



## Newsletter

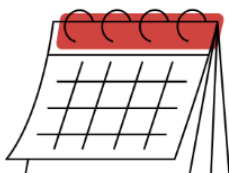
### Dates to Remember:

24 & 26 Oct	Preschool CMAG MT
23-27 Oct	Year 2 AquaSafe
1 Nov	Year 4 iPlay
2 Nov	Year 3 National Arboretum
9 Nov	SRC Fundraiser
15 Nov	Maths Mania Day
27 – 29 Nov	Year 5 Camp
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 6 Camp
5 Dec	Year 1 Dino Museum
6 Dec	Kindy Zoo
12 Dec	Year 6 Grad & Disco
15 Dec	Last day of Term 4!

### 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.

## Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Term 4 of any school year is always exciting and full. Term overviews for each year level were sent home last week and I am sure you have noted key dates for your child's year group from them. There are several whole school events this term that are a must to highlight.

- SRC fundraiser: Ronald Macdonald House: November 9
- Community information session: Tues November 21
- Maths Mania: November 15
- Whole School End of Year Concert: December 14

### Banambila Street Playground

Banambila Street playground in Aranda is being upgraded to provide better places to play for the local community. Construction has commenced and work will be carried out as dayworks only between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday. If required, construction may be undertaken on weekends between 8 am and 4 pm.

#### Key features

- Nature play area with balancing, climbing and Ngunnawal cultural elements.
- Toddler (0-4) play opportunities including a hidey tunnel.
- All ages and abilities play equipment including a spinner and basket swing.
- Junior (5-9) and pre-teen (10-13) equipment including a raised tepee climber and vortex.
- Fitness equipment for teen play (14-17), adults and seniors with horizontal bars and active mountain step climber.
- Existing swing and rocker will be retained and relocated in the play space with the swing sweating to be replaced.
- Seating, picnic table and shelter, concrete path and a shade sail covering the all abilities play area.
- Four new trees and landscaping, including mulched garden beds

### Cultural Design Elements

The region where the Aranda play space upgrade is located holds an ancient cultural and spiritual connection to the Ngunnawal people and has for thousands of years.

The Ngunnawal landscape around Galambary/Black Mountain was abundant in native orchids, daisies, lilies and native fauna. One of the well-known native daisies is the Yam Daisy, referred to as Dharaban. The daisy has been harvested by Ngunnawal women and children for thousands of years and is used by the Ngunnawal people as a staple to create damper, native tea and to aid healing wounds.



## 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.



The artwork for Aranda, by artist and cultural consultant Bradley Mapiva Brown, reflects these connections to country to Dharaban, Galambary and the Molonglo River. Bagariin Ngunnawal Cultural Consulting provided recommendations to showcase the play space Yam Daisy theme. Those in the final design are:

- artwork wrapped on the shade sail posts
- a climbing net which symbolises the carrying bags and baskets used to collect food resources
- a wombat burrow play tunnel for toddlers
- artwork in the pathway
- nature play elements.

As always, we ask our community to be mindful of any altered driving restrictions during the construction phase when dropping off or picking up students.

The following link can be used to view the Banambila Street Playground design:

[https://hdp-au-prod-app-act-yoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/1216/8187/6267/Play\\_Spaces\\_-\\_Aranda\\_final\\_indicative\\_design.pdf](https://hdp-au-prod-app-act-yoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/1216/8187/6267/Play_Spaces_-_Aranda_final_indicative_design.pdf)

## Community Information Session

We are excited to share the fantastic achievements our staff, students and school community continually produce and extend a very warm invitation to our community. Later this Term, we will host an information session for the community to showcase and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Aranda Primary School. The session will be held in the school hall on Tuesday, November 21, between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. We hope for a huge turnout and would love for each family to be represented if possible.

We are looking into recording the session. However, the quality of a recording is never as good as the real thing.

We do hope you can join us.

## End Of Year Reports A-E Exemptions

Every child at Aranda will receive an end of year academic report. Students in Years 1 - 6 will also receive A-E grades. If you would prefer your child to be exempt and not receive this, please inform the front office via email ([info@arandaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaps.act.edu.au)) by Friday of Week 4 (3 November). If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Carpark & Road Safety Reminder

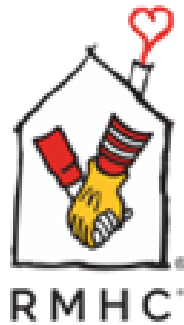
With the hustle and bustle of busy pick-up and drop-off times in our school carpark and along Bandjalong Crescent, it's paramount that we prioritise the safety of our students and the community. Please take extra care when navigating these areas, ensuring that your attention is focused on the road, adhering to speed limits, and using the designated crossing.



## 2024 Classes

Planning for 2024 is well 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@arandaprimary.ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info@arandaprimary.ed.act.edu.au). This allows us to take all student movement into account in the formulation of classes for the following school year.

## SRC fundraiser



The current SRC have nominated Ronald McDonald (RMHC) House as their chosen charity to support. RMHC creates, finds, and supports programs that directly impact the health and wellbeing of children and their families. On Thursday November 9, 2023 we will be holding a whole school disco through the day and classes will be timetabled to dance up a storm. We ask students to make a gold coin donation (or any nominated amount) and dress to impress. The SRC have voted in the theme of 90s retro so please dig into the back of your closets and have fun with this dress code. I know the teachers will be!!!

Some key trends from that decade include denim everything, flannel shirts, chokers, scrunchies, overalls, bandanas, high shine fabrics and coloured glasses.



## Our thanks to the P&C

I would like to congratulate and thank our P&C on two very successful efforts on their recent Bunnings BBQ, Referendum BBQ and cake stall. We are very grateful to all the volunteers that gave of their time and hard work. The P&C are planning on twirling their tongs on the BBQ again on concert night. We know this element will add to what promises to be a great whole school community evening.

Have a great week,

Lisa Kingham





## News from 1AG

T minus 40 days left of Year One!

We are travelling back in time 66 million years to the land of the Dinosaurs! We have begun our journey by exploring what it means to be a palaeontologist by creating our own. A palaeontologist looks and finds dinosaur fossils (also known as bones!) using a shovel, a microscope, and a brush. Once they've cleaned the bones and match the bones to the right dinosaur, they take it to the dinosaur museum for us to look at!

We are also investigating famous artists over time and we started by learning about Andy Warhol. He makes a type of art called 'Pop Art' which means using popular pictures of things like soup cans or famous people to make bright, eye-catching artwork.

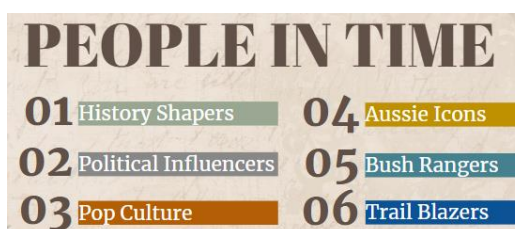
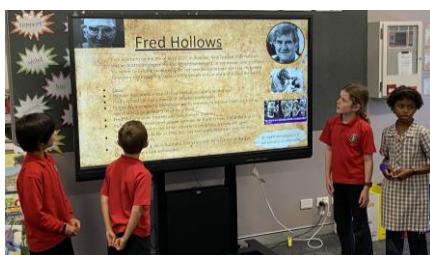


## News from 3AW

Time is already ticking by this term with our History unit, 'Time Travellers.' We are using our coding and maths skills to solve problems and discover interesting ways that our learning can be applied to the real world.

### Time Travellers

In HASS, we have been focusing on History. As novice 'Time Travellers,' we have taken a step back and forth through time, looking at some of the influential and inspiring people that have helped shape and direct our nation. We have continued developing our great researching skills from last term to further understand what makes these Australians significant. We will present our findings in a variety of formats to the rest of the class throughout the term.







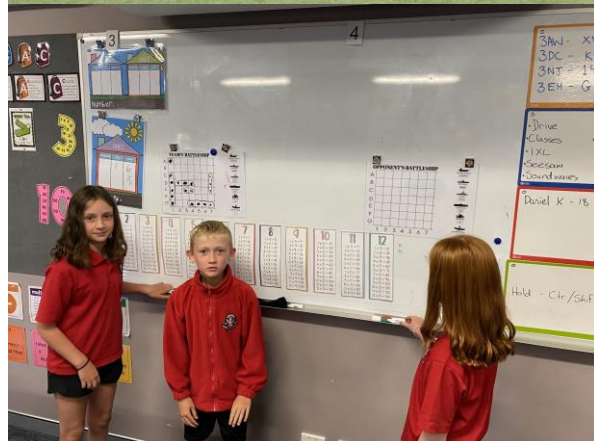
## Spheros in STEM

Over the last few weeks, we have been developing our digital technology skills using Spheros. We have been exploring features of technologies that influence decisions and creating code to direct the Sphero Bolt's movement (through block coding) to make a mathematical operation by rolling the Sphero to two different numbers, and then using the maths operations to then hit our target number.



## Maths is Fun

We love participating in our 'Maths is FUN' weekly lesson. These lessons aim to engage us in Maths with hands-on activities that often incorporate other areas of the curriculum, such as Art and Science. We learned that Mathematics is everywhere and that there are many ways to engage in Maths and, most importantly, that it is great fun! Some of the tasks so far have involved using 'Aranda Allowance' to purchase tickets that gave us entry to see some dramatic and amazing performances presented by our very talented Yr 3 students. We have also been learning how to read and interpret grid coordinates with a live and very real game of Battleships conducted between the two Yr 3 portables.







## School Sport News

### ACT Athletics Carnival

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our 14 talented students who proudly represented Aranda Primary and the Belconnen region at the ACT Athletics Carnival held on 12 September at the AIS track. These athletes showcased their dedication, determination, and sportsmanship across a variety of running and throwing events. It was a pleasure to watch our Aranda athletes perform with such positive attitudes. They are an inspiration to their peers and a testament to the strong athletic culture at our school. Congratulations to each of our athletes for their remarkable performance. A special mention goes to Layla who qualified to represent the ACT at the National level after her two outstanding runs in the 800m and the 1500m, placing 3rd and 1st. We look forward to watching these stars shine even brighter in the future; Archie, Daniel K, Emmi, Layla, Eli, Beattie, Scarlett, Mia A, Valorya, Mahi, Levi, Noor, Aggie and Providence.



### Australian Youth Volleyball Championship

Noor B travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Australian Youth Volleyball Championship, representing the ACT in the u14 competition. Noor and her sister Sana (previous Aranda student) were an integral part of the ACT team, who placed second overall. The ACT has not won a medal in 10 years, so this achievement was outstanding for the team. Congratulations Noor!





## P&C News

### P&C Feedback Form

Hey Aranda parents & carers! As we kick off Term 4 and with our new P&C Committee on board, we'd love to hear from you!

Please take a moment to fill out our anonymous feedback form. Your insights will be shared at our next P&C meeting.

Find the survey here: <https://forms.gle/PtEth51hG3rcH6G89>

Questions? : [secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarandapandc@gmail.com)

If you'd like to discuss the results of the survey and other P&C matters parents are encouraged to attend the P&C meeting next week at 6.30-7.30pm on Wednesday 25th October. The meeting will be held at the school library, and you are welcome to BYO drinks and/or snacks if you attend in person. They will also have a space set up for kids if you need to bring them along.

If you can't make it in person, you can join the meeting virtually. All the details including Google Meet login details are available on the Aranda P&C Facebook Page which is linked [here](#).