



Newsletter

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Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

We have really found our rhythm, implementing our health and hygiene measures and the new timetables and routines that are the basis of our safe school operation for Term 4, 2021. We extend a sincere thankyou to our families who have been understanding and considerate of the necessary changes to the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up routines. We understand that, at times, these new processes can be challenging for some. Please know that a great deal of thought, effort and consideration has been given to make the new systems workable for our families while still complying with the advice of both the ACT Education Directorate and ACT Health Department.

I must acknowledge the efforts of the Aranda Staff who have found yet another new way of working and, in doing so, have taken on many additional roles and duties. As always, they have done so seamlessly.

Recent Vandalism and Break-ins

Over recent months, we have seen a significant increase in the frequency and amount of vandalism to the school grounds and buildings. The school has also been broken into several times this year. On all occasions, we have been left with property damage, stolen items and smashed windows. These events come at a cost to the school. We thank the contributions of the Aranda P&C and Aranda Afters. Their generous donations have enabled us to continue to maintain our beautiful school during what is beginning to feel like an ongoing issue.





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 3.30 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.

Keep your child home if they are sick



The Covid-19 pandemic is not over. Restrictions are still in place – including in our schools – and we all need to be vigilant. This includes not sending children to school when they are sick.

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be asked to collect them.

It is important we limit the spread of disease during this pandemic. By doing the right thing you can help keep Canberra Covid-safe.

Aranda Primary School's Unwrapped Picnic



Last Monday 15 November, Aranda Primary School enjoyed taking part in an 'Unwrapped Picnic' as a part of our sustainability program, Plastic Oceans. The aim of the picnic was to educate and remind students about the importance of reducing single-use plastic. It was wonderful to see so many delicious and plastic-free lunchboxes. Through our amazing efforts, we raised a total of \$385. This will go directly to Plastic Oceans Australasia's mission to change the world's attitude towards plastic. In addition, we are absolutely thrilled to announce we took out the sensational prize of 'Best School Picnic'.





Planning for 2022

Planning for 2022 is well underway. If, for any reason, your child/children may not be attending Aranda Primary in 2022, we ask families to notify the school in writing at info@arandaprimery.ed.act.edu.au. This allows us to take all student movement into account in the construction of classes for the following school year.

2022 Commencement Dates

Monday 31 January 2022: Preschool (Mon/Tues Group) and Kindergarten students

Tuesday 1 February 2022: Year 1 – Year 6 students

Thursday 3 February 2022: Preschool (Thursday/Friday Group) students

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 31 January – Thursday 8 April 2022

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July 2022

Term 3: Monday 18 July – Friday 23 September 2022

Term 4: Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December 2022

Kind regards,

The Exec Team

Aranda Music and Art (AMA) Program

Aranda Music and Art (AMA) Program Update as at Week 7, Term 4 (23 November 2021)

2022 Enrolments now open

Go to the [AMA website](#) to enrol. First round enrolments are open from **Monday 22 November until Friday 17 December**.

Students will be placed and offers made in the first two weeks of Term 1, with most classes starting in Week 3 of term.

All current students will need to re-enrol for 2022, including those students currently enrolled or on waitlists this year.

For more information, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org.