



## Newsletter

### Dates to Remember

Getting to know you Interviews	12 -16 February
Kindy Reading Info night	27 February
School Photos	5 March
Swimming Carnival	6 March
Harmony Day	21 March
Year 5/6 Camp	19 / 21 March
Year 4 Camp	26 / 28 March
Year 3 Camp	27 /28 March

### Notes Home

Kindy Term overview	Info Only
Year 1 Term Overview	Info Only
Year 2 Term Overview	Info Only
Year 3 Term Overview	Info Only
Year 4 Term Overview	Info Only
Year 5/6 Term Overview	Info Only

## Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Welcome back to the new school year. Our Pre-schoolers and Kindy students made a confident and enthusiastic start last Monday. A few tears were shed (mostly by parents) before the children settled into their new surroundings and by three o'clock there were plenty of smiles.

The rest of our children returned on Tuesday and I was incredibly proud of the way they looked after our new students and made them feel welcome at Aranda Primary School.

### Aranda School refurbishments during the holidays

I am pleased to announce that some much needed improvements and refurbishments were made to the school during the break. A brand new double transportable classroom was built next to our library. It will be so nice to have our library and community room back! The construction included some landscaping works.

As part of our water harvesting program, we are shaping the ground between the junior play equipment and the 3/4 play equipment into 3 terraces. This should help to retain run off water and reduce our need to irrigate this area.

Fences will remain in place during these ground works and unfortunately some pedestrian and bike access will be restricted.

The school hall is still under construction and I hope to sign off on the refurbishment before March. The new seating system in the hall will not arrive until late April.

The new path that connects our bike enclosure to the public path at the western end of our lower carpark (how confusing) will be completed soon.

Thank you for your support and patience during this time.





## Aranda staff 2018

I would like to welcome several new teachers to Aranda this year:

Nicole Coombe (Year 5/6), Lauren Hill (Year 5/6), Caroline Adams (Year 2), John Prior (Year 1) and Jordan Austin (specialist teacher – Science).

### *Aranda teaching teams and staff 2018:*

Preschool: Renee Dickson, Janine Collins, Dani Rolfe, Brenda D’Cruz and Sam Ginger.

Kindergarten: Jessie Wilson, John Boland and Jess Beaton

Year 1: Dugald Stranger, Bec Lenehan, John Prior and Lakhana Ly-Diep

Year 2: Callum Taylor, Ellie Duckett, Caroline Adams and Jade Dillon

Year 3: Bobbi Smith, Jasmine Kite, Chris Wark and Maya Deneve

Year 4: Anthony Watson, Gina Mapley and Pam Daly

Year 5/6: Tricia Butters, Kate Mullins, Ryan Ferdinand, Nicole Coombe, Lauren Hill and Liz Gocentas

Specialists: Myriam Davies (French), Sandy Kelly (EALD), Kellie Nissen (EALD), Caitlin Jones (literacy support), Dani Rolfe (Preschool and Science), Penny Whitford (literacy support), Fiona Agostino (languages and media), Susan Ford (Maths and Band), Tanya Ford (Maths and P.E.), Jordan Austin (Science) and Melissa Alexander (Music)

Administration, Learning Support Assistants (LSA) and Building Services Officer (BSO):

Alex Wrigley (Business Manager), Jill Slaven (enrolments & front office), Linda Murphy (communications and front office), Jo Devenish (library support and LSA), Katie McLaren (LSA), Lindy Knight (LSA), Gail D’Este (LSA), Robyn Boric (LSA), Brian Ireland (BSO), Cody Finegan (ASBA)

Executive team: Phil Gray (Principal), Lisa Kingham (congratulations to Lisa on her promotion to Deputy Principal), Scott Pearce (school leader), Bob Bannister (school leader), James Harrison (school leader), Pam Daly (school leader) and Bobbi Smith (school leader)

I am looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year at Aranda School. We have much to accomplish together as a school community and all the decisions we make will be with our children’s best interests in mind.

Have a great week,

Phil Gray  
Principal



## Important Messages

### 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.

### 2018 Backpack Lists

Book packs can still be ordered via OfficeMax. All information is available on the Notes Home section of the school website.

### Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

If your Child is late to School (arrives after 9.10am) or leaving prior to 3pm please ensure you sign them in/out at the front office on arrival or before leaving.

### Newsletter Publication Deadline

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

### Notes Home

All notes are distributed to students through the class room every Thursday. All notes are also available for download from the Notes Home section of the school website, and spare copies available outside the front office. Please make it part of your routine to check the school web site regularly to ensure you don't miss out on any important school information.

### 2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriend's Day in 2018 will be held on 14 September at 11am.

### Anaphylaxis

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

### Students who have Mobile Phones

Any students who have a mobile phone should drop it to the Front Office before school and collect it at 3pm. No mobile phones are to be kept in bags or classrooms. They will be securely stored in the Front Office during the day.



## HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

School App	Website	Newsletter	Phone and Email
Download 'Aranda Primary School' from either the Apple App Store or Android Play Store.	<a href="http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/">www.arandaps.act.edu.au/</a>	Every Thursday our fortnightly newsletter is distributed to families via email.	Phone: (02) 6142 3030 Email: <a href="mailto:info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au">info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au</a>
<p><i>Messages</i> – received messages about cancelled events, important information</p> <p><i>Newsletters</i> – link directly to current newsletter</p> <p><i>Notes Home</i> – link directly to current notes</p> <p><i>Absent Notes</i> – submit an absent note</p> <p><i>Change of Details Form</i> – update your personal information with the school</p> <p><i>Teacher Meeting Form</i> – request a meeting with your child's teacher</p> <p><i>School Events</i> – keep up to date with school events</p> <p><i>Canteen Orders</i> – complete an order</p> <p><i>Uniform Shop</i> – link directly to uniform information</p>	<p>Latest News</p> <p>Newsletters</p> <p>Notes Home</p> <p>Policies</p> <p>Education Programs</p> <p>Parents and Citizens Association</p> <p>After School Care</p> <p>Contact Information</p> <p>Payment Portal</p> <p>Digital Backpack Portal</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Notes Due</p> <p>Message from the Executive</p> <p>Year Group article</p> <p>Community Notices</p>	<p>School Front Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday during School Term.</p> <p>All phone and email enquires will be responded to during the above hours.</p>



## New School Administration System

From the start of 2018, our school will be in phase one of the new School Administration System (SAS) announced by the Minister last year. An important part of our transition into the new system is a new process for signing in students who arrive at school after 9.10am, signing out students who are leaving the school prior to 3pm and/or leaving the school for a short period to attend an appointment.

**Late arrivals (after 9.10am)** – parents/carers must sign students in at the Front Office counter

**Early Leavers (before 3pm)** – parents/carers need to collect their child from their classroom and sign them out at the Front Office counter

**Attending an appointment** – parents/carers need to collect their child from their classroom and sign them out at the Front Office counter. On their return to school parents/carers need to sign the child back in at the Front Office Counter

A reminder that student absences need to be advised to the school by the following methods:

- Downloading 'Aranda Primary School' App from either the Apple App Store or Android Play Store.
- Emailing the child's name, reason for absence and dates of absences [info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au)
- Calling 6142 3030 between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday

## 2018 Getting to Know You Interviews

2018 'Getting to Know You' interviews will be conducted during Week 2, Term 1 commencing on Monday, 12 February through to Friday, 16 February.

Interview times can be made through the Schools Online Booking System (SOBS). If you do not have internet access, please call in at the Front Office or speak to the classroom teacher in person, to make an appointment.

Bookings will be open online from Wednesday, 7 February at 6am and will close Thursday, 15 February at 6pm.



## 2018 School Board Nominations

If you are interested in contributing to the governance of Aranda Primary School, please consider nominating for a position on the Aranda Primary School Board.

### Available Positions

Two (2) Parent and Citizen Member Position

Two (2) Staff Member Position

These positions are for a two (2) year period commencing 1 April 2018.

### Nominations

Open – 11am on Monday, 5 February 2018

Nomination forms are only available from the Front Office in hard copy form. Online or electronic nomination facilities will not be available.

Close – 11am on Monday, 19 February 2018

All nomination forms must be submitted in hard copy form and placed in the ballot box at the Front Office. All nominees will be required to submit a short piece about them for the school newsletter. The piece will be published on Thursday, 1 March 2018.

### Further Information

For additional information, please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Alex Wrigley on 6142 3030 or [info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)

## Aranda Music and Arts Program

**IMPORTANT: No lessons will be held in Week 2.**

### Enrolment

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.

To enrol please complete and submit your details at the AMA website: [www.arandamusicprogram.org](http://www.arandamusicprogram.org).

Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary Parents and Citizens 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).

### Vacancies

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

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Wednesday 3.15,3.45, 4.45 and 5.15pm



## P and C News

### CLASS PARENT REPS

The P&Cs Class Parent Representative Program is a great way to find out what's happening, both in a specific class and in the wider school community.

To make sure you don't miss out on messages sent during this school year, provide your details via our form at the parent teacher interviews next week.

Being a class parent rep doesn't take up much time so can be an easy way to make a big difference. If you'd like to find out more, or would like to nominate yourself as a class parent rep, please email Paula at [classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com](mailto:classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com).

## Canteen News

In 2018 we welcome a new Canteen Manager to Aranda. Helen McBean is an Aranda parent who has previously volunteered her time to help out in our canteen. She has run a baking business from home and has worked in the restaurant and service industry. We are very lucky to have Natalie continuing in the Canteen in 2018, and are happy to welcome Helen to our team.

The Canteen will be closed in Week 1 but will open from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Aranda Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday, so please remember to put your lunch orders in through Flexischools from Week 2. Orders can be placed at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). If you're new to Aranda, you can create an account by clicking on the 'register' link. Online orders for recess or lunch can be placed any time before 9:15am on the day the food is required.

In Term 4 2017 we received a book donation for the School Psychologist library on an alternative therapy which helps to address anxiety. We would like to thank Deirdre Brocklebank for donating copies of her book. If you are interested in reading Deirdre's book, please see Shireen Manocha, School Psychologist for a copy.





## Community Information

**Stressed about back to school costs?  
Make next year different.**



**Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

-  laptops & tablets
-  camps & excursions
-  uniforms & shoes
-  lessons & activities
-  sports fees & gear
-  books & supplies

**Contact**

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your local Saver Plus  
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**Web**

[www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.



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## GKR KARATE

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**No contracts: pay as you go**

Children who train in karate  
are less likely to be bullied and  
school work and class behaviour can improve

**classes continue during school holidays**



- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence

North side classes in:  
Evatt  
Florey  
Fraser  
Harrison  
Kaleen

Classes: all around Canberra, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass

For your **Free Trial Class**

contact Wendy: 0406 375 091  
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**GKR Karate supports Beyond Blue**  
self defence for all ages