



## Newsletter

### Dates to Remember

3 July End of Term 2  
20 July Start of Term 3

Scan this QR code using the device you would like the school calendar to appear on.



### Notes Home

Junior & Senior Choir  
Senior Ukulele Club  
Medical Form  
Chief Minister's  
Reading Challenge

### Due Back

31 July

## Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

This is the final newsletter for Semester 1, 2020 and I look forward to a fresh new start to Semester 2. Through all the challenges we have faced so far this year, one thing repeatedly stands out to me. Our children have coped admirably with change and uncertainty. Within a few days of returning to school, our playgrounds and classrooms were full of smiling faces ready to get on with life at school. Children have managed to find their way to and from class with minimal parental supervision. I think this has fostered a sense of responsibility and independence in most children. We are fortunate that all classrooms at Aranda have access from outside doors and therefore our new Covid-19 protocols haven't been too difficult to work around. Thank you all for your cooperation and support.



*Nice to see so many happy, smiling faces enjoying each other's company*

After much doom and gloom in the media about children falling behind in their learning during lockdown, our recent assessment tells a different and more positive story. The majority of our children have made progress in their reading levels and very few have fallen behind this semester. The outstanding work of parents and the support of teachers during weeks of isolation have proven to be a productive partnership.



## Important Messages

### Current, up-to-date information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the Education Directorate's website

(<https://www.education.act.gov.au>) and ACT Health

(<https://www.health.act.gov.au>)

### Home Learning Website

The directorate has provided a comprehensive set of Home Learning resources for parents to access during the pupil-free weeks. It can be found at:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

### Seesaw

If you are unable to access Seesaw, or do not receive communications from the school to connect your child, please contact the Front Office with your updated email address.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email [apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com).

### Canteen

The Canteen will be closed until further notice. [arandacanteen@gmail.com](mailto:arandacanteen@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Newsletter Publication Deadline

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

### Anaphylaxis

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

## COVID-19 and school arrangements for Term 3, 2020

I'm pleased to let you know there will be a further easing of restrictions on our school activities and parent/carer engagement in line with the broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT.

In Term 3, we plan to welcome back our families for events such as small assemblies, with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place.

However, where possible, parents and carers should still routinely avoid entering school grounds and ensure they practise physical distancing around adults at schools. In general, the Aranda protocols that we have had in place this term will continue into Term 3.

## Aranda School Orangutan Support working wonders

Bidu Bidu and Beryl have both successfully returned to the forests of Borneo. I recently received a letter of thanks from the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre thanking the Aranda School community for our generous support. Now that Bidu Bidu and Beryl have returned to their natural habitat, I am pleased to announce that Tombi is our latest adoptee. Tombi is a five-year-old male orangutan.



Fig 1: Tombi

Fig 2: Beryl

Fig 3: Bidu Bidu

Our care and support of these beautiful animals makes a difference. I hope you all take some time out to relax and enjoy time with your family during this school break.

Kind regards,  
Phil Gray

## Science Fair is on!

We are very excited to announce that we **will** be holding a Science Fair in 2020. As expected, there will be **significant changes** to the Fair due to COVID-19 protocols. This year, the Science Fair goes **digital!** The students will present their investigations in a **Google Slides** format which will be placed on a website that is accessed via a link. This will allow the community to continue to view all of the students' incredible work.

Yesterday, we emailed you a PDF titled *Aranda Science Fair 2020*. This outlines the timeframe and **NEW** presentation protocols and explains the expectations of the Science Fair projects.



If your child is planning to enter a project this year, please complete the proposal form through the link on the information Google Slides. The Google Slides have also been sent to each class via Seesaw.

Please contact Bobbi Smith ([bobbi.smith@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:bobbi.smith@ed.act.edu.au)) if you have any further questions regarding the Aranda Science Fair 2020.

If you have not received the link via email or Seesaw, please contact the Front Office by email ([info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)).

Aranda Science Fair 2020 Committee

## Plastic Free July Challenge

Dear students, parents and carers,

Hi, my name is Hail. I am a member of the G-Force and I believe that reducing our plastic waste is key to helping our environment. That's why I am telling you about the [Plastic Free July](#) challenge. Plastic Free July is an online challenge that helps you reduce your plastic waste. On the website, they have lots of suggestions of plastics you can reduce and more eco friendly alternatives. You can take part at home, get your family and friends involved and maybe even some business, like your local cafe. The challenge takes place throughout July, but you can continue using the techniques you learn for the rest of your life. If you stopped using one piece of plastic every week, you could save 52 pieces of plastic from landfill every year.

To take part, click [here](#). Then click *Take the Challenge* in the top right corner. Are you up to the challenge?



Hail  
G-Force

## Free Rangers - Kids Who Can

After school from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesdays at Aranda School and in surrounding bushland. Bookings now open for Term 3.

Contact Danielle Cook 0405467173  
[daniellekcook@live.com.au](mailto:daniellekcook@live.com.au)

For more information, see our website:  
<https://freerangerskids.wordpress.com/>



**FREE  
RANGERS  
KIDS WHO CAN!**



Learn practical skills and get your hands dirty outdoors in the fresh air

Give kids time to relax and be invigorated by nature



**Explore**  
**nature** reserves  
**Learn** bush skills  
**Grow** your own produce to **cook**



At Aranda Primary  
Kindergarten to year 6  
Places limited  
Bookings now open

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After School  
Wed  
3-6pm  
\$290 per term

**Care**  
**for animals**





## Aranda Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open for Flexischools orders. All orders completed by 5pm Thursday will be delivered to classrooms on Friday. All clothing items on Flexischools have centimetre size guides. Please choose carefully as we are unable to comply with the COVID-19 hygiene requirements for returns.

In light of the difficult economic circumstances, the P&C has agreed to lower prices on some items, effective Term 3. These will be updated on Flexischools from 7pm, Thursday 2 July (for delivery in classrooms Week 1, Friday 24 July).

A limited number of second hand items are also available. Our revised price list for second hand items is below. Please email any second hand orders to [apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com). Second hand orders paid by direct bank transfer by Thursday 5pm will be delivered to classrooms on Friday.

If you wish to donate any good quality second hand items (no broken zips, tears or stains), please email [apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com) to arrange handover. We will accept Aranda-logo uniform items (school bags, fleeces, vests, long and short-sleeved shirts), Aranda summer dresses and winter tunics (pinafores), and plain (no-logo) black pants, skorts and shorts. Any hats will be donated to the school.

If you have any questions, please email [apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com)

- Second hand price list:
- Winter pinafores (tunics) \$20
- School bags, polar fleeces and polar fleece vests \$10
- Summer dresses \$5
- Long and short-sleeved polo shirts, black pants, shorts and skorts \$2

## Aranda Music and Arts Program Update

On-site lessons will resume from Week 1 of Term 3.

The AMA committee would like to thank the staff of the school and Afters, as well as the students, their families and our tutors, for their cooperation, patience and flexibility in supporting our return to on-site lessons.

Please go to "[How To Join](#)" to register if you are interested.

To enquire about vacancies, please email [info@arandamusicprogram.org](mailto:info@arandamusicprogram.org)

**Please see the following page for vacancies.**



Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Continuing Music (Group classes)</b>			3-4pm for year 1 who've done Introduction to Music, and year 2s		
<b>Dance</b>		3:00-4:30pm for Junior	3:00 - 4:30pm Senior		
<b>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</b>		4:30pm 5:30pm			
<b>Guitar</b>	5:00pm 5:30pm	3:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm
<b>Introduction to Music (Group classes)</b>		3-4pm for Kindy and Year 1s			
<b>Violin</b>	5:30pm		5:30pm		

## COVID-19 hotspots to avoid during the school holidays

Are you planning on travelling out of the ACT these school holidays? ACT Health has advised all ACT residents **not to travel to suburbs in Melbourne that have been identified as COVID-19 "hotspots"** (areas with increased risk of community transmission). In addition, ACT Health has advised ACT residents to **reconsider any travel to the greater Melbourne metropolitan area**. This advice has been issued to avoid the risk of bringing COVID-19 into the ACT.

Ten hotspot postcodes in Melbourne, where community transmission is occurring, have been identified by the Victorian Government. Suburbs in these postcodes are under stay-at-home public health orders until 29 July 2020.

The hotspots suburbs are:

3012 – Brooklyn, Kingsville, Maidstone, Tottenham, West Footscray

3021 – Albanvale, Kealba, Kings Park, St Albans

3032 - Ascot Vale, Highpoint City, Maribyrnong, Travancore

3038 - Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Taylors Lakes, Watergardens

3042 - Airport West, Keilor Park, Niddrie



3046 - Glenroy, Hadfield, Oak Park

3047 - Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana

3055 - Brunswick South, Brunswick West, Moonee Vale, Moreland West

3060 – Fawkner

3064 - Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickleham, Roxburgh Park, Kalkallo

## Aranda Afters



We are seeking out new members to join our

### Aranda Afters Committee

Each year, 10 representatives from the Aranda Afters community are elected to sit and join our committee for a term of 12 months. Committee members attend 2 meetings a term to share and build the success of Aranda Afters.

**What benefits do you get by joining our committee?**

- Preferential enrolment allocation
- Contribute your thoughts and ideas
- Build relationships with staff, families and the Aranda Afters community

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**Help out and fill the following roles:**

**President** - leads the meetings and the team  
**Vice president** - supports the president  
**Secretary** - keeps track of all the paperwork  
**Staffing officer** - Managing staffing needs  
**Public officer** - supports the secretary  
**Treasurer** - keeps track of all the money  
**Committee member** - contributes and helps out wherever needed

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**Interested?**  
Please accept our invitation to our AGM on  
**Tuesday 28th July at 6:30pm** RSVP to  
[admin@arandaafters.com](mailto:admin@arandaafters.com)