

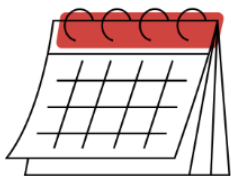


Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

30 June	Last day of term
17 July	Term 3 starts
18 July	5/6 AFL Finals
25 July	3/4 Boys Basketball
31 July	Science Fair Projects Due

2023 Aranda Calendar



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

Sickness reminder:

We are sending home an increasing number of children with stomach illnesses. Please remember that if your child vomits, there is an exclusion period of 24 hours – this is an ACT Health requirement.

Coming into the cooler weather, we will also start to see an increase of cold and flu symptoms. This could be a good time to remind your children about the importance of washing their hands and staying hygienic.

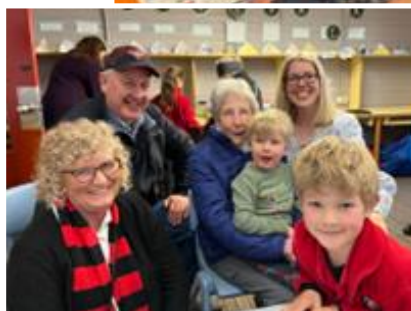
If you are not able to collect your child when they are sick at school, please make sure you have an accessible emergency contact listed. If you need to update your emergency contact, please email: info@arandaps.act.edu.au

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Grandparents and Friends' Day:

Our favourite time of the year! It was wonderful to welcome back our Grandparents, family, and friends into our classrooms last week. I think these pictures capture the essence of what was a fantastic day.





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.

Sharing important information

Reports were sent home last Friday, parent/teacher interviews took place this week and most weeks we enjoy Friday morning assemblies at Aranda School.

Grandparents Day, Science fairs, Concert nights, carnivals and our various reading programs are some of the ways we like to report student progress to parents. Seesaw is a digital portfolio that allows us to regularly showcase student achievement.

New play equipment – generous P&C donation:

When we decided to upgrade the senior play equipment, we listened to student requests. The majority chose a new Spider Web style piece of equipment. The Spider Web opened well before the expected completion date and the children have given it the thumbs up. A big thanks to our P&C for raising funds and paying for this new play equipment.



New bike pump track

We are looking forward to commencing construction on the new bike pump track to be located behind the covered kindergarten playground. Iconic Trails have been commissioned to design and construct the track. The pump track will be accessible to the whole community outside of school hours. The images included in the newsletter, provide an idea of how the pump track may look.

Once we have clear timelines for the project we will put the call out to volunteers once again to help with upgrading the existing singletrack loop and to help with landscaping around the new pump track. We are so excited to get the ball rolling on this project after such a long time in the planning phase and we thank all the community volunteers who have contributed so far.



ICAS and Australian Maths Trust Competitions

Throughout August, we are offering students in Year 3-6 the opportunity to be involved in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) and ICAS competitions as an enrichment component of our school program. This competition is not compulsory and Aranda Primary School recognises that this competition is more suited to some students than others. Families should feel under no obligation to enter. Notes have been sent home informing parents and carers on how to register for both competitions, the various subject areas, and associated costs.

Entries for AMC close on Monday 31 July. Students are entered by the school by returning the entry form.

Entries for ICAS close on Tuesday 25 August. Students are entered by using the online Parent Payment System on the ICAS website:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> School Unique Access Code: **VWR660**

I hope you everyone enjoys a little family time during these winter school holidays.

Stay warm,

Phil Gray

ACT Cross Country Carnival report

9 Aranda Primary School students represented both our school and the Belconnen region at the recent ACT Cross Country Championships held at Stromlo Forest Park on Thursday 15th June. The children smashed their way around their course, ranging in distance from 1km for the under 8s to 3km for the under 12s. Most, if not all, even ran a faster time than at the previous Belconnen carnival, which was awesome to see!

Competition was fierce and it was a delight to see our Aranda kids demonstrate outstanding determination and perseverance throughout the race. As always, they faced a challenging course and required exceptional endurance to complete their race.

We had 3 students achieve a top 10 result. Congratulations to Emmi H (3rd U10 Girls), Rui B (4th U8 Girls) and Banjo B (5th U10 Girls). Well done to all our Aranda students who competed on the day: Rui B, Jazzy H, Matilda S, Katie L, Emmi H, Banjo B, Dylan A, Emmy R and Mischa S.



The Aranda Primary School students not only made their school proud but also set an excellent example for their peers. We look forward to more achievements from the talented athletes in future competitions!

BREAKING NEWS!

Three Aranda Primary School students have been selected to compete for ACT at the 2023 Australian Cross Country Championships to be held in Canberra on the 26th August (individual) and the 28th August (relay). Congratulations to Emmi H, Layla D and Banjo B - all selected for the Under 10 girls! It is amazing that 3 out of 6 students in the U10 Girls ACT team come from the same school! Well done girls and good luck!



Layla D, Emmi H & Banjo B

News from Preschool

It is hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through the school year! We have been very busy and are already looking forward to Term 3!

Some snapshots from Term 2:

Our Community

Preschoolers are impacted on a daily basis by a range of activities and responses that happen within their community. At preschool, we strive to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the many roles and support that a community can provide.





One of the highlights this term was a visit from the ACT Fire and Rescue Service! The crew talked to us about what firefighters do to help, what to do when there is smoke or fire in your house, the special parts of their uniform and lots more. They then let everyone have a go of their truck's water hose! It was absolutely awesome, and the children loved it. We thanked the ACT Fire and Rescue Service for visiting us and are thankful for the important role they have in our community, as well as taking the time to come and talk with all 3 preschool classes.



Protective Behaviours

This term children participated in a Protective Behaviours Program. The focus of this program was 'Feeling safe', 'Being Safe' and 'Talking about it'.

We learnt about the two main themes:

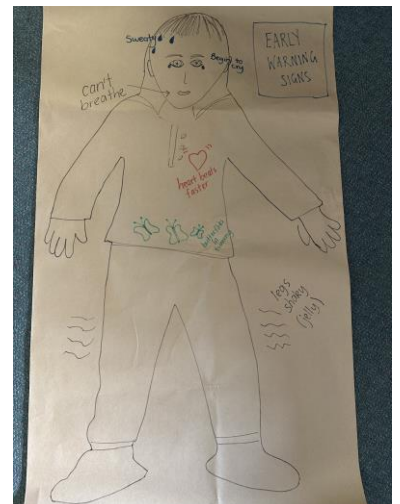
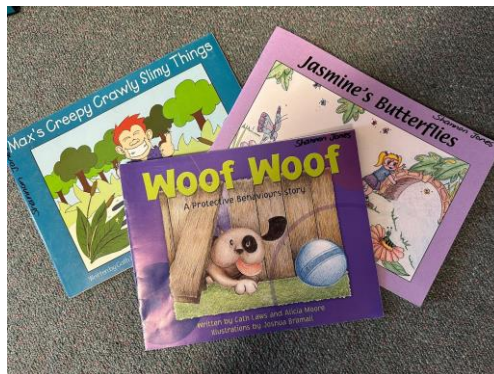
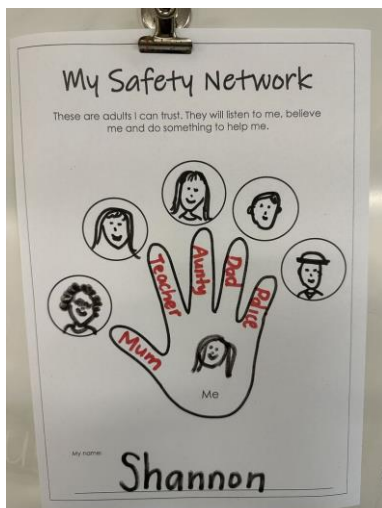
1. We all have the right to feel safe all of the time.
2. Nothing is so awful that we can't talk about it with someone we trust.

We also learnt about the following concepts:

SAFETY – an individual feeling and a basic right for every person

EARLY WARNING SIGNS – specific physical indicators that alert us to possible risks to our safety

NETWORKING – identifying people to talk to and developing communication skills





Gross Motor

Every fortnight the Bettongs, Puggles and Quolls have the opportunity to participate in Gross Motor activities in our gym at "big school". Gross motor skills are those that enable us to move efficiently, to negotiate our environment, to balance, to run, jump, play games with balls and more. Good gross motor skills and body awareness are important for good posture, movement around the school, participation in games and sports and for general fitness, health and wellbeing.

Our Gross Motor program is designed to help students increase their gross motor skills whilst continuing to build their cooperation and teamwork skills. This term, some of our focus skills were balancing, hopping and skipping. It is fantastic to see children being active, which builds on their strength, coordination, and stamina, as well as encourages positive cooperation and teamwork, confidence, leadership and self-esteem.



Walk on Country and Buddies

Each fortnight our year 3 buddies come up to preschool. They help us with our 'Walk on Country' learning and then we often have time for socialising and playing together. This term, we learnt some traditional Indigenous games aimed to teach valuable skills that were historically necessary for survival, as well as to promote physical well-being. Some examples of the games we played are Moka Bandi, Turi Turi and Tabud Nuri.

Children have become more culturally aware of Aboriginal histories through the discussion and subsequent activities related to significant dates in our calendar, including Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week - 'Be a Voice for Generations' and NAIDOC Week - 'For our elders'.





What have the children enjoyed this term?

Louis - I liked playing monster games with my friends

Marlow - I love going on the swings!

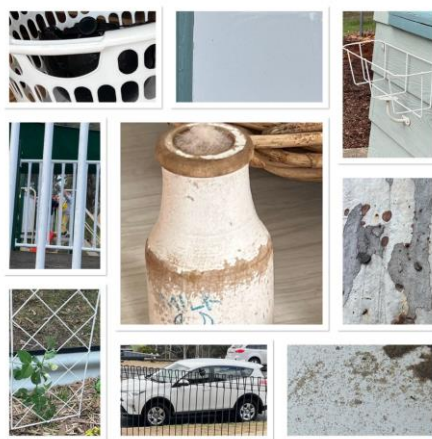
Hugo B - I really like playing with mobilo. I can build cars and aeroplanes.

Costa - I like playing with the ball and scoops. I even got it in!

Ruby - I like playing in the cubbyhouse. I like all the toys there and like playing with friends.

Star of the Day and Photographer roles

Children have had the opportunity to be a 'Star of the Day'. They come out to the front of the class and tell us a bit more about themselves. This term, they told us some of their favourite things! The 'Photographer' is in charge of taking some photos to then share with the class at the end of the day. Sometimes it is photos of things that begin with a certain letter, or it could be things of a certain colour. It's a big responsibility to use the technology and the children have done a great job. They can really show their creative flair!



It has been a wonderful term full of learning and laughter! We can't wait to see what Term 3 will bring!

Kind regards,

Preschool Team

P&C Trivia Night – 18th August 2023

Join us for an evening of brain-teasing fun at the highly anticipated 2023 Aranda Primary School P&C Trivia Night.

All funds raised will support "The Nest".

Dinner may be ordered via a QR code straight to your table, and the bar will be open.

Date: Friday, 18 August 2023

Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start

Venue: The Fred Daly Room, Belconnen Labor Club

Ticket Price: \$30 per person (10 per table) Book at: www.trybooking.com/CIWEB

Any questions? Email pandcassoc@gmail.com



Aranda Music and Arts Program

The Aranda Music and Art Program has the following vacancies for Term 3. Visit the [website](#) to enrol or to be put on a waitlist.

Class	Day	Time
Guitar	Monday	5.30-6.00pm
Guitar	Tuesday	4.30-5.00pm
Drawing	Tuesday	3.15-4.45pm
Drawing	Wednesday	3.15-4.45pm
Piano (with Jacob)	Friday	5.00-5.30pm
Piano (with Jacob)	Friday	5.30-6.00pm