



## Newsletter

### Dates to Remember

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 23 Oct         | Book Week Dress Up, please see below |
| 30 Nov - 2 Dec | Year 4 Camp                          |
| 1 Dec - 2 Dec  | Year 3 Camp                          |
| 2 Dec - 4 Dec  | Year 5/6 Camp                        |

If your intention to attend camp has changed from Term 1 or you need to enquire about payment or refund, please contact the front office via email [info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)

### BOOK WEEK PARADE:

**Due to rain forecast, the parade will be held indoors tomorrow and so therefore, due to Covid protocols we are unable to extend an invitation to parents. We will be posting the parade onto seesaw for your enjoyment.**

Scan the below QR codes for:

### School Calendar



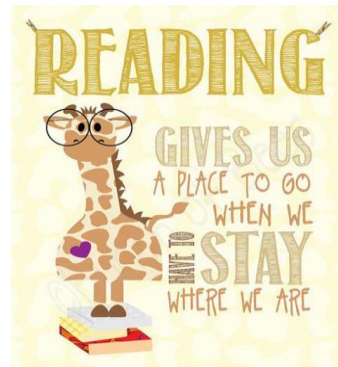
### Parent Resource Folder



## Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Book Week is always an exciting time. It promotes the sheer enjoyment of reading and highlights one of our current school priorities, reading. This year, the theme is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' which certainly should give us lots to work with for our parade costumes. This week we have enjoyed 'A Book a Day with Mr Gray'. Our parade on Friday promises to be another colourful whole school event.



### Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, our Athletics Carnival provided us with the perfect chance to get outside and participate in a healthy, outdoor event. It was also a great opportunity to challenge ourselves, to have a go and do our best. The achievement, the participation and the social side of the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday are captured in the following images. The attitude, effort and behaviour of our students on the day was outstanding. A big thank you to the Canberra High students who assisted. Their contribution added to the smooth running of both the junior and senior carnivals. We really value our strong ties with the high school. Callum Taylor, Anthony Watson and the athletics carnival team must be congratulated on their hard work and organisation that made for such a successful day.





## 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](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com).

### Canteen

The Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on [arandacanteen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Greening Australia

We have an ongoing and beneficial community partnership with Greening Australia. This is a true partnership as it benefits both parties. The following paragraph is a short summary by **Max** and **Bryn** from Year 6, giving you a snapshot of how this school partnership operates.

*Every Friday at lunch time a group of students volunteer to help with various tasks at the organisation, Greening Australia. These tasks can be anything from sorting and stacking pots to labelling plants or even filling trolleys with countless trays. During our time at Greening Australia, we have learned how to work more efficiently as a team and work with people we don't regularly work with. We have been rewarded with the knowledge that we have helped make the country a little bit greener.*

## Student Transitions

The one thing we can be certain of is change. We try to prepare and support students at the many transition points throughout their schooling. Preschool to primary school and primary school to high school are two clearly defined transition points in students' schooling. Planned visits to the primary school from the preschool involve our preschool classes regularly visiting the library, the gym, the canteen and the Kindergarten classes, as well as social interactions with their Year 5/6 buddies. These visits help our preschool students become familiar with their surrounds and to feel supported in the routines and expectations of the kindergarten year they will enter. Likewise, our Year 6 students participate in several information sessions and school visits to orientate them to the timetables, routines and opportunities the high school setting offers.

## Our Thanks...

We would like to acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to the Coyle family who have very generously donated six new scooters to the school. These scooters will be included in our Scooter Safety sessions and will help enhance student inclusion and access to what promises to be a fun program.



Have a great Term 4.

Regards,  
Lisa Kingham

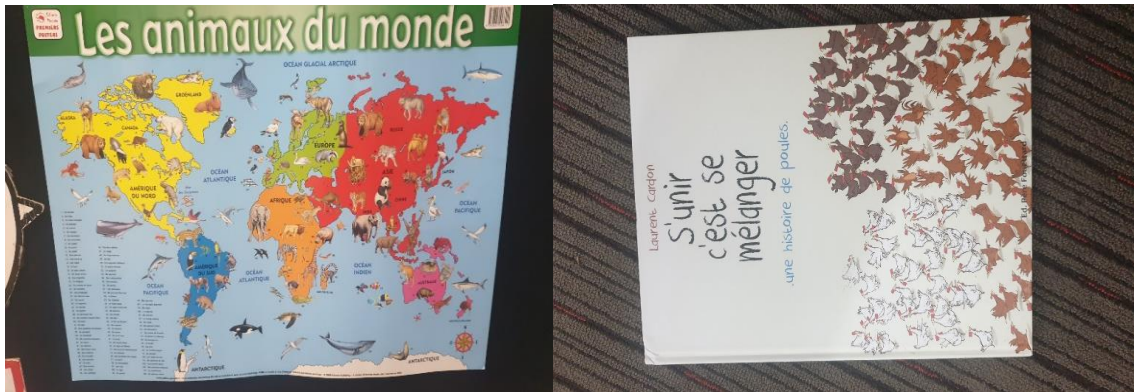


## French News

### Francophonie Competition:

In Term 1, students in Years 2-6 took part in the Francophonie Competition, which is an annual event organised by the French Embassy and the French Teachers Network to learn about French-speaking countries. Every year, we are assigned a particular country and need to create posters to demonstrate our learning about that country. This year we were allocated Canada. Unfortunately, right after we submitted our posters, the pandemic started, and the competition was unable to be judged. However, at the end of last term, in Week 10, we received the news that our Year 2s were awarded a prize for their poster! We have received a beautiful French book (perfect for Book Week) and an amazing poster about animals in the world (very appropriate since our poster was about animals in Canada).

Bravo Year 2s!



### Poetry Competition

Last term, we took part in the annual French Poetry Competition. We all learnt a French poem by heart, and Madame Davies and Mr Chad selected the best two students from every year group to represent our school at the territory level. We are very pleased to announce that:

- Hugo (1CJ) won first prize in Year 1
- Tilda (2AW) won second prize in Year 2
- Zalira (5/6JH) won second prize in Year 5.

Congratulations to these three students. They will be invited to recite their poem at a prize ceremony at a later date.

### G-Force News:

Last Friday, the G-Force conducted a vast waste audit in our school. They collected all the rubbish from recess and lunch, as well rubbish from the classrooms, and spent the afternoon sorting it into piles of recyclable or waste to landfill. Even though the results were not as bad as we initially thought, we have still identified ways to improve our waste management. What surprised us, though, was finding entire sandwiches or lunch orders chucked in the bin. We hope the following photos will trigger some interesting conversations at home.

Myriam Davis





## Uniform Shop Sale

The uniform shop has a number of good quality second-hand fleeces available. In order to clear some space, we have reduced the price of all **second-hand polar fleece jackets and vests to \$5 each**. Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 are available, although some are in limited numbers. Orders will be processed on a first come first served basis.

We are also discontinuing sales of **box pleat shorts and black bootleg pants**. Remaining (unused) stock of these items are available for **\$10 each**.

The bootleg pants can be ordered as usual on Flexischools.

**Second hand items and the new box pleat shorts can be ordered by emailing:**  
[apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## Basecamp

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For Kids

FOR AGES  
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## Aranda Music and Art Program Update

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 on-site lessons. Unless advised otherwise, lessons resumed last week (Week 1 of Term 4).

The Aranda Music and Arts Program needs you! Did you know we have a team of parent volunteers who help to run the program? We need new volunteers to help in 2021. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per term, with most of the work at the start of the year when we enrol our students. Committee Members' children get priority enrolment for all AMA-run programs. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kate Burmester at [info@arandamusicprogram.org](mailto:info@arandamusicprogram.org) or call 0421 616 596.

**The following AMA programs have vacancies:**

| <i>Classes</i>                                   | <i>Monday</i>    | <i>Tuesday</i>                                 | <i>Wednesday</i>   | <i>Thursday</i>  | <i>Friday</i>    |
|--|------------------|--|--|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Continuing Music<br/>(Group classes)</i>      |                  |  | 3:00-4:00pm<br>for year 1 who've<br>done Introduction to<br>Music, and year 2s |                  |                  |
| <i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe<br/>or Recorder</i>     |                  | 4:30pm<br>5:00pm                               |  |                  |                  |
| <i>Guitar</i>                                    | 5:00pm<br>5:30pm | 5:30pm   | 5:00pm<br>5:30pm   | 5:00pm<br>5:30pm | 5:00pm<br>5:30pm |
| <i>Piano</i>                                     |                  |  |  | 3:30pm<br>5:30pm |                  |
| <i>Introduction to Music<br/>(Group classes)</i> |                  | 3:00-<br>4:00pm<br>for Kindy<br>and Year<br>1s |  |                  |                  |
| <i>Violin</i>                                    | 5:30-<br>6:00pm  |  | 4:30-5:00pm<br>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](mailto:info@arandamusicprogram.org)