



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

20 Oct	Track and Field
30 Nov - 2 Dec	Year 4 Camp
1 Dec - 2 Dec	Year 3 Camp
2 Dec - 4 Dec	Year 5/6 Camp

If your intention to attend camp has changed from Term 1, or you need to enquire about payment or refund, please contact the Front Office via email info@arandaps.act.edu.au

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Welcome back to Term 4. I am very happy to confirm that all our school camps will go ahead this term. Our Year 3 students will enjoy Birrigai Camp overnight, the Year 4 students travel to Kianinny on the South Coast and Camp Cooba will host our Year 5/6 students. All camps will take place during Week 8 this term.



We intend to hold the Year 6 graduation ceremony outdoors on our multipurpose court again this year. Under recently relaxed Covid-19 restrictions, each student should be able to invite two family members to the event. Social distancing protocols will be adhered to and entry will be via a ticketed sign in and out system. We will provide more information closer to the event.

School Improvement:

Our School Plan 2020-2024 has two clear priorities – to improve student outcomes in **Numeracy** and in **Reading**.

1. Increase growth in student performance in Numeracy across all year levels.
2. Improve student outcomes in Reading across all year levels.

While we have identified key strategies to progress our school priorities, we recognise the important role our parents and carers play. In our parent resource folder, you can access ideas about how to support the learning of your child/ren. Please see the QR code at the bottom of your Aranda fridge magnet or on the front page of the newsletter.

New Sensory Garden:

Thanks to Dugald Stranger for leading this project and making this beautiful space available to everyone.



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.

Canteen

The Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on arandacanteen@gmail.com or phone on 0459 599 114.

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 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.



Aranda's new Sensory Garden is a garden for all. It has been designed to integrate several areas and build upon the safe, welcoming and supportive environment we have created here at Aranda Primary School. Sensory Gardens have been proven to benefit those who use them, engaging their senses and providing a mental wellbeing retreat in a controlled and relaxed setting where users feel they can remove themselves to recharge. Our Sensory Garden has helped expand Aranda's play spaces, which continue to be inclusive for all students. The Sensory Garden also contributes to Aranda Primary School's priorities by providing inclusive play spaces for all current and future students. We have been pleased to see our students excitedly using this play space.

Are you leaving Aranda Primary School?

If you are leaving Aranda School at the end of this year, or during this term, please inform the Front Office as soon as possible. We are in the process of planning for next year and enrolment numbers guide many of our decisions. You don't need to let us know if your child is moving on to Year 7 next year.

My thought of the week:

I really feel my ability to think independently has been in question over the past few weeks. I'm over being told how I should vote via roadside placards, poorly made TV adverts and polling booth piranhas.

Have a great week,
Phil Gray



Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Ukulele

Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Senior Ukulele have returned to regular times, days and place as of this week.

- Junior Choir: 8:30am Tuesday
- Senior Choir: 8:30am Friday
- Senior Ukulele: 8:30am Wednesday

Be COVID-safe when returning to school - School Newsletter Item

As students return to school from school holidays, it is as important as ever to be COVID-safe, especially if you have travelled interstate.

If students begin to feel unwell, they should stay home from school and if they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they should get tested, just in case, and self-isolate until they receive their results.

If you travelled interstate over the school holidays, monitor the COVID-19 website of the state or territory you visited for two weeks after returning to see if there are any new cases where you visited. Keep up to date and follow the website's advice about testing and self-isolation, if required.

If you had interstate friends and family visit, ensure they keep you up to date if they are feeling unwell or if there are any new positive COVID cases reported in their area.

If we keep being diligent and follow the public health advice, we can continue to keep our schools, students and staff safe.

For more information about interstate areas that have had recent COVID-19 cases and what symptoms to monitor, visit www.covid19.act.gov.au

[COVID Testing image \(132 kb PNG\)](#)

Canteen Update for Term Four

Wednesday Burrito Specials for Term Four!

It's time for a new menu item, with the final term of 2020 already upon us.

In Term 4, the canteen is selling freshly made beef, chicken or kidney bean burritos, all served in a lite wrap, filled with lettuce, shredded carrot, diced tomato, corn, cheese, rice and refried beans. All of this for \$7 – add guacamole for \$0.80 and taco sauce for \$0.50.

Need to contact the canteen?

If you are keen to volunteer, or need to cancel your child's lunch order due to illness etc., then please contact the canteen at arandacanteen@gmail.com





Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 13 October 2020

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 on-site lessons. Unless advised otherwise, lessons resume this week (Week 1 of Term 4).

AMA committee is calling out for new committee members to assist with running the program. If you want to find out more information please email info@arandamusicprogram.org or call Kate Burmester on 0421 616 596.

The following AMA programs have vacancies:

Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Continuing Music</i> (Group classes)			3:00-4:00pm for Year 1 students who've done Introduction to Music, and Year 2s		
<i>Dance</i>			3:00-4:30pm Senior students		
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>		4:30pm 5:00pm			
<i>Guitar</i>	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm
<i>Piano</i>				3:30pm	
<i>Introduction to Music</i> (Group classes)		3:00- 4:00pm for Kindy and Year 1			
<i>Violin</i>	4:00- 4:30pm 5:30- 6:00pm		5:30-6:00pm		

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

To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org



Give your kids a REAL Challenge!

School Orienteering

SC-ORE

Spring SC-ORE Orienteering

SC-ORE is a participation focused team competition for girls and boys in Years 3 to 6.

Starting on Thursday 22 October (Week 2) and continuing for four weeks, SC-ORE heads to Lake Ginninderra Park and Black Mountain Peninsula for another exciting series to work those bodies and brains.

All Students in Years 3 to 6 from Canberra and surrounds are welcome to participate.

Get an outdoor, screen free, body and brain workout before hitting the classroom. What better way to start the day!

Teams can register incrementally – register your child, then encourage friends to sign up; not all team members need sign up at the same time. If your team is short a member we will find a 'spare' to complete your team.

Visit the [SC-ORE page](#) for more information and to register.

<http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Registration closes Friday 16 October.