



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

24 Feb	Swimming Carnival
1 March	Mon/Tues Preschool Photos
2 March	Primary School Photos
3 March	P&C Picnic
4 March	Thurs/Fri Preschool Photos
8 March	Public Holiday (Canberra Day)
17 March	Belconnen Swimming Carnival
18-19 March	Year 3 Camp
22-24 March	Year 4 Camp
1 April	Last day of Term 1

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Note home	Due back
Medical Form	ASAP
Swimming Carnival (Yr 2–Yr 6)	18 Feb
Yr 3 Camp	5 March
Yr 4 Camp	5 March

Dear Aranda School community,

This week has been abuzz with online *Getting to know you interviews*. Teachers value these interviews greatly as it is a chance for them to gain insights into their students from those who know them best. For the second year in a row, we have conducted interviews via Google Meets. The feedback we had from parents last year was that they found the online format allowed them to accommodate the meetings easily without having to leave work or home. From the school's perspective, the format allows multiple teachers to attend meetings if needed. For example, Sandy Kelly popped into 43 online interviews this week for our EAL/D students without even leaving her office.

2021

As a school community, we continue to respond and react to the latest advice sent through by the ACT Education Directorate. It is most pleasing to see that the students are aware of the importance of personal hygiene for keeping each other safe. COVID-19 has and will continue to impact some of the things we do, in particular our events where larger numbers of people are involved. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Assemblies

Assemblies this term will return to being performed live in our school hall. While the online versions were great fun, we are looking forward to presenting to a live audience once more. To limit numbers and ensure social distancing, single classes will present in junior and senior school formats. It is essential that all attending family members check in by scanning the QR code on the Check In CBR app. This code will be displayed on the doors at the **front entrance** of the school as per our COVID-19 protocols. Once in the hall, we ask parents to socially distance. The first class to present this year is Anthony Watson's Year 2. Please check newsletters and Seesaw for information about assemblies this year.

2021 School Priorities

Our priorities are clear and specific and always at the forefront of our minds.

1. Increase growth in student performance in Numeracy across all year levels.
2. Improve student outcomes in Reading across all year levels.

Our actions to progress our priorities are carefully formulated across the life of the school plan. (Our current plan spans from 2020-2024.)



Important Messages

Current, up-to-date information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the Education Directorate's website

(<https://www.education.act.gov.au>) and ACT Health

(<https://www.health.act.gov.au>)

Seesaw

If you are unable to access Seesaw, or do not receive communications from the school to connect your child, please contact the Front Office with your updated email address.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open for Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email apsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Canteen

The Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on arandacanteen@gmail.com or phone on 0459 599 114.

Medication at School

All student medication must be signed in by a parent/carer at the Front Office on arrival at school. Medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. No medication is to be left in school bags during the day.

Newsletter Publication Deadline

Items for inclusion in the fortnightly newsletter must be emailed to info@arandaps.act.edu.au by 3.30pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

Anaphylaxis

Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts. Our policy is available on the website.

Each year, our Annual Action Plan details clear targeted actions.

This year, these actions include, but are not limited to:

- professional learning for all staff in staff meetings and Professional Learning Teams
- implementation of a Maths Coaching Model
- tracking of Maths growth across the school
- consistent student learning data analysis
- track and monitor students' growth
- targeted, quality differentiated curriculum
- consistency in reading practices
- continue classroom visits in which teachers provide collegial support with a focus on a coaching model and feedback
- set individual Reading goals for each student
- collect feedback from our community about resources needed to support reading at home
- provide a range of resources to support families when reading with their child.

Of course, even though we have identified Maths and Reading as our priorities for growth, we continue our focus and attention to all other areas of curriculum and student welfare.

Camps

The benefits that come from our outdoor education endeavours are many. We are very much looking forward to our 2021 camps and I know I am speaking for our teachers as well as our students. This year, the dates for our camps are as follows:

Year 3: 18-19 March, Birrigai

Year 4: 22-24 March, Kianinny

Year 5 & 6: 1-3 December, Borambola



Kind Regards,

Lisa Kingham



Aranda Primary School



Give your kids a REAL Challenge!

School Orienteering

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School Orienteering 2021

Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Term 1

A before school body and brain work out.

4-week Challenge for Primary School Children

Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

Thursday 4 March Charles Weston Primary School

Thursday 11 March St Jude's and Canberra Montessori Primary Schools

Thursday 18 March Weston Park

Thursday 25 March Weston Park

SC-ORE online [registration NOW OPEN](#)

Any questions? Please email Shannon.jones@ed.act.edu.au



Registration closes 26 February 2021.



Aranda Music and Art Program Update

The Aranda Music and Arts program will commence lessons for 2021 in Week 3. You will be advised of the room for your child's class in Week 2. If you wish to enrol your child in the program, please submit an enrolment via our website <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org/how-to-join>

If your child attends Aranda Afters on the day of their lesson, please ensure you complete and return to Afters an Extracurricular Activities Form available on the [Aranda Afters website](#).

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.

AMA program current vacancies:

Classes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Continuing Music (Group classes for Year 1 and Year 2)</i>		3-4pm			
<i>Dance (hip hop/funk, Years K-6)</i>	Expressions of interest for second class, day TBC				
<i>Drama (Years 2-6)</i>	3-4:30pm				
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>					
<i>Guitar</i>					
<i>Piano</i>					
<i>Introduction to Music (Group classes for Kindy and Year 1)</i>			3-4pm		
<i>Violin</i>	All times		5:30pm		
<i>Irish Dance</i>	Years K-6, expressions of interest, day TBC				

To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org