



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable - Term 3

Week 4:	Whole School: 1RL/1LLD
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	Junior Assembly: 2JD/2ED
Week 7:	Senior Assembly: 3MD/3CW
Week 8:	Grand friends Day

Dates to Remember

21 August	Yr 3/4 Boys Jamie Pearlman and Yr 3/4 Girls Sue Geh Basketball Cup
22 August	Cricket Gala Day T20
23 August	Book Week Parade (10.35-11am) Author Visit Yr 5/6 Girls Sue Geh Basketball Cup Yr 5/6 Boys Jamie Pearlman Basketball Cup
24 August	Year 1 Dinosaur Museum
27 August	Year 5 Combined Band
28 August	Belconnen Track and Field Larry Brandy (KJB, Joeys & Meerkats)
29 August	Larry Brandy (KJE, KJW & Lemurs)
30 August	Science Prize Assembly
14 September	Grandfriends Day

Notes Home Due Back

Super 8's Cricket	20 August
KJB, Joeys & Meerkats: Larry Brandy	20 August
Belconnen Track/Field	21 August
KJE, KJW and Lemurs: Larry Brandy	22 August
5/6 Survey Info	Info Only
Yr 5 Combined Band	23 August
Kids Matter Survey	Info Only

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Science Fair

To celebrate Science Week, we held our annual Science Fair on Tuesday. Each year, the Science Fair gets bigger and bigger and this year we had over 100 student entries as well as an entry from each class. The school has been buzzing with all things science and the event is such a wonderful celebration of discovery, experimentation and the scientific process. It has been a pleasure to read about not only the experiments that worked but also the experiments that didn't work as expected. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and community members attend the evening session. I would like to thank Bobbi Smith, Renee Dickson and Danielle Rolfe for organising such a successful event. Click on the video below to see a time lapse of the Science Fair morning session.



Satisfaction Surveys

The Aranda Primary School Parent and Carer Satisfaction Surveys have been emailed out to all parents. Please check your email. You should have received one email for each of the children you have at Aranda Primary School.

If you cannot find the email, you might check your junk email or search for the title: 2018 Aranda Satisfaction Survey

If that still does not help, contact Bob Bannister (bob.bannister@ed.act.edu.au) for a follow up email.

Book Week

We are looking forward to our Book Week celebration next Thursday. It is always such a fantastic time of the school year when we have the chance to focus on and celebrate quality literature. The parade starts at 10:35am on the Multipurpose Court. I hope you have your costumes ready!



Important Messages

Carpark Safety

Just a friendly reminder to all parents/carers who do drop off and pickups, please be cautious when navigating the bottom carpark especially during the busy times.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that the Uniform Shop operates from 8.30am – 9.30am, only on Friday mornings. Please contact the Uniform Shop via email if you have any questions apsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen

A friendly reminder that 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.

2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2018 will be held on Friday 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.

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Bush Kids

This term, on Wednesday afternoons, Kindergarten students have been heading up to the Aranda Bushlands for Bush Kids. The Bush Kids program provides students with a chance to freely explore and interact with their surroundings in a safe and structured environment. Once back at school, the bush adventures provide stimulus for learning across the curriculum. The students go out rain, hail or shine and we thank parents for thinking in advance about necessary clothing to ensure they are prepared. Thank you to the Kindergarten parents and carers who have volunteered their time to support the program. Watch the video below to learn more about the Bush Kids program at Aranda.



<https://youtu.be/ME7cmU4299M>

Just 50 Words

I know many students have been busily writing their 50-word stories for the upcoming Just 50 Words competition. Stories are due to your child's class teacher for judging by Friday this week. The Just 50 Words assembly will be held on Wednesday 12 September (Week 8) at 9:15am.

Grandfriends Day

Just a reminder that Grandfriends Day is steadily approaching. This year, grandfriends are invited to attend the event from 11:30am on Friday 14 September (Week 8). Grandfriends Day is a very important event on the Aranda Primary School calendar and we once again look forward to our students celebrating their learning with their loved ones.

Food

As you are aware, we have students in the school with a range of allergies. We ask that you please remind your children of the importance of not sharing and trading food whilst at school.

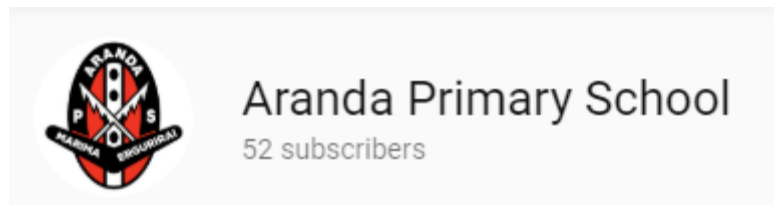
Scott Pearce
Executive Teacher



Aranda YouTube Channel

We are committed to improving the way in which we communicate with you at home and are always looking for new and innovative ways to improve our communication methods. This year, we are introducing the Aranda Primary School YouTube Channel. The channel will be used to host videos of parent/carer information sessions, information about the future direction of the school and videos from staff sharing ways to assist you to help your children at home. We understand many of you find it difficult to attend the sessions we hold at school and it is impossible to find a time to suit everyone. We hope that by providing these sessions via video you can access them at a time that suits you best. We would appreciate any feedback you have on the channel or your ideas for videos that would be helpful for parents and carers.

We have several videos already uploaded and many more in the works. You can access the channel by clicking the link or image below. It might be a good idea to subscribe to the channel by clicking the subscribe button below the video so you are notified when we post new content.



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSRKJgy_g7Y6cOhHOkb261w?view_as=subscriber



SEA*ACT Science and Engineering Fair 2018

All students are able to enter the ACT Fair, regardless of their placement in the Aranda Science Fair, but will need to register and deliver their projects to Radford College independently. There is a registration fee (\$6 for individual entries, \$10 for a group) and processes associated with entering the fair.

Please follow the link for important dates and processes associated with the SEA*ACT Science and Engineering Fair. Please note that the ACT Science Fair is an SEA*ACT organised event held independently from the school directorate.

<https://seaact.act.edu.au/science-fair/>

Winners of the Aranda Science Fair will be encouraged to enter the ACT Science Fair.

The Science Prize Assembly will be held on Thursday 30 August at 9:15am. The winners will be officially announced and the prizes and certificates awarded.

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in the Science Fair, the final products turned out great!

Bobbi Smith
Science Fair Coordinator

The Student Voice

News and current affairs written by the students of Aranda Primary

Aranda Kid Nearly has a Crash!

By: Sylvie Russell and Lauren McSweeny

Last week a dramatic accident nearly took place at Aranda Primary School. At the bottom half of the school, a student was riding his bike really fast down past the Front Office. He nearly had a crash at the intersection where another car was passing. Luckily they reacted fast, forcing their foot down on the brake and saving this child's life.

We are very lucky that this turned out the way it did and nobody was injured. This is a great example of why it is vital for parents to teach their kids about road safety and why we have it. It is also a timely opportunity to remind all the students of Aranda to take more care when riding your bike or approaching a road.



Straw No More

By Emma & Aitana

Recently an incredible 9 year old girl called Molly Steer launched a campaign called Straw No More! This campaign is to teach Australia about the horrifying effect straws have on the environment and marine life. Molly has made speeches about how bad straws are and has also managed to get OVER 90 schools to ban straws altogether.

A few weeks ago she teamed up with Craig Reucassel - the host of the popular TV series "War On Waste"- and they are working even harder together to wipe straws away from Australia forever!

Did you know that you can buy reusable straws from shops? They are made of metal and not bad for the environment at all! Ask yourself this - do you really need straws to drink with?



Is plastic threatening our garden?

By: Seb Graham

The lush green plants, the smell of dew. We all enjoy these parts of our garden in Aranda. But the garden might be endangered by plastic that we students are littering; and this won't go away by itself.

The picture shows what we collected from two sections of the garden. It includes plastic, a tennis ball and paper. This plastic makes the soil that our plants sit on less fertile and over time can produce toxic chemicals.

So remember! Don't litter in the gardens or else the plants in them might die.





School Sport Nationals Swimming Championships

By Natalie Iles-Buchbach and Dichong Mo

"I felt terrified, my body was shaking and after the race I was relieved, the whole experience was exhausting, but I would definitely do it again at first chance." Andie B

"It's very nerve-wracking before the race, but when you're racing it isn't so bad. When you touch the wall at the other end of the pool you feel exhausted." Aoife R

On 25 July, Aoife Rothery and Andie Bonasera travelled to Hobart for the Nationals Swimming Competition. Students came from all over Australia to compete in this competition. Aoife came 19th and Andie came 20th out of a large group of extraordinary young Australian swimmers at a competition level. Although they did not win, it is still an amazing feat to make it that far and they represented our school well, as well as swimming lots of personal bests.

Book Week Excites Aranda

By: Lauren McSweeney and Sylvie Russell



I have been reading a
book about anti-gravity...
I just cannot put it down!

All Aranda students and teachers are very excited to come up with their creative costumes for the Aranda Primary School 2018 Book Week Parade. This year it will be hosted on the 23rd of August, so it is time to start making, creating and thinking of great costumes.

There has been a little battle between the kids and teachers. The teachers have been getting into it. In the past teachers went as the 'Bananas in Pyjamas' and Aranda's music teacher pulled off an extraordinary costume as the Mad Hatter. Who knew Aranda had such cool teachers? So get out there and be creative with the 2018 Book Week Parade!



Dive Deeper-Teacher Profile

By: Charlie Stockings.

Mrs Alexander

'When words fail, music speaks.' – Shakespeare

Excitement and cheerfulness. Everyday Mrs Alexander fills young hearts with the gift of music and happiness. Once a week, students at Aranda Primary are taught Music by Mrs Alexander. Teaching at Latham, Weetangera, Radford and now here! Have you ever thought to dive deeper into this inspiring teacher?

"I help children develop a joy of music, especially the ones who don't get it at home," said Mrs Alexander during an interview. "It is the foundation of all learning."

Mrs Alexander teaches from Preschool to Year 6. As well as teaching breakout groups, she takes her own time away to further extend and enrich students with choirs, clubs and opportunities. "The best part about my job is laughing with the kids as we make music and improve," she states.

Students absolutely LOVE this teacher. Here's what they have to say...

"I love playing instruments and being able to freely express myself." Eleanor Magee

"She is so supportive and always explains her expectations clearly." Nina Stachurski

"Mrs Alexander is a funny, lovable teacher that anyone can get along with." Sharon Chen

Along with Mrs Alexander, there are so many amazing teachers here at Aranda Primary School, so let's all take the time to fully appreciate them and the work they do.

The 2018 Aranda Primary Science Fair

By: Amelia Tattam and Laasya Gunnam

Inventions ... Experiments ... Technology... Hypotheses...
The Aranda Science Fair had it all!

Once a year, kids from Aranda have a chance to show off their scientific talents by creating their own unique experiments! This year all students from Kindy through to Year 6 were able to present an experiment of their choice, and over 100 individual student entries were handed in, with every class submitting a class project.

Dr Anna Forbes quoted that "Bringing science and engineering to classes helps students to understand the process of scientific inquiry and their value to social progress."

It was great to see many parents had come in to see the presentation during the day and in the evening. We are all very grateful for all the parents who came to show support to all the students. Congratulations to all of the students who have done a project, they are all really amazing, and everyone has done an outstanding job.

Thank you so much to all the teachers and staff who helped to organise this wonderful event, and special thanks to Bobbi Smith who organised the whole Science Fair. We all look forward to next year's Science Fair, and good luck to all students of 2019 who will be participating!



The 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys are happening now!

Parents and carers, school staff and students will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey was sent to you this week. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report.





Aranda hosts Rostrum Semi-Final

On Thursday 2 August, Aranda played host to the first northside Rostrum Semi-Final in our newly renovated Hall. Six students, winners of their respective Quarter Finals in Term 2, were joined by their family and friend supporters and four Rostrum adjudicators. Aranda's finalist, Joel (5/6KM) also delivered his speech as a non-competitive speaker to keep the audience entertained while the adjudicators were deliberating.

There were many positive comments about how lovely our Hall is, how fantastic the seating was and (from the adjudicators) how the Hall was an ideal space for public speaking events such as Rostrum.

My thanks go to Joel for agreeing to deliver his entertaining speech one more time, to our school leaders, Charlie, Sermud and Emily, for doing a stellar job in the Chairperson and Timekeeping roles, and to Bob Bannister and Maya Deneve for their invaluable assistance in setting everything up and helping me out on the evening.

Kellie Nissen

(Rostrum Coordinator, 2018)

News from the Canteen

This term the canteen has a new menu item: burgers! You can choose between chicken, beef or lentil patties and all burgers come with a bun and lettuce, for a very reasonable \$4.50. Cheese and tomato can be added for an additional \$0.40 each and BBQ, tomato or sweet chilli sauce for an additional \$0.30. Available now on Flexischools!

Aranda Music and Arts Program

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry to 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.

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 or go to our website at www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Vacancies

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

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Wednesday 5.15pm
Beginner Recorder	Thursdays 3.15 to 4pm
Piano	Tuesdays 4.45 and 5.15pm Fridays 5.15pm



Community News

The Kama Scout Jumble Sale

Saturday 15th September

2pm – 4.30pm



Kama Scout Hall, Birch Place, Macquarie

Come and bag a bargain: bric-a-brac, pre-loved toys,
books, clothes, ornaments and lots more!

A great opportunity to upcycle and recycle

Homemade cakes, biscuits and preserves

A chocolate trailer

Indian rice and curry stall

Sausage Sizzle BBQ





Aranda Primary School

After School Music Playgroup

Thursday during school term 3:30pm
-4:30pm

Where: 9 Gatty St, Scullin

Cost is \$80 a term or \$10 for casual
visits (for one child)



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