



Newsletter

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Known Medical Conditions

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



**If your child is sick,
they should not
come to school.**



Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

I would like to acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to all our families for your consideration and support at the beginning of the school year.

Despite many additional things asked of both staff and parents Week 1 was smooth, positive, and productive.

We can reassure you that we will continue to implement covid safe practices such as regular handwashing, sanitiser available in all classrooms, the wearing of masks by all adults, the use of a QR code for check-ins and different entry and exit points into and out of the school all to reduce risk and transmission.

It is extremely important that if children are unwell, they are kept at home.

Thank you to our families who collected their rapid antigen tests (RATs) last week at the designated times. We were pleased this week to be able to send the tests; two per child, home in school bags.

Two tests were placed in your child's bag on Tuesday at the conclusion of the day. Tuesdays will remain our distribution day. We ask all parents to check school bags as soon as your child leaves the school on Tuesday afternoons. Please store the tests in a safe place under 30 degrees in temperature.

The two tests each week will be placed in a small pouch (*RATbags*) to take home. **We ask that all pouches be returned to school so they can be reused.**

Please use the tests we've supplied to regularly test your child/children. Please report all cases of children with COVID to the school as well as to ACT Health so all risks to others can be quickly assessed. If children are staying home to isolate because other family members have COVID please notify the school Front Office Staff.



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.

We will continue to use the Tuesday as our distribution day for week 3 & 4 sending the tests for those weeks home in school bags.

Allergy Awareness

Aranda Primary School is an allergy aware school. This is to protect children with allergies and to educate all children on the dangers of allergies and their associated risks.

It is our aim to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all staff, students, and their families in our community.

Allergies can be serious, and a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) is potentially life threatening. One of the most common allergens is peanuts and tree nuts.

Rather than eliminate allergens and triggers entirely from an environment the emphasis is on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Allergy Awareness'.

To minimise the risk to allergic individuals, the following management strategies are in place:

- The school has a trained designated first aid officer on site.
- Every year staff are trained in EpiPen use.
- Staff work in partnership with the families of students with food allergies to ensure information held by the school is current and correct. Clarification will be sought by the school when required.
- Staff remind students on a regular basis to not share food from their lunches with other students.
- Parents/Carers are required to complete a [Medical Information and Consent Form](#) and a [Known Medical Condition Response Plan](#). The [Known Medical Condition Response Plan](#) includes the [ACSI Anaphylaxis Action Plan \(Personal\)](#) and is developed in consultation with the treating medical practitioner. The Action Plan must contain:
 - Detail of triggers
 - Early warning signs
 - First aid action to be taken
 - Emergency and medical contact details

If you have not provided updates to the documents that support your child's health and allergy management this year, please use the links provided in this newsletter and share with the front office ASAP.



The funny things kids say.....

As teachers each year we could easily fill pages of books with the funny things we hear kids say.

The last two weeks have provided some pearls from our littlest primary cohort, the Kindy Crew.

Thought you may get a smile out of these ones:

- “Do you remember where the bathroom is?” “Yeah, I know, because I know everything!!! Do you know that?”
- After completing one week of kindy a student thought that was kindy done and said “that was fun. What year am I in next week?”
- Kindy child walks into class for the morning after putting their bag on the hook and sits down and says, “Is it recess yet?”
- Child reports to Mum in the evening “Mr Fairy Pants is very funny, but what class am I in next week?”
- “What was your favourite part of your day today?” “Everything!”

Wishing all our families a great Term 1.

Kind regards,

Lisa Kingham





Class Representative Program/ Year Group Representative

This year **Class Representative Program** has change to **Year Group Representative**.

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,

SENSORY STORY TIME

Program Details:

TERM 1

Fridays fortnightly - February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15

10:00AM - 10:30AM

Woden Library - Community Room 1 & 2

Registration - <https://bit.ly/SensoryStoryTimeFeb18>
<https://bit.ly/SensoryStoryTimeMarch4>
<https://bit.ly/SensoryStoryTimeMarch18>
<https://bit.ly/SensoryStoryTimeApril1>
<https://bit.ly/SensoryStoryTimeApril15>

About the Program:

In conjunction with EACH*, Libraries ACT brings Sensory Story Time to the Woden library.

Sensory Story Time is aimed at engaging your child in activities supporting the development of social play and literacy. We will model appropriate behaviours while reading a story and exploring simple questions about the narrative.

We will explore and engage our seven senses throughout. Sensory Story Time is aimed at those who are living with autism or who are living with challenges related to sensory experiences. However, it can be of benefit for all children.

* EACH is the NDIS Partner for the Early Childhood Approach (0 - 6 years) in the ACT

