



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

Week 2:	Junior - Year 1
Week 3:	Senior - 5/6GM & SS
Week 4:	Whole School - Kindy
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	Junior – 2LG & AW
Week 7:	Senior – 4CW & JK
Week 8:	Whole School – 5/6DS & NF
Week 9:	No Assembly
Week 10:	Whole School - French

Dates to Remember

29 Apr	2020 Enrolments Open
18 May	Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
	Yr 4 Geoscience Excursion
22 May	Year 6 CHS Visit
23 May	Year 6 Combined Band
27 May	Public Holiday
29 May	Lucas Proudfoot Performance
30 May	Belconnen Cross Country
30 May	Hats Off
4 June	G Force to MRF
5 June	Whole School Photo
6 June	Year 5 Combined Band
10 June	Public Holiday
12 June	ACT Cross Country
2 July	Kindy Health Check
3 July	Kindy Health Check
20 Sept	Grandfriends Day
26 Oct	School Fete

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Due Back

Lucas Proudfoot Incursion	16 May
Year 4 Geo Science Australia	16 May
G-FORCE	23 May
Belconnen Cross Country	24 May
Year 5 Band	30 May
Year 6 Band	30 May

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Leadership is about the art of motivating, influencing and directing people so they work together to achieve the goals of a team or organisation. It's important for students to experience leadership opportunities during their schooling, to learn the art of building relationships within teams and achieving goals effectively. It also provides an opportunity to learn to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Last week Sylvie R (Year 6) was recognised for her ongoing leadership and contributions to our school by being awarded a School Leader position. She will join Owen E, Lily W, Lucy S and Noah S as one of our 2019 School Leaders. Sylvie's responsible behaviour, her ability to work with younger students, her practice of being encouraging and inclusive of others and her commitment in helping others, not for personal recognition but for a genuine desire to assist, were all qualities given as reasons for her appointment. Congratulations Sylvie.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place next week and involves our Years 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development. All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Parents can visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please speak to one of our NAPLAN Coordinators, Nicole Farrington and Caroline Adams.

A-E Reports

Each student will receive their mid-year report in Week 9 of this term. Our reports contain two components, the Aranda report and as the A-E grading component (Years 1-6). If you wish the school to withhold the A-E grades for any reason, please feel free to inform the school, preferably in writing prior to Week 9, and we will accommodate your request.



Important Messages

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.

2019 School Fete

Save the Date – Saturday 26 October 2019 from 3-7pm

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. Our policy is available on the website.

Science Fair

This year's Aranda Science Fair will be held on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August. This is a wonderful event that showcases student directed learning and ingenuity. All submitted projects are displayed. Over the two days, each class will have an opportunity to view the projects, ask questions and discuss the topics with the project owners. Judging will take place during the day on the Tuesday and parents are invited on Tuesday evening. Students attending in the evening are to be accompanied by a parent throughout the duration of the evening session. They are not expected to be with their projects but instead can browse the fair with their families.

Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday is an initiative by the G-Force to establish Nude Food awareness. Students are encouraged to bring their food to school without any sort of wrapping. At recess and lunch time, all rubbish is collected from each class and points are allocated to classes with the least amount of rubbish. Some ideas suggested by the G-Force to reduce the amount of rubbish is to bring food in beeswax wraps and recyclable containers. We hope this student initiative results in a reduction of waste and rubbish at our school.

SRC Fundraiser

Our students, through their SRC, have nominated 'DEBRA' as their chosen national organisation to support in Term 2. 'DEBRA' stands for the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association. One of its functions is to raise awareness and funds for research into Epidermolysis bullosa. Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) is a group of genetic conditions that result in easy blistering of the skin and mucous membranes. Blisters occur with minor trauma or friction. Often called 'butterfly children', those who have the condition live with skin that is as fragile as a butterfly's wings. The slightest touch can cause it to tear or blister. Our 'Butterfly Day' will be held on June 20, 2019. On this day, children are asked to come to school dressed in butterfly colours and to bring a gold coin donation. Additional information will appear on our website and in newsletters in the coming weeks. Our support of this very worthy foundation comes with a special personal link through our very own Lewis M in Year 4.

Cross Country

Congratulation to all our students who participated in last week's Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to the cross country committee for your outstanding organisation and a big thank you to parents and our Aranda community members who volunteered on the day. These special days are always such fun. Please enjoy the following snapshots of the day.





Have a great Term 2 everyone.

Kind Regards,
Lisa Kingham

P&C News

REMINDER

Next P&C meeting is Wednesday, 15 May, 7.30am in the Resource Centre. All welcome.

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Please don't forget to make something for the cake stall! All delicious baked goods can be dropped off to the canteen on Friday 17 May, or from 7.30am on election day, Saturday 18 May, at the school entrance. We also welcome deliveries throughout the day and will have extra labels on hand.

Additional Important Reminders

Have your contact details changed recently?

If you have recently moved to a new house, or changed your mobile phone number or your email address, please advise the Front Office by email at info@arandaps.act.edu.au

It is important that the Front Office have your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you should the need arise.



School Photo Information

Special Photo Orders

If you wish to purchase a copy of one of the photographs listed below, please visit the Front Office to collect an order form. Photos are \$16 each, and payment is in cash only (exact amount please). Copies of these photographs are available for you to view in the window of the Front Office.

- School Leaders
- House Captains
- G-Force
- Media Team
- Year 5 Band
- Year 6 Band
- Senior Choir

Important 2020 Enrolment Information

ACT public school enrolments for 2020 opened at 6am on Monday 29 April 2019. This is for all enrolments from Preschool to Year 12. For applications received by 7 June 2019, offers will begin to be made from 29 July. All applications must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>

You are encouraged to get your application in before 7 June, so your school can start planning for your child's education. However, every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when you apply.

Preschool Enrolments

All four-year-old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/enrolling-in-preschool>

Please note that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result, there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.



**Volunteers needed!
Put it in your diary...**

**18 May 2019
Election Day
BBQ & Cake Stall**

The P&C needs volunteers to:

- **Work BBQ shifts**
- **Work cake stall shifts**
- **Contribute cakes and baked goods to the cake stall**

To sign up, please visit:
volunteersignup.org/4QBR9
Just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!





Aranda Primary School



ARANDA PRIMARY 50TH BIRTHDAY FETE

FOOD | FUN | FRIENDS | FAMILY

26 OCTOBER 2019 3-7PM

GET INVOLVED!

The Aranda P&C is looking for a huge team of volunteers to:

- Help out on stalls
- Set up and cook on the BBQ
- Help with set-up and clean-up
- Help with selling drinks and food

Do you have a **BRILLIANT IDEA** for a stall?
Send it to the fete committee

If you can help to make this an incredible fete,
please email your details to:
arandafete@gmail.com



The Student Voice

News and current affairs written by the students of Aranda Primary

We are excited to be writing once again for the Aranda Primary Newsletter. *The Student Voice* will be written by Year 5 students and we hope to entertain, inform and persuade you with our articles throughout the year. We hope you enjoy our first edition for 2019.

Would you be able to help if someone had a brain seizure?

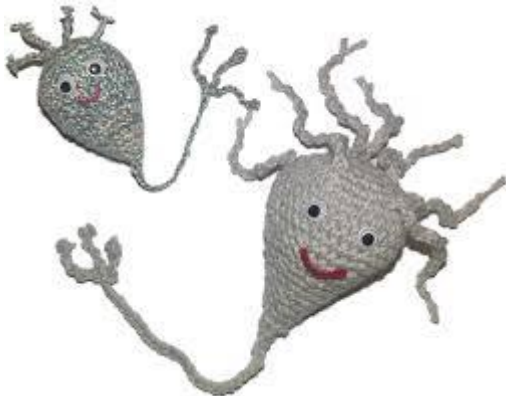
By Astrid and Zoe

Currently in Australia, over 250,000 people are living with epilepsy. People with epilepsy have brain seizures at least twice during their lives. If someone has a brain seizure, it is important to know how to help.

The Year 5/6 students know exactly how to help! On the first and second day of Term 2, each of the Year 5/6 classes did an epilepsy awareness educational session with the *Cheeky Neurons Smart Schools* program.

Students learnt what a seizure is, how to help someone having a seizure and what causes seizures. Students then made their own 'Cheeky Neuron' to take home to raise awareness of epilepsy.

Now all the students and teachers know just how important raising awareness for epilepsy is. We hope you do too!





Would you be able to stand up and do Rostrum?

By Abby and Lily

Rostrum is a big thing. For some people, it is nerve-wracking but others find it as easy as pie! But what is Rostrum and why does Aranda consider it important?

Rostrum is a program where kids learn to use their voice in ways they aren't used to. The Rostrum Primary Schools competition has been running for nearly 50 years for schools in the ACT and surrounding NSW.

To do a rostrum speech, you first select a topic. (Topics are down below.) You then write down your speech and perform it to an audience. Each school is invited to enter one competitor into the competition after running a selection process in their own school.

The topics for this year are: Don't Try This, Pets As Therapy, Earthquakes, I'm Getting There, The View From The Top, Good Advice and Starting Again.

We look forward to seeing the school finals and congratulate all participants this year. How do you think you would manage writing, practising and performing a 3-minute speech to present to 300 of your peers? It is clear we should be celebrating everyone who gives Rostrum a try.

Safety First

As we drive and park our cars around schools, we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc>

Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.





Upcoming workshop on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, including what is working well or not working well. This is a reminder about the two remaining activities you can be involved in to have your say:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm this workshop will follow on from the first workshop and explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”.
- In mid-late June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend either of the workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.