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HOT CROSS BUNS!
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From the Executive

P&C Welcome Picnic
It was lovely to see families at the P&C picnic last night. It was a great opportunity for families and staff to mingle together in a relaxed atmosphere at the start of the school year. We welcome parents getting involved in the school and there are many opportunities such as through the P&C and Canteen, just to name a few. It would be lovely to see more faces at our P&C meetings which are held on Thursday evenings, twice a term in our Community Room.

Ride or Walk to School Bike Program
I am pleased to say that we should be receiving our bikes as part of the Ride or Walk to School Program. The school will be receiving 15 bikes – a mixture of mountain bikes and BMX bikes for students to use as part of class activities. Initially, the 5/6 students will access these bikes and will participate in sessions with James Harrison and Anthony Watson. Later this term we are lucky enough to have people from Backbone running BMX workshops with our 5/6 students. We will also be holding a special “Ride 2 School” day on Friday 20 March when we are encouraging as many people to walk or ride to school on that day.

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Senior School Leadership

Well done to the G-Force members who have been running professional development sessions with the teachers on how to use our new Bokashi Bins. These bins are new compost bins that are used in all the classrooms. The G-Force members have learnt how to set the bins up and use them. I have heard from some of our teachers who have attended the sessions that our Bokashi experts are great teachers and they learnt a lot of their sessions. This is another example of leadership opportunities that our senior students are able to enjoy.

Swimming Carnival

I hope everyone has been practising their swimming in readiness for our annual swimming carnival on Tuesday 3 March. We are looking forward to a fantastic day and you will hear all the cheering from the pool all the way back to Aranda.

Parent Information from the ACT Education Directorate

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

School Accidents/Incidents

Aranda Primary School collects information about injuries and incidents which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education and Training Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory’s insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.

Term 2 Start Date

Just a reminder that the first day of Term 2 will be **Tuesday 28 April** due to the ACT Government Anzac Day Public Holiday on Monday 27 April.

Have a great weekend!

**Alison Reid**  
Executive Teacher
Year 2

What a busy start to 2015 we have had so far in Year 2! Students have now got to know their new teachers and settle into their new class groups during our Learning to Learn Unit earlier this term.

On Fridays, Year 2 students write a reflection about the week that has passed. They can write about any part of the school week they choose, and are encouraged to include what they thought at the time. Here are some examples on what we have thought about our experiences at school so far...

I enjoyed playing chairs. When I was a tipper I got to tip once. When I was a runner I skipped through chairs. In Maths I liked doing Maths Mentals. I came first by five seconds. I got a sticker from Miss Beaton. **Noah (2JB)**

Today at school I finished a texture artwork of a scarecrow and it is very cool. In breakout groups there was a mix up so I had a long French class but I didn’t mind. Yesterday I did Maths. The first Maths time was very hard but yesterday it was just right and at the beginning was very fun and I did well I think. This afternoon is 1/2唱歌 and I am looking forward to it because I like the songs and all the songs are fun and not boring so it is very enjoyable. Yesterday I played chairs which was fun and hard. **Nina (2JO)**

What I enjoyed this week was learning new class rules. I also enjoyed playing with my paper planes. This week I learned about graphs and other graphs. This week I also did Talk Time and five stars. We also played on the playground. **Rayyan (2CB)**

We are looking forward to see their journal writing develop throughout the year.

This year students have the opportunity to work across classes and with a variety of teachers. Sometimes we work together as one big group. Here are some pictures of us doing activities as a one big group.

*The Year 2 Team*

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**Aranda Primary School Board Elections for 2015**

**Voting**

Voting is now open. Voting forms are available at the Front Office. Each family should have received a voting form. Completed ballot papers need to be lodged in the ballot box at the Front Office. There are no online or electronic voting facility available.

In school board elections, each parent is eligible to one vote. We sent home one voting pack per family earlier this week. If you require an additional voting pack, please contact the Front Office. If the office is closed, please call 6142 3030 and leave a message or email suzanne.vincent@ed.act.edu.au

Voting closes at 11:00 am on Monday 2 March 2015. Votes will not be accepted after this date.

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Suzanne Vincent on 6142 3030 or Suzanne.Vincent@ed.act.edu.au
**G Force**

Hi, we are members of the 2015 G-Force Team and we are writing on behalf of the rest of G-Force. Recently, Aranda Primary School purchased some Bokashi compost bins and placed them in classrooms. These Bokashi bins produce juice that can be used for your garden and we will be selling the juice on Fridays from 3:00 until 3:30 pm.

To collect the juice, we would appreciate it if Aranda Primary School students bring in 600ml plastic bottles, like water bottles or soda bottles. We ask that they are empty, have been washed and still have their lids. If your child has brought in a bottle, they can either give it to Madame Davies or place it in the box located in the French Room.

On Tuesday, 24 February, the G-Force members, new students and Year 4 students had the opportunity to go to the Recycling and Waste Centre. We had an amazing experience and learnt lots of new things about the environment and how important recycling is. For example, If you recycle an aluminium can, it could be back on the shelves within six weeks but if you put it in landfill, it can take more than 500 years to decompose.

This week we went around the classrooms and examined the classroom recycling bins to see if they are being used appropriately. Remember, soft plastic goes in the red bins and food scraps in compost bins.

Grace (5/6TB) and Maddy (5/6TB)

G Force

**P&C Matters**

**Did You Know Our Canteen is Parent Run?**
The Canteen Committee comprises an enthusiastic group of volunteer parents, who report to the Aranda P&C. Our canteen operates just like a small business – that means its ongoing viability is dependent on the support of the school community.

If you’re out of bread and the last apple has just been eaten in your household, don’t forget you can place an order at the canteen! With Friday being the busiest day for canteen sales, we’re always keen to hear from parents and carers who can help for a few hours.

If you have a question about the canteen, or would like to volunteer on a Friday, please email Tiffany Bonasera at arandacanteen@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the canteen.

Tiffany Bonasera  
Aranda P&C

**2015 Class Parent Representatives**

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be the parent rep for their child’s class this year.

The following classes still do not have a parent representative: 2CB, 2JO, 3/4RF, 3/4TF, 5/6AW, PMSW, PTAE.

If you would like to volunteer for this role or find out more about what it involves, please contact me at alymike99@gmail.com or phone 0413 024 271.

Cheers

Allison McGurgan  
Class Parent Representative Coordinator

**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
- violin or piano on Friday at 3:45 pm, 4:45 pm and 5:15 pm
- singing at 4pm 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
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
Bricks at the Woden School, the Woden School, Saturday, 14 and Sunday, 15 March
Archives after Dark, National Archives Friday, 27 – Saturday, 28 February and Friday, 6 and Saturday, 7 March
Hockey Come and Try Carnival, Hockey ACT – Saturday, 21 March
Capacity Building Workshop for Families with Disabled Children, Belconnen Community Centre, started 25 February
2015 Sports Expo, National Hockey Centre – 15 to 16 April
Registration Day, St Patrick’s Hockey Club, Nicholls Playing Field – Saturday, 14 March

YMCA Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk
Sunday 1 March 2015
Thank you to all who have entered in the Aranda Primary School team. Online entries close at 5pm 26 Thursday, but it may still be possible to enter in person on Saturday 28th at Stage 88 between 1-4pm.
If you want to wear an Aranda shirt or other red top it will be easier for us to find each other on Sunday. See you then!
Cheers
Nicki Taws
0408 210736

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.

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