



Newsletter

Dates to Remember

18 Dec Last day of Term 4

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Important Information: UNIFORM SHOP

New students (including Kindergarten) can order school uniforms by Flexischools, with the class 'New Starter 2021'. Orders received by 5pm Friday 29 January will be ready for collection at the school from 10.00 am Monday 1 February.

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

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

The 2020 school year was an interesting one to say the least. Just before school returned, a massive storm smashed 52 skylights and flooded the school. Bushfire smoke was still thick in the air. COVID 19 hit the news and changed our lives. Due to the cooperation and good will in our community, we made it to the end of another school year in good spirits. The most positive aspect of our 2020 school year was that the vast majority of children coped brilliantly with change and uncertainty.



Farewell

Farewell to the Year 6 class of 2020. I have followed this cohort from Preschool to the end of Primary School. I wish them all the best for the future. Sadly, we say farewell to a few of our well respected and much-loved staff this year. Pam Daly will retire at the end of this year. Pam is a wonderful teacher who will be sadly missed at Aranda. She has had a positive effect on so many young people during her long and distinguished career. Pam always placed the needs of the children ahead of anything else and was an inspiration to all of her colleagues. Tanya Ford is moving on to Chapman School after achieving so much at Aranda School. We are grateful for her care and teaching of so many children over many years. Renee Gilbert will take up a new position at Kingsford Smith School next year after 5 years at Aranda. We wish Dugald Stranger, Bec Lenehan and Adam Chad all the best at their new schools. Thanks to Dugald, Bec and Adam for their hard work and dedication to our community. Congratulations to Andie Bain who completed her two year ASBA with us this year. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank each of these staff members for their outstanding work at Aranda Primary and Preschool.

I would like to thank the P&C, our volunteers and the School Board for their significant contributions to what has been a very tough year at Aranda School. Paige and Toby, our two school leaders, were wonderful ambassadors for our school and performed their duties admirably whenever they were called upon.



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 open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email 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

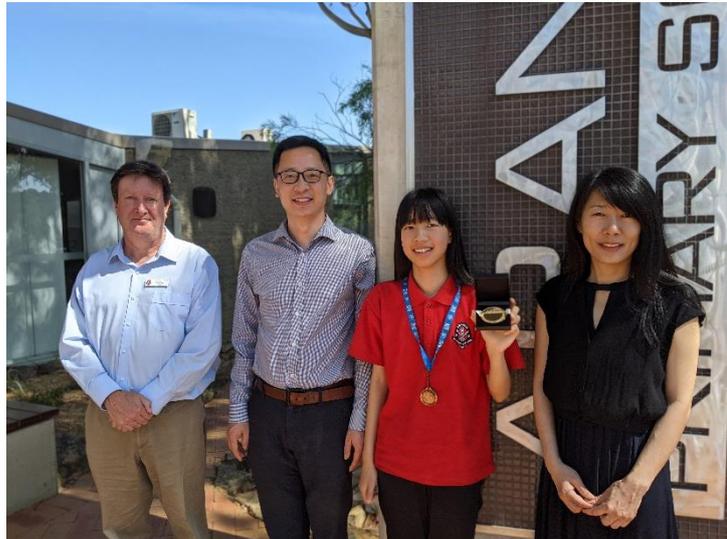
Items for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 3.30pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

Anaphylaxis

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



Aranda Student awarded Science medal:



Emma Zhang was recently awarded the prestigious International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) medal for Science. Emma received the top score for Science in her year level across NSW and the ACT. We congratulate Emma on this outstanding result.

On Thursday 17 December, a vacant School Board position for 2021/2022 will be advertised for information purposes on the School Board section of the school website.

More information will follow in the Week 1 newsletter in Term 1, 2021.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the teachers, executive staff, assistants, Sam, Ash and Brian for an enjoyable and productive year at our school.

Have an enjoyable holiday break with your family and friends. I look forward to doing it all again in 2021.

Phil Gray



EAL/D News

The annual EAL/D Christmas Party was held last week, on Friday 11 December. Children who work with Mrs Kelly came together to celebrate with fun games. Kindergarten went first, with help from the Year 6 students. We played Pin the Nose on Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Musical Statues followed by Musical Bumps and The Great Wind Blows. We also had lots of fun using the Christmas props to get our photo taken.

Next, it was the students in Years 1-5 turn to celebrate. The Year 6 students also ran this party. We still enjoyed the activities and joined in, which also prompted the younger children to play the games and have fun. We played Pin the Heart on the Grinch, The Greatest Game and a Christmas-themed Would You Rather. We even tried (and failed!) drawing a Christmas tree scene on a paper plate while holding it with one hand on our heads. We also had great fun with the Christmas props and posing for photos.

Everyone received a Christmas goody bag from Mrs Kelly.

Written by Mia, Yashfa and Ayansa





Thank you to all EAL/D families for your continued support this year. I wish all the Year 6 students the very best for high school in 2021 and beyond.

I look forward to working in the same role with returning students next year.

Please remember to let us know ASAP if you are not expecting to return at the beginning of the school year. If you have moved addresses or changed phone numbers, let us know so our records are up-to-date in case of an emergency.

Have a lovely summer break. I hope you get to spend some quality time relaxing with family and friends.

Sandy Kelly (EAL/D Teacher)

Band News

ACT Junior Concert Band

Congratulations to Iman and Emma Z who were selected for the ACT Junior Concert Band. This is a representative band of students selected from 2021 Year 7 and 8 public school students. Their selection is an outstanding achievement for two of Aranda's flute players.

Primary Concert Band

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who were selected in the ACT Primary Concert Band: Isaac P (flute), Milla L (Oboe), Ariadna I (clarinet), Rubin L (percussion) and Evan B (percussion). This is a great achievement, not only because they began learning their instrument during Online Learning but there were over 190 primary students who auditioned this year. I wish them the best and know they will have a fabulous time.

Aranda Volleyball

Learn to play volleyball

Olympic volleyballer Rachel Uren's OzSpike Junior Volleyball Program will be continuing at Aranda Primary in 2021 and is in its 8th year at the school. The program aims to teach children in Years 3-6 how to play volleyball in a fun and friendly environment, using lower nets, softer and lighter balls and a smaller court. Sessions are played either at lunchtime or on Friday after school in the gym.

Limited spots are available in the following sessions for Term 1 2021:

Monday lunchtime: Year 4/5 students from Weeks 2-9 (excluding the public holiday in Week 6). Cost: \$65 for Term 1

Friday lunchtime: Year 6 students, from Weeks 2-8. Cost: \$65 for Term 1

Fridays 3-4pm: Open to students in Years 3-6, from weeks 2-8. Cost is \$80 for Term 1

Please contact Rachel Uren (rachel@ozspike.com) for a registration form before Friday 5 February 2021.



Yoga for Kids

Yoga for Kids is returning to Aranda Primary in 2021.

Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Students from Kindy to Year 6 learn physical practices and age appropriate relaxation strategies in a **FUN** and engaging 8-week term. Studies show that yoga reduces anxiety and delivers a range of other benefits, including increased self-confidence, self-awareness, focus, strength, flexibility and coordination.

The article linked below has more information on the benefits of yoga for kids.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-15/kids-find-balance-and-mindfulness-through-yoga-classes/8355964>

Classes are held in the school gym. Yoga mats are provided.

Class Details:

8.00*- 8.55 am **Monday & Wednesday** from Term 1 (\$110)

* Drop off from 7.50 am.

If interested, please email me direct at kcyoga.cbr@gmail.com Places are limited.

Namaste,

Karolyn 

Aranda Music and Art Program

2021 Enrolments now open.

First round enrolments open **Monday 16 November until Friday 18 December**. Enrol now at

<https://www.arandamusicprogram.org/how-to-join>.

Students will be placed and offers made in the first two weeks of Term 1, with most classes starting Week 3 of term.

All students will need to re-enrol for 2021, including those students currently enrolled or on waitlists this year.

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.

Volunteers required!

Did you know we have a team of parent volunteers who help to run the program? We need new volunteers to help in 2021. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per term, with most of the work at the start of the year when we enrol our students.

Committee Members' children get priority enrolment for all AMA-run programs and are not required to pay the annual registration fee.

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.



French News Week

Congratulations to the fifteen Year 5 and 6 students who passed the French DELF exams with the Alliance Francaise after attending the French extension classes all year. I am very proud of you all, and you should be proud of yourselves too! What a nice way to finish the school year.

DELF A1.1:

Belle A, Evan Z, Emma Z, Emma H, Adrina T, Zalira C-H, Hailey K, Lauren G, Estella L, Logchayaa K, Yassine A

DELF A1:

Toby G-D, Jarrah W, Brianna W, Joseph E

