From the Executive

Celebration of Literacy

The next two weeks are a chance for us to celebrate the enjoyment of reading. Next week is Book Week and the following week is Literacy and Numeracy Week. We are excited to be taking this opportunity to have a few special events spread over the two weeks. Some of the events are below.

We are privileged to have Leonie Pye, a local Belconnen author visit Pre-school to Year 6 on Monday and Thursday of Week 5. Leonie wrote *The Little Shell* which is a story about a blind woman who finds a shell and learns to appreciate differences and imperfections in ourselves and others. She will be bringing Franklin, her guide dog, with her when she visits.

On Friday of Week 6, author Cameron Stelzer will hold workshops with K-6 students. Cameron has a passion for creating exciting children’s books and inventing wonderful and appealing characters. Check out the “Stroogle” series, “Pie Rats” and his three “How to draw …” books. Of course there will also be a surprise guest author at the “Just 50 Words” assembly on Thursday 28 August.

Pop into the library at 8:40 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of both weeks for some cosy time with “Readers, Writers and Illustrators”. You may like to check out the Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards Short Listed Books while you are there.

SOCs

Don’t forget your SOCs. This term’s sponsors and bargain deals are at More Than Meats in Belconnen Mall, Transtate Tyres, Elders and Subway Jamison. Use your SOCs, get a bargain and support the school at the same time! It’s win-win. Additional coupons are available.
Signing Children In and Out
If children are dropped at school after 9am or picked up before 3pm, please sign them in or out at the Front Office.
Colette Brown
Executive Teacher

Year 5/6
This term in Literacy we have been focusing on Writer's Notebook, spelling, editing and reading. We are continuing with our normal morning rotations with spelling and reading. We have included another activity on Thursday mornings with editing skills which include fixing spelling, grammar and punctuation mistakes. In spelling we are looking at the meanings of affixes. In reading we have been looking at strategies including inferring, predicting, visualising and making connections. In Writer's Notebook sessions we have been writing creative narratives, information reports, comics, etc. from a seed (picture, object etc.). All of our Year 5/6 students have enjoyed Literacy.

Throughout the term in Numeracy we have been learning how to solve division in algorithms and converting the remainders to decimals. About a week ago we started making fraction calculators to help us visualize adding and subtracting fractions. All the Year 5/6s are also competing in the multiplication challenge along with the Year 3/4s. We have been taking home a little slip of paper that has our times tables up to ten written on it. If we are up to a challenge, we can choose the harder tables that go from 10 to 20 times tables. For division we have been put into groups according to our abilities. We have enjoyed maths this term.

Currently in our Inquiry Based Unit (IBU) we have started a project called Building Matchstick Bridges (BMB). This consists of a team of students; each with different roles (architect, project coordinator, transport and site supervisor, etc.) that are trying to create a bridge (e.g. suspension or beam) out of matchsticks with a set amount of money. We must buy matchsticks, blueprints and even pay for internet usage! Plus, if we create noise pollution or are disturbing shop owners, we get fined! Also, we have been able to tie in the use of Chromebooks which is pretty cool. Overall, BMB is an exciting and complex project.

This term, Year 5/6 have been playing fun and energetic sports that involve teamwork, co-operation and strategy. These are skills we can use in the classroom and out in the wider community. We are also continuing to develop our fundamental motor skills such as running, dodging, etc. In PE/Health Breakout group we have been playing basketball and dodgeball.

We have also been studying protective behaviours. We learnt that many people experience butterflies when nervous. Year 5/6 is always happy to get out into the fresh air.

David (5/6PD), Elaine (5/6LG), Nyssa (5/6AW) and Jessica (5/6AW)
Hello! As you may know, last week on Friday we celebrated National Tree Day. The Aranda G-Force and SRC committee worked with Greening Australia to plant native trees and bushes around the school. We planted trees next to the library, near the Music room and the garden beds along Bandjalang Crescent. We had lots of fun learning about native plants and we hope to have more opportunities like this in the future.

Mia (5/6PD), Gena (5/6JH) and Radeeka (5/6PD)

Multiplication Challenge

Congratulations to 5/6TB and 5/6JH who both got 100% correct in the 3 times tables quiz last week. It is tight at the top of the 3/4 leader board with 3/4CJ and 3/4RF both on 198 points.

Tomorrow’s quiz is the 4 times tables. Next week we will be practicing the 5 times tables.

Susan Ford
Maths Co-ordinator

Aranda Music and Arts Program

Vacancies
Piano: with Elizabeth Cummins. Please contact joannejames121@gmail.com.
Singing: There is one vacancy on Mondays. Please contact Roslyn roslyn.prinsley@gmail.com, 0409 661087

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Program

Athletics Carnival Ribbons

The ribbons for the Aranda Athletics Carnivals will be awarded on Friday, 22 August at the Week 5 Whole School Assembly.

Caitlin Jones
Sports Carnivals Coordinator
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.

Play Cricket

iPad Workshop for Parent and Child
Students with Learning Difficulties

TaskForce on Students with Learning Difficulties is trialling four workshop sessions where the parents/guardian and children can come together and learn how to use the iPad more effectively as a learning tool at home.

All sessions are held at
Medley Beare Centre for Teaching & Learning 51 Fremantle Drive
Stirling
Presenters: Stella Scheele and Leanne Claridge (teacher)
4.00–4.30pm

The Aranda App Codes

Maximum 10 participants in each session
To book in a session please email julia.ireland@act.gov.au by Monday 18th August 2014