



Newsletter

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Next Assembly

30 June W/S (Kindy)

Dates to Remember

26-30 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
30 June	Disco & Special Lunch
30 June	Last Day of Term 2
17 July	First Day Term 3
26 July	Athletics Carnival
27 July	Maths Competition
1 August	English Competition
3 August	Yr 6 to CareersXpo at EPIC
8 August	Hats back on
28 October	School Fete

Notes Home

	Due Date
Year 1 Swimming	21 July
Yr 6 CareersXpo	28 July
Calendar Art	16 August
Voluntary Contributions	Info Only
Preschool	
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Kindergarten - Year 6	

Quote of the Week

“What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.”

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Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

More than 170 Aranda School children walked to school last Friday under the supervision of a few parents and a large group of staff members. Thank you to the teacher committee of Jessie, Melissa, Callum, Renee, Alison and Gina who coordinated this fantastic event. We have had a very positive response from our parent community to our walk to school day and we intend to organise another one before the end of the year. I would like to work with a group of parents in 2018 to continue this program.



Walk to school Day at Aranda School 1



Walk to school Day at Aranda School 2

Active Streets for Schools

Thank you to everyone who sent their ideas about road safety and access around Aranda School to Alison and I this term. We received many submissions and we are in discussions with the Active Streets for Schools group to work out priorities and areas for action. I agree with many of you who believe we need to improve bike access and pedestrian safety particularly in the bottom carpark. My focus will be on widening the space between the concrete dividers and the curb, extending the concrete dividers to the end of the carpark and including a ramp at the end of the carpark. Stay tuned.

Parent Expertise Register





Important Messages

2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2018 will be held on 14 September at 11am.

Front Office Closed during Holidays

The Front Office will be closed from 3.30pm on Friday 30 June to 8.30am on Monday 17 July for the school holidays. Please email

info@arandaps.act.edu.au if you have an enquiry.

Semester 1 Reports

The Semester 1 reports were handed out on Friday 23 June 2017. If your child was absent, or you did not receive a copy of your child's report please see the Front Office.

Newsletter Submissions

A friendly reminder that if you wish to submit an item for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter it must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 5pm on the Tuesday of newsletter week. We would also like to extend thanks to everyone who provided such wonderful feedback on the new newsletter layout.

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We are extremely fortunate to have so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school who are willing to share their stories, cultures, interests and expertise. This week during parent teacher interviews we have asked parents and carers to sign up to an 'Expertise Register'. We will use the register to recognise people who may be able to drop in and support us to share and educate our children. We will be looking for parents and carers who might like to drop into classrooms during National Science Week (August 12-20) next term. Please talk to Linda in the front office if you would like to add your name to the expertise register.

We have achieved so much as a school community this semester. From progress towards new classroom spaces to the development and implementation of our Aranda Robotics program. Most importantly, we have invested in and provided a learning environment at Aranda that is safe and engaging for our children.

Have a safe and warm winter break,

Phil Gray

Phil's Soapbox

I get so cranky when people misuse the term 'bully'.

If someone disagrees with another person's point of view, that does not make them a bully. If a child calls another child a rude name on one occasion in the heat of the moment, that does not make them a bully (it may well be inappropriate behaviour). If someone refuses to give in to the demands of a group or an individual then I can't see how they could be accused of being a bully (that group or individual may be considered to be indulging in bullying behaviour if they continue to harass or make demands of the individual).

This might help: Bullying is defined as:

An ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm.



Board Members

Board Chair	Don Lowe
Deputy Chair	Richard Saberton
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Staff Reps	Janine Collins Anastasia O'Donnell
Appointed Member	Ian Harding

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School Board Report

"It takes a village to raise a child" - African proverb

In our modern society, our "village" has never been more fragmented and confused as social media provides us the opportunity to be in a multitude of tribes. The danger of this, as we are all discovering, is the "birds of a feather effect" or the echo chamber where everyone you associate with agrees with you and you with them.

However, there is one village that is still real and tangible - our local school community. It brings together people from a range of backgrounds and with a multiplicity of ideas, no more so than in the public system. As a result, our children learn to understand people from a diversity of backgrounds and experiences and not just within self-selected and homogenous bubbles.

While we might not always agree with each other on every issue, we are bound by a common purpose of wanting the school to provide a challenging but safe environment within which our children are allowed to reach their individual potential. So in these modern times, our school is our village, and our teachers are an extension of us as parents and carers who are asked to help raise them. And as fellow village members, we can help by participating in various committees such as the P&C, the Arts and Music Program and the Afters Association or assisting with activities such as the uniform shop, school banking, the fete and sports carnivals.

Thanks to all who volunteer already, and we do understand the time pressures on each and every parent and carer and acknowledge that not all will have the time to contribute significantly. However, if you think you are currently in a position to do so, consider what you can do as a member of our village, even if it simply be one hour manning a sausage sizzle or talking to a class of expectant children – everything helps.

Go to the school website and look out for school notices and newsletters to find opportunities to participate!



Year 4 News

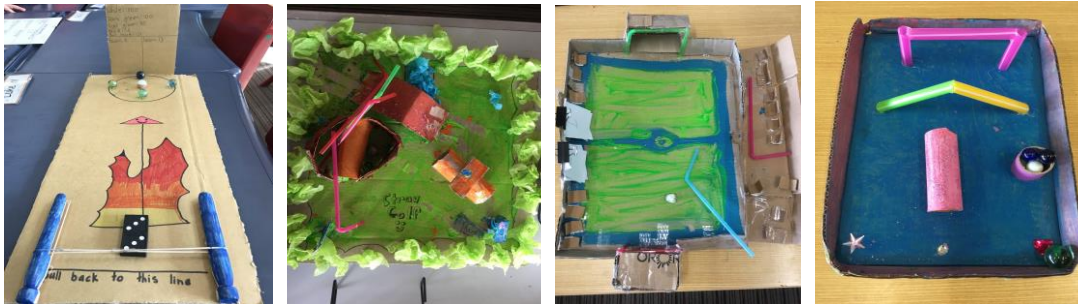
Year Four's Awesome Term

This term in Year Four we have been very busy. We have done so many fun, interesting and educational activities. Here are some explanations about the activities we did.

Smooth Moves: Game Construction

In Term Two we did Smooth Moves. Smooth Moves is a Science unit focusing on force, momentum, movement, gravity and friction. We learnt how pushes and pulls affect the friction that the moving object creates when force is applied. As an activity for this unit each group of three made a domino slingshot. It was made using an elastic band and a domino. We placed the domino against the elastic band and pulled it back 2cm then released it. Once it stopped we measured the distance the domino travelled. We then recorded it to make a graph. We then repeated the process twice pulling it back 4cm, then 6cm.

Another activity was to make a game using force, movement, gravity, friction and momentum. We had two weeks to construct them with our groups. Along with making the game we also wrote a procedure and made a presentation using Google Slides.



Scratch

In Scratch we have been learning basic commands in programming. At the end of the term we created a game. We had to fill out a sheet about it then actually create the game. Many of us made our game too complicated and couldn't finish it. Most of us succeeded and are now adding levels to make it harder. Some of us are half way through the game and are stuck. We often fail and then fail again but make it a bit better. Mr Bannister calls this "failing better" or a "growth mindset".

Buroinjin

This term we learned an Indigenous game called Buroinjin. It came from a group called the Kabi Kabi people. The Indigenous game came from south Queensland and is still played there. When the Indigenous people played it they used kangaroo skin for the outer side of the ball and tendons sewn up inside the ball. We are lucky because we have the right equipment to play the game and have fun.

To play the game you sort out people into even teams and one team starts with the ball. The team that starts with the ball starts on their baseline. The other team starts on the halfway line, usually you can take as many steps as you want but we Year 4's only take 3 steps so everyone can get a touch of the ball. When you have the ball and you get tipped by a person on the other team you get 3 seconds to pass the ball to one of your teammates. When they get tipped you have to stand 3 metres away from them. You have to pass the ball to your teammates and when one of your teammates have the ball they can take 3 steps to cross over the cone and score a point. If you want to score more points you have to spread out a lot. The main point of this game is to score more points than the other team and have FUN!!



Year 4 News Continued

Dream catcher

A couple of weeks ago in Art, we made our very own paper dreamcatchers with pretty, colourful feathers and string hanging off the bottom. We used our fine liners to draw small intricate patterns in a circle so when we finished we could cut it out and stick it onto the mosaic border. When we had finished we tied three feathers to some small pieces of string and stuck it to the back of the paper. When they were done they looked amazing!!

Also in art this term we dot painted our own aboriginal dot art works. We didn't use the traditional colours because dot painting is a sacred type of art. We decided that we would use the traditional symbols such as meeting place, child, emu tracks and boomerangs. First we drew the symbol very lightly in pencil and then we dot painted over it. We used other colours to fill in the background and then when all that was done we stuck it onto a bright piece of paper. They were very pretty and colourful when they were done and like many of our other artworks they looked amazing!!



Narrative Writing

This term we did narratives, but not just any narrative - ours used rich, descriptive language that creates imagery in the reader's mind. We used a writing critiquing tool to make our writing better. We discovered that some of us do not use paragraphs, while others don't use figurative language. Figurative language includes similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification. We worked on setting and character description. Eventually we created a story of our own and used the writing tool to critique them.

Written by Sak Leng, Elorah Walter, Ella Hogg and Nina Lang.



The Million Dollar Run



On Tuesday June 20, 2017 we were lucky enough to attend a whole school presentation given by Andrew Biszczak.

Andrew will run 3000km from Adelaide to Brisbane as part of his campaign the "The Million Dollar Run", with the goal of raising a minimum of \$1 MILLION to help find a cure for people with a rare skin condition called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). Andrew and his wife Sonia sold their house, their business and all their assets to self-fund the April 23 campaign, after nearly 18 months of trying to secure a financial sponsor for this epic event.

This yet incurable disease sees these inspiring children and young adults live their lives covered head to toe in blisters.

Children with the disease are often called "Butterfly Children" because their skin is as delicate as butterfly wings. "They live their entire lives in constant, unimaginable pain - where their skin blisters at the slightest touch," Andrew said. "There is no cure as yet and with only around 1,000 sufferers in Australia, there is also no direct government funding either."

Donations can be made at www.milliondollarrun.com.au



Aranda P&C Association

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 School Banking Natalie Drummond and Sarah Wojtaszak
 Class Reps Paula Banks

Contact the P&C Association via arandapandc@gmail.com

Parents & Citizens Association

On Saturday 17 June, the Aranda P&C hosted a Trivia Night at the Canberra Labor Club which was, by all accounts so far, a successful and enjoyable night - thank you everyone who came and made it this way. Around 170 of the sharpest minds of Aranda (and surrounding suburbs) were on display and fun and games were had by all with balloon tower building, fast texting and snickers bars being used in "cruel and unusual" ways. Prizes were up for grabs including cash, dinner vouchers, nerf guns and some unusually good, locally produced cider. Congratulations to all who had a go and to those who came away with something!

Special congratulations to *Dennis's Dirty DNA* and *Twelve Trumps* for being the big winners of the trivia competition and *Lemurs* who strategically navigated to come in third last and win their entry fee back! The P&C was also a winner - it ran the "Coin Toss" game which raised around \$100 and the night as a whole raised around \$1000. This will all go towards improving and enhancing Aranda Primary School!

Many thanks to the Belconnen Labor Club for waiving the room hire fee, contributing \$200 worth of dinner vouchers as prizes and providing such a great venue for holding the event. A big thanks to Simon King, Ilona Horvath, Jim Gilchrist, Helen Eronen, Petra Cole, Janine Collins and Donald Lowe for all their efforts in organising and running the event.

We hope to run the event again next year, so if you know the number of streets in Aranda that start with the letter G, the stage name of "Natalie Herschlag" or the first toy advertised on television, then perhaps you should come along to the next one ... or better yet, organise it!



Aranda Music and Arts Program

Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary Parents and Citizens Association. It's run by a committee of volunteer parents. The Program incorporates music, drama and art lessons. If you have any questions about the program or would like to be part of this fun and productive committee please contact your AMA tutor coordinator, contact us at info@arandamusicprogram.org or go to our website at www.arandamusicprogram.org

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Recorder	Fridays 5.15pm
Guitar	Tuesday 3.15 and 5.15pm Thursday 4.45pm and 5.15pm
Piano	Tuesdays 5.15pm Wednesday 4.45pm Friday 5.15pm
Violin	Tuesday 3.45pm

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry to info@arandamusicprogram.org or submit an enrolment form, and we can advise whether there are vacancies or a waiting list.



News from Volleyball

FREE TICKETS

Available to all Aranda families and friends to see International Volleyball matches here in Canberra in July!

A great opportunity to watch Volleyball being played at the highest level here in Canberra (including our Australian Men and Women's teams, the Volleeroos)! The Aranda volleyball team is very excited as they will have the opportunity to play in exhibition matches before the International matches begin! Join us and enjoy International Volleyball in Canberra this July!

To get your tickets please follow these steps:

Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament

- 2 games on Saturday, 15 July - 5pm and 8pm

1. Go to <https://www.eventopia.co/event/FIVB-World-Champs-Qualifying-Tournament/345528>
2. Select "concession" for the ticket type
3. Choose the quantity of tickets you would like (despite the website advising you can select up to 20 tickets, there is a maximum of 10 tickets for this free offer)
4. Enter the following code for the Promo Code: SCHOOLTICKETS
5. Select "print at home" option under Shipping
6. Select "Checkout"
7. Select "Checkout as guest"
8. Enter your details and press "reserve tickets"
9. You will receive an email with your tickets which you can then print to bring with you on the day.

Women's World Grand Prix Finals

- 2 games on Saturday, 22 July - 4pm and 7pm and

- 2 games on Sunday, 23 July - 1pm and 4pm

1. Go to <https://www.eventopia.co/event/FIVB-World-Grand-Prix-Group-3-Finals/345262>
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News from Volleyball continued

Congratulations to all Aranda volleyball players who competed in the Junior Volleyball Tournament on Saturday 17th June. We had five teams (a record number!) and the students enjoyed having current Australian players as their coaches for the tournament! The tournament was a great opportunity for the children to represent the school playing against children from Weetangera, Maribyrnong and St Joseph's Primary Schools and they came away with 8 wins while also displaying wonderful team spirit throughout the tournament.

It's an exciting time for volleyball with the Australian Men's and Women's teams playing against some of the best teams in the world at the Australian Institute of Sport in July. Aranda family and friends can get their free tickets to these games as detailed in the last newsletter. Look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel Uren



Aranda Fundraising Disco

Friday 30th June

Week 10



Dress up as something that starts with R, S, P, C or A to raise money for the RSPCA

11.30-12.30 Junior Disco

1.50-2.50 Senior Disco

Gold coin donation

Challenge- Try to dress as something with all the letters!



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Community News

Australian
of the Year
➤ Awards

Be a great Australian and nominate someone for the Australian of the Year Awards

Australianoftheyear.org.au

#BeGreatandNominate

Nominations close 6 August 2017



CANBERRA AFL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 11TH JULY - 8:00AM - 5:00PM

HARRISON SCHOOL

BOYS & GIRLS 4 - 10

\$50 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK

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