From the Deputy

Dear Aranda Community,

I hope you are all finding some time to relax and enjoy the Commonwealth Games viewing. I would like to congratulate one of our parents Martin Dent on his recent efforts in the marathon. It is fantastic for our students to see local athletes competing in the international arena. We currently have several students training as part of the ACT Cross Country Team set to compete in Albany, WA next month and wish them all the best in their training and preparation and look forward to hearing about their race day results.

Noteworthy Concert

On Wednesday this week our students from Year 1 – Year 6 were given the opportunity to attend the ‘Noteworthy’ concert presented by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra at Llewellyn Hall. The concert provided a wonderful opportunity for students to listen to a live orchestra. This experience has formed the basis for recent music lessons with Melissa Alexander and will continue to be used throughout the term.

Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers not only support and work with children through the learning process, but they ensure they themselves are lifelong learners participating in ongoing professional learning. This week teachers worked with Phil Gray and Susan Ford on utilising data to inform teaching practice. We worked through NAPLAN, Pips and school based data. The focus was ‘how we use this data to inform our teaching practice’. Some of the questions we worked through were: Which children need extension? Which require support? Who is progressing as expected? Who is not progressing as expected and why? The evening provided time for teachers to look at the individual needs of children and the needs of cohorts of children.

Chromebook Information Evening

Last week the Year 5/6 teachers and students hosted a very successful information evening for parents around the use of chromebooks within the classroom. It was lovely to see the roles reversed with children teaching their parents.
Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge

Please encourage your children to keep on reading. August is the last month for this challenge and we encourage children to try and sneak in a few more books before the challenge ends.

Cheers
Kim McCormack

Hats On

Yes, it is that time of the year again to start thinking about SunSmart behaviour.

August, although cold, is when daily UV levels start rising in Canberra to levels that can cause damage to unprotected skin. The beginning of August is the time to start implementing our school's sun protection policy.

The beginning of August is “Hats ON Again” for all of us!

In Canberra average daily UV levels reach 3 and above for part or most of every day between August and May. When UV levels reach 3 and above, Cancer Council recommends sun protection to reduce the potential risk of skin damage which lays the ground work for skin cancer later in life, including deadly melanoma.

Did you know that skin thickness shows a gradual increase from birth to adulthood. Children tend to spend more time being active outdoors and whilst this is a good thing, it is important that sensible sun protection is also adopted when UV levels are strong enough to cause damage.

Janine Collins
Health and PE Co-ordinator

Multiplication Challenge

The Multiplication Challenge for Years 3 and 4 has started this week with students learning the 2 times tables. The first quiz will be tomorrow.

There was enough interest from parents and students in Years 5 and 6 that those years will be involved in the Multiplication Challenge again this year. So starting next week all Year 3 to 6 students will be practising the 3 times tables with the quiz for held Week 3, Friday, 8 August. Good luck to all classes!

Susan Ford
Maths Co-ordinator

UNSW Competitions

Computer Skills

Congratulations to the 44 students who participated in the UNSW Computer Skills Competition. We achieved 1 High Distinction, 7 Distinctions, 16 Credits and 1 Merit. The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinction – David (5/6PD)

Distinctions – Jenna (3/4CJ), Aania (3/4TF), Aaron (5/6LG), William (5/6AW), Yang (5/6LG), Giselle (5/6TB), Gary (5/6PD)

Credits – Fraser (3/4KN), Alexandra (3/4LLD), Theodore (3/4TF), Rose (3/4KN), Ben (3/4KN), Kevin (3/4LLD), Lily (5/6PD), Nisala (5/6AW), Georgia (5/6PD), Holly (5/6LG), Elijah (5/6LG), Mia (5/6PD), Dimitri (5/6TB), Claire (5/6PD), Elaine (5/6JH), Jasmine (5/6LG)

Merit – Elias (3/4RF)

Science

47 students participated in the UNSW Science Competition. We achieved 2 High Distinctions, 12 Distinctions, 17 Credits and 5 Merits. The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinctions – Aaron (5/6LG), Gary (5/6PD)


Credits – Kevin (3/4CJ), Fraser (3/4KN), Alexandra (3/4LLD), Layla (3/4RF), Maxwell (3/4RF), Stephen (3/4LLD), Kevin (3/4LLD), Lachlan (3/4TF), Nick (3/4LLD), Lara (5/6AW), Elena (5/6LG), Holly (5/6LG), Radeeka (5/6PD), Elizabeth (5/6LG), Zhuo Zhuo (5/6AW), Ryan (5/6LG), Finn (5/6PD)

Merits – Theodore (3/4TF), Llewellyn (3/4CJ), Stanley (5/6TB), Maxwell (5/6LG), Jasmine (5/6LG)

Well done to all the students who participated in both competitions!

Liz Gocentas and Pam Daly
UNSW Competition Coordinators
G-Force

On Friday Week 3 Term 3 (8th August) at 9:10 am the G Force and SRC will be planting trees at school, to celebrate National Tree Day, Thanks to the support of Greening Australia. (Please note that the date has changed). **We would appreciate if any parent with green thumbs would like to volunteer and help us on the day. Please contact Madame Davies if you think you can help us.**

Everyone has been doing a good job of keeping the bins and the playground area clean for the first two weeks of the term and helping our school saving water and electricity.

From the G force
Juliet (5/6TB), Giselle (5/6TB) and Alicia (5/6LG)

P&C Matters

**Friday Canteen Roster**
At the start of last term, the P&C Canteen Committee introduced a new process of **allocating Friday canteen duties to a class**, i.e. the mums, dads and carers from that class have been helping Tina on their rostered day.

With 20 plus 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 Year 3/4 classes are rostered on for Term 3, Weeks 3 to 7:

- **Friday 8 August** – 3/4CJ
- **Friday 15 August** – 3/4KN
- **Friday 22 August** – 3/4LLD
- **Friday 29 August** – 3/4RF
- **Friday 5 September** – 3/4TF

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 Year 1/2 parents and carers that have recently volunteered in the canteen. And thank you also to the seven Year 1/2 Class Reps for helping organise the rosters. Everyone’s assistance has been much appreciated!

Karolyn Carmody
Aranda P&C

Bank on It

**Welcome to Term 3**
This term we introduce the SWIMMING BAG and the Dollarmite Moneyboxes, also Whale Shark Pencil Case, Penguin and Shark Keyrings which are all available to redeem once you have reached 10 tokens.

For mums and dads that do not know about the program:

Children learn to save their money by bringing it to school every week, no matter the amount of the deposit the children receive a token, once they have saved 10 they get to choose a fantastic reward!

Do you know that for every new child that joins the program the school receives $5.00 and 5% commission for all the children’s deposits throughout the term!

You can go to any Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a Youthsaver, don’t forget to take child’s ID and your own ID.

Come and join in the fun and learn to save with the School Banking Program and help your school in fundraising!

**THIS YEAR WE ARE DEEP SEA SAVERS SO COME AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!**

Sharon Wood
School Banking Co-ordinator

Library Shelf

I would just like to let parents know that during the lunch library opening times of Week 3 (Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 August) the children will have the opportunity to enter into a colouring-in competition being run by Scholastic to promote a new book series for younger readers called “Wheelnuts”. If you are interested in checking out this new series, you can read the first chapter at: www.wheelnuts.net.au.

For the older readers, there will be a few preview pamphlets for Escape from Wolfhaven Castle, the first novel in Australian author Kate Forsyth’s new adventure series The Impossible Quest. I had a quick read yesterday and it looks like it might appeal to those kids who liked “The Ranger’s Apprentice”, “Viking Magic” or “Rhiannon and the Wild Magic” series. We will see what the students think.

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant
Aranda Music and Arts Program

Vacancies:
**Piano** with Grant Roberts on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Laura Morrissey laurapez12@hotmail.com.

**Piano** with Elisabeth Cummins. People can contact Jo Davies for further details jodavies2007@yahoo.com.

**Continuing Music** (for Year 1 students who have done Intro to Music and any Year 2 students) with Michael Sollis on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are interested, contact Jane Atchison janeatchison@grapevine.com.au.

**Guitar** on Tuesdays: Please contact Nicole Roberts if you are interested nicole.mark.roberts@hotmail.com.

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Program 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.

Languages 4 Kids @ Canberra

Our LCF Fun Languages provide interesting and structured programs to learning languages and cultures in **French, Italian, Mandarin** and **Spanish**.

We are starting new language clubs for Term 4 and 2015 and we are currently gathering any expression of interests for French, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish trial lessons.

More information about our current language programs can be obtained from the LCF website www.lcfclubs.com.au or you may contact Sarah Mak on 0431252768 or sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au

Aranda App Codes