



Newsletter

Assembly Term 1

Week 4	Whole School - Yr 3
Week 5	No Assembly
Week 6	Junior Year 1

Dates to Remember

	Date
School Photos	5 March
Swimming	6 March
Carnival	
Harmony Day	21 March
Year 5/6 Camp	19 / 21 March
Year 4 Camp	26 / 28 March
Year 3 Camp	27 /28 March

Notes Home Due Back

Walk on Country	6 March
Year 6 Shirts	9 March
Year 5/6 Camp	9 March
Year 4 Camp	16 March
Year 3 Camp	16 March
Ukulele Club	16 March
Preschool Photo	21 March
Harmony Day	22 March
Seesaw digital Portfolio	Info Only

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Getting to Know You Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents come to the school in Week 2 for the 'Getting to Know You' interviews. The information you share with us about your child helps us plan for the different needs of our students. Parent Contact and Parent Expertise Registers were available for parents to complete at the visit. If you did not add your name to either of these registers and would like to do so, please see the Front Office and they will be able to help you. If your contact details have changed, please let the school know. It is important for us to have updated phone numbers and address details in the event of an emergency.

Every classroom is very excited to have been given a set of attractive and brightly coloured bookcases filled with new books! The books are all examples of great quality literature. There are some new stories and some of the classics which have never lost their appeal. The children are really enjoying reading them.

Camps

The notes advising parents of the dates and payment details for the upcoming camps for Years 3-6 have been sent home. If you have not received your child's camp note, please ask for one at the Front Office.

We believe all children should attend camp as it is an important part of the school curriculum. The benefits of going to a school camp are numerous. Attending camp helps children develop positive relationships with teachers and their classmates. It also gives teachers an opportunity to get to know children and to witness skills and abilities they may display in a different environment outside the classroom. Children who don't attend often can't participate in the follow-up activities back at school. Camp gives children the chance to make new friends, interact socially, participate in team-building situation, all of which promotes confidence and independence.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Year 3 - Birrigai Camp Tuesday 27 - Wednesday 28 March

Year 4 - Kianinny Camp, Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 March

Years 5/6 - Camp Cooba, Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 March



Important Message

Running Club

Running Club will remain on Friday morning for Term 1 and then go to Thursday from Term 2.

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.

Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

If your child is late to school (arrives after 9.10am) or is leaving prior to 3pm, please ensure you sign them in/out at the Front Office on arrival or before leaving.

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 3.30pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2018 will be held on Friday 14 September at 11am.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts. Our policy is available on the website.

Students who have Mobile Phones

Any students who have a mobile phone should drop it to the Front Office before school and collect it at 3pm. No mobile phones are to be kept in bags or classrooms. They will be securely stored in the Front Office during the day.

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Entering and leaving the school

Whenever you are entering or leaving the school, it is very important that you come and go via the main doors at the front of the school. Please let the Front Office staff know of the reason for your visit. If you are taking your child or returning them from an appointment, you must also advise the Front Office staff. These are precautionary measures for the security of our children.

Photos

Just a reminder that school photos will be taken next Monday 5 March. Please ensure your child wears school uniform.

Pam Daly
Executive Teacher

EAL/D News

On Thursday March 22 we will host our annual EAL/D Breakfast and celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day was established across Australia to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Invitations to the breakfast will be sent home to EAL/D families soon.

We are interested in hearing from parents, carers or community members who would like to come in and talk to classes about what country their family is from and their cultural practices. Please fill in the slip and return it to your child's teacher if you are interested in participating on Thursday March 22.

Kind regards,

John Boland, Pam Daly, Myriam Davies, Sandra Kelly, Bec Lenehan, Kellie Nissen and John Prior

Harmony Day Committee



Counsellor News

School Counselling Psychologists

Shireen Manocha and Karen Proctor

What do we do?

We are here to support everyone - students, parents and families we also help teachers with ideas about how to look after everyone

We provide counselling and support to parents and children addressing concerns such as friendships, emotions, family relationships and difficulties with school or at home.

We also help parents and teachers cater for ongoing disabilities or short-term difficulties.

We visit the classrooms to observe and support children and the teachers.

We provide holistic psychological assessments to guide you with what to do and where to go next if you are concerned about your child.

We can provide referral's to, and work with other community or private services.

We take a whole child approach, encouraging and welcoming parents to be a part of our counselling services for their children.

How to book in to see us?

Email or ring the Front Office and leave a message for us to ring or email you back.

You can also provide a signed note to your child's classroom teacher asking for us to meet your child, to observe your child in the classroom or to leave a message for us to phone/email you back.

When are we available?

Karen is in on a Monday.

Shireen is in the school every second Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week.



Gardening Club News

The Gardening Club is on every Thursday at lunchtime and is open to everyone, but due to space is restricted to 20 students at one time.

So far, we have collected zucchinis and tomatoes and brought them to Natalie, the new canteen manager, who used them in the bolognese sauce on Friday.

We have also planted new vegetables such as Brussels sprouts, beans, carrots and onions.

We'll see how they go after the drenching on the weekend.

We are also happy to welcome any parents who would like to bring their expertise to the garden.

Join us if you have a green thumb!





Parents & Citizens Association

P&C Family Picnic – Dinner is served!

The 2018 P & C Family Picnic will be held on Tuesday 13 March, from 5.30 – 7.00pm, on the oval behind Aranda Primary School. Everyone is welcome and we hope this event helps our school community to get to know each other. On arrival at the oval, you'll find familiar faces by looking for the area allocated to your year group.

If packing a picnic for a weeknight dinner sounds like a hassle, you can order your dinner through Flexi School so all you have to do is get to the canteen between 5:30 and 5:55pm to pick it up. Food will only be available if pre-ordered and purchased through Flexi School.

Pre-orders must be completed by midnight Wednesday 7 March.

Preschool parents with no older children enrolled in junior/senior school will get special email instructions on how to order. Food options will include sushi, rice paper rolls and nibble boxes. You are also welcome to bring your own food if you would prefer.

Thank you to our Canteen Committee for coordinating this. If you are available to assist on the night with food distribution or have questions about the event, please contact your Class Parent Rep.

Things to bring

Picnic rug and/or chairs

Sports equipment – frisbees, balls, cricket sets etc

Sun Care at School

At the beginning of Summer the P&C Committee discussed being sun aware at school.

Although Summer is nearly, over it's important for parents to remind their kids that sunscreen should be applied before coming to school each day.

The standard sunscreen is available to students from the classroom, allocated at the year group level for the days a reapplication is needed.

Children should be encouraged to bring their own sunscreen in their bag.

For more information visit the Sun Protection policy on the website.

http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/policies/sun_protection



P&C 2018

FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday 13th March 6-7pm

Night after the long
weekend, come and
relax
& ease into it!

Sushi
Rice Paper Rolls
Nibble boxes
Drinks

Order dinner
in through flexi schools

Meet & **greet** the **other families** from your school year group

No hassles!

BYO **balls and cricket sets**

BIG thanks to the Canteen Committee,
Canteen Staff and Aranda Afters for their support of this event

Class Parent Reps

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a class parent rep for 2018. Every class now has a rep and you should hear from yours very soon.

If you don't hear from your class parent rep soon, please email Paula at classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com (including your child's name and class) and I will pass your email address on to them.



Aranda Music and Arts Program

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry to info@arandamusicprogram.org or submit an enrolment form, and we can advise whether there are vacancies or a waiting list.

To enrol please complete and submit your details at the AMA website: www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary Parents and Citizens Association. It's run by a committee of volunteer parents. The AMA Program incorporates music, drama and art lessons. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to be part of this fun and productive committee, please contact your AMA tutor coordinator, contact us at info@arandamusicprogram.org or go to our website at: www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies for individual lessons (30 minute lessons):

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Wednesday 3.45 and 5.15pm
Piano	Friday 3.45pm
Beginner Recorder	Thursdays 3.15 to 4pm



Banking News

Get involved in the School Banking program

Aranda Primary is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students again in 2018. School Banking day is TUESDAY. Each week you need to bring a deposit book with money to the classroom.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

Twister Power Handball
Secret Scratch Pad
Sparkle Glitter Pens
Glow Light
Mighty Boom Handball
Heat Reactor Pencils
Slushie Maker Cup
Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students, who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away.



Community News

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to provide Lifeline's telephone crisis support services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, across Australia. Lifeline Canberra relies on support from the community to answer the crisis support line. By volunteering for Lifeline not only will you be making a difference to the lives of other Australians who use the Lifeline services, but you'll also be enriching your own life. Lifeline Canberra has a course starting the weekend of 12/13 May. If you are interested visit <https://www.act.lifeline.org.au> and follow the VOLUNTEER links or phone 61716300.



AUSKICK IN BELCONNEN

Girls aged 5-10

Kippax Oval

Tuesdays 4-5PM 6/3/18 - 8/5/18

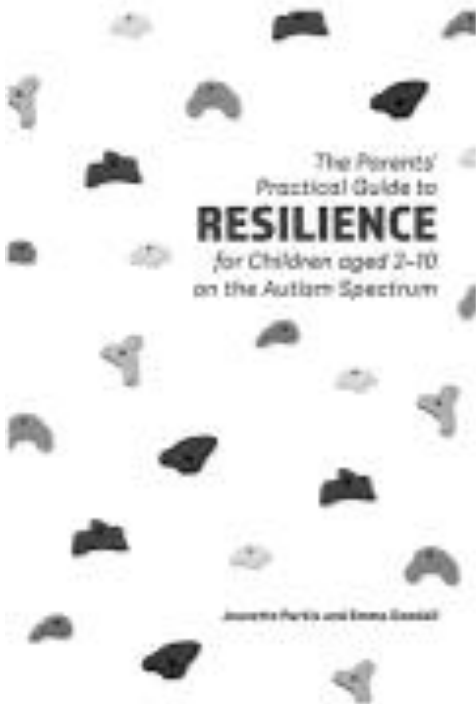
bonnie.lawrence@afi.com.au

Get down and enjoy some local footy!

AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU   



Family Talk on Developing Resilience in Children with ASD



Jeanette Purkis is an author, public servant and passionate advocate for Autistic people and their families.

Children and young people with autism have the capacity to be independent and resilient. This talk will empower parents of autistic children aged two to ten to help them promote resilience in their child. Jeanette's book will be available for purchase.

Cost: \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families, includes a light supper, tea and coffee

February 28th, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.

SDN Group Room, Namadgi School,
Kambah

RSVP by 23rd February 2018 to
m.groeneveld@sdn.org.au or 0438 739 578

Emma Jackson

e.jackson@sdn.org.au

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BELSOUTH FOOTBALL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

General information: www.belsouthfootball.club

2018 Registration Fees (Enquiries; belsouthregistrar@gmail.com)

Peewees - \$110 U6/7-U9 - \$160 U10-U18 - \$180

(Family Discount refunds for 3+ children are available)



Grading - Hawker Fields (Murraraji St; only registered players will be graded)

Open U10: 5:30 – 6:45 pm Wed Feb 21st & 28th, 9:00 – 10:30 am Sat March 3rd

U10 girls: 5:30 – 6:45 pm Wed Feb 21st & 28th

Open U11: 6:45 – 8:00 pm Wed Feb 21st & 28th, 9:00 – 10:30 am Sat March 3rd

U10 girls: 6:45 – 8:00 pm Wed Feb 21st & 28th

Open U12: 9:00 – 10:30 am Sun Feb 18th (Walhallow St fields), 10:30 – 12:00 pm Sat March 3rd

U12 girls: 9:00 – 10:30 am Sun Feb 18th (Walhallow St fields), 10:30 – 12:00 pm Sat March 3rd

Open U13&U14: 12:30 – 2:00 pm Sat March 3rd

Grading for other age groups is dependent on registration numbers. Players will be notified of grading details, time & location updates by email and at belsouthfootball.club/grading/

Mini Gala Day (for U7 – U9 players) Friday 6th April, Hawker Fields (Murraraji St)

U7's – 5:00 - 6:00 pm U8's and U9's – 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Season kick off

Sat 5th May (U6/7 to U18), Sat 29th May (Peewees)

Stressed about back to school costs? Make next year different.



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

- laptops & tablets
- camp & excursions
- uniforms & shoes
- lessons & activities
- sports fees & gear
- books & supplies

Contact
Kathleen Watson
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

Phone
0448 730 325
02 6263 7606

Email
kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au

Web
www.saverplus.org.au



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