



Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

8 April	Last day of Term 1
26 April	First Day of Term 2 (Tuesday)

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Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

As term 1 draws to a close, I would like to thank our parents once again for your support and understanding during another unusual start to the school year. Covid restrictions across ACT schools have resulted in essential visitors only entering school grounds. Changes to drop off and pick up arrangements, the postponement of excursions/camps and the reinvention of assemblies and events like Harmony Day have frustrated everyone. We managed and the children coped admirably.

The following message was delivered to all ACT government schools at the end of last week:

Health guidelines to start term 2

This brings us to the range of COVID-19 related measures and health guidelines for term 2.

I can confirm that our current settings will remain in place for the start of term 2.

We have been working closely with ACT Health on how the health guidelines might evolve going forward and as the winter months approach.

Our Covid Protocols and safety measures at Aranda Primary School will remain in place until further notice. This is in accordance with directives from ACT Health and the ACT Education Directorate. Our drop off and pick up arrangements will stay in place and only essential adult visitors will be permitted into school grounds. We know that winter is approaching, and the cold weather will affect our air circulation measures. I will update you as soon as I can about our plans for winter.

Aranda Cross Country Carnival:

On Friday the 1st of April we held the 2022 Aranda Primary Cross Country Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents at a school event again. Although the day started with a chill in the air, it soon warmed up like the action on the track and was a fantastic day out for all involved. The focus for the day was fun and participation and there was an abundance of this being displayed by all students.

To begin the day the Preschool, Kindy and Year 1 students weaved, hopped, and stepped their way around the oval for their Junior Cross Country obstacle course. For many, this was their first time taking part in a school carnival. You could see the excitement in their faces.

The senior Cross Country Carnival provided students with the opportunity to run on a track that incorporated the oval, along with the Aranda Primary bike track. Each year group showed positive enthusiasm as they cheered home their fellow peers, and a few close finishes shows the commitment that the students have. Some students will now be invited to represent Aranda Primary School the Belconnen Cross Country to be held in Term 2. (*Cameron James – Cross Country coordinator*)





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 3.30pm 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.



Aranda Staff

Thank you to every staff member at Aranda School for your efforts this term. Our team showed good humour, resilience and upheld a very high professional standard during testing times this term. We struggled to find relief staff throughout the term and many staff members including our Executive team helped cover classes and fill in where needed. Lisa Kingham was the star of the show as our staffing officer. She worked tirelessly from early in the morning to late at night to make sure everyone knew what was ahead of them daily. I wish you all a well-earned break.



Congratulations to Bailey Lutton and Rachael Corbett. Two of our fantastic young Aranda teachers who graduated last Thursday. We promise they were fully qualified when they began teaching at Aranda!

Enjoy the break if you are taking one and I hope you have some time with friends and family to relax and recharge. Please keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 information via <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au> throughout the holidays. See you all on Tuesday, April 26 for the start of term 2.

Kind regards,
Phil Gray
Principal

Lost Property - Cross Country

After Cross Country, we found many jumpers, hats and drink bottles left on the oval, none of which were labelled. So, we decided to calculate how much money was wasted on the lost items.



There were \$630 worth of jumpers, \$44 worth of vests, \$30 worth of hats and \$20 worth of drink bottles. If you add all of that up, it comes to a shocking total of \$724, which is enough money to buy 241 cartons of milk. This just proves the importance of labelling your belongings and looking after them.



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Aranda Multipurpose Track – Working Bee

This coming Saturday the 9th of April we will be holding another working bee on the school multipurpose track. This is a fantastic community project in collaboration between the school and P&C. Many hands make light work, so we hope to see a large turnout for what will be another really productive morning.

What: Multipurpose Track Working Bee

Where: Meet at the school near the underpass on Bandjalong Cres

When: 9:00am on Saturday 9 April

What to bring: Wheelbarrow, shovel, rake (if you have one). We will have plenty of tools for those of you that don't have one on the day.





Aranda Music and Arts Program

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 COVID-19 restrictions in place at the school, AMA will not be operating in-person lessons until further notice. We hope to be able to resume lessons soon. Please see our website <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org> for more information regarding AMA.