



Newsletter

Next Assembly

8 September	Junior 1PW 1DS
15 September	Senior 5/6
22 September	W/S 3MH/ED

Quote of the Week

"I have always felt that the true text book for the pupil is his teacher."

MOHANDIS K. GANDHI

Dates to Remember

13 September	ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
14 September	Kindy to Questacon and Arboretum
18 September	3/4 Sue Geh Girls Basketball Cup
18 September	3/4 Jamie Pearlman Boys Basketball Cup
21 September	Year 1 National Dinosaur Museum
28 October	School Fete

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

Writing Fair

Last week our staff presented at the Belconnen Network of schools Writing Fair. The fair was held to celebrate and share the amazing work that is being done in Belconnen schools around the teaching of writing. Aranda teachers have been working on developing an evidence based and whole school approach to the teaching and writing. This work has been part of the Aranda journey over the past two years and will continue into the future as we continue to reflect on and improve our practice.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Parent Information Evening on week 6. The discussions at tables were fantastic and we appreciate the valuable insights and feedback from those who attended. During the night, Phil shared information about the new transportable which is due to be ready for the 2018 school year, we celebrated the amazing learning opportunities our students have had so far this year, shared information about the intervention model at Aranda and shared our progress to date in preparing for the school review process in 2019.

Future of Education

You are invited to have an active role in the consultation regarding what we want and need education in the ACT to be and do. This conversation will draw together the current education reforms under one action plan that acknowledges enhanced equity as a constant focus.

Improving an education system is a never-ending process, and is informed by listening to everyone with an interest in making a good system even better. The Future of Education community conversations will bring together the diversity of views into a reference point for future planning.

This is a once in a decade opportunity to have a really close look at where we want to be, and what we need to do to get there – this will be a forward-looking discussion that will draw on a diversity of views to shape the future direction.

To contribute your ideas please visit - www.yoursay.act.gov.au

Children's Week 2017

To celebrate Children's Week 2017 we have asked Karen Telese to work with us on a new artwork for the school foyer. The artwork will be focused on student reflection and the themes of kindness and respect. Each class will work on an individual item that will contribute to the overall artwork. The artwork will be unveiled during Children's Week in Week 3 Term 4.

Notes Home

	Due Date
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots	11 Sept
Sue Geh 3/4 Girls Basketball Cup	11 Sept
Jamie Pearlman 3/4 Boys Basketball Cup	11 Sept
Year 1 Dinosaur Museum	15 Sept
Voluntary Contributions Preschool	Info Only
Voluntary Contributions Kindergarten - Year 6	Info Only



Important Messages

2018 Preschool and Kindergarten Information Evening

There will be an information evening for all Preschool and Kindergarten students beginning at Aranda in 2018. It will be held on Thursday, 19 October 2017 in the school hall commencing at 5:00pm. Information packs for new students will be available to collect at this session. Information about After School care, school uniforms and school banking will also be available. Hope to see our new families there.

2018 Grandfriends Day

Place this date in your calendars now. Grandfriends Day in 2018 will be held on 14 September at 11am.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs and all nuts.

Newsletter Submissions

A friendly reminder that if you wish to submit an item for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter it must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 5pm on the Tuesday of newsletter week. We would also like to extend thanks to everyone who provided such wonderful feedback on the new newsletter layout.

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Stopping on nature strips

The ACT Government has advised our school that they are aware of poor driving and parking behaviours around the school and there will be an enforcement presence if this behaviour continues over the coming weeks.

Following the improvements to increase children safety in the car park off Banaga Place, the ACT Government has noticed some cars parking on the nature strip near the entrance to the car park. Under the [Australian Road Rules](#), drivers **must not stop on a nature strip** adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area.

The school has been informed that this behaviour is dangerous, particularly with children crossing to enter or exit the school. ACT Policing has been advised and will visit the school to provide enforcement at any time without announcement resources permitting.

A great way to improve safety around the school is to decrease the number of cars on the road, particularly during the peak times. Our school is part of the [Ride or Walk to School program](#) and we encourage children to walk or ride to school. Not only will it help to reduce congestion and improve safety, it will also provide health benefits for the children.

If you need to drive your children to school, please obey the road rules and be polite and respectful to other drivers.

Driving and parking behaviours

The roads around Aranda Primary School, like all schools, can become busy and at times congested during the peak times. However illegal car parking and unsafe driving behaviours will not be tolerated as it creates an unsafe environment for children.

Our school is fortunate to have good parking options around the school. Please ensure you park in dedicated parking spaces to ensure the traffic can continue to flow around the school and to help protect the safety of the children.

Another alternative is to park a little further from the school and walk to meet your child, or arrange a meeting point with your child so they can walk to meet you. It's not only a great way to avoid the congestion and illegal parking, it is also one of the most time efficient ways to ensure children receive the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Did you know we are part of the [Ride or Walk to School program](#)? Spring is the perfect time to start a new routine, so encourage your children enjoy the outdoors and the warmer weather by walking or riding to school.

Some important things to remember:

Parking on or near children's crossings is dangerous; it makes it difficult for passing motorists to see children

Cars should not stop in the middle of the road to collect children; it is unsafe for the children and creates unnecessary congestion

Parking on the verges and gutters is dangerous; children shouldn't need to pass between cars to cross the road.

Please help to make our school environment safe for the children.



Walk and Ride to School Day

On 15 September, Aranda Primary will be holding it's Spring Walk to School Day. It's a fun way for students and teachers to practise safe methods of travelling to school. Students will be walking from; Little Oink in Cook, Wangara Street in Aranda and Goldsworthy Place in Bruce. A note has already been sent home and needs to be returned by Monday, 11 September. Let's all get involved and support this awesome community event!

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Scott Pearce
Executive Teacher

Board Members

Board Chair	Don Lowe
Deputy Chair	Richard Saberton
Parent Reps	Troy Heland
Staff Reps	Janine Collins Anastasia O'Donnell
Appointed Member	Ian Harding

Contact the School Board via
info@arandaps.act.edu.au



From the Intervention / Extension Team

Intervention at Aranda Primary

Intervention at Aranda involves working with students who are working below expected level as well as students who are requiring extension and enrichment. We are very fortunate to be able to provide a wide range of programs. We currently have a number of teachers working with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in our Intervention program. These teachers work in close consultation with classroom teachers to share information and to focus on specific areas of need.

Alison Reid – MiniLit (Years 1 and 2)

Holly Edney – Mini Lit (Kindergarten)

Myriam Davies – MiniLit (Years 1 and 2)

Melissa Alexander – Writing intervention (Years 5 and 6)

Caitlin Jones – Small group literacy support (Year 1)

Dani Rolfe – Extension reading small groups (Kindergarten/Year 1)

Bobbi Smith – Extension writing groups (Kinder-Year 6)

Bob Bannister – Macqlit (Year 4), STEM extension groups

Phil Gray – Philosophy group (Years 5 and 6)

Scott Pearce – Small group support (Year 3)

Robyn Boric – STAR program with students in Year 2

Penny Firth – STAR program with students from Years 2 and 3

Sandra Kelly – EAL/D – working with students from Kindergarten to Year 6

Lauren Jarvis – EAL/D – working with students in Years 1 and 4

Tanya Ford – Extension and small group Maths support (Years 2 to 6)

Susan Ford – Extension and Small group Maths support (Kindergarten-Year 6)

Pam Daly – Da Vinci Decathlon coordinator (Year 5/6)



TYPES OF INTERVENTION OFFERED AT ARANDA

This year we are able to offer students targeted support through our intervention program. We currently run:

STAR reading - 1:1 reading program (30 min session x 3 times per week)

MiniLit/MacqLit – intensive, systematic small group reading program

Maths – individual and small group intervention, targeting specific needs

Literacy – in-class support, small group intervention, targeting specific needs

Writing extension groups

HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE WE WORKED WITH THIS YEAR?

In Literacy intervention and extension we have worked with **201** students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

In Maths intervention and extension we have worked with **225** students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Numeracy Week Activities

Last week saw students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in a number of maths activities and challenges for Numeracy Week. The junior school participated in a maths 'Treasure Hunt' while the senior school participated in an 'Amazing Race'. It was great to see our students' enthusiasm, cooperative group work, discussing ideas and persisting to complete a range of tasks. Enjoy looking at our students hard at work.

Maths Team





Parents & Citizens Association



Aranda P&C Association

President	Petra Cole
Vice President	Holly Brocklebank
Secretary	Heather Clark
Public Officer	Jim Gilchrist
Treasurer	Michael Wright
P&C Association	Xiaoyan Lu

Subcommittees

Uniform Shop	Tara Munro-Mobbs
Canteen	Chris Panton
Music and Arts	Kate Burmester
School Banking	Natalie Drummond and Sarah Wojtaszak
Class Reps	Paula Banks
Fete Coordinator	Karolyn Carmody

Contact the P&C Association via arandapandc@gmail.com

Aranda Primary Twilight Fete 2017

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Saturday 28th October from 3-7pm

ONLY 7 WEEKS TO GO...

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the Fete. Couldn't do it without you!

Volunteer Rosters - Stall rosters for parents, carers and year 5/6 students, will be placed outside classrooms next week. Please consider volunteering some time to support the Fete. Many hands really do make light work!!
Note: Permission notes for student volunteers will be sent home early next term.

Second Hand Donations - The Fete needs you (and your unwanted stuff!). We'd love donations of sporting goods, books, kid's dress-up costumes, toys and games. And don't forget the 'Vintage Stall'. Donations of clothing, handbags, jewellery, shoes and scarves all welcome (fancy items only please).

Donations should be left at the red shipping container (just above the teacher's carpark) every **Monday** and **Friday** between **8.30 - 9am**.

Note: Please do not drop-off donations outside of these times.

Fete Donation Day

Our first (of two) fete donation days will be held in week 10. Details to follow next week, via class reps emails and a note home.

ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE - SILENT AUCTION

Help us make our auction a success!!!

The 2015 Fete raised more than \$9000 from the Silent Auction alone. This year we are aiming for even more – but we need your help! To reach our target, we are seeking more donations from within the school community.

This could include:

vouchers for services or goods from your own business, or a donation of your time or skills.

For example, in 2015 a 5hr voucher for babysitting sold for \$100 and a 2hr gardening voucher raised \$80.

Thanks to those parents and carers who have already donated their skills and time to this year's Silent Auction.

If interested in helping, please email arandapssilentauction@gmail.com

Thanks from your Silent Auction Coordinators, Belinda, Fiona and Larissa





Aranda Music and Arts Program

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):

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Recorder	Tuesday 5.15pm
Guitar	Tuesday 5.15pm Thursday 5.15pm
Piano	Tuesday 5.15pm
Violin	Tuesday 5.15pm

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.



Community Information



Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon **MAKER PROJECT**

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 3, 4 and 5 October.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Tennis Canberra is hosting **FREE** Junior Tennis Hot Shots community sessions at 8 venues in Canberra. These sessions will take place in weeks 9 & 10 (Term 3) and Week 1 (Term 4). We ask if you can help us by placing this information in your upcoming newsletters.

FREE Junior Tennis Community Hot Shots (Ages 7-16) - Learn a sport you can play for life!

Host Venues: Gungahlin College, Merci College (Braddon), Old Parliament House Tennis Club**, Majura Tennis Club, Turner Tennis Club, Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong), Reid Tennis Club & Barton Tennis Club

Spots are limited. To RSVP to the free Hot Shots session www.tenniscanberra.com.au/schools

For more information about the spring coaching season (ages 4-16) & Holiday Programs** visit www.tenniscanberra.com.au/coaching

Alternatively you can email play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call 0416 186 121.





Holiday Tennis Program – Special exclusive offer

Week 1 26th-29th September (Tuesday – Friday)

Week 2 3rd-6th October (Tuesday – Friday)

8:30am – 12:00pm \$20 per day, when you book for a full 4 day week receive a free brand new kids tennis racquet

This offer is exclusive to year 3 to year 6 kids attending primary schools in the Belconnen area and current BTC customers. The number of positions is capped at 32 students for each week and the offer will be going out to over 250 students so bookings are essential. If you are interested in your child taking part please email me at the address below with the following details;

Your Full Name:

Your Childs Full Name and Year of Birth:

The name of the school your child attends:

Your mobile number and email address:

Preferred dates:

Once I have this email I will produce an invoice, payment of invoice is necessary to secure booking. Usually these are reasonably priced at \$40 per half day without the free racquet offer, so I expect these places fill by the end of term.

All enquiries to Jeff Gray at the email address below;

tennis@btccoaching.com