



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

5 August	Pupil Free Day #1
9 August	Year 4 Geoscience Excursion
22 – 23 August	Year 3 Camp
25 August	5/6 Combined Band
9 September	Pupil Free Day #2

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Dear Aranda Community,

Term 3 has certainly kicked off in a positive and busy way, particularly for our Kindergarten students.

100 Days Celebration

Last week saw our Kindy cohort celebrate their first 100 days in primary school with their 100-day celebration on Friday. The celebration day is one of colour, excitement and engaging activities that is the culmination of work done throughout the semester focusing on number, seasons, concepts of time and the tracking of weather patterns. Making Maths engaging and relevant for our students is a priority across all year levels and identifying real life links to concepts we are focusing on in lessons is something we are always striving to achieve.

Kindy quotes from the 100 days Celebration:

"I'd eat 100 sardines!" Harry

What does you teacher say 100 times? "Sit down little cherubs." Kina

"I want to be a teacher like Miss Jordan." Eloise



Bush Kids

Bush Kids is something we look forward to every year. It is an outdoor learning experience for our Kindergarten students that takes place in Term 3 and has been running here at Aranda Primary School since 2018.

It offers learners opportunities to increase their social, emotional, and physical development through positive outdoor experiences in a bushland setting.

The aim of the program is to allow students to investigate, explore and problem solve within their local environment. The program provides many opportunities for students to build social skills and resilience as well as interact with peers across the whole Kindergarten unit. Busk Kids has proven to be effective in building independence and coping skills in our youngest cohort.



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 online orders only. New orders are placed through Flexischools, second hand orders by email: apsuniformshop@gmail.com
On pupil free days, orders will be delivered the following week.

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.

This week the Kindergarten teachers reported the children had loads of fun creating shelters, cooking up some bush-grub and showing off their mud-makeup skills.

Bush Kids Kindy Quotes

'This is our new home' – Sam

'We can fix this shelter together' – Alexander

Our apologies for muddy clothes ahead of time!



ICAS/Australian Maths Trust Competitions

Throughout August, we are offering students in Year 3-6 the opportunity to be involved in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) and ICAS competitions as an enrichment component of our school program. This competition is not compulsory and Aranda Primary School recognises that this competition is more suited to some students than others. Families should feel under no obligation to enter. Notes have been sent home informing parents and carers on how to register for both competitions, the various subject areas, and associated costs. Entry into these competitions is entirely parental choice.

Entries for AMC close on Thursday 28 July. Entries for ICAS close on Monday 1 August.

Techno Moves for Tombi

On the last day of last term, we held a fabulous fun raising event for our adopted orangutan Tombi.





The SRC came up with the concept of Techno Moves for Tombi and promoted a fluorescent day where each year group in their most colourful threads grooved to the tunes of DJ Kristof. Special thanks are extended to Naomi and Adrian Wolf for supplying the amazing lighting that transformed our hall space and added so much to the day. Also special thanks to our very own DJ Kristoph (Mr Wark) for his unique ability to choose the most perfect music for each year group and get us all dancing!!!!



Science Fair

The due date for the Aranda Science Fair projects is quickly approaching.

All projects need to be submitted as Slides and shared with bobbi.smith@ed.act.edu.au by Monday August 1, 2022. The slides need to be named in the following format.

Student name/s, year group, project name, school

E.g. Bobbi S, Leigh A, John B, Year 4, Bursting Balloons, Aranda Primary

Please ensure that any videos you may include have been made accessible for **ANYONE** to view. If you are unsure how to do this watch the video explaining it on the information slides which have been posted on Seesaw.

Once projects have been shared, they will be added to the website. Once they have been uploaded to the site, changes you make on your Slides will not show on the website as they are a copy of your original ones.

With over 100 projects this year the Science Fair is sure to be yet again a showcase of the amazing students we have at Aranda. We can't wait to see what you've learnt!

The website will be accessible to the community on Tuesday August 16th. We hope you get a chance to take the time to browse through the projects and enjoy learning about a vast array of scientific topics.



Lids4Kids

Lids4Kids Australia is a grass-roots 100% volunteer project which rescues plastic bottle lids from landfill to benefit the environment and repurposes them into sustainable recycled plastic products to benefit kids. This fantastic initiative is the brainchild of Tim Miller. We unashamedly claim Tim and his wonderful family as ours. We are honoured to support and be supported by the Lids4Kids program. Please take a moment to enjoy the latest article detailing Tim' s work. https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-23/act-recycled-plastic-buddy-benches-anxiety-friendship-schools/101263044?utm_source=abc_news_web&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_campaign=abc_news_web

Pupil Free days

A reminder that the ACT system wide pupil free days this term are Friday August 5 and Friday September 9, 2022.

We thank all our families for their ongoing consideration and support during these extraordinary times.

Looking forward to a wonderful term!

Kind regards,

Lisa Kingham

P&C News

Stay Informed - Year Group Reps Program & The Aranda Primary School P&C Group (Facebook)

Two great ways to stay informed on Aranda Primary P&C school and community events are the **Year Group Reps Program** and the **Aranda Primary P&C Group Facebook page**.

To ensure you receive weekly updates from the Year Group Reps - please register your details via https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ICCc-idUo10tJF_7ulpkbcubwjYXvNGpjib4G2BJTlc/edit. For more info please email Teegan at arandayeargroupreps@gmail.com

The Facebook Group is called "**Aranda Primary P&C Group**" and you can join direct via the group FB site.

Trivia Night - Term 3

The Aranda P&C will be hosting the annual Trivia night on Friday the 12th of August to help raise funds for a new Year 5/6 playground.

Full details and booking information below, grab your tickets fast as the event sells out quick!!



Aranda Primary School



JOIN ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S P&C AT

TRIVIA

NIGHT

Friday
August 12th

6:30 PM

Grab your dinner
at the club!

CANBERRA LABOUR CLUB
51 CHANDLER ST
BELCONNEN

Tickets only \$25, buy one or
gather some friends
for a table of 10.
Help us raise money for a new
5/6 playground

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!

Buy tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CASKC>

For further information contact:
secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com