



Newsletter

Virtual Assembly Timetable

Week 2:	KJC & 4DS
Week 3:	5/6JB & 5/6JW
Week 4:	1MD
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	KMH & KJP

These assemblies will be filmed in advance and sent out to you all via Seesaw on Fridays.

Dates to Remember

20 July	Start of Term 3
23 July	Bush Kids Start (Kindergarten Only)
17 th Sep	Grandfriends Day

Scan this QR code using the device you would like the school calendar to appear on.



Notes Home
Band Y5 & Y6

Due Back
13th Aug

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Welcome back to Term 3 and particularly to the new families who have joined our school community this week. It is such a good feeling to know we can rely on our children to support new students in class and on the playground. I appreciate the fact I can confidently tell new parents their children will be cared for and looked after by staff and children at the school.

Return to school Term 3 protocols:

Thank you for your cooperation last term. Remote learning was a challenge and the return to school protocols changed how we usually do things at Aranda School. The protocols that were in place at the end of Term 2 will continue until further notice. The Aranda School protocols can be accessed via this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RfXQ2BXujNGiD_Mum1jXWTY5jh3_6x0zUce4LRpxptk/edit?usp=sharing

It is important adults continue to maintain social distancing (including at pickup and drop off times) and that everyone frequently takes time to wash or sanitise their hands. Access to school buildings will remain limited to children, staff and necessary adult visitors. Please call the Front Office first if you need to enter the school for any reason. Our school community made these arrangements work successfully last term and I have confidence we will continue to do so until further notice. This term, we are excited to be commencing Junior and Senior Assemblies. Whilst we are still practising social distancing, these assemblies will be filmed in advance and sent out via Seesaw on Fridays. Keep an eye on the column on the front page of the newsletter to see when assemblies are taking place.

Community Partnerships:

Aranda School continues to actively pursue and grow ongoing community partnerships that support our children's learning and our teaching programs. Our Health & Nutrition programs are supported by the Canteen Committee, local gardeners and the University of Canberra. Greening Australia and Paul Barnett Design group continue to support our environmental and sustainability programs. The continual development of our science curriculum is supported by CSIRO, Aranda parents and the *Scientists in Schools* program. We regularly consult with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and families to support and provide advice for our cultural perspectives curriculum. Our literacy programs are supported by local bookshops, the Aranda P&C and the University of Canberra staff. Students at Aranda often receive extra financial support from organisations including the Belconnen Rotary Club. Many parents and grandparents are integral to our community partnerships. Recently, Daniel Bongiorno (Aranda Dad) provided expertise and support for our robotics program. Rachel Uren (Aranda Mum) continues to coach the Aranda volleyball teams and provide them with opportunities the school simply could not offer without her experience. I can't list all of our partnerships and volunteers in one article but, needless to say, we are



Important Messages

Current, up-to-date information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the Education Directorate's website

(<https://www.education.act.gov.au>) and ACT Health

(<https://www.health.act.gov.au>)

Home Learning Website

The directorate has provided a comprehensive set of Home Learning resources for parents to access during the pupil-free weeks. It can be found at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

Seesaw

If you are unable to access Seesaw, or do not receive communications from the school to connect your child, please contact the Front Office with your updated email address.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email apsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Canteen

The Canteen will be reopening from Week 2 arandacanteen@gmail.com

Medication at School

All student medication must be signed in by a parent/carer at the Front Office on arrival at school. Medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. No medication is to be left in school bags during the day.

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 3.30pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts. Our policy is available on the website.

most grateful to everyone involved in our reading programs and all of our community partnerships

A polite reminder:

We constantly remind the children not to share food at school. We all have a responsibility to care for the children in our community who suffer from various food allergies. I have witnessed a child suffer an anaphylactic reaction and it is not a pleasant experience for the child or the carer. I know some of you will call me 'Phil the birthday grinch' but I am once again asking parents and carers to refrain from bringing birthday cakes to school to share with classmates. Please save the cakes, lollies and treats for home parties.

Improvement works:

Several grounds improvement projects were completed during the recent school holidays. The Kindergarten play equipment was dismantled and taken away for a new paint job. The softfall beneath the Kindergarten playground has been completely replaced and looks fantastic. Our beautiful, water harvested gardens have been mulched and some new fences installed. Keep an eye out for the regeneration of the gardens at the front of the school soon.

Have a great week,

Phil Gray

School Payment Update

Starting from Term 3, we will no longer be accepting bank transfers for any school costs. You will need to pay via QuickWeb, or with cash or cheque. You can find the QuickWeb link on our school's homepage, on the top right under the payment tab.. Please note that while we do accept cash, we prefer payments to be made online during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Front Office on 6142 3030.

Canteen Update

Canteen opening: Welcome back—our canteen will be opening in Week 2

During its shut down period, the canteen has been undergoing some upgrades and major maintenance. We are thrilled with the installation of new servery doors and a commercial dishwasher. Thank you to the school and the P&C Committee for your support of these works. The dishwasher is currently being installed and, as long as this goes to plan, the canteen will be opening in the second week of Term 3. However, please check your class rep email and/or the Flexischools app for confirmation of opening in Week 2.

The canteen will be operating under a COVID-safe plan that has been developed over the last few months. Initially, we will be opening under the following guidelines:

- Operating as usual Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Slightly restricted menu as we navigate return to service. All items available will be shown on Flexischools. We will slowly move to return to a full menu as our new processes are refined and suppliers are able to be reconsidered, based on the demand of orders
- **Online-only orders through Flexischools. NO over-the-counter service**
- Orders will be picked up and returned to classrooms. Some items, such as frozen/cold food, will be picked up by students at the counter



While we have attempted to put options into place to ensure we don't need to close quickly, in the case that our canteen staff become unwell, and our back-up volunteers are unavailable, we may need to close without notice. If this happens, the school will send all parents an SMS so you can arrange an alternative for your child should you have placed an order.

Thank you for your patience and support. We're looking forward to seeing your children again.

Helen, Natalie and the Canteen Committee

Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 21 July 2020

On-site lessons will resume from this week (Week 1 of Term 3).

The AMA Committee would like to thank the staff of the school and Afters, as well as the students, their families and our tutors, for their cooperation, patience and flexibility in supporting our return to on-site lessons.

The following AMA programs have vacancies:

Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Continuing Music (Group classes)</i>			3-4pm for year 1 who've done Introduction to Music, and year 2s		
<i>Drama</i>	3:00 to 4:30pm for year 2 and above				
<i>Dance</i>			3:00-4:30pm Senior		
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>		4:30pm 5:30pm			
<i>Guitar</i>	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm
<i>Introduction to Music (Group classes)</i>		3:00- 4:00pm for Kindy and Year 1s			
<i>Piano Violin</i>				5:30pm	
			5:00-5:30pm 5:30-6:00pm		

Please go to "[How To Join](#)" to register if you are interested.

To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org



2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the staff survey, including a unique link to access the survey, will be sent to all school staff via the email address they have nominated for their payslips; staff who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- A letter about the student survey asking whether their child may participate during class time; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>



Aranda Afters



We are seeking out new members to join our

Aranda Afters Committee

Each year, 10 representatives from the Aranda Afters community are elected to sit and join our committee for a term of 12 months. Committee members attend 2 meetings a term to share and build the success of Aranda Afters.

What benefits do you get by joining our committee?

- Preferential enrolment allocation
- Contribute your thoughts and ideas
- Build relationships with staff, families and the Aranda Afters community

Help out and fill the following roles:

President - leads the meetings and the team
Vice president - supports the president
Secretary - keeps track of all the paperwork
Staffing officer - Managing staffing needs
Public officer - supports the secretary
Treasurer - keeps track of all the money
Committee member - contributes and helps out wherever needed

Interested?
Please accept our invitation to our AGM on
Tuesday 28th July at 6:30pm RSVP to

admin@arandaafters.com