

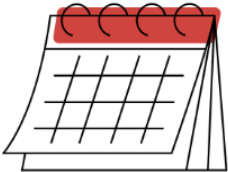


Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

4 th -6 th March	Year 4 Camp
11 th March	Public Holiday (Canberra Day)
18 th -20 th March	Year 5 Camp
19 th March	Mon/Tues Preschool Photos
20 th -22 nd March	Year 6 Camp
21 st -22 nd March	Year 3 Camp
22 nd March	Thurs/Fri Preschool Photos
26 th March	Mon/Tues Harmony Day
27 th March	K-6 School Photos
28 th March	K-6 & Thurs/Fri Harmony Day
29 th March & 1 st April	Public Holidays

2024 Aranda Calendar



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

Parent Portal:

If you already have a Parent Portal account, use this [Parent Portal access](#) link to start using the great features. You can't access Parent Portal directly through the ACT Digital Account website, you need to use the link above.

When you are logged into Parent Portal, we recommend saving the browser as a favourite or to the homepage on your mobile phone for quick access in the future. The website can only be viewed using a web browser on your computer, mobile phone or tablet. An app is

Executive Report



Hello Aranda Community,

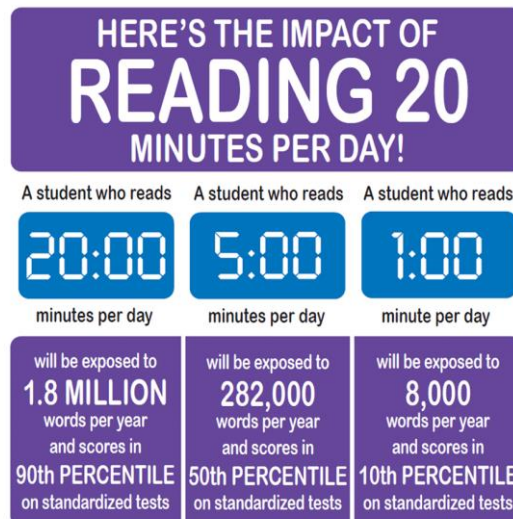
We are at the end of Week 4 and are well and truly into the swing of being back at school. We are particularly proud of our Preschool and Kindergarten students who have been extremely settled and enthusiastic about school.

As we all know, improving reading outcomes for every student is a top priority for our school. In the upcoming weeks, students in Years K-2 will begin bringing home their readers as part of our home reading program, which plays a crucial role in supporting our children's literacy development. Each junior team will use Seesaw to outline the program's structure and how you can best support your child. Additionally, we'll be organising workshops for parents to learn effective reading strategies, fostering both a love for reading and improved reading skills in your child. These workshops will also provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about supporting your child's reading journey. More details about these workshops, including registration information, will be provided in the coming weeks.

Below is an infographic underscoring the importance of dedicating just 20 minutes each day to reading, highlighting its significant impact on a child's academic growth. This applies equally to children in Preschool through to Year 6.

Life can get busy, and it's tempting to postpone reading sessions with our children. However, it's essential to recognise that delaying today can lead to prolonged delays. The time spent reading with your children is something to treasure, not to see as a burden. It's one of the simplest yet most effective ways we, as parents, can support our children's academic success.

If you're seeking more ideas or suggestions on how to engage in reading activities with your child at home, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.





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.

Embracing the Beauty of Oops!

In the colourful world of learning, there's a beautiful secret hidden within every "oops" moment – it's okay to make mistakes! At our school, we believe that these little hiccups are not just part of the journey; they're the spark that often ignites new learning. Our Wellbeing specialist, Miss Duckett recently shared this important message with our Year 1 students, reminding them that making mistakes is a natural part of learning and growing.

From misspelt words to wobbly lines on a drawing, each mistake is a precious opportunity to learn something new. Our students are discovering that it's through these delightful oops moments that we uncover hidden talents, develop problem-solving skills, and grow into resilient individuals.

So, the next time you find yourself saying, "Oops!", remember that it's not just a mistake – it's a chance to learn something wonderful!





P&C Welcome Picnic

- 📅 Date: Thursday, 29th February
- 🕒 Time: Join us from 5:30 pm onwards
- 📍 Location: Aranda Oval -- The playing fields directly behind the school

Bring along your family and friends for an evening of fun and connection at the Aranda P&C Welcome Picnic! Pack your favourite snacks, grab a picnic rug, and head down to the Aranda Oval for a relaxed evening outdoors. The P&C has organised a variety of activities and games on the oval for everyone to enjoy. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle with other Aranda families, meet new friends, and strengthen our school community bonds.

Don't miss out on this fantastic event! Mark your calendars for Thursday, 29 February, and let's kick off the school year with laughter, games, and good company. We can't wait to see you there!

Camps

Exciting times are ahead as our Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5/6 students gear up for their upcoming camps! The anticipation is high among the students as they eagerly await their chance to board the bus and hit the road. Hosting camps at the beginning of the year serves as an excellent opportunity to forge strong cohort communities, allowing both students and teachers to build rapport and get to know one another better. Throughout the camps, students will immerse themselves in a variety of outdoor learning and team-building activities. These adventures are designed to challenge them while nurturing resilience and leadership skills. We firmly believe that these experiences offer invaluable opportunities for personal growth and the creation of unforgettable memories. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated teachers who generously give their time and energy to accompany our students on these adventures, away from their own families. Your continued support is truly appreciated as we strive to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our students.

SRC

Please see the below list of children who will represent their class on the Student Representative Council (SRC) this term. The SRC meet each week to discuss important issues impacting our school and to provide feedback from their peers. The SRC also coordinates and promotes school fundraising events.

Class 2024	SRC Representative	SRC Reserve
KCW	Isobel D	Brody C
KRV	Perry C	Abigail H
KJC	Eloise D	Ethan M
1CW	Claire B	Lara H
1DM	Penny L	Bryce M
1NK	Maya G	Audrey S
1SF	Anna K	Alexa R
2LA	Fatima G	Hamish S
2MH	Ollie D	Henry W
2CJ	Maya L	Sebastian H
2AG	Isabelle J	Charlie P



3CA	Tom C	Lily R
3RP	Archie W	Ivy L
3GM	Matilda D	Oliver J
4MN	Sophie Z	Clara TA
4MG	Piper H	Sam Hu
4BS	Sigrid Ev	Methuka W
4JB	Xanthe K	Ari B
5/6BL	Lubaab M	Scarlett K
5/6TF	Ruby H	Jesse D
5/6CT	Xavier H	Leyla M
5/6DC	Elodie L	Blaz B
5/6EH	Amina Z	Gus H
5 /6 AW	Thomas S	Annabelle G

Kind regards,
Scott Pearce
Deputy Principal

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

Welcome to our 19 new EAL/D families. They are families who have indicated they speak an additional language, other than English, in their homes. We hope you are settling in and getting to know more about our learning routines at Aranda Primary. It was lovely to catch up with many returning families at the Getting to Know You Interviews in week 2.

The EAL/D program works in a variety of ways, depending on individual needs. The timetable commenced this week, working with students from K - 6 who benefit from further explicit literacy instruction in a small group or as a one-to-one lesson.

The highlight of our EAL/D calendar is **Harmony Day**. This is a wonderful celebration and a 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 **Thursday March 28 - Week 9**. The children are encouraged to wear national dress or orange coloured clothing. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Note - 'The Bandicoots and Quokkas' Monday-Tuesday preschool classes will celebrate on Tuesday March 26.



We are also keenly anticipating the annual EAL/D breakfast, in our school hall, between 8:30am - 8:55 am on Thursday March 28. This is a chance to meet other parents in our school community who are raising bilingual or multilingual children. Invitations will be sent out next week. We are hoping to have parents volunteer to come in and speak to their child's class on this day about their family's connections to another country, their cultural practices etc to help our students' growing awareness of the big wide world we all live in.

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

Sandy

News from 2MH

2MH have had such a fun-filled and exciting start to Year 2. We have spent the last 4 weeks getting to know each other as well as settling into the routine of school. We would like to share some of the amazing things we have done!

Dots

Over the first 2 weeks of school, we read the book 'The Dot'. The Dot is a book that celebrates that we are different and special in our own unique way, having confidence in what we do and never giving up. In 2MH we believe that these are important messages! We understand that mistakes help us learn and being positive about ourselves and our work helps us develop a deeper understanding. We decided to follow Vashti's lead, start with a dot, and see where it leads us throughout the year.



All About Me Poetry

We started the year with some poetry. Each student was given some sentence starters to complete. We encouraged them to consider their characteristics and traits to complete their poems. On the next page are a few examples of their work.



I am nice. I kind
I love my family and friends
I hope I am a vet and a mum
I am happy about my life
I am lucky to be Hannah

By Hannah

I am great at cricket
I love my family
I think nature is beautiful
I hope I will be a famous cricketer
I am funny

By Kranvir

I am smart
I think frogs are cool
I hope I am cool
I am happy because I have a cat

By Max

I am smart
I think I am funny
I hope I am clever
I am happy I have friends

By Jack

I am friendly
I love you being you and me being me
I think sometimes life isn't fair
I hope I can help world hunger
I am happy because I like soccer

By Henry

I am grateful, I am happy, I am sad
I love the monkey bars and dogs
I think I am big, I think I am small
I am happy but sometimes I am not
I am always me

By Alice

I am lucky for what I have
I love pizza and my family
I think I am funny
I am happy at Aranda Primary
I am a great friend

By Ollie

I am a really kind boy
I love my mum, my dad and Ethar
I think in positive ways
I hope I have 1110 wishes
I am funny

By Ethan

I am kind, nice and good
I love my family, police and Lego
I think in good ways
I am smart and creative

By Pavie

I am bright
I think nature is important
I hope I get a new chicken
I am kind

By Olivia



Art

Over the term, we have completed some fun art activities with a focus on representing ourselves in a variety of ways. To complete this self-portrait, we used watercolour paints and oil pastels. We were inspired by the artist James Rizzi.



Alec



Mia



Heather



Rose



Alex



Evie



Albi



Rowen



Mila



Viraaj

Some things we are looking forward to for the rest of the year are excursions, cross country, athletics carnival, swimming, learning new things and playing with our friends. We can't wait for 2024!



News from 5/6TF

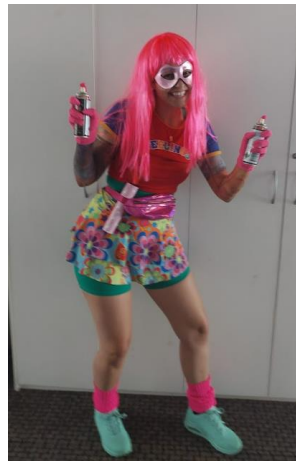
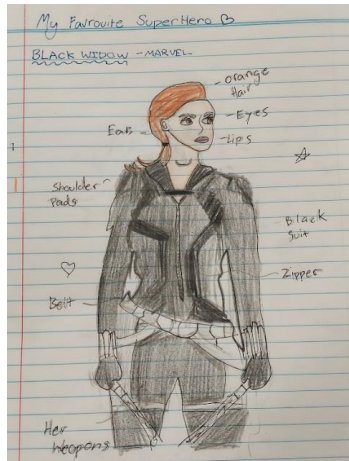
With 2024 well underway the Superheroes from the A-team have arrived at Aranda Primary. They are primed and ready to share their knowledge with the students of 5/6TF.

In Writing, we have been focusing on narratives. We are using superheroes as our topic inspiration. The skills and techniques we are applying are from *Seven Steps*: Plan for success, Sizzling Start, Tightening Tension, Dynamic Dialogue, Show don't Tell, Ban the Boring, and Exciting Endings. During these sessions, we have been working in small groups to write a paragraph based on one point of the story. These have been amazing! We definitely have some super writers with us.



Superheroes

There are so many at Aranda Primary School. Mullet Man arrived out of the blue, supporting us in beginning a strong year. Out of nowhere, another superhero rocked up. Kaleidoscope. We're wondering if we will meet any other amazing superheroes!



The teachers have also created a point system. We earn PUPs (power-up points) by doing home learning tasks and being a kind and respectful Aranda student. Every Friday, if we have enough PUPs we can level up to a new superpower! This Friday, we can level up to Superhuman Stamina.

What a start to the year!

Written by Ruby and Beattie



Flyers from clinics run this term



JOIN US!

HOCKEY ACT COME & TRY WEEKEND

Come and see what hockey is all about! The Come & Try Weekend is a relaxed and fun introduction to the sport. All ages and abilities are welcome!

NORTHSIDE

🕒 9AM - 12PM

📅 Saturday 24th February

📍 196 Mouat St, Lyneham

SOUTHSIDE

🕒 9AM - 12PM

📅 Sunday 25th February

📍 288 Soward Way, Greenway



**Come and Try
Rugby Union**
Weetangera Oval
Thur 29 Feb &
Thur 7 Mar
5pm - 6pm

WESTS
Juniors

- Ages U7 - U18
- Meet Coaches
- Learn Skills
- Make Friends
- Bring the Family
- Have Fun!

Thur 7 Mar, Free Sausage & Drink

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