FROM THE EXECUTIVE

School Surveys

Over the last few weeks we have been running three surveys, collecting information from the school community about what we have been doing well and where we might make changes. The executive has been very pleased with the response rate from parents and carers, with nearly 70% of you responding to the request! We can be in little doubt that the survey is representative of the opinions of our community! Thank you to all those who took a few minutes to complete the survey. The information obtained is used to inform the Executive and the School Board, as well as the ACT Directorate and certain national authorities.

Science Night

We have ‘Science Night’ on the calendar for Wednesday Week 9 this term. That’s 17 September, from 5:00 pm for about an hour. The night is an opportunity for us to share with families the Science that has been happening in our classrooms. Come along to see the last lesson your child did with their class, or perhaps some activities with which students and families may engage. Find out what science looks like at our school.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy is run each year for students in Years 3 and 5 in primary schools, and in Years 7 and 9 in high schools. Each year over a million students sit
reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy assessments. The results for students at Aranda who sat NAPLAN this year will be sent home this week. Each student will receive an individual report, showing their result in each area, in comparison to the national results.

NAPLAN is a compliment to the other methods of assessment used at Aranda. Your child’s classroom teacher takes advantage of these results as well as a range of other assessment tools and techniques to evaluate student progress and inform our curriculum. NAPLAN shows the results for each area as measured at a single assessment, a snapshot. For all sorts of reasons, sometimes the result is better, sometimes worse than might have been expected. So if you find that the results are unexpected, make an opportunity to talk to your child’s classroom teacher or a member of the executive.

Sport

Congratulations to the Years 3/4 basketball teams, who had an enjoyable and successful day of competition this Thursday. The girls won 1 of 3 games in the Sue Geh cup and the boys reached the semi-final in the Jamie Pearlman Cup! Congratulations also to David Stocks for winning the under 12 boys class of the ACT Long Distance Orienteering Championships. David had a great run in the winter sunshine near Bungendore, accurately navigating the 3km course in just under 20 minutes.

Bob Bannister
Executive Teacher

Multiplication Challenge

A huge congratulations to 5/6JH, the only class to score 100 on the multiplication quiz last week. This outstanding effort has kept them in the lead in the Year 5/6 competition. 3/4LLD still have their noses in front in the Year 3/4 competition.

Tomorrow will be 7 times tables quiz.

As the Year 3/4 classes will be away on camp for three days next week, they will get a nice relaxing 10 times tables quiz on Tuesday. The Year 5/6s will still have to wait until Friday for their quiz.

Susan Ford
Numeracy and Literacy Coordinator

AMT Competition

Congratulations to the 78 students who participated in the Australian Mathematics Trust Competition.

We achieved 3 High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions, 31 Credits and 26 Proficiency awards.

The following students achieved the results below:

High Distinction - Thomas (3/4CJ), Ethan (3/4TF), Yang (5/6LG)


Proficiency – Layla (3/4RF), Kevin (3/4CJ), Maxwell (3/4RF), Keely (3/4CJ), Tina (3/4CJ), Aania (3/4TF), Elizabeth (3/4CJ), Llewellyn (3/4CJ), Miranda Young, Zac (3/4TF), Damon (3/4CJ), Lachlan (3/4CJ), Giovanni (5/6H), Ava (5/6PD), Madeline (5/6TB), Miranda (5/6H), Ryana (5/6PD), Lara (5/6AW), Lucah (5/6H), William (5/6AW), (5/6LG), Holly (5/6PD), Georgia (5/6PD), ABI (5/6PD), Elizabeth (5/6LG), Dylan (5/6TB)

Prudence Award Winner – Yang (5/6LG)

The Prudence award is determined by the number of consecutive correct answers starting from Question one.

Well done to all the students who participated in both competitions!

Pam Daly and Liz Gocentas
AMT Competition Coordinators

Music News

What a busy time we are having in Term 3 music lessons at Aranda! There have been so many exciting opportunities for boys and girls to learn how to make music together and perform for our local and broader communities.

I am thoroughly enjoying our singing during assembly and thank you for joining in with the children. Singing together is such an easy way to stay connected with our children and share magical moments as our harmony fills the room.
Our Senior School Choir recently competed in the National Choir Eisteddfod at Llewellyn Hall. The children were excited and very well prepared according to the Adjudicator who awarded us with a score of 88/100 and a silver award. Inga, our piano accompanist and Iska on violin, helped our children to perform and achieve such great marks. We now have very specific feedback and ideas to grow our choir and improve on our success next year. Thank you to all who contributed to our choir leading up to this wonderful learning experience.

We now have a very large group of children attending junior choir every Tuesday morning from 8:30 until 9:00 am. We are very pleased to have Anne as our piano accompanist and a few big sisters helping out in vocal and percussion. I am pleased to see the parents enjoying our songs and joining in with particular parts, especially the Dads on the bass line and the children are thrilled with their amazing growth and clever music skills. This is an “opt in” choir and all children from Years K to 2 are welcome.

The Aranda 3/4 Percussion ensemble are charging ahead and learning many beautiful songs on our xylophones and glockenspiels and learning how to accompany with drums and chime bars. We look forward to presenting our music to an assembly in the coming weeks. Well done to those children attending each week on time and with their music folder.

During music lessons we have been viewing many inspiring clips on YouTube and watching the spectacular Fantasia by Disney. If your children are interested in additional viewing then please use following the links below and share the amazing skills presented by these performers

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgD5p1XIVT0
Walk Off the Earth

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lExW80sXsHs
Pentatonix

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUsZ-M09SMw
Bugs and Daffy play Carnival of the Animals

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC7GeMZmp3A
Rhapsody in Blue

Enjoy and happy singing
Melissa Alexander

The following is a list of the letters we have assigned to each grade level:

- Kindergarten – P
- Year 1 – E
- Year 2 – D
- Year 3 – C
- Year 4 – R
- Year 5 – N
- Year 6 – F
- Staff – M

The school disco will also be held on this day and the theme is the same so the children can wear the same costume.

School Leaders
Gary (5/6PD), Alissa (5/6TB), Murphy (5/6JH), Emily (5/6JH), James (5/6PD) and Jessica (5/6AW)

P&C Matters

Canteen News
Imagine how convenient it would be to order your child’s recess from your phone on the way to school, or to sort out next Monday’s lunch order right now while you are thinking about it….

Now you can! Online ordering is now available through www.flexischools.com.au for all regular items on the Aranda Primary Canteen menu.

Once you have set up an account, you can place an order at any time up to 9:15 am on the day the food is required.

Feedback on the new system is very welcome – send a note to Chris via arandacanteen@gmail.com.

Matthew Stocks
P&C President

Friday Canteen Roster
A huge thank you to the numerous Year 3/4 parents and carers that have recently volunteered in the canteen. Thank you also to the various class reps for helping organise the rosters. Everyone's assistance has been much appreciated!

The following Year 5/6 classes are rostered on for late Term 3 and early Term 4:

- Friday 12 September – 5/6AW
- Friday 19 September – 5/6JH
- Friday 26 September – 5/6LG
- Friday 17 October – 5/6PD
- Friday 24 October – 5/6TB

Only two volunteers are required for each 9:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 1:00 pm shift. Class reps will also be sending reminder emails closer to your rostered day.

Please email Karolyn at arandacanteen@gmail.com to volunteer.

Fiona Bray
Aranda P&C Canteen Committee

SRC Fundraiser

This term the SRC have decided to raise money for the Cancer Council. Each grade has been given a letter and we are asking children to dress as something that begins with that letter. If children would like to bring a gold coin donation to contribute to our fundraising efforts it would be greatly appreciated. The Year 5 and 6 Banda and the Senior choir will be performing at Floriade on this day so those students will also need to bring a school uniform to wear on the excursion.
**Aranda Music and Arts Program**

Vacancies: Violin on Mondays, contact Tracey on tracey.martin@anao.gov.au

Emma Cole
Aranda Music and Arts Program

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**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.

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**ACT Softball Come and Try Day, 14 September**

**PCYC MASH Sports Holiday Program**
   - Week 1 – 30 September to 3 October
   - Week 2 – 7 October to 10 October

**Boomerangs Softball, Come and Try**

**Cartoon Camps – September and October**

**Cranleigh Art Show 17 to 19 October**

**Championstixs – starts 21 October**

**Chess Boot Camps – 1 and 2 October**

**ACT Junior Chess Championships – 10 October**

**Junior Touch Rugby League Football – October**

**Marymead Information Seminar 27 September**

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**Do you have a relative with Diabetes Type 1?**

- Are you 1-45 years of age?
- Are you generally healthy?

You may be eligible for the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Prevention Trial

If you have a relative with Type 1 Diabetes, you could be at risk for this disease. Paediatric Research at Canberra Hospital is participating in studies monitoring the risk of Diabetes in relatives of T1D individuals and is offering an opportunity for you or your child to participate.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on 61747600 for more information.

This study has been approved by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee

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Marymead Foster Care Information Seminar – Foster Care Week – 14 – 20 September

There are over 700 children/young people in out of home care in Canberra. Can you help just one? Come along to the Marymead Foster Care Information Seminar on Saturday 20 September at Marymead, 255 Goyder Street Narrabundah, 12:30pm – 4:30pm. Listen to Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Children & Young People, Dr Judy Bragg, Foster Carers and many other guest speakers. Register your interest by 15 September, email fcinfo@marymead.org.au or phone Amy Tulloh on (02) 61625800. A light lunch will be served and children are more than welcome.

Joanne Dean-Ritchie
Marketing and Communications Co-Ordinator
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**The Embassy of France and Telopea Park School/ Lycée franco-australien de Canberra**

Cordially invite you to attend the talk

**How to raise a bilingual child?**

**Benefits and challenges**

**Venue:** Telopea Park School, Lycée franco-australien de Canberra, New South Wales Crescent, Barton ACT 2600

**Date:** Monday 15 September - 5.30pm to 7.30pm

**RSVP:** https://bilingualchild.eventbrite.com.au

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**The Aranda App Codes**