



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

- Week 1:** Whole School – Basketball Court 9am
- Week 2:** Junior – Year 2 (all)
- Week 3:** Senior (5/6JH & JB)
- Week 4:** Whole School (4CW & 4BS)
- Week 5:** No Assembly

Dates to Remember

- 10-14 Feb Getting to Know You Interviews (K-6)
- 12 Feb Hockey Clinic
- 26 Feb Aranda Swimming Carnival
- 2 Mar MT Group Preschool Photos
- 3 Mar School Photos (Years K-6)
- 5 Mar TF Group Preschool Photos
- 9 Mar Canberra Day Public Holiday
- 16-18 Mar Year 5/6 Camp - Borambola
- 25-27 Mar Year 4 Camp - Kianinny
- 26-27 Mar Year 3 Camp - Birrigai

Scan this QR code using the device you would like the school calendar to appear on.



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- Swimming Carnival
- Junior & Senior Choir
- Senior Ukulele Club
- Year 6 Shirt
- Year 3,4,5/6 Camp

Due Back

- 19 Feb
- 21 Feb
- 21 Feb
- 28 Feb
- 6 March

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School community,

Welcome back to the new school year.

I hope you managed to find some time to rest and relax during the summer break in what were some challenging and eventful times. My thoughts and best wishes go out to everyone affected by the recent and continuing devastating bushfires. The hailstorm that ripped through Canberra left its mark on our school. Sam and Ash, our new Front Office team, were here at school as large hail stones wrecked cars and damaged the school building. They did a terrific job to stay calm and contact all the relevant people to help restore order. Our carpets have been cleaned, aired and dried and we hope the 52 replacement skylights will arrive soon. I don't think any of our returning students noticed any damage to the school, which is a credit to our recovery team and particularly to Sam and Ash. As mother nature tested us, Novel Coronavirus generated serious health concerns across the globe. Every family from our school who has recently returned, or are currently in China, has been in contact with me and have chosen to take the Australian Federal Government Health advice and self-isolate for two weeks before attending school. I want to take this opportunity to thank these families and know that on their return to school, their children will be treated with kindness and respect. Offering support and being kind to others is what we do best at Aranda School.

Our Preschool and Kindy students made a confident and enthusiastic start last Monday. I was amazed by how settled the Kindy classes were at the start of Day 2. I took these photos just after one of our confident Kindergarten students told me how much she loved her new teacher.





Important Messages

2020 Backpack Lists

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

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.

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The rest of our children returned on Tuesday to what I can only describe as a positive and safe start to the new school year. I must thank all the parents, staff and students who cooperated to create a calm, welcoming atmosphere right across the school.

2020 Aranda Staffing Structure:

I would like to welcome several new teachers to Aranda this year. Rob Panozzo (Year 5/6), Mara Nagaki (Year 3), Cam James (Year 1), John Prior (Kindergarten), Emily Hillary (Year 2) and Adam Chad (Executive team).

Preschool: Shannon Jones, Dani Rolfe and Renee Gilbert

Kindergarten: John Prior, Jess Beaton, Janine Collins and Mel Hill

Year 1: Maya Deneve, Cam James and Ellie Duckett

Year 2: Pam Daly, Emily Hillary, Anthony Watson and Ryan Ferdinand

Year 3: Mara Nagaki, Jade Dillon, Callum Taylor and Caroline Adams

Year 4: Jasmine Kite, Chris Wark, Dugald Stranger and Bobbi Smith

Year 5/6: John Boland, Rob Panozzo, Gina Mapley, James Harrison, Jessie Wilson and Bec Lenehan

Specialists: Myriam Davies (French), Bob Bannister (STEM), Melissa Alexander (Music), Adam Chad (French and STEM), Tanya Ford (Maths and Band), Lakhana Ly-Diep (Mental Health and Wellbeing), Caitlin Jones (Science), Sandra Kelly (English as Another Language or Dialect), Kellie Nissen (Science), Jenny Coen (Library and Learning Support) and Brian Ireland (building management)

Learning Support Assistants: Brenda D'Cruz & Gail D'Este (Preschool), Katie McLaren (K-6), Lindy Knight (K-6) and Jo Devenish (K-6)

Front Office: Sam Ginger (Acting Business Manager), Ash Garrity (Accounts & Enrolments)

Executive Team: Phil Gray (Principal), Lisa Kingham and Scott Pearce (Deputy Principals), Bob Bannister, Jenny Coen and Adam Chad (School Leaders)

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



Getting to Know You Interviews 2020

'Getting to Know You' Interviews are scheduled for all students in Week 2 this term. These are an important event on the Aranda Primary School calendar. The purpose of the interview is for you to share important information about your child. You may like to invite your child to attend the interview, however, this is optional.

Interview times are 15 minutes and parents are asked to be prompt. Interviews will be held during Week 2, Monday 10 February through to Friday 14 February.

Interview times can be made through the online booking system (SOBS). Please see the online booking instructions on the attached PDF. If you do not have internet access, please call in at the Front Office or speak to your child's classroom teacher, in person, to make an appointment. Office hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm. Bookings will be open online from Wednesday, 5 February at 6:00am and will close Thursday, 13 February at 5:00pm.

Bookings can be made via the following link: <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=651>

The link can also be accessed via the SOBS logo on the school website.

For online booking instructions, please refer to the attached PDF.



P&C News

CLASS PARENT REPS

The P&C's 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. The program covers all years – from Preschool to Year 6.

To make sure you don't miss out on messages sent by your class parent rep this year, please provide your email address via the online form that the school will distribute on behalf of the P&C this 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, including the name of the class you are nominating for.

STAR Reading Program

STAR (Sequenced Targeted Aranda Reading) Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help with our STAR program. This is a supportive reading program, designed to help those students whose reading levels are below benchmark. Each STAR student participates in three half-hour sessions a week, for ten weeks. Sessions are provided to individual students and run by volunteer tutors.

There will be an information meeting on **Wednesday 19 February at 8.30am** in the Community Room for volunteers who are able to assist with our STAR program.

To be eligible as a volunteer in this program, you will need to have your Working With Vulnerable People Card and be willing to spend ten weeks assisting one of our young readers. If you are interested, could you please contact Jenny Coen on jenny.coen@ed.act.edu.au, or leave your name at the Front Office.

Seeking Volunteers for Book Covering

We would greatly appreciate assistance in covering books for our library collection.

Books can be collected from the library and covered at home. Please contact Jo Devenish or the Front Office if you are able to help.



Aranda Primary School



Give your kids a REAL Challenge!

School Orienteering

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SC-ORE School Orienteering

2020 Term 1

A before school body and brain work out.
4-week Challenge for Primary School Children

Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

Thursday 5 March	St Monica's Primary School
Thursday 12 March	Lyneham Primary School
Thursday 19 March	Maribyrnong Primary School
Thursday 26 March	Majura Primary School

SC-ORE online [registration NOW OPEN](#)

For more information visit <http://act.orienteeing.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Or call 0484 649 186