



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

22 June	Bookings for parent teacher interviews open
26 June	Reports sent home
3 July	End of Term 2

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Junior & Senior Choir
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Reading Challenge

Due Back

31 July

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Back to School - Student Reflections

We are thrilled to have our students back with us. They have quickly settled into their class routines, displaying positive attitudes and enthusiasm. The consistent feedback from our students is that they missed the interactions, connections and friendships. These are some of their reflections on their return to school:

- "I like playing games with my friends in my class and on the playground." Opie - Kinder
- "I am glad the library is back open so I can play games with my friends." Jack - Kinder
- "It is great to be back at school, being face-to-face with people." Elle - Year 1
- "Playing on the playground with a friend makes me happy." Snow - Year 1
- "It is good to be with our friends and being able to talk to our teachers." Leila - Year 1
- "I missed the teacher jokes. It's good to hear the teachers' humour." Thomas - Year 2
- "At school, you get to see the teachers face-to-face." Alice - Year 2
- "It was great coming back to school and seeing my teachers in person instead of on Google Chats. I get to play with my friends at lunchtimes which is so much fun. School is easier than learning at home because the teachers help me." Emily - Year 3
- "The best thing about coming back to school is learning. It is fun because my teacher is funny. I was bored at home (even though I have a Nintendo Switch) but at school I play with my friends." Gautam - Year 3
- "The best part about being back at school is that I get to see my friends and I don't go off task. The best reason I am back is that I won't get distracted and I will be given no choices of what I want to do instead of work." Tully - Year 4
- "There are lots of ways I like being back at school. I get to see all my friends again and chat with them and play handball and soccer. I really like getting back to learning at school so I can really focus." Gino - Year 4
- "The best part about being back at school is having the teachers and your classmates with you and being face-to-face with them. Another great thing about being back at school is how the teachers can help you when you don't know the answer to something." Maeve - Year 4
- "The best thing about being back at school is that I can communicate and see my friends." James - Year 5/6
- "It is good to be back, being able to see all of my friends again, being able to play with them. Doing schoolwork is easier and I get more done." Zoe - Year 5/6

It is wonderful to be together again!



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 closed until further notice.

apsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen

The Canteen will be closed until further notice. 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 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.

Year 6 Shirts

Our Year 6 students are now proudly wearing their new school shirts. They look fabulous!



Preservice Teacher Placements

We are pleased to welcome nine preservice teachers from the University of Canberra for a 30-day practical placement. This partnership between Canberra University, the ACT Education Directorate and ACT schools is essential in teacher education. This term, we have been able to offer placements across all year levels.

These placements provide our students with additional input from our preservice teachers and provide our teaching staff with opportunities to mentor and coach. Our preservice teachers experience the day-to-day operations of a real classroom; actively participating in planning, differentiation, assessment, lesson delivery and team teaching.

Library News

This semester, our students in Years 3 - 6 have created beautiful artworks for our library. These art pieces provide a vibrant background for our library collection.

- In Term 1, Years 5 & 6 completed vibrant drawings, expanding concepts reflected in our student sculptures and in Shaun Tan's 'Lost Thing'.
- Artwork by Year 3, based on *When I Grow Up* by Tim Minchin, will shortly extend our current display. They are also working on creative designs reflecting this year's whole school focus on Maths.
- Year 4 has created individual art pieces based on 'Every page tells a story'.



Reorganisation of our non-fiction collection has been completed to provide improved access to subject specific content. Throughout this term, we have continued to develop our fiction and non-fiction collection with many new titles now ready for borrowing. Our Scholastic Book Club rewards have also provided us with supplementary resources, including problem-solving activity sets and a range of books.



Kind regards,
Jenny Coen
Executive Teacher



Update to Public Transport Timetables

From Saturday 18 July 2020, Transport Canberra will be updating timetables for bus services.

These changes will help make public transport in Canberra easier to use by providing more services and increased frequency, to ensure that people have greater opportunity to spread out their travel across the day as we recover from COVID-19.

Transport Canberra has worked closely with the school community and we are providing increased frequency and additional services for school students across Canberra. As a new timetable is being introduced, there will be minor changes for all students travelling to and from school on public transport across Canberra from the first day of Term 3, 2020 (Monday 20 July 2020). In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive and leave may change.

All schools, parents and students can find out more about the specific changes by:

- checking the information packs for each school, which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- checking timetables for each route (including school specials), which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- calling 13 17 10.

You can help make sure everyone is prepared by letting parents, students and others in your school community know about the changes through school emails, social media, newsletters or notices. To assist, I have attached information about the specific changes for your school to this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service or regular route services servicing your school please call **13 17 10**.

Updated public transport timetables

START 18 JULY 2020

More services, particularly off peak.
Better connections & faster travel times.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Stay 1.5m apart
- Stay home if you are unwell

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Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 16 June 2020

We are thrilled to advise that many of our tutors have been returning to deliver onsite lessons from Week 7. Some tutors will also be offering online lessons for those who prefer to continue with these for a while longer. Our tutors and coordinators are contacting families as soon as we have the details settled. Please email info@arandamusicprogram.org if you haven't heard already about arrangements for your child's lessons. There may be changes to rooms and also some new protocols for where to collect and drop off your children. Please pay attention to these important details so we can have a smooth return to music and arts.

The following AMA programs have vacancies:

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin	5:30pm		5:30pm		
Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder		4:30pm 5:30pm			
Dance		3:00 - 4:30pm Junior	3:00 - 4:30pm Senior		

If interested, please go to "[How To Join](#)" to register.

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

Aranda Choir and Ukulele Club

Choir and Ukulele Club with Mrs Alexander is likely to return in Term 3, whilst being mindful of any hygienic restrictions that need to be in place.

If you have any questions about Choir or Ukulele Club, please email info@arandaps.act.edu.au for more information.

Hold on donations for Lids for Kids

Thank you for your donations to Lids for Kids this year. We are currently putting a hold on the acceptance of donations until all Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. If you have any questions about this, please call the Front Office on 6142 3030.