



ARAWANG PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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1 August 2019

Term 3

Week 2

Learning and Growing Together

DATES TO REMEMBER

2 August Limelight Choir Rehearsal
20 August Book swap
23 August Book Week Dress up parade
16-27 September K-1 Swim Program
19 – 2 September 3/4 Birrigai



School Values

RESPECT
ENDEAVOUR
CREATIVITY
CURIOSITY
COMPASSION

NOTES/EMAILS SENT HOME

Kindergarten/ Year 1 AIS Swim Program
Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp
Limelight Chior Rehearsal

ACT School Term Dates 2019

Term 1

Tuesday 5 February to Friday 12 April

Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October to Thursday 19 December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all families and members of the community. There are already lots of engaging learning programs and events underway at Arawang Primary School. Students and teachers look forward to showcasing their learning later in the term through Learning Journeys that will have a specific focus on science. At the end of last term student portfolios were sent home with reports. Can you please send these back to school so teachers can add new work samples for end of year reporting.

Farewell and thank you

Jennifer Hartcher, our acting office manager, has won an office manager position at Calwell Primary School. Jennifer has been a hard working

presence at our school since 2017 and has been managing the office since early this year. We would like to congratulate Jennifer on her exciting new position and thank her for all her efforts here at Arawang. If you have any questions regarding school finances can you please email - admin@arawangps.act.edu.au

Enrolments

ACT public school enrolments for 2020 opened at 6am on Monday 29 April 2019. This is for all enrolments from Preschool to Year 12.

More information about the enrolment process can be found via this link - <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Online Safety

At Arawang Primary School we are lucky to have high levels of access to technology, including Chromebooks for all of our 2 – 6 students. Teachers regularly work with students to educate them around the appropriate use of technology and how the devices can be used to enhance learning in the classroom. An excellent resource for teachers and families is the eSafety Commissioner website. The website has great strategies to help families and young people navigate the complexities of online environments. I encourage everyone to have a look at the material available and to talk about how to stay safe when using digital technologies. More information can be found via this link - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Ben Davies

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Visit from Louise Dempsey

Last week we were once again fortunate to host a two-day visit from Louise Dempsey, New Zealand author of *The Oral Language book*, *The Writing Book* and *The Reading Book*, which is due to be released in September.

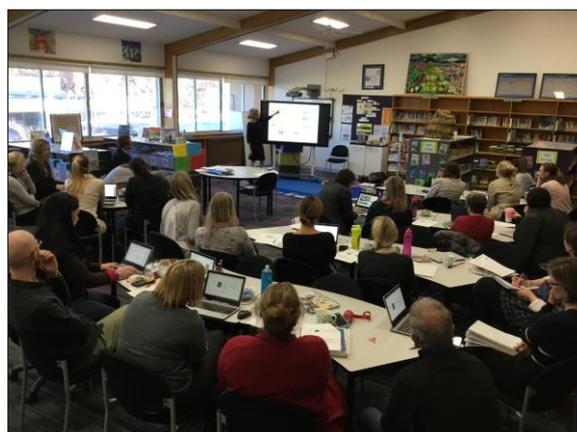
Over the last 18 months Louise has been working with Arawang teachers as a critical friend to

support us in our journey to match exemplary teaching practices to our shared belief about writing and reading.



This visit Louise demonstrated the strategy of shared reading in kindergarten to year 6 classrooms and followed this with a professional learning session

with our teachers. 'Shared Reading is an interactive reading approach that involves teachers and students decoding and comprehending a text together. The teacher provides high levels of support by explicitly modelling the skills used by a proficient reader.' *The Reading Book*, Sheena Cameron & Louise Dempsey, 2019. Shared reading is an important component of a balanced reading program which gradually releases the responsibility of reading from the teacher to the student. This allows for explicit teaching and supported practice of the repertoire of strategies used by proficient readers.





Michelle Maier

Deputy Principal

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Book Week Activities - 19 – 23 August

Our Book Week activities for this year will include the Book Swap on Tuesday 20 August, the Book Week dress up parade on Friday 23 August and a visit from Valanga Khoza, an African story teller and musician, also on Friday 23 August.

A note with details was sent home earlier this week. Please contact the front office or Sue Cowie if you have any questions.

The 2019 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term.

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 4 to 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au).

Step into the Limelight – year 4 students

Our year 4 students are currently learning three songs as part of their participation in the Directorate performing arts show to be held at the end of August. Arawang year 4 students are part of the massed choir made up from schools from Weston Creek and Tuggeranong. The students will perform at the AIS on Thursday 29 August. Parent and families are invited to purchase tickets to see the performance.

Tickets go on sale today and can be accessed using the following links

For desktop page:

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LIMELIGH19>

For mobile page:

<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LIMELIGH19>

We look forward to seeing you at the performance.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the front office or Sue Cowie

Stephanie Alexander Cooking program Ledger # 8008-000-00

It is time to contribute \$20.00 to this term's cooking and gardening program. Your donation supports the purchase of grocery items and seedlings for our school gardens so students can continue to learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals cost effectively. At the end of most lessons students sit down at the shared table to eat the food they have cooked and discuss the techniques and skills they were developing. Contributions from all students in years 3-6 are greatly appreciated and allow us to maintain this unique program.

Chef Midgelow

Sue Cowie Coordinator

ICAS Tests

The ICAS tests will take place in weeks 7, 8 and 9. Most of the tests are now online so students will be using school Chromebooks. For students in year 3 and 4 who are going to complete the writing test, these will still be paper based.

The following dates are when our students will participate in the tests:

Digital Technologies Tuesday 3 September
Science Thursday 5 September
Writing Monday 9 September
Spelling Thursday 12 September
English Monday 16 September
Mathematics Wednesday 18 September

Coordinator Sue Cowie

Music News

Ms Kemp, one of our school music tutors would like to congratulate Bram W on achieving a High Distinction (A+) in his preliminary violin exam. Well done Bram!

PBL Focus for Weeks 2 and 3

Hallways

- ✓ Walk on the left
- ✓ Keep moving in the corridor
- ✓ Eat in eating areas
- ✓ Walk quietly
- ✓ Walk in line with your class



Hats On! Hats On!

This Thursday, 1 August, marks the start of hats on in the playground for the remainder of 2019. All students are expected to wear a sun smart hat.

This means a hat that protects their face, ears and back of the neck. Caps are not acceptable. Students who do not wear an appropriate hat are expected to play under the shade area during breaks or P.E lessons.

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate hat at school each day.

Library and Book Club News

Thank you to all students who have returned their books, there are currently 303 loans overdue. Students are able to return and borrow books during the first break or after school.

The non-fiction section of our library needs to be continually updated. Did you know that you can assist with this cost by contributing to the Library Trust Fund? Any funds donated are tax deductible.

There will be no Book Fair this year, so we hope to arrange for two Book Club catalogues this term.

The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue has been sent home, orders are due online before 6 August.

Choir

Congratulations to the Arawang students in the primary concert choir led by Katherine Finlayson who performed with the Toronto Children's Choir last Monday night. The Toronto children's choir is one of the most highly regarded choirs in the world. The fab five: Saana A, Will S, Lily A, Jennifer J and Grace G represented Arawang brilliantly.

Special Award

During the school holidays, Bella N from 4NC was awarded the 2019 Gugan Gulwan NAIDOC Youth Award for Sport for her involvement with Kumiai Ryu Karate and Muay Thai, her assistant instructing and making it to the Australian Martial Arts Championships - Australian Titles last year.



We are all so proud of you Bella. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!



MS Read-a-thon

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Congratulations to all children who have registered, and good luck!

Next month, Arawang will be participating in our 2nd MS Readathon. Last year we were the top fundraising school in the ACT. We hope to beat our previous fundraising efforts.

The MS Readathon is free and easy to join. To get your child started, can you please help them to set up their profile? All you have to do is [click on this link](#), search for Arawang and follow the instructions. Once you have set up your child's profile you can share it through Facebook or email, then friends and family can donate and see how many books your child has read.

If you would like to find out more about the MS Readathon, you can read about it [here](#). There are many benefits from your child participating in this fundraiser – including improving their vocabulary exposure.

Raquel Brown
MS Read-a-thon



ARAWANG PRESCHOOL

Last week the preschoolers were lucky enough to have a visit from Constable Kenny Koala. He taught us about how to stay safe in the community. We discussed things such as what to do if we get lost, stranger danger, who you can seek assistance from in the community, recognising warning signs within our own bodies and ways we can stay safe.



P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting Dates for Term 3

There are two P&C meetings scheduled in Term 3 - **Monday 19 August** and **Monday 16 September**.

Meetings start at 7.00pm and are held in the school library. The agenda and papers are circulated via email to all parents and carers the week before each meeting.

Please email me at arawangpandcsecretary@gmail.com if you have an item you would like included on the agenda or if you have any questions about the meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at a P&C meeting this term!

Josephine
Arawang P&C Secretary

Father's Day Stall

Our very popular Father's Day Stall is coming up on Thursday 29 August.

We are seeking donations of gifts to sell on the stall. Please leave your donations at the front office. There will also be an opportunity to make a cash donation for shopping at the front office or using your Flexischools account.

Think of the Dad who likes fishing, gardening, cars, chocolate or cooking. We welcome all donations and thank you in advance

P&C and Fun4Fitness Football AFTERSCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

It's time to organise Term 3 After School Soccer. Term 3 will be 10 weeks at a total cost of \$150. We have a fabulous team of qualified coaches ready to help your child develop not only their soccer skills, but also a love of being active and working in a team.

Please indicate by email if your child /children would like to enrol in afterschool Soccer AND which day in term 3. fun4fitnessfootball@gmail.com

Options. Tuesday 3:10-4:20pm
Wednesday 3:10-4:20pm

Providing we have the numbers both days will run, but at this stage we need to confirm numbers first. We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Susan, Aidan and the Fun4Fitness Football Team

AFTER SCHOOL ZUMBAKIDS with Susan Innis

Enrol your child in a fun and physical class where we work on coordination, rhythm and understanding how our bodies move.

Term 3 enrolments are now open for Monday afternoon ZumbaKids classes.

3:15-4pm preschool to year 2 (children meet me in the music room straight after school)

4:00- 4:45pm year 2 to year 6 (children are permitted to wait quietly in the music room from 3pm until their class starts at 4.)

Please email Susan at dance4fitness@live.com.au for further details.

Zumba

The fundraiser last Friday was a great success with over 50 people attending, we raised \$276 for Give Me 5 for Kids

Susan Innis

Music Tutor Scheme

With the generous support of the school, the P&C's Music Tutor scheme provides an opportunity for students to have weekly professional lessons with qualified music teachers during school hours. The scheme is currently taking enrolments for guitar, piano and violin (subject to discussion with the music tutor). You can find more information and the enrolment form on the school website http://www.arawangps.act.edu.au/community/music_tutor_scheme, or you can email arawangpandcmts@gmail.com.

