**From the Executive**

**100 Stories: Celebrating Public Education in Canberra**

The National Portrait Gallery provided the perfect backdrop for the launch of 100 Stories: Celebrating Public Education in Canberra on the night of Tuesday 10 June 2014. Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch MLA joined principals, teachers and feature subjects at the launch of the book that celebrates the history and culture of public education in the ACT. Our very own Suzanne Vincent, Business Manager is featured in the publication. We are very proud of Suzanne and her work that she does at Aranda Primary. Cherie Lutton, former Principal of Aranda Primary is also featured. Please take the time to visit the website (http://www.det.act.gov.au/100-stories) or you can view a copy in the foyer and read Suzanne’s story, as well as the other stories from people who have contributed to public education in the ACT.

**Reports**

Semester 1 reports will be sent home with students on Friday, 27 June (Week 9). A-E grades will be sent home with the report on the same day. If you do not wish for your child to receive A-E grades, please notify your child’s teacher by Monday, Week 9. Student portfolios will be sent home on Friday, Week 10. Three-way Conferences will be held in Week 4, Term 3.

**Disco**

Don’t forget about the Disco and Sausage Sizzle on the last day of term. The SRC have spent a great deal of time planning and preparing for a great day. The theme is Winter Wonderland and the cost will be $6.00 which includes casual dress donation, disco and sausage sizzle lunch. Please get behind our talented SRC members and support this fundraiser.
Work around the School

As many of you may have noticed, there have been a number of people around the school undertaking minor works. We have a lovely, smooth new path that comes down from the top gate (near the portable). Please see Phil or Suzanne for any further information.

SOCs

Have you been using your SOCs? Local businesses are supporting Aranda Primary through the SOCs program. Please use your coupons or pass them onto to someone else who will use them. It is a great initiative that provides support for our school.

Alison Reid
School Leader C

G Force

This term in G-force, we have been checking your bins and the most recurring problem is that classes are putting items in the wrong bins. For example, juice popper cartons go into the recycling while the straws go into the glass, plastic and metal recycling bin (the red bin). Contaminating the bins means that recycling cannot happen, so please check before you put anything in the bins.

The lost property is increasing in size dramatically, so make sure you go and check for your property in the lost property drawers as well as putting your name onto your items.

Sara (5/6PD) and Caitlin (5/6LG)
G-Force

School Photos

If there are any problems with the photos, please contact the Portrait Gallery directly on: 6241 8942.

The cut-off date for ordering Family or School Group Photos is Friday 27 June, Week 9.

Sharon Wood
School Secretary

From the Counsellor

Protective Behaviours at Aranda

The Protective Behaviours Program is being implemented at Aranda Primary school and involves discussions about keeping safe. Aranda staff have recently been involved in training in the concepts and strategies of the program. This program has been used widely in schools around Australia since the late 1980s. It teaches children problem solving skills and raises their awareness about concepts of personal safety. The program proposes that all people have a right to feel safe and to act responsibly towards themselves and others. The two major themes that are taught are firstly “That we all have the right to feel safe all the time” and secondly that “We can talk about anything to someone we trust”. These themes are developed further so that each child recognises his or her right to feel safe and can develop an individually chosen network of adults who will listen to their concerns, believe them and take action where necessary. Using creative problem solving methods to solve a number of everyday issues as well as potentially unsafe situations allows children to develop a range of useful strategies and develops their resilience. An example of this may be looking at what children can do to feel safe if they are experiencing their early warning signs and are feeling unsafe on the playground.

A brochure has been attached which provides information for parents. For further information on the Program you can contact the school.

Sheri Bottomley
School Psychologist
Coordinator Protective Behaviours
P&C Matters

Our next meeting is tonight, **Thursday 19 June at 7:00 pm in the Resource Centre.** All are welcome and it’s a great opportunity to get involved in your school community and to have your say!

The major issue for discussion at the meeting is the potential merger of the Aranda Afters program into the P&C. Afters approved a motion at its AGM last week to dissolve the association and become part of the P&C, subject to P&C accepting this proposal. The P&C will be discussing the pros and cons of Afters becoming part of the P&C’s structure.

I am also looking for someone to take over as P&C Secretary. Please contact me if you are interested to find out what’s involved – joljames@sky.com

Hope to see you there!

Jo James  
P&C Secretary

Aranda Music and Arts Program

**Vacancies:** Guitar, Tuesday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm with Stuart King. Stuart is a guitarist with 20 years experience as a performer. Stuart completed his Bachelor of Music degree at the School of Music at ANU in 2005, majoring in jazz performance. He has a strong background in teaching at all levels, from beginners through to advanced students and has run regional workshops in jazz studies for young students.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole Roberts at nicole.mark.roberts@hotmail.com.

**Recitals and art displays**  
AMA recitals and performances will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week in the Hall starting at 6:15 pm. Fabulous artworks from students in Karen Telese’s art classes will also be displayed in the hall.

Here is an proposed program showing which night each tutor’s students are performing. Please confirm with your child’s tutor the night that he or she will be performing.

**Tuesday 24 June**
- Ruth Pieloor – Canberra Youth Theatre
- Ariel Nurladi (Callum Henshaw) – Guitar
- Stuart King – Guitar
- Keira Beattie – Guitar
- Darci Gayford – Piano
- Lucas Allerton – Piano (7 students)
- Megan Billing – Flute/Recorder (2 Students)
- AJ America – Singing

**Wednesday 25 June**
- Winnie Chong – Piano
- Michael Sollis – Intro to Music
- Michael Sollis – Continuing Music
- Kiri Sollis – Flute/Recorder
- Megan Billing – Flute/Recorder (1 Student)
- Grant Roberts – Piano
- Elisabeth Cummings – Piano
- Lucas Allerton – Piano (3 students)

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Co-ordinator

Aranda Afters AGM Outcomes

Last Wednesday night, 11 June, a large majority of members of Aranda Afters voted in favour of merging with the Aranda P&C to manage the parent owned and operated after school child care service, noting the potential efficiencies to be gained for the benefit of all within the Aranda Primary School community.

The committees of Aranda Afters and the Aranda P&C have for some time been considering this merger to better secure this important service, with the Aranda P&C recently conducting due diligence on Aranda Afters and the proposed merger. The next step in this process is for the Aranda P&C to consider the acceptance of the proposal. If accepted, it is envisaged it will still take some months to finalise this process.

Regardless of the outcome, Afters continues to operate without any change in service delivery. The Aranda Afters committee will keep members informed of progress and any impact this has on families that attend Afters.

Congratulations to the new Afters committee members elected at the AGM, Jane, Julia, Andrew and Geoff and the continuing committee members Beck and Michael. The AGM thanked the retiring committee members, Sonya, Nicole, Deb and Vanessa. We have all been well served by the efforts of the outgoing committee members.

Ben Vagnarelli  
President, Aranda Afters
Are you interested in becoming a Foster Carer with Marymead?

- Marymead Foster Care is seeking people who are willing to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and young people on occasional weekends, weeks, months or even years.
- Marymead will provide financial assistance, ongoing training and caseworker support.
- Bi monthly information sessions are held at Marymead.

The next information session is on Tuesday 1 July, 6:00 pm at Marymead.

To register your attendance phone Amy on 61625800 or email fcinfo@marymead.org.au. Children are more than welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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