



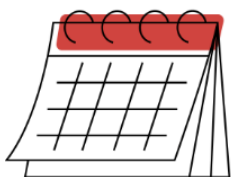
Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

13 March	Public Holiday
20 March	MT Preschool Photos
21 March	EAL/D Family Networking 8:30- 9:00am
21 March	MT Preschool & K-6 Harmony Day
22 March	K-6 and Sibling Photos
23 March	TF Preschool Photos
24 March	TF Preschool Harmony Day

2023 Aranda Calendar



Click this link
<https://bit.ly/31hH976> on any
device to view the calendar in
your browser.

How to Add Aranda Calendar:

1. On your computer (cannot be added on mobile, but once complete can be viewed on mobile), open Google Calendar.
2. On the left, next to "Other calendars," click Add + > Subscribe to Calendar
3. Copy and paste into the box:
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hvte2vvhocnn3jt24@group.cale
ndar.google.com
4. Click Add calendar. The calendar appears on the left, under "Other calendars."

Dear Aranda Community

The return of assemblies, the organisation of a competitive swimming carnival and sending off our Years 3 and 4 students to their camps has made the start of the year a busy place, but we wouldn't have it any other way. Seeing our students thriving in areas other than just the classroom has been a sight.

Year 3 Camp - Birrigai

Last week, our Year 3 students headed to Birrigai for their first school camp. From all reports from teachers, students and the Birrigai Staff, the camp was outstanding. It was quite obvious that in the lead-up to camp, there were nerves around the Year 3 cohort. Through classroom teacher check-ins or check-ins with our Mental Health and Wellbeing teacher, Ellie Duckett, the students frequently said they were feeling anxious about camp. However, when the bus arrived back from Birrigai and the students jumped off, you could sense the excitement of what they had accomplished! A big thank you to Anthony, Emily, Nicole, Dahlia, Ellie and Jo for their efforts in organising the camp and taking time away from their family to take the Yr 3 on an awesome adventure!

Here are a few words from our Yr 3 Campers -

Year 3 camp was AMAZING! Some of the best things were bush bashing on the bush walk and going on a scavenger hunt to gather items to make a fire to cook damper on. Some of us got to light a match for the first time! The food was great, lasagna for dinner, burgers for lunch and yummy cereal for breakfast. It was paradise. We watched an excellent movie in a comfy theatre, and then we went to bed, whispering while trying to get to sleep (when we all got up, the girls had a dance party, and the boys had a pillow fight). We wish we were still there!

As soon as we got to camp, we were so excited! Our first activity was a cool scavenger hunt to find things around camp. Next, we did a bush walk, which was so much FUN because the kids had to choose the way. We should do that all the time. The next day we baked our damper. It was delicious. CAMP WAS AWESOME!

Enjoyable, excellent, and exciting. The Year 3 camp at Birrigai was awesome. We got to go on bush walks, we made campfires and damper, plus saw a boxing match between two kangaroos! The food was delicious and we watched a movie!





Important Messages

Uniform Shop

New and second hand orders can be placed online at:

<https://arandapsuniforms.square.site/>

Orders placed by 5pm Thursday are delivered to class on Friday.

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.

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 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.



Cameron Myers

Former Aranda student, Cameron Myers, has made history on Thursday 23, February at the Maurie Plant Meet at Albert Park in Melbourne. Cameron ran a time of 3min 55sec for the mile race. What is so significant about this time is that it is the fastest time for a 16-year-old. In comparison, Jakob Ingebrigtsen from Norway, the current 1500m Olympic champion, ran a time of 3min 56sec at the same age. This is a massive accomplishment for Cameron, who has shown dedication and persistence. We wish him all the best and congratulate him on this feat.

Clean up Australia Day

Friday, March 3, Aranda participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Our student-based G-Force Team led the day. We participate in this annual event, with each year level working with two members of the G-Force.

In total, our school collected 10kg of rubbish. Seven of those kilograms were landfill, and three could be recycled. But, unfortunately, since we cannot recycle soft plastics anymore, much more rubbish goes to landfills.

In 2020, Australia threw out 76 million tons of rubbish. So one day of picking up litter isn't enough.

Samantha & Melissa, G-Force members.

eSafety

All parents and carers of ACT public school students are invited to attend an eSafety information session designed to develop their knowledge and skills in supporting their child with digital technologies. These webinars will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to help your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues and where to go for further support.

Registration for the webinar can be found [here](#).



Walk Safely to School

Friday 24 March sees the return of Ride or Walk to School Day. Riding or walking to school promotes healthy physical activity, develops lifelong skills and is great for the environment.

Ride to School - Please note that this event will be for students in Years 4 to 6.
Students are to arrive at the [southern end of Diddams Cl, Belconnen](#) before 8:00am
Leaving Diddams Cl, Belconnen @ 8:10am

Walk to School

Location 1 -

Students are to arrive at [Cook Shops](#) before 8:00am
Leaving Cook Shops @ 8:10am

Location 2 -

Students are to arrive at the [end of Wangara St, Aranda](#) before 8:00am
Leaving Wangara St, Aranda @ 8:10am
This walk is recommended for K-2 students.

Registration is required for each of the activities. Registration for each of the walks can be completed via this [form](#). Printed permission notes for the ride will be provided at school.

Registration is required by 4pm, Monday 20th March.

All the best,

James Harrison

EAL/D News

We are excited to invite EAL/D families into our school again to celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday March 21 (week 8). We will meet in the school hall from 8:30 - 9am. It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to other families who may share a similar culture or language to you and for you to proudly represent where in the world your family is from. Thank you to those families you have already sent in their RSVP for this Parent Network Event. If you haven't yet RSVPed, please send in the tear off section from the invitation (on orange paper) so we can get an idea of how many people to expect.

Lots of senior children have told me they are thinking about presenting to their class on Harmony Day. Our theme this year is Music and more specifically Nursery Rhymes. It is a leadership opportunity for students to share their knowledge and linguistic ability in front of their class. We are interested in different nursery rhymes from other cultures that we may never have heard of or some of the more popular nursery rhymes we all know and love, being presented in another language. For the junior classes, we would love to hear from any adult volunteers who can join us to talk to their child's class about a family favourite rhyme in their home language.

Any questions, please email Sandy sandra.kelly@ed.act.edu or speak with your child's class teacher.

This year the organisers of Harmony Day have a Songwriting Competition. Interested students in primary or secondary school have the chance to write lyrics for one of the two tunes provided, with cash prizes on offer. See the details below if this is something that might appeal to your child.

<https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/songwriting-competition/>

2023 Theme: **Living in Harmony**

Entries close: **16th April 2023**

Specifications: **An original 2 minute song about the theme. Write your own tune or use one of the two tunes provided: [Tune 1](#) | [Tune 2](#)**



We are all looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day 2023 together. See you soon.

Kind regards,

Melissa Alexander, Myriam Davies, Maya Deneve, Mel Hill, Shannon Jones, Sandra Kelly, Mara Nagaki, Courtney Ward & Kayla Winnel

2023 Harmony Day Committee

Aranda Music and Arts Program - Seeking Volunteers and Current Vacancies

The after school music and arts lessons have resumed. There are currently vacancies for Violin on Tuesdays at 4:00pm and 4:30pm.

Visit our [website](#) to enrol or to be put on a waitlist. Enrolments are allocated in the order they are received, but with continuing families given priority.

We are seeking volunteer music coordinators and volunteers. Please contact

info@arandamusicprogram.org to support this great community run organisation.

Bookclub Information



The catalogue for Term 1 of the Scholastic Book Club (Issue 2) has been sent home with your child/ren.

HOW TO ORDER

The Book Club will be accepting orders and payments online – this means **no forms or money need to be returned to school**. Orders are submitted through the LOOP (Linked Online Order & Payment) platform on the Scholastic website, <https://www.scholastic.com.au/> or via the LOOP app.

Orders are due by **Wednesday, 22nd March 2023**.

WHAT IS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB?

The Book Club is a great way to encourage reading. Once a term, students will bring home a book club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests.

HOW DOES ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL BENEFIT?

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for the school, however there is never any obligation to order.

QUESTIONS?

Please remember, the Book Club is a P&C project and is run by parent volunteers. The Book Club is not administered by Aranda Primary School. If you have any questions, please contact:

arandascholasticbookclub@gmail.com.