group Preschool Photos
11 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
12 Mar	School 50 th Birthday Celebration Picnic at Stromlo Forest Park
19-20 Mar	Year 3 Camp - Birrigai
25-27 Mar	Year 4 Camp - Kianinny
2 Apr	School Athletics Carnival
8-10 Apr	Year 5/6 Camp - Borambola
11 Apr	Whole School Photo (Years K-6) at 9.15am

Notes Home

Due Back

Medical Information	15 Feb
Swimming Carnival	20 Feb
Senior Ukulele Club	22 Feb
Junior Choir	22 Feb
Senior Choir	22 Feb

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Welcome back to the new school year. Congratulations Kindy parents. Your calm and upbeat demeanour on Monday rubbed off on your children. The first day of primary school was a very positive and enjoyable one for all of us. Preschool also began this week and just like our Kindy children, the pre-schoolers settled quickly. Welcome to the many new families who have enrolled at Aranda this year. We look forward to getting to know you in the weeks to come. Tuesday was the first day for the rest of the school and it was nice to see so many smiling faces ready for the new school year.

50th Year Celebrations

Aranda Primary School opened in 1969. We intend to celebrate fifty years of quality education throughout 2019. Our first event will be a School Fun Day at Stromlo Forest Park on March 12. The event will take place during the normal school day – parents, family and friends are most welcome to join us. The School Fete will be a wonderful way to bring old and new Aranda families together to continue our celebrations.

Teaching Teams

I would like to welcome several new staff members to Aranda this year: Sarah Pringle (Kindergarten), Geoff Bruce (Science), Shamim Sabetraftar (Year 5/6) and Jenny Coen (Team leader Preschool & Kindergarten). We welcome back Mel Hill and Fiona Agostino.

2019 Class Structure

Preschool: Dani Rolfe, Shannon Jones and Janine Collins

Kindergarten: Jess Beaton, Sarah Pringle, Kellie Nissen and Jessie Wilson

Year 1: Bec Lenehan, Fiona Agostino and Mel Hill

Year 2: Pam Daly, Ryan Ferdinand, Liz Gocentas and Anthony Watson

Year 3: Ellie Duckett, Callum Taylor, Caroline Adams and Jade Dillon

Year 4: Jasmine Kite, Chris Wark, Bobbi Smith and Maya Deneve

Year 5/6: James Harrison, Shamim Sabetraftar, John Boland, Gina Mapley, Dugald Stranger and Nicole Farrington

Specialists: Myriam Davies (French), Janine Collins (Education Support), Lakhana Ly-Diep (Health), Melissa Alexander (Music), Sandy Kelly (EALD), Penny Whitford (Education Support), Tanya Ford (Band and Maths specialist) and Geoff Bruce (Education Support).



Important Messages

Running Club

Running Club will be held on Tuesdays at lunchtime this year, commencing Week 2. It will be held on the Aranda playing fields.

Chess Club

Chess Club will continue with Mr Bannister on Wednesdays at lunchtime in the school gym for students in Year 3 and above. Games are played online, so students should bring their Chromebooks with them. There will be a limited number of places in the Aranda Chess Team which is selected from club members.

2019 Backpack Lists

Bookpicks can still be ordered via OfficeMax. All information is available in the Notes Home section of the school website.

2019 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2019 will be held on Friday 20 September, starting at 11am with morning tea.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop operates on Friday mornings, from 8.30am – 9.30am only. Please contact the Uniform Shop via email if you have any questions. apsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen

The Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on arandacanteen@gmail.com or phone on 0459 599 114.

Medication at School

All student medication must be signed in by a parent/carer at the Front Office on arrival at school. Medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. No medication is to be left in school bags during the day.

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 3.30pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts.

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2019 Getting To Know You Interviews

You have been invited to book a time to meet your child's new teacher next week. The Getting To Know You interviews are a great opportunity for you to share information with our teachers. Teachers do a great deal of listening during these sessions.

We have an exciting year ahead of us at Aranda School. I encourage you to become involved in the school community and join in our '50th Year' celebrations whenever you can. Let's make this year's fete our biggest and best ever.

Have a great week,
Phil Gray

Communicating with Aranda Primary School

As a part of our 2018 School Action Plan, we strategically focused on improving communication between school and home. Moving into 2019, there will be a small number of changes to the methods of communication we use.

Seesaw

Feedback from the community about Seesaw in 2018 was extremely positive. We are excited to continue using Seesaw as a communication avenue, sharing your child's learning with you at home. If you are yet to connect with Seesaw, or are experiencing difficulties accessing it, please see your child's teacher. Students new to the school in 2019 will be receiving a Seesaw note in the coming weeks.

Email

Email will be used to communicate with families in regards to important information such as medical alerts, notifications from Executive staff and event/excursion information. Please ensure you have your most up to date email address registered with the Front Office.

School App

With the introduction of the School Administration System, *Senral*, we aim to phase out the School App at the end of 2019. This year, the School App will only be used to receive Absence Notifications and provide a link for families to Flexischools. We will no longer be distributing messages via the School App.

Community Calendar

The School Community Calendar is available to view on the homepage of the school website or the link below.

http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar2

In 2019, we will no longer be sending home hard copy whole school term plans. All events will now be listed on the Community Calendar. All notes home will continue to be available for download under the Notes Home section of the school website.

Throughout 2019, we will be working towards moving our excursion note processes to an electronic format in preparation for *Senral* taking over this role in the future.



Signing Students In and Out

Late arrivals (after 9.10am) – parents/carers need to sign students in at the Front Office counter

Early Leavers (before 3pm) – parents/carers need to collect their child from their classroom and sign them out at the Front Office counter

Attending an appointment – parents/carers need to collect their child from their classroom and sign them out at the Front Office counter. On their return to school, parents/carers need to sign the child back in at the Front Office Counter

A reminder that the school needs to be advised of student absences by one of the following methods:

- Downloading 'Aranda Primary School' App from either the Apple App Store or Android Play Store
- Emailing the child's name, reason for absence and dates of absences info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au
- Calling 6142 3030 between 8.30am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday

2019 School Board Nominations

If you are interested in contributing to the governance of Aranda Primary School, please consider nominating for a position on the Aranda Primary School Board.

Available Position

One (1) Parent and Citizen Member Position
This position is for a two (2) year period, commencing 1 April 2019.

Nominations

Open – 11am on Monday, 4 February 2019

Nomination forms are only available from the Front Office in hard copy form. Online or electronic nomination facilities will not be available.

Close – 11am on Monday, 18 February 2019

All nomination forms must be submitted in hard copy form and placed in the ballot box at the Front Office. All nominees will be required to submit a short piece about themselves for the school newsletter. The piece will be published on Thursday, 28 February 2019.

Further Information

For additional information, please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Alex Wrigley on 6142 3030 or info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au



P&C News

CLASS PARENT REPS

The P&C's Class Parent Representative Program is a great way to find out what's happening, both in a specific class and in the wider school community.

To make sure you don't miss out on messages sent during this school year, provide your details via our form at the parent teacher interviews next week.

Being a class parent rep doesn't take up much time and can be an easy way to make a big difference. If you'd like to find out more or would like to nominate yourself as a class parent rep, please email Paula at classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com.

ARANDA MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAM

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons, please send an email inquiry to info@arandamusicprogram.org or submit an enrolment form, and we can advise whether there are vacancies or a waiting list. To enrol, please complete and submit your details at the AMA website: www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary Parents and Citizens Association. It's run by a committee of volunteer parents. The Program incorporates music, drama and art lessons. If you have any questions about the program or would like to be part of this fun and productive committee please contact your AMA tutor coordinator, contact us at info@arandamusicprogram.org or go to our website at www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies for individual lessons (30 minute lessons) and group lessons:

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Possible vacancies Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.
Piano	Wednesdays 4.45pm



P&C News Continued

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to our School Banking Coordinator

We would like to thank our retiring coordinator, Sarah Wojtaszak, who has been a voluntary School Banking Coordinator since **February 2016**. You were a great team member and you'll be missed.

Calling for two volunteers – we need your help!

Our students enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running, we need your help.

The program requires volunteer School Banking Coordinators to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Tuesday**.

If you're interested in volunteering for School Banking, please email info@arandaps.act.edu.au with your name and a contact number.

School Banking Start Date for 2019

School Banking will resume Term 1, Week 2 on Tuesday 19 February.

School Banking Rewards for 2019

In 2019, School Banking is taking children on a Polar Savers adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings.

There are **8 new reward items for 2019** from the Polar Savers range:

Term 1

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set

Term 2

- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffy Notepad

Term 3

- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards

Term 4

- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Aranda School Banking Team

Helen, Natalie, Lesa and Susan