



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

Week 4:	Whole School - Kindy
Week 5:	No Assembly
Week 6:	Junior – 2LG & AW
Week 7:	Senior – 4CW & JK
Week 8:	Whole School – 5/6DS & NF
Week 9:	No Assembly
Week 10:	Whole School Assembly – French

Dates to Remember

29 Apr	2020 Enrolments Open
27 May	Public Holiday
29 May	Lucas Proudfoot Performance
30 May	Belconnen Cross Country
30 May	Hats Off
4 June	G Force to MRF
5 June	Whole School Photo
6 June	Year 5 Combined Band
10 June	Public Holiday
12 June	ACT Cross Country
20 June	Citizenship Ceremony
2 July	Kindy Health Check
3 July	Kindy Health Check
4 July	Butterfly Day
20 Sept	Grandfriends Day
26 Oct	School Fete

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Due Back

G-FORCE	23 May
Belconnen Cross Country	24 May
Year 5 Band	30 May
Year 6 Band	30 May
Year 5 Combined Band	31 May

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Rostrum

Over the past few weeks, students in Years 4-6 have been busily preparing their Rostrum speeches and presenting them to their classmates. Presenting to an audience of any size is extremely daunting for most and as a school we congratulate all the students involved for their prior preparation and their courage and composure while delivering their speeches. The school final was held on Tuesday morning and the standard of speeches across the board was exceptional. I would like to congratulate Nina L for winning our school final and Aster R for coming a close runner up. Nina will compete at the Belconnen Quarter Final later this term. A list of all finalists is below.

Aranda 2019 Rostrum Final - finalist list

Class	Student (full name)	Topic
4MD	Mila L	Pets as Therapy
4JK	Jason Z	Earthquakes
4BS	Hail K	Good Advice
4CW	Jethro D	View from the Top
5/6JB	Ali A	Starting Again
5/6JB	Lainie R	Don't Try This
5/6NF	Rohan A	View from the Top
5/6NF	Sebastien G	Good Advice
5/6JH	Lucy S	Starting Again
5/6JH	Emma K	Starting Again
5/6GM	Paige D	Starting Again
5/6GM	Ella H	Starting Again
5/6SS	Aster R	Don't Try This
5/6SS	Jasmine L	I'm Getting There
5/6DS	Nina L	View from the Top
5/6DS	Ciara W	Good Advice



Important Messages

2019 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2019 will be held on Friday 20 September, starting at 11am with morning tea.

2019 School Fete

Save the Date – Saturday 26 October 2019 from 3-7pm

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.



G-Force/Gardening Club News

Over the past few weeks, we were lucky to have Carrie and Alison from the University of Canberra Faculty of Health, and their coordinator Cathy Knight-Argawal, come to sell 'hot cross muffins' at recess and lunchtime. The money raised was used to buy some pots and plants for the purpose of creating a herb garden in the Year 5/6 courtyard area. Some Kindergarten students had the task of planting the first herbs, and had a great time doing it. Cathy informed us there was enough money to buy a few more pots, so there will be more planting sessions over the coming weeks. When the herbs are more established, it will be great to see how the canteen will incorporate them in their menu and how we can use them in simple recipes.





Working Bee - Vegetable Garden and Mini Orchard

Last term, we had the great surprise to hear we had received a grant from the Woolworths/Junior Landcare program. The money will be used to plant a small orchard behind the old portable (next to the dry river bed). We also have some other projects on the go in the vegetable garden, such as updating the paths and building new compost bins. For that reason, we are looking to organise a working bee on **Saturday 15 June (Week 7) at 8:30am** and we need some parent volunteers to help us. Hopefully, we will be able to complete all the tasks in one morning. If you have a few hours to spare, please contact Madame Davies (myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au) to register your interest. Please bring along shovels and wheelbarrows if you have any.

Science Fair

To celebrate Science Week, we will be holding our annual Science Fair on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August (Week 4, Term 3). Each year, the Science Fair gets bigger and bigger. This year we are anticipating a record number of student entries as well as an entry from each class. As the Science Fair approaches, the school absolutely buzzes with all things science and the event is such a wonderful celebration of discovery, experimentation and the scientific process. The Science Fair is an important event on the Aranda School Calendar and we appreciate all that you do to encourage your children to engage with the celebration, whether in the form of supporting them to prepare a science project, engaging in scientific conversations or simply bringing them along to view the displays. We look forward to seeing you at the Science Fair.

Project proposals are due next week (Tues 29 May) and Student Projects are due on 6 August (Week 3, Term 3). Please see Bobbi Smith (Year 4 team) if you have any questions.

NAPLAN

Thank you to the Year 3 and Year 5/6 teaching teams and Year 3 and 5 students for their participation in the NAPLAN assessments. Thanks also to Caroline Adams and Nicole Farrington for their coordination roles. NAPLAN is only one aspect of our assessment at Aranda Primary School. Teachers use a variety of tools and methods to assess and track student achievement, including student work samples, observations, anecdotal records, running records, formal testing and student self-assessment to name a few. NAPLAN will conclude this week.

MyWay Reminder for Schools

This is a reminder for families accessing public transport using MyWay cards. The month's free travel period comes to an end on Sunday 26 May, 2019. With paid services starting next week on Monday 27 May, students are being reminded to top up their MyWay cards or purchase tickets to avoid fines of up to \$181 for travelling without a ticket.

During the month's free travel period, while drivers have encouraged all students to tap on and off, it has been brought to our attention that there are some students who are not.

Tapping on and off is required by all customers travelling on light rail and buses, and also provides Transport Canberra with accurate data to plan and review services in the future.



Assistance Dog



Shiloh, a fully qualified assistance dog, will start work at our school on Tuesday 28 May. Key staff have now completed specialised training in preparation for Shiloh's commencement. It is important that while Shiloh is at school, she is given the best opportunity to perform her duties as an assistance dog. This means that only trained staff members can give her attention and direction. While Shiloh is a lovely dog, we ask that parents, community members and students refrain from patting or speaking to her. By ignoring her, you will help Shiloh to remain on task and to quickly adjust to her new routines.

Please also note that our previous rules have not changed regarding pets. Family dogs are not permitted on school grounds or in school buildings. We appreciate your consideration in this regard.

Have a great week!
Scott Pearce

Important 2020 Enrolment Information

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take 'out of area' enrolments. These schools have been identified as 'Category A' schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website. You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school's priority enrolment area (i.e. the school's geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate's website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

You are encouraged to get your application in before 7 June, so your school can start planning for your child's education.



Aranda Music and Arts Program

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry to info@arandamusicprogram.org or submit an enrolment form, and we can advise whether there are vacancies or a waiting list.

To enrol please complete and submit your details at the AMA website: www.arandamusicprogram.org.

Aranda Music and Arts Program is a sub-committee of the Aranda Primary Parents and Citizens Association. It's run by a committee of volunteer parents. The Program incorporates music, drama and art lessons. If you have any questions about the program or would like to be part of this fun and productive committee please contact your AMA tutor coordinator, contact us at info@arandamusicprogram.org or go to our website at www.arandamusicprogram.org.

New dance lessons on Wednesday afternoons!

We are excited to have the opportunity to introduce a new program for Aranda families – check out the attached flyer for more details. For more information or to express your interest, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies for individual lessons (30 minute lessons) and group lessons:

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Tuesdays 5.15pm Thursdays 5.15pm Fridays 4.45pm and 5.15pm <i>Expressions of interest for 1 hour beginners group lessons 3.45pm Thursdays</i>
Violin	Mondays 5.15pm
Singing	Mondays 4.15pm
Introduction to Music (Kindy & Year 1s)	Wednesdays 3-4pm
Continuing Music (Year 1s who've done Introduction to Music & Year 2s)	Tuesdays 3-4pm

Expressions of interest for group or individual recorder lessons

If you are interested in attending group or individual recorder lessons on a Monday, please send your contact details to info@arandamusicprogram.org.



Wednesday after school dance program 3:00-4:45pm

What to expect?

Love flossing? Dabbing? Making up moves? Grooving to the beat? dancing to your own groove?

This dance program may be for you!

It is designed to access the joy of movement no matter your skill or abilities. We will explore a range of movement styles including contemporary, jazz, hip hop and yoga to develop strength, flexibility and co-ordination and improvisation to develop creativity along to some great music. From a structured warm up, movement games, routines and impro we will explore moving, generating and sharing our experience with each other.

We will meet the students at 3pm at a designated area for afternoon tea then walk - via the underpass - to illeso studio across road for the class and walk the students back to the school designated area for pick up at 4:45pm.

Who is it for?

This class is open to any Aranda Primary School student from Year 2 up, no previous dance experience necessary. We will work in bare foot in the studio, no special shoes or clothes required however students are encouraged to wear clothes they are comfortable to move in. Cost \$25 (includes afternoon tea)

Who is your teacher?

Emma is a professional dancer, choreographer, teacher and movement director of some twenty plus years. Among other qualifications, Emma holds a Master of Arts (Choreography) with First class Honors from the Victorian College of the Arts (2011). Emma teaches dance to diverse groups ranging from children to people with disabilities and professional performers while maintaining her own choreographic and performance career. She is a passionate advocate for assisting others to find joy in their moving bodies. Emma's styles of dance include ballet, contemporary dance, jazz, improvisation, yoga, tai chi and a bit of ballroom! Emma also holds a Working with Vulnerable People card and Senior First aid.

Emma is joined by Chloe who will assist her in making sure everyone has a great time!

Want to express your interest?

Email info@arandamusicprogram.org to express your interest – if we receive enough interest in this new class, we will look to start lessons in Week 3 or 4.



P&C News

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

It's just not Election Day without a democracy sausage!

The Aranda Primary Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall were a massive success, raising more than \$4,500 for the school.

Hundreds of democracy sausages were bought by hungry voters, many of whom also chose some beautiful baked goods on their way in to vote.

Thank you from the Aranda P&C to everyone who baked something to sell, or who filled a shift on the BBQ or cake stall, or who bought a cake or a sausage.

Special thanks to Heather Clark and Jim Gilchrist for coordinating the Cake Stall and BBQ, and to Andy Lonsdale and Ray White Real Estate for their generous donation of more than \$300.





TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND BAKERS

THANK YOU!

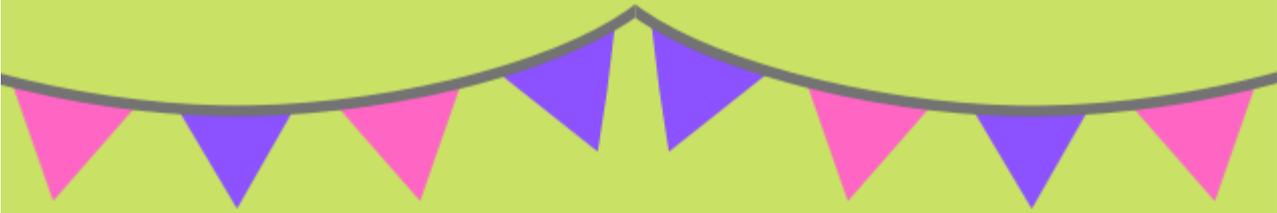
The Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall raised more than
\$4,500 for Aranda Primary School

**To everyone who filled a volunteer shift on
the BBQ or cake stall,
or who baked something to sell,
or who bought something from the stall -
the Aranda Primary P&C thanks you!**

*Special thanks to Heather Clark and Jim Gilchrist for
coordinating the cake stall and BBQ*

*Thanks also for the generous support of Andy Lonsdale
and Ray White Real Estate who donated over \$300*





ARANDA PRIMARY 50TH BIRTHDAY FETE

FOOD | FUN | FRIENDS | FAMILY

26 OCTOBER 2019 3-7PM

GET INVOLVED!

The Aranda P&C is looking for a
huge team of volunteers to:

- Help out on stalls
- Set up and cook on the BBQ
- Help with set-up and clean-up
- Help with selling drinks and food

Do you have a **BRILLIANT IDEA** for a stall?
Send it to the fete committee

If you can help to make this an incredible fete,
please email your details to:
arandafete@gmail.com



The Student Voice

News and current affairs written by the students of Aranda Primary

Jump rope for heart!



By Lanie and Elodie

Save heart disease! Raise money for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation!

Jump Rope For Heart is a fundraiser that has been going for 35 years and uses the money we raise to research heart disease. More than three million people suffer from heart conditions in Australia.

Aranda Primary School will be taking part in this skipping activity to fundraise for the foundation on the 28th of May.

To raise money for the foundation, you have to register online and sponsor a child for the day. If your child raises \$35 or more, they will be able to receive a thank you prize. The prizes can take 2 to 5 weeks to arrive at school. You can start a fundraising page for child, then you can share it with friends and family to reach your fundraising goal.





The Library is Transforming into a New World!

By Zoe and Astrid



The shelves are full of wonderful literature, there is a variety of non-fiction, fiction and junior fiction. New books come often! At 8:30am in the morning, you can come and read before school at the library! Who wouldn't want to come to the library and have some quiet time reading? There's lots of new fun things at the library this year thanks to Jo Devenish, Jenny Coen and Phil Gray.

There are now also lots of Year 5/6 students helping to be library monitors in the library. They help younger kids with games and books. Jenny Coen has had a big impact on buying games, soft toys and furniture to make it comfortable, as well as organising Year 5/6 volunteers to do library monitoring. Would you be able to manage the library at lunchtimes?

There's also a mural by Karen Telese in the library. The mural is carefully painted by Karen to make it look cheerful and artful. The mural is of gumtrees - a great part of our Australian environment.

Extra things that happen in the library are breakout classes and SRC meetings.

It's great to have such a wonderful library at our amazing school! It's even better that we are making it better and more fun. What a great library we have at Aranda!



Tasty Tuesday, No Waste Just Taste!

By Abby McCrae and Lilian Russell

To start Term 2 off on a good note, the school's G-Force decided to do a Nude Food Day every Tuesday. The idea is to reduce our waste. Hopefully, by the end of the year, the school will have reduced our waste dramatically. Max M in Kindergarten came up with the clever name. From now on, every Tuesday we are all going to try and have no waste at all.

We are doing this so we do not pollute our earth. In 12 years' time, global warming and pollution will be unstoppable.

Aranda has started something and has to keep it going for schools all around Australia. So, we need to get our act together and save our planet.

If you want to learn more about Nude Food Day, watch the *War on Waste* series by Craig Reucassel.



Protect yourself and your family from the flu

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life.

The vaccine is safe and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu and spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.

Where to get your flu vaccination

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at health.act.gov.au/flu