



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

Week 2:	Junior (2LG & 2AW)
Week 3:	Senior (5/6JH & 5/6JB)
Week 4:	Whole School (4BS & 4MD)
Week 5:	No Assembly

Dates to Remember

11-15 Feb	Getting to Know You Interviews (K-6)
27 Feb	Aranda Swimming Carnival
4 Mar	MT Group Preschool Photos
5 Mar	School Photos (Years K-6)
8 Mar	TF Group Preschool Photos
11 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
12 Mar	School 50 th Birthday Celebration Picnic at Stromlo Forest Park
19-20 Mar	Year 3 Camp - Birrigai
25-27 Mar	Year 4 Camp - Kianinny
28 Mar	Belconnen Swimming Carnival
2 Apr	School Athletics Carnival
8-10 Apr	Year 5/6 Camp - Borambola
11 Apr	Whole School Photo (Years K-6) at 9.15am

Notes Home

Due Back

Medical Information	15 Feb
Swimming Carnival	20 Feb
Senior Ukulele Club	22 Feb
Junior Choir	22 Feb
Senior Choir	22 Feb
School (K-6) Photo Orders	27 Feb
Preschool Photo Orders	27 Feb
Sibling Photo Orders	27 Feb
Yr 6 Shirt Orders	8 Mar
Yr 3 Camp	8 Mar
Yr 4 Camp	8 Mar
Yr 5/6 Camp	18 Mar

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

This week is always a great week for us as we have our parents and carers in the school attending our *Getting To Know You Interviews*. These interviews are invaluable to us as we gather information about our students from those who know them best. There has been a lovely buzz in the school this week and we thank you for making the time to meet with us. If for any reason you have been unable to meet with your child's teacher this week, please feel free to contact the Front Office on 61423030 and make an alternative time or email your child's class teacher. Teacher email addresses are in the format: firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au.

2019 School Priorities

Our planning is aimed at improving student outcomes. Our priorities in 2019 sit under three clear headings: Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships and Engaging Students in their Learning. Under these broad categories we have identified **reading, feedback, conferencing** and **goal setting** as targeted areas of focus for this year. We aim to target reading behaviours and foster the love and enjoyment of reading in our students.

Our 2018 data revealed a discrepancy between teacher and student perceptions of feedback in the classroom and we have planned actions to ensure feedback to students is targeted, explicit and timely. We will incorporate strategies to improve student conferencing, including clear and explicit goal setting that involves our learners across all grade levels.

Our partnership with community is a priority on many levels and will be highlighted in 2019 with our Aranda School 50th year celebrations.

Our 2019 priorities will be detailed on our website and I am sure you will see evidence of progress towards them on Seesaw, in student work, in the conversation you have with your child at the end of the school day, in our assemblies and in newsletters.

Allergy Aware School

Aranda Primary School is an Allergy Aware school. This means we are mindful and respectful of those students with allergic and anaphylactic reactions to certain foods. We ask you to refrain from sending foods with peanut, nut or egg products to school.

Medical Plans

It is important that information for students with medical conditions is accurate and detailed to help us provide appropriate care. Every year, it is important that we receive updated medical plans developed and signed by a medical practitioner. If your child has a plan (e.g. for Asthma or Anaphylaxis) and we have not yet received a 2019 plan, please provide this as soon as possible to ensure your child receives the appropriate first aid care.



Important Messages

Running Club

Running Club will be held on Tuesdays at lunchtime this year, commencing Week 2. It will be held on the Aranda playing fields.

Chess Club

Chess Club will continue with Mr Bannister on Wednesdays at lunchtime in the School Gym for students in Year 3 and above. Games are played online, so students should bring their Chromebooks with them. There will be a limited number of places in the Aranda Chess Team which is selected from club members.

2019 Bookpack Lists

Bookpacks can still be ordered via OfficeMax. All information is available in the Notes Home section of the school website.

2019 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2019 will be held on Friday 20 September, starting at 11am with morning tea.

Uniform Shop

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

Canteen

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.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts.

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Back to School Asthma Checklist for Parents

Please see attached at the end of the newsletter for the *Back to School Asthma Checklist* for your information.

Parent Contact Details

It is important that information regarding parent contact details is accurate. If there are changes to your contact details at any time during the year, could you please contact the Front Office to enable us to update our records. Current and accurate contact details are imperative if we need to contact you about your child.

Parent Involvement at Aranda

There are many ways you can be involved at the school. The School Board and Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) are two visible organisations that fill very specific roles. Meeting times for both the Board and P&C are communicated through the newsletters. Our STAR reading program is a success because of parent volunteers. If you have time to give to this program, we are always looking for new tutors. You can leave your details at the Front Office and we will be in contact promptly. The two big community events this year will be our Fete and our 50th Year Celebration. Information about both will be coming out to the community shortly and the success of these events will hinge on our community effort. We have no doubt both events will be raging successes!

Kindy Student Reflections

"I felt excited because it was my first day and I made new friends." Edith

"I felt sad and happy. At first I was sad and then I turned happy." Skandar

"I felt happy to make new friends." Oscar

"I felt tired because mum woke me up early!" Eleanor

"I felt a little nervous and a little excited." Elle

"I felt happy because I made new friends." Zara



On our first day of school, we made new friends and drew how to be a good friend. We read the story "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn about a little racoon, Chester who did not want to go to school. We talked about our first day and drew a picture. Many of us were happy, scared, nervous and excited. We all agreed that we had a fantastic first day in Kindergarten!

We are looking forward to an exciting and positive 2019 school year.

Regards,
Lisa Kingham



Signing Students In and Out

Late arrivals (after 9.10am) – Parents/carers need to 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 the school needs to be advised of student absences by one of 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.act.edu.au
- Calling 6142 3030 between 8.30am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday

2019 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 Position

One (1) Parent and Citizen Member Position

This position is for a two (2) year period, commencing 1 April 2019.

Nominations

Open – 11am on Monday, 4 February 2019

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, 18 February 2019

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 themselves for the school newsletter. The piece will be published on Thursday, 28 February 2019.

Further Information

For additional information, please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Alex Wrigley on 6142 3030 or info@arandaps.act.edu.au



Communicating with Aranda Primary School

As a part of our 2018 School Action Plan, we strategically focused on improving communication between school and home. Moving into 2019, there will be a small number of changes to the methods of communication we use.

Seesaw

Feedback from the community about Seesaw in 2018 was extremely positive. We are excited to continue using Seesaw as a communication avenue, sharing your child's learning with you at home. If you are yet to connect with Seesaw, or are experiencing difficulties accessing it, please see your child's teacher. Students new to the school in 2019 will be receiving a Seesaw note in the coming weeks.

Email

Email will be used to communicate with families in regards to important information such as medical alerts, notifications from Executive staff and event/excursion information. Please ensure you have your most up to date email address registered with the Front Office.

School App

With the introduction of the School Administration System, *Sentral*, we aim to phase out the School App at the end of 2019. This year, the School App will only be used to receive absence notifications and provide a link for families to Flexischools. We will no longer be distributing messages via the School App.

Community Calendar

The School Community Calendar is available to view on the homepage of the school website or the link below.

http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/calendar2

In 2019, we will no longer be sending home hard copy whole school term plans. All events will now be listed on the Community Calendar. All notes home will continue to be available for download under the Notes Home section of the school website.

Throughout 2019, we will be working towards moving our excursion note processes to an electronic format in preparation for *Sentral* taking over this role in the future.

P&C News

CLASS PARENT REPS

Huge thanks to the parents who have already put their hand up for this important role. Class parent reps are still needed for the following classes:

Preschool classes, KJB, 2PD, 2LG, 3ED, 3CT, 3CA, 3JF, 3JD, 4MD, 5/6SS, 5/6JB, 5/6GM, 5/6DS, 5/6NF

Year 3 and 5/6 classes have a long way to go, and we could do with some more dads in the team too. Well done Year 1!

If you'd like to find out more, or want to nominate yourself as a class parent rep, please email Paula at classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com.

If you haven't provided your details via the google form (made available at parent teacher interviews or via a link in Seesaw) your class parent rep won't be able to contact you. If you can't complete the form for some reason, please email Paula (with your child's name and class) and your details will be passed on to your class parent rep.



Canteen

It's Week 2 and the canteen is open for business.



Term 1 Info

- There will be a special lunch towards the end of Term 1 or the beginning of Term 2. Special lunches occur a few times a year and, in the past, have featured items such as nachos, burgers or the ever-popular sausage sizzle. We will keep you updated on 2019 special lunches via the newsletter and class rep emails.
- New over-the-counter item for 2019: SUSHI! Natalie and Helen will be whipping up a few different sushi varieties this year, so keep your eyes peeled for this special.
- **Call for volunteers:** the canteen often needs extra help, especially on special lunch order days. Please drop in to see Helen or Nat in the canteen if you are able to help out. You can also email them: arandacanteen@gmail.com

Good Mood Food FAQ document

The Aranda Canteen is up and running again in Week 2. To assist our new parents, we have included an FAQ document with this newsletter email. In the document you will find information on the canteen opening hours and the online ordering system, *Flexischools*. To make lunch orders even easier in 2019, *Flexischools* is now available through your app store.



Back to school asthma checklist



Asthma
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1. ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

See a doctor for a signed Asthma Action Plan or Care Plan. Most schools require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year.

Evidence tells us that using an Asthma Action Plan can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.

While with the doctor, why not combine this with a check-up for your child's asthma, including a check on their device technique.

2. RELIEVER MEDICATION

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- Medication and devices are clearly labelled with your child's name
- Medication is in date and with sufficient medication remaining

3. TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their Asthma Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

Use this valuable time to:

- Go over your child's Asthma Plan
- Discuss the signs of asthma for your child
- Show them your child's asthma medication and demonstrate how to use it
- Talk about the extent to which your child can self-manage their asthma
- Provide details of how to contact you when:
 - They have asthma symptoms
 - They use a reliever medication at school

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