



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

4 May	Cross Country
6 May	AFL Finals Day (5/6)
11-21 May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
18 May	Yr 6 Canberra High Visit
26 May	Belconnen Cross Country

Friendly reminder:

If you are sending cash with your child to pay for an excursion/activity, please ensure the cash is clearly labelled in an envelope or zip lock bag.

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Dear Aranda community,

Term 2 is an exciting term and promises to have many highlights. That said, Week 1 has already delivered with a very respectful and meaningful ANZAC Assembly last Thursday and a wonderful Athletics Carnival on the last day of the week.

Athletics Carnival

Last Friday saw a full day of participation and effort by all students, from Preschool through to Year 6 in our Aranda Primary School Athletics Carnival. The weather was kind, the sun shone and the two ovals at the bottom of the school were full of activity.

Our junior school students rotated through numerous fun physical activities, ranging from obstacle races and gumboot throwing to slow-motion running set against the soundtrack of *Chariots of Fire*. The senior school carnival was busy with all the regular carnival favourites, like long jump, shot put, discus and, of course, the short and long course races.

We must extend a special thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and contributed enormously to the smooth running of the carnival. The carnival committee was made up of a number of enthusiastic teachers (Nicole, Janine, Rob, Shannon, Lakhana, Ellie and Cam) who, through excellent preparation and a lot of time and effort, made everything look seamless. Congratulations to the committee and your team for a job well done. Big congratulations to all the students who demonstrated outstanding effort and spirit throughout the day.





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.



School Cross Country

Please make a note in your family planner that next Tuesday 4 May is our school cross country. Students can come to school in their sport house colours. Please be sure to pack coats to put on after the race if the day is chilly. All students need to take labelled, broad-brimmed hats and drink bottles with them to the oval.

Lost Property

Lost property is stored in a container at the entry doors to our library. Parents are welcome to check the container at any time through the day. We check the lost property for labelled items regularly and return them to their owner. However, many items are not labelled. Please try to put names on all items of clothing as some very good quality clothing items remain unclaimed.

Important 2022 Enrolment Information

Please note that if your child is already attending Aranda Primary School in K-6, you do not need to re-enrol them for 2022. 2021 Preschool attenders who are living in Aranda/Cook or have siblings attending Aranda Primary School do not need to enrol for 2022 Kindergarten.



ACT public school enrolments for 2022 for new students open at 6am on Tuesday 27 April 2021. This is for all new enrolments from Preschool to Year 12. For applications received by 5pm on Friday 4 June 2020, offers will begin to be made from 26 July. All applications must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>

You are encouraged to get your application in before 4 June so your school can start planning for your child's education. However, every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when the application is received.

Preschool Enrolments

All four-year-old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. You are encouraged to apply for the preschool for your local primary school which offers you the greatest continuity for the transition to Kindergarten. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Preschool places are not allocated on a first come first served basis. Preschool applications are prioritised in this order:

1. Exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing.
2. ACT-resident siblings of students concurrently enrolled in the primary school.
3. Children living within the [Priority Enrolment Area \(PEA\) of the primary school](#), up to the limits of available places.
4. Where there are not enough places for all children living in the PEA of the primary school, applications will be ranked by 'proximity', that is the distance that your child lives from the preschool. The distance is measured 'as the crow flies'.
5. The Directorate will find a place for all other children at a preschool, considering where your child lives and the number of remaining places.

Please note: A number of preschools are experiencing high demand for places from their local families. Aranda Primary School is one of these schools. At these high demand preschools, applicants who do not meet the prioritisation criteria will be allocated to:**

- the preschool of the primary school in their Priority Enrolment Area where capacity exists
- the closest preschool to their home with capacity.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Kingham

P&C News

Thank you to the school community for a wonderful family picnic last term. If you would like to come along to the next P&C meeting and help plan some more activities, or just come and listen and find out what we get up to, we would love to see you there

6:30 pm, Wednesday 5 May in the Community Room next to the Library.



Preschool

At Preschool, our programs are based around the Early Years Learning Framework. With a focus on belonging, being and becoming, we believe in the importance of educating our students about the first people to live in Australia through a program titled *Walk on Country*. We are learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and enjoying exploring the land of the Ngunnawal people on which our preschool is built. Students have been using their senses to explore the environment immediately surrounding Aranda Preschool. We often meet with our Year 4 buddies. Together we have explored the meaning of the word Canberra, discussed traditional meeting places and celebrated Harmony Day. Our aim is for students to feel connected with and contribute to their world.

This term, we have learnt about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and what each flag represents. Working with our buddies, we have made artworks depicting our learning and we are excited for all the learning still to come.

