



## Newsletter

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### Next Assembly

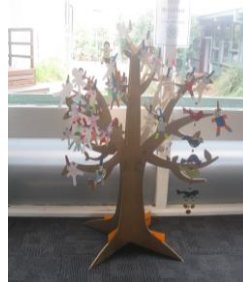
31 Mar	Senior 3MH/3ED
7 Apr	W/S 5/6 Anzac

### Dates to Remember

Date	Event
22-24 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp
27-29 Mar	Year 4 Camp
27 Mar	Year 5/6 Financial Literacy Workshop
4 April	Aboriginal Story Telling (M/T Preschool Groups & KJB/KJK)
5 April	Versailles (5/6 TB & PD)
6 April	Versailles (5/6 RF, LG & AW)
7 April	Aboriginal Story Telling (T/F Preschool Groups & KJW/KJA)
7 April	Jump Rope of Heart
7 April	Term 1 Ends
26 April	Term 2 Starts

### Notes Home

	Due Date
Larry Brandy	24 March
Aboriginal Story Telling	
Jump Rope for Heart	7 April
Chief Ministers	None
Reading Challenge	
Junior Choir	ASAP
Senior Choir	ASAP
Medical Info & Consent Form	ASAP
Student Checklist	ASAP



Harmony Day Tree 2017

### Quote of the Week

“The hearts of small children are delicate organs. A cruel beginning in this world can twist them into curious shapes.”

CARSON MCCULLERS

## Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

### Year 3 Camp

On Tuesday 14 March the Year 3 students excitedly filed onto a bus and headed to camp Birrigai. Students were immediately intrigued by the expansive bush area around them, and appreciated the given time to set up cabins and explore. The students thoroughly enjoyed all the activities at camp which included team challenges such as Team Rescue, Knock Ems and the Water Race. Building camp fires and making damper was extremely popular with many students and the Team Trek and always popular Giant Swing saw students really challenge themselves. Even the rain on the first morning couldn't dampen our fun.

It was wonderful to watch the students participate and enjoy our talent show which included a wide range of performances including balloon animals, singing, martial arts and magic tricks.

The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed all that Camp Birrigai had to offer and I am certain that it is a camp they will remember for a lifetime. Thank you to all the staff that attended and made the camp possible for the students. I would like to particularly thank camp coordinator Tanya Ford whose outstanding organisation and preparation ensured that all our students' needs were catered for.

We also greatly appreciated all the parents that welcomed us home and helped us to gather items and distribute them from the buses. Your assistance and support at this time was such a great help.

Years 5 and 6 head to camp this week and we wish them safe travels and tonnes of fun!





## Important Messages

### SAVE THE DATE – School Fete

2017 Aranda Fete will be held on Saturday 28 October, 3-7pm. Be there or miss out on our best Fete ever!!

### 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](mailto: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.

### Running Club

Due to the ovals being closed Running club will be cancelled for the next two weeks - 24 and 31 March 2017

### Family Payments

A friendly reminder...

Could all families please remember to put a student key, family key and fee code in the Reference section when paying for anything online. This helps greatly when reconciling our accounts.

All fee codes are listed on excursion notes, however, if you are unsure of your family or student key, please contact the front office directly to assist.

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## Allergy awareness

Aranda Primary School is committed to ensuring all students, staff and volunteers in our care are safe and their wellbeing is maintained. Allergies are becoming a more frequent occurrence within our community. Consequently we respond to the needs of those students, staff and volunteers with identified allergies.

Allergic reactions can vary from mild discomfort to severe reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. Common allergens can include but are not limited to nuts, eggs, shellfish, wheat, pollens, dairy products and bee stings.

Aranda Primary School is a Nut Aware school. Some of our children at Aranda suffer severe allergic reactions when in contact with nuts. To minimise the risk of nut contamination in the school we request that no nuts or product which contain nuts be brought to school. This does not include products that state "may contain traces of nuts".

## School Pick Up

Core hours at Aranda Primary School are 9:00am until 3:00pm. Parents are expected to organise care for their child from 3:00pm. If you are late due to unforeseen circumstances, we would like you to call the school and advise that you will be late.

Both teaching and non-teaching staff at Aranda are often involved in meetings after 3:00pm and are unable to provide duty of care after this time. We ask you to support us in our efforts to keep children safe by ensuring you have made arrangements for their care from 3:00pm.

## Parking



Parking at pick up time continues to be a problem at Aranda Primary School. We urge parents to consider the safety of ALL students and to pick up students from the designated pick up areas only. There have been numerous occasions where teachers/staff cars have been "parked in" at the front of the school for extended periods of time. This is not acceptable.

Please be considerate of others in our school community during this busy time of day. We encourage and teach consideration to our students, it would be greatly appreciated if it was also modelled by the rest of our community.



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## **ILP Meetings**

We are currently in the process of holding our initial ILP (Individual Learning Plan) meetings. These meetings are an important aspect of providing for student needs at Aranda Primary. ILPs allow us to work in partnership with parents to build a common understanding about how we will meet individualised goals for students with particular needs. Thank you to all parents who have attended these crucial meetings and for working with us to provide the best education possible for your child.

## **Accident Insurance Cover for Students—important information for parents**

Insurance and Ambulance Transport - The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

Your child is not automatically covered by insurance while at school or attending school based activities/excursions. You may wish to consider taking out personal insurance cover for your child. Insurance may cover contingencies such as medical/ hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/ damage to luggage.

## **Chess Club**

The Aranda Chess Club has been running for several years but this year the approach is a little bit different. One of the most difficult issues facing the club is the sheer number of things that happen outside of school hours; it is very difficult to find a time when children are not running, playing instruments, singing, practicing for cricket or some other activity.

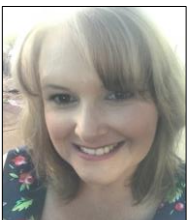
With students from Year 3 upwards having ubiquitous access to Chromebooks, Bob decided to try running as much of the club as possible online using Google Classes and other online resources such as LiChess and YouTube. The result is that children do not have to turn up to our sessions on Wednesdays at lunchtime to be club members. They can try openings and endgames, learn more rules and strategies and play against their friends online at times that suit them.

All of this means that our students will be better prepared for competitive chess. Competitions in Canberra are either open to all or for girls only. Open competitions are run on weekends, and are advertised on the 'Chess Club classroom'. Girl's competitions are run in school time. The Girl's competition begins on Tuesday, 4 April. If you have a child who is interested in the Girl's competition, please see Bob for an entry form.

That leaves the younger students, many of whom are keen to play. They have chess sets available each day at lunchtime and recess, thanks to the help of students in 2MD who take responsibility for our chess pieces. Later in the year there will be a formal competition for those in the younger years.

If you have comments about the chess club, please contact Bob Bannister.

Bobbi Smith  
Executive Teacher



### **A Special Thank You**

We would like to say a VERY special thank you to Naomi Wagstaff. She demonstrated care and compassion to an injured child on Monday morning and provided wonderful support and assistance to the Aranda staff. Thank you Naomi! We are very fortunate to have you in our community.



## Board Members

Board Chair	Rebecca Drew
Deputy Chair	Richard Saberton
Parent Reps	Donald Lowe
Staff Reps	Janine Collins Fiona Agostino
Appointed Member	Ian Harding

Contact the School Board via [info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)

## School Board Report

Congratulations to the following members of the Aranda Primary School community who have been successfully appointed to the following positions on the Aranda Primary School Board, commencing 1 April 2017 for a term of 2 years.

Mr Troy Heland – Parent & Citizens Representative Member  
Ms Anastasia O’Donnell – Staff Representative Member

We would like to take the opportunity to extend our thanks to Rebecca Drew and Fiona Agostino for their valuable contributions to the Aranda Primary School Board over the past 2 years.

Please visit the School Board section of the website for more information.

## EALD Report

(English as an Additional Language or Dialect)

On Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day! The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity and the cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home — from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day is an Australian Government program and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Our cultural diversity at Aranda remains one of our greatest strengths and biggest sources of pride.

EALD children, their parents and families started with a special breakfast before school. We enjoyed creating displays to reflect all the different nationalities we represent and the languages we speak, making us a rich, proud and diverse community. Some parents then spoke to the classes. We were lucky enough to have at least two people speak about their cultural knowledge and experiences to each of our Preschool to Year 6 classes. A very big thank you to all those involved for your time and enthusiasm - the children loved it! We then joined buddy classes and kept the learning and the fun going. Make sure you look at our colourful display in the school hall next time you’re in.

Big thanks to the EALD Breakfast/ Harmony Day Committee for making the day a huge success!

Myriam Davies, Maya Deneve, Lauren Jarvis, Janelle Kennedy, Sandra Kelly and Alison Reid

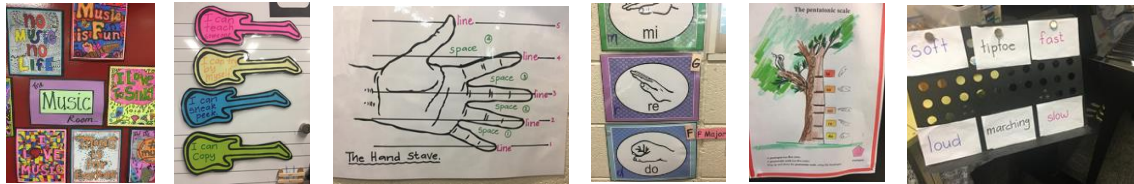




## Music Room Report

### Welcome to the Music Room 2017

We have had a very productive start to the year. All the children have their music theory book and are busily noting down their learning. Difficult clapping patterns have been attempted and songs with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time signature have been explored, discovering the different vibe of  $\frac{3}{4}$  when compared to  $\frac{4}{4}$  time signatures. Many new concepts are being discovered such as, the doh pentatonic scale, playing the recorder and intervals.



### Differentiation in the music classroom

Due to our wide range of skills and experiences, differentiation is very important and accessible during music time. We even vary each week according to what we are learning. The children are encouraged to decide where they are on our scale.

LEVEL 1 - I need to copy

LEVEL 2 - I need to sneak peek

LEVEL 3 - I can try by myself

LEVEL 4 - I can teach somebody

### The Hand Stave

Sometimes we need to explore music theory with our bodies and so in music we use the hand stave to help connect positional language and correct music terminology. We can also figure out how to play a song on a tuned instrument by using this method.

### Curwen Hand Signs

The Curwen Hand Signs help us to talk about how music sounds and to connect different pitches with our body. Using solfa with hand signs can also help us to stay in-tune and improve our voice quality.

### The Junior School

During class, the junior school are exploring dynamics and tempo by deciding how the music/ song should be played and sung. For example, "I Travelled" can be sung softly but with a fast tempo. We certainly have fun when it is fast and loud!!!!



## Toddler Time - Music for Little Kids

Music making with Mrs Alexander aimed at young children.

<b>When?</b>	Wednesday, 5 April
<b>Time?</b>	8:30am - 8:55am
<b>Where?</b>	The Music Room
<b>Who?</b>	Any child under school age accompanied by an adult (0-3)
<b>What?</b>	Singing games for adults to learn, songs from other nations and cultures, 25 minutes of music for little children. Lots of repertoire for the car, nap time and bath time!
<b>Cost?</b>	NIL
<b>RSVP</b>	Monday, 3 April via <a href="mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au">info@arandaps.act.edu.au</a>

**Thank you and happy singing!**



## Aranda P&C Association

President Petra Cole  
 Vice President Holly Brocklebank  
 Secretary Heather Clarke  
 Public Officer Jim Gilchrist  
 Treasurer Michael Wright  
 P&C Association Xiaoyan Lu

## Subcommittees

Uniform Shop Tara Munro-Mobbs  
 Canteen Chris Panton  
 Music and Arts Kate Burmester  
 School Banking Natalie Drummond and Sarah Wojtaszak  
 Class Reps Paula Banks

Contact the P&C Association via [arandapandc@gmail.com](mailto:arandapandc@gmail.com)

## Parents & Citizens Association Report

### Calling all auditors!!

Are you an auditor? Would you be happy to help the Aranda P&C by volunteering your time? The Aranda P&C is looking for assistance from an auditor to audit the committee accounts. This will be a significant contribution – the last time this service was costed it was estimated to be at least \$2000. Please get in touch if you are willing and available to help out: [secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com)

## Aranda Music and Arts Program

### Important

Please use the sliding doors at the front office to drop off and collect your child from their music and arts lessons. Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary P&C 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](mailto:info@arandamusicprogram.org) or go to our website at [www.arandamusicprogram.org](http://www.arandamusicprogram.org). If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry to [info@arandamusicprogram.org](mailto:info@arandamusicprogram.org) or submit an enrolment form, and we can advise whether there are vacancies or a waiting list.

### Enrolments closed for group lessons in art, drama and introduction to music

Please note that due to long waiting list for art, drama and introduction to music we are no longer taking enrolments for these subjects.

### Vacancies

We have the following vacancies for individual lessons (30 minute lessons):

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Recorder	Fridays 5.15pm
Guitar	Thursday 4.15pm, 4.45pm and 5.15pm



## Community News

# Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!

Canberra - 2 May

## Register your place:

[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)



### Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region, usually in late summer and autumn. There have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT in the past 15 years due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online from ACT Health:

[http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death Cap Mushrooms](http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death%20Cap%20Mushrooms)

**GARRAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*50th Anniversary 2017*



**Come and join us to celebrate  
50 years of Garran Primary School  
Everyone welcome!**

### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY PICNIC**

**SATURDAY 25th MARCH 4-6PM ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS  
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR THERE WILL BE**

- BBQ, woodfired pizzas, drinks and coffee available for sale
- School tours
- Garran school memorabilia
- Commemorative items for purchase
- Order your own personalised name paver
- Unveiling of the commissioned art work prior to picnic at 3:30pm

Contact: [garranps50@gmail.com](mailto:garranps50@gmail.com)  
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