



Newsletter

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Known Medical Conditions

If your child has a known medical condition, please ensure you have completed/updated the relevant forms. This must be completed at the commencement of each school year.



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Executive Report

Dear Aranda Primary School community,

Welcome back to the new school year. Our Pre-schoolers and Kindy students made a confident and enthusiastic start on Monday. The children settled into their new surroundings beautifully and by two forty-five, we sent plenty of tired and happy children home.

The rest of our children returned on Tuesday, and it was so pleasing to watch them enjoying each other's company again. The school was back to how it should be – full of the sounds of laughter and learning. One of our new students told me that by the end of lunchtime on his first day, he had already made three new friends. I smiled and reflected on how our Aranda School children are so welcoming and they genuinely care about others.





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.

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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 3.30 pm every odd week on a Tuesday.

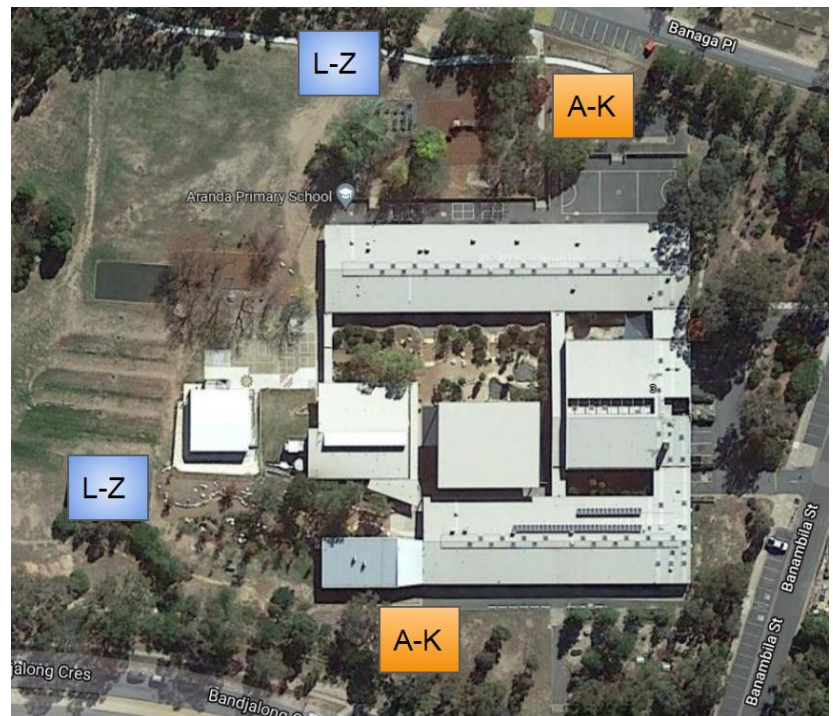
Anaphylaxis

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



Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs):

We handed out our first allotment of RATs to our parents/carers last Tuesday. Thank you very much to all of you for your patience and support during this process. We know that many families found it difficult to pick up their RATs during work hours, but you did so with a smile and a minimum of fuss. We would have liked to issue all the RATs for each family on the first Tuesday but unfortunately, we receive our delivery once a week for the following week. We will see everyone next Tuesday, February 8, same times, same place for our week 2 RAT distributions.



If your child or anyone who has been on school grounds returns a positive result to COVID-19 you must notify the school and ACT Health immediately.

If your child has symptoms and test negative on a RAT, they should take another RAT in 24 hours, or have a PCR test to exclude COVID-19 and should remain at home until this result is received and their symptoms resolve.



Aranda staff 2022:

I would like to welcome several new teachers to Aranda this year:

Elizabeth Baldwin (Preschool), Kayla Jordan (Kindergarten), Rachael Corbett (Kindergarten), Teah Fogarty (Year 1) and Dahlia Cerro (Year 2)

Aranda teaching teams and staff 2022:

Preschool: Dani Rolfe, Shannon Jones, Brenda D’Cruz and Elizabeth Baldwin

Kindergarten: Courtney Ward, Kayla Jordan, Ryan Ferdinand and Rachael Corbett

Year 1: Teah Fogarty, Ashley Groch and Maya Deneve

Year 2: Emily Hillary, Anthony Watson, Dahlia Cerro and Nicole Jalocha

Year 3: Mel Hill, Chris Wark and Caroline Adams

Year 4: John Boland, Leigh Andreatta and Bobbi Smith

Year 5/6: Gina Mapley, Callum Taylor, Rob Panozzo, Bailey Lutton, Cameron James, Janine Collins and John Prior.

Specialists: Myriam Davies (French), Sandy Kelly (EALD), Caitlin Jones (Preschool & Science), James Harrison (Science and Technology), Jessie Wilson (Mental Health & Wellbeing), Ellie Duckett (Mental Health & Wellbeing), Melissa Alexander (Music)

Administration, Learning Support Assistants (LSA) and Building Services Officer (BSO): Ashlyn Garrity/Sam Ginger (Business Manager), Lauren Harwin (enrolments & front office), Jo Devenish (library support and LSA), Katie McLaren (LSA), Lindy Knight (LSA), Brian Ireland (BSO)

School Psychologist : Ashleigh Kinlyside joins our team in 2022.

Executive team: Phil Gray (Principal), Lisa Kingham (Deputy Principal), Scott Pearce (Deputy Principal), Jessie Wilson (school leader), James Harrison (school leader), Callum Taylor (school leader) and Ash Garrity (Business Manager).

I am looking forward to another productive and enjoyable year at Aranda School. We have much to accomplish together as a school community and all the decisions we make will be with our children’s best interests in mind.

School Board Information: Nominations will open for one vacant Parents and Citizens Member position and one parent member on Monday 7 February 2022 and close 21 February 2022. Please email any nominations to info@arandaps.act.edu.au and attention it to our Assistant Returning Officer, Ash Garrity.

Have a great week,

Phil Gray



Aranda Music and Arts (AMA) Update

Aranda Music and Arts (AMA) is a volunteer-run program offering music and art tuition after hours at the school or in nearby teaching spaces. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place at the school as we commence term 1, initially AMA will not be operating in-person lessons. We hope to be able to resume lessons soon. Please see our website <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org> for more information regarding AMA."

Class Representatives

You will receive an email for your year group from a parent volunteer and a contact list for your year. So if you would like to receive weekly reminders and connect with other parents please use [this link](#) to register (this will also appear on seesaw in the "getting to know you" post).

If you'd like to find out more, or would like to nominate yourself as a Year Group Rep, please email [Teegan](#), including the Year Group that you are nominating for.



Its Free!

LOOSE PARTS PLAY



**Open to all families with young children (0-5 years).
Come and enjoy a fun outdoor loose parts playgroup!**

9:30AM – 11:30AM WEEKDAYS
Mon & Wed: John Knight Memorial Park
Tues & Fri: Behind Charnwood Shops
Thurs: Aranda Sportsground

Come and speak to occupational therapy students, a speech pathologist, and our family liaison coordinator about any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development.

For more information, updates, or to contact us, please visit our facebook page: University of Canberra Good Start in Life for Young Children

THIS EVENT IS PART OF THE GOOD START IN LIFE RESEARCH PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA. THIS RESEARCH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA'S HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (HREC 6935)