



Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

18 August	Belconnen Athletics Carnival
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



Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The **2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 19 August to 9 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- An email about the parent survey, including a link to access the survey.; and
- A letter about the student survey (years 4-6) outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, contact the school and you will be provided with a survey link.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following five languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, **we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey**. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

eSafety - Class Discussions

The next round of webinars hosted by the eSafety Commissioner, is being centred around popular apps. The webinars are looking at and informing parents about certain social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube. The webinar will cover ways of supporting young users. The webinar is targeted at parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13.

Registration for the upcoming webinar can be accessed [here](#).



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.

In the classrooms, teachers continually hold discussions and incorporate eSafety into their planning. The following screen grabs are from the login page of student Chromebooks, they are displayed at the start of each term, reminding them about being safe online.

BE SAFE ONLINE

Start the year by thinking about building a positive digital identity.

Use strong passwords and ensure you have high privacy settings.

If you see something that makes you uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult.

SPEAK UP "If you don't know the sender, it might be a pretender!"

BE SAFE BE CAREFUL BE NICE

ACT Government Education eSafety Commissioner

Safety by Design

"Resilience is my super power"

Resilience is the emotional strength to cope when things go wrong. In difficult situations, I can ask myself:

- How can I change or control this situation?
- What can I do to help myself?
- What can I learn from this and how will I use it to improve my life?
- Who are the positive and caring people in my life that I can talk to about this?

BE MINDFUL BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

ACT Government eSafety Commissioner

Girls AFL

On Wednesday, August 3, the 5/6 Girls AFL team competed in the Hannah Dunn Cup Finals day. The day began cold, wet, and windy, but that wasn't going to dampen the team spirit. The first game was against Bungendore, which was a tight affair with many girls, this being the first time they had played a game. Bungendore kicked a couple of goals early, enough for them to take the win. The second game v's Jerrabomberra was a tight game with Aranda taking a four-point win.



Finally, the sun came out for our game against Chapman and allowed for some dry-weather football. The girls showed great passages of play that gave them more confidence as the win put Aranda into a Semi Final against Radford.

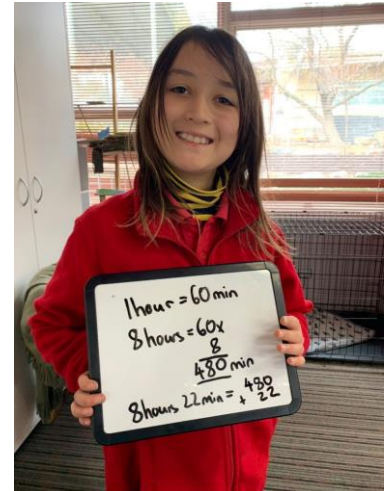
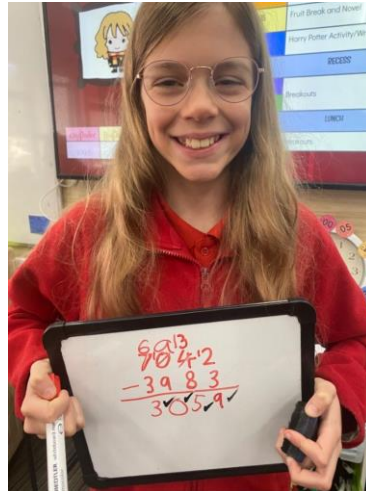
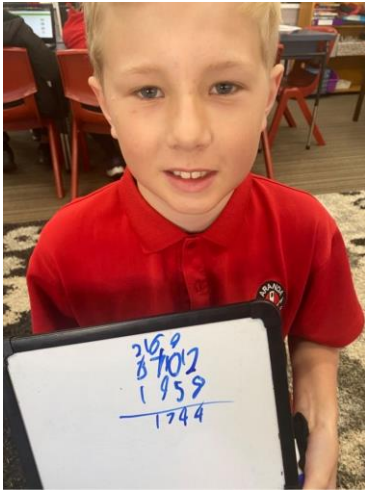
The girls came out of the block against Radford kicking two early goals and continued to place pressure on them, and took a four goal win and a lot of confidence into the Grand Final. The Final was a rematch against Bungendore. The experience gained throughout the day saw the girls take control of the match early but were unable to capitalize on the scoreboard. However, in the second half, kicking into the wind, the girls showed great teamwork to kick a couple of goals and seal the win and the ACT championship.

Throughout the day, the girls showed terrific teamwork, support, and great sportsmanship and represented the school with pride and distinction. The team has been invited to travel to Sydney to represent the school and the ACT at the NSW state finals day.

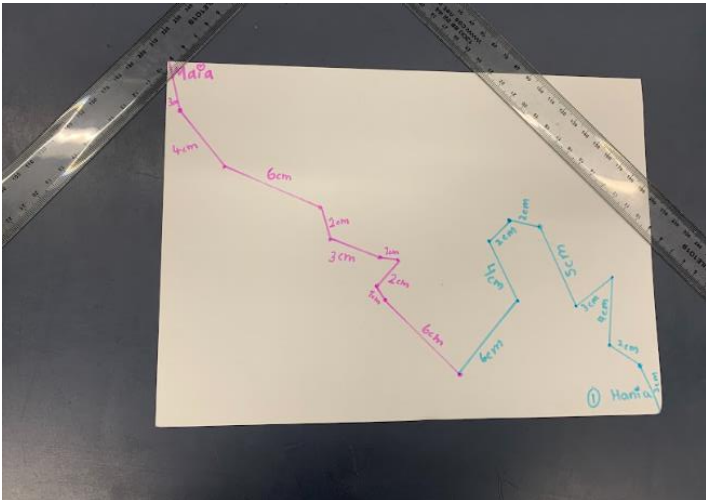


Maths

In Year 4, they have a strong focus on mental computation, specific concepts, and number. Lesson content is differentiated to cater for students of varying abilities and learning styles. Once a week, students are given time to work on learning goals that are set through conferencing with their teacher. Teachers then check in with students' on their progress, giving feedback on their achievements. Here are some examples of proud students who have set, worked towards and accomplished a goal!



We are currently focusing on using scaled instruments to calculate length, area, perimeter, volume, capacity and temperature. We are learning through a range of hands-on games and activities. We aim to help the students understand that learning Maths is fun!



Car Park Safety

The ACT Government has developed a short video to help communicate with parents and carers about the need to ensure that they are parking correctly around schools. For Aranda Primary School, this includes Bandjalong Crescent, which is a stop-and-go zone. It is important to remember it's also illegal to park on the median strip. Please ensure that student safety comes first during drop-off and pick-up times.\

[Parking Safely Around Schools Reminder](#)

Take Care,

James Harrison



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!!

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
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PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!
Buy tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CASKC>
For further information contact:
secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com



Aranda Music and Arts Program (AMA)

AMA is now running a limited number of classes. We currently have the following vacancies:

Violin vacancies at 5pm and 5:30pm on Tuesdays

For more information or to enrol, see our website or email info@arandamusicprogram.org