



## Newsletter

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## Executive Report

Dear Aranda school community,

This is the final newsletter for 2021. I would like to thank the students, staff and families at Aranda School for your cooperation, resilience and support for each other in what has been a challenging year. We made it to the end of Term 4 and now you all deserve a summer break to enjoy time with family and friends.

### School Commencement for 2022

Term 1, 2022: Monday 31 January – Thursday 8 April 2022

Term 2, 2022: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July 2022

Term 3, 2022: Monday 18 July – Friday 23 September 2022

Term 4, 2022: Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December 2022

### When will your child start in 2022?

Monday 31 January 2022: Beginning of the week Preschool and Kindergarten children start school.

Tuesday 1 February 2022: Year 1 to Year 6 children start school.

Thursday 3 February 2022: End of the week Preschool children start school.

### Farewells:

At the end of this week, we farewell Lakhana Ly-Diep, Gail D'Este, Kellie Nissen, Jasmine Kite and Jade Dillon. Lakhana, Gail, Kelly, Jasmine, and Jade have all made significant contributions to our school and they will be greatly missed. Bob Bannister and Jenny Coen will be taking some well-deserved extended leave from the beginning of 2022





## 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](mailto:apsuniformshop@gmail.com).

### 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 3.30 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.

## Year 6 graduation:

The year 6 graduation assembly provided our community with an opportunity to thank our Year six students for the significant contribution they have made to our school over a number of years. The ceremony on Friday was a real celebration. It was attended by the families and siblings of our Year six cohort. Emily Pease, a past student of Aranda Primary was our guest speaker. Emily is a defensive midfielder with the GWS GIANTS. She addressed the assembly on Friday explaining how her football career started back in her school days under the encouragement of Janine Collins. Janine urged Emily to participate in an interschool AFL day back in 2014... and as they say the rest is history.



Our 2021-year six group are an impressive group of young people. They are caring, bright and enthusiastic individuals. To all of our year six students I say this: **Work hard, aim high and be kind to those around you.**

## Aranda Gardens and Sustainability program

On Tuesday, students from KJBL went to the school veggie garden to plant some flowers and were surprised to find some massive carrots there! These carrots had been planted as seeds before the lockdown and obviously enjoyed the recent wet weather. Well, we enjoyed eating them too!

Myriam Davies  
Sustainability coordinator





## National Science & Engineering Awards

Recently, Bobbi Smith was recognised by the BHP Foundation at this year's National Science & Engineering Awards. The awards ceremony commemorated teachers across Australia for their outstanding contributions to Science Education.

Bobbi has been instrumental in lifting the profile of Science Education at Aranda Primary School. Since the first Science Fair in 2016, which had 27 participants, it has grown to over 110 individual submissions in 2021. The quality of the science fair proposals has also seen Aranda Primary awarded 1st place in both Junior and Senior sections in the ACT for the past three years.

I am sure you will join the whole staff in congratulating Bobbi Smith.

## Aranda Volleyball

Students in the Aranda Volleyball Team had the opportunity to continue their volleyball training sessions this term at the Lyneham beach volleyball courts. Just like our Olympic beach volleyballers, we played in the rain, sun and wind and enjoyed diving for the ball in the soft sand. Thank you to all the players (and their parents who drove them each week) and we look forward to more wonderful volleyball at Aranda next year.

Rachel Uren



I would like to finish by thanking the wonderful staff and volunteers who work at Aranda school. Our teachers, Executive, LSAs, front office staff and Brian all work towards a common goal – providing an environment in which every one of our children can prosper.

I hope you can all enjoy some family time over Christmas, and I look forward to working with you again in the New Year.