Save the Date

Aranda Primary Twilight Fete ‘15
Saturday 24 October from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

As Aranda Primary’s main fundraiser for the year we look forward to your support in the coming months to make sure that Fete ‘15 is bigger and better than ever!

Your Fete Coordinators Karolyn Carmody, Emma Stockings and Tracey Voss

From the Executive

Grandfriends Day
You’re invited! Save the date!

Grandfriends’ Day will be held in Term 2 Week 3, Friday 15 May for our Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Preschool will be either Tuesday 12 May or Friday 15 May.

Grandfriends’ Day is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, big sisters and brothers, next door neighbours and special friends to visit the school and participate in a learning journey with the children. Students showcase some of their work and lead their guests in games and/or activities. A flyer for your fridge or message board has gone home today. More information will go out closer to the date.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who showed such great spirit and sportsmanship during the Swimming Carnival held on Tuesday this week. Everyone has a role to play in contributing to the
success of their house, from swimming in events to cheering on team mates. A very big thank you to
the staff and volunteers who made the day run so smoothly.

Swimming ribbons will be presented at the conclusion of the Whole School Assembly this Friday.

Colette Brown
Executive Teacher

From The Board
The first Board meeting for the year was held in late February. One of the items discussed which is of
great concern to us all, is the safety of our children in and around our carparks and on roads adjacent to
the school, particularly during peak drop-off and pick-up times. This is an ongoing issue which has been
raised several times in 'Phil’s Soapbox'.

The school turning circle is not designed to cater for a large numbers of cars and therefore is not an
appropriate place for pick-up and drop-off during peak times. It is also not designed as a general
parking area, except as signposted for executive vehicles. The school has received a number of
reported incidents and also several near-misses have been witnessed in this area. These are
significant causes for concern.

The Board are currently considering traffic control measures and/or installation of devices to restrict
general access to this area which, if proceeded with, will be funded from the school operating budget.
This will take funds away from an already limited budget that is primarily designed to provide
educational tools and equipment for our children.

Of course the simplest solution to this issue is for us all do the right thing and look out for each other's
children and vehicles and follow the signposted rules. By changing our behaviour, expenditure on
otherwise unnecessary traffic devices will not be required. Please consider this during your morning
and afternoon drop-offs and pick-ups.

The designated areas for pick-up and drop-off are as signposted along Bandjalong Crescent, and for
longer stay parking are in the carpark at the lower end of the school adjacent to the Aranda Playing
Fields and accessed off Banambila Street.

We look for to your cooperation on this matter. In the interim, a request has been made to ACT
Government to increase traffic and parking surveillance in the area.

Peter Shaw
Chairman of the Board

ONE A PENNY, TWO A PENNY……..
HOT CROSS BUNS!
FRESHLY BAKED
FRUIT AND PLAIN
FOR SALE AT THE CANTEEN
TERM I WEDNESDAYS
ONLY $1.50 EACH, DON'T MISS OUT!
Year 3/4
The Year 3/4 students have had a very busy start to the year. We spent time getting to know our new classmates and teachers while focusing on strategies which we can apply to help us work cooperatively and fairly in a variety of settings. In Literacy we have looked at a range of poems and their structures, some examples are below. We had the opportunity to meet and work with our Buddies for the first time and are looking forward to working with them on many tasks.

On Tuesday we had the opportunity to show off our swimming skills at the Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students participating in events as well as the very enthusiastic cheering that could be heard from the house areas.

You can see some of us in action in these photos. We look forward to seeing you at 3/4 ZW and 3/4 BB’s assembly tomorrow.

Year 3/4 Team

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Poem with a Twist

Snakes
Slimy and scary
Ready to attack
Prey is coming
No venom!
By Reilly

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Haiku

Sun pounds onto us.
A gush of sun lights the world.
Burns my eyes so hot.
By Maya

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Poem with a Twist

Mrs Ly-Diep
Beautiful and Pretty
Happy and Kind
Long and Dark
AAAH no high heels
By Si Si

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The Wrong Trousers

While we are confident that you got the right child back after our wonderful swimming carnival, it appears that some folk may have the wrong trousers, shirts and shoes! Things get mixed up on the hill and, while we brought lost property back from the pool, some children may have inadvertently taken the wrong clothing home. At least one young lad is missing a pair of shoes.

So please, would you check that your children have their own clothing? If you find you have the wrong trousers, shirt or shoes, please bring them back to the school. If you are missing any articles of clothing, please check the Lost Property – near the Canteen.

Thanks in anticipation,
Bob Bannister
Executive Teacher

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NAPLAN Information for Parents/Carers

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information. There are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May.

If you would like more information, please have a look at the following links:


Lakhana Ly-Diep
NAPLAN Coordinator
**G Force**
Hi, we are from the G-force. We would like to remind you that the Bokashi juice that we collect from our Bokashi compost bins will available at the Front Office on Fridays from 3:00 to 3:30 pm. It would be great if you could support us and buy some Bokashi juice for a gold coin donation. Bokashi juice is a fantastic fertiliser that when diluted can be used for your vegetable garden, flowers, trees and lawn. It is also good for your drains!

Last week we went on an excursion to the Materials Recovery Centre. They told us that from now on, it is recommended that we take the lids of all of our bottles and jars and rinse them before putting them in the recycling bin. Please follow these simple steps to keep ACT at the number one recycling state/territory in Australia.

We also learnt that Coles is now taking soft plastic so they can send them away to be made into recycled furniture for child care and preschool. There is a bin at Coles where you can put all your soft plastics.

Ellen (5/6LG) and Annabel (5/6TB)
G Force

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**The Uniform Shop**

**Flexischools:** The Uniform Shop is now up and running on Flexischools. You can order on-line using this service to purchase clothes sold at our shop. We will deliver the clothes to your child’s class on Friday each week. Please note, you can’t purchase sale items or second hand clothes using Flexischools. For those items, please come to our shop which will still be open every Friday 8:30 am to 9:30am.

**Volunteers:** The Uniform Shop needs new volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for two hours per term on a Friday morning. You can email me at apsuniformshop@gmail.com.

**Second-Hand Clothing** There are children (and parents) at our school who rely on second-hand clothes to help with their wardrobe. Please consider donating your children’s clothes that are too small for them to our Uniform Shop. We especially need small size polo shirts for all the new Kindergarten and Year 1 children. You can leave all donated items at the Front Office any time during the week or visit us on Friday. We will help find all donated items a great home.

Tara Munro-Mobbs
Uniform Shop coordinator
Aranda P&C
apsuniformshop@gmail.com

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**P&C Matters**

**Canteen menu with Pop!**
The Canteen Committee is pleased to announce that Paddle Pops are coming soon to the Canteen menu. Watch out for them from Week 6!

Expect to see some more changes to our menu and to the way we present our food and engage with kids as we move through the term. Two of our Committee members, Cathy Knight-Agarwal (Dietetics Clinical Educator/Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Canberra) and Hannah Every-Hall (accredited dietitian and member of Sports Dietitians of Australia), are working with Tina Walton, our Canteen Manager, to give our canteen even more fun, healthy ways to feed Aranda Primary kids!

If you 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.

Thank you for your support of the Canteen.

Tiffany Bonasera
Aranda P&C Canteen Subcommittee

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**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 to 4pm) 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 5.15pm
- piano on Tuesday at 3.15pm, 3.45pm, 4.15pm, 4.45pm and 5.15pm
- violin or piano on Friday at 4.45pm and 5.15pm
- 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
Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk

Congratulations to the 26 students, family and staff of the Aranda Primary School team who took part in the YMCA Canberra Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk last Sunday. We were the primary school team with the most participants but unfortunately we are now such a big school that we didn't have the most participants as a percentage of female enrolments. That prize (and the money) went to Arawang Primary. Our fastest team member was Kathie Dent in 8th place out of 762 finishers, covering the 5km course in a sprightly 19.52 mins. Chloe (3/4TF) was the fastest U10, placing 38th overall in an amazing 23.46 mins. Emily (3/4BB) was 3rd U10 in 26.29 mins. Last year Chloe and her mother Celina won the mother-daughter (under 12) team category. This year the title was taken by Nicki Taws and Annabel (5/6TB) ...(sorry). We just needed a couple more people to take out the primary school prize, so maybe next year we can make a big effort to gain a few more participants. It is, after all, a lot of fun.

Cheers
Nicki Taws
0408 210736

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.

FREE BUSHDANCE

Bring your kids to a FREE BUSHDANCE at the Yarralumla Woolshed on Saturday 28 March.
2:00 to 4:00 pm.
Live band: The Tin Mugs
Dances are taught and called, so no experience necessary. Suitable all school age children. Info: www.mfs.org.au
The Aranda App Codes

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