



Newsletter

Assembly Timetable

Week 1:	No Assembly
Week 2:	No Assembly
Week 3:	Senior (Yr 4)
Week 4:	Whole School (French)

Dates to Remember

23 Oct	Mini Roos Football Nude Food Day Yr 6 ACT Playgroups Band Performance
31 Oct	P&C Meeting – 7.30am Kindergarten – Zoo & Aquarium/National Arboretum Excursion
1 Nov	*Note change of date 2019 Preschool and Kindergarten Information Session
6 Nov	Meerkats/Joeys Preschool – National Gallery/Museum Excursion
6 Nov	Lemurs Preschool – National Gallery/Museum Excursion
13 Dec	School Concert – 6pm

Notes Home

Due Back

Yr 6 ACT Playgroups Band Performance Kindergarten – Zoo and Arboretum Excursion	19 Oct
3/4 Netball Competition	24 Oct
G-Force EcoBus Tour	26 Oct
Lemurs – Preschool Museum/Gallery Meerkats/Joeys – Preschool Museum/Gallery	26 Oct
Year 2 Swimming	9 Nov
2019 Chromebooks	16 Nov
Nude Food Day	Info Only
Bandstravaganza	Info Only

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Welcome back to Term 4

During the break, Madame Davies and I received an email from Actsmart - schools section. They are an ACT Government organisation that promotes sustainability in our community. We were thrilled to learn that Aranda School has been awarded a 5-star accreditation due to our work on water conservation in our garden projects, Recycling of waste products and the efforts of our G-Force and gardening teams. Well done to everyone who participates every single day. I believe our next real challenge is the reduction of waste that we send directly to landfill.



Our water harvested gardens are thriving. They are great places to play.

Save the date - Thursday, 13 December at 6pm

Join us for our outdoor concert. Bring a picnic rug, food, family and friends. Let's hope for a beautiful Canberra summer evening.

Lion's Club Reading Action Program

The Belconnen branch of the Lion's Club have been supporting schools in Belconnen for many years. I met Beverley again this week and on behalf of the Lion's Club she donated some books to our school library. Thank you.



Important Messages

2019 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2019 will be held on Friday, 20 September, starting at 11am with morning tea.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop operates on Friday mornings, from 8.30am – 9.30am only. Please contact the Uniform Shop via email if you have any questions 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.

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CHANGE OF DATE

2019 Preschool and Kindergarten Information Sessions

Due to unavoidable scheduling clashes, we have had to change the date for our Preschool and Kindergarten information sessions from Thursday, 25 October to Thursday, 1 November. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Please join us on Thursday evening, 1 November for our information sessions if you have a child starting Preschool or Kindergarten in 2019. Invitations have been sent with time and place details and you will receive a reminder email soon.

I found the following article quite interesting – here is the link:

https://www.parentshop.com.au/meannessvsbullying/?inf_contact_key=0832c4f999bf48c3da624546bc3b6c74f2d89c0a36a92b5b8503c018bd39c1e9

Hope this makes you smile:



Have a great week,

Phil Gray

Principal



UNSW Writing Competition Results

48 students participated in the UNSW Writing Competition. We achieved 3 High Distinctions, 10 Distinctions, 15 Credits and 3 Merits. The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinctions – Benjamin Du Wang, Joseph Eronen, Toby Gosling-Dunlop

Distinctions – Evan Banks, Rubin Leach, Lara Silver, Henrik Angeltveit, Naveed Platzten, Emma King, Annie Wang, Tarinya Hannedege, Natalie Iles-Buchbach, Sermud Syed

Credits – Milla Bonersera, Isabella Scalora, Sarin Shah, Adrina Tan, Mia Alamgir, Iman Amin Malik Shah, Emma Huang, Harry South, Emma Zhang, Tien Nolan, Sharon Chen, Laasyasri Gunnam, Joy Guo, Musab Khan, Isabel South

Merits – Ariadna Iskhakova, Jasmine Lin, Dunyasha Ratnayake

Well done to all the students who participated in the competition.

Tricia Butters

Competition Coordinator

Nude Food Day – Tuesday 23 October

On Tuesday, 23 October, Aranda Primary School will be celebrating Nude Food Day. Nude Food Day is a day when you are encouraged to bring food without excess packaging, to have less impact on the environment. On that day, you could bring your lunch in a container rather than a zip lock bag or glad wrap and maybe bake some cookies rather than buy pre-packaged ones.

The class with the least amount of rubbish will win a prize!

From the G-Force



Aranda P&C News

Year in Review 2017–18

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C last month was more than simply a routine to confirm members for the coming year – it was also a chance to reflect on a wonderful and active year at Aranda Primary School.

Over the past 12 months, the school has celebrated a number of achievements, including the opening by the Education Minister of two new classrooms, and the return of the library and resource room to whole-of-school use. A trivia night, hosted by the P&C, raised more than \$3,000, and the Clean Up Under the House saw volunteers cleaning out the school's storage areas, meaning school resources can now be stored safely and are easier to access. Family participation in the school's numerous fundraising drives throughout the year enabled the P&C to provide funds for the school to purchase items such as the hugely popular virtual reality goggles and spheros, as well as new readers and books. The P&C was also able to support teachers to attend conferences that help bring innovative teaching back to the classrooms.

It was a year of major changes in the canteen, with Helen McBean coming on board as Canteen Manager, and working closely with Assistant Manager, Natalie Drummond. This dream team has made fresh changes to the canteen menu, including seasonal items and special lunches, and has started offering teacher lunches one day a week and providing catering for some of the Principal's functions. A huge thanks for their efforts to keep lunches fresh, healthy and exciting for Aranda students.

The team running the Uniform Shop has made some innovative changes in the past year, including the addition of a PayPal machine for purchases, and providing special orders for items such as swimming caps and preschool hats. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers running the shop each Friday, the Uniform Shop was able to make a \$5,000 donation to the school. Thanks to the coordinators, Lucy Coffey and Diana Godwin, and their team.

2019 promises to be an exciting year. Preparation is already underway for the 2019 Fete, to take place in October. Welcome to all new P&C and sub-committee members, and thanks to all the volunteers who work throughout the year to support to the Aranda Primary School community.



Aranda P&C News continued

P&C Committee 2018/19

The following members were elected:

- President – Petra Cole
- Vice President - Alyssa Nevin
- Treasurer - Kath Kulhanek
- Secretary - Heather Clark
- Public Officer - Jim Gilchrist

Sub-committees:

- AMA - Kate Burmester
- Canteen - Jase McCrae
- Uniform - Lucy Coffey and Diana Godwin
- Class Reps - Paula Banks
- Communications - Karen Ingram-Hall

Next meeting – Wednesday 31 October, 7.30am

Don't forget we are trialling morning meetings for the next two terms (Term 4 2018 and Term 1 2019), 7.30am for a 7.45am start and finishing firmly by 9am. Morning meetings will include a complimentary breakfast. Kids are also welcome to come and play outside or use the library quietly.

Hope to see you bright and early on the 31st in the Resource Centre.

Aranda P&C Committee

Aranda Music and Arts Program

If you are interested in enrolling in lessons please send an email inquiry 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) and group lessons:

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Beginner Recorder	Thursdays 3.15 to 4pm
Recorder and beginner flute	Mondays 4.15pm, 4.45pm and 5.15pm
Guitar and Piano	Fridays 4.45pm and 5.15pm
Piano	Thursdays 4.45pm and 5.15pm Fridays 4.45pm and 5.15pm



Canteen News



Good Mood Food Menu and FAQ document

The subcommittee has put together a new pdf version of the Term 4 menu. It is a great reference to print and stick on the fridge to help with ordering lunch orders (and we think it looks fantastic too). We have also created an FAQ document, to help with things such as ordering through Flexischools. Both documents are attached to this newsletter email – make sure you check them out!

Term 4 Menu updates - Burritos are back!

- On Wednesdays, the canteen will be offering burritos for \$6.00, with a choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian. The filling is mixed with a chilli spice mix and served in a burrito wrap with lettuce, shredded carrot, corn, tomato and cheese.
- Garden salad is also on offer this term: lettuce, shredded carrot, cucumber and tomato for \$4, with a choice of fat free French dressing or balsamic dressing for an additional \$0.30. You can choose to add chicken or tuna for an extra \$1.00.
- In preparation for the warmer weather, the canteen has brought in a new twisted frozen yoghurt, available in chocolate and vanilla bean, or strawberry and vanilla bean. Both are selling for the cool price of \$2.50.

We try to keep costs for canteen items at a minimum, but we do occasionally have to increase prices due to rising costs. Following a review, a few of our menu items have increased in price for Term 4.



ARANDA AFTERS

2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Your prompt attention is required for 2019 After School Care Enrolments.

Aranda Afters provides children with opportunities to learn and develop a range of skills and interests in a supportive and caring environment. Our weekly programs provide children with engagement in activities that enhance their skills in a range of areas such as: cognitive development; creative play; imaginative thought processes; physical development; gross and fine motor skills; social development; movement; mathematics; literacy; and hand-eye coordination.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC), or after school care, is offered from Monday to Friday during school terms, except for public holidays and operates from the end of the school day (3:00 pm) until 6:00 pm.

School Vacation Care (SVC) is offered Monday to Friday during school holidays, excepting for public holidays and the Christmas/New Year shut-down period. SVC operates from 8.30 am until 6:00 pm.

We provide Out of School Hours Care and School Vacation Care for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Afternoon tea is provided in both programs.

For further information please refer to our website www.arandaafters.com

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT DETAILS:

- 1 First round enrolment applications open: **10.00 am; Monday November 5.**
- 2 First round enrolment applications close: **6.00 pm; Friday November 16.**
- 3 To receive a link to the on-line enrolment form please send an email to:
admin@arandaafters.com by: **6.00 pm; Wednesday October 31.**
- 4 Please ensure the email subject is: **Attention Director: 2018 Enrolment Interest – [Family name].**

If you would like more information please contact Aranda Afters on:

- **Phone:** (02) 6142 3039
- **Mobile:** 0410 620 559
- **Email:** admin@arandaafters.com



Community News

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The COOK GROCER

GOLD COIN ENTRY

CELEBRATE COOK TWILIGHT FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
2 - 7PM COOK PLACE, COOK

50 YEARS OF COOK

THE COOK GROCER'S 15TH BIRTHDAY
WE WOULD ❤️ TO SEE YOU THERE TO
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



Community News

Attention Year 6 Parents

With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours

Your child's vaccinations are due next year

The following vaccines are offered **FREE** as part of the ACT School Immunisation Program



Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa



Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1



FIND



SIGN



RETURN



Where can I get more information?

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/high-school-immunisation-program>



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Community News

ACT School Championships

Angus Steadman is attending the ACT School Championships, open to all school students. It's a fun day and doesn't need to be competitive. All you need is a bike and a cycling license!

Angus is also travelling to Sydney and Melbourne over the coming months to compete in the National Junior Track Series. Angus will compete in a number of races on a velodrome and ride at speeds up to 60km per hour.

Good luck Angus!

**2018 ACT SCHOOLS
ROAD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2017, STROMLO FORREST PARK

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

STROMLO
FORREST PARK

USE ANY BIKE: MOUNTAIN BIKE, BMX, OR ROAD BIKE (SEPARATE CATEGORIES)
OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL AGES: PRIMARY, SECONDARY, COLLEGE STUDENTS
OPEN TO RIDERS OF ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE





Community News

Aranda and Cook Neighbourhood Watch Program Message

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is an association within the ACT Police Association.

We are responsible for all concerns in our community and we need as much help as we can get.

Our next meeting will be held at the Bolt Bar, Aranda Shops on 30 October at 7pm.

Most of our members have grown up children and it is now the turn of the next generation to get involved. We need a new modern approach to be used with social media as our future means of communication.

We need to keep our community and schools safe.

Thank you.

Adrian Kuffner

Aranda and Cook Neighbourhood Watch Program Co-ordinator

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Emergency Services Open Day on Sunday 28 October 2018 from 10am to 3pm

The Emergency Services Open Day provides an opportunity for the ACT community to learn how Emergency Services works. It is a day of family fun with the opportunity for people of all ages to sit in trucks, try out fire hoses, ride in a helicopter, tour the incident management facilities and learn about Emergency Services Agency operations. It is a family event filled with entertainment, food, skills demonstrations and hands on activities! This is an exciting day out for all ages where you can meet the people who keep our community safe and learn how you can take care of what matters most during an emergency. It's up to all of us to work together for a strong and resilient Canberra.

FREE entry and parking.

ACT Emergency Services Agency

9 Amberley Av Fairbairn Business Park Majura ACT






Community News



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Contact

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