ARANDA NEWSLETTER
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DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY 30 May : Whole School Assembly by KSW and KDR – 9:15 am in the Hall
MONDAY 2 June : ACT Cross Country Carnival
TUESDAY 3 June : UNSW Science Competition
THURSDAY 5 June : Year 5 Band Combined Practice at Macquarie Primary from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
FRIDAY 6 June : No Assembly
MONDAY 9 June : Queen’s Birthday Holiday

NOTES HOME

A Gentle Reminder:
Our school phone number is now 6142 3030

From the Executive

Public Education Week
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, our choir and Year 6 Band were invited to perform at Belconnen Mall last Friday for Public Education Week. Both groups performed beautifully and all teachers involved came back singing the praises of the Aranda students who represented their school so well. I believe there were even a few tears of pride in the audience! It is days like these that highlight the wonderful programs offered at Aranda Primary. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children and spent many hours in rehearsal with them and well done to those students who are part of our choir and Band program.

Hats Off on Monday
While we have had an unusually warm autumn, winter is just around the corner. Current research from the Cancer Council recommends that those of us living in Canberra can afford to expose our face, arms and hands to the sun more often in the winter months, which means ‘Hats Off’ at school from next Monday. At Aranda Primary we follow the recommended guidelines of no hats for outside play and activities in June and July. Students can choose to wear (or not wear) a hat or beanie during these months. From 1 August, all students will again require a sun smart hat for outside activities including recess and lunch.

Check out page 4 of this week’s Chronicle to see some Aranda students preparing for Hats Off Day!

100 Stories
Our very own Suzanne Vincent is one of 100 people celebrated in a collection of representative histories from our public schools. The book was created as part of the Centenary of Canberra celebrations in 2013 and profiles some of the people who have influenced, or have been influenced by, the schools and workplaces within the ACT’s Public Education system. Below is a small excerpt from Suzanne’s page. If you would like to read more head to http://www.det.act.gov.au/100-stories

Suzanne loves the fact that in her job no two days are ever the same and the range of duties, tasks and responsibilities means that she is never going to say she doesn’t feel...
challenged! If she wasn’t being a successful Business Manager at Aranda then Suzanne would love to be a History teacher. History is one of her passions – as well as one of her Trivial Pursuit category strengths – and she believes that learning history should not be about ‘names, dates and places’ but about ‘events and consequences’ and how it makes us who we are today. Suzanne’s other hobbies include watching her children play soccer, barracking for the Socceroos and Manchester United and watching all the different series of Star Trek.

Preschool Enrolments
Preschool Enrolments close on Friday 30 May. Please remind any friends or family who have children ready for preschool next year to complete the enrolment form before Friday. All public school enrolments are completed online through the Education Directorate website http://www.det.act.gov.au

Sue Whitney
Executive Teacher

Year 5/6
Chromebooks
Chromebooks are an effective and efficient way to learn. It is a great way to cooperate with other classmates. Chromebooks are a stepping stone for high school and are helping us learn about doing things digitally and online.

This semester we have experienced a new concept with the Chromebooks. We have looked at more online apps and how to apply our skills in real life situations. We like the way we can take the Chromebooks home, they have multiple uses across all subjects, for example we can do reading and numeracy activities, homework on them, as well as play many games.

Maths with Chromebooks
This term the 5/6 students are doing a mathematical project titled ‘House Rulz’. First we found a house on the internet, then copied the image and wrote some general information. We are now designing a floor plan and measuring the perimeter of the space using an app named ‘Autodesk Homestyler’.

We have just finished our data project, where we learnt how to collect and display data into graphs of many different sorts. We used the Chromebooks to publish our finished graphs and write up our findings. This was very difficult because it took a lot of hard work and effort to complete it.

Reading with Chromebooks
We use Chromebooks for reading. For comprehension we read the text on the Chromebooks. This reduces paper waste. ‘The Golden Fish’ for example was read on the Chromebooks, then we answered questions about the text to expand our knowledge of reading. There are a variety of questions about the text based on literal, inferential and applied knowledge.

Sport
Students have been doing a rotation of four different sports including skipping, AFL, basketball and softball. In basketball we learnt how to dribble and pass. In AFL we have been learning how to kick the ball. Softball has seen us manage the mitt and work together as a team to retrieve the ball. Skipping has provided us with the opportunity to develop our technique and coordination.
Choir & Band
On Friday afternoon the year 5/6 who participate in choir and band went on an excursion to Belconnen Mall for Public Education Week. This excursion helped our confidence grow. The choir sang a few songs like Drunken Sailor, Osprey and Child of Song. The Year 6 band played a variety of pieces, including the entertaining Mamma Mia, written by ABBA and a more challenging piece called Wipeout. Both performances were well received by everyone at the Mall.

I.B.U. Federation
We have been learning about Federation this term. Andrew Back, from the Parliamentary Education Office, came into our classrooms this week. Andrew talked to us about federation and parliament. We did a role play where we debated the passing of a new bill, 'Kids should do 3 hours of team sport per week in school', which was lots of fun and showed us the process that parliament goes through to pass a bill.

We have also been learning about Dr John Quick and Sir Henry Parkes and the role they played in Australia becoming a federation. We are looking forward to continuing our learning about federation and investigating the many things that have contributed to making our great nation.

Every Friday the year 5 and year 6 students participate in 4 different activities including Science with Mrs Clark, Health with Mrs Collins, Music with Mrs Alexandra and French with Madam Davies.

Sara (5/6PD), Kate (5/6AW), Flynn (5/6LG), Ellie (5/6TB) and Matthew (5/6TB)

UNSW Science Competition

Update
Due to a clash with the Da Vinci Decathalon, the UNSW Science competition will be administered on Tuesday 3 June.

Kind regards
Liz Gocentas
UNSW Competitions co-ordinator

Running Club

Running Club is back on Monday and Friday mornings 8:30 to 8:50 am. Please ensure you rug up and bring an extra pair of socks and shoes (if possible).

Also, Alison Reid and I have tickets available for our students for the Australian Men's volleyball team taking on Finland at the AIS. The games will be on 7 and 8 June. If you would like tickets for these matches please contact myself or Alison.

Thanks
Janine Collins
Running Club Co-ordinator

School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOS have been handed out this week. If there are any problems with the photos, please contact the Portrait Gallery directly on: 6241 8942.

FAMILY PORTRAITS – the Front Office has family portraits that are still available to purchase, if you missed out on ordering them earlier in the year or have changed your mind and would now like one. They are $15 each.

SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS. The group photos will be on display at the Front Office. If you would like to order them, they are $16 each. The groups are:

- Media Team
- G Force
- House Captains
- Senior Choir
- School Captains
- Year 5 Band
- Year 6 Band

Sharon Wood
School Secretary
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.

PCYC Bluelight Disco at Belconnen Community Centre on Saturday 31 May, 5:00 to 7:00

MEDICAL ALERT
Please note that there has been a confirmed case of Slapped Cheek Syndrome in the school. If you suspect that your child has contracted Slapped Cheek Syndrome, please have them seen by a medical professional.

Sharon Wood
First Aid Officer

Come and support Team Aranda at the Volleyball World League.
Free Tickets - June long weekend

The Australian Men's Volleyball Team (Volleyroos) will be playing against Finland in Canberra at the AIS on the 7th and 8th of June.

Twelve Aranda Primary children have been selected to play volleyball in exhibition matches before the start of both World League matches in Canberra. This is an exciting opportunity for the children and it would be wonderful to have as many Aranda families in the crowd as possible to cheer them.

We have obtained free tickets for the bag games and these are available from the front office from Monday 2nd June. Please fill in your details when collecting tickets (name and how many tickets you are taking - maximum of 4 per family).

Thank you and good luck Team Aranda!
Rachel Urwin

The Aranda App Codes