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#### SRC Assembly Tomorrow

Please join us for a very special assembly tomorrow which is being run by the SRC. This is what you have to look forward to:

- Display of educational materials that your fundraising money has purchased for the Fijian School from the Term 1 SRC fundraising day
- Presentation of cheque to the RSPCA from funds raised by the SRC in Term 2
- Listen to our Percussion Ensemble
- Presentation of teacher awards

We look forward to seeing you there!

### From the Executive

#### Science Night

It was wonderful to see so many students and families in the classrooms and corridors for Science Night yesterday. As a staff we really value opportunities like this one to have students share with their families the learning that they are engaged in at school. As with End of Semester reports, 3-way Conferences, Information sessions and Newsletter items, these evenings provide families with important information about what their children are learning at
school. We hope everyone was able to get involved in the experiments and activities and find out a little more about the Science programs at Aranda Primary!

**Year 3/4 Camp**

Last Friday our 3/4 students and teachers returned from three days of camp at Birrigai, Tidbinbilla. On behalf of the Executive team and the parent community I’d like to thank our teaching and support staff for taking time away from their own families to ensure everyone had a fantastic time away. Mr Gray received this email from the Principal at Birrigai after our 3/4 students had returned:

“Our wonderful kitchen team came in to ask me if I could contact you and let you know that they have really enjoyed working with the Aranda teachers and students. They said they have been lovely- very friendly, organised and polite!”

**Calendar Art**

Would you like some personalised calendars, notebooks or cards for Christmas presents this year? Children in all classes Preschool to Year 6 have created a beautiful piece of art work which you can have made into your very own calendar, notebook or cards. Orders close Wednesday, 24 September in Week 10. Order forms are available on the school website or from the Front Office.

**YMCA Before School Care at St Vincent’s Primary**

Currently the YMCA Canberra provides Before School Hours Care for students at St Vincent’s Primary School and those from Aranda Primary School as well. The YMCA is advising families that they are considering the service’s viability for 2015. If families are interested in attending next year, they should register their interest by completing a waitlist application on the website – www.canberra.ymca.org.au

Sue Whitney
Executive Teacher

**Running Club**

Due to the closure of all sportsgrounds in Canberra for maintenance, running club will not be held on tomorrow or Friday, 26 September (Week 10).

Janine Collins
PE Teacher

**From the Counsellor**

**Children and Competition**

All children deal with competition, whether in academic areas, sport or at home competing for attention from adults and other children. Whilst the intensity of a competitive spirit displayed is largely determined by the individual child’s temperament, a large part is also played by what the child learns from their home, school and their parents’ attitudes to competition.

If a child feels under pressure when doing an activity or feels that there is only negative attention, then a child may withdraw and avoid certain situations or activities.

Children learn about competition from an early age. As they learn to play alongside others their interest develops in relation to other children. Children’s attitudes to competition are not only shaped by their parents, but also in their interactions with other children, teachers and sporting or out of school activities.

Parents can encourage children to identify a realistic acceptance of their child’s areas of strengths and weaknesses. Taking turns, being a good sport, accepting winning or losing and importantly ‘having a go’, and acceptance of our unique differences can help foster a healthy level of competition and self acceptance. Parents can model positive competitive behaviours which sets a good example to children.

When games have stopped being fun for our children, then it is a good opportunity to discuss what is happening for your child. Notions of participation, rather than winning in activities can help be a focus. If the goal is to win then the process of participation can be overlooked. If each child believes that they have an equal chance of winning, then they are more likely to want to participate.
As parents of primary school age children one of our challenges may be to identify what sort of attitudes to competition that we want to instill in our children, and what attitudes to winning, losing or participation are important in your family?

Sheri Bottomley
School Psychologist

**P&C Matters**

**Aranda Primary Walkathon Term 4**
The P&C is intending to stage a walkathon this year in Term 4. As well as being an opportunity to raise some funds to go towards the school, this is a fun activity for the kids to enjoy. The previous walkathon in 2012 raised an amazing $6000 which went to purchasing new science resources some of which we might well have seen last night!

This year we would like to continue the good work and I’m looking for some parents to help out with organisation beforehand as well as assisting on the day. Any help is appreciated whether large or small.

Send enquiries or offers of help to Tracey Voss
phone 0419 277 395
email tvoss@mcneils.net

Cheers
Tracey Voss
P&C Walkathon

**School Disco**
Just a reminder that the school disco is on next Wednesday 24 September:

- K to Year 2 from 5:30 to 6:45 pm
- Years 3 to 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- $5.00 entry

Parents now have the option of pre-paying the disco entry fee using the new Flexischools online service. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and register (if you haven’t already), select the disco event to pay for disco entry – payments will be open until COB Tuesday afternoon.

**Parent volunteers needed** - The disco is run by the P&C and we are looking for parents to help out on the night – either setting up, on the Front Desk, in the canteen or packing up afterwards. If you can help out please contact Tracey Voss on tvoss@mcneils.net

**Canteen ordering goes online!**
You now have the option of ordering your child’s recess or lunch online using Flexischools. No more scouring around for coins to pay for lunch! Imagine how convenient it would be to order your child’s recess from your phone on the way to school or to sort out next Monday’s lunch order right now while you are thinking about it…. Now you can!

Online ordering is available through www.flexischools.com.au for all regular items on the Aranda Primary Canteen menu. Go to the website and register – it only takes a few minutes to set up an account. Once you have an account, you can place an order at any time up to 9:15 am on the day the food is required.

Feedback on the new system is very welcome – send a note to Chris via arandacanteen@gmail.com

Fiona Bray
P&C Canteen Committee

**Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun**
Aranda Primary is entering a team in the 2014 Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun and would love for you to join us. Students, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends are all welcome to join our team. Once again we would encourage you to wear red, the colour of Aranda Primary and Ben’s favourite colour. This year you are able to enter and join our team on-line or send in your registration through the school. We are hoping to increase the numbers running for our team this year.

To register online:
http://www.hawkeract.edu.au/runandwalkforfun

- Click on ‘entry’ then go to online registration and click ‘I accept terms and conditions’
- Click ‘continue’ at the bottom of the page
- Select ‘individual entry’ and select ‘yes’ for are you part of a team then click ‘continue’
- Select ‘search for team’ type in ‘Aranda Primary’ click ‘search’
- When ‘Aranda Primary’ appears click ‘join’
- Enter individual participant details
- Pay on-line enter credit card details to complete participant payment

To register at school:–
Send in the following details with payment to school:–

- Name
- DOB
- Sex
- Race Category (J 0-17, O 18-39, M 40+)
- Distance (3km/6km)

Cost: Early entries (closes 17 October) – Primary $10, Full time student $15, Adults $25, Families (max 5) $40.

Late entries (18 to 24 October) - Primary $15, Full time student $20, Adults $30, Families (max 5) $50.

Janine Collins
PE Teacher
Vacancies: Violin on Mondays. Contact Tracey: Tracey.Martin@anao.gov.au

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Program

Community News
To view or download flyers for the following community events, see our Community Bulletin Board at: http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/community_news

Please be aware that this is a community service and that the school is not endorsing individual activities.

PCYC MASH Sports Holiday Program
Week 1 – 30 September to 3 October
Week 2 – 7 October to 10 October
Boomerangs Softball, Come and Try
Cartoon Camps – September and October
Cranleigh Art Show 17 to 19 October
Championstixs – starts 21 October
Chess Boot Camps – 1 and 2 October
ACT Junior Chess Championships – 10 October
Junior Touch Rugby League Football – October
Marymead Information Seminar 27 September
Netball Summer Comp
Get Active Sports Tennis for Juniors – starts 26 October
Gungahlin College presents “Fame: 16 to 20 September
Netball ACT Junior Netball Clinic – 7 October

Western District Junior Cricket Club (WDJCC)

Junior Cricket: Season 2014/15: Western District Junior Cricket Club (WDJCC) is now accepting registrations for junior cricketers (boys and girls) from the Belconnen area for the 2014/15 season.

Junior cricket starts at the under 9 age level and goes right through to under 18s. WDJCC are also running an In2Cricket program for U8s.

Registration: Register by Friday 19 September as after this date we cannot guarantee a place in one of the teams. To register visit the website http://westjuniors.act.cricket.com.au or more information email westerndistrictjuniorcc@gmail.com

Fees: WDJCC is run on an entirely voluntary basis and fees charged go directly to meeting the costs of running the club.

Fees for junior cricket (Under 9 age group and above) are $170 for the first child and $155 for each additional child in the same family.

The fee for the In2Cricket program are $90 for the first child and $80 for each additional child in the same family.

Junior Cricket is all about learning to play, developing a passion for the game and having fun within a friendly and positive community environment.

Heat Cheerleading – Term 4
Enrolments now open! Get involved in Australia’s fastest growing sport – learn to jump, stunt, dance and tumble! Ages from 4 years and up.
For more information call Bronwyn on 0418 620 772, email info@heatcheerleading.com or go to www.heatcheerleading.com.au.

The Aranda App Codes