



Dear Aranda School community,

I hope you are looking forward to the fete as much as I am this term (Saturday, October 28, 3-7pm).

Our school fete is always held during an odd year and it was always my intention to run the outdoor, end of year concerts on alternate years or even years. We did have a year recently (2015) when we held both a fete and an end of year concert.

After experiencing a year in which we held both a concert and a fete, I would prefer to hold these important community events on alternate years. It became clear to me that it was not a good idea to try and run a fete, the concert, assemblies, reports, graduations, portfolios and Kindergarten/Preschool information sessions all in term 4 at the end of a busy year. The staff at Aranda enjoys participating in the school fete and we pride ourselves on the quality of the performances at our end of year concerts.

The current outdoor concert format is something I really enjoy and look forward to every second year. The staff and children spend quite some time preparing for the concert and it is not an event that can simply be thrown together in a short period of time. I know that some of our community are disappointed that there is not an end of year concert in 2017. That is great news because it means that the event is well supported and well received – I hope you agree that we should not jeopardise the quality of the concert or the sanity of the staff by trying to cram too much into the final term of the year.

I look forward to our fete this term, our outdoor, end of year concert next year and our Aranda School 50 year celebrations during 2019.

#### **Transportable classrooms for 2018:**

Everything is on track for the construction of our new transportable building. The work is scheduled to be completed before the new 2018 school year. Initial work is set to begin on October 23. This work will not interfere with the school fete.

Phil Gray

*Principal*

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