



## Newsletter

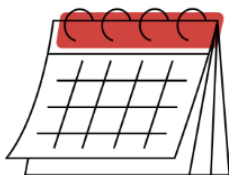
### Dates to Remember:

17 Oct	Whole School Photo
24 & 26 Oct	Preschool CMAG MT
23-27 Oct	Year 2 AquaSafe
1 Nov	Year 4 iPlay
2 Nov	Year 3 National Arboretum

### Key Dates Term 4:

21 Nov	Community Info Session
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 warmer weather, we will also start to see an increase of hay fever symptoms. If your child usually struggles with hay fever you may want to administer an antihistamine before sending them to school to reduce symptoms throughout the day.

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)

## Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Term 3 has been a busy, enjoyable and very successful time at Aranda School. A few highlights included Bush Kids with our Kindergarten children, Just 50 Words, Book Week and the Book Week Parade, a fantastic Science Fair, multiple sporting successes, the P&C Trivia Night, the new bike pump track, many examples of high student achievement and growth in our classrooms and some very enjoyable excursions throughout the term.

As Term 3 draws to an end I would like to remind you of a couple of important dates for Term 4. We look forward to the end of year Concert to be held on Thursday December 14 (confirmation of times to be announced soon).

I will be holding a community information session and celebration on Tuesday November 21. This event will be held from 5:30-6:30pm in the school hall. It would be very much appreciated if at least one parent or carer could attend from each family. We will attempt to record the event but the quality of such a recording is never great.

### New Pump track

A big thank you needs to go out to Iconic Trails and Scott Pearce for creating our new pristine pump track. Seeing the young riders showing no fear and shredding the dirt after school has been awesome.

As a community, it is important that we look after the track to ensure longevity. This means:

- Riding in an anticlockwise direction
- Avoid using the trail when wet
- Keep off the sprayed-on turf until the grass has established itself.

If you are unfamiliar with the track, please take the time to familiarise yourself with the track signage and always wear a helmet!

In the future, we will organise a working bee to update our Multipurpose Trail. Please keep an eye out for further notice.





## 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.



## G force Lids 4 Kids excursion

On September 7th, 22 G force students embarked on an exciting trip to the Lids 4 Kids centre in Fyshwick, led by Tim Miller and his team. They learned about plastic lid recycling and upcycling, sorting lids, touring the factory and brainstorming ideas for recycled plastic like sunglasses, bombs, carabiners, USBs and coasters.

Students also got hands-on with creative craft projects using materials that can't be recycled and even saw the ground-breaking skateboard prototype made from plastic bottle lids. The excursion was a powerful lesson in recycling's potential and left our students inspired to make a positive impact on our environment. Thanks to Tim Miller and the 'Lids 4 Kids' team for such an incredible experience. We are honoured to be the very first school in Canberra to participate in such a meaningful excursion.



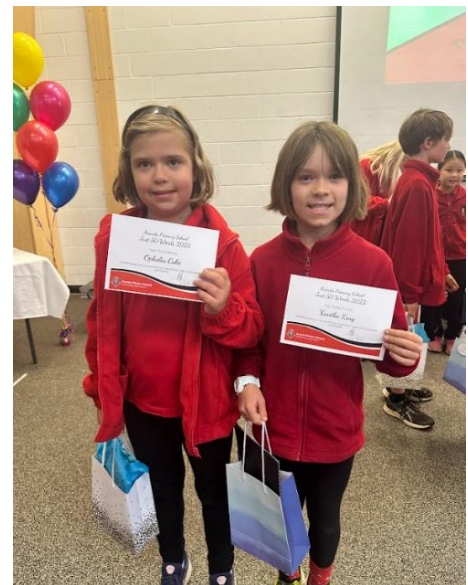




## Just 50 words competition

On Friday 15th September, Aranda Primary School hosted a special assembly that we look forward to every year. This assembly celebrated the creative writing talents of our students from preschool to year 6 and it was truly a joyous occasion. The junior and senior assemblies featured captivating stories that were expertly critiqued by our long-time judge, Mr Patrick Wenholz from the English department at Canberra High school. These creative tales were crafted with passion, creativity and enthusiasm, some with surprising plot twists that captivated the audience. We couldn't be prouder of the exceptional writing talents displayed by our students. It was such a heart-warming and inspiring experience, highlighting the joy of writing we have at this school.







## Thank you, Canberra Toyota Belconnen

Canberra Toyota Belconnen invited some of Aranda's keen AFL followers to view the 2023 AFL Cup last week. Ex GWS captain, Phil Davis answered our questions, and we appreciated the hospitality shown to us by the Canberra Toyota staff. I was surprised by how heavy the AFL Cup is.



## Planning for 2024

Planning for 2024 is underway. If for any reason your child/children may not be attending Aranda Primary in 2024 we ask families to notify the school in writing to [info@arandaprimarv.ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaprimarv.ed.act.edu.au) This allows us to take all student movement into account in the construction of classes for the following school year.

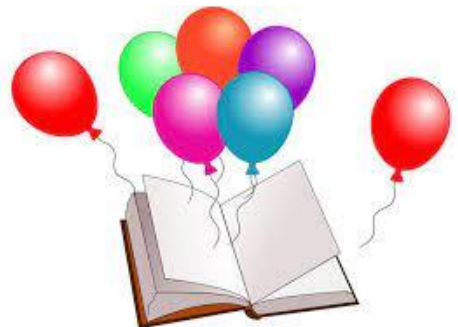
I hope you are lucky enough to enjoy a bit of a break and some family time these school holidays.

Kind regards,  
Phil Gray

## Birthday Celebrations at School

At Aranda, we love celebrating birthdays! We have a wonderful birthday initiative that really is a gift of giving.

When a child celebrates their birthday, they are encouraged to donate a book to the school. When they do this, they are invited to pop by Mr Gray's office This gives Phil an opportunity to wish the child a happy birthday and have a quick chat. Phil then adds a special label stating that the book was donated to the school with child's name and date of birth. This book can then be enjoyed by all the students. So instead of sweet treats we urge parents to jump on board the Birthday Book idea and leave a last reminder of your child's birthday that can be enjoyed by many others in the years to come.





### Parent Reading – Library

Do you want to read with your child before school?

Each morning, the library is open from 8:30am-9:00am for parents and carers to read with their children. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to bond with your child over books and stories. You can explore the diverse selection of books in our library and share the joy of reading with your little one. Whether it's picture books, chapter books, or any other genre that interests you, we have something for everyone.

We know how busy evenings can be for many families and the library is an ideal space for you to read quietly with your children before school. Please note that the library is not open for borrowing during this time. There is no teacher supervision in the library before school so we please request that children only enter if they are accompanied by an adult.

### Triple P Positive Parenting Program - Supporting children through big milestones.

The three Ps in 'Triple P' stand for 'Positive Parenting Program'. Triple P is designed to give anyone taking on a parenting role (including step-parents, foster parents, and grandparents) useful knowledge and skills to help with raising children.

Visit the [Triple P website](#) which offers a range of free online courses and resources to support parents in managing everyday challenges. Read their latest article on [supporting children through big milestones](#) may support your child with big transitions.

Contact Sally Johnson on [sally.johnson@act.gov.au](mailto:sally.johnson@act.gov.au)

### Stranger Awareness

This is a reminder to please ensure your young person understands the importance of stranger awareness these school holidays.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents for younger children.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or student, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness an incident or if you have any information that could assist police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. We would also ask that you notify the school so we can also support the wider school community to be aware of incidents.





## News from KKW

This Term, KKW has been exploring the many ways to care for the environment in our HASS unit. We had a special visit from the G-Force who reminded us which bins to put our different types of rubbish in and why it is important to know about the different types of bins.

The students quickly became enthusiastic rubbish collectors and participated in cleaning up our playground during class time. We then sorted the rubbish into the correct bins, following the advice from our G-Force members.

Further into our HASS unit, we explored the different ways we can save water at home and school. The students were thrilled to learn that our Library has gutters that lead rainwater down pipes into a water tank. We pointed out the irrigation pipes in our Junior playground which use the collected rainwater to help our gardens grow.



KKW was so excited about what they learned about rubbish, recycling, plants, animals, water and energy that they created bookmarks for their buddies. The bookmarks had drawings to give ideas and remind their Year 4 buddies of the different ways they could contribute to helping our environment.

*"You can plant more trees to give us clean air and oxygen."* - Bryce

*"You can turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth."* - Evie

*"Turn off the lights when you don't need them so you can save energy."* - Jack

## Bushkids

Kindergarten continue to enjoy our last few weeks of Bushkids! The students have been busy creating huts using fallen sticks and logs, getting messy with charcoal and mud make-up, making flower crowns and looking for insects and animals in the bush.





## News from 5/6BL

### Zoo Excursion

On Wednesday of week 10, 5/6BL, as well as the rest of the 5/6 cohort, embarked on an enriching adventure to the Canberra Zoo and Aquarium. They immersed themselves in wildlife from around the world with a special focus on rainforest animals to complement the term unit, 'Rainforest Cruise'. Many students were mesmerised by the experience. Below is a first hand account that Maia Leach wrote about her experience on the excursion:

We went to the zoo last Wednesday and it was really fun. Some of the animals we saw were tigers, giraffes, monkeys, lions, otters and fish. One of my favourite animals that we saw was the giraffes. I liked the giraffes because they were reaching up to eat the leaves and I was watching their tongues wrap around the branches. Another interesting animal that we saw was the otters. It was fun to watch the otters dive into the water and eat the fish that they were given. The fish and reptiles were also fun to watch because of their interesting appearances. There was a massive blue fish in the aquarium and there was also a python that was so thick!!! There was also an adventure playground where there were so many fun pieces of equipment to play on. There were multiple slides, a flying fox, heaps of statue animals to climb on and a giant swing. I loved the excursion to the zoo and I hope I go again soon! Can you spot the Cheetah in the picture?



### Modified Baseball

In the last two weeks, BL and MN have been playing modified baseball. There are some simple rules to follow that are very similar to baseball. The only major change is that a tennis racket and tennis ball are used instead of a baseball bat and ball. Working together, we focused on improving many different skills including throwing, catching, hitting, running, strategic thinking and teamwork skills. Overall, everyone gave it their best and we all had a fun time in the beautiful spring weather.







## Homework Presentations

In term 3, year 5 and 6 students were tasked with the assignment of writing and creating a 5 minute presentation to develop their research and presentation skills. Students were given a rubric and criteria and were marked on the following: bibliography and research skills, information, slide presentation, oral presentation skills, and vocabulary choices.

This term, the topic was to explore a country in the Asia-Pacific region. After doing extensive research, students began creating their presentations to teach the class about their chosen country and its culture. Some of the subtopics suggested to research and present were: flora and fauna, history, tourist attractions, location and famous icons. In week 9, all children presented to their class and were then marked against the rubric given to the students. After each presentation, the students were given verbal feedback and later got their rubrics back to reflect on their presentation and areas of future focus.

## Student Sport News – Jess AFL

In Week 4 of this term, Jess Smith travelled to Albury to represent ACT and compete in the Under 12s Girls AFL National Championships.

Across six days, Jess played five games. Her first game was against the Northern Territory. Her ACT team won 42 - 6, which meant they were awarded the Territory Cup! She also scored a goal in this game. In each other match, Jess' team lost but was still very competitive, scoring at least a goal in each one.

At the end of the week, Jess was awarded the 'player's player' for her outstanding performances. Over the week, she had lots of fun hanging out with her friends and playing the sport she loves. Well done, Jess!





## ARANDA SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

Our Spring School Holiday Enrolments are now open! Please below for the booking form!

[Spring School Holiday Booking form](#)

Our Service is open from 8:30am - 6pm. A range of activities will be provided for the children while they are at the service and during excursions and incursions. Morning tea and Lunch is not provided by the service although a range of different Afternoon tea meals is provided every afternoon for the children.

For our program please [click here!](#)

For more information please [click here](#) to view our Spring SVC Overview.

## Aranda Music and Arts Program

The Aranda Music and Arts (AMA) program has the following vacancies for Term 4:

Class	Day	Time
Guitar	Monday	5.00-5.30pm
Drawing	Tuesday	3.15-4.45pm
Drawing	Wednesday	3.15-4.45pm
Piano	Friday	5.00-5.30pm
Piano	Friday	5.30-6.00pm
Violin	Tuesday	4:00-4:30pm
Violin	Wednesday	5:00-5:30pm
Violin	Wednesday	5:30-6:00pm

To enrol, please fill out a form via our website: <https://arandamusicprogram.org/>





## 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