



DATES TO REMEMBER:

9 August	Science Fair Projects DUE
13 August	5/6 Girls Basketball
14 August	Aranda Science Fair
19 August	Book Week & Bullying No Way! Week
20 August	Belconnen Athletics Carnival
21 August	5/6 Boys Basketball
13 September	3/4 Tennis
17 September	ACT Athletics
18 September	Year 2 Birrigai
26 September	Grandparent's Day

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 families,

As we strive to maintain effective communication with our school community, we kindly request that all parents take a moment to check and update their contact details. Accurate information is essential for ensuring that you receive important notifications about school events, emergencies, and your child's progress. Please log on to the parent portal or contact the school office to verify and update your phone numbers, email addresses, and home address. Your prompt attention to this matter helps us keep you informed. Thank you for your cooperation!

Science Fair

This is the term for our famous Science Fair. This is always eagerly anticipated by our students and showcases exciting learning and enquiry in the fields of science.

Science Fair projects are due on Friday 9 August (Week 3). All projects can be delivered to Bobbi Smith's classroom, Room 19 in the bottom corridor.

The Science Fair will take place on Wednesday 14 August (Week 4). A panel of 10 senior judges and twelve high school student representative judges from Canberra High School will adjudicate on the day. All Aranda students will be timetabled in class groups to attend the Fair throughout the school day. Students with submissions for the fair will present to the judges at specific times.

Parents, families, and community members are invited to attend and enjoy the science presentations during the evening of Wednesday 14 August, between the hours of 5-6.30pm.





IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Uniform Shop

The shop will open three times a term, with our first sessions 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.

General Information

Updated information for the education sector and other public sectors can be found on the [Education Directorate's website](#) and [ACT Health](#).

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 on Tuesdays.

Anaphylaxis

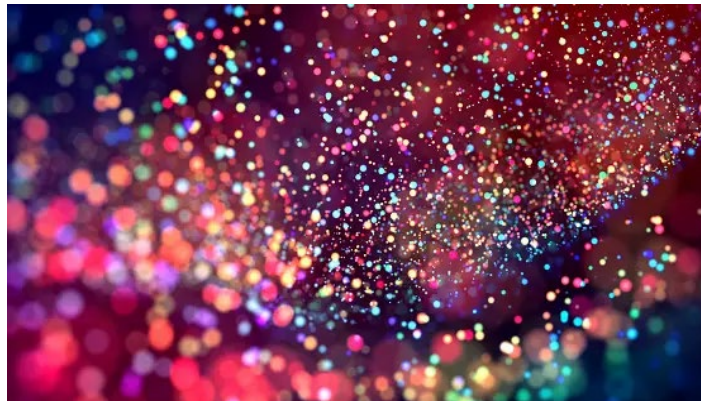
Aranda Primary School is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL avoiding eggs and all nuts. Our policy is available on the website.

Bush Kids

Last week, our Kindy cohort launched their Bush Kids program for 2024. This is an initiative that runs in Term 3 and involves all three Kindy classes heading bush each Wednesday. Bush Kids is an innovative exploratory program designed specifically for our kindergarten students, offering a multitude of benefits that extend beyond traditional classroom learning. By immersing children in nature-based activities, the program fosters resilience, practical knowledge, and grit. Through hands-on experiences and teamwork our young learners develop problem-solving skills and self-confidence. The dynamic, unstructured environment encourages creativity and adaptability, allowing children to learn from their surroundings and each other. I would like to congratulate our kindy students for rolling their sleeves up and diving into this opportunity and I want to thank the teachers and our parent helpers for your invaluable contribution and support that allows bush kids to happen.

P&C Trivia Night

A reminder that our hard-working P&C are hosting their annual trivia night on Saturday 10 August 2024 at The Fred Daly Room, Belconnen Labor Club. Doors will open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. It promises to be a great night with the theme of 'A Touch of Sparkle' If you haven't already got your tickets, you can find a link in the latest the P&C news email.



On a personal note, I want to thank Phil Gray for his years of dedication and leadership. His commitment to excellence, tireless work ethic and vision have shaped the success of the school. Thank you, Phil, for being the driving force behind our collective achievements.

Lisa Kingham

And as always, its Phil who has the final word...

A Message from Phil

Au revoir. I am confident that Aranda School is in a good place and our community will be admirably led by Lisa Kingham and Scott Pearce in my absence. I leave with many fond memories, and I am so grateful for my time at our wonderful school.

Please remember to be kind to each other.

Phil Gray



P&C News

Hi All

We have a P&C Meeting next Tuesday 6 August, from 6.30-7.30 pm. You can attend in person in the school library (BYO drinks and snacks). If you can't make it in person, you can join virtually via [Google Meet](#). Please see details below.

For those joining in person, the gate on Bandjalong Cres up the top of the school near the bus stop will be opened for parents to access. To join virtually, see the Google Meet joining info below:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/apr-gwtd-sgg>

Or dial: (AU) +61 2 9051 3934 | PIN: 190 441 081#

We look forward to seeing you join us at next week's meeting.

Many thanks

The Secretaries

Emily Curlewis & Laura Birks

Community Notice

Get ready for MyWay+

MyWay+ is Transport Canberra's next generation ticketing system that puts all public transport services in one place, MyWay+ will offer more ways to pay for public transport and introduce new digital platforms for journey planning and accessing real-time information.

With more ways to pay, you can choose what works best for you and your family!

The switchover to MyWay+ is expected later this year. Until then, students should continue to use their current MyWay card or a paper ticket from a ticket vending machine to pay for travel on Transport Canberra bus and light rail services. You can also:

- Ensure your child's MyWay card is registered to protect the balance. Transport Canberra can only process refunds and transfer credits for [registered MyWay cards](#).
- Sign up to Transport Canberra's [weekly e-news](#) for regular updates.
- Connect with Transport Canberra on [social media](#).

For more information on MyWay+ visit [Transport Canberra – MyWay+](#).



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER



CHILDREN'S DAY



For First Nations families and children of all ages



Strong in Culture, Stronger Together

● Join us for a cosy after school movie!

● Pop corn, snacks and drinks provided

● Gift bags for kids to take home!

Join us at

Yarramundi Cultural Centre

245 Lady Denman Drive ACT 2601

Tuesday 6th August 2024

3:30pm - 5:30pm



REGISTER NOW

Parents/carers must stay and be with their kids

