



Newsletter

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Next Assembly

11 August	W/S	SRC
18 August	Junior	KJK/KJK
25 August	No Assembly	

Dates to Remember

14 August	Year 3/4 Tennis Gala Day
14 - 25 August	Year 1 Swimming
16 August	Science Fair
21 - 25 August	Book Week
22 August	Community Information Session
22 August	Belconnen Track and Field Carnival
25 August	Year 5/6 Forensic Science Workshop
28 August	Jamie Pearlman 5/6 Boys Basketball
28 August - 1 September	Literacy and Numeracy Week
4 September	Sue Geh 5/6 Girls Basketball
5 September	Franklin (ECS) Concert Year 6 Band and Senior Choir
28 October	School Fete

Notes Home

	Due Date
Science Fair	Info Only
Calendar Art	16 August
Jamie Pearlman Year 5/6 Boys Basketball	23 August
Sue Geh Year 5/6 Girls Basketball	28 August
Franklin (ECS) Concert Year 6 Band and Senior Choir	29 August
Voluntary Contributions Preschool	Info Only
Voluntary Contributions Kindergarten - Year 6	Info Only

Quote of the Week

"It's such a wonderful feeling to watch a child discover threading is a marvellous adventure rather than a chore."

ZILPHA KEATLEY SNYDER

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School Community,

It is amazing to think we are almost half way through the term. There are many events happening over the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for notes coming home as well as referring to our term planner.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

In Week 7 the students at Aranda will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. Students will participate in a number of different Numeracy activities throughout the week. The main Literacy event during this week will be the Just 50 Words Assembly and the Dress up Parade. Our Just 50 Words Assembly will be held on Thursday, 31 August. The Dress up Parade will be held from **9:00-10:00am on Wednesday 30 August**. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. This is an event that we all look forward to at Aranda!

Hats On

Please remember that the children are required to wear a sunsmart hat from Tuesday, 1 August. Beanies are still able to be worn underneath a school sunsmart hat. Please label all clothing so we can endeavour to return it to the rightful owner. Our lost property is located near the canteen and parents are able to access it at any time.

Early to School

Please ensure that children are not arriving to school earlier than 8:40am (unless for Junior Choir on a Tuesday or Running Club on a Friday). ***There is a teacher on duty from 8:40am.*** Lately there have been a lot of children arriving to school as early as 8:00am. This is far too early and these children have to wait outside in the cold for up to an hour before school begins at 9:00am.



Important Messages

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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Science Fair

The Science Fair entries are due to Bobbi Smith by Monday, 14 August and our Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, 16 August. The Hall and Gym will be set up with individual entries and whole class entries. The Science Fair will be open to our community from 6:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, 16 August. Please come and join us to be wowed by these amazing projects.

School Satisfaction Survey

Every family should have received an email about the School Satisfaction Survey. This survey is extremely important. It provides us with information that helps us with our planning for the following year. Please take the time to fill out the survey.

Banaga Place Car Park

Many of you are aware of some recent changes to the bottom carpark adjacent to the Aranda playing fields. The concrete bollards have been removed and new lines have been marked. Additional signs have been erected asking road users to park front to the curb. Unfortunately these changes have resulted in the deletion of the pedestrian pathway along the side of the carpark. Our students rely on this path to travel safely to and from school and we are working with the Directorate and Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to either have the path reinstalled or to have an alternative walkway created.

We have no influence over policy involving this road and car park. This is the responsibility of TCCS. Please trust that we are working closely with the Directorate and TCCS to develop a timely solution that has the safety of our students as the priority. We ask that you exercise extreme caution when using the bottom carpark as these changes take place.

Intention for 2018

Planning is well under way for 2018. As part of this process it is essential that we know intentions for next year. A note was sent home earlier this term asking for families to provide information about whether their child/children will be attending Aranda Primary in 2018. Please return this information to the front office as soon as possible.

Have a great week,

Alison Reid

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

School Board Report

New Classrooms

On Tuesday, 25 July, members of school staff, board and P&C inspected an example of the proposed demountable classrooms at the Neville Bonner Primary School. We were hosted by John Nakkan from the Education Directorate and the Principal of the school, Fran Dawning. The group was impressed with the amenity and flexibility offered by the temporary classrooms. The intention is for construction to be completed in time for the 2018 school year. School representatives will provide input into the final design in the near future. People will be available to answer questions at the next information night to be held on Tuesday, 22 August.



From the Psychologist

Learning Potential Website

A government website for parents to engage with their child and their child's learning.

"Want to help your child with their learning?"

If you're looking for tips and ideas to help you nurture your child's potential, you've come to the right place. Learning Potential has hundreds of articles on all aspects of your child's learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time.."

<http://www.learningpotential.edu.au>

Well-being for all age groups:

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/category/wellbeing>

Shireen Manocha

School Psychologist



Digital Technology Results

UNSW COMPETITIONS

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES-

Congratulations to the 63 students who participated in the UNSW Digital Technologies Competition. We achieved 10 Distinctions, 24 Credits, 2 Merit and 27 Participations. The following students achieved the results below:

Distinctions – Elye Dent, Tegan Imre, Riley McCormack, Ellie Twycross, Benjamin Wang, Felix Rohl, Charlotte Stockings, Sermud Syed, Ravi Steggel, Elias Stewart.

Credits – Toby Gosling-Dunlop, Zara Hungerford, Bryn Jones, Estella Long, Naveed Platzten, Harry South, Adam Uren, Brianna Wright, Emma King, Andie Bonasera, Natalie Iles-Buchbach, Francis Kennedy, Joel Kennedy, Eleanor Magee, Thomas Maniatis, Isabel South, Amanda Uren, Axel Wade, Luke Wang, Keely Balind, Sophia Long, Patrick McClusky, Shaurya Rawat, Seby Wade.

Merit – Maija Havu, Alexandra Lowe.

Participations – Henrik Angeltveit, Joseph Dunkley, Joseph Eronen, Thomas Greig, Liam Inwood, Logchayaa Kantharajah, Arad Mirarabshahi, Charlotte Agarwal, Nicholas Carroll, Sebastien Graham, Dinendra Herath, Ella Hogg, Price Magero, Arabella Masters, Desiree Shi, Annie Wang, Kevin Ying, Sharon Chen, Tarinya Hannedege, Musab Khan, Amaiya Latif, Dunyasha Ratnayake, Angus Steadman, Tasman Woolley, Alex Graham, Princess Kisakye, Fraser Li.

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

SCIENCE COMPETITION-

63 students participated in the UNSW Science Competition. We achieved 3 High Distinctions, 9 Distinctions, 14 Credits and 8 Merits and 29 Participations. The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinctions – Toby Gosling-Dunlop, Riley McCormack, Oliver Sheikh.

Distinctions – Joseph Eronen, Thomas Greig, Naveed Platzten, Elodie Wade, James Colwell, Eleanor Magee, Axel Wade, Alexandra Lowe, Patrick McClusky.

Credits – Mia Alamgir, Elye Dent, Benjamin Wang, Bryn Jones, Harry South, Brianna Wright, Natalie Iles-Buchbach, Francis Kennedy, Joel Kennedy, Liam Niven, Sermud Syed, Luke Wang, Kevin Cai, Ravi Steggel.

Merits – Henrik Angeltveit, Dinendra Herath, Ella Hogg, Arabella Masters, Kevin Ying, Isabel South, Keely Balind, Alex Graham.

Participations- Joseph Dunkley, Ayansa Gamage, Zara Hungerford, Tegan Imre, Logchayaa Kantharajah, Cate Minihan, Arad Mirarabshahi, Aster Roarty, Adam Uren, Max Edvardsson, Sebastien Graham, Maija Havu, Price Magero, Desiree Shi, Sharon Chen, Tarinya Hannedege, Musab Khan, Dunyasha Ratnayake, Angus Steadman, Charlotte Stockings, Amanda Uren, Cooper Wilson, Tasman Woolley, Remy Zwick, Princess Kisakye, Tina Ma, Arun Arunima Puthuparampil, Shaurya Rawat, Elias Stewart.

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

Melinda Hill
Competition Coordinator



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

Parents & Citizens Association



Aranda Primary Twilight Fete '17

Saturday 28th October from 3-7pm

Plans for our biggest fundraiser of the year are well under way. It is shaping up to be a fantastic day with fabulous craft, books, kids art, rides, petting zoo, entertainment and great food.

Start your spring clean early, as we'll be asking for donations of books, toys, vintage items and empty jars very soon.

Our popular stalls are back with some great new additions in the mix. To round out our fabulous team of stall coordinators we are still looking for the following:

1 coordinator (or a pair) from the preschool for our Toy Stall.

1 coordinator for our Jam Stall.

Helpers to provide support to the fete convenor in the month leading up to the fete.

Please email us to offer your support: arandafete@gmail.com

From your Fete Coordinator Karolyn Carmody

The 2017 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey

The 2017 School Satisfaction and Climate Surveys will be conducted this term.

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) are being asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. An email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report.

Bob Banister

Executive Teacher



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	Tuesdays 5.15pm
Guitar	Tuesday 5.15pm Thursday 4.45pm and 5.15pm
Piano	Tuesdays 5.15pm Wednesday 4.45pm Thursdays – 3.15pm, 3.45pm, 4.15pm, 4.45pm & 5.15pm Friday 4.45pm
Violin	Tuesday 4.15pm

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 Announcement

Community Consultation Process – Student Welfare Policy

We are in the process of updating our Student Welfare Policy and are seeking community input. The draft policy can be found on the website under the Latest News Section http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/Whats_Happening. We invite you to provide feedback or comment on the policy by emailing the school at info@arandaps.act.edu.au.



Fresh Tastes

Aranda Primary School has been a proud participant in the ACT Government's 'Fresh Tastes' initiative which has helped schools make healthy food and drinks a bigger part of everyday life for Canberra kids for the past two years. There is a small group of dedicated teaching staff and community members that make up the Fresh Tastes action group who make decisions about the best ways to make this happen for our students.

So far, our journey has included all teaching staff having undergone professional development to ensure a linear Health program of teaching and learning, that is directly linked to the outcomes in the Australian Curriculum. The program is called Food&Me and is based on healthy eating choices and aims to educate students about the effects of food and drink on their bodies. Beyond this, it is with great pleasure that we are proud to announce that Aranda Primary School has made an amazing partnership with the University of Canberra to support the Fresh Tastes initiative.

This partnership will involve Occupational Therapy students visiting our children to support them and the teachers. This support will include the students being in the classroom during the 'Cooking Food unit' of Fresh Tastes. Most importantly the students have agreed to drive the reproduction and building of our garden which is the main focus of the unit, 'Growing Food'. None of this could have been possible without the extra hard work done by our wonderful parent representative in the action group, Cathy Agarwal-Knight.

A massive thank you for all of Cathy's work and we are very excited to get started.

Anastasia O'Donnell

Fresh Tastes Coordinator



Community Information

Lifeline Canberra Bookfair: 8 - 10 September 2017

Lose yourself at Canberra's biggest Bookfair!

Join Lifeline Canberra for the September Bookfair and check out the huge range of books, movies, music, games, comics and more, at the usual low prices.

Held over three huge days from Friday, 8 September to Sunday, 19 September at Exhibition Park.

Special guests, Ray Martin AM and Allan Sparkes CV OAM, will be at the Bookfair on Saturday doing book readings throughout the day.

Entry is by gold coin donation. For more information, including opening hours, please visit Lifeline Canberra's website - www.act.lifeline.org.au/item/bookfair

Canberra/Broulee Nippers
Register now!

Broulee Surf Life Saving Club are coming back to Canberra for the 2017/18 season. Kids aged 7-13 will learn vital surf safety and lifesaving skills.

The season kicks off in late October to late March, Sundays 10am to 12pm at Canberra Olympic Pool. The season will include a mandatory weekend each month at Broulee.

**REGISTRATIONS
CLOSE Thursday 31
August, 2017**

Find out more or ask for a registration form via canberranippers@gmail.com



Junior First Aid



Would your child know what to do if they cut themselves and were bleeding?

Does your child know the number to ring to save a life in an emergency?

First Aid Skills Are Life Skills

St John Ambulance believes in empowering our children and youth to be capable in first aid situations.

Junior First Aid is a course designed specifically for 8 to 13 year olds to build their confidence and skills in dealing with first aid situations.

The course includes:

- Good first aiders
- Calling 000
- DRSABCD incl CPR
- Shock and Fainting
- Bleeding
- Burns
- Eye injuries
- Use of Ice
- Sprains
- Fractures
- Bites and Stings
- Heat Illness

...and class participation, demonstration and practice of skills as well as some fun and games.



Affordable One Day Courses in School Holidays: 9am to 4pm*

Perfect for Cub, Scout and Guide achievement badges

Students should wear suitable clothing for practising first aid, including on the floor, and bring a packed lunch, hat and a water bottle. Parental permission will be required.

Please see our website or contact our customer service staff for further details or to make a booking

* Course content finishes by 4pm, supervision provided to 5pm.

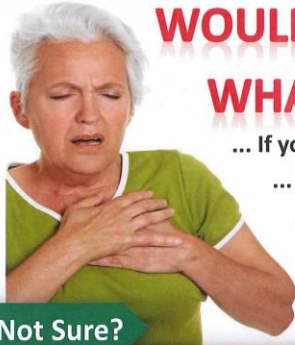
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We aim for at least one person educated, equipped & prepared to provide First Aid in every home, workplace & public gathering.

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Project Resilience



WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO...

- ... If your husband collapsed in front of you?
- ... If your mate started slurring his speech?
- ... If your wife was choking on her lunch?
- ... If your grandchild couldn't breathe?
- ... If you had crushing chest pain?
- ... If your hand was badly burnt?

Not Sure?

Come learn for FREE at St John ACT

St John ACT is proud to present two free presentations to help build the resilience of the Canberra community. These relaxed and informative 1.5 hr presentations, delivered by St John volunteers, are targeted at active retirees, seniors and their families. The two topics will be repeated at different times throughout the year.

All presentations held at
14 Thesiger Court Deakin*

1. What if the worst happens? - CPR, Defibrillation, Choking	2. Medical Emergencies - Heart attack, stroke, burns, anaphylaxis, asthma
Wednesday February 22, 10:00am	Wednesday March 29, 10:00am
Thursday April 27, 7:00pm	Thursday May 25, 7:00pm
Wednesday June 28, 2:00pm	Wednesday July 26, 2:00pm
Saturday August 26, 2:00pm	Saturday September 16, 2:00pm
Tuesday October 24, 7:00pm	Tuesday November 21, 7:00pm

Seniors Week Special Combination - CPR, Defibrillation, Heart attack, Stroke

Wednesday March 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

RSVP: admin@stjohnact.com.au or 6282 2399

If you have a group of 10 or more we can arrange a private session (1.5-2hrs) on CPR, Defibrillation, Heart Attack and Stroke at your location or ours.

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*Unfortunately this training is up a flight of stairs