



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

- 5 June 2021 enrolments close 5pm
- 8 June Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

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



Notes Home

- Junior & Senior Choir
- Senior Ukulele Club
- Medical Form
- Chief Minister's
- Reading Challenge

Due Back

31 July

Executive Report

Academic Reporting Semester 1, 2020

This semester, our reports will look quite different from how they have looked in the past. This is for two reasons. Firstly, we are moving across to a centralised ACT Education Directorate report template. This is a whole of ACT system change and has been managed by the Education Directorate. The second reason is teacher assessment and delivery of programs have been disrupted in both Term 1 and Term 2 this year. These disruptions have temporarily resulted in significantly reduced content in our reports.

For Semester 1, our report format will include a general comment and an indication of your child's progress in English, Maths and General Capabilities. Reports will be emailed to parents and carers on the Friday of Week 9 (26 June). The report is intended to be read in conjunction with a 15-minute interview (remote) with your child's class teacher in Week 10. More information about how to book these interviews will be provided to you via email over the coming weeks.

For this semester there will be no A-E grades allocated to student reports. This is a federal decision as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday 10 June (Week 7), we will be sending an email to parents and carers to test our reporting system. The email will be sent to the number one contact, unless you have previously specified alternative arrangements. Please let the Front Office know by phone (6142 3030) or via email (info@arandps.act.edu.au) if you do not receive the email.

Phil Gray

It has been wonderful welcoming the final cohort of our Year 5 and 6 students back to face-to-face teaching this week. The children have returned with smiles on their faces and a great sense of joy in being able to catch up with their classmates as well as with their teachers. The school has been abuzz, with lots of fabulous learning happening, and the students are to be congratulated on how well they have settled back in. There has also been a great sense of relief expressed by our teachers at being able to do what they do best, teaching our young people face-to-face.

As we continue to return to a new sense of normality, it is important we all continue to practise good hygiene with washing (and/or sanitising) our hands throughout the day. We are very pleased with how our parents and carers are continuing to follow our school protocols, maintaining social distancing during drop off and pick up times. We appreciate your support and understanding as we all continue to make small changes to keep our students, staff and parent community safe and healthy.



Important Messages

Current, up-to-date information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the Education Directorate's website

(<https://www.education.act.gov.au>) and ACT Health

(<https://www.health.act.gov.au>)

Home Learning Website

The directorate has provided a comprehensive set of Home Learning resources for parents to access during the pupil-free weeks. It can be found at:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

Seesaw

If you are unable to access Seesaw, or do not receive communications from the school to connect your child, please contact the Front Office with your updated email address.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is closed until further notice.

apsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen

The Canteen will be closed until further notice. arandacanteen@gmail.com

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.

Last Thursday, 28 May, was National Public Education Day. Public Education Day is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital work that our public school teachers and assistants do as educators. This year has already been one of the most challenging periods that many educators have faced. During this period, teachers have shown extraordinary innovation, adaptability and resilience. At Aranda Primary School, we are grateful for the ongoing respect, appreciation and cooperation that we receive from our community as professionals. The past couple of months have shown more than ever the importance of the work carried out by our teachers and assistants.

With the cooler weather now here, we are seeing an increase in the number of school jumpers being handed in to lost property. While we make every effort to return all lost clothing, it is difficult to find homes for clothing items that do not have names. It would be great if you could make sure your child's clothing is named so we are able to easily return it should it become lost. Lost property will now be kept in tubs outside the library throughout the week, so parents can look for missing items.

We would once again like to thank all students, parents and carers for their support during the last few weeks as we have transitioned back to face-to-face teaching.

Thank you,
Adam Chad

Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 2 June 2020

We are thrilled to advise that many of our tutors will be returning to deliver onsite lessons from Week 7. Some tutors will also be offering online lessons for those who prefer to continue with these for a while longer. Our tutors and coordinators are contacting families as soon as we have the details settled. If you haven't heard already about arrangements for your particular student's lessons, you will hear soon. There may be changes to rooms and some new protocols for where to collect and drop off your children - please pay attention to these important details so we can have a smooth return to music and arts. The following AMA programs still have vacancies:

For Violin

- Monday: 5:30pm (one session)
- Wednesday: 4:30pm, 5:00pm and 5:30pm (3 sessions)

For Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder

- Two slots on Tuesday at 4:30 and 5:30 for private lessons.

For Djembe drumming (junior class)

- Numerous vacancies on Thursday 3:30pm in the music room.



2021 Enrolment Information

A reminder that 2021 enrolment applications close at 5pm on 5 June for first round offers for Preschool and K-12.

Please note that if your child is already attending Aranda Primary School in K-6, you do not need to re-enrol them for 2021.

2020 Preschool attenders who are living in area or have siblings attending Aranda Primary School do not need to enrol for 2021 Kindergarten.

Preschool Enrolments

All four-year-old children in the ACT 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>

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.

ACT public school enrolments for 2021 for new students opened at 6am on Tuesday 28 April 2020. This is for all new enrolments from Preschool to Year 12. For applications received by 5pm on Friday 5 June 2020, offers will begin to be made from 27 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 5 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.