From the Executive

EALD Breakfast

One of the special aspects of the Aranda community is the number of families with more than one language. Over one hundred families at our school have at least one parent born overseas and use a language besides English at home! Over 43 nationalities and 36 languages are included in our community.

Each year our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) team run a breakfast for these families. This year’s breakfast was held on Tuesday of this week in the Community Room. So many attended that we flowed out into the foyer and library. Croissants, fruit, caffeine and conversation were present. It was very pleasing to see some of the children dressed in national costume.

Our EALD team are Kim McCormack, Kellie Nissen, Alison Reid, Janet Salinas and Sandra Kelly. They support the EALD students and assist their families in becoming active participants within the school. Going by the attendance at the Breakfast, they are doing an excellent job. Thank you also to all the families who participated.

Errata

Canteen Special Lunch Order is on: TUESDAY 24 MARCH
Please return your order by: FRIDAY 20 MARCH

School Photos are TUESDAY 24 MARCH
As reported in last week’s Newsletter
Please remember to return your envelopes with payment enclosed
Harmony Day

We celebrated cohesion and inclusion in our school community on Tuesday with Harmony Day. Harmony Day has been an Australian celebration since 1999. We celebrated with an assembly, with some time spent with our Buddy classes and with sports and games on the oval.

You might like to talk to your children about your family roots. Perhaps you could:

- Show old photographs of family members and/or tell stories of how they came to be in Australia.
- Point out on a world map the different countries that make up their ancestry.
- Search online for images or videos of those different countries and explore the traditional Indigenous owners of your region – find out about their culture online or at your local library.
- Speak about what belonging and being welcoming, respectful and inclusive mean. For example, the difference between feeling included or not included.

More information can be found at [http://www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

Paper Planes

Although we expected to have heaps of children join us for the Paper Plane competition, we have more than we expected … if you see what I mean. So we will have to break the competition into sections. This Thursday we will run the competition for Year 2, and give time for the other years to compete next week. Remember that you will be given a single piece of A4 paper to fold your plane from, and that you will have one chance to throw it in the competition – so make sure you practise!

Bob Bannister
Executive Teacher

Year 5/6 Adventures at Camp

On Wednesday, the 11 March, Year 5/6 went on a three day camp to the Borambola Sports and Recreation Complex in Wagga Wagga. We travelled by bus, stopping in Jugiong for morning tea and arrived just before lunch time.

During the day we took part in structured activities that included Rock Climbing, Kayaking/Raft Building, Archery/Initiatives and Flying Fox. During that time we improved our teamwork, communication, gross motor skills and lots more, while also having lots of fun!

The food at camp was so good! We had burgers, chicken schnitzel and roast lamb. We also had pancakes for breakfast!! For dessert we had jelly and vanilla ice-cream! After the meal everyone had to clean their own tables and put their cutlery and plates back. Before the meal we had to go to the Rec Hall and line up in our activity groups. We sometimes played games with Olivia and Gus and they chose who could go up to get their meals. Each day an activity group had to go up to the dining room and set up. At lunch we went outside to eat.

After dinner we took part in night activities. One night we played games which included dancing, running and hand eye coordination as well as a good sense of fun. The next night we had the Borambola Show where we split into groups and held stores where others could purchase items or a service. We had bottle top coins to purchase things and buy goes for things like shooting goals and paying to get tattoos.

The cabins were probably the messiest part of the whole camp. There were around 12 people in each. After the night activities we were sent to bed to sleep. Sharing a cabin helped learn about other people and make new friends.

On the way back on the bus, there were definitely some happy but sleepy, faces!

Overall, Camp Borambola was an exciting and useful camp!

Year 5/6
**Date Correction Notice for UNSW Competitions**

Last week information was sent home with the dates and details for the UNSW Competitions. This notice is to confirm the official dates for the competitions and a reminder about the closing date for permission notes.

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For more information about the competitions please go to: [https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/dates-and-fees](https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/dates-and-fees)

Please remember that all notes need to be returned by **Thursday 2 April** (Week 9) to allow enough time for the ordering process. No late entries can be processed.

Bobbi Smith  
Competition Coordinator

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**Scientists in Schools**

This year Aranda will be continuing to participate in the Scientists in Schools program. We have been very fortunate to be paired with Julien Lerat who is a Hydrologist from the Bureau of Meteorology.

Last week Julien and I met briefly to discuss how he would work with the school to share his scientific expertise. We are currently communicating ideas about investigations for students in Years 3 to 6. Julien’s enthusiasm and knowledge will be very beneficial and assist in creating some great opportunities for our students. We look forward to Aranda’s partnership with Julien this year.

Bobbi Smith  
Science Coordinator

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**P&C Matters**

**Uniform Shop**

School photos next week: Don’t forget school photos are next week, which leaves only this Friday to get a new uniform from the Uniform Shop for the photos (if your child’s uniform is looking rather worn or covered in paint!).

Thank you for the donations: Many thanks to everyone who donated children’s clothes to the Uniform Shop. We now have lots more second hand items to offer parents and children at the school. The clothes have been very much appreciated.

Flexischools: The Uniform shop is up and running on Flexischools at:  

If you are looking for an easy way to purchase a school uniform or a school bag for your child, then considering using this service. The parent volunteers that run the Uniform Shop will select and bag your chosen items and deliver them to your child’s classroom on the following Friday. You do not need to come into the shop or pay by cash or cheque. You simply choose your items and size and then pay on-line using Flexischools.

Volunteers: As you know, the Uniform Shop is staffed by parent volunteers. The Uniform Shop needs new volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for one hour, twice a term, early on a Friday morning (8:30 to 9:30 am).

Tara Munro-Mobbs  
Uniform Shop coordinator  
Aranda P&C  
Email: [apsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com)

**Canteen**

Grab a hot cross bun on a Wednesday!  
Did you know we’ve got hot cross buns on the canteen menu at recess every **Wednesday** in the lead-up to Easter? Delicious toasted or un-toasted, they’re available for just $1.50.

Also, a quick reminder to place your child’s Term 1 Special Lunch order by **tomorrow 20 March**. You can have the morning off on Tuesday, 24 March and your kids can enjoy a fun and nutritious lunch!

If you have any questions about the Canteen or would like to volunteer on a Friday between 9:00 to 11:00 am or 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, please email Tiffany Bonasera at [arandacanteen@gmail.com](mailto:arandacanteen@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support of the canteen.  
Tiffany Bonasera  
Aranda P&C Canteen Subcommittee
Aranda Music and Arts Program

Places are currently available in Continuing Music (Monday 3:00 to 4:00 pm for Year 1/2 students), Beginning Recorder (Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 pm), Introduction to Music (for Kindergarten/Year 1 students on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm) and General Music (for Years 3 to 5 students on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm). There are also vacancies for 30 minute individual lessons in:

- piano on Monday at 5:15 pm;
- piano on Tuesday at 3:15 pm, 3:45 pm, 4:15 pm, 4:45 pm and 5:15 pm;
- piano on Friday at 4:45 pm and 5:15 pm
- singing at 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

If anyone has questions about the program please contact your AMA coordinator or see the website at www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Tracey Martin
Aranda Music and Arts Program

Bank on It

Save and win a trip to Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is taking you on a mission to Planet Savings. There are eight new awesome rewards to choose from, plus we’re introducing a new Grand Prize competition where you could win a family trip to Disneyland.

How to enter
All you need to do is simply make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 and you’ll automatically go into the Grand Prize competition.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

The Grand Prize
A family trip for up to two adults and two kids to California’s Disneyland, including:

- Return flights to LA and airport transfers
- 5 nights at a Disneyland hotel
- 3 day pass to Disneyland
- Enjoy Space Mountain, rollercoasters and hundreds of rides
- Meet Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters
- AUD$2,000 spending money

Things to know before you can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9:00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11:59pm AEST 19/3/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in Commbank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEST on 12/3/15 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/3/15. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 123 of Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LPS/14/0996/7; ACT Permit No TP14/03483; VIC Permit No. 165/2005; SA Permit No 114/2014/7.
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.

Model Train Expo, University of Canberra High School, 28-29 March
Hockey Come and Try Carnival, Hockey ACT – Saturday, 21 March
2015 Sports Expo, National Hockey Centre – 15 to 16 April
Cartoon Camp, La Trobe Park Scout Hall, Forrest, Saturday, 21 March or Sunday, 22 March
Get Active Sport Soccer for Juniors, Weetangera Primary, starts 3 May
National Disability Insurance Agency Hawker College, 11 March; UCHS Kaleen, 17 March; MacGregor Primary 23 March
Kid’s Biggest and Best Veggie Competition, The Environment Centre Saturday, 28 MacGregor
CONNECT AND PARTICIPATE EXPO! Old Bus Depot Markets in Kingston Saturday 28 March
Hume’s Heyday Festival Cooma Cottage Yass Saturday 18 April
Softball Talent Identification, Hawker International Softball Centre, 3 May to 3 June

Seminar and Discussion

Raising Children in More than One Language
For parents and grandparents, carers, educators, teachers and others interested in bilingual education

**Sunday 22 March 2015**
1.30pm-4.30pm
Molongolo Theatre, JG Crawford Building, Australian National University (ANU), Lennox Crossing, Acton ACT
see MAP at http://www.anu.edu.au/maps#
FREE ENTRY REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Children welcome but must be under parental supervision

Bookings and more details: 0408 089 235 (Mandy)
or email: Canberrabilingual@gmail.com

Organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA)
http://actbilingual.weebly.com/
with the support of the ANU and the ACT Government’s 2014/15 Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program
ACTBEA is affiliated with Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc.

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**DIABETES TYPE 1 STUDY**

- Do you have a relative with Diabetes Type 1?
- Are you 1-45 years of age?
- Are you generally healthy?

You may be eligible for the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Prevention Trial

If you have a relative with Type 1 Diabetes, you could be at risk for this disease. Paediatric Research at Canberra Hospital is participating in studies monitoring the risk of Diabetes in relatives of T1D individuals and is offering an opportunity for you or your child to participate.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on 61747600 for more information.

This study has been approved by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee

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**DIABETES TYPE 2**

in children aged 10-17 years

Does your child have Type 2 diabetes?

Your child may be eligible for the Type 2 Diabetes Study

Helping your child manage their type 2 diabetes can be difficult. It requires a lot of attention. If diet, exercise and medication are not working well enough for your child, you may be wondering what to do next.

It may be time to consider a different approach.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on 61747600 for more information.

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The Aranda App Codes

Newsletter Publication Deadline
Items to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.ed.act.edu before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before desired publication.

Dear Families and Neighbours of Belconnen,

SOCs - Sponsorship Opportunity Connections

support our school by using these businesses to help us raise money for much needed resources such as library books, sports equipment & computers.

Thank-you for supporting our school and community and remember... Don’t forget your SOCs!

Aranda Primary P&C

For more SOCs or information, go to www.communitysocs.org

If you are a business, school or non-profit who would like to be part of our SOCs community, contact info@CommunitySocs.org or 0403 123 161.