



Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

17 – 18 August	Cranleigh Camp
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Friendly reminder:

If you are sending cash with your child to pay for an excursion/activity, please ensure the cash is clearly labelled in an envelope or zip lock bag.

Scan the below QR codes for:

School Calendar



Parent Resource Folder



Executive Report

Dear Aranda Community,

ACT Single-use Plastics Ban – How This Affects Your School

Single-use plastic cutlery, drink stirrers and polystyrene takeaway food and drink containers are now banned for sale and supply or distribution in the ACT. Bioplastics cutlery and stirrers are also banned. This includes all products bought before 1 July. This means any leftover stock can no longer be sold, supplied or distributed in the ACT, including in school canteens.

Leftover stock can be repurposed for art and craft activities. Sustainable alternatives include reusable cutlery and containers. Alternative single-use items, such as wood or bamboo, are also acceptable if using reusable items is not possible. For a list of alternatives and more information, visit [Single-use plastics](#).

Walkathon/Book Week

The 2021 Walkathon is approaching very quickly. In the past, this has been a significant fundraising event and a fun session at school. We hope the students have been out and about to gain sponsorship. The Walkathon will also host the Book Week Parade. We encourage all students to come dressed as either their favourite book character or dressed in this year's theme, 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

Before School

At Aranda, a teacher is on duty from 8:40 am on the undercover basketball court for supervision only. Recently, there have been students arriving and playing ball games or on the equipment as early as 8:00 am. When students arrive at school before the bell, they should all be located on the basketball court unless they are being supervised by their parent or carer.

Hats On

Being SunSmart is all about being 'smart' when in the 'sun'. The months of June and July see hats off when students are on the playground for recess or lunch and when participating in outdoor activities. A sensible balance between too much and too little sun (UV) is important to maintain adequate vitamin D levels. As the UV levels start to rise from August onwards, it is the perfect time to remind everyone about the importance of sun protection. Students are expected to wear either the school bucket hat, a broad brim hat or a legionnaire style hat when outside during school hours.



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.

2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 13 August to 3 September. The survey results will help us continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in the family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- a letter about the student survey, outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data
- an email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title 'The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!' and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened, paper version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following five languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Kind regards,

James Harrison

Executive Teacher

Keep your child home if they are sick

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Restrictions are still in place – including in our schools – and we all need to be vigilant. This includes not sending children to school if they are sick.

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be asked to collect them.

It is important that we limit the spread of disease during this pandemic. By doing the right thing, you can help keep Canberra COVID safe.



P&C News

Aranda P&C Bunnings BBQ

Once again, on Saturday 14 August 2021, the P&C will be running the Belconnen Bunnings BBQ and volunteering opportunities are now open.

The BBQ is an important biennial fundraiser for the P&C, especially given fundraising activities have been limited in recent times.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to sign-up:

volunteersignup.org/FP93H

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Proposed changes to the Aranda P&C Constitution

Like all Incorporated Associations operating in the in the ACT, the Aranda P&C is governed by a Constitution. The P&C committee are currently considering the following amendment to its Constitution:

Amendment 1

Adding a new section (16) to the Constitution as prescribed below:

16 Public Officer

The public officer of the association must –

- (a) ensure all Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) mandatory reporting obligation are met by the Association; and***
- (b) ensure all Association records, including financial records, are stored in a suitable location for a period of least seven years***

Purpose: The amendments are needed to satisfy a requirement of the ACNC that the P&C has sufficient procedures in place to meet its mandatory reporting obligation to maintain charity status.

Next steps

For any changes to the Constitution to be made, a 21-day consultation period is required and a Special Resolution must be passed at a general meeting of the Aranda P&C.

Please forward us your feedback to gilchristjim@hotmail.com by **31 August 2021**. If you would like further information, please contact Jim (outgoing Public Officer) on 0447788478.

Pending the outcome of the consultation process, endorsement of the changes will be sort via a Special Resolution at the next P&C meeting, scheduled for 6:30pm **1 September 2021** at Aranda Primary School.



Message from G-Force Plastic Oceans Team:

The G-Force Plastic Oceans Team is looking out for families with **chickens**. We would love to recycle the plastic bags that your chickens' food/pellets come from. The Plastic Oceans Team are creating pillows by recycling these chicken pellet bags and mesh-type bags are being used to create recycled cushions. **Please bring these bags to the foyer in the canteen area.**

More about what we do

The Plastic Oceans Team is a group of ten G-Force kids who are helping reduce plastic in the school. We have recently taken over from another group who has been doing a lot of work with the canteen. More to come soon.

**DIGITAL LIFE
FOR FAMILIES**

recovering, reclaiming, regaining
connectedness

a conversation with Toni Hassan
journalist, author and parent

**THURSDAY
5 AUGUST, 7pm**

**HOLY COVENANT
ANGLICAN CHURCH**
89 Dexter Street, Cook
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSWJD>



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Aranda Music and Art (AMA) Program Update

The AMA program is a volunteer-run program offering music and arts (including art, dance and drama) tuition outside school hours in the school or the Aranda Scout Hall.

If you wish to enrol your child in the program, please submit an enrolment via our website <https://www.arandamusicprogram.org/how-to-join>

If your child attends Aranda Afters on the day of their lesson, please ensure you complete and return to Afters an Extracurricular Activities Form available on the [Aranda Afters website](#).

For more information, please see [our website](#) or email info@arandamusicprogram.org.

AMA program current vacancies:

<i>Classes</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Continuing Music</i> <i>(Group classes for Yr 1 and Yr 2)</i>		3-4pm			
<i>Dance</i>			3-4:30pm		
<i>Drama (Years 2-6)</i>	3-4:30pm				
<i>Flute, Clarinet, Oboe or Recorder</i>	Years K-6, expressions of interest, day TBC				
<i>Guitar</i>	1x 5:30pm			4.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm	3.30pm, 2x 4pm, 2x 4:30pm, 2x 5pm and 2x 5.30pm
<i>Piano</i>				5:30pm	
<i>Introduction to Music</i> <i>(Group classes for Kindy and Yr 1)</i>			3-4pm		
<i>Violin</i>	All times				
<i>Irish Dance</i>	Years K-6, expressions of interest, day TBC				
<i>Zumba Kids</i>				3-4:30pm	

To enquire about vacancies, please email info@arandamusicprogram.org