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From the Executive

Thank you to those of you who attended the Community Information Evening on Tuesday night. Almost a fifth of all families being represented, it was a great opportunity for us to learn more about our school community and to share information about our progress and plans. Thank you to those community members who ran the table discussions. This is now an annual event for the school. Phil Gray showed the excellent results obtained by Aranda students in NAPLAN this year, and shared information about class structures for next year.

Thank you also for your support during the Walkathon. It was organised and run by parents, again showing the support of the Aranda community. Perfect weather and a range of additional activities from bubbles to dancing made this a great day for the children and a perfect fundraiser.

It is a huge week for our students. 3/4TF and 3/4LLD are running the assembly on Friday this week, and on the same day Year 4 will be attending the Canberra High School Healthy Living Gala Day. Then on Wednesday we have the FFA Schools 5-a-Side Soccer Day at Hawker Football Centre. Cricket clinics start on Wednesday 12 November. Finally, a group of students will be attending Lake Ginninderra College next Thursday 13 November for the Solar Oven Challenge, in which they will have to cook a muffin using only the heat of the sun. They have been working on solar oven designs over the last few weeks, and are now tweaking their final constructions.

Bob Bannister
Executive Teacher
Aranda Primary
WALKATHON 2014

Well done to everyone for making the Walkathon such a great day. Now that the hard work is done, it is time to collect sponsorship money.

Please return your completed sponsorship form and collected funds to the school by 21 November. Payments can only be made by cash or using flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au). Please do not transfer money into the Aranda Primary School bank account or use the payment facility on the school website (Wespac Quickweb).

Remember there will be prizes for the first class to get all their forms submitted.

Thank you for your support.

Tracey Voss
Aranda P&C Walkathon Committee

Year 5/6 News

Game of Life
This term the year 5/6 students have been taking on a project called ‘The Game of Life’ in Maths. This includes tasks and challenges we will go through when we get older. This project is similar to a task from last term when we did a unit called ‘House Rulz’. It is similar because we had to create a presentation and use multiple slides relating to the task we were assigned to. In the ‘Game of Life’, we have to find a job, work out our salary (yearly, monthly, fortnightly and weekly), get a rental house (within budget) and a rental car (minimum over 5 years of $5,000). We also had to work on our budget page with things like general expenses, tax, car repayments, food, gas/electricity and many more! To do this we are using Google Slides and Google Sheets. We are finding the creation of formulas to calculate our budget challenging and rewarding!

Microbes Talk
This term one of our units has been ‘Mighty Microorganisms’. We were able to learn about the different types of organisms, what they did and where they came from. We were also able to make a presentation on our certain microorganism. Later in the unit, Dr Mel Ford (another sister of Miss and Ms Ford) came to talk to us about microorganisms and how they can help us in our everyday life. We discovered about different types of viruses and bacteria and were able to find out how they spread and ways to stop them spreading. We also discovered that many types of organisms can be used to make medicines to help people with colds and flus and other harmful diseases. We had fun doing this unit and learning about microorganisms and how they are very useful to our everyday life.

Walkathon
The Walkathon was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. We have donated all the money we raised to the school for new Science equipment. We had stations where we could stop and take a drink, have a dance to win prizes (such as canteen gift vouchers). We also had orange stations, photo booths and much more. We ran many laps and got tonnes of exercise. Some people even ran 10-15 laps (around 850m per lap)! Most of us were very tired after this, but we still had lots of fun!

Canberra High School visit
On 5 November, all of the 5/6 students went to Canberra High School to watch a play written by a Year 10 student at Canberra High. The play was called ‘Love Me for Me’. It was about a boy who wanted to spend the rest of his life playing rugby and a girl who just wanted to try something new. The boy, Lindsey, was not getting the best grades on his Maths report and his parents told him that if his grades didn’t get better they would pull him out of rugby. The girl, Abby, wanted to try something new by joining the touch team, but her friends weren’t supportive of her. They both go along with what they want to do and are happy with what they choose because they were willing to go along with what they believed in.

Playgrounds
This term our Technology unit was based on creating a miniature playground out of materials. We started by making plans to construct our playgrounds and then gathered materials. We started out with a base and suddenly our construction fell into place and the teachers were madly gluing bits and pieces together on our playgrounds while the students were carefully putting together pieces of equipment. Students had
to each create six different items of equipment and place their items accordingly to their design. The 5/6 students had lots of fun creating their playgrounds and we hope that we will get other opportunities like this to create some more fantastic constructions.

Year 5 Buddies
This Term the Year 5s Have been visiting the preschool to meet their preschool buddies for next year. Currently we have met them and played a couple of games with them. The Year 5s really enjoy their adorable little preschool buddies; I know that we will have lots of fun with them next year!

NRMA visit
Last week the whole school had a NRMA visit. Holly spoke to us about how to be safe while on the road, on a bike, in a car or when walking. There were lots of activities that taught us about how to remain safe when an accident happens. Remember if you have a crash on a bike and your helmet hits the ground, buy a new helmet otherwise you will not be protected!!

by Jazz (5/6LG), Emily (5/6JH) and Arabella (5/6TB)

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G Force

Nude Food Month: Waste Survey
This week our waste weighed 13.5kg. Last week it was 15kg. Please remember Wednesday is Waste-Free day. Next week is National Recycling Week and there will be secret G-force members on the playgrounds at recess and lunch time recording names of students putting their rubbish in the right bins. There will be prizes to be won. Remember to put paper bags into the paper bin.

Photina (5/6AW) and Ruthy (5/6PD)
G-Force

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P&C Matters

New Canteen Menu
Our new canteen menu (coming home with this week’s newsletter) has some treats especially for summer – now you can cool down with frozen Milo, frozen fruit purée or a frozen banana!

Please note that the new menu, including price changes, applies from Monday 10 November. And you can always find the most up-to-date prices and choices on our online menu at www.flexischools.com.au

The Canteen Committee needs YOU!
We are lucky at Aranda Primary to have a full-time canteen with an increasingly healthy menu. But it takes parent support, and we need your help!

The Canteen committee is still looking for more members for 2015 and vacancies exist for some of the following roles:

- **Convenor** - organise meetings; be a point-of-contact for the Canteen Manager and provide liaison
- **Treasurer** - pay bills (including suppliers, wages, tax and superannuation contributions); oversee menu pricing; keep appropriate records and monitor financial viability; report regularly to P&C Treasurer
- **Volunteer coordinator** - organise volunteers for Friday duty, special lunches, school socials and any fundraising events
- **Fundraising/Events coordinator** - liaise with school and Canteen Manager about any fundraising events, special lunches, school socials etc.; promote the canteen in our school community (newsletter articles etc.)
- **Menus coordinator** - work with Nutrition Australia and Canteen Manager on menus; ensure published menus are up-to-date (PDF and Flexischools)
- **Additional committee members** – provide ideas and support including backup for some of the above responsibilities as necessary (after all – we are all volunteers and sometimes life gets in the way of the best intentions).

If you are interested in any of these roles (or some of the underlying responsibilities) please email arandacanteen@gmail.com.

Chris Stocks
Canteen Treasurer
Bank On It
Last Day for Banking in 2014

As we are in Term 4 and it is a short term (only 9 ½ weeks), our last school banking day will be **Week 9, Wednesday 10 December**. The last day to put in for rewards will be **Week 8, Wednesday 3 December**.

Sharon Hewett
School Banking Co-ordinator

Aranda Music and Arts Program

Enrolment forms for 2015 are now available! If you are interested in enrolling your child in an AMA program next year, please complete and submit your details at the AMA website: www.arandamusicprogram.org. If you want to complete a paper form, there is a version of the form to download and print too.

As with previous years, we expect interest in all lessons to be very high in 2015 and encourage you to lodge your enrolment as soon as possible.

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Program

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.

Queanbeyan Players: “Sound of Music” – 1 to 15 November
Scale ACT Model Show Kaleen High 15 to 16 November
Belconnen Club Tennis Day and Official Opening – Sunday 9 November
Get Active Expo Exhibition Park - 15 November
Horrible Histories Stage Production – 27 – 28 January
Bitesized Circus at Kaleen High School – 18 November

The Aranda App Codes

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.ed.act.edu by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.