Dear Aranda Primary School families,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break with your families. We are looking forward to a bright and busy 2015 at Aranda Primary School. Teachers will be back at school participating in Professional Learning and preparing for the school year from Friday 23rd of January.

On **Monday 2nd February**, Kindergarten students will meet in the hall at 8:45am and will spend the day in their classrooms. Parents are welcome to stay in the classroom until 9:30am and then join us for a cup of tea in the Resource Centre if they wish. You may also choose to leave after your child has been placed in their class.

On **Monday 2nd February**, new students in Years 1 to 6 are welcome to meet at school for an introductory tour at 9am for approximately 1 hour. Please meet Alison Reid in the school Hall.

On **Tuesday 3rd February**, Kindergarten students will proceed directly to their classrooms.

Students in Years 1 to Year 6 will assemble in their 2015 year levels on the covered multipurpose court at 9:00am. Book packs will have been disseminated to year levels for the start of day two of school. This process was very successful last year as it saved parents and children carting heavy book packs to school on the first day. Children will spend the first half of the day in year level groups, participating in team building and getting to know you activities. Towards the end of the day, children will be placed in their 2015 roll groups and advised of the location of their classroom. Children will assemble on the covered multipurpose court at 3pm, in their class groups for pick up. If you would like to make alternative arrangements with your child, please do so e.g. cycle/walk home; meet in lower car park, etc.

**Please note that Day 1 for Kindergarten in 2015 is Monday 2nd February from 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

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School starts at 9:00am.
Children are expected to be at school ready to start at 9:00am. In order for children to be settled, marked off on the roll and to receive important instructions for the day it is vital that they arrive on time every day. If you arrive after 9am or intend to leave before 3pm, you are required to sign in or out at the front office.

If your child is absent, you are required to notify the school via, telephone, email, written note or school app.

Contact Details
Please endeavor to inform the Front Office if any of your contact details change. In recent times I have been unable to contact parents in an emergency as contact information was incorrect. This situation is stressful to an already emotional child. This includes email details as we send the newsletter and permission notes via email.

School Uniform
The Education and Training Directorate, the School Board, P&C and staff encourage the wearing of school uniform. There is a specific school uniform, not a colour code of clothing. Many parent/carers find this simplifies organisation at home. It also enhances the child’s feeling for belonging to the school community.

An important part of the uniform is a sun-protecting hat. The Education and Training Directorate has a comprehensive Sun Protection policy. Children will not be able to undertake outdoor activities without a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat (caps are not acceptable). A copy of the Aranda Sun Protection policy is available on the school website.

Uniforms are easy to purchase or order from the Uniform Shop at the school.

Class configurations for 2015
In 2015 there will be 25 classes:
- 3 x Preschool Classes
- 4 x Kindergarten Classes
- 4 x Year 1 Classes
- 3 x Year 2 Classes
- 5 x 3/4 Classes
- 5 x 5/6 Classes

Staffing Structure for 2015
The staff structure for 2015 will be published in the School Newsletter in Week 1.

The staff and I are looking forward to another productive year at Aranda School.

Phil Gray
Principal
January 2015