



Newsletter

Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families and students who joined our Aranda School community at the beginning of last week. Some of our Covid protocols will change as of May 9 at the beginning of next week (this is common to all ACT government schools). Here is my summary of the more comprehensive 'new Covid Protocols' document sent to all families today:

- Parents and Carers can enter school grounds for Dropoff and Pickups.
- All classes (P-6) to start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm.
- Parents and carers are welcome back to outdoor events.
- Visitors, parents and carers must make an appointment to enter school buildings. All access to school buildings must be via sign in at the front office.
- Students no longer need to operate in cohorts. We intend to restrict times when cohorts mix.
- All staff will continue to wear masks when physical distancing of 1.5m can't be maintained. No masks outdoors.

Aranda Athletics Carnival:

It was fantastic to see our children giving it their best effort at the Athletics Carnival today. We enjoy watching the children being active and having fun.



Dates to Remember:

23 May	Pupil Free Day
23 May	Belconnen 5/6 AFL
24 May	Catch Up Photo Day (Absentees have been contacted)
25 May	5/6 Excursion to Parliament House
26 May	Belconnen Cross Country
30 May	Public Holiday – Reconciliation Day
13 June	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
14 June	Pupil Free Day
15 June	ACT Cross Country

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder





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 Flexischools orders only. If you have any questions, please email apsuniformshop@gmail.com.

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.



Thank you to Callum Taylor, Anthony Watson and their team for their organisation and leadership of a very successful carnival.

Attendance procedure:

We ask all parents to assure their children arrive at school as close to 9am as possible each weekday.

Students need to enter the school via the external doors of their individual classroom.

In circumstances where a late arrival is unavoidable:

- Up until 9.15am we ask students to go directly to the own classroom via the external door and report immediately to their own teacher so they can be marked as present.
- Arriving after 9.15am students need to enter the school via the Front Office entrance, reporting to the Front Office staff to be marked as present on the roll before making their way to class.



Keeping accurate attendance records is imperative. If a student is absent, please notify the school stating the date/s absent and explanation. This information then can be added to class rolls. You can contact the school on 61423030 or via email on info@arandaps.ed.act.edu.au

Our thanks for your ongoing assistance.

Have a great week,

Phil Gray

Aranda Music and Arts Update

The AMA Committee is pleased to advise that in-person lessons will be resuming this term. If you have already enrolled in an AMA program, your tutor coordinator will be in touch with you soon. If you are interested in enrolling in AMA, please go to our website <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org/>

For queries, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org. We thank enrolled families for their patience and understanding this year. We look forward to continuing to offer quality music and arts tuition to Aranda primary students.