



Newsletter

Virtual Assembly Timetable

Week 3:	5/6JB & 5/6JW
Week 4:	1MD
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	KMH & KJP

These assemblies will be filmed in advance and sent out to you all via Seesaw on Fridays.

Dates to Remember

31 Aug	Junior Cross Country
2 Sep	Senior Cross Country
17 Sep	Grandfriends Day

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



Notes Home
Band Yr 5 & Yr 6

Due Back
13 Aug

Please Keep an Eye Out for Vandalism in Aranda



Our brand-new playground that was fully refurbished only 3 weeks ago has already been vandalised. This is the disappointing behaviour that continues to happen at our school because we do not have a fence. If anyone has any information or has seen similar graffiti in the area, please contact the school on **6142 3030** and Police Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

The pandemic has disrupted all sectors of our community, global and local. We are all having to adjust our 'new normal' and at Aranda Primary School we are keen to ensure we are continuing to meet the needs of all students during this challenging time. We thank all of you for continuing to support us in exercising caution by practising social distancing whilst at or around the school. As a school, we have had to rethink how we can provide the additional learning programs that define our school and how we can maintain our connectedness, including contact with families. We have adapted our parent/teacher interviews and programs, such as our assemblies, Science Fair and Bush Kids. Our meeting formats have changed dramatically. Staff meet both face to face and via Google Meets and the P&C and School Board continue to meet remotely. Last week, as a staff, we reflected on the positives and challenges of teaching using the Flexible Learning Platform. Lessons learnt from this experience will have a positive impact on the way we teach and engage students in the future.

School Satisfaction and Climate Survey: *your feedback makes a difference.* Listening to parents, staff and students is one of the most important things schools can do. Each year, as part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 are invited to give feedback through the School Satisfaction and Climate Survey.



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 open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email 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.

The 2020 survey invitation, including a unique survey link, has been emailed to all parents. The survey is open from now until **31 August**. This is your opportunity to have a say about your satisfaction with public education. Please contact the Front Office if you did not receive the survey invitation. The survey includes general satisfaction items together with the school climate module, which covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school, student wellbeing and engagement in learning. We encourage all families to participate in this survey and provide feedback for the future planning of teaching and learning at Aranda. Learn more about the survey on the Education Directorate website.

Interview with Katrina Fanning

In response to Reconciliation Week this year, Year 5 students, Yassine and Jenna, invited Katrina Fanning to visit our school and talk with our senior students. Katrina is a winner of the 2020 ACT Australian of the Year. She is recognised for her outstanding commitment to indigenous issues, rugby league and women's sport. Yassine and Jenna surveyed students in Year 5/6 and compiled questions in preparation for their discussion with Katrina. Due to Covid-19 limitations, the presentation was modified to allow Yassine and Jenna to meet and interview Katrina. They recorded the interview and will shortly share the recording with their classes. This is a fabulous opportunity to extend our learning.



Lost Property.

A friendly reminder that lost property is not stored at the Front Office, and we are unable to assist with lost property enquiries. Lost property is located outside the library, under cover near the library entrance. We make every attempt to return clothing to its rightful owner but rely on clear labelling to do so. Please check school uniform labels are clear and readable so we can return belongings to our students.



Planning for 2021

Time moves quickly and our planning for 2021 has commenced. We ask all families to inform the Front Office if you are planning to relocate in the ACT, interstate or overseas. If you anticipate changing schools next year, please indicate your intentions in writing through an email to arandainfo@act.edu.au

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover to students for injury, disease or illness resulting from school activities or school organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained. As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity or excursion, you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies, including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of or damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school, or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

Kind regards,
Scott Pearce

SAS Onboarding Message for School Communities

On Monday 24 August, our school will progress into the third stage of implementation of the new School Administration System (SAS). So far, the program has helped to bring digital roll marking, parent /carer SMS communication and wellbeing processes across all ACT Public Schools. This is a major step for our school and the Directorate as we move away from the MAZE system as our source of student and financial information. The Directorate's SAS team will be working very closely with us to ensure that the correct support processes are in place to ensure that the transition is a success.

As we transition into the new modules of the system over this period, information will be provided to the school community about new features that enhance or change current school processes. This update is particularly exciting for the administration of our school as previous releases have been focused on teacher use. We expect this to be a smooth transition and appreciate your support and understanding during this time. As always you can contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns that may arise.

Message From a Member of the Public

A message from a member of the public: 'There have been multiple cars pulling out on Bandjalong Crescent, assuming the oncoming traffic is going to stop to let them in. Please be aware that pulling out in front of oncoming traffic is very dangerous and could cause an accident. Please, if you drop your children on the opposite side of the road, have them use the underpass instead of running across the road as it is very dangerous, especially when it is so busy at 9am. Thank you.'

Update from the Aranda Primary Canteen Subcommittee

We are so happy that the canteen is up and running again this term. We can announce that our online menu is no longer 'restricted'. All pre-COVID options are now available via Flexischools, however, we continue to accept online orders only. No over the counter service is available at this stage.

Soup is being served on Wednesdays throughout Term 3:

- Very Veggie Noodle Soup (filled with delicious veggies from the Aranda Primary Veggie Patch)
- Cheeky Chicken Noodle Soup.

Both options are \$5 for a small serve and \$6 for a large. Add a bread roll for an extra \$0.50.



Aranda Music and Art Program Update as at 11 August 2020

The AMA committee would like to thank the school and Afters staff, as well as the students, their families and our tutors, for their cooperation, patience and flexibility in supporting on-site lessons.

Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Continuing Music (Group classes)</i>			3:00-4:00pm for year 1 who've done Introduction to Music, and year 2s		
<i>Dance</i>			3:00-4:30pm Senior students		
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>		4:30pm 5:30pm			
<i>Guitar</i>	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	5:00pm 5:30pm	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	5:30pm
<i>Introduction to Music (Group classes)</i>		3:00-4:00pm for Kindy and Year 1s			
<i>Piano</i>	5:30pm			5:30pm	
<i>Violin</i>	4:00-4:30pm 5:00-5:30pm 5:30-6:00pm				

Please go to "[How To Join](#)" to register if you are interested.
To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org

2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the staff survey, including a unique link to access the survey, will be sent to all school staff via the email address they have nominated for their payslips; staff who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- a letter about the student survey, asking whether their child may participate during class time

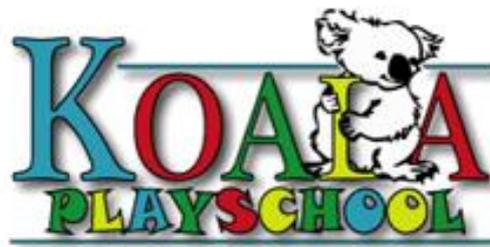


- an email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Parents who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>



Limited Places Available NOW



Koala Playschool is a play-based educational program that meets the developmental needs and interests of three and four year olds. Sessions are conducted by our Early Childhood Teacher and Assistant with the help of parents and carers.

Koala Playschool is the ideal setting to provide opportunities for your child to gain independence and develop social skills in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment. With the focus on warm reciprocal relationships, children are given the opportunity to play and learn in a rich, vibrant learning community. Our learning spaces are welcoming and well-resourced with a bright airy classroom and a beautiful natural garden.

We are located in Cook.

For more information or to place your child's name on our waiting list please visit

www.koalaplayschool.com.au