Enrolments for 2015 open on 28 April.
Please see information attached to this Newsletter.

From the Executive

Dear Aranda School Community,

Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known by many as Dr. Seuss, really knew what he was talking about. Reading opens the world for us. To help our children to discover the joy of reading, fiction and non-fiction, we have decided to participate in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge this year.

The Challenge requires children to read 12 books by 5 September, 8 of the 12 being listed books for the Challenge. There is a huge range of books for students to choose from. The lists are in classrooms, the library and also on the website below. Students need to keep a record of the books read on their Student Reading Record Sheet. Some teachers, especially in the lower year levels, may choose to keep these record sheets in the classroom. We are challenging ourselves to have the maximum number of students, Preschool to Year 6, achieve the Challenge.

Please chat with your children about the Challenge and check in occasionally to see how they are going. The rules note that a book read to a child in Preschool to Year 2, counts as a book read, so
everyone can be successful. Children can select books from year levels above them if they like e.g. Year 2 student can select from the Years 3/4 list etc.

I had to laugh when I recently read a cartoon that said, “It’s called reading. It’s how people install new software into their brains” - Glasbergen.com. Good luck with helping your children to install some new software over the next few months.

Challenge Website:

Reading Lists:

Cross Country

Good luck to all those participating in the Aranda Cross Country Carnival next Tuesday, 8 April and a very big thank you to all those involved in planning the carnival and preparing children for it. While I’m in a Dr Seuss mood, let’s remind our children that “Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.” Let’s remind our children that persistence and going out and giving things their best effort, is what makes them become the best they can be.

Colette Brown
Executive Teacher

Music Room News

Welcome to my very first Aranda news article. I begin with a very big thank you to staff and students and our community, the welcome I have received has been wonderful.

Secondly, I hope that you have begun hearing many new songs being sung at home as the children and I have been singing together each lesson, during assembly and especially for Harmony Day celebrations. My music program is singing based and so I have been very busy building the repertoire of songs that the children and I can sing anywhere, anytime.

All classes have experienced the joy of singing and making music to accompany each song. We have used tuned instruments such as chime bars to play melodic ostinati (repeating patterns) and tone blocks, clave and drums to play rhythmic ostinati too. The children can sing songs in Solfa using the Curwen hand signing system and can differentiate between these sounds during melodic dictation activities with the piano.

Each lesson has seen the children write and increase their musical literacy skills and keep track of their theoretical learning. The children have also listened as I have sung them picture books of famous songs such as John Denver’s “Sunshine on my Shoulders” and Bob Dylan’s iconic “Blowin’ in the Wind”. I have even found a picture book with the song “What’s the Fox say?” which I am saving for next term.

I am eagerly awaiting the delivery of glockenspiels and xylophones for my classroom. Once they have arrived, each child will be able to play known songs on the instruments in an ensemble setting and the true magic of music making will be experienced. We will be learning our note names on the treble clef and discovering different types of accompaniments in differing key and time signatures.

The Senior Choir has really taken off with a large number of children attending each Friday after fruit break. We have already performed at an assembly and look forward to many more opportunities to present our songs to an audience.

Finally, thank you once again for the support I have received this term. It has been a great pleasure getting to know the children from Aranda PS and I look forward to many happy occasions of music making and sharing over the coming terms.

Melissa Alexander
Singing Teacher
Bullying, No Way!

On Friday the 21 March, Aranda’s school leaders attended their first conference at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL). At this conference a number of schools participated in taking action against bullying. We attended a series of activities mixing with other schools. We had to take our Chromebooks with us and we were told to go onto an app called “Verso” where we were given questions and had to brainstorm and type a reply. We also had an unexpected visitor, Alicia Coutts. She explained how she was bullied as a child and what action she took towards it. She also told a story about her swimming career. After the presentation from Alicia Coutts, everybody brainstormed ways bullying could affect people and ways we could stop it. Nearly everybody at the conference had experienced being bullied and everyone was equally passionate about preventing bullying. We all learned a lot about why people bully and how we can stop it.

Alissa, Murphy, Jessica and Gary
School Captains

Grandfriends’ Day

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The Primary School celebrations will begin with a visit to classrooms at 9:00 am.

This will be followed by a special morning tea for Grandfriends that will be held from 10:00 am in the Resource Centre.

After morning tea Grandfriends will be treated to a performance by both the Year 5 and Year 6 bands and songs by the Year 1/2 students.

We would be grateful if families could send in a plate of food for morning tea on the day.

Book Fair

The Book Fair continues until tomorrow. If you have not made it here yet, you still have time. There is a range of upper and lower primary fiction and non-fiction, activity books and activities. You can always check out the “Discount and Damaged” table for a bargain, find “Where’s Wally” or buy some early Christmas presents. Also, there are titles that are on the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge list.

Don’t forget that this is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the library. We have the option of keeping a percentage of our sales, taking a discount on books in the Carnival Books catalogue or a combination of the two. I can think of a few books that would be useful in the school library.

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant

SCR Fundraiser

For the first fundraiser of the year we will be holding a mufti day (uniform free) on Friday 11 April Week 10, Term 1. We will be raising money for a new cause, a Fijian school. The money raised will be put towards much needed stationery for the school. Please bring along a gold coin donation on the day and help us to help another school.

Thank you
Murphy, Gary, Jessica and Alyssa
School Leaders

Running Club

Running club will now be held on Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 8:55 am. During Week 10 running club will only be on Monday and will recommence Week 2, Term 2.

Janine Collins
Physical Education Teacher
Aranda Primary has the privilege of organising the Belconnen Zone Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo Park on Monday 12 May 2014. We have the opportunity of raising some funds for the school by running a canteen. We will be selling warm drinks, water and cakes etc. I will need a few helpers to staff the canteen (9:00 am –12:00 noon) and some cooks to make muffins and brownies to sell.

Many hands make light work! Please contact me if you can assist.

Many thanks
Sue Witchalls
Email:  sjwitchalls@bigpond.com
Mobile:   0458 512 646

New Friday Canteen Roster
From Term 2 onwards, the P&C Canteen Committee will introduce a new roster process where we will be allocating Friday canteen duties to a class, i.e. we will be looking to the mums, dads and carers from that class to help Tina on their rostered Friday.

With 20+ classes, that equates to only one or two Fridays per year that we'll be asking for your help. And only two volunteers are required for the 9:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 1:00 pm shifts. (If you only have one hour to spare, that would also be appreciated.)

The following Kindy classes are rostered on for Term 2, Weeks 1-4:

- Week 1 Friday 2nd May – KJK
- Week 2 Friday 9th May - KDR
- Week 3 Friday 16th May - KZW
- Week 4 Friday 23rd May - KSW

To volunteer, please email Karolyn at arandacanteen@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Canteen.
Karolyn Carmody
Aranda P&C, Canteen Committee

As Term 1 draws to a close, we would like to remind families that tutors and coordinators must be given four weeks notice of withdrawal from tutelage (two weeks for the group class subjects such as drama, art, etc.). If your student is not intending to continue next term, please advise your tutor coordinator immediately.

Vacancies: There is currently a piano vacancy on Tuesday afternoon. Please contact info@arandamusicprogram.org if you are interested.

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Co-ordinator
Aranda Afters
Could parents please come past Lost Property?
All items have been taken out of the drawers and have been sorted. So please come and have a look and claim what belongs to you.
Thankyou
Virginia
Aranda Afters

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

Canberra Toy and Hobby Fair, Kaleen High School – 6 April 2014
Sports Expo, National Hockey Centre – 14 to 16 April
The Conductor and the Clown, Nishi Gallery – 15 April
Canberra Minecraft Camp, Communities at Work, Greenway, 19 and 20 April
Get Active Sports soccer, Weetangera Primary – starts 4 May
Kidsoccer Holiday Clinics/Winter Program – early bird registration before 18 April

Belconnen Fresh Food Markets
We have recently rebranded our market kitchen and have a number of fun, healthy and interactive kids cooking classes coming up that may be of interest to your parents and students. Using only the freshest ingredients, the kids will learn some new recipes with our team of experienced cooks. We believe this is a great opportunity to teach kids fun, healthy meals that they can make at home, and would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to advertise these classes at your school.

The link below outlines the descriptions of each classes. We have a number of classes to suit after school, school holiday and weekend sessions.
If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.
http://www.marketkitchen.bffm.com.au/#!classes/c1s_bd

ENROL YOUR CHILD IN DRAMA CLASSES TODAY!
ACTing Up!
Creative Drama Classes
Do you have children between the ages of 5-12yrs? Do they love Drama and Singing? If so consider enrolling in our friendly and creative drama classes.

To register your child, please contact Brooke or go to our website and complete an application form today.
W: www.actingupact.com   P: 0409 135 921
E: actingup.act@gmail.com

PLACE ARE LIMITED, SO HURRY!

Homestay Network is seeking families to join in the experience of hosting international students who attend Universities and language schools.

We have students who are keen to experience the Australian lifestyle within a family environment. If you think you might enjoy the cultural exchange and would like to know more please apply online to be a host at www.homestaynetwork.com.au.
Hosts are paid upwards of $250 per week for hosting our students.

BEGINNERS CLASSES AT TEOLEPA
We now offer beginners’ French classes in South Canberra!
Join our classes at Telopea Park School beginning at Term 2!

The Aranda App Codes
Enrolling at Aranda Primary School

All applications for enrolment or transfer from another ACT Government School are now done online at:


If you have difficulty accessing a computer or the internet to complete an application for enrolment, please contact the school to make an appointment for assistance.

Enrolment for 2015 placement will open on Monday 28 April 2014. The first round period will close on Friday 30 May 2014.

There is no longer any advantage in having your application in early as placement is based on families living in area and siblings of current enrolled families. However we would like all families to place their applications for enrolment in during this first round period so accurate class placement and planning can be done.

If you are already enrolled at the Aranda Primary Preschool there is no need to enrol for 2015 as you are already guaranteed a place in our Kindergarten classes.

Once you have submitted your application for enrolment, please wait until the school contacts you before bringing in your additional documents for proof.

All enrolment inquiries can be directed to Suzanne Vincent on 6142 3030 or Suzanne.Vincent@ed.act.edu.au

PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY FOR 2015 PLACEMENT

The Aranda Primary School Preschool will be open to interested prospective families on:

Thursday 10 April 2014
8:30am to 11:00am