From the Principal

Dear Aranda Primary School community,

It’s hard to believe that Term 1 is already drawing to an end. The children have achieved a great deal in a short space of time. The World of Maths activities created some thoughtful discussions amongst the children and our Harmony Day celebrations were great fun.

I have been impressed with some of the science discoveries and investigations that have taken place throughout the school this term. I look forward to our family science night later in the year when we will have the opportunity to share with the Aranda community some of our in-class science activities.

Aranda Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all who participated in our Cross Country Carnival last Tuesday. It impressed me to see the drive and effort that so many of our children put in to their run. Cross Country may not be everyone’s cup of tea but to those who gave it a go – good on you! It was evident to me during the day that we have many talented runners at Aranda. Janine Collins has started a running club at the school and I know that this kind of active endeavour can only be good for our children.

Make a ‘Plan B’ With Your Child

I recommend that you discuss options with your children in case you are running late or someone else needs to take care of pickup. If you have arranged something different for pickup on any given day please send a message to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day. This term the front office has been inundated with requests to send messages to children in class. Parents often request that messages be sent to children after 2.45pm.  We are always willing to help out but as you can imagine, it is impossible for our office staff to take care of their duties and run messages to children all over a large school.
Phil’s Soapbox
This one is short and sweet. Only lazy, thoughtless and selfish people place children’s lives in danger on a regular basis. At the moment our roads and parking areas are an accident waiting to happen. We have ample parking spaces (more than most ACT schools) at the oval end of Aranda School. I am sick of asking careless people to not park in drop and go zones and to cease parking on red curbs. If a good number of our community don’t start to obey parking and road rules, a child will be injured in the near future. THEREFORE I have handed the issue (again) to the parking rangers and ACT Police. If you can’t do the right thing in your car around our children then be prepared to cop a fine.

To those who drive and park responsibly around the school...thanks.

Term Review
A highlight for me this term has been the community involvement at many of our school events. It has been fantastic to see parents, grandparents, family and friends enjoying our sports carnivals, the EALD breakfast, assemblies, picnics and information sessions throughout the term. I am really looking forward to Grandfriends’ Day next term.

Have a great break,

Phil Gray

SRC Fundraiser
Please remember the SRC fundraiser tomorrow – Mufti day with a gold coin donation.

Grandfriends’ Day
Preschool
Tuesday 6 May 9:00 to 10:00 am
Friday 9 May 11:00 am to 12 noon

Primary School
Friday, 9 May 2014 9:00 to 11:00 am

Our celebrations will begin with a visit to classrooms at 9:00 am. This will be followed by a special morning tea for Grandfriends that will be held from 10:00 am in the Resource Centre.

After morning tea Grandfriends will be treated to a performance by both the Year 5 and Year 6 bands and songs by the Year 1/2 students.

We would be grateful if families could send in a plate of food for morning tea on the day.

Library Shelf: Book Fair

This is the last that you will hear about Book Fair for 2014!

Book Fair was moderately successful this year, we raised $5,235.45 in total. From this we earned a sales commission that allowed us to take $838.50 as new books and received another $490.09 in cash. This is a great fundraiser for the library. Money aside, I enjoyed seeing parents and children browsing the tables and finding “the” book.

Naturally, I didn’t do this alone. I need to thank Caitlin Jones, Penny Kilgour and Brian Ireland for helping me set up and take down the fair. Also Tara Munro-Mobbs, Fiona Bray and Penny Kilgour helped with sales. Your help made the job that much easier.

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant
Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday we had our school cross country carnival. It was a fantastic day especially as the rain held off. We were thrilled to see so much team spirit and everyone trying their best. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help us out as course marshals. Events such as these cannot run without the continued support from our fabulous parents and community members.

We would like to congratulate the following students who have qualified for the Belconnen Regional Cross-Country carnival.

**12yrs Boys**
- Ede (5/6TB)
- Murphy (5/6JH)
- James (5/6PD)

**12yrs Girls**
- Emily (5/6JH)
- Alissa (5/6TB)
- Giselle (5/6TB)

**11yrs Boys**
- Xander (5/6TB)
- Ryan (5/6TB)
- Ben (5/6PD)

**11yrs Girls**
- Claire (5/6AW)
- Annabel (5/6AW)
- Zahra (5/6TB)

**10yrs Boys**
- Sam (3/4KN)
- Ethan (3/4KN)
- Lachlan (3/4CJ)

**10yrs Girls**
- Alyssia (5/6JH)
- Aurelia (3/4LLD)
- Charlotte (3/4RF)

**9yrs Boys**
- Jacob (3/4RF)
- Finn (3/4CJ)
- Noah (3/4CJ)

**9yrs Girls**
- Marie (3/4RF)
- Maya (3/4LLD)
- Ella (3/4RF)

**8 Yrs Boys**
- Cameron (1/2PW)
- Gabriel (1/2PW)
- Daniel (1/2EJ)

**8 Yrs Girls**
- Reilly (1/2EJ)
- Chloe (1/2EJ)
- Lulu (1/2EC)

We are looking forward to taking such a strong team of runners to the Belconnen Regional Cross-Country carnival, next term Monday May 12, 2014.

Tricia Butters, Tanya Ford, Caitlin Jones
Cross-Country Committee

P&C Matters

**HELP NEEDED**

Aranda Primary has the privilege of organising the Belconnen Zone Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo Park on Monday 12 May 2014. We have the opportunity of raising some funds for the school by running a canteen. We will be selling warm drinks, water and cakes etc. I will need a few helpers to staff the canteen (9:00 am –12:00 noon) and some cooks to make muffins and brownies to sell.

Many hands make light work!
Please contact me if you can assist.

Many thanks
Sue Witchalls
sjwitchalls@bigpond.com
0458 512 646

**Canteen Roster**

Thank you to those Kindergarten parents and carers that have already volunteered for our new Friday canteen roster. Your help is much appreciated!

We still need more mums, dads and carers to help Tina on their rostered Friday. The following Kindergarten classes are rostered on for Term 2, Weeks 1 to 4:

- Friday 2 May – KJK
- Friday 9 May – KDR
- Friday 16 May – KZW
- Friday 23 May – KSW

Please email Karolyn at arandacanteen@gmail.com to volunteer.

**New Canteen Menu**

Thank you for your support of the new canteen menu that was sent home earlier this term. It is always hard to accommodate everyone’s preferences but we are working on providing healthy and affordable food choices for Aranda families in line with National Healthy School Canteens Guidelines.

Feedback is always welcome so please email arandacanteen@gmail.com to submit any comments, menu ideas (and recipes!) or improvement suggestions.

Karolyn Carmody
Aranda P&C Canteen Committee
More SOCs are coming so please use up your current SOCs coupons. If you need more free SOCs coupons, ask the front-desk or visit www.CommunitySOCs.org.

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.

Sports Expo, National Hockey Centre – 14 to 16 April
The Conductor and the Clown, Nishi Gallery – 15 April
Canberra Minecraft Camp, Communities at Work, Greenway, 19 and 20 April
Get Active Sports soccer, Weetangera Primary – starts 4 May
Kidssoccer Holiday Clinics/Winter Program – early bird registration before 18 April
Australian Scholarship Groups Information
Canberra Chess Challenge, Melba Copland Secondary School – 13 April
Multi-Activity Sports Holiday Program, PCYC - 14 to 17 April and 22 to 24 April
AFL Holiday Camp, Montgomery Oval – 17 April

Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk

Well done to the 31 students, teachers and family members of the Aranda Primary School team who completed the 5 km Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk on Sunday. We had some fantastic results with Miss Jones finishing 5th (out of 600), Giselle (5/6TB) being 6th of the 10 to 14 year old girls and Chloe (1/2EJ) being the fastest girl under 10 years old! Unfortunately we were pipped by Maribyrnong Primary for first prize for the highest number of entrants (as a percentage of student numbers). We actually had the most entrants of the primary schools but because we are a larger school we need to have even more entrants. That’s our goal for next year!

Cheers
Nicki Taws

Spanish Classes for Kids

Uno, dos, tres… let’s learn Spanish now!! Dora has already taught your child the basics. So now we can take your child to new levels. In just 10 beginners lessons your child will know the numbers, animals, greetings, colours, and many songs. And all that while having lots of fun.

We have different programs targeted at children aged from 3 to 10 years. Classes run after school Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at our Curtin location. More information at www.ositoscool.com.au

Contact us on 0416257800 or ositoscool@yahoo.com.au any time during the school term.
Circle of Security

The Circle of Security is a relationship-based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment between parents and children. Decades of research have confirmed that secure children have increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, and an increased capacity to handle emotions effectively.

The Circle of Security program enables parents and caregivers to:

- Understand and recognise their child’s emotional needs
- Have increased awareness of their responses to their child
- Expand their moment-to-moment parenting choices where needed
- Prevent emotional and behavioral difficulties
- Develop skills to parent effectively with confidence

Who: Parents and care-givers of children from conception to age 8

Where: Kippax Health Centre, Kippax Place Holt ACT 2615.

When: Each Wednesday for 8 weeks,

9.15am - 12pm,
commencing April 30, 2014.

Contact: Jen Lewis or Kat Ellinghausen from BCS - 6264 0200, or
Rosemary Lee from West Belconnen Child and Family Centre - 6205 2242.

This course is provided free of charge.

Onsite childcare available (please advise us if you require this).
Enrolling at Aranda Primary School

All applications for enrolment or transfer from another ACT Government School are now done online at:


If you have difficulty accessing a computer or the internet to complete an application for enrolment, please contact the school to make an appointment for assistance.

Enrolment for 2015 placement will open on Monday 28 April 2014. The first round period will close on Friday 30 May 2014.

There is no longer any advantage in having your application in early as placement is based on families living in area and siblings of current enrolled families. However we would like all families to place their applications for enrolment in during this first round period so accurate class placement and planning can be done.

If you are already enrolled at the Aranda Primary Preschool there is no need to enrol for 2015 as you are already guaranteed a place in our Kindergarten classes.

Once you have submitted your application for enrolment, please wait until the school contacts you before bringing in your additional documents for proof.

All enrolment inquiries can be directed to Suzanne Vincent on 6142 3030 or Suzanne.Vincent@ed.act.edu.au