



Newsletter

Virtual Assembly Timetable

Week 2:	KJC & 4DS
Week 3:	5/6JB & 5/6JW
Week 4:	1MD
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	KMH & KJP

These assemblies will be filmed in advance and sent out to you all via Seesaw on Fridays.

Dates to Remember

20 July	Start of Term 3
23 July	Bush Kids Start (Kindergarten Only)
17 Sep	Grandfriends Day

Scan this QR code using the device you would like the school calendar to appear on.



Notes Home
Band Yr 5 & Yr 6

Due Back
13 Aug

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS is a suite of six full-colour competitions designed specifically for primary and secondary students. ICAS takes place annually in Australia and over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific countries, and America. It is conducted by UNSW Global, [Educational Assessment Australia](http://www.unswglobal.com.au).

ICAS caters for students in Years 2 to 12 and assesses student skills in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

The closing date for ICAS registrations this year is Friday 31 July. Registrations are done online and families can access the website by logging on to: <http://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>. Aranda's school code is KEL369. If you experience any issues with registration, contact with ICAS can be made on (02) 8936 2210.

Bush Kids

There was great excitement last Thursday when our Kindy kids headed bush. With the students in fluorescent vests, highlighting class groups, the Kindy team, along with 9 preservice teachers and additional enthusiastic staff made their way up to the Aranda bushland. This outdoor program allows our students to explore, create and problem solve. It fosters independence, resilience and organisation. If you see our little crew together on a Thursday this term, heading in mass through the streets of Aranda towards the reserve, please give them a wave. Kindy parents — please remember to pack labelled drink bottles, hats and warm jackets, and please send your child to school each Thursday in solid footwear and warm clothing.

The following images show the fun we've already had in the Bush Kids program.





Important Messages

Current, up-to-date information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the Education Directorate's website

(<https://www.education.act.gov.au>) and

ACT Health

(<https://www.health.act.gov.au>)

Home Learning Website

The directorate has provided a comprehensive set of Home Learning resources for parents to access during the pupil-free weeks. It can be found at:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

Seesaw

If you are unable to access Seesaw, or do not receive communications from the school to connect your child, please contact the Front Office with your updated email address.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email apsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Canteen

The Canteen will be reopening from Week 2 arandacanteen@gmail.com

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. Our policy is available on the website.



Free Rangers

Each Wednesday, from 3pm-6pm, is the Free Rangers afternoon at Aranda School. This group is run by an external provider and commenced last week. Places are limited but vacancies currently exist for registration. A flyer was sent to all families last week with registration details. This program focuses on the environment and gives children opportunities to explore nature, employ sustainable practices and work cooperatively with their peers. It runs from 3pm-6pm every Wednesday throughout Term 3 and is operated by Danielle Cook. Bookings can be made via email: daniellekcook@live.com.au or by calling Danielle on 0405467173.





Cranleigh / Aranda Partnership

The community partnership that we share with Cranleigh School is one we are very proud of. It is a program that our students benefit greatly from. From this week, each fortnight on a Tuesday, a group of Year 5/6 students will travel to Cranleigh with Janine Collins, Katie McLaren and several other staff members to engage with the students from Cranleigh.

After their first visit this week, the following comments were made by some of our students upon their return to school:

- At the beginning of Cranleigh, I did feel a little bit uncomfortable because it was all new. It didn't take very long at all to settle in because everybody was welcoming. I met a nice girl named Summer. She was in a wheelchair and couldn't speak the best. But because my great-grandma can't speak English, we use actions, face expressions and keywords to communicate and understand each other at home. I think using those helped me communicate with Summer and helped her understand me. It was inspiring to see everybody working together and trying their best. It made me feel happy and grateful for all the things I can do every day. It was such a great experience to work with them, and I can't wait to get to know more lovely kids at Cranleigh.

Jaidah

- I had such a great time at Cranleigh. At first, it was a bit confronting but not for long. It made me realise how lucky we are. All the kids were so brave, kind and positive. I enjoyed interacting with the students and learning about them. I liked getting to spend time with Cranleigh students. I worked with a boy named Jordy, and he was super nice. We made bookmarks with them and it was fun! Being able to go was such a privilege. I cannot wait to go next time and meet new students and get to know them.

Abby

- Cranleigh was such good fun. At first, it was a bit confronting, but after a while, I became more comfortable. All the kids there were so positive and it made me realise how lucky we are. At Cranleigh, I met a nice girl named Grace. She couldn't speak and at first I couldn't understand what she was trying to say, but after a while it became easier to understand. An example of her communication was staring at the book she wanted to read. It was overall an amazing experience and I look forward to getting to know all the kids at Cranleigh.

Riley

- Cranleigh was an incredible experience. When we first walked in, some of the kids checked us out at first and it was a bit confronting, but after a bit, I became comfortable. We read books at the start. I read to a kid called Jeremy. He could talk more than the other kids and he was enthusiastic and talkative. I also met a kid named Darcy, who was non-verbal and in a wheelchair. He was super excited and got into playing with the parachute that their teacher pulled out. Overall, the experience of Cranleigh was incredible and I can't wait to meet more kids the next time we go.

Rory

Planning for 2021

Time moves quickly and our planning for 2021 has commenced. We ask all families to inform the Front Office if you are planning to relocate in the ACT, interstate or overseas. If you anticipate changing schools next year, please indicate your intentions in writing through an email to arandainfo@act.edu.au

"The Beginning of August is Hats ON Again for All of Us"

Regards,
Lisa Kingham



Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 28 July 2020

On-site lessons resumed from last week (Week 1 of Term 3).

The AMA committee would like to thank the staff of the school and Afters, as well as the students, their families and our tutors, for their cooperation, patience and flexibility in supporting our return to on-site lessons.

The following AMA programs have vacancies:

Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Continuing Music</i> (Group classes)			3:00-4:00pm for Year 1 who've done Introduction to Music, and Year 2		
<i>Drama</i>	3:00 to 4:30pm for Year 2 and above				
<i>Dance</i>			3:00-4:30pm Senior		
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>		4:30pm 5:30pm			
<i>Guitar</i>	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	5:30pm
<i>Introduction to Music</i> (Group classes)		3:00- 4:00pm for Kindy and Year 1			
<i>Piano</i>	5:30pm	5:30pm		5:30pm	
<i>Violin</i>	5:00- 5:30pm 5:30- 6:00pm				

Please go to "[How To Join](#)" to register if you are interested.

To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org



2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the staff survey, including a unique link to access the survey, will be sent to all school staff via the email address they have nominated for their payslips; staff who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- a letter about the student survey, asking whether their child may participate during class time
- an email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Parents who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>



School Banking is back

School Banking will resume on **Tuesday 4 August**.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help young Australians learn about money and practice good saving habits. For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive an online Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 online tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.



If your child has previously participated in School Banking or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch for a replacement.

If you would like to know more about School Banking visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Treetop Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last! Some rewards from 2019 are also available.

