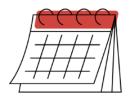
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Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

12 June	Public Holiday
15 June	ACT Cross Country
20 June	Mon/Tues (Preschool) Grandparents and Friends' Day
23 June	Grandparents and Friends' Day
27 June	Mon/Tues (Preschool) Kenny Koala Visit
29 June	Thurs/Fri (Preschool) Kenny Koala Visit

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,

While thinking about some words of wisdom to put in this week's newsletter, I was shown this message which outlines perfectly the characteristics of persistence and the values we strive to instil in our students at Aranda:

Imagine your child comes back from practice and says:

"I hate karate. It's too hard. I don't want to do this anymore".

Just tell them this:

"Okay, you can quit. But not today".

Then Explain:

"We all have bad days when we want to quit. Our brain and body resist when something feels hard because they want us to be comfortable. But if we quit on a bad day, we will never become great at something and might regret it later".

Follow on with this:

So here's the deal. You can quit on a *good day*. When you have a successful day, and you still want to quit, let's talk".

Adopted from the advice of Olympic Gold Medalist Natasia Liukin (Gymnastics)

Children who develop persistence learn the value of hard work, resilience, and dedication. They understand that success often requires continuous effort, even in the face of difficulties. Persistence teaches children that perseverance makes progress possible, whether tackling a challenging maths problem, learning a new skill, or participating in extracurricular activities.

AFL Gala Day

On Thursday, May 18, we were fortunate to take 30 Year 5/6 students to represent the school at the Belconnen AFL Gala Day. Aranda has a long tradition of attending this event, and once again, the students represented Aranda with pride. For many students, this was their first experience playing competitive games of AFL.

The boys' team had games against St Michaels, Macquarie and Radford. After a strong victory against St Michaels, the team had a hard-fought game against Macquarie, losing by a narrow margin. The team then lost to Radford before finishing the day with another win against St Michaels. The Aranda boys fell short of making the final by percentage only.

The girls' team only had one opponent for the day and played Radford 3 times, winning all these games. The girls showed great teamwork throughout and now advance to the ACT finals day to be held early in term 3.

Cam James & Rob Panozzo



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

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

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

<u>Seesaw</u>

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.



Stranger Awareness

This is a reminder to ensure your children and young people understand the importance of stranger awareness safety, and information on how to report an incident has been included.

Please support us in keeping our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community. You may visit the Australian Federal Police website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has several tips for parents of younger children.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or student, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency, call 000. If you witness an incident or have information that could assist police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. We also ask that you notify the school so we can also support the wider school community to be aware of incidents.

Aranda Multiplication Milestone

After analysing a number of data sources, including comparisons with other schools, students at Aranda are falling behind where they need to be in relation to their multiplication skills. As a result, we have emphasised multiplication and times tables more strongly throughout the school. A solid foundation in multiplication/times tables lays the groundwork for success across all areas of mathematics. Like reading and writing, students, teachers and families must work together to develop these foundation skills to foster success.

The Aranda Multiplication Milestone (below) has been developed for each year group as a target for what students can recall, both in written and verbal formats. Teachers are working hard with students to ensure they are striving to achieve these milestones. However, students are strongly encouraged to practise their multiplication skills outside the classroom to reinforce their learning. Over the coming weeks, further resources and ideas on how this can be done at home will be shared.



Finally, we are excited to announce that we will introduce an in-class challenge for all students around their multiplication milestones. The purpose of this challenge is to actively engage students and empower them to take further ownership of their learning. More information will be given to students in class over the coming weeks.

Year Group Aranda Multiplication Milestones (achieved by the end of the year)	
Kindy	Count forwards and backward to and from 30 from any given number
Year 1	Skip Count by 2s, 5s & 10s starting from 0
Year 2	Recall 2,3,5,10 times tables
Year 3	Recall 2,3,4,5,9,10 times tables
Year 4	Recall 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 times tables
Year 5/6	Recall 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 times tables in random order

Cross Country

On Thursday, May 25, Aranda Primary School was represented by a set of enthusiastic and excited runners at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival, held at Stromlo Forest Park.

The purpose-built grass running track combines fast, flat running with tough, challenging hilly sections and sharp turns. Seeing our students show grit and determination during their races was fantastic!

This week all Aranda Primary students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime - an annual event where a new Australian picture book is chosen and read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Speedy Sloth (Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie) was chosen this year - a book about a sloth who perseveres and trains for The Great Race! It was a great book to have as a lead into the great cross-country race!

The following students received a ribbon for placing in the top 3:

1st Dylan A - 12 years boys (3km)

1st Rui B - 8 years girls (1km)

2nd Layla D - 10 years girls (2km)

2nd Daniel K - 9 years boys (1.5km)

3rd Emmi H- 10 years girls (2km)



Good luck to the following Aranda Primary students who will compete at the ACT Cross Country Championships on Thursday 15th, June:

Rui B, Dylan A, Layla D, Daniel K, Emmi H, Katie L, Jazzy H, Banjo B, Matilda S, Emmy R, Mischa S and Teddy S.

And finally, a MASSIVE congratulations and well done to ALL students who represented Aranda Primary School on the day!

A big thank you to Shannon Jones for the write-up and for taking the students, along with Dave Meyer.

I hope that everyone is doing well. We can't wait to see our school full on June 23, for our Grandparent and Friends Day! Cheers,

James Harrison

News from 1TF

What a term it has been so far! From moving water, to awesome writing. Year 1 has had an adventure.

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We had a great time moving water. Year 1 had the challenge of designing and making a water vessel to carry one cup of water across 30 metres. Students had to use their inquisitive minds and work with others to build these masterpieces.





Maths

Year 1 has been focusing on addition and subtraction and learning different strategies we can use when the questions get tricky! For example, some techniques we have been learning are using number lines, 'Friends of 10 and 20', and 10s frames. The list goes on!









Athletics carnival

We had a fantastic time at the athletics carnival! It was a ripper of a time with the challenges of hurdles, an egg and spoon obstacle course, and some running races.





Disco

1TF put on their dancing shoes and had a ripper of a time at the school disco. We raised money for the wonderful Koala Foundation and brought out our dance moves.



Writing

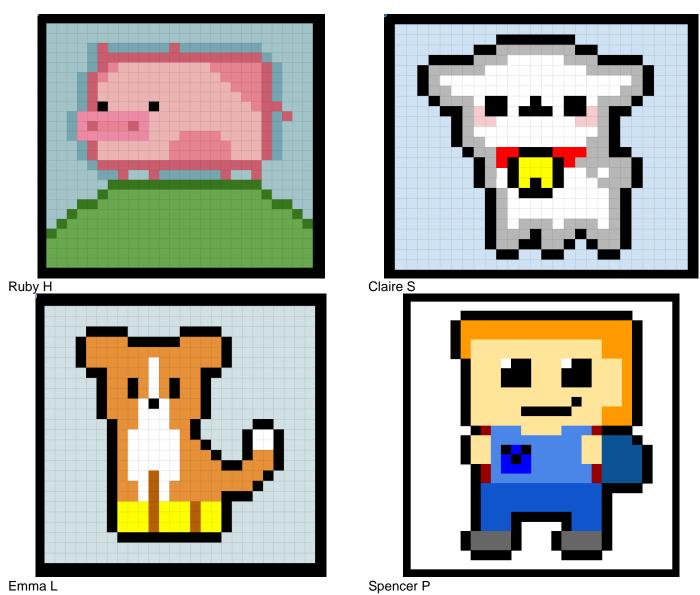
Every Monday we chat about our weekend and the delights that happened. We write our journal recount about the weekend, working to write full sentences and use capital letters and full stops. We have come a long way and have been writing some masterpieces.



News from 5/6RP

8 Bit Art

The students learnt about the origins of digital art and computer games. They had the opportunity to create their own pixel art character using Google Sheets and their digital art skills.



Budgeting

In Maths, the students created a simple budget to run an event. To extend the students further, they were asked to calculate the profit from making and selling an item.



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5/6RP have enjoyed learning new sporting skills and playing games this term. We are currently learning touch football skills. On Friday afternoons, we have a fun game of basketball to end the week.





