



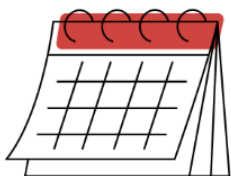
Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

24 April	First Day Term 2
4 May	Track & Field Carnival
9 May	ACT Swimming Carnival
9 May	Belconnen AFL Carnival
25 May	Belconnen Cross Country
15 June	ACT Cross Country
20 June	Mon/Tues Grandfriend's Day
23 June	Grandfriend's Day

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 cooler weather, we will also start to see an increase of cold and flu symptoms. This could be a good time to remind your children about the importance of washing their hands and staying hygienic.

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

Dear Aranda School community,

We have come to the end of another busy and successful term at Aranda School. As we reflect on the past few months, we are proud of the achievements and growth that our students have demonstrated.

Aranda School Cross Country Carnival:

Congratulations to all of our children who participated in the Cross Country Carnival this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members in attendance. I enjoy watching our children try their best particularly when they are operating outside of their comfort zone. Not everyone enjoys long distance running but we can be proud of the fact that our children have a go and step up to a challenge.



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to provide quality education and experiences to our students. They have organized and supervised a number of events including camps, swimming carnival, cross country carnival, junior reading workshops, Harmony Day and weekly assemblies, which have been instrumental in fostering a sense of community and spirit within our school.



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.

We have also received kind feedback from some of our parents and families, who have expressed their appreciation for our weekly assemblies. They have noted that the Friday assemblies are lovely to watch and provide an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and achievements.

Here are two of the emails we have received:

"Thank you to all the teachers and staff for the hard work they put into organizing the weekly assemblies. They are a joy to watch and we always look forward to seeing what our children have been up to during the week."

"Thank you for the amazing assembly this morning. The host class did wonderfully well and it is the best assembly I have seen (and I am a teacher!). I was impressed with the classes respectful involvement and how engaged the parents, teachers and students were. This is truly a great school!"

We are thrilled to receive such positive feedback and would like to extend our thanks to all parents, family and carers for their ongoing support and encouragement.

As we head into the term break, we wish all our students and families a safe and enjoyable time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term Two.

Road Safety Reminder:

Canberra drivers are reminded to keep our kids safe by driving at 40km/h in school zones and parking safely and legally around schools, especially at school drop off and pick-up times.

Parking on corners, nature strips, paths, in no stopping zones, across pedestrian crossings and double-parking means kids can't see the road clearly when trying to cross.

Unsafe and illegal parking around schools puts our kids' lives at risk.

For more information regarding road safety around schools please follow this link:

[Keeping Our Kids Safe in School Zones](#)

School Board Update:

The ballot for the vacant positions on the School Board has been finalised. Congratulations to Kristy Youngman who has won the Parent Member position and Dahlia Cerro who has won the Staff Member position.

Kind regards,
Phil Gray

Aranda Orienteering - Autumn SC-ORE Challenge

Aranda Primary School was represented by 14 enthusiastic students in the recent SC-ORE Orienteering Challenge. SC-ORE is a before-school orienteering relay competition run over 4 weeks at 4 different schools. Teams consist of 2 girls and 2 boys (or another combination if need be), aimed at children in years 3-6. It was great to see so many excited and engaged children taking on the physical and mental challenges of the courses and the fantastic team spirit shown. Congratulations to all children on their participation and achievement!



Two of our teams had some exceptional results and finished 2nd and 3rd overall in the challenge.

1st Chapman PS

2nd Aranda PS - Sadie, Olive, Ryan, Zaf

3rd Aranda PS - Banjo, Layla, Veronika, Mischa

Our other awesome students competing were: Xanthe, Rui, Eleanor, Chelsea, Aria and Meg.

Well done kids! SC-ORE will have a Spring challenge in term 4.

