Dear Aranda Community,

**Bikes for Aranda**

This year we have been fortunate enough to secure 14 bikes for Aranda Primary School. These are a combination of Mountain and BMX bikes. They will be used by the 5/6 children during school time. Teachers will focus on riding safely as well as riding for fitness. Last week instructors from Backbone BMX visited the school and shared their knowledge and skills with the Year 6 students. Students also had the opportunity to participate in riding workshops. Thank you to Alison Reid and the 5/6 teachers for their enthusiasm and organisation.

**P&C**

Our very hard working P&C have given the following funds to the school:

- $20,000 – Grounds maintenance
- $2,500 – Big Books and Shelving
- $2,500 – Teacher attendance at ALEA weekend Conference

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Parents Please note:

We have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in the Preschool and a Year 1 class this week.
We are very appreciative of this kind donation and thank our P&C and the community who support their fund raising endeavours.

**Board members**
This year our Board will consist of Richard Saberton, Pete Shaw, Rebecca Drew (parent representatives), Ian Harding (community representative), Phil Gray (Principal), Fiona Agostino and Penny Whitford (teacher representative). We welcome Fiona and Rebecca as new members this year.

**SRC Fundraiser**
This term the children have selected the Leukaemia Foundation and UNICEF as their charity this term. They will be hosting a ‘Pyjama Day’ next Thursday 9 April. Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas and if they can bring along a gold coin to donate, it would be much appreciated. These fundraising initiatives are very much driven by student voice. The students in SRC coordinate the decision making process and liaise between classes and the SRC. They also take responsibility for promoting the events within the school.

**School Cross Country Carnival**
Our school Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Week 1 next term. We offer a running club at school during lunchtimes to assist the children in gaining fitness. Thank you to Janine Collins who implemented this during 2014. Children who are keen to improve on their efforts from last year may also like to use the holidays to do some preparation.

**Belconnen Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all of the students who represented Aranda Primary School at the Belconnen Swimming carnival Last Friday. Anthony Watson and Zarina Williams attended the carnival to support and encourage the students. Both teachers commented on the positive attitude and comradery the children displayed on the day.

I wish you all a super relaxing extra-long Easter Weekend.

Regards

Kim McCormack
Deputy Principal

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**French**

All of our students in Year 3 to 6 now have access to the Language Perfect program and can familiarise themselves with this online language learning website. They have received a letter to explain how to access and use the program, if this goes missing they can come and see me for another one. Our first big competition, the World Championship will run from 18 May to 28 May. During these ten days, students will accumulate points against other students within the school, across the ACT, in Australia and in the world.

With Language Perfect, students can adapt the program to their level and differentiate their learning to meet their abilities and interests. They can challenge themselves with more difficult targets or consolidate their learning and get points for it. New students in Years 3, 4, 5, or 6, who have never done French before can also use Language Perfect as a way to catch up with basic vocabulary.

For those of you, parents and students, who would like extra French lessons, it is important to know that you can always and attend lessons at the Alliance Française, located in Turner. The Alliance Française is an international organization that aims to promote French language and culture around the world. The Alliance Française offers various classes for all levels and needs, and also has holiday programs.

Please go to [http://www.afcanberra.com.au/](http://www.afcanberra.com.au/) or come and see me, if you require more information.
Last weekend, the Alliance Française had an open day during which they also held the Francophonie Competition ceremony. I am very pleased to announce that Aranda was extremely successful with its entries as we came second in the P to 4 Hat Competition and also second in the Year 5/6 Poster Competition! We received a whole set of new French books that will be shared in class. Well done Aranda!

Madame Davies
French Teacher

P&C Matters
Our Canteen Survey
If you haven't yet responded then we really need your family's input to our canteen survey. We hope to consider the views of as broad a cross-section of our community as possible – so we want to hear from you, whether you use the canteen every day or once a year.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online at the link below, or return the paper copy which is being sent home with this week's notices.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5XFFXS9

Thank you for your support of the canteen.

Tiffany Bonasera
Aranda P&C Canteen Subcommittee

Aranda Music and Arts Program
Places are currently available in Continuing Music (Monday 3:00 to 4:00 pm for Year 1/2 students), 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 for 30 minute individual lessons in:

- piano on Monday at 5:15 pm
- piano and violin on Tuesday at 4:45 pm and 5:15 pm
- piano on Friday at 4:45 pm and 5:15 pm
- singing at 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

If anyone has questions about the program please contact your AMA coordinator or see the website at www.arandamusichprogram.org.

Tracey Martin
Aranda Music and Arts Program P&C Subcommittee

Library Shelf
Book Fair
Despite the low key approach we modestly successful book fair this year. To date we have raised just over $5,400.00. Our commission from these sales will be at least $1,000.00. If we take the commission as books, it will be even greater.

Naturally, the success of the book fair is due to you families who came and spent your money. There even seems to have been a few broken piggy banks given the amount of small change that has been taken in. We couldn't do without your support.

None of this would have worked so well without the parent volunteers who helped me in many ways. They went through the catalogue and offered title suggestions or they helped with the setting up, selling and taking down the fair. I need to thank Penny Kilgour, Vicki Buchbach, Helen Eronen, Nicole Roberts, Jane Quodling, Monica and Rohit Mago, Shagufta Naureen, Nicole Sheikh, Anastasia Bezos, Fiona Bray, Jane Desborough, Bosky Kothari, Natalie Drummond, Faraz Ali Shah, Anna Colwell, Letitia Kennedy, Lyndall Adams and Tanya Stone. I would also like to thank Brian Ireland for helping the delivery man haul the cases from the Front Office to the Resource Centre and then back again at the end of the fair.

Keep on Reading
Catherine Gilbert
Library Assistant
Afters News

School Vacation Care Program

Aranda Afters offers a varied School Vacation Care (SVC) program during ACT school vacation periods. The program includes centre-based activities, which occur at Aranda Primary School and excursions to local venues.

The SVC program operates from 8.30 am - 6.00 pm; Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays and our Christmas/New Year shut down period), during ACT school vacation periods.

Information about and booking forms for our upcoming SVC program in the April school vacation period, can be accessed on the "Our Programs" page of the Aranda Afters website. Please note we will also be operating a program on Monday April 27.

To visit the Aranda Afters website please use the following link: http://www.arandaafters.com

Please note: "early bird" bookings for the April SVC program close at 6.00 pm on Friday April 10.

Regards,
Paul Kells
Assistant Director
Aranda Afters Association Inc.

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.

Dear Aranda Primary School parents,
The Chinese program at St Vincent's school is a great option for your children's after school hours activities. It is offered Monday to Friday 3-6pm. Each day a teacher will collect students from Aranda primary school and walk them over to St Vincent's to join the program. Cost is only $12 per day and we offer Chinese learning as well as fun cultural activities.Enrolment for Term 2 is now open.

Please contact Xiaoli Lin via email: linxiaoli@hotmail.com, or mobile 0413 288 021 if you are interested.The Chinese program is run by the FCCCI Chinese School, a not-for-profit community based organisation. More information about the school is available at: http://www.fccchineseschool.act.edu.au/

www.belsouthsoccerclub.com.au

Registrations are open for the U6/7 and U8/9 girls competitions at Belsouth.

The girls play on Saturday mornings at Hawker every week against other Belsouth teams. The girls will have a soccer skill session followed by a game each week against other Belsouth teams.

The emphasis is on participation, having fun, and developing soccer skills as part of a team.

For more information on the girls season please visit http://belsouthsoccerclub.com.au/girls-under-6-under-9-on-the-field/

The Frequently Asked Questions link will provide answers to most questions for new players and their families http://belsouthsoccerclub.com.au/frequently-asked-questions/ .

2015 Sports Expo, National Hockey Centre – 15 to 16 April
Get Active Sport Soccer for Juniors, Weetangera Primary, starts 3 May
Hume’s Heyday Festival Cooma Cottage Yass – Saturday 18 April
Softball Talent Identification, Hawker International Softball Centre – 3 May to 3 June
Canberra Toy and Hobby Fair, Kaleen High School – 26 April
Lions Rugby online registration – season starts 2 May
West’s Junior Hockey Hook in 2 Hockey – Season begins Sunday, 3 May
Raiders Master Class at Raiders HQ – Thursday, 16 April
French and Spanish After School @ Aranda
For Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 to Year 6
We are starting classes in Term 2!
Choice of French or Spanish for Kids @ Aranda Scout Hall
Venue: Kubura Place, Aranda
Start Date/Time: 1 May 2015, Friday; 3.30p.m.
End Date/Time: 3 July 2015, Friday; 4.30p.m.
Fee: $170 per student (sibling discount applies)
The LCF Teachers will meet your child at Aranda School at 3p.m. and accompany them to Aranda Scout Hall.
For enrolment and information, contact Sarah Mak @0431252768 or sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au

RSPCA ACT will be running a series of education sessions over the school holidays for youngsters interested in learning more about animals.

Class 1: Introduction to Puppies
Learn about what is required when it comes to looking after a puppy. Try out your new skills by helping to socialise some of the puppies currently residing at the shelter. Make some toys and watch the puppies test them out.

Class 2: Puppy life skills
Come and learn how to teach a puppy some essential life skills. Make some interactive food puzzles and watch the puppies discover how they work.

Cost: $50 per child, per session
If you would like some more information or to make a booking, head over to:
http://www.rspca-act.org.au/node/2287

The Aranda App Codes

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.ed.act.edu before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before desired publication.