

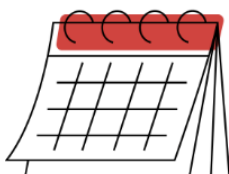


Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

22 Feb	Y2-6 Swimming Carnival (Optional)
27-28 Feb	Year 3 Camp - Birrigai
6-8 March	Year 4 Camp - Kianinny
13 March	Public Holiday
21 March	EAL/D Family Networking 8:30-9:00am
21 March	MT Preschool & K-6 Harmony Day
24 March	TF Preschool Harmony Day

2023 Aranda Calendar



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

How to Add Aranda Calendar:

1. On your computer (cannot be added on mobile, but once complete can be viewed on mobile), open Google Calendar.
2. On the left, next to "Other calendars," click Add + > Subscribe to Calendar
3. Copy and paste into the box:
schoolsnet.act.edu.au_5gk3em6s
hvte2vvchocnn3jt24@group.cale
ndar.google.com
4. Click Add calendar. The calendar appears on the left, under "Other calendars."

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School community,

Last week was so exciting. The pre-schoolers and Kindy students amazed us with their positive and settled start. It is heart-warming to see the youngest of our student groups take their first steps into their school journey and so exciting to think of the growth and gains they will make in the coming year. It was also wonderful to see our returning students back in the classrooms and playground with the excitement of what a new school year can bring. I want to take the opportunity to warmly welcome our new students and families to our school and community.

Getting To Know You Interviews

We welcomed our families this week to participate in the *Getting to Know You Interviews*. We were pleased to be able to offer both face-to-face as well as online interviews this year. We value these meetings greatly as we hear valuable information about our students from those who know them best. It has been great to be able to see you all again after so long.

Allergy Awareness

At Aranda Primary school, we have multiple students across grades P-6 that have either severe allergies to the following: dairy, eggs, all nuts, corn, and sesame, as well as students who are coeliac.

Aranda Primary School is an allergy aware school. This is a term used to protect children with allergies and educate all children and adults on the dangers of allergies and their associated risks.

It is our aim to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all staff, students, and their families in our community.

Allergies can be serious, and a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) is potentially life threatening. One of the most common allergens is peanuts and tree nuts. This means **we request that all nuts and any food containing nuts are not brought to school.**

Please be aware that we have several students who also have severe Anaphylaxis **reactions to egg and egg products.**

We place great emphasis on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Allergy Awareness'.

To minimise the risk to allergic individuals, the following management strategies are in place:

- The school has a trained designated first aid officer on site.
- Every year staff are trained in EpiPen use.
- Staff work in partnership with the families of students with food allergies to ensure information held by the school is current and correct. Clarification will be sought by the school when required.



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 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 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.

- Staff remind students on a regular basis to not share food from their lunches with other students.
- Parents/Carers are required to complete a Medical Information and Consent Form and a Known Medical Condition Response Plan. The Known Medical Condition Response Plan includes the [ACSIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan \(Personal\)](#) and is developed in consultation with the treating medical practitioner. Please contact the front office if you require any of these forms. The Action Plan must contain:
 - Detail of triggers
 - Early warning signs
 - First aid action to be taken
 - Emergency and medical contact details

If you have not provided updates to the documents that support your child's health and allergy management this year, please use the links provided in this newsletter and share them with the front office ASAP.

Drop off and pick up

The roads and parking areas around our school are increasingly busy at drop off and pick up times. Please be sure to stick to the 40km/h speed limit in the school zone and look out for children who may be about. Please Park and turn legally around the school. U-turns and three-point turns can be dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

Camps are on!!!!



We are excited to be able to offer our outdoor education programs again in 2023. Camps provide our students with opportunities to build confidence and connections. We use them as a learning opportunity where students can work outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves in a fun and positive environment.

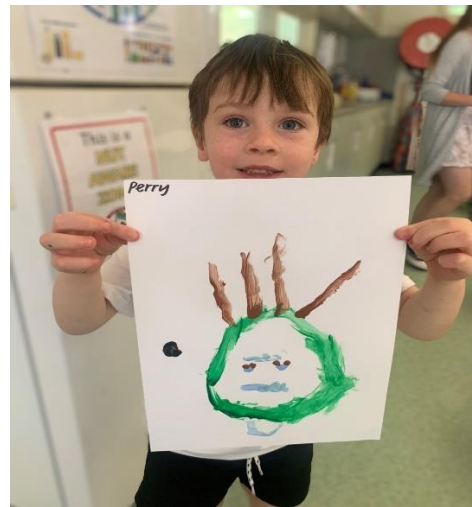
We have two groups heading off to camp this Term. Our Year 3s will go to Birrigai on the 27 & 28th of February, and our Year 4s will travel to the South Coast Camp, Kianniny, on the 6th - 8th of March.



A word from the preschool

This term, the preschool students are participating in a program called *All About Me*. The *All About Me* unit celebrates students as individuals, friends and classmates. It explores what makes the students and others unique, their likes and dislikes, physical attributes, and characteristics. We will discover how we can respect one another's differences, build friendships, and collectively comes together to create a class dynamic.

This morning we used mirrors to help us have a closer look at ourselves. We discussed the fact that we all look different, but we are all special and we all belong at preschool! The children then used paint to create amazing self-portraits!



Here is to another exciting, fun filled school year!

Warm Regards,

Lisa Kingham

EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) News

Welcome to all new and returning EAL/D students and their families. Tomorrow, we enter our data in the February ACT Government Schools' EAL/D Census. We are proud to report that we have over one hundred and sixty students who nominate that they speak a language other than English in their home. That's approx 28% of our school population. Our students and their families come from many countries, including: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, China, Columbia, Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The Philippines, The Netherlands, Uganda, Ukraine and Vietnam.

That adds up to 40 countries and represents about 50 different languages. See our represented list below.

Are you clever enough to match these languages to the correct country or countries?

Akalanon, Arabic, Auslan, Bahasa Malaysia, Bengali, Bisaya, Bumthang, Cantonese, Croatian, Danish, Dinka, Dutch, Dzongkha, Farsi/ Persian, Filipino, French, German, Greek Gujarati, Hindi, Hokkien, Hungarian, Igbo, Japanese, Kannada, Korean, Luganda, Luo, Lusoga, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Pidgin English, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Sharchop, Sindhi, Sinhala/Sinhalese, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese.

This amazing multicultural connection provides a very rich environment for all students at Aranda.



The EAL/D program works in a variety of ways, depending on individual needs.

The highlight of our EAL/D calendar is **Harmony Day**. This is a wonderful celebration and chance to focus on inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. The day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This year we will have our Harmony Day celebration on Tuesday March 21. The children are encouraged to wear national dress or something orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Note - 'The Quolls' will celebrate in their preschool class on Friday March 24.

We are also excited to announce the return of our before school parents' networking event on Harmony Day. We will host this in our school hall on Tuesday March 21 between 8:30 - 9 am. This is a chance to meet other parents in our school community. We haven't been able to run this event for a few years and we can't wait to have lots of EAL/D families back in to celebrate. Save the date!

I am happy to support Aranda's EAL/D families as needed. For those new to our school, you can contact me, Sandra Kelly, via the front office or email sandra.kelly@ed.act.edu.au

Our thoughts are with those in our school community who have been affected by the recent earthquake in the Turkey and Syria region.

Sandy

SC-ORE



AUTUMN SC-ORE School Orienteering 2023 Term 1 – Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8



4-week Challenge for Primary School Children

Teams consist of 2 girls and 2 boys (Years 3-6), run as a relay

DATES AND VENUES:

8:00am	Thursday 2nd March	Torrens Primary, Torrens
8:00am	Thursday 9th March	Chapman Primary, Chapman
8:00am	Thursday 16th March	Trinity Christian School, Wanniasa
8:00am	Thursday 23rd March	Holy Family Primary School, Fadden

SC-ORE online registration:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48588>

Or find the link from the [Orienteering ACT website](#)



- Get an outdoor, screen free, body and brain workout *before* hitting the classroom. What better way to start the day
- SC-ORE is for teams of 2 girls and 2 boys. Teams can register incrementally - that is, 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).
- **Children are required to be taken to the 4 separate venues by parent/carer by 7:45am for an 8am start.**
- Events will finish in time for children to get to school (more or less, might be a few minutes late depending on traffic).
- For more information and to watch a 2 minute video, check out Orienteering ACT's website <https://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>
 - If you don't have a team, don't worry! We will find you one.



Any questions? Please email Shannon.jones@ed.act.edu.au

Registration closes Friday 24th February!

Swimming Carnival Information

This afternoon a note will be sent home for the Aranda Primary School Swimming Carnival. This event is for competitive swimmers born in the years 2011-2015. To participate in the event, it is essential that all swimmers can swim a minimum of 50 metres. It is now also a requirement that competitors indicate the type of water entry they are competent in executing. The options for water entry are outlined in the note.

Please ensure the 'permission note' and 'permission for competing in swimming events' have been completed and returned to the school by 15th of March.

To enter your child/ren into races, use the following link:
<http://bit.ly/3XXuB38>

You may also offer your assistance for the day through this Google Form.

Please contact John Boland or Gina Mapley via the Front Office if you have any questions about the day.

Regards,
The Swimming Carnival Committee



P&C News

P&C Family Picnic

The P&C Family Picnic will be held on Wednesday, 22 February, from 5.30 – 7.00pm, on the oval behind Aranda Primary School (Greening Australia end). Bring your dinner, picnic rug and sports equipment e.g. frisbees, balls, cricket sets.

Everyone is welcome! We hope this event helps our school community to get to know each other a little better.