ARANDA NEWSLETTER
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EVENT DETAILS | YEAR GROUP | DATE DUE BACK
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Year 3/4 Percussion Ensemble | 3 to 4 | As soon as possible
Senior School Choir | 3 to 6 | As soon as possible
Junior School Choir | K to 2 | As soon as possible
FCCCI Chinese School | on Website | As soon as possible
Acceptable Use of IT | 5, new 6 | As soon as possible
Getting to Know You Interviews | K – 6 | Bookings open Monday, 9 February, 6:00 am
Cyber Safety Parent Presentation | 5 to 6 | Tuesday, 10 February
Year 6 T-Shirts | 6 | 27 February 2015
Term Overviews | P – 6 | |

From the Principal

Dear Aranda community,

Welcome back! We have a particularly big welcome to our new families, children and teachers. The Aranda staff have been busy during the break. All of us have renewed our First Aid qualifications. The teaching staff also participated in a wide range of professional learning opportunities including Gifted & Talented (G&T) education, student wellbeing and curriculum based workshops.

Our staff configuration for 2015 is as follows:

**Preschool**
- Sue Whitney
- Ashley Edenborough
- Penny Firth
- Chris Elliman

**Year 1**
- Penny Whitford
- Kate Mullins
- Anastasia O'Donnell
- Gina Mapley

**Year 2**
- Colette Brown
- Jess Beaton
- John Boland

**Kindergarten**
- Janelle Kennedy
- Dani Rolfe
- Fiona Agostino
- Jasmine Kite

**Year 3/4**
- Bob Bannister
- Tanya Ford
- Lakhana Ly-Diep
- Zarina Williams
- Ryan Ferdinand

**Year 5/6**
- Tricia Butters
- Liz Gocentas
- Pam Daly
- Anthony Watson
- James Harrison

**EALD**
- Sandra Kelly
- Kellie Nissen
- Alisson Reid

**Numeracy Specialist/Band**
- Susan Ford

**Release**
- Melissa Alexander - Music
- Janine Collins – Health and PE
- Alison Reid – Health and PE/
- Myriam Davies - French
- Bobbi Smith – Release/Gifted

**Learning Support Assistants**
- Robyn Boric
- Gail D’Este
- Linda Murphy
- Katie McLaren

**Administration staff**
- Business Manager- Suzanne Vincent
- Front Office - Sharon Hewett
- Building Services Officer-Brian Ireland
- ICT/Library-Catherine Gilbert

Board Members
- Peter Shaw email: pashaw@live.com.au
- Michael Munro-Mobbs email: munromobbs@optusnet.com.au
- Richard Saberton email: richardsaberton@gmail.com

P&C President
- Matthew Stocks email: arandapandc@gmail.com
Chinese lessons after school

Our community has been offered the chance for children to study Chinese after school hours. This opportunity has kindly been made available by the FCCCI Chinese School and will be run by highly qualified and experienced teachers. The classes are held at St Vincent’s Primary School.

Please see the note in this newsletter for more details.

Internet Safety

If you, like me, are often concerned about cyber safety and the responsible use of the internet, you might like to access the website listed below which was passed on to me during the break:

http://www.whoishostingthis.com/resources/parents-online-aus/

The aim of the site is to enable parents across Australia to better understand internet safety so everyone can enjoy the internet safely and responsibly.

Aranda Grounds Upgrade

I am pleased to announce that we will commence work to upgrade the Year 3/4 playground and to revitalise the area next to the multi-purpose court (where we had to remove the large gum trees last year) in the near future.

Aranda ‘You Can Do It’ Social Skills Program

This term, all classes will focus on teaching children how to be resilient as part of the You Can Do It program. More information will be sent home with your child soon. You can also have a look at our school’s website where we have devoted a page to explaining the You Can Do It program

Finally, I would like to thank all of our children for their enthusiasm and cooperation on their return to school. I asked one Kindy child what he liked about his first day and he yelled “Everything!” The teachers and I appreciated the positive feedback we have received from many parents about the smooth and settled start to the school year.

Have a great week,

Phil Gray

Class Names 2015

Theme: Gallipoli / Victoria Cross recipients

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**Aranda Primary School Board Elections**

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of the Aranda Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Aranda Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

**Positions**
We have one (1) parent and citizen member and one (1) staff member position vacant. Both positions are for a two (2) year period commencing 1 April 2015.

**Nominations**
Nominations opened on Monday, 2 February 2015. Nomination forms are available at the Front Office. There will be no online or electronic nomination facility available.

Nominations must be made by 11:00 am Monday, 16 February 2015 by placing the completed nomination form in the ballot box at the Front Office.

All nominees will be required to submit a short piece about themselves for the school newsletter that will be published on Thursday, 19 February 2015.

**Voting**
Voting will open at 11:00 am on 23 February 2015. Voting forms will be available at the Front Office. One voting form per family will be sent home with students on Monday, 23 February 2015. Completed ballot papers need to be lodged in the ballot box at the Front Office. There will be no online or electronic voting facility available.

Voting will close at 11:00 am on Monday, 2 March 2015.

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Suzanne Vincent on 6142 3030 or Suzanne.Vincent@ed.act.edu.au

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**Aranda Primary Volunteer Community Gardening Group**

Christine, the Aranda Primary School Community Gardening Volunteer, invites interested members of the school community to join her in volunteer gardening on the school grounds:

- **Tuesday 7-9 am**
- **Thursday 7-9 am**

Bring gardening gloves, hat, water bottle, rake, broom, etc. (anything you use for gardening).

Volunteers could stay for as little as half an hour or the full two hours. Coffee at the Bandjalong Street van at 9:00 am following (bring your own coffee money).

Plenty of scope for improvement in the gardens.

This is an informal group. I may see you on the grounds early one Tuesday or Thursday.

Contact: Christine 6286-9002 if you would like to discuss. If not just turn up.

Kind regards
**Christine Mellors**
**Aranda Primary School**
**Volunteer Community Gardener**
Aranda Music and Arts Program

The Aranda Music and Arts Program provides affordable school-based music, drama and art tuition for students attending Aranda Primary School between the hours of 3:00 to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday during term. Individual lessons are offered for guitar, violin, piano, recorder, flute, and singing. Group lessons are offered for introduction to music, continuing music, general music (a new class for years 3-5 students), drama and art. Group lessons are popular and places are limited. For 2015, group lessons will range from $15 - $22 per lesson while individual lessons will be $34 per lesson. If you would like to enrol in the program, enrolment forms for 2015 are available from our website: www.arandamusicprogram.org, and should be submitted online.

To enrol in the program there is a $35 registration for one child, or $65 for two or more. The committee uses this to contribute to the general running costs and maintenance of the program (including rental of the rooms).

AMA Committee members are currently endeavouring to place students who have completed the enrolment form and paid the annual administration fee. Placements will be made according to preferences where possible. Once room availability has been confirmed a tutor coordinator will be in touch to offer and confirm placements. Ideally, this will occur by the end of week 1 of the 2015 school term.

Places are currently available in Introduction to Music (for Kindergarten/Year 1 students on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm) and General Music (for Years 3 to 5 students on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm). There are also vacancies in Violin and Piano Lessons on Friday.

Tracey Martin
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.

Get Active Sports Weetangera Aussie Rules for Juniors starts Sunday, 15 February 2015
Parent Effectiveness Training, Weston, starts Thursday 12 February
Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics, Belconnen Community Center, Term 1
Federation of Chinese Community of Canberra Inc. (FCCCI) Chinese School, St. Vincent’s Primary School, Beginning Term 1

SCOUTS = Adventure + Life Skills

Scouting is for boys and girls aged 6-25. Scouts participate in programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Come and try Scouts today and take advantage of our 3 week FREE trial.

Visit scoutsact.com.au to find your closest Scout Group or call 1800 SCOUTS

Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy
www.lizgregoryida.com email: lgida52@hotmail.com Ph: 0419225195

Enrol in your Irish Dance Class NOW for 2015

Beginners classes for Girls and Boys from 4 to 12 years

Beginners Classes are held after school Tuesday and Thursdays at our fully equipped dance studio in Aranda from 4pm (Aranda Scout Hall, Kubura Place, Aranda)

From the 1st lesson children will learn “Riverdance” style and Traditional and energetic Irish Dancing. Children are taught dance for public performances, competitions and local and international championships.

Enrolments will be accepted at any time during the Term!
For further enquiries please contact Liz
T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G – 0419 225195 or 62627678
Dear Aranda parents,

Applications are now open for the Chinese class run at St Vincent's primary school after school hours. This is a good alternative if you are looking for after school care for your children.

The FCCCI Chinese School is a community based and non-profit Chinese language school. It aims to provide a fun and interactive learning environment to children and help them achieve a certain level of proficiency in Chinese reading, writing and speaking. Teachers are native Chinese speakers, highly qualified with extensive experience in teaching Australian students. For more information about the FCCCI Chinese School, please visit their website at: http://www.fcccichineseschool.act.edu.au/

It is a good opportunity for Aranda primary school students and the wider Aranda community to learn this popular Asian language so close to home. As a non-profit organisation, the FCCCI Chinese school is offering the class at a minimal rate - $12 per day, or $10 per day for those who are attending 3 or more days in a week.

The class will be run 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) in the Music/Italian Room inside St Vincent's Primary School. Class will formally start from 3.30pm and teachers will be in the room to supervise students straight after school hours from 3.10pm. Class will finish at 5.30pm and teachers will stay until 6pm with the students so that you don't need to arrange extra after school care for your children.

**Given the special situation in Aranda Primary School, the FCCCI Chinese School has kindly offer to provide a teaching assistant to come to Aranda Primary school at 3pm every day to collect students from Aranda Primary and walk them to St Vincent's. This means you don't need to arrange extra after school care for your children as they are in good hands.**

The Chinese class will be run from first day of Term 1, 2015, and is targeting complete beginners with no Chinese background. If you would like to enrol your children to this worthwhile learning program, please email myself at: linxiaoli@hotmail.com, or by phone: 0413 288 021. There are only 20 places per day, so if interested, you will need to register as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

I have attached the FCCCI Chinese school student enrolment form. You can fill in the 'Student's personal details' and 'Parent's details' and return to me via email, for application purpose. Please clearly indicate the days your children want to attend the program. Once you are accepted into the Chinese class, you will need to complete the whole form and sign and hand in a hard copy.

You will be notified within 48 hours if you are offered a place, or are placed into the waiting list.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Xiaoli Lin

FCCCI Chinese School