



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

25 May	Years 3-4 return to school with P-2
1 June	Reconciliation Day (Public Holiday)
2 June	Years 5-6 return to school (with P-4)
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,

It was fabulous to welcome back our Preschool to Year 2 students this week. The junior classrooms were buzzing on Monday morning as the students reconnected with their teachers and peers. There were many happy faces!



2PD enjoying their first morning tea back together.

We thank all of you for your understanding and flexibility in assisting us to adhere to our social distancing protocols. It is important at this time that the only adults in the school building are school staff or other essential workers. Where possible, it is preferred that students are dropped off at the school boundaries. Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped us to maintain social distancing between adults at this challenging time.

Please try to keep drop off and pick up as close to 9:00am and 3:00pm as possible. All students arriving at school before 9:00am are asked to move to the Multipurpose Court where a teacher will be on duty from 8:40am.

In addition to the current Covid-19 predicament, we are heading into the winter cold and flu season. We would like to remind all parents and carers to keep their children home if they are showing any signs of illness.



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.

Preschool Deck

The Preschool children have been enjoying our newly finished landscaping. The addition of a deck, sandpit and slide, as well as some logs for balancing, have dramatically extended and enhanced our outdoor learning space.



Kind regards,
Scott Pearce

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HOME LEARNING

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

Public Transport

Over the coming weeks, children will start to return to the classroom. All bus and light rail services, including special needs transport, are operating as normal.

To keep our community safe from #COVID19, only use public transport if necessary or consider walking or riding to school for those shorter trips.

The safety of our drivers and our customers is our highest priority and in response to #COVID19 increased cleaning is taking place across all areas of public transport, including at stops, stations and within the vehicles.

If you are required to use public transport to get to and from school, please be aware and remember the following:

- No cash accepted on buses - please use MyWay
- Top up (and register) your MyWay card
- Use the rear door to enter and exit on buses
- Be aware that light rail vehicles have auto doors opening at all stops
- Where possible, maintain physical distancing
- No front seat access on buses
- Always practise good hygiene

For more: <https://bit.ly/2Ws5mZs>



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PUBLIC TRANSPORT TIPS FOR THOSE HEADING BACK TO THE CLASSROOM



For updates, visit
[covid19.act.gov.au](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au)



Aranda Music & Arts

The Aranda Music & Arts committee is working with the school, Afters and our tutors to determine a plan for returning to face-to-face lessons. Lessons onsite will not begin before Week 7 of Term 2 and possibly later. We'll provide further updates as soon as we can.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tina



Canteen Update

While Aranda Primary transitions slowly back to face-to-face learning, the Aranda Canteen will remain **closed**. The Canteen staff and subcommittee are in constant contact with the school and will develop a plan to safely re-open, however at this stage **the canteen remains closed for all online and over-the-counter orders**. Important construction and maintenance work is being undertaken at the canteen during this time and the staff and subcommittee are looking forward to re-opening and providing food for our students, as soon as a decision is made that it is safe to do so. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Uniform Shop Update

The Uniform Shop is open for Flexischools orders only. Due to physical distancing and hygiene requirements, we are unable to open the shop for in-store purchases but can deliver orders made through Flexischools to classrooms on Fridays. Any orders placed by 5pm on Thursday will be delivered that Friday.

To assist with ordering, Flexischools has been updated to include a size guide in centimetres for each clothing item. Please select carefully. Returns cannot be accepted as we are unable to comply with the hygiene requirements that apply to returned purchases.

For reasons related to physical distancing and hygiene, we are also unable to accept or sell second-hand items until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact apsuniformshop@gmail.com.



Place all your school orders with on the Flexischools App.

Our school has a great online ordering system for Canteen, Uniform, Events and Fundraising called Flexischools.

Flexischools allows you to place all your school orders online in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.



3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app; this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user?** Enter your details and log in. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user?** Click 'register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, select 'add new student', search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website.

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use, so we look forward to seeing your next order online.

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the Front Office for more information.