



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

28 April	Term 2 Commences
28 April	2021 Enrolments Open
18 May	Preschool-Year 2 return to school, along with all students registered with SSS.
25 May	(P-2) and Years 3-4 return to school
1 June	Reconciliation Day (Public Holiday)
2 June	(P-4) and Years 5-6 return to school
5 June	2021 Enrolments Close
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

Dear Aranda Community,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2—which certainly looks different to any other term start that I have ever experienced.

Graduated Return to School

Please be alerted to communication from Phil, which will be sent to all families with further details on the graduated return to school over the coming weeks.

In summary:

- **Monday 18 May (Week 4):** Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students may return to normal classes (along with Year 7 and Years 11-12). *In addition, all students who are currently registered at Safe and Supervised Sites will also return to Aranda Primary from Week 4.*
- **Monday 25 May (Week 5):** Year 3 and Year 4 return to normal classes, joining Preschool – Year 2 (along with Year 10 students)
- **Tuesday 2 June (Week 6, following Reconciliation Day public holiday):** Year 5 and Year 6 students can return to normal classes, joining Preschool – Year 4 (along with Years 8-9 students).

Please note that *Safe and Supervised Sites will cease operation from Friday 15 May.*

Reflecting on Five Weeks of Flexible Learning

Looking back at last 5 school weeks, the learning, adjusting, altering, accommodating, and refining that has taken place in our practice to prepare and deliver a range of learning options for our students has been mammoth. I want to acknowledge and congratulate our teachers for what they have managed to achieve in a relatively short space of time and applaud our community for their support and consideration throughout.

Google Hangouts/Meets

Our Google Hangouts/Meets are up and running. Students have engaged in these sessions as whole classes or in small teaching groups, depending on the outcomes their teachers are targeting. They have been a great way to interact, share information and clarify expectations. Please remember the success of these Google Meets hinges on all participants adhering to the protocols.



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

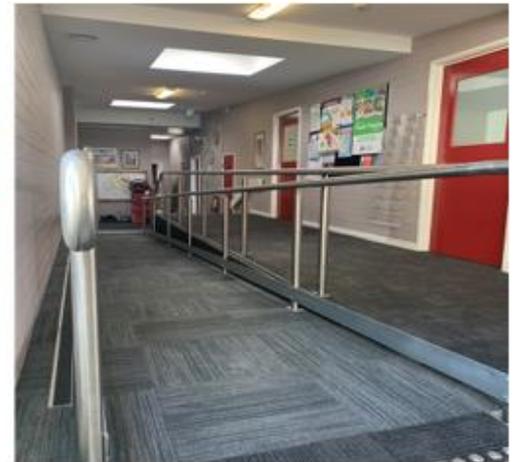
Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts. Our policy is available on the website.

Hangout Protocols:

- Our Aranda behaviour expectations around kindness and respect apply to all Google Hangouts/Meets.
- Students need to enter the Hangout/Meet with their microphone muted until directed by their teacher to unmute.
- Students must be dressed in clothes appropriate to wear to school.
- Students must be set up at a desk or table in a communal area of the home.
- Check to make sure that everything in the background of your child's video is appropriate for school.
- Google Hangouts/Meets will be scheduled and designed for students to interact for a specific purpose. These are for student-student and teacher-student communication.
- Hangouts/Meets will be scheduled for group conversations and will not be used for one-on-one meetings.

School Improvements and Upgrades

A number of exciting upgrades are taking place at Aranda School and will be at different stages of completion when you return. Accessibility at the school will be improved with the addition of a ramp adjacent to the stairs leading into the 5/6 corridor, as well as ramps into the courtyards and onto the external playground. The softfall surrounding the junior playground is being replaced and the beautification and upgrade of the Preschool's grounds will be a much-anticipated project. I hope the photos included in this week's newsletter give you a little progress report.





Communication

We are making a considered effort to try and not over communicate while still trying to keep you fully informed at this time. If you haven't already, please be sure to click on the link sent to families last Friday via email to access Phil's *check in* with the community.

Student absences during the Flexible Learning period

In our efforts to keep our attendance records as accurate as possible, we ask parents to please send a short email or message on Seesaw informing the class teacher when your child is ill or unable to engage with their online learning. Of course, if our students are unwell, we expect their health to take priority just the same as during regular attendance. A quick explanation of absence will allow teachers to amend attendance records.

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,
Lisa Kingham

Kindergarten Health Check

Due to the redeployment of Registered Nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic response and the closure of schools, the 2020 physical component of the Kindergarten Health Check has been cancelled. The Academic Unit of General Practice questionnaire data, completed by parents at the beginning of the 2020 school year, has been collected as usual. The results of the questionnaire will be sent to the GP if consent has been given to do so. If parents have concerns regarding the physical check, we recommend they see their GP for assessment. For more information please contact the School Health Team on 5124 1585.

P&C Meeting – 6.30pm, Wednesday 13 May

All parents and carers are welcome to zoom into Aranda Primary's P&C meeting next Wednesday 13 May at 6.30pm at the following link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75369971481>

If you're unable to attend but have something you'd like discussed, please email secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com and we'll make sure it gets added to the agenda.

Important 2021 Enrolment Information

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.

ACT public school enrolments for 2021 for new students open 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.



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.