Enrolment in an ACT Public School for 2016


If you have any questions relating to enrolments at Aranda Primary School, please contact Suzanne Vincent on 6142 3030 or email suzanne.vincent@ed.act.edu.au.

From the Executive

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of first term already. It seems like yesterday we were welcoming our new preschool and kindergarten students on their first day of school. We have certainly packed a lot into the first ten weeks of school. So far students have participated in 3-Way conferences, parent information evenings, school camp, swimming carnival, district swimming carnival, choir performances, outdoor assemblies, indoor assemblies, school photos, rugby clinics, BMX clinics, Year 5/6 expo, SRC fundraiser and Jump Rope for Heart. WOW! And it’s only Term 1!

Road Safety

As the holidays are approaching, it is a good time to speak with your children about road safety. At school we regularly speak about the importance of being safe and sensible when walking and riding. To reinforce these message please take the time to speak with your child about being aware of cars when walking or riding to or from school and outside of school hours.
Anzac Day Holiday
Please remember that Term 2 will begin on Tuesday 28 April due to the Anzac Day holiday.

Year 5/6 Expo
I had the pleasure of attending the Year 5/6 expo on Wednesday afternoon. The students were given a term project to produce a diorama depicting a scene from Gallipoli. Over the course of the term, the students have been studying Gallipoli and have even been lucky enough to have special guests speak with them about Gallipoli. The culmination of the unit of work was the expo and families were invited to come into the classroom. The students presented their dioramas to invited guests and other students. We had our own little war memorial at Aranda Primary School. I was very impressed with the standard of work and all the students enjoyed sharing their work with their families, guests and other Aranda students. Well done Year 5/6!

Jump Rope for Heart
Tomorrow we will be holding our Jump Rope for Heart. Students have been practising their skipping in anticipation for the day. Janine Collins and I were impressed last week during our PE lesson with Kindergarten with the standard of skipping. We had quite a number of Kindergarten students skipping in the big rope, demonstrating their skills and enjoying themselves!! Thank you to Miss O'Donnell for sparking our skipping interest again and organising the day.

3/4 Playground
Mr Gray and Mrs McCormack spoke with the Year 3/4 students about proposed upgrades to the 3/4 playground. The students were shown a number of proposals and were asked to vote on their preferred design for the 3/4 playground. Work will hopefully commence on the playground later in the year. I’m very excited with the playground the students have chosen.

Student Spotlight
I would like to acknowledge the community work that Katia in 5/6TB has recently undertaken. Katia has spent a considerable amount of her own time raising money for the RSPCA. Her efforts included a towel drive which she donated for their animals. Well done Katia.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you ready for another productive term after the holidays.
Alison Reid
Executive Teacher

P&C Matters
Canteen survey: have you responded yet?
We are currently conducting an extensive assessment of our school canteen. For us to make informed decisions about its future direction, we would like to hear what you think! Whether your kids use the canteen once a week or once a term, the aim is to consider the views of as broad a cross-section of our community as possible.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online at the link below, or return the paper copy before Friday 10 April.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5XFFXS9

Thank you for your support of the canteen.
Tiffany Bonasera
Aranda P&C Canteen Subcommittee
Library Shelf

With the excitement of Book Fair over, we are back to more mundane tasks at the library.

As this is the last week of the term, overdue notices when home last Tuesday. Notes only went home for books that should have been returned before 1 March. When a child has an overdue book, they are no longer able to borrow until that book is returned. If your child has come home with an orange slip, please help them find and return their library book so that they can start borrowing again. If you think that a book has been lost or damaged, or if your child has never borrowed a book that is in their name, please contact the school so that we may resolve the issue.

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant

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.

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**The Aranda App Codes**

**Newsletter Publication Deadline**

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