



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

20 Nov	Spirit of the Forest dress up fundraiser
30 Nov-2 Dec	Year 4 Camp
30 Nov-2 Dec	Year 5 Camp
1 Dec-2 Dec	Year 3 Camp
2 Dec-4 Dec	Year 6 Camp

If your intention to attend camp has changed from Term 1 or you need to enquire about payment or refund, please contact the Front Office via email info@arandaps.act.edu.au

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Preparations for 2021

We are currently in the process of organising classes for 2021. If you know your child will not be returning to Aranda, please contact the Front Office on 61423030 or via email: arandainfo@ed.act.edu.au to let us know. Planning classes for the following school year is a complex process, and one to which we dedicate many hours and careful attention. We appreciate notification of any changes as soon as possible and thank you in advance.

End-of-Year Reporting

In Week 9 of this term, end-of-year student reports will be distributed. Included with the report will be an A-E grade summary for each curriculum area. If, for any reason, you wish not to receive an A-E grade, please notify the Front Office. When a student receives a C grade, this means they are achieving *within the expected range* for their year level. The grades and outcomes are guided by the Australian Curriculum.

Bike Locks

Recently, a number of bikes have been reported stolen or missing from the Aranda area. Being such an active school and community, we have a lot of students riding to and from school, which is amazing. Our bike shed is locked during school hours and is opened at 3 pm so students can collect their bikes. It is the responsibility of individuals to carefully lock their bike using an appropriate bike lock.

Cricket Gala Days

During Week 4, a range of Aranda students competed in the Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup. Boys and girls from Year 3 to Year 6 represented the school with pride and showed commendable sportsmanship on the day. A special mention must go to the Year 3/4 girls who competed against much older students but didn't hold back! It was a great experience for the students and a brilliant way to kick off a summer of cricket.





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 operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on arandacanteen@gmail.com or phone on 0459 599 114.

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.

Camps

As you all know, camps will be going ahead in Week 8! We are extremely excited that the students will be able to experience this after such a trying school year. Please remember to double check the Camp Clothing and Requirements List while packing. We strongly value these camps as learning opportunities for students and we appreciate your support in making them successful.

Belconnen Giving Tree 2020

During Weeks 6 and 7, we will be accepting gifts, treats and decorations for the annual Christmas Giving Tree Appeal. Two tubs will be located at the front of the school for gifts to be collected. In order to follow our COVID-19 protocols, we ask that you please ensure all items are new packaged items, as secondhand gifts will not be accepted. Also, we ask that students bring the gifts to school to ensure our Aranda COVID protocols can be adhered to by parents and carers. This is an extremely important initiative and we thank everyone in advance for your generosity and support. Please view the following link to see a message from the Network Coordinator for Capital Region Community Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0daJ3E2Hbxo&feature=youtu.be>



**Capital
Region
Community
Services**

GIVING TREE DONATIONS

Make the holiday season a little brighter for someone in Canberra by giving generously to the CRCS Giving Tree.

Donation suggestions:

- Store and movie vouchers
- Children's toys
- Delicious Christmas treats
- Christmas decorations
- Sports equipment
- Interesting stocking fillers
- Homewares
- Books
- Board games
- Stationery gift packs
- Personal care gift packs
- Items appropriate for older children, young people and adults are encouraged.

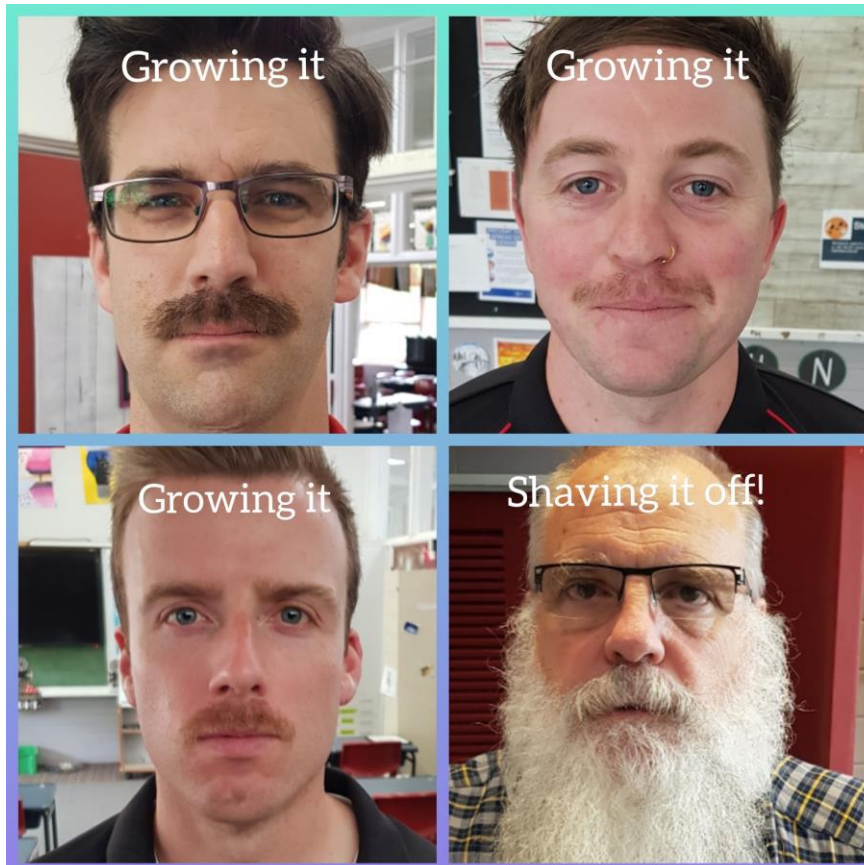




Movember

During the month of November, several teachers at Aranda will be taking part in Movember. The aim is to raise awareness of men's mental health and wellbeing in Australia. Mr Bannister has promised to shave his beard off if we reach our \$2000 goal. If you wish to make a small donation, please follow this link:

<https://movember.com/t/aranda-primary-moustaches?mc=1>



Kind regards,

Callum Taylor

Executive Teacher

Aranda Music and Art Program

2021 Enrolments Now Open

First round enrolments are open from **Monday 16 November until Friday 18 December**. Enrol now at <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org/how-to-join>.

Students will be placed and offers made in the first two weeks of Term 1, with most classes starting in Week 3 of term.

All students will need to re-enrol for 2021, including those students currently enrolled or on waitlists this year.

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.



Volunteers Required

Did you know we have a team of parent volunteers who help run the program? We need new volunteers to help in 2021. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per term, with most of the work at the start of the year when we enrol our students.

Committee Members' children get priority enrolment for all AMA-run programs and are not required to pay the annual registration fee.

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.

AMA programs current vacancies:

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

Aranda Afters

Chill Out Night <https://arandaafters.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Chill-Out-Night-2020.pdf>

Aranda Afters is once again hosting a Chill Out Night for all families of Aranda Primary and our community. All are invited to join in on the fun!

On the evening of Friday 27 November, from 6:15pm - 9:00pm here at Aranda Primary School, we will provide attendees a pizza dinner, snacks, drinks and some craft activities. We will be showing the movie *Disney's Descendants*.

Cost for the night is \$15/student. It can be paid at the door on the night.

To register, new families can follow [this link](#). Families already enrolled with Aranda Afters for 2020 can send an email to admin@arandaafters.com to RSVP.



Year 6 Farewell <https://arandaafters.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Year-6-Farewell.pdf>

As is Aranda Afters' tradition at this time of year, we would like to invite all current Year 6 students who have participated in the Aranda Afters program between 2018 and 2020 to join us for our annual Year 6 Farewell on the afternoon of Tuesday 15 December, starting straight after school at 3:00 pm in the Hall.

This is an opportunity for the service to farewell our Service Junior Leaders and wish them all the best with their high school adventures! The afternoon is free of charge for all Year 6 students who have been enrolled at Aranda Afters in the past two years and will include an afternoon tea event, trivia, farewell games and some Year-6-only exclusive activities.

If you would like to participate in the afternoon, please RSVP by sending an email to admin@arandaafters.com to book your spot by Friday 11 December.

Aranda Community Run/Jog/Walk

ARANDA COMMUNITY RUN

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Join us for a 5km community walk, jog or run through the beautiful Aranda bushlands.

Running every Wednesday at 5:30pm from the Aranda Shops.

No matter your age or fitness level, this community based activity gives you the opportunity to exercise, explore and meet members of your community.

For more information contact zoe@illesostudio.com.au