



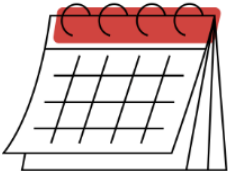
Newsletter

Executive Report

Dates to Remember:

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 not available at this time.

What a 6 weeks we have had so far! The school has been buzzing with excitement every day since day 1. We had a great start to the year, with our first set of campers heading off on Monday morning; our school swimming carnival was a success, and walking around the school, there are happy faces everywhere!

GWS Giants Visit

On Friday, Week 5, we had visit from several players from the GWS Giants, Stephen Coniglio and Callum Brown. It was a fun session where the students received expert tips on how to kick and handball an Aussie Rules football correctly. The students were full of energy participating in the skills sessions.



Yr 4 Camp

We had our Year 4 students down at Kianinny Camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. On Monday, excitement was everywhere as the students showed up to school and said goodbye to their families. We value our camps as they complement our school values; they foster personal, social and emotional development, but most importantly, they create core memories.

A big thank you to John Boland, Molly Garven, Mara Nagaki, Bobbi Smith, Nicole Kaleb, Dave Meyer, Lindy Knight and Scott Pearce for taking time away from their families to take the Year 4s on an incredible adventure





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.



E-Safety

The Online Safety Education team is committed to supporting school communities in developing their online safety skills and knowledge. The team aims to increase students' safe and positive online experiences and reduce the number of online safety incidents that impact learning environments.

Multiple webinars are running each term with both afternoon and evening times available that will help your family be more confident and safer online by:

- Understanding online safety and risks young people face
- Learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues
- Supporting your child to be safe online
- Knowing where to go for further support.

Register for the Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars – 2024 online at https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP



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Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, March 21, marked the commencement of the first of our three annual carnivals, and what a start it was! Our school swimming carnival, held once again at CISAC, unfolded seamlessly, showcasing a day filled with excitement and achievement. The progress in both stamina and stroke accuracy was evident, reflecting hard work and dedication.

A big thank you to our swimming carnival committee for their planning and execution, ensuring that everything ran like clockwork. We thank the teachers who provided support throughout the day. A special mention must also go to the parent volunteers who generously contributed their time and effort to serve as timekeepers.



Parent Portal

Over the past 6 months, we have implemented the Parent Portal via the Schools Administration System. During our Getting to Know You interviews, we had 88% of the families in our school community register. This was the most extensive take-up of participants in all of the ACT Education Directorate schools. The next phase of our rollout has seen the streamline of payments occur. Parents and Carers can now pay for excursions and view outstanding payments.

School Sign

The school sign on Bandjalong Crescent is old and outdated, and it has become a hazard to change the wording. We are waiting for our new electronic sign to be installed. We cannot wait for the day when we can update our messages and deliver information to our community in real time.

We will provide an update on the installation when we receive further notification.

Have a great long weekend!

Regards,

James Harrison
Executive Teacher

EAL/D News

Preparations for Harmony Day celebrations are on track for a wonderful morning where we proudly display our community's diversity. **Save the date - Thursday 28 March.** Note - **Monday-Tuesday preschool classes** will celebrate on **Tuesday 26 March**. Last week, a Google Form was sent out via Seesaw to all EAL/D families inviting you to our annual EAL/D Breakfast. Please fill in this form asap so we can accurately cater for the event. It will be held on Thursday 28 March between 8:30 - 8:55 am in the school hall.

A reminder, on the day, all children are invited to wear traditional dress or something orange coloured. It is such a fun way to admire and acknowledge students' pride in their heritage and the creative flair students demonstrate by dressing up. Orange was chosen as the colour from the very beginning of the Australia wide Harmony Day festivities, in 1999. It is the perfect colour for promoting good fortune and happiness whilst also encouraging social communication.

We have put out an Expression of Interest note on Seesaw for parents who are interested in presenting to their child's class in the morning. Our theme this year is GAMES. We are keen to learn about simple games played in other countries or from your childhood. It could be a board style game, like mancala or a game involving a simple piece of equipment like elastics or jacks or a game that does not require any items in order to play, like clapping games. Students in Years 3 - 6 are welcome to take on this leadership opportunity and prepare a presentation for their class that fits this theme. Please contact sandra.kelly@ed.act.edu or janine.collins@ed.act.edu.au or your child's class teacher. Our aim is to start presentations after marking the roll on Thursday morning (K-6) and Tuesday (preschool). Melissa Alexander will emcee our whole school parade before recess, to round out the morning on Thursday.

Harmony Day Committee

Caroline Adams, Melissa Alexander, Janine Collins, Myriam Davies, Ash Groch, Maya Hayward, Sandra Kelly, Gina Mapley, Dani Rolfe and Jessie Wilson



News from 1DM

Year 1 has been focusing on retelling stories in our writing lessons. Retelling allows the students to focus on the features that make up a story and promotes better text comprehension. We have been using the five-finger method as a way to remember what to include in a story retelling. This includes:

- Characters
- Setting
- Beginning
- Middle
- End.

At first, the students use pictures from the stories as prompts. They then 'bump up' their retells and work on increasing the detail provided on each subsequent retell. Here are some examples from our Tortoise and Hare lesson.



1DM has been integrating the skills we learned through retells into our artwork. We first read the story of the Awesome Emu, which tells how the Milky Way was formed from an Indigenous perspective. We then discussed how First Nation Australians used symbols in their art to tell stories and pass on information to future generations. After studying the symbols, we used our new retelling skills to create artwork conveying the story of Awesome Emu. The symbols used represented the Emu, its tracks, the mountains and rivers and the meetings or gatherings that the Emu and the other animals had.





News from 3GM

We have had a busy and enthusiastic start to 2024. Here is a look at what some of the students from 3GM have been enjoying so far.

Science and Stem

There has been plenty of 'hands-on' fun during our STEM and science lessons. Our budding scientists are examining the effect of various conditions on the health and growth of certain plants.



Art

There are many talented artists in 3GM. One of our favourite visual art lessons was to plan, design and create a collage of the life cycle of our chosen living species. This lesson tied in perfectly with our current focus in Science. Here are some examples.



Physical Education

Sport and PE lessons are always a popular part of the day in 3GM. This term, in addition to the various games and skills the students are being taught, we have been lucky enough to attend some special clinics. The class enjoyed a number of drills and activities in a Rugby Union clinic hosted by Wests Lions Rugby Club. Some of our AFL fans also attended a meet and greet session with some of the players from GWS Giants.





SCHOLASTIC Book Club

The catalogue for Term 1 of the Scholastic Book Club (Issue 2) has been sent home with your child/ren.

HOW TO ORDER The Book Club will be accepting orders and payments online – this means **no forms or money need to be returned to school.** Orders are submitted through the LOOP (Linked Online Order & Payment) platform on the Scholastic website, <https://www.scholastic.com.au/> or via the LOOP app.

Orders are due by the **27th of March.**

WHAT IS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB? The Book Club is a great way to encourage reading. Once a term, students will bring home a book club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests.

HOW DOES ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL BENEFIT? Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for the school, however there is never any obligation to order.

QUESTIONS?

Please remember, the Book Club is a P&C project and is run by parent volunteers. The Book Club is not administered by Aranda Primary School. If you have any questions, please contact: arandascholasticbookclub@gmail.com.

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The advertisement features a dark blue background with a yellow sun/moon in the top right and a yellow crescent moon in the top left. Two stylized figures, a woman and a man, are sitting in green chairs and talking. The woman is on the left, wearing a light blue jacket and white pants, with her arms crossed. The man is on the right, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, with his hand raised as if speaking. There are small yellow stars scattered around them.