



Newsletter

Assembly Term 2

- Week 1** Whole School
Week 2 Junior: 1JP and 1RL
Week 3 Senior: Year 5/6

Dates to Remember

4 May	Cross Country Carnival
7 May	ACT Swimming Carnival
8 May	AFL Footy Frenzy
10 May	Autumn Ride to School
15-18 May	NAPLAN
16 May	Preschool: Left Lane Theatre Incursion
16 May	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
18 May	Walk Safely to School Day
21 May	Yr 6 Combined Band Practice
22 May	Year 6 Canberra High Visit
22 May	Cyber Safety Parent Information Session at 6pm

Notes Home Due Back

Year 5 Band Payment	1 June
Year 6 Band Payment	1 June
Year 5/6 Da Vinci Decathlon	18 May
Year 6 Canberra High Seesaw Digital Portfolio	14 May
	Info Only

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I am looking forward to the Aranda Cross Country Carnival this Friday. For some people, cross country is a bit like public speaking or eating Brussels sprouts – painful and debilitating. Throughout the week, I have been encouraging our children to give the cross country event their very best effort. Sometimes we have to experience a little pain or discomfort in the pursuit of our goals. I was very impressed with the effort and skills on display at our recent swimming and athletics carnivals and I'm sure our children are up for the challenge this Friday.

Caitlin Jones commenced maternity leave at the end of last term. We wish Caitlin and Daniel all the best for the impending birth of their second child.

2019 Enrolments

Applications for enrolment at Aranda Primary for 2019 are now open. Families can access the Online Enrolment Application Form via the school's website or using this link: <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>

A reminder that children who turn four by 30 April each year are able to enrol at Preschool. Children who turn five by 30 April are eligible to commence Kindergarten.

Families of students currently at Aranda Preschool will not need to enrol to attend Kindergarten as their enrolment will automatically roll over.

We strongly encourage all families to submit an enrolment application as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the enrolment process, please contact the Front Office on 6142 3030 or via email at info@arandaps.act.edu.au

Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at: https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school/.

Netball competition

Recently a group of students from Aranda Primary enjoyed the opportunity to play in an after school Netball competition. The team of boys and girls called themselves the Aranda All-Stars. They went into the competition with quite a lot to learn about the game and about playing as a team. It was terrific to see how far they came in 10 weeks. They're all keen to play next term too!



Important Message

Running Club

Please note Running Club will be held on Thursday in Term 2.

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.

Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

If your child is late to school (after 9.10am) or is leaving prior to 3pm, please ensure you sign them in/out at the Front Office on arrival or before leaving.

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.

2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2018 will be held on Friday 14 September at 11am.

Anaphylaxis

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

Students who have Mobile Phones

Any students who have a mobile phone should drop it to the Front Office before school and collect it at 3pm. No mobile phones are to be kept in bags or classrooms. They will be securely stored in the Front Office during the day.

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ANZAC assembly

The ANZAC assembly at the end of last term was outstanding. It was simple, respectful and thoughtfully prepared. With the guidance of our teachers, the children ran the assembly, introduced guests and spoke eloquently throughout the ceremony. We would like to thank Deb Greig, one of our parents who serves in the Australian Air Force, for being our guest speaker on the day. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Ryan Ferdinand and the 5/6 teaching team who coordinated and encouraged the children to lead the production of our ANZAC assembly.

I'm going to make a bold prediction that our school will be back to normal operations at the end of Week 4. The children will have access to all areas of the playground and we will all enjoy the extra space in the restructured Hall and refurbished Gym. Fingers crossed.

Phil's Soapbox

This week, on numerous occasions in the media, I have heard that schools and teachers need to lift their game. Apparently teachers need to encourage young people to do their best. Teachers must assess each child in order to understand their needs and to provide them with individualised learning goals. Genius!

Unfortunately, the implications in the media are that these common teaching practices don't already occur in our classrooms. I become frustrated when politicians and so called experts who haven't set foot in a classroom for many years, profess to know the answers to declining standardised test scores in some subject areas. Don't get me wrong, teachers and schools should and are always looking for ways to improve. We know that the growth and development of young people is paramount – it's why we do the job. I've never met a teacher who comes to work each day with the intent to 'unlearn' the young people in their care.

One more whinge for the week – this week alone, 10% of our students (50 children) arrived at school after 9:05am. It's really hard to teach children if they aren't in class. The school day starts at 9:00am and vital instructions and information are often shared first thing in the morning. Children who are late to school regularly are at a learning disadvantage.

Grasp the things that are good,

Phil Gray
Principal



Important Reminder

Assembly

Sports ribbons for both the Belconnen district swimming carnival and the school athletics carnival will be handed out to placed recipients at this week's whole school assembly, Friday 4 May, starting at 9:10am.

Important 2019 Enrolment Information

Enrolment applications for Term 1 of 2019 opened on Monday 30 April 2018 and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from Preschool through to College. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school.

If you are applying to enrol in Preschool, Year 7 or Year 11, we ask that you submit your application by 11 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 2 July 2018, after the application has been processed, parents/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note that 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.

School Board News

Congratulations to Ilona Horvath and Bronwyn Dunn who have been elected to the Aranda Primary School Board as Parents and Citizens Members, along with James Harrison and Dugald Stranger who join us as Staff Representatives.

Troy Heland continues on in 2018 as a Parents and Citizens member, and Ian Harding remains in the role of Appointed Member.

Should you wish to contact any of the School Board representatives, please contact Alex Wrigley, Board Secretary/School Business Manager, on 6142 3030.



Cyber Safety

Aranda Primary will be hosting a *ThinkUKnow* presentation at the school on Tuesday 22 May at 6pm. All parents and carers from Years 2 to 6 are invited to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers about how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these challenges in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police and Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to the privacy and online security of children and young people, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

The information session will be uploaded to the Aranda Primary YouTube channel for parents and carers to access when convenient.

Please RSVP [here](#) if you are planning to attend.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact James Harrison.



Aranda Music and Arts Program

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons, please send an email enquiry 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.

Vacancies

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

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Guitar	Wednesday 5.15pm
Piano	Friday 3.45pm
Beginner Recorder	Thursdays 3.15 to 4pm
Flute	Mondays

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited for Friday piano lessons and Monday guitar lessons in addition to the above vacancies. We have the potential to employ an additional guitar tutor on a Monday if we receive enough response from interested families. If you would be interested in your child starting piano on Fridays or guitar lessons on Mondays, please email the following information to info@arandamusicprogram.org: student name; school year; instrument; preferred time (no guarantees); and dismissal (Afters or parent pick up).



Community News

GREGORY ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU HAVE WON 2 FREE LESSONS !

TO REDEEM YOUR PRIZE PHONE OR EMAIL YOUR INTEREST BY 14TH MAY 2018!
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE IRISH DANCING A TRY! BRING A
FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH US!

*Gregory Academy welcomes everyone from the age of 3 years to
Adult – we accommodate classes for ALL ages regardless of
experience in any form of dance from our 3 qualified Teachers –
Liz, Jackie and Megan!*

*It's great fun, great for your fitness, and instills confidence to
perform on stage or just for enjoyment!*

Contact: Liz 0419225195 email

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