



## Newsletter

## Executive Report

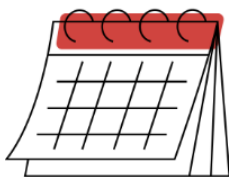
### Dates to Remember:

12 Sep	ACT Athletics Carnival
13 Sep	5/6 Zoo Excursion
14 Sep	3/4 Girls Bball
14 Sep	3/4 Tennis Cup
14 Sep	Just 50 Words Assembly
19 Sep	Y1 Botanic Gardens Excursion

### Key Dates Term 4:

12 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
14 Dec	School Concert

### 2023 Aranda Calendar



Click this link <https://bit.ly/31hH976> on any device to view the calendar in your browser.

### Sickness reminder:

We are sending home an increasing number of children with stomach illnesses. Please remember that if your child vomits, there is an exclusion period of 24 hours – this is an ACT Health requirement.

Coming into the cooler weather, we will also start to see an increase of cold and flu symptoms. This could be a good time to remind your children about the importance of washing their hands and staying hygienic.

If you are not able to collect your child when they are sick at school, please make sure you have an accessible emergency contact listed. If you need to update your emergency contact, please email: [info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)

Dear Aranda Community,

It is hard to believe that we are in week 8 already! We are thrilled to share a medley of accomplishments and adventures that have enriched our school days in the last few weeks. From the fun and excitement of Book Week, the inquisitive wonders of GATEWAYS The determined strides of our athletes in the National Cross Country championships and the spirited journey of the year 5/6 girl's AFL team to Sydney, our students have truly shown their dedication, curiosity and teamwork in a variety of settings.

### Book Week

Our recent Book Week Parade was a magical celebration brought to life by the incredible Queen of Hearts, also known as our beloved Mrs Alexander. The school was alive with creativity as we celebrated the joy of reading together. Dressed as the regal Queen of Hearts, Mrs Alexander warmly welcomed everyone to one of our most exciting days of the year. Our students and teachers amazed everyone with their imaginative costumes, from classic characters to modern heroes in all shapes and sizes. The Queen of Hearts and Dame Washalot from the Magic Faraway Tree shared a hilarious performance, adding in many laughs to start the day. Whilst the Book Week Parade may be over, the magic of reading continues. Let's carry forward this enthusiasm for books and imagination, thanks to the wonderful efforts of Mrs Alexander and the staff at Aranda Primary School. A huge thank you to our extraordinary Queen of Hearts for making our Book Week Parade an unforgettable literary adventure.





## Important Messages

### Uniform Shop

New and second hand orders can be placed online at:

<https://arandapsuniforms.square.site/>

Orders placed by 5pm Thursday are delivered to class on Friday.

### 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.

### Canteen

The Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. The Canteen can be contacted via email on [arandacanteen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au) by 3.30pm every 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.



## National Cross Country Championships

Aranda Primary is thrilled to share the wonderful achievements of Banjo, Emmi and Layla in their efforts at the National Cross Country Championships. From the 25th of August to the 28th, our girls competed against the top 6 runners from each state across the country. In the lead-up, Banjo, Emmi and Layla trained 3 times a week alongside the ACT coach Craig White. A special thanks goes to Kathie Dent who ran with the girls each Tuesday morning and all their hard work and dedication truly paid off! All girls competed in the under 10s 2km race with Layla coming in an incredible 6th place and Banjo and Emmi both improving on their previous times. The relays on Monday were also another great success for Aranda, with Layla's team coming in 2nd place. This event wasn't just about the wins; it was a memorable experience for everyone involved. We extend our gratitude to the coaches, families and friends for their support. Congratulations to Banjo, Emmi and Layla on your achievements and sportsmanship!



Layla, Banjo and Emmi

## G force Bushkids experience

Last week, the fantastic G force teamed up with our kindergarten students for an unforgettable experience of the Bushkids program. This was the first time students in year 5/6 have experienced the Bushkids program and were delighted to explore the local bushland with the kindergarten students, engaging in creative play, challenging builds and a good laugh in the sunshine and fresh air.





## GATEWAYS Program

Last Thursday, nominated students from year 1 to year 6 engaged in the mathematical delights of the GATEWAYS program. This year's focus was 'Ignite'- Extreme Maths, with a focus on Maths and Inquiry. Students investigated mathematical concepts and current applications in a variety of contexts. They used hands-on activities to explore how the operations have been and continue to be used to model knowledge, revise understandings of key notions and an opportunity to 'take Maths right to the edge'. At the end of the day, there was a huge sense of pride and achievement, with big smiles too! The wonderful staff running the program for the day were blown away not only with the politeness of each student, but their resilience, patience, and willingness to have a go!



## AFL Girl's Team's Sydney Trip

On August 29th, The Aranda 5/6 Girls AFL team proudly represented their school and the ACT at the NSW/ACT state finals in Sydney, marking a back to back achievement for Aranda and 5 of the team members. After winning the local competition earlier this year, the team's dedicated training paid off. A pre-event dinner in Olympic park set the stage for the girls and their families. On match day at Tom Willis Oval and the GIANTS Stadium, they relished the opportunity to play at such an incredible AFL facility. Cam Bernasconi, A GIANTS AFLW coach, commented on their teamwork and commitment as they secured a victory against Claremont College in their first game.





A closely contested match against Griffith East Public School resulted in a narrow two point loss, and a win against St Therese Catholic Primary School from Wollongong allowed them to reach the semi finals for the second consecutive year. Despite a semi finals loss to Henschke Catholic Primary School, the girls displayed remarkable sportsmanship, earning praise from teachers, and AFL staff members.

Back in Canberra, fellow students and teachers watched the livestream, and the girls scored the highest points in the competition, solidifying their place among the top four schools in the state. The event's success was also attributed to the supportive parents who attended and the wonderful teachers, Janine Collins and coach Cam James.

Team members; Jess, Tessa, Emmy, Jade, Ali, Mischa, Elle, Jade, Meredith, Harriet, Aggie, Addison, Alma and Sol with Cam James serving as their coach.



### Upcoming Just 50 words competition

The excitement of the 'Just 50 words' writing competition has been buzzing through our school as students from preschool to year 6 embraced the challenge of creating captivating stories, using exactly 50 words. Their creativity knew no bounds as they wove intricate and sometimes hilarious tales, with unexpected twists. The winners of this competition will be announced at our special 'Just 50 words' assembly in week 9. Please note only parents and carers of shortlisted entrants will be invited to the assembly.

### Grandparents & Friend's Day 2024

We are excited to announce that Grandparents and Friend's day 2024 has an official date! Mark your calendars for September 26th, 2024. We've carefully selected this date as it falls within the last week of term 3.



We understand that many children have special guests who travel from far and wide to celebrate this wonderful occasion with loved ones. By scheduling the event closer to the holidays, we hope to provide everyone with more quality time together and a chance to enjoy much warmer weather than we had this year! Get ready for a day filled with cherished moments and unforgettable memories!

All the best,  
Maya Hayward  
Executive Teacher

## Have Your Say: mobile phones in ACT public schools

The Education Directorate is reviewing policies related to student use of mobile phones and similar devices in all ACT public schools.

A new *Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT public schools' policy* will be created to ensure that ACT public schools and classrooms are safe places that provide an effective and accessible learning environment for all students. It will outline the appropriate use of mobile phones and other communication devices by students.

By providing feedback, you can help make sure the policy meets the needs and expectations of parents and carers.

You can provide your feedback by visiting [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/mobile-phones-in-schools](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/mobile-phones-in-schools) before 8 October 2023.





## News from Preschool

Term 3 has been very busy for preschool. Our underlying themes for this term have been 'What happens when?' - our Science unit, 'What's your story?' - our Storytelling unit and 'In the Dreamtime' - our Walk on Country unit



In Science, Students will have opportunities to be involved in a variety of scientific experiments to predict, discuss and observe different phenomena. This will encourage them to develop a range of skills and processes such as problem-solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating. We have been exploring static electricity through our Science Fair project, as well as exploring clouds in a jar, and cyclone tornadoes in bottles. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about life cycles through our hands-on Hatching Chicks and Ducklings program. Visiting the Science Fair with our big buddies from Year 3 was a calendar highlight.



This term in our Walk on Country unit we have been learning about Dreamtime. Through our exploration of Dreaming stories, students have had the opportunity to build their own understanding and create their own belief systems about how all life came to be. Aboriginal philosophy is known as the Dreaming and is based on the interrelation of all people and all things. We have explored how the birds got their colours, magpies and crows, how kangaroos got their tails and how clouds were made.



Our Storytelling unit highlights children's stories. Preschool-aged children are always keen to share, listen to and make their own stories in a variety of ways. Everyone has their own story to tell and their own language to tell it in. Students have been learning about the structure of a narrative and created their own stories for the school's annual 'Just 50 words' competition. We also thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for Book Week in Week 6 and having Mr Gray come to visit and read his favourite story to us.





## News from 4JB

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from our tech-savvy students in 4JB! In a fantastic blend of imagination and innovation, our young learners recently dived into the world of 3D design using Tinkercad.

Students harnessed their creative powers to design their very own bag tags! Students explored various shapes, colours, and designs. The classroom was full of enthusiasm and excitement as our brand-new 3D printer brought these designs to life. Witnessing their creations transform from pixels to reality was awesome!

This thrilling journey through technology, creativity, and hands-on learning has ignited a spark of curiosity in our students, fostering a deeper appreciation for the wonders of design and manufacturing.

"Technology is super fun to use because you don't just have to use paper" Mack

"STEM is interesting because you can create something and it comes to life" Sophia

"Tinkercad is a good program because it helps kids create things from their imagination" Yetsho





## SPRING SC-ORE School Orienteering 2023 Term 4 – weeks 3, 4, 5 and 6



### DATES AND VENUES:

7:40am	Thursday	26th October	Hawker Primary School, Hawker
7:45am	Thursday	2nd November	Blue Gum Primary School, Hackett
7:45am	Thursday	9th November	Haig Park, Turner
7:45am	Thursday	16th November	Latham Primary School, Latham

### SC-ORE online registration:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=49736>

Or find the link from the Orienteering ACT website (under Juniors and Schools)

[www.act.orienteering.asn.au](http://www.act.orienteering.asn.au)

Get an outdoor, screen free, body and brain workout *before* hitting the classroom. What better way to start the day! Teams consist of 2 girls and 2 boys (if possible) from years 3-6. Teams can register incrementally - register your child, then encourage friends to sign up. Not all team members need to sign up at the same time. If your team is short of a member, we will find another student to complete your team.

Parents are responsible for completing their own entries online. Cost is \$28 for the 4 week series (+3% Register Now Booking Fee).

Events will finish in time for children to get to school (might be a few minutes late depending on traffic).

If you don't have a team, don't worry! We will find you one.

**Children are required to be transported to and from the 4 separate venues by parent/carer by 7:45am for an 8am start (7:40am in week 1).**

Although students are participating under the Aranda PS name, students attending will be supervised by their parents/carers and not Aranda PS staff.

Any questions? Please email [Shannon.jones@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Shannon.jones@ed.act.edu.au)



**Registration closes Friday 20th October 2023**

## Come and try it!

If you are interested but not quite sure what it is all about, come along and give it a go! If you are going to sign up again, it would be great to see you too!

### Term 4

Week 1	Thursday 12th October	8:20am	Meet at preschool
Week 2	Thursday 19th October	8:20am	Meet at preschool

See you there!  
Shannon