

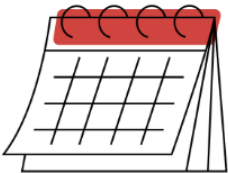


Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

10 th June	King's Birthday
12 th June	5/6 Tennis
14 th June	ACT Cross Country
18 th June	Y3 Geoscience Excursion
20 th June	5/6 Netball Gala Day
25 th June	3/4 Basketball Finals
27 th June	3/4 Netball Gala Day
27 th June	5/6 AFL Finals
28 th June	Just 50 Words

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.

Executive Report

Dear Aranda School community,

The past six weeks have been incredibly busy and far from ordinary. We've celebrated the announcement of our Rostrum finalist—congratulations to Piper from 4MG, who will represent Aranda at the ACT Quarter Finals. Our cross-country runners made us proud at the Belconnen Zone carnival. The Year 3/4 girls basketball team were runners-up in the Division 2 section of the Sue Geh Cup. Additionally, our Year 6 students experienced their first taste of high school during their transition visit to Canberra High. Now, we're eagerly preparing for the Science Fair next term, which has attracted a near-record number of entries.

Student Centred Improvement

In Week 4, we had the privilege of hosting a panel of school/system leaders at our school. Together, we delved into the new Student-Centred Improvement framework, which was an opportunity for our students, teachers, and parents to openly discuss Aranda's strengths and areas for improvement in the Wellbeing element of the framework. This platform allowed us to receive positive feedback and a space where valuable recommendations were shared for our consideration. Once finalised, the report will be made available on our school website.

Google Reference School

Aranda Primary's adoption of Google for Education tools has enhanced communication, streamlined data analysis, and significantly improved student learning outcomes. We have created a more efficient, connected learning and working environment by leveraging these tools. Since integrating Google for Education in 2013, we have become a beacon of good practice and acted as guidance for other schools, sharing our successes in improving student engagement and academic performance.

Google has now recognised our adoption of these educational tools and their impact on student outcomes. We are now a Google for Education Reference School, alongside six other ACT schools.

We have always opened our doors to our colleagues across our system to share and support educational changes and innovations; now, we have opened our doors to our international colleagues.



5/6 AFL - Jack Steele & Hannah Dunn Cup

The Year 5/6 Boys and Girls AFL teams recently played in the Belconnen zone AFL Gala day. The girl's team played Macquarie Primary on four occasions, winning each game comfortably. The team developed their game knowledge and grew in confidence with each outing.



Important Messages

Uniform Shop

The shop will open three times a term, with our first session scheduled for 8.15 - 9.00 am on the Fridays of Weeks 1, 5, and 10 of Term 2. Payments will remain cashless, and we'll continue offering second-hand items for a gold coin donation as availability allows.

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.

The boys' team won their first two games of the day convincingly before losing to Macquarie after they kicked a goal after the siren to clinch victory. The Aranda boys played to their potential in the grand final and defeated Macquarie, kicking nine goals to two. Both teams will now play in the AFL Canberra finals.

A big thank you to Rob Panozzo and Cameron James for their time and effort in coaching our AFL teams.



E-Safety

E-safety is a frequently discussed topic in classrooms, essential for fostering a secure online environment for students. Regular conversations focus on staying safe online, building confidence when confronted with uncomfortable situations, and developing the knowledge and skills necessary for creating a positive digital identity. We emphasise the importance of seeking help from a trusted adult when encountering uncertain situations, as this ensures their safety and builds a supportive network. Additionally, practical activities and real-life scenarios are used to reinforce these lessons, helping students apply what they learn in everyday online interactions.

We always encourage and emphasise the importance of children seeking out an adult they trust when faced with a situation they are unsure of.

The eSafety commissioner is hosting regular webinars this term, delivering strategies to educate our children about being safe online. The webinars can be found via this [link](#) or by clicking on the picture below.

Term 2, 2024
Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

Term 2 topics:

- eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30min)**
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- Wellbeing and digital technologies (30min)**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- Consent and online boundaries: How to support your primary-aged child. (30min)**
Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.
- Setting your child up for success online (30min)**
Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.

For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

eSafety Commissioner eSafety.gov.au

Kind regards,
James Harrison
Executive Teacher



Aranda Primary School Shines at Belconnen Cross Country Carnival

Aranda Primary School students showcased their determination and athleticism at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival held at Stromlo Forest Park. We had beautiful Autumn weather to enjoy the carnival and every student who participated ran with enthusiasm and spirit. Congratulations to all the runners for giving their best efforts and representing Aranda PS so well.

We have a group of students who will now have the opportunity to represent Aranda PS and the Belconnen region at the upcoming ACT Cross Country Championships on Friday 14th June. These students, along with their top 10 placing are:

	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>
8 years 1km	1st - Lillian Rheinberger 5th - Leila Hudson	8th - Henry Watson
9 years 1.5km	1st - Rui Bluett-Jones 9th - Jasmine Hillary 10th - Ariana Foot	
10 years 2km	4th - Momina Usman 5th - Katie Lander	8th - Teddy Sawa
11 years 3km	1st - Layla Dent 6th - Banjo Bluett-Jones	
12 years 3km	3rd - Sol Barrero Alonso	9th - Sam Garrido-Yebra





News from 5/6DC

Survivor Unit

This term, our 5/6 students have been working on an amazing and interesting term unit called "Survivors". In each class, the students are put into six groups: the Crocodiles, Echidnas, Redbacks, Bluetongues, Magpies and Kangaroos. In these groups, there are four or five people. These four or five students will sit together and work together this term. If the team shows kindness and respect or does well in class, they can be rewarded with a certain amount of resources (points). These resources can be used to gain advantages or clue idols in the survivor challenges that happen every fortnight when all the survivor groups come together and complete a challenge. Various activities include physical tasks, critical thinking, and academics. When these tasks are complete, teams earn a survivor badge. Stay tuned to see how many badges each team has collected!



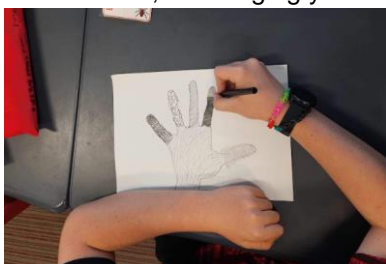
Canberra High School Visit

On the 21st of May, our year six students went on an exciting excursion to Canberra High School to learn what a high school would be like. They learnt about some interesting subjects: science, art, languages, woodtech, and SHAPE. During science, the students got to use chemicals to change ordinary, daily household items into colourful and exciting chemicals. In art, students had to stretch their creative minds to draw interesting pictures in a small amount of time. During language, students learned about the wondrous language of Mandarin and even made bookmarks with the words "good luck". In Woodtech, we made Canberra high keychains with their own hands and expertise. Finally, the students had an exciting SHAPE session before heading back to Aranda Primary School.



Creative Pursuits

For the past 2 terms we have been doing fun electives called Creative Pursuits. This involves us participating in two of the following things: Sew Cool, STEMtastic, Pressed to Impress, Who am I, Sketch Pad, and last but definitely not least, 5/6 band. Creative Pursuits are the best way to learn about different things and be super super creative. It's also brilliantly fun and the possibilities are endless. You could be flying drones, sewing pencil cases, playing an instrument, making masks, challenging your artistic drawing skills, or even making incredible screen prints.



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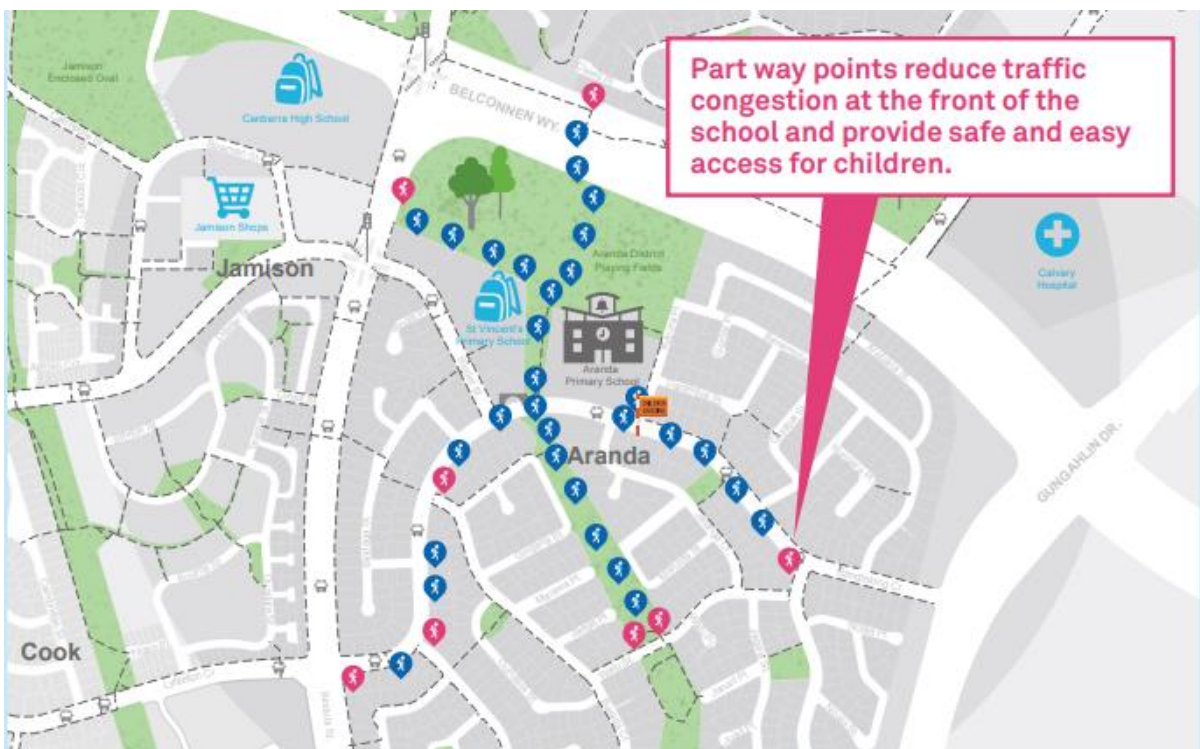


Traffic Information

Traffic congestion is a common issue around most schools during the morning and afternoon peak periods. Roads aren't designed to cope with the sudden increase in traffic volumes for 15-20 minute periods each morning and afternoon. There is no traffic engineering solution to resolve this problem, roads and carparks simply aren't built to meet the high demand over a short period.

If you need to drive, a simple way to reduce the congestion around our school is to use part way drop off or collection points. Part way points can significantly reduce the burden on the local road network. They are ideal for families who live too far away from the school to walk or ride for the entire journey.

Consider dropping off and collecting students from a location that is a short distance from the school that provides safe and easy access. Not only will you help to reduce congestion around the school, children will also receive the health benefits for walking or riding part of the trip. Useful resources are available on the [Transport Canberra](http://TransportCanberra.com.au) website.



Road safety around schools is a matter for everyone in the community. Speed, illegal parking and the volume of cars on the road all reduce safety for children, so it is important to drive cautiously near schools.

Speed, congestion and poor parking are all factors that can impact the safety of children. Often these poor behaviours arise from people within the school community itself, so it is important to remember that your behaviour is equally as important as the next person. If you need to drive to school, please obey the road rules and be polite and respectful to other drivers. A little bit of patience and courtesy can go a long way to protecting the safety of children.

Please remember to:

- Drive very slowly through the car park (max 10km/h) and please be alert for children at all times.
- Minimise the days you drive your children by encouraging them to walk or ride.



Bookclub



The catalogue for Term 2 of the Scholastic Book Club (Issue 4) 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 **19th of June**.

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.