



Newsletter

Issue 4

9 March 2017

Next Assembly

10 Mar	No Assembly
17 Mar	Whole School

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
13 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
14-15 Mar	Year 3 Camp
17 Mar	Preschool Photos (Th/Fri Group)
20 Mar	Preschool Photos (Mon/Tue Group)
22 Mar	Reptile Zoo Preschool (Th/Fri RD Group)
21 Mar	Harmony Day
22-24 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp
27-29 Mar	Year 4 Camp
27 Mar	Year 5/6 Financial Literacy Workshop

Notes Home

	Due Date
Year 4 Camp	10 March
Preschool Photos	10 March
Bebras Years 3/4	17 March
Australian Maths Competition	17 March
UNSW Competitions	17 March
Yr 2 Aqua Safe	17 March
Reptile Zoo Preschool	17 March
Community Info Night	NONE
Year 3 Camp	NONE
Reminder	
Belconnen Swimming Carnival	22 March
North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival	22 March
Larry Brandy Aboriginal Story Telling	24 March
Jump Rope for Heart	7 April
Chief Ministers Reading Challenge	None
Junior Choir	ASAP
Senior Choir	ASAP
Medical Info & Consent Form	ASAP
Student Checklist	ASAP

Quote of the Week

“The value of an education lies in the struggle to get it. Do too much for people, and they will do nothing for themselves.”

ELBERT HUBBARD

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Extension Ensembles

Hearty congratulations to those Aranda students who have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2017. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. These ensembles are directed and administered by the Instrumental Music Program.

The ensembles will perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year. Some groups also participate in interstate and overseas tours.

The following are some of the Aranda students selected for the ACT Primary Concert Band:

Annika Connelly-Hansen	Alexandra Lowe
Ruby Dahl	Rose Mether
Zoe Harris	Layla Platzen
Imogen Lang	Jenna Sampson
Fraser Li	Sebastian Wade
Sophia Long	

Further, Dichong Mo was selected for the ACT Primary Concert Choir.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21 March our harmony day will commence with an EALD breakfast, by invitation. Later in the day classes will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate the occasion. We are interested in hearing from any family members and carers who are able to come in to talk to classes about their family background, cultures and customs. Please contact Sandra Kelly (photo below), EALD teacher, if you would enjoy participating.





Important Messages

Harmony Day – Special Lunch

The Term 1 Canteen Special Lunch on Friday, 17 March will be an early celebration of Harmony Day. Details and orders through Flexischool or contact the Canteen Manager to make alternative payment arrangements.

A friendly reminder

Please fill in the Harmony Day Expression of Interest form if you are able to come in and speak to your child's class about your country/language/culture/background on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The note can be found by following the link to the school notes page located on the home page of our Aranda Primary website.

This is hoped to be a fun and informal way of sharing family backgrounds and customs as we highlight and acknowledge the rich diversity within each of our classrooms.

For more information please contact Sandra Kelly.

A Message from G Force

The G Force have noticed that there are a lot of people throwing away the reusable containers that you get with the spaghetti from the canteen. If your family is interested in free reusable containers, please take them home! The other issue we are having is that there are lots of people throwing the paper bags from the canteen in the rubbish bin but they belong in the recycling bin so we ask you to make better choices when you throw things away.

Finally, this Friday, we will be running our Clean-Up Australia activity in the morning, as we don't have any assembly this week. Please come prepared with gloves.

Lily Vogt
For the G-Force

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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Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Aranda Primary will once again participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a great opportunity to put the spotlight on reading for enjoyment and we encourage all children to participate. Students in the early years will have received a Challenge Record Sheet today to help them keep track of at least 15 books that they read at home. Staff will also record the books read in class. Students in Year 4-6 will be recording the books they've read electronically and submitting the Google Doc at the end of the Challenge (8 September). We hope you can join us in encouraging some reading at home!

Parking and Pickup



There has been some concern regarding the designated Pick Up and Set Down Only zones around the school. The following has been lifted from the ACT Parking Infringement Guide:

Stopping in a 'No Parking' zone is only permitted for picking up or dropping off passengers and/or goods. A motorist must not leave a vehicle unattended in a 'No Parking' zone and can remain there for a maximum of two minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Leaving a vehicle unattended means being three metres or more away from it.

These zones are put in place to maintain the safe flow of traffic, especially immediately before and after school, to provide high turnover 'pick up, set down' places, and to prevent motorists from causing congestion on suburban streets. Please do not use No Parking zones if you are intending to leave your car. Doing so puts others at risk.

Cyber Safety Tips for Parents and Families

Aranda is at the forefront of the integration of new technologies into classrooms. Our students constantly surprise us with how adept they are with technology. It is important that we keep them safe online. Parents and carers can help their children make smart choices about what they find online.

To help your children protect themselves you can:

- Spend time online with your children and check out sites together.
- Help your children use the Internet as an effective research tool.
- Learn what young people learn – you need to know about chatting, blogging, message boards, Youtube and social networking.
- Make your child aware of stranger danger, particularly in chat rooms.
- Talk to your children about their online experiences both good and bad.
- Teach your children about dealing with disturbing material and quitting sites. Teach your children that information on the web is not always reliable.

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Cyber Safety Tips for Parents and Families continued

- Encourage children to treat others on the net the same way they would in real life.
- Know the best ways of avoiding spam and using filters, labels and safe zones.
- Encourage your children to be careful about giving out personal details on the internet.
- Supervision at home
- Place your home computer in a public area of your home, perhaps in the room the family spends most time in and not in the child's bedroom.
- Talk through internet use with your child and set some boundaries for computer use. Maybe the time of day they are allowed on the internet, how long they spend online, and what happens if they don't follow the guidelines.
- Supervise your child when they are working online and remind them about sticking to the agreed guidelines.
- Let your child know you are around when they are working online with some occasional "shoulder-surfing".
- Stay informed about who your child is communicating with online. Always supervise them when in chatrooms and never allow them to meet up with new online friends without your knowledge.

Most of all, encourage your child to participate in different activities like sports, dancing, even playing outside – and not to be always on the computer, texting or using other communication technology.

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, ask them to show you their Google Classroom and share their username and password. Not only will you be helping to keep your child safe, you will also be able to see some of what they are doing at school.



Vandalism

After hours damage to school property over the last few weeks has taken thousands of dollars away from your children's education. The cost of repair and replacement of bubblers, bins, garden pipes and other vandalised property comes directly from Aranda school funds. It is money we would otherwise use for educational programs.

We rely on our school community to help us prevent vandalism. If you see people around the school after hours, please let the police know.

Bebras - Corrected date

The 2017 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (www.bebras.edu.au) is part of an international initiative whose goal is to promote computational thinking amongst students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. The Challenge is delivered online and the first two sessions for this year will be held in March. The correct dates are:

Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday 14 March 2017 10:00am (please note change of date)

Years 3 and 4 - Monday 20 March 2017 10:00am



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Board Members

Board Chair	Rebecca Drew
Deputy Chair	Richard Saberton
Parent Reps	Donald Lowe
Staff Reps	Janine Collins Fiona Agostino
Appointed Member	Ian Harding

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

School Board Report

The elections for the 2017 Board are now complete. Results of the election are expected to be published towards the end of March 2017.

We will make any further announcements regarding the School Board via this section of the newsletter.

Report from Year 2

On Thursday afternoons this semester Year 2 students are working through a rotation of activities in the following areas: Design Technology, Drama, Dance and Fundamental Movement Skills.

In Design

Technology we were faced with the task of building a boat for 'Max' (from Where the Wild Things Are) to travel in. Our boat needed to meet specific criteria to be suitable for the task. We designed a boat; listed materials required and then proceeded to create our designs! Last week we tested them and are pleased to report Max arrived safe and dry!



In Dance

We have been having a lot of fun moving our bodies in many different ways. We viewed two different types of dances The Scottish Ballet and an Australian Tjapukai Aboriginal dance, where we then made comparisons between the types of movement, music and costumes. While continuing to look at the elements of dance such as space, time, dynamics and relationships, and considering how to incorporate some of these aspects into our own dance sequences.



In PE

We are developing our fundamental movement skills with a focus on running, jumping, skipping and leaping. We are looking at correct techniques and how they improve our skills, such as keeping backs straight, knees bent and swinging our arms to get power and distance when jumping. We are having so much fun practicing these skills in relay competitions.





Year 2 Continued

In Drama

The students have been enjoying the opportunity to explore different emotions through role play activities. These budding actors and actresses have made good use of some interesting props as well as their own facial expressions, voices and movement to entertain and present various situations.



We are all excited and looking forward to the commencement of the Aqua Safe school program with the Royal Life Saving ACT in weeks 9 and 10. If you haven't booked your child in to the program yet please do so as soon as possible.

Aranda P&C Association

President	Petra Cole
Vice President	Holly Brocklebank
Secretary	Heather Clarke
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

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

Parents & Citizens Association Report

P&C Meeting – 7pm, Wednesday 22 March

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 22 March at 7pm in the school's small meeting room. All are welcome.

If you're unable to come but do have something you'd like discussed please email arandapandc@gmail.com and we'll make sure it gets added to the agenda.

We'll be discussing areas of interest to the whole school community and it will also be an opportunity to ask Phil a question on any topic – great for those unable to attend the community information night on the 7th - hope to see you there!

Calling all auditors!!

Are you an auditor? Would you be happy to help the Aranda P&C by volunteering your time? The Aranda P&C is looking for assistance from an auditor to audit the committee accounts. This will be a significant contribution – the last time this service was costed it was estimated to be at least \$2000. Please get in touch if you are willing and available to help out: secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com

Harmony Day

Nachos!

The Term 1 Canteen Special Lunch on Friday, 17 March will be an early celebration of Harmony Day!

Beef or Vegetarian Nachos and a Zooper Dooper are on the menu for \$7.00. Lunch includes beef chilli con carne or tomato salsa served with corn chips and salad. A gluten-free option is available. Ordering via Flexischools will not be available until 28 February 2017. Please be sure to order via Flexischools by midnight on Thursday, 9 March.

Special lunches are an important fundraising opportunity for our Canteen, which relies on the support of the school community to operate. Volunteering on the day is also a great way to help, and a fun way of being involved in school life. Please drop in and see Natalie or Rob at the Canteen from Wednesday to Friday if you can help prepare or serve lunches on Friday 17 March from 10am. It's definitely a case of the more the merrier!



Parents & Citizens Association Report Continued

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

The Class Parent Representative Program is now underway, passing on useful information and connecting families. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a class parent rep for 2017.

We are still looking for reps for KJB, KJW, 1AO, 1RL, 2JD, 4LLD, 5/6PD and one Preschool class (the one that isn't Joeys or Lemurs). If you'd like to nominate yourself, please email classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com.

If your class has a rep, but you haven't heard from them yet, they may not have your correct email address. Please send an email to classrepsarandapandc@gmail.com and we will put you in touch.

ARANDA 2017 TRIVIA NIGHT – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear Parents, Friends and Staff,

Do you want to go to exotic places, experience life-changing moments and do heart-stopping activities? Well stop reading now as this is not that type of thing! However, if you want to help organise an entertaining community evening, have fun with lots of other people and raise some money for Aranda Primary, then have we got a deal for you! We are looking for a few **volunteers to help with planning and running a Trivia Night** so for no pay but moderate hours and huge job satisfaction, you too can be involved in the organising committee. If interested, **please contact us at arandapcvc@gmail.com**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Aranda Primary 2017 Trivia Night Organising Committee



Aranda Music and Arts Program

Important

Please use the sliding doors at the front office to drop off and collect your child from their music and arts lessons. 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. 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.

Enrolments closed for group lessons in art, drama and introduction to music

Please note that due to long waiting list for art, drama and introduction to music we are no longer taking enrolments for these subjects.

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies for individual lessons (30 minute lessons):

Instrument	Day/Time of Vacancy
Recorder	Fridays 5.15pm
Guitar	Thursday 4.15pm, 4.45pm and 5.15pm
Piano	Monday 4.45pm or 5.15pm Tuesday at 5.15pm (2 places)
Piano or Violin	Tuesday at 4.45pm Friday at 4.15pm and 4.45pm
Singing (Voice) or Violin	Fridays one lesson between 3.45 and 5pm Mondays 4.45pm (Term 2)

Report from the Gardening Club

The gardening club has started again and this year we are meeting every Thursday lunch at the vegie patch, near the bottom carpark. Despite the very hot weather, we have collected lots of tomatoes, some zucchinis and a crop of potatoes. Thank to Robert from the canteen for cooking some yummy chips last week for us! Any parents with green thumbs who would like to join us and share their expertise is very welcome to contact Madame Davies.





Community Notices

Students with Disability Survey

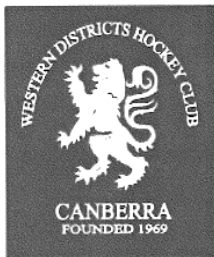
Closing soon

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.



West's Junior Hockey Register Now

West's is your local Belconnen Hockey Club.

Registrations are open for West's Junior Hockey. We are looking for players in the following age groups for the winter season starting on the last weekend in April:

- U7 and U9 (Hook in2 Hockey) – Saturday mornings 9-10am at Weetangera Primary (Turf Pitch) from April 29th to August 27th. Hook in2 Hockey is modified hockey with 30 minutes coaching followed by mini games. Cost \$85. Two carnivals are held during the year.

Registration via the Hockey ACT website www.hockeyact.org.au 'Find a Hookin2Hockey club' and choose Location 3 Belconnen Centre.

- U11 Boys and Girls – matches Saturday mornings at ANU (Willows). U11's is also a modified half-field 9-a-side game.
- U13-U18 Girls – matches Saturday mornings at either Lyneham or Tuggeranong Hockey Centres
- U13-U18 Boys – matches Sunday mornings at either Lyneham or Tuggeranong Hockey Centres

Registration via the Hockey ACT website www.hockeyact.org.au 'Register now for the 2017 Winter Season' and select Registration in the middle bar and then select Western Districts Hockey Club. 2017 Winter Season Junior Registration has all the details, fees can be seen by clicking on the middle bar 'Fees Information'.

West's Juniors train at Lyneham Hockey Centre on Tuesdays from 6-7pm

Please contact Lynne Whitehead (Junior Co-ordinator) on email lynne.whitehead@anu.edu.au or Steve Carter (Hookin2Hockey coach) stevecarter8@me.com (mobile 0423 844 071)

We are also looking for players for our senior teams for men & women at all levels of experience and skills.



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