



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

8 June	Tennis 5/6
11 June	Belconnen Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
13 June	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
14 June	Pupil Free Day
15 June	ACT Cross Country
20 June	Netball 3/4
23 June	AFL 5/6
28 June	Netball 5/6
1 July	Disco - Techno Moves for Tombi

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Dear Aranda Community,

Home & School Partnership

Research has shown that the most accurate predictor of academic achievement is not related to socioeconomic status or the quality of the school a child attends. The best predictor of student success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their child's education. When parents are actively involved in their children's learning, children not only have the support at home to reinforce new concepts taught throughout the day but also develop a lifelong love of learning.

We know how busy life is and understand that reading with your child, talking about their maths or reflecting on their learning goals often takes a back seat at the end of the day amidst juggling work, making dinner, and the other competing priorities we all have.

We want to help you to help your child at home. Seesaw is a wonderful tool for you to gain insight into your child's learning. Use it to find a topic to chat with your child about what they are learning and ask them what their goals are (each student at Aranda has a maths, reading and writing goal). Talk to them about what they are finding challenging and ask them to show you. Below you will find some general maths targets for each year level. Teachers have identified these after analysing gaps in student learning.

- **Kindergarten:** Make connections between number names, numerals and quantities up to 10.
- **Year 1:** Sequence to and from 100 by 1s from any starting point and skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- **Year 2:** Use quick recall of number facts to assist them with addition and subtraction.
- **Year 3:** Automatically recall 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s times tables and developing an understanding of all other times tables up to 10.
- **Year 4:** Automatically recall times tables up to 10.
- **Year 5:** Recall multiplication and related division facts up to 12 times tables.
- **Year 6:** Make connections between fractions, decimals and percentages.

This week, we will send home via Seesaw a range of strategies you can use at home to help your child achieve these targets.

One of the biggest barriers to helping your child can often be just not knowing how to help. Your child's class teacher can provide you with specific activities and strategies for you to use at home. Please reach out to them if you need some ideas.

Maths is Fun!

One of the priorities in our school plan is to improve student outcomes in Maths. An important part of this is changing the perceptions of students, so they view maths as something to be enjoyed. Data collected from our students indicates that only 52% enjoy maths.



This is alarming, and it is our goal to raise this percentage to at least 85%. Our teachers have been working hard to change the perceptions of students by developing fun and exciting ways to teach maths and exploring with students the definition of what maths actually is. Below are some photos of a Year 3 maths unit about 3D shapes and nets. Through the design of 3D cities, the students explored the creation of three-dimensional objects using cm grid paper, including prisms and pyramids. They measured the nets themselves and folded them to make accurate 3D objects.

[Click this link for more information about the unit](#)



Watch this space for more examples of how we are battling to change the perceptions of our students.

ACT Primary Concert Band & Choir

The students listed below have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2022. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. The ensembles will perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year. Some groups also participate in interstate tours. Please join me in congratulating the following students.

Primary Concert Choir

- Caroline Du
- Providence Kyayagala
- Eleni Wood

Primary Concert Band

- Amal Amin Malik Shah
- Tor Eveston
- Ella Wang
- Eleni Wood
- Enoch Xu



End of Semester Reporting

In Week 9 of this term, end of semester Student Reports will be distributed. The Education Directorate has requested that schools adjust the Semester 1, 2022 reports to reflect the impact and disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic during this learning period. As a result, the Semester 1 reports will include a general comment and an indication of your child's progress in English, Maths and General Capabilities.

With the report will be an A-E grade summary for English and Maths. If, for any reason, you wish not to receive an A-E grade, please notify the Front Office. When a student receives a 'C' grade, it means they are achieving within the expected range for their year level. The grades and outcomes are guided by the Australian Curriculum.

Reports will be emailed to parents and carers on the Friday of Week 9 (24 June). The report is intended to be read in conjunction with a 15-minute interview (**choice of face-to-face or online via Google Meet**) with your child's class teacher in Week 10. More information about how to book these interviews will be provided to you in an email over the coming weeks.

Techno Moves for Tombi

On the last day of term, the SRC will be hosting a fundraiser for our adopted orangutan Tombi. Students are invited to wear their 'fluro threads' and participate with their year level in a disco. Mr Wark (aka DJ Christoff) will again spin the decks to crank out some child friendly techno tunes. Each year level will have a designated time slot. A gold coin donation will be the entry pass to the disco.



Kind regards,

Scott Pearce

Deputy Principal



Science Fair

It's Science Fair time again!



We are very excited to announce that the Science Fair will be conducted in Term 3. This year the Science Fair will continue to be presented digitally. The students will present their investigations in a Google Slides format which will be placed on a website that is accessed via a link. This will allow the community to view all of the student's incredible work at their own leisure.

Last week on Seesaw, we shared the PDF 'Aranda Science Fair 2022', which outlines the timeframe and presentation protocols, and explains the expectations of the Science Fair Projects. This has also been sent via email.

If your child plans to enter a project this year, please complete the proposal form, which is linked via the information Google Slides.

Please contact Bobbi Smith (bobbi.smith@ed.act.edu.au) if you have any further questions regarding the Aranda Science Fair 2022.

Happy investigating!

P&C Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will be running the Belconnen Bunnings BBQ on Saturday **11 June 2022** and volunteering opportunities are now open.

The BBQ is an important fundraiser for the P&C especially given fundraising activities have been limited in recent times.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to sign-up:
volunteersignup.org/48PPY

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

All money raised goes directly into projects that benefit Aranda Primary and the Local Community - Thank you for volunteering!



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.

Covid Symptoms

If your child is awaiting PCR results, they cannot come to school until a negative result is received. This is the ACT Health protocol.

We continue to have questions daily about student and community health in relation to Covid 19.

Symptoms of covid can range from mild to severe. Some people recover easily while others get very sick, very quickly. If you test positive for covid 19, you may experience:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Other symptoms may include:

- Running nose or congestion
- Headache or fatigue
- Muscle or joint pains
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste

Pupil Free Days

The ACT Education Directorate has allocated all ACT public schools two "pupil free" planning days during Term 2. Due to significant staff shortages, teachers throughout Term 1 relinquished their planning time to maintain duty of care for all our students. The staff planning days will provide our teachers with the much-needed opportunity to catch up on their planning, work in teams to moderate student work and develop specific student plans for the remainder of 2022.

Aranda Primary School will hold staff planning days on:

- **Tuesday 14 June, Week 8**

We request that parents make alternative arrangements for their children on these dates. Supervision at school will be provided for the small number of children whose parents are unable to care for them at home or find an alternative. Students attending school will be supervised to access the ACT Education Directorate's learning resources.

We thank our community for their ongoing consideration and support in what has been an unprecedented period for all.



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

The catalogue for Term 2 of the Scholastic Book Club (Issue 4) was sent home with your child/ren last week.

HOW TO ORDER

The Book Club will be accepting orders and payments online – this means **no forms or money need to be returned to school**. Orders are submitted through the LOOP (Linked Online Order & Payment) platform on the Scholastic website, <https://www.scholastic.com.au/> or via the LOOP app.

Orders are due by **Wednesday, 15 June 2022**.

For orders in by midnight Friday, 3 June there is a \$5 gift voucher for a minimum spend of \$25. Use the promotional code **WINTER.**

WHAT IS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB?

The Book Club is a great way to encourage reading. Once a term, students will bring home a book club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests.

HOW DOES ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL BENEFIT?

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for the school, however there is never any obligation to order.

QUESTIONS?

Please remember, the Book Club is a P&C project and is run by parent volunteers. The Book Club is not administered by Aranda Primary School. If you have any questions, please contact:
arandascholasticbookclub@gmail.com.



Year 6 High School Visits

Transition points throughout students' education are crucial. Every year we work closely with Canberra High school to support our Year 6 students and their transition to secondary school. Due to current circumstances, the high school will visit our students here at Aranda. Key people, both staff and students from Canberra High, will conduct a forum with our Year 6 students. This forum will give our students an opportunity to engage in a discussion, ask questions about the way high school functions, ask what classes and opportunities exist and how to seek support and guidance when needed.

A reminder to all year 6 Parents to submit enrolment forms for your intended high school if you have not already done so. You can submit the form via the ACT Education website: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Kind Regards,

Lisa Kingham
Deputy Principal

Free asthma education for families

Registered Nurse Asthma Educators provide children, young people and their families with support to manage their asthma. This free service from Canberra Health Services is available to all children up to the age of 18 in the ACT and surrounds. The service includes:

- advice on asthma, asthma first aid, how asthma medications work and when to use them
- symptom recognition for primary school children, aiming to support increasing independence
- support for teenagers to self-manage their condition and device options.

If any students/families would benefit from receiving asthma education, please advise them to call the Community Health Intake line on 5124 9977 to make an appointment.

Attachments:

- [PAEDS Asthma DL Flyer \(300 kb PDF\)](#)

Contact Children's Asthma Education Service on asthmanurse@act.gov.au.