**DATES TO REMEMBER**

| THURSDAY | 30 October | Year 5/6 Personal Development Information – 5:00 to 6:30 pm Year 5/6 rooms |
| FRIDAY | 31 October | Junior Assembly by KSW and KDR – 9:15 am |
| TUESDAY | 4 November | Community Information Evening – 6:00 to 7:30 pm |
| WEDNESDAY | 5 November | Canberra High Performance – 9:40 to 11:30 am |
| THURSDAY | 6 November | Year 5 Combined Band Practice at Kaleen Primary 9:30 am to 12:50 pm |
| FRIDAY | 7 November | Senior Assembly by 3/4TF and 3/4LDD – 9:15 am |
| | | Canteen Roster Class - KDR (volunteers still needed) |

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**From the Executive**

**Community Information Evening – Tuesday 4 November, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

This will be the highlight of the term! If you haven’t already marked the date on your calendar, please do so now. We would like to see as many parents and caregivers as possible on the night. Phil Gray will be presenting a range of information and there will be information about the school structure for next year.

**Walkathon**

I’m sure you have all been approached by your children and maybe other children for sponsorship for the walkathon which will be held tomorrow. A massive thank you to the organising committee and to all the people who have volunteered their time tomorrow. I’m sure it will be a fantastic day.

**Cricket**

A big congratulations to our 3 cricket teams who competed in the ACT/Southern NSW Milo T-20 Cricket finals held on Tuesday. The 3/4 Boys, the 5/6 Boys and the Girls teams made it through from the gala day held during Term 3. All the teams have given up lunchtimes to train with the dedicated teachers – Mr Lovelock, Mr Ferdinand, Mr Harrison (whilst Mr Ferdinand was away), Miss O’Donnell and Mrs McCormack. Hard work and playing as a team obviously has paid off with all teams performing very well on Tuesday. Thank you to the teachers for giving up their time to coach and to also accompany the students to the finals. Congratulations to the Year 3/4 boys and Year 5/6 girls who were runners-up on the day.

**Ride or Walk to School Program**

On Tuesday afternoon I was part of the planning forum for the new bike initiative that we will be implementing at Aranda next year. I must say that I am so excited about the new opportunities that we will be able to offer our students next year in terms of bike education. Next week, James Harrison, Anthony Watson and I will attend a bike safety workshop after school as another part in the planning phase for this exciting program. Please take the time to visit this link to find out what this program is
about and you will see some of the things that will be happening here at Aranda next year.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD86fP4Sc9I

If you haven’t filled out the parent survey, please find 5 minutes to do so. It will give us baseline data that we will use in our evaluation of the program.  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PPParent2014

Canberra High Showcase

Canberra High School’s annual Arts & Technology Showcase is on Thursday 6 November. Students from the school’s Arts and Technology Faculties will showcase their skills in a variety of performances and displays. The evening will feature performances by the school bands, dance and music items, a fashion parade of garments created by students from the Textiles classes, and a festival of short films and animations created by media students. A highlight of the evening will be the performance of school’s drama production Love Me For Me written by Year 10 student Nathalie Cerritelli. A gallery of student work from Visual Arts, Digital Media, Photography, Ceramics, Textiles, Food, Wood & Metal Technology classes will be on display throughout the evening. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite exhibit in The People’s Choice Award. The evening begins at 6 pm with pre-show viewing of the exhibits, with canapés prepared and served by Hospitality students. The concert begins at 6:30 pm.

Have a great weekend.
Alison Reid  
Executive Teacher

School Leadership

Through the Aranda School’s leadership program and our social skills curriculum, a group of students from Years 5 and 6 participate in weekly integration sessions at Cranleigh School. The Aranda students assist those at Cranleigh Special School who have high support needs to experience the joy of friendship, fun and social interaction. Each week the students participate in art lessons, music, games and story time activities. The Integration Program allows our students to realise that although the Cranleigh students cannot perform similar tasks to themselves or to the standard that they can, these students still enjoy a laugh, a song and a game. The highlight of the program is when the Aranda students assist and perform with the Cranleigh students at their end of year concert. Here are some reflections from our students.

Elaine Choi
I love the kids in Cranleigh and I feel very privileged because of what I can experience during the time I spend there. I was quite excited when I was told about it but when I actually got there I felt quite afraid because I have never had a chance to meet disabled people before but now I am used to the kids there and I think they are kind, brilliant and great friends.

Isobel James
I feel extremely privileged to be working with the children at Cranleigh. Going after lunch every Thursday is my favourite event of the week; we do so many amazing things with them. We have already learnt how the children live every day and have watched the assembly with them. It is an amazing opportunity for us as vice house captains and they really are amazing teachers and students.

Emily Pease
My thought before we went:
I was very excited and was eager to go and get stuck in and help out the kids at Cranleigh. I felt that it would be an amazing experience for all of us.

My first thoughts when we got there: I was slightly scared at first. I was excited to be there though. I was shocked when I saw them on the first day and I felt like a deer in the headlights.

My thoughts now: I am very excited every time we get to go. I can’t wait to get in the car and go. I feel that it is one of the highlights of my year and time at Aranda Primary.
Elijah Witchalls
Cranleigh has been a great experience for me because I have learnt lots and had loads of fun at the same time. At Cranleigh we have the opportunity to participate in many activities with the students there, including singing, massaging and playing games. I like that we get to know the students by interacting with them in many different ways. Cranleigh has totally changed the way that I think about people less fortunate than myself. Overall, Cranleigh is a great experience that I will never forget.

Ryan Mackay
When I went to Cranleigh the first time I was surprised because these were people that I have never met in my life and I didn't know how they would act, but then I realised that they were doing what they usually do, I got to know some things about some of them and I became calm and started to act how I would act around my friends.

Liv Gray
I think that I handled Cranleigh fine and when I say handled I mean that I adjusted well to the circumstances of Cranleigh and all the kids. At first I was quite shocked and did try and stay around Claire but as I got used to it I became a lot more confident in their assemblies when we sing and dance with them and when we do activities. I don’t always have to be next to or close to Claire anymore. After a couple of weeks I realised that they are just like us and that they laugh like us and although they may look different to us they have a heart just like ours. I think Cranleigh has given me another of many leadership opportunities and I am very thankful that I have been able to Cranleigh as a representative of the school and I will continue to represent us well.

Xander Martin
The first time I went to Cranleigh I was really nervous until I met the people there and I felt so calm because everybody there was so nice. I think they are the nicest people I have ever met in my whole life. I wish I could go there every day, it's so nice to help these people, and it's hard to explain. Everybody at the Cranleigh School is really nice and they would never hurt anything or anyone. The Cranleigh School is very good and it helps the students to learn and develop life skills. I think I have a few more skills with students with disabilities compared to other people. I feel really lucky that I get to represent the school at Cranleigh.

Claire Roberts
The first time I went to Cranleigh I was nervous and was asking a lot of questions. When I first walked in I was really shocked and couldn’t stop looking. After going for a couple of weeks I realised these kids are just like us. They are really friendly and wouldn’t hurt a fly. The majority of these kids are non-verbal so we use picture cards to communicate with them. We play lots of fun games and dance and sing at assemblies. Even though they don’t look like us on the outside they’re just the same on the inside. This is a great opportunity for leaders in the school to get the experience of being around disabled kids and for the Cranleigh students to be around other kids their own age.

Janine Collins
Health and PE

**French News**
At last week's assembly, I had the exciting job of handing out a lot of awards and certificates from the ACT Language Perfect championship and the French poetry competition. I will not be able to mention everyone in this newsletter but I wanted to recognise in writing some of the students who achieved so well in the ACT Language Perfect competition and received the prizes:

- Year 3: Theodore (3/4TF) (Also best student overall at Aranda in the competition!)
- Year 4: Tara (3/4LLD)
- Year 5: Lily (5/6PD)
- Year 6: Photina (5/6AW)

I realised after the assembly that I forgot to mention the class which won the most points during the competition and celebrated with a pizza party lunch: It was 3/4LLD! Bravo!

Congratulations also to the students who achieved fantastic scores in the following Education Perfect Competitions:
Maths: Theodore (3/4TF) (Bronze) Julia (3/4LLD) (Bronze) Tara (3/4LLD) (Bronze), Ethan (3/4KN) (Bronze), Noah (3/4RF) (Bronze), Lachlan (3/4TF) (Credit), Jacob (3/4RF) (Credit)

English: Theodore (3/4TF) (Silver), Noah (3/4RF) (Silver),

Science: Theodore (3/4TF) (Silver), Noah (3/4RF) (Bronze), Ethan (3/4KN) (Credit)

Congratulations to the 14 students who were selected to represent our school in the French Poetry competition. They were:

- Kindergarten: Audrey (KJK) and Naveed (KSW)
- Year 1: James (1/2KH) and Jasmine (1/2AO)
- Year 2: Genevieve (1/2KH) and Clarissa (1/2AO)
- Year 3: Annika (3/4LLD) and Layla (3/4RF)
- Year 4: Julia (3/4LLD), Ben (3/4KN) and Mia (3/4LLD) (Francophone section)
- Year 5: Isobel (5/6LG) and Ananya (5/6PD)
- Year 6: Jennifer (5/6AW) and Mikayla (3/4JH)

Furthermore, we are very proud of James (1/2KH), Mia (3/4LLD) and Jennifer (5/6AW) who managed to secure themselves spots at the ACT competition level. The three of them received second place in their year levels. Fantastic job!

Well done also to the class winners who were announced at last week assembly. Bravo!

Myriam Davies
French Teacher

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Maths Challenge Day

On the last Wednesday of Term 3 all Year 3 to 6 students were involved in the Maths Challenge Day. Every student was placed in a team with other members of their house group. They were set 20 challenges that involved solving problems such as finding the area of the basketball court, making a 3D shape from seeing a top and side view only, solving Pascal’s Triangle or completing a range of puzzles.

The winning teams from each house were:

- Kukatja – Team 9: Mia 5/6PD, Seby 3/4LLD, Zac 3/4RF, Maggie 5/6JH
- Illiaura – Team 14: Max 5/6LG, Patrick 3/4LLD
- The Overall winner came from Ngalia House – Team 13: David 5/6PD, Aidyn 3/4RF, Sam 3/4TB

Congratulations to all the winners.

Susan Ford
Maths Co-ordinator
**G-Force**

**Waste-Free Wednesday**

Did you know that November is Nude Food Month? It means that during the whole month of November, we should try to reduce our waste and eat food with the least amount of packaging. The G-force has decided to take the challenge and to start a Waste-Free Wednesday campaign. To do this properly, we decided to weigh the amount of rubbish (except non-recyclable and compost) that is generated at our school after recess and lunch in a single day to have a starting point. It was an eye opener: yesterday, we weighed 15kg of rubbish for just one day! We have to admit that we were quite surprised by the amount of contamination in the rubbish (i.e. about 30% of the content was actually placed in the wrong bin), but despite that, it still leaves us with a massive amount of daily rubbish.

For next Wednesday, we are encouraging students to bring the least amount of packaging as possible: try to bring your food in paper bags (they can be recycled) or in plastic container that you can bring back home, drink water from your water bottle, buy a big bag of chips and put in a smaller container rather than small packs that generate a lot of rubbish. Please help us reduce the amount of rubbish next Wednesday! We will continue this campaign every Wednesday of this month.

Madame Davies
on behalf of the G-force

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**Multiplication Challenge**

After much practice the Multiplication Challenge has come to an end. Congratulations to 3/4LLD who won the 3/4 section and to 5/6TB who just scraped past 5/6JH in the last week to win the 5/6 section even if it was by just ½ of a point. The winning classes were presented with maths and strategy games for their classrooms.

Susan Ford
Maths Coordinator

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**Bank On It**

**Last Day for Banking in 2014**

As we are in Term 4 and it is a short term (only 9 ½ weeks), our last school banking day will be **Week 9, Wednesday 10 December**. The last day to put in for rewards will be **Week 8, Wednesday 3 December**.

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**Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.**

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

More chances to Win!

Here’s how to win:
every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries), runs: 20 October–30 November 2014.

To find out more, visit: commbank.com.au/deepsavers
Every deposit you make is another chance you have to win.

Sharon Hewett
School Banking Co-ordinator

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**Aranda Music and Arts Program**

**Recitals:** An important message for all AMA families about Term 4 recitals. Due to a clash with other school events, recitals will be held on **Tues 2 and Wed 3 December** and not Tues 9 and Wed 10 December as previously advised. Check with your child’s tutor closer to the date about which date your child will be performing.

2015 enrolments: The enrolment form for 2015 will soon be available. Check next week’s newsletter for details!

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Coordinator

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**Aranda Afters**

**Child Care – Parent Information Session**

Tuesday 4 November 6pm – 7.30pm

Aranda Afters is supporting family participation in this important event by providing child care – FREE OF CHARGE – for a limited number of places to those families that provide an RSVP before 6.00 pm, Monday 3 November. The information session will be conducted in the hall. Care will take place conveniently nearby in the gym and children can be dropped off and picked up from there.

RSVP to the Afters office by either
Email: aaainc@bigpond.com (preferred)
Phone: 6205 5985

Ben Vagnarelli

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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

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

Queanbeyan Players: “Sound of Music” – 1 to 15 November
Scale ACT Model Show Kaleen High – 15 to 16 November
Belconnen Club Tennis Day and Official Opening – Sunday 9 November
Get Active Expo Exhibition Park - 15 November
Horrible Histories Stage Production – 27 – 28 January
Bitesized Circus at Kaleen High School – 18 November

The Aranda App Codes