From the Executive

**Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) Survey**

Aranda Primary School is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end, the school, in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT Education and Training Directorate, is surveying staff, students and a random selection of parents/carers. The aim is to gather information about the school’s social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school and the future challenges. This survey will take place this term. Students will complete the survey at school and parents will be randomly selected and will receive an e-mail from the school. Gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers.

**Belconnen Cross Country Championships**

Well done to all those students who were selected to participate at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival. It was a beautiful day on Monday and the students performed very well. The following students have made it through to the ACT Cross Country Carnival – Reilly (1/2EJ), Chloe (1/2EJ), Cameron (1/2PW), Marie (3/4RF), Maya (3/4LLD), Jacob (3/4RF), Finn (3/4CJ), Alyssia (5/6JH), Ethan (3/4KH), Sam (3/4KN), Ethan (3/4KN), Claire (5/6AW), Annabel (5/6AW), Zahra (5/6TB), Xander (5/6TB), Alissa (5/6TB), Giselle (5/6TB), Ede (5/6TB) and Murphy (5/6JH). Thank you to Mrs Jones, Mr Watson, Miss Butters, Miss Tanya Ford and Miss Susan Ford for organising the day.

**Walk Safely to School Day**

On Friday 23 May it is Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 15th year, this important community initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to, during and from school) can provide for the long term health of our children. Please get involved on Friday 23 May by walking to school from home or if you have to drive, park the car a short distance away from school and walk the rest of the way.
**Grandfriends’ Day**

What a lovely day it was last Friday at Aranda Primary School. There was a buzz around the school with children proudly showing off their work and classrooms to their special visitors. Please take the time to have a look at the photos from Grandfriends’ Day. You can find them up in the corridor near the Afters office. A big thank you to everyone, whether you were a grandparent or just a special friend, who took the time to visit on Friday. It was a great morning.

**School Uniform**

One thing that visitors often comment on when walking around Aranda, is our high standard of school uniform. It is important that we continue this high standard all year round and as the weather is changing, please try to remember to send your child to school in jackets/coats that are in school colours. Please also remember to label all your child’s belongings and to regularly check lost property. We are starting to accumulate a large number of jumpers and jackets which have been left around the school.

**Preservice Teachers**

You may have noticed some new faces around the school over the past few weeks. Aranda Primary is lucky to have a large number of pre-service teachers working at our school during this term. The school placement is an important component of their university studies and our children also benefit from having a pre-service teacher as part of their class. Welcome to Liga, Todd, Kylie, John, Olivia, Ryan, Chelsea, Sammi, Hannah, Jacinda, Jasmine and Emily.

**Raiders Beanies**

Even though I follow St George, it has been great to see Aranda students wearing Raiders beanies that have been kindly donated by one of our parents, John Bonasera. Mrs Collins has been handing them out to members of her running club to help keep them nice and warm during the cooler mornings this term. We have many to hand out during our PE lessons so keep an eye in school bags over the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend!

**Alison Reid**  
School Leader C

**Year 1/2**

The 1/2 classes had a wonderful time celebrating Grandfriends’ Day last Friday. We enjoyed sharing our learning with our family and friends and loved having the chance to sing some of our favourite songs at the Grandfriends’ Day concert.

We’d like to thank all our grandfriends and other family members that came along and made the day so special for us.

**1/2 Classes**
Belconnen Cross Country Thank you!

This year it was Aranda Primary’s responsibility to convene the Belconnen Regional Cross Country Carnival. I would like to say a massive thank you to our Aranda Parents and Pre-service teachers for their assistance and support at the Carnival. I would particularly like to thank: Anthony Scott, Nikki Taws and Michael Wright for their assistance with time keeping and judging/marshalling runners at the finish line, Sue Witchalls and her fantastic team of helpers who put in many hours organising and baking so that all runners and spectators were able to purchase drinks and delicious food from the canteen and Todd Ashton, John Boland and Melinda Ford who helped officiate, setup and pack up. A very special thanks also Anthony Watson for helping to organise/setup/pack up the carnival and Caitlin Jones and Susan Ford for their assistance along the way and on the day. Thank you also to Tricia Butters, Emily McDermot and Ryan Strudwick for looking after the Aranda team.

Tanya Ford
Convenor Belconnen Regional Cross Country Carnival

Running Club

Please note: Unfortunately there will be no Running Club next week (Week 4).

Janine Collins
Health and PE Teacher

French News

Language Perfect World Championship

The Language Perfect World Championship starts again next Monday (19 May) and will last until Thursday 29 May. All students in Year 3 to 6 are encouraged to take part. There will be prizes for the best students in each year level and a pizza party for the class with the most points!!

If you are not sure about your username and password, come and see me ASAP!

Madame Davies
French Teacher

G-Force

We would like to inform you all that the lost property bins have become too full and have started to overflow.

If you have lost something at school, please remember to check the lost property. It would also help if you write your name on school items. When lots of items such as drink bottles and food containers are all sent to landfill it can ruin our environment.

Remember it's our problem, our playground and our responsibility and together we can make a difference.

Jazz (5/6 LG), Tiv (5/6LG) and Haya (5/6TB)
G-Force Leaders
P&C Matters

Fundraiser Thank You!
A BIG THANKS to all who responded to my call for help with baking and staffing for the canteen at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival on Monday. The array of home baked goodies was a hot topic of conversation on the slopes of Stromlo! Thank you to Larissa, Julia, Katie, Rebecca, Fiona, Allison, Jo, Tara, MaryAnne and Nicole for taking time out of your Mother's Day to bake. It was fantastic to meet some new faces and see parents from the junior classes involved.

Many thanks go to Chris Stocks, Tracey Voss and Jo Davies for taking time off from their paid work to staff the canteen on the day. They were very ably assisted by some Canberra High Year 9 students. Thanks also to Tina our school canteen manager for helping with ordering and quantities. The efforts of these folk helped to raise over $800.

Sue Witchalls
P&C Fundraising

Friday Canteen Roster
At the start of this term, the P&C Canteen Committee introduced a new process of allocating Friday canteen duties to a class (that is the mums, dads and carers from that class) to provide Tina with help in the canteen on their rostered day.

With 20+ classes, that equates to only one or two Fridays per year that we'll be asking for your help. And only two volunteers are required for each 9:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 1:00 pm shift.

The following 1/2 classes are rostered on for Term 2, Weeks 5-10 (and Term 3, Week 1):

Friday 30 May – 1/2 AL
Friday 6 June – 1/2 AO
Friday 13 June – 1/2 EC
Friday 20 June – 1/2 EJ
Friday 27 June – 1/2 FA
Friday 4 July – 1/2 KH
Friday 25 July – 1/2 PW

Please email Karolyn Carmody at arandacanteen@gmail.com to volunteer. Class Reps will also be sending reminder emails closer to your rostered day.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Kindy parents and carers who have recently volunteered in the canteen. And thank you also to the four Kindy Class Reps for helping organise the rosters. Everyone's assistance has been much appreciated!

Fiona Bray
Aranda P&C Canteen Committee

Aranda Music and Arts Program

There is currently one guitar vacancy (Tuesdays) and one singing vacancy (Thursdays). Please contact info@arandamusicroom.com if you are interested.

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Coordinator

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

Canberra High Open Night, Canberra High – 22 May
PCYC Bluelight Disco at Belconnen Community Centre on Saturday 31 May, 5:00 to 7:00

The Aranda App Code
Free Parent Workshop

Using iPads to support Students with Learning Difficulties, in the Early Years

This workshop will provide a chance to explore the multiple ways the iPad can support your child who struggles with learning in the early years.

- Top tips for using iPads in the classroom/home (eg. settings, accessibility, tips & tricks)
- Key apps for creating learning content (Hands on if possible)
- Apps for literacy development
- Apps for other learning areas
- Apps to support behaviour, organisation and social skills
- Resources and where to get more information

Come along and explore how the iPad can support your child.

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List of FREE apps to be installed before the session:

One PAID APP (recommended but not essential)

About the Presenter
Amanda Hartmann is a Speech-Language Pathologist with over 14 years experience – experience which has led to a passion for working with children and young adults with disabilities. She has specialist skills and knowledge in Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Visual Communication, Literacy and Technology. She started her career in Education Queensland and worked closely with teachers and parents in Special Facilities to implement successful communication programs. Nine years ago, Amanda became a Key Word Sign (formerly Makaton) Presenter and regularly presents workshops in Key Word Sign. She now divides her time between a busy private practice (4 Little Monkeys) and Spectronics, as an Inclusive Technology Consultant.