



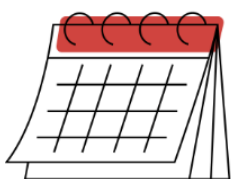
Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

25 May	Belconnen Cross Country
29 May	Public Holiday
12 May	Public Holiday
15 June	ACT Cross Country
20 June	Mon/Tues (Preschool) Grandparents and Friends' Day
23 June	Grandparents and Friends' Day
27 June	Mon/Tues (Preschool) Kenny Koala Visit
29 June	Thurs/Fri (Preschool) Kenny Koala Visit

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

As many of you are aware, one of our school priorities is to change the perceptions that many of our students have towards Maths. Currently, only 55% of our students express that they 'like maths'. This is unacceptable.

We are embarking on an exciting journey that explores the world of mathematics and challenges the perception that it's a daunting subject. At our school, we have made it a priority to transform the way our students perceive and engage with Maths.

Mathematics is an essential part of our daily lives, from solving everyday problems to shaping the advancements of our modern world. Our goal at Aranda is to instil a love for Maths in our students, nurturing their curiosity and helping them develop a strong foundation in this vital subject. We encourage exploration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, allowing students to actively engage with mathematical concepts and see the practical applications in real-world scenarios. By creating an environment where mistakes are seen as opportunities for learning and growth, we help our students develop confidence and resilience in tackling mathematical challenges.

You can help us by encouraging your child to talk positively about Maths at home, emphasising its relevance and importance in everyday life. By highlighting the practical applications and celebrating their progress, you can help us build a positive mindset towards Maths and foster a love for the subject.

Grandparents' Day - Friday 23 June

We are delighted to be holding Grandparents' Day once again this year. Recently, the event has been held remotely and it is wonderful to think we can now invite Grandparents and friends back into the school. Next week, your child will bring home two postcard invitations for you to share with grandparents inviting them to the day. The day will be filled with delightful activities, including classroom visits, learning journeys, and musical performances. We understand that not all students may have their grandparents available, so we extend a warm invitation to family friends or other special family members who have played significant roles in their lives.



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.



More information will be shared via Seesaw in the coming days.

New Building Works

Our construction works are progressing as scheduled. Again, we apologise for any inconvenience this is causing, particularly to traffic arrangements. We are so fortunate to have more car parking spaces available to us than most ACT primary schools. Whilst the construction works continue, parents and visitors to the school are encouraged to park in the car park adjacent to the Aranda Playing Fields. This should alleviate any issues caused by construction vehicles occupying the area.

I know the Kindergarten students and teachers are looking forward to moving into their new classrooms.

Dogs on School Grounds

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of dogs being brought on to school grounds at drop-off and pick-up. While we understand the joy and companionship that our furry friends bring, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing your dogs onto the school grounds during these busy periods. Some of our students and parents have expressed fear or discomfort around dogs. With many of our children and parents moving about, it is crucial to maintain a safe and calm environment. By leaving your dogs at home or keeping them securely outside the school premises, we can help minimise any potential incidents or distress. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

A to E Reporting

Reports at Aranda Primary School have two components; the A-E grades and the Aranda academic report/comment element. A-E Reports (Years 1 to 6) will be sent home alongside the Semester 1 academic reports in Week 9 of this Term. For a variety of reasons some parents choose to not receive the A-E grading. Please email the Front Office (info@arandaps.act.edu.au) if you would like the A-E component to be withheld for any reason.



ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships

Recently, Aranda Primary School students won the ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships. This is the fourth year in a row that Aranda has won the event. See below a blurb written by Alma Water (Year 6) who was part of the team.

Last November a group of Aranda Primary students participated in the 2022 ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships held at The Pinnacle. Some of us competed in the Pairs class, and some of us competed in the Individual class. We had people from Year 2 all the way through to Year 6 representing the school. The champion school is awarded to the school with the highest number of points overall. Aranda had the biggest team on the day and everyone helped contribute to us being awarded Champion School and winning the trophy.

Alma Walter

Year 6 Student





News from KRC

It has been a big year so far for some of our youngest students. From learning the layout of the school, to making new friends, and learning our ABC's, the Kindergarten students have hit the ground running - although, some were a bit disappointed that they hadn't learnt how to read on the first day of school!

Below are some of the things that the students in KRC have loved the most about Kindy at Aranda:

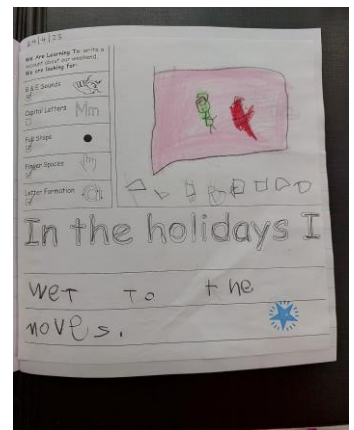
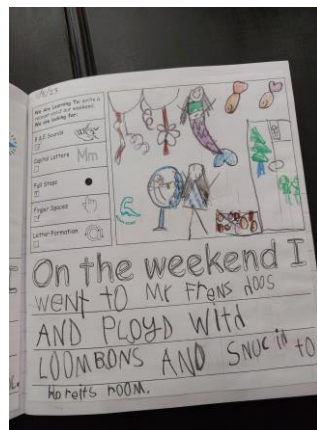
Anna - Seeing my buddy!

Millie - Golden Time, relaxation and recess because I always have chocolate cake

Edie - Doing my readers and Golden Time and art and craft

Writing:

Every Monday morning we sit down and share about what we did on the weekend. After that, we have our best go at recount writing. We have learnt to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops and try to sound out tricky words when writing. Check out some of our pieces!



Science:

In Science, we put on our Scientific hats and discover the world around us. This term we have been learning about things that move around us as well as the different ways they move. We got to play musical statues and hunt around the school for things that move. We even got to play with toys! We discovered that these toys were able to spin, roll, bounce and jump. Who knew Science could be so fun?



Art:

Kindergarten art is a wonderful time when we let our creative juices fly and learn about different techniques and styles of art. Have a look at some of our masterpieces!





News from 3EH

3EH has leapt straight back into our learning after a nice Easter break and we are excited to share what we've been up to both in and out of the classroom.



Camp

Camp was awesome! We thoroughly enjoyed the campfire building and cooking damper. It tasted pretty good too, with a little golden syrup to sweeten it. It was interesting to learn about the trees in the Australian bush and how they are used by the Aboriginal people. The bandaid and well trees were two that we learnt about.



Science

In Science, we have been learning about how and why we experience day and night. We had fun investigating the movement of the Earth around the sun through shadow tag as well as our shadow stick investigation. We persevered through the windy conditions to trace and measure the length of the stick's shadow throughout the day and discussed why the shadow changed lengths and moved in the direction of west to east.

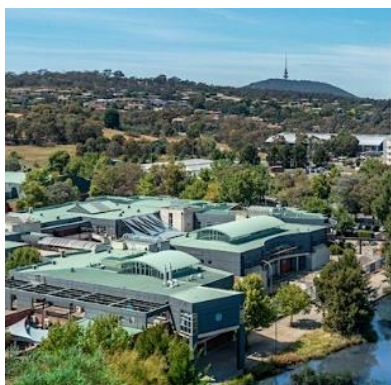
Tennis Clinics

Tennis clinics began with a bang in week 2. We braved the rain and cold winds and learnt how to hit the ball over the net with control, correct body and racquet positioning. We enjoyed playing little games against each other and we look forward to the next few sessions to see how our skills improve.





UC SSC Lake Ginninderra Information Night



The College has many students who have gone to your primary school and feeder high schools. We look forward to welcoming new students in 2024!

Information night helps you explore college courses and options with tours, information sessions and activities.

Information Night helps answer your questions and more about college.

Chat to teachers and current students about study, extra-curricular activities and what supports there are at college to help you thrive and succeed.

When: Tuesday 16 May

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: UC SSC Lake Ginninderra

2 Emu Bank Belconnen ACT 2617

Principal addresses: 6:15pm in the gym and 7:15pm in the library

Register via Eventbrite

Go to <https://UCSSCLakeGinninderraInformationNight2023.eventbrite.com.au>

To enrol

Go to [ACT Education Website](https://www.act.edu.au/) and for more information visit <https://www.lakeonline.act.edu.au/>

Any queries please contact the front office during business hours on phone 61420222



For 20 plus years, Menslink have provided free counselling to young guys throughout the Canberra and surrounding region.

If your young guy is having a hard time and could really use someone to talk to, get in touch with Menslink. Now conveniently located in Holder AND Kippax, our wait times are currently low so we're ready to help when he needs it. We provide a welcoming and supportive environment for young guys to share their concerns and worries with a male counsellor who will hear them out, work alongside them and provide tips and strategies to get them through those tough times.

Our Counselling sessions are completely confidential and are available to any male aged 10-25. There are no fees or charges or limits to the number of sessions. You don't need a mental health plan and we are available during school terms and school holidays. **The only prerequisite is that he is willing to give it a try.**

If you think your young guy will benefit chatting to one of our counsellors, have a chat with them and head to www.menslink.org.au, hit the 'Get Help' button, fill in the form and we'll get back to you, generally the same or next business day.

If you need more info on how to have that chat with them, just email admin@menslink.org.au or call 6287 2226 and we will send you some information.