



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

23 May	Pupil Free Day
23 May	Belconnen 5/6 AFL
24 May	Catch Up Photo Day (Absentees have been contacted)
25 May	5/6 Excursion to Parliament House
26 May	Belconnen Cross Country
30 May	Public Holiday – Reconciliation Day
13 June	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
14 June	Pupil Free Day
15 June	ACT Cross Country

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Dear Aranda Community,

Last week we notified the school community of an increase in vandalism to the school. Disappointingly, I must report another significant amount of graffiti to the school building over the past weekend.



If any suspicious activity is observed by our community, particularly on weekends on school grounds, I urge you to please report it to the police on 131 444 (if witnessing the act) or 1800 333 000 if vandalism is seen on the weekend. You can also notify the school directly with any information via info@arandaps.act.edu.au.

It is time consuming and expensive to rectify the damage done, and sadly it is happening too frequently.



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.

Covid Symptoms

If your child has covid symptoms and is awaiting PCR results, they must isolate and not attend school until a negative result is received. For the health of all we implore parents to adhere to this ACT Health protocol.

Symptoms of covid can range from mild to severe. Some people recover easily while others get very sick, very quickly. If you test positive for covid 19, you may experience:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Other symptoms may include:

- Running nose or congestion
- Headache or fatigue
- Muscle or joint pains
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste

Pupil Free Days

The ACT Education Directorate has allocated all ACT public schools two "pupil free" planning days during Term 2. Due to significant staff shortages, teachers throughout Term 1 relinquished their planning time to maintain duty of care for all our students. The staff planning days will provide our teachers with the much-needed opportunity to catch up on their planning, work in teams to moderate student work and develop specific student plans for the remainder of 2022.

Aranda Primary School will hold staff planning days on:

- **Monday 23 May, Week 5**
- **Tuesday 14 June, Week 8**

We request that parents make alternative arrangements for their children on these dates. Supervision at school will be provided for the small number of children whose parents are unable to care for them at home or find an alternative. Students attending school will be supervised to access the ACT Education Directorate's learning resources.

We thank our community for their ongoing consideration and support in what has been an unprecedented period for all.



Year 6 High School Visits

Transition points throughout students' education are crucial. Every year we work closely with Canberra High school to support our Year 6 students and their transition to secondary school. Due to current circumstances, the high school will visit our students here at Aranda. Key people, both staff and students from Canberra High, will conduct a forum with our Year 6 students. This forum will give our students an opportunity to engage in a discussion, ask questions about the way high school functions, ask what classes and opportunities exist and how to seek support and guidance when needed.

A reminder to all year 6 Parents to submit enrolment forms for your intended high school if you have not already done so. You can submit the form via the ACT Education website: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Kind Regards,

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