



Newsletter

Executive Report

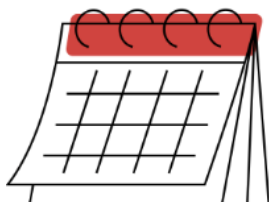
Dear Aranda School community,

Welcome back to the new school year. Our Pre-schoolers and Kindy students made a confident and enthusiastic start on Monday. A few tears were shed (mostly by parents) before the children settled into their new surroundings and by three o'clock there were plenty of smiles. According to one Kindy child, "My sister told me school is boring, but my class is lots of fun."

Dates to Remember:

27-28 Feb	Year 3 Camp - Birrigai
6-8 March	Year 4 Camp - Kianinny
13 March	Public Holiday

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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up.calendar.google.com
4. Click Add calendar. The calendar appears on the left, under "Other calendars."



The rest of our children returned on Tuesday, and it was so nice to see them enthusiastically greeting their friends and teachers. I would like to welcome the new families who joined our Aranda School community this year.



The Aranda staff spent three days together at camp Kianinny at the end of our summer break. We participated in professional learning sessions designed to help us meet some of the priorities in our school plan. We had a particular focus on improving our teaching of Mathematics.





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 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.

Teaching teams:

I would like to welcome several new teachers to Aranda this year. Lisa Slokolovic (Preschool assistant), Dave Meyers (Year 1 team) and Molly Garven (year 4 team).

2023 staff:

Preschool: Shannon Jones, Dani Rolfe and Caitlin Jones

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

Year 1: Teah Fogarty, Ashley Groch, Dave Meyers and Caroline Adams

Year 2: Mel Hill, Chris Wark and Leigh Andreatta

Year 3: Emily Hillary, Anthony Watson, Dahlia Cerro and Nicole Jalocha

Year 4: John Boland, Molly Garven and Bobbi Smith

Year 5/6: Gina Mapley, Callum Taylor, Rob Panozzo, Bailey Lutton, Cam James and Mara Nagaki

Disability Education Program: Janine Collins

Specialists: Myriam Davies (French), Ellie Duckett (Mental Health & Wellbeing), Melissa Alexander (Music), Sandra Kelly (EAL/D), Maya Deneve (Student Support), Jess Beaton (Student Support) and Michael Hynes (Student Support)

Executive: Phil Gray, Lisa Kingham, Scott Pearce, James Harrison and Ellie Duckett

Learning Support Assistants: Katie McLaren, Lindy Knight, Jo Devenish, Holly Kingham and Lisa Slokolovic

Hearing Support Team: Laisarn, Lewis and Grace

School Psychologist: Ashleigh Kinlyside

Front Office: Ash Garrity & Sam Kingham

Building Services Officer: Brian Ireland

I'm thrilled to inform you that assemblies will recommence face to face in our school hall, Friday mornings at 9:15am. Our first assembly will be held Friday, Week 4 (February 24th) and will be hosted by 5/6RP.

We look forward to hosting our much-loved Grand Parents and Family Friends Day at the school this year. We will release the date for this event soon.

I look forward to a busy and productive year at Aranda Primary School,
Phil Gray



2023 Covid guidelines from the ACT Education Directorate:

Staying COVID Smart in 2023

Being COVID Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.

If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know. We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

RATs are again available from the school for students in term 1 from the front office.

You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>

Aranda Primary School 2023 Board

If you are interested in contributing to the governance of Aranda Primary School, please consider nominating for a position on the Aranda Primary School Board.

Available Positions

1 Parent and Citizen Member Positions

2 Staff Member Positions

Both positions are for a two (2) year period commencing 1 April 2023.

Nominations

Nomination forms will be available from the Front Office in hard copy form the start of the 2023 school year.

Open- 11am on Monday, 6 February 2023

Close – 11am on Monday, 20 February 2023

All nomination forms must be handed in at the Front Office.

All nominees will be required to submit a short piece about them for the newsletter.



Voting Process (if required)

Is now online and more information will be sent out if process is required.

Further Information

For additional information, please contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Samantha Kingham on 6142 3030 or info@arandaps.act.edu.au

Uniform Shop

New and second hand uniforms can now be purchased through a new online store:

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

After a transition period in 2022, Flexischools will not be available for uniform orders.

Flexischools credits can still be used for the Canteen. For uniform shop enquiries, please email:

apsuniformshop@gmail.com