



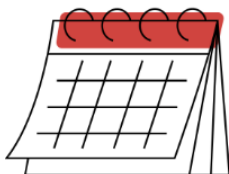
Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

29 th Jan (Monday)	Pupil Free Day
30 th Jan (Tuesday)	Preschool & Kindergarten First Day Back
31 st Jan (Wednesday)	Year 1 – 6 First Day Back

2024 Aranda Calendar



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

Sickness reminder:

Coming into the warmer weather, we will also start to see an increase of hay fever symptoms. If your child usually struggles with hay fever you may want to administer an antihistamine before sending them to school to reduce symptoms throughout the day.

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

Dear Aranda community,

Welcome back and a particularly big welcome to our new families, children, and teachers. The Aranda staff have been busy during the break and all of us have renewed our First Aid qualifications. The teaching staff participated in a wide range of professional learning including student wellbeing and curriculum-based workshops. I enjoyed watching the children start the new school year with such energy and excitement. Many children told me that it was great to see all their friends again.





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.

Literacy and numeracy inquiry:

The ACT Government has appointed an expert panel to conduct an [inquiry into literacy and numeracy in ACT public schools](#). The panel is taking submissions from the public until Wednesday 14 February. Please follow this link for more information.

New mobile phone policy for all ACT public schools starts this term:

Dear parents and carers,

You are reminded that the new Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT Public Schools Policy will commence from the beginning of term 1, 2024.

For students at Aranda Primary School this means:

- Students in years P-10 at ACT public schools may not use or access personal communications devices at school, including recess and lunch, or during school authorised events.
- For year 11 and 12 students, mobile phones and other personal communications devices must be silenced and put away during class time.

Special considerations and exemptions: Exemptions can be requested if a student needs their device/assistive technology:

- to manage or monitor a medical condition
- to help meet caring or family responsibilities
- to support adjustments for students with disability as part of an agreed individual learning plan.

If you would like to apply for an exemption please speak with our front office. A transition period up to the end of term 1, 2024 is in place for families working through the exemption process.

You can read more about the policy including frequently asked questions on the Education Directorate website.

Our staff configuration for 2024 is as follows:

<u>Preschool</u> Shannon Jones Dani Rolfe Caitlin Jones Lisa & Holly	<u>Kindergarten</u> Courtney Ward Janine Collins Rachel Van-Aalst	<u>Year 1</u> Chris Wark Nicole Jalocho Dave Meyers Samantha Fraser
<u>Year 2</u> Mel Hill Cam James Ash Groch Leigh Andreatta	<u>Year 3</u> Caroline Adams Gina Mapley Rob Panozzo	<u>Year 4</u> John Boland Molly Garvin Mara Nagaki Bobbi Smith



<u>Year 5/6</u> Anthony Watson Teah Fogarty Dahlia Cerro Bailey Lutton Callum Taylor Emily Hillary	<u>Specialist Team</u> Melissa Alexander - Music Ellie Duckett – Mental Health and Wellbeing Maya Hayward – Learning Support Myriam Davies - French Jess B, Jessie W, Pam D Sandra Kelly - EALD	<u>Administration staff</u> Sam Kingham Ash Garrity Katie, Lindy & Jo BSO: Brian School Psychologist: Ashleigh Kinlyside School Executive: Phil Gray, Lisa Kingham, Scott Pearce, James Harrison
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I am looking forward to a very positive year at Aranda School. Our focus will be and always has been on the safety, happiness and growth of the children at our school.

Kind regards,

Phil Gray

Principal

Aranda Primary School 2024 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 Position
- 1 Parent Member Position

Nominations

Nomination forms will be available from the Front Office in hard copy from Monday 5 February.

Open- 11am on Monday, 5 February 2024

Close – 11am on Monday, 19 February 2024

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 via info@arandaps.act.edu.au



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