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1/2JB and 1/2 AL Junior Assembly

Mr Lovelock and Miss Beaton would like to inform anyone who will be attending the Junior Assembly on 8 August that, due to the AIS swimming lessons, the Junior Assembly will begin at 9:10 am sharp.

Thank you

Adrian Lovelock
Year 1/2 Teacher

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**From the Executive**

Dear Aranda Community

**A Special Award**

At last Friday’s Whole School Assembly Mr Gray presented Oli (5/6AW) with a very special Principal’s Award. Oli was recognised for his citizenship and contribution to the culture of the school. Oli is the sort of student who thinks of others and is always willing to help a student in need. He is a valued member of the Year 5/6 cohort and can be relied upon to consistently make good choices. We congratulate Oli on his award.
3-Way Conferences
Earlier this week you would have received information about 3-Way Conferences which are scheduled for next week. These conferences, between teachers, students and parents/carers, are an important time in our calendar and are an excellent opportunity to reflect on the goals set in Term 1 and discuss future goals for the remainder of the year. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and your child next week.

2014 School Satisfaction Surveys
How well are we doing?
The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted over the next three weeks. Parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 5 and 6 will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won’t take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you this week. The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at www.det.act.gov.au under publications.

There is a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ factsheet attached to the newsletter.

Just 50 Words
Classrooms have been buzzing this week as each student works on finalising their piece for the annual ‘Just 50 Words’ writing competition. Towards the end of Literacy and Numeracy Week (25 to 31 August) the school will hold a special assembly to formally announce the winners and runners-up for each year level. In Kindergarten we have put a little less emphasis on the competition side of things and tried to get our heads around how to write a narrative (a story which typically contains a complication and a resolution). I’m sure the focus in the Year 5/6 rooms has been a little different! Due to the very limited number of words available the competition provides a wonderful opportunity for students to really focus on using rich language, visual imagery and making sure every word counts! We look forward to seeing family and friends at the Just 50 Words Assembly on Thursday 28 August.

An Important Message from Action Buses
On Monday 1 September 2014 a new ACTION bus network, including a new school services network, will commence.

Over the past 12 months ACTION has reviewed all school services and school service patronage. As a result changes to the school services network have been made to increase network efficiency and reinvest resources into the morning and afternoon peaks. Some school routes are unchanged and others have been redesigned or merged. Where patronage levels no longer support a dedicated school route this has been replaced by regular route services. Approximately 59% of school student boardings are already on regular route services.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks’ notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare.

Full details of the new school bus services and regular routes which will service schools are now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au. A dedicated schools information hotline is available on 6205 5033 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm) until Friday 12 September 2014.

Sue Whitney
Executive Teacher
Koori Bush Tucker Garden

Last Friday, some of the G-Force visited Greening Australia to see the opening of the Koori Bush Tucker Garden. There were many important people there to celebrate the opening of the garden. We learnt a lot about plants that provided food for the Aboriginals. We also helped by decorating the garden with hand painting. The Koori Bush Tucker garden has been opened for community use and anyone can visit it. It is a truly amazing garden and we hope that you can see it some time.

Radeeka (5/6PD), Mia (5/6PD), Photina (5/6AW), Ruthy (5/6PD) and Jessica (5/6AW)

G-force

French

Congratulations to all the students who received a Language Perfect award at last week’s assembly! We had 6 gold awards (3000 points +), 9 silver awards (2000 points +), 21 Bronze awards (1000 points +) and 32 credit awards (500 points +)

This was our best year ever!

French Poetry Competition

This term, all the students at Aranda Primary school are taking part in the Annual French Poetry Competition. All students will be learning a French poem during class time. In Week 9 I will select the best two students in each year level to represent our school at the Territory level. If students want to practice at home, they will be able to access the poems through the following website:

http://frenchataranda.wikispaces.com

Select the appropriate year level and 2014. Students will need to sign in using the following username and password (there’s no need to join):

Username: Arandaps
Password: French

Links of websites to help you practise your French

Many people have been going or are about to go to France or to other French-speaking countries and have asked me for ways to extend their French learning prior to their trip. Here are a few links to practise at home. (This is a non-exhaustive list. Let me know if you want more!)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/
http://www.bonjour.com/
https://www.duolingo.com/
http://www.french-games.net/

Myriam Davies
French Teacher

Multiplication Challenge

A big congratulations to the students in 3/4LLD who gained a perfect score in last Friday’s quiz. The quiz tomorrow which will be given to all senior students is on the 3 times tables.

Next week we will be focusing on the 4 times tables. Keep practising!

Susan Ford
Maths Co-ordinator
**Uniform Shop**

Winter is still here and the Uniform Shop is still open every Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 am. We are even still selling polar fleeces for those chilly winter mornings.

*Second hand clothes* – If your child has grown out of something, why not donate it to the shop for other children to wear? Our second hand stock is running low and we appreciate all your donations.

Please remember that the shop only accepts cash or cheques.

To order online see [http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/p_and_c/uniform_shop](http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/p_and_c/uniform_shop)

Stop your kids' things going missing – use labels. Don’t forget the SRC have to work hard going through the lost property. They redistribute what they can and donate unlabelled or uncollected items. Why not help our kids - label their clothes and lunch boxes. Use “Bright Star Kids” labels and 15% of your purchase will go to our P&C to benefit our children. To order: shop online at [www.FDR703.brightstarkids.com.au](http://www.FDR703.brightstarkids.com.au)

Our fundraising code is FDR703. If you have any questions contact tvoss@mcneils.net

Tara Munro-Mobbs
Uniform Shop coordinator
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**Community News**

To view or download flyers for the following community events, see our Community Bulletin Board at: [http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/community_news](http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/community_news)

Please be aware that this is a community service and that the school is not endorsing individual activities.

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**Lavender Art Studios – Art Classes**

**What:** Science in ACTion

**Where:** Australian National University – Melville Hall (off University Ave)

**When:** Saturday 16 Aug, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Cost:** FREE!

Explore 3D printing, aircraft design, fossils, parasites, cutting edge IT and so much more.

Hear from artists, cartoonists, researchers, authors, climate scientists and see some explosive science shows.

The littlest members of the family will love Shelly the Snail, exciting science shows with curious puppets, face painting and our free giveaways.

Don’t miss these special Science in ACTion events!

- **10:00 am – 12:00 noon** - meet the AFP detector dogs and talk with their handlers.
- **1:00 pm** – Hear about what it’s like to live in space with astronaut Rick Hieb
- **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm** – Explosive science shows with Science ShowOffs Graham Walker

This is just the start of what's on offer throughout National Science Week - Australia’s largest celebration of science! Visit [scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au) for details of all our events. Or stay up to date by following us on [facebook.com/ScienceWeekACT](http://facebook.com/ScienceWeekACT) or [@nswk_ACT](http://@nswk_ACT) on Twitter.

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**The Aranda App Codes**