From the Deputy

Dear Aranda Community,

**EALD Breakfast**

On Wednesday this week Aranda Primary hosted a breakfast for our children and their families who have English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD). The breakfast was an opportunity for our EALD families to meet one another and to meet our staff. A big thank you to the organising committee for their exceptionally attention to detail ensuring a wonderful community event.

**Online Payments**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have been utilising our online payment system. This system streamlines the payment process for our administration staff. We have provided an outline of how to use this system in the attachment labelled Online Payments. In addition to this, Suzanne Vincent is more than happy to answer any calls or questions you have.

**Invitation for Special Needs Children and Their Families**

The Lara Jean Association would like to invite children with special needs and their families to attend an upcoming community event called ‘Bowlarama’. The event will be held on Sunday, 13 April 2014, at the AMF Belconnen. This is a free event. If you would like tickets please, let me, Kim McCormack, know and I will contact the association.

**Belconnen Swimming**

Congratulations to the students who represented Aranda at the Belconnen Swimming Carnival this week. Ms Ford and Mrs Jones were impressed with the dedication and commitment of our students, many of whom have been training just that little bit harder prior to this carnival. Also thank you to the teachers who accompanied our students making sure they were organised and ready to go for their events.
Useful Information on 'Stranger Danger'

I have attached a link to Parenting Ideas regarding Stranger Danger. Child safety expert Catherine Gerhardt provides the latest advice about keeping kids safe without creating undue worry or anxiety.


Camp

Our Year 5/6 students spent from Wednesday through to Friday last week away at camp. The teachers asked me to make special mention of the children’s enthusiasm for camp activities and also their positive attitude and willingness to give things a go. The teachers also spoke highly of the children’s manners and behaviour.

A big thank you to the teachers and assistants who left behind their own family commitments to attend camp.

Kim McCormack
Deputy Principal

Year 5/6 Camp: Camp Cooba

Here is what some of our 5/6 students had to say about Camp Cooba.

Cooba is a really great camp with lots of fun but challenging activities. My favourites were the gladiator course and the flying fox. In the gladiator course you had to go through a series of group activities. There was a big water slide, which was fun. I recommend camp for people who want a challenge and are fine with getting muddy.

Carmen (5/6JH)

In Week 6 year 5/6 had the opportunity to go to Camp Cooba for three days. At Cooba we attended adrenaline pumping activities such as the flying fox and big swing. We participated in an assault course which left us muddy and navigated our way through team manoeuvres. Camp Cooba is located in NSW and the accommodation is just like a hotel. The instructors treat the students with the highest of respect.

Cooba was the best camp yet!

Murphy (5/6JH)

I can easily say that Camp Cooba was an incredible experience. The activities were well organised and fun. The cabin system was great and the food was delicious! My two favourite activities were the gladiator course and the disco at night. All the staff at Camp Cooba was helpful and friendly and were always encouraging. I highly recommend Camp Cooba, it is safe and fun in every way!

Maggie (5/6JH)

Camp Cooba was by far the best camp I’ve been to and not because of the food, cabins or staff; it was because of the activities! Most of the things we did were outdoors. This involved the giant swing, flying fox, team manoeuvres, gladiator course, mountain biking and the assault course. At night we had indoor activities which included a disco. During free time we could play ping pong or pool.

Lucah (5/6JH)

Camp Cooba was the best camp ever! My favourite activity was the flying fox. The best thing about it was you could choose your speed. I chose to go fast! I was a little bit scared, but I did it with the cheering and encouragement from my team mates.

Miranda (5/6JH)

The Year 5/6 Team
World of Maths

Last Thursday and Friday the World of Maths visited our school. All the classes from Kindergarten to Year 4 each spent a wonderful session investigating hands-on maths activities and solving mathematical problems. It was great to see all the students using their maths skills in practical ways and having to think logically to complete problems. All the students were so enthusiastic and willingly engaged in mathematical discussions with their group members on how best to complete the tasks.

I would like to give a big thank you to the wonderful Year 4 students who were patient leaders for our Kindergarten students.

Susan Ford
Maths Co-ordinator

Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 33 students from Aranda competed at the Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival which was held at the AIS. We were lucky enough to be positioned at the ‘finish line’ which enabled us to give our racers an extra boost from our very loud and enthusiastic cheering. All our swimmers did an amazing job, with many achieving new personal best times.

The following students placed in the top 10 in their event/s:

- Noah (3/4RF) – 4th 100m backstroke, 6th 50m backstroke, 3rd 50m freestyle, 1st 50m butterfly, 6th 100m freestyle, 5th 50m breaststroke, 7th 100m breaststroke
- Jessica (5/6AW) 8th 100m backstroke, 6th 200m IM, 9th 50m butterfly
- Flynn (5/6LG) 1st 50m backstroke
- Elijah (5/6LG) 6th 50m backstroke, 9th 50m freestyle, 5th 100m breaststroke, 5th 50m breaststroke
- Claire (5/6AW) 5th 50m backstroke
- Taj (3/4CJ) 8th 50m backstroke, 7th 50m breaststroke
- Grace (5/6AW) 6th 50m freestyle
- Aaron (5/6LG) 5th 50m freestyle
- Llewellyn (3/4CJ) 7th 50m freestyle
- Eliza (1/2EC) 8th 50m freestyle
- Thomas (1/2AL) 5th 50m freestyle
- Cameron (1/2PW) 2nd 50m freestyle
- Zahra (5/6TB) 10th 100m breaststroke, 3rd 50m breaststroke
- Holly (5/6LG) 5th 50m breaststroke
- Ede (5/6JH) 4th 50m breaststroke
- Kyra (3/4RF) 4th 50m breaststroke
- Miranda (3/4RF) 7th 50m breaststroke

We would like to congratulate all swimmers on their efforts during the day and for representing Aranda Primary in an outstanding manner. Students who have qualified for the ACT Swimming Carnival will be notified in the next few weeks. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the carnival and support our swimmers. An extra special thank you to Tracey Menzies for taking the time to help prepare our swimmers for this carnival.

Caitlin Jones and Tanya Ford
Swimming Team Coordinators
Running Club Start Date Delayed

Due to the closure of all Government ovals in Canberra until 1 April, the Aranda Running club will not commence running until Wednesday 2 April at 8:30 am. This will be Week 9, Term 1.

We apologise for any inconveniences caused and look forward to starting this new health venture with many enthusiastic students.

Janine Collins
Aranda Primary

Pianist Needed

Are you able to play the piano? Are you free on Fridays between 10:00 and 11:00 am? Are you interested in playing on stage?

THEN WE NEED YOU!

The newly formed Aranda Senior Primary Choir needs a capable pianist to accompany our learning and performing throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Melissa Alexander. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and would love to have you join us on our journey.

melissa.alexander@ed.act.edu.au
ph: (02) 6142 3030

From the Counsellor

Maintaining Friendships

Young children need to be taught the social skills implicit in making and maintaining friendships. Every friendship is different and as parents we usually want our children to experience success at school, including interactions with others. In kindergarten, children are often not subtle, as they will ask another child outright if they would like to play or be their friend. A refusal for some children can be a big setback, whereas for others they seem to be more accepting and are able to develop good skills in interacting with others and being able to engage them in play.

As children mature, many develop successful skills in relating to other children. Some children make one good friend, whereas others may seem to be surrounded by a large friendship group, and seem not to have one special friend. Other children seem to change friends as often as they change their socks. There is no one size fits all category for children and friendships even within the same family.

One of the most important social skills for children to develop well, is how to manage when his/her friends have differences. Children have the right to choose their own friends, and at the same time schools are actively working with children deliberately not excluding others from play. Parents can help by providing opportunities for their children to play with others and can improve their child’s social skills by setting aside some time to play with them. Observing the quality of the interactions with others can be helpful in assisting your child to develop skills in relating to their peers. Parents can also model to their children the value of a positive attitude in getting on well with others.

Some ideas about keeping friends are:

- Say positive things to your friend.
- Treat them how you would like to be treated.
- Ask a friend to join in games and take turns choosing what to play.
- Listen to your friends and practice being kind and giving compliments.
- Tell your friend if something is not ok as well as when it is.
- Have fun with your friend.

If a child and their friend experience conflict which is a normal part of any relationship they can be encouraged to find solutions, or maybe talk to a trusted adult for other ideas.

Sheri Bottomley
School Counsellor/Psychologist

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be here in two weeks. This year we are continuing with the Carnival Fairs. Carnival is an Australian-owned book company which is proud to support Australian literature.

Books will be sold each day from 8:30 to 9:30 am and 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the LIBRARY (in the Resource Centre). We will be accepting cash, cheques and credit card.

Offers of assistance helping with the selling will be gratefully accepted. If you would like to help, but don’t know your schedule, you can show up on the day. Just remember, if there are no helpers, you might have to wait in the queue for longer than you would like?

Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant
P&C Matters

More SOCs are coming so please use up your current SOCs coupons.
If you need more free SOCs coupons, ask the Front-Office or visit www.CommunitySOCs.org

New Friday Canteen Roster
The P&C is still having difficulties getting volunteers to help Tina, the Canteen Manager, in the Canteen each Friday (our busiest day).

From Term 2 onwards, the P&C Canteen Committee will introduce a new roster process where we will be allocating Friday canteen duties to classes on a rotating basis i.e. we will be looking to the mums, dads and carers from classes to help Tina on their rostered Friday.

With 20+ classes, that equates to only two Fridays each year that we'll be asking for your help. With only two volunteers required for the two 9:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 1:00 pm shifts, we're hoping that parents and carers will readily volunteer the couple of hours twice a year, that we're asking. Many hands make light work!

Canteen rosters will be communicated in future newsletters and in emails via the class representatives. Stay tuned...

Karolyn Carmody
Aranda Canteen Committee

The Healthy Munch

Hi everyone, I hope by now you all have the new canteen menu. Have a look, there are a few changes and a few new items.

A great big thank you to all the Mums that helped with the Special Lunch last Tuesday. It went well, and it couldn't have happened without your help!

Thank you
Tina Walton
Canteen Manager

Community News

To view or download flyers for the following community events, please see our Community Bulletin Board at:
http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/community_news

Canberra Model Train Expo, Kaleen High School 29 to 30 March
Canberra Toy and Hobby Fair, Kaleen High School 6 April 2014

parent skills
PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
Supported by Parentline ACT

Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children, without the use of punishment or reward. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, laugh more. Building relationships that last a lifetime.

The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
$290 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Thursday, 8th May, 2014; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.
0413 451 607
www.parentskills.com.au
info@parentskills.com.au

Women and Girls' Fun Run/Walk
Early bird entries have been extended until 23 March, standard entries close 3 April.

The Women and Girls’ Fun Run/Walk is on again this year, 9am Sunday 6 April. Last year Aranda Primary won the prize for the most participants for a primary school –let’s see if we can do it again. Students, teachers and parents are eligible to join our team.

For information and online registration go to http://www.canberra.ymca.org.au/runnersclub/events/Pages/Women-and-Girls-Fun-Run.aspx

To register as part of the Aranda Primary School team:

Click on the online registration button on the YMCA WGFR homepage. Select I am a participant. Select yes for the question “are you part of a team” then click continue. Enter the team name of the team you wish to join then click the search button. When your team is listed click join. You may be asked this twice. Fill in your details and pay. As the team already has 3 members registered you will get the discounted fee (the discount doesn’t show up until you reach the ‘make a payment’ page).

Cheers
Nicki Taws
0408 210736

Hockey

Hockey ACT are excited to announce that we are hosting the U18 Men’s National Hockey Championships.

Dates: Friday 4th April 2014 – Saturday 12th April

Location: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT

Times: Games times are scheduled for 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm & 5pm

The Aranda App Codes
Parent Information: the Westpac Online Payments Using Credit or Debit Cards

You can access the online payment system for payments made using your credit or debit card from the Payment tab on the home page of the school website.

If you want to make multiple payments for more than one child – enter the eldest child information in this section…

Then put the Student Key for each child in the Fee Code / Payment Description box…

You don’t need to do a separate transfer – just add them all together on the one payment by clicking the Add Payment button.

All the payments you make will add to one total here – this is what will appear on your statement!
## Afters Holiday Program

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### Tie Dying Workshop
- **WEEK 1**
  - **APRIL 14th - 18th**
  - Today we will be tie dying our own bandanas with different techniques. You can also bring along a t-shirt or pillow case if you like.
  - **Cost:** $5

### Reptile Visitors
- The Reptile Man will be visiting us from 2-3PM today. Easter, science and other activities will be provided for a fun day at Afters holiday program.
  - **Cost:** $9

### Movies at Hoyts
- **Drop Off** Westfield Level 3 Lakeside entrance (at Fernwood)
- **8:30 - 8:45am**
- **HIRED Bus return before 1:00pm** (depending on movie finish time)
- Choc, chips and drinks provided.
  - **Cost:** $20
  - **PHONE:** 0410620559

### Easter Picnic
- **GO: 10:30PM BACK: 3PM**
- **WALKING**
  - **HIRED Bus**
  - **BYO Picnic Lunch**
  - We’re going down to Lake Ginninderra today for a special day of Easter fun including an Easter Egg hunt, playground fun and some fishing for carp.
  - **Cost:** $5

### Drop Off
- **Westfield Level 3 Lakeside entrance (at Fernwood)**
- **8.30 - 8.45am**

### Weekend - Closed
- **21st - 25th APRIL**
- **Closed**
- **FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

### Easter Monday
- **Closed**
- **FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

### Earth Day
- Celebrate Earth Day with a fun day of recycling and earth science activities. We will be reusing lots of things. Please bring in milk/juice bottle tops, fabric, boxes, corks and other clean reusable material.

### Tidbinbilla
- **GO:10PM BACK:3PM**
- **HIRED BUS - BYO Picnic Lunch**
  - A walk in the bush looking for animals and interesting things to photograph for the photo scavenger hunt.
  - **Cost:** $20

### Pasta Cooking Day
- Mama Verna is getting out her pasta machine. Join in the fun of making your own pasta and some delicious sauces to top them off for a yummy lunch. Something for everyone.
  - **Cost:** $5

### IMPORTANT INFO
- This program will be held at:
- **ARANDA PRIMARY HALL**
  - Access will only be available through the rear hall doors.

### ALL ENQUIRIES
- **62055855**
- **OR**
- **0406820559**
- **aaa.imo@bigpond.com**

### FEES
- **FULL DAY BOOK EARLY (8.30-6):** $46
- **FULL DAY BOOK LATE: (8.30-6):** $51
- **PART DAY BOOK EARLY: (8.30-3):** $43
- **PART DAY BOOK LATE: (8.30-3):** $48
- **PLUS EXCURSION ACTIVITY COST: GET THOSE FORMS IN BY THE END OF TERM FOR EARLY BOOKING PRICE**

### PLEASE NOTE:
- 2 working days notice in writing of cancellations required to avoid charges.