



ARAWANG PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3

Week 4

Learning and Growing Together

DATES TO REMEMBER

16-27 September K-1 AIS Swim School
21 August 3-4 Footsteps
19 September 3-4 Camp Birrigai
2 August – Limelight
20 August – Book Swap
23 August – Book week parade
29 August Father's Day Stall
30 August – Interactive Drumming
6 September – Learning Journeys



School Values

RESPECT
ENDEAVOUR
CREATIVITY
CURIOSITY
COMPASSION

NOTES/EMAILS SENT HOME

AIS Swim School
Footsteps
Camp Birrigai
Limelight
'Salaka' Interactive Drumming

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

It is wonderful to see the sun shining again after a few very chilly days over the last couple of weeks.

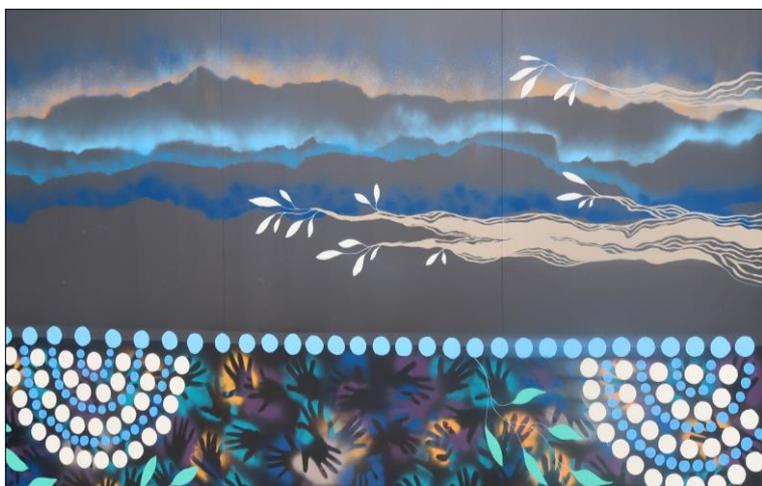
Children should now be wearing their hats while they are outside in the playground as we have commenced the 'hats on' phase of our school year.

Some littlies who will be in kindergarten in 2020 were provided with a hat at the parent-kindy information evening last week. Many thanks to Arawang P&C for their generosity. Thanks also to the mums and dads who braved a freezing night to find out more about kindergarten 2020.

Opening of our Indigenous Garden

If you have been wandering along the western side of the school, you will have noticed not only the construction of garden beds and landscaping associated with our garden, but the development of beautiful Indigenous murals by Kristy Peters, Indigenous artist, on the walls surrounding this area.

All the children in the junior school have enjoyed having their handprints placed on the Indigenous murals. The handprints of year 5/6 students, staff and any community members who wish, will be added to the artwork sometime in the next week when Kristy again visits the school.



The Arawang Primary School Indigenous Garden is a key element of the school's plan to improve its practice of cultural integrity and promote awareness and understanding of our Indigenous heritage and culture, by teachers, students and community members who visit, reflect and learn in the space.

On Monday 2 September, at the beginning of Spring, the Minister for Education, Yvette Berry will officially open the Arawang Indigenous Garden. The opening ceremony will be held between 11.30am and 1.00pm. The Director General of Education, Meg Brighton and other official guests, will also be in attendance at the ceremony.

For the opening, children, teachers, community members and official guests will initially meet in the hall at 11.30am for a school assembly where Billy Tompkins, parent and Ngunnawal elder, will welcome us to his country and the Minister for Education will address the gathering. Parents and community members are welcome to attend the assembly.

Following the formal part of the opening in the hall, Ms Berry, official guests, and student representatives will move to the garden for a tree planting and smoking ceremony. As there is limited space in the garden area to accommodate the whole school community these activities in the garden will be streamed live to the hall for all the children to see. Classes will then be rostered throughout the day to visit the garden for a book reading in the yarnning circle.

The year 5 and 6 students and Chef Midgelow will prepare a morning tea of bush tucker food for official guests to round off the celebration.

I would like to once again thank all the parents, students, staff and community members who have contributed to the establishment of the garden through funding, construction and support. I would also like to acknowledge the Education Directorate for its very generous financial contribution to the development of this learning space in our school.

I would also like to acknowledge our year 4 teacher Lila Lalor, for composing a new song, *Where Muilyan and Sky Meet* for the opening ceremony. Thanks also to Jordan Roger, Billy Tompkin and year 4 students for their work on this new song. Another huge thank you to the staff on the Indigenous committee for their continued commitment to enhancing cultural integrity in our school.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staff news

Teachers continue to enhance their knowledge and skills by regularly attending professional learning both in the school and elsewhere.

Thank you to the twelve staff who stayed at the school quite late last week to develop a deeper understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Three teachers are continuing their Masters degree at the University of Canberra this semester. The focus for this unit is educational leadership.

An additional front office staff member has been trained in recent times by the HAAS nurses to support children with diabetes in our school. This staff member will continue her professional learning each week by attending classes at CIT.

Thanks to all staff for the extra time put in, to ensure the best possible services and education are provided to the children in our school.

Mathew Ackland, Learning Support Assistant in our school for the last semester, has now joined the staff at Garran Primary School. We wish Mathew all the very best in his new role.

Our deputy principal, Michelle Maier is on leave until week 6. Susan Lance teacher of year 2 will be a member of the executive team while Michelle is away. Many thanks Suze.

Busy times

I don't think that there is ever a 'non-busy' time at Arawang Primary, however, the next few weeks will again be exceptionally busy. Please see details on Bookweek, Limelight, Learning journeys and the Father's Day BBQ later in this newsletter

I look forward to catching up with you at one of these events in the near future.

Regards

Jeni Page
Principal

Learning Journey

Our student led Learning Journeys will take place from 9:00 – 10:00am on Friday of week 8. This event is an opportunity for children to share and discuss their classwork with family members. There will be a specific focus on science, with students posing their own inquiry questions and conducting investigations to test their theories.

The science focus will complement student learning during science week, as well as the units of work covered in classes this term. We look forward to seeing you at Arawang Primary for this event.

Ben Davies
Deputy Principal



2019 School Satisfaction Survey

Parents and carers, school staff and students in years 4 to 6 will be asked to participate in this important survey. 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 on Monday 19 August. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report.

ARAWANG NEWS

Athletics Carnival

On Monday 29 July students from years 2 – 6 participated in the annual athletics carnival. The carnival was held at Woden athletics park where the children made good use of the facilities.

The day started off cold and foggy but ended up warm and sunny. The children participated in a wide range of activities including long jump, shot put, discus, running and miscellaneous activities.



The students showed strong support for their houses. Many chants were heard and so much fun was had by everyone. It was a great day!



Tidbinbilla excursion

On the 7 August, year 3 went on an excursion to Tidbinbilla Space Station to learn about space!



There were many new things that we learnt, including:

There's an egg shaped dwarf planet called Haumea, that spins on its axis once every four hours!

12 people have been to the moon.

There is a rover on Mars called 'Curiosity' which cost over 2.5 billion US dollars.

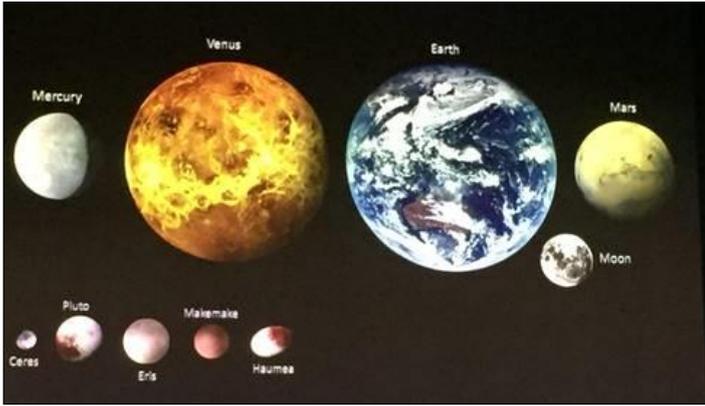
There could be life on Mars.

The sunset on Mars is blue.

The USA sent a probe into space in 2010 and it will arrive in 2030.

There are stars that are hundreds of times bigger than our sun.

There are over 200 billion other galaxies in space!
In 20 years, we will be able to travel to Mars.



You may start to receive emails from this address. Our normal admin email address will still be active.

Event Reminders for week 5 and 6

Book Week celebrations are next week with our **book swap** taking place on **Tuesday 20 August**.

Students are encouraged to sort through their books and choose one or several to donate and bring them to school by next Tuesday.

During the day all students will get to go to the hall to choose one or more books to take home. The number of books they can choose depends on how many they donate, up to 5. More donations are very welcome and our aim is to have every student in the school go home with a 'free' book.

On Friday 23 August we have our annual **Book Week Parade** on the hard surface area at 9:15 am. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If possible please bring the book as this may encourage those watching to look for the book in the library or their classroom.



Also on Friday we have a visiting story teller from Africa coming to entertain the students with stories from Africa. The cost is \$5.00 per child and is payable by 23 August. Please remember to send the permission note if you make the payment online.



In week 6 our year 4 students will be performing in the Education Directorate's performing arts spectacular, *Step Into The Limelight* on Thursday 29 August at the AIS. Year 4 will be part of the massed choir. We also have several of our year 5 students performing in the Primary Concert Choir and are involved for two nights. Don't forget to purchase your tickets using either of 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>

Administration

Please ensure when you send permission notes to school that they are in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's full name and class. Envelopes are available at the front office.

We now have a new drop box located at the front office (next to the spare notes) please ensure if you use this drop box that any cash payments are secured in an envelope.

The front office is slowly introducing a new administration email address – arawangps.info@ed.act.edu.au

On **Friday 30 August** we will have our final visiting performance for the year. Salaka Sharing the Spirit of Africa Interactive Drumming Tour. All notes and payments need to be received by Wednesday 28 August to allow our front office staff time to process payments and create class lists of students who will be attending. This performance will be an exciting one as the performers will be bringing many African drums for the students to play.

Sue Cowie
Executive Teacher

MS readathon

The MS Readathon is off to a great start, as a school we have raised \$1891 already!! Fantastic effort Arawang and our community supporters.

It is not too late to join the MS Readathon! It's free and easy to register. To get your child started, you can 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](#).



Raquel Brown
Arawang MS Readathon Coordinator

Canteen News

Nuggets are back! Or at least sort of. Unfortunately no one can guarantee us a steady supply of Gluten free nuggets, or any other gluten free chicken products at a reasonable price, so we have had to compromise.

Every Wednesday - and Wednesdays only, there will be standard nuggets (so NOT GF) available from the canteen - as per usual, they are sold in 2, 4 or 6, at \$1.20/\$2.40/\$3.60.

In addition, there will now be a Gluten free option on the pizzas we normally sell on a Wednesday, please choose the GF base option when you order on Flexischools.

Finally, just a reminder that lunch orders need to be at the canteen no later than 9.30am. Please don't order lunch if your child is on an excursion.

Victoria Canteen Manager

Special Achievement

Jacob T-H won first place in under 12s pop solo song at the Australian National Eisteddfod. He sang *Somebody to Love* by Queen. His singing teacher is Lauren Nihill. Well done Jacob!



ARAWANG PRESCHOOL

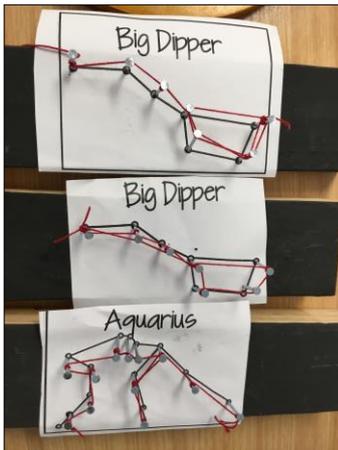
This term the Echidnas, Koalas and Turtles have been talking about space as part of celebrating the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon.

Though their play and group discussion the children have demonstrated they have many ideas about space, stars, planets, rockets, astronauts, aliens, scientists and our solar system.

The children have constructed and painted a rocket and engage in event-based play with this, and as a part of our STEM focus are building their own space craft designs with loose mechanical parts.



Our students are observing the moon's phases with a real telescope, creating paper mache planets to hang so they can visualise the correct order of the planets, and have created star constellation hammering nails into the pattern of, for example, the BIG DIPPER!



We are reading many books centred around space topics and responding to text with fabulous visual art work.



We look forward to our upcoming Book Week, Father's Day and Learning Journey events. Please

keep an eagle eye out for this information on Early Works.

The Preschool team

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting – Monday 19 August at 7.00pm

A friendly reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held this coming **Monday 19 August at 7.00pm** in the library.

The agenda and meeting papers will be circulated via email shortly. Please email 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 on Monday evening!

Fathers Day Sports and Snags

Its time to try something new Arawang. This year to celebrate Fathers Day, the P&C are organising a afternoon event on Friday 30 August 3pm-4:30pm. All our dads and special others are invited to come along and enjoy a BBQ snag and participate with their children in some outdoor fun including soccer, ball games and much more. Come along with your dad or special other and support this fun new event.

Fathers Day Stall

Our Fathers day stall will be running during school hours on Thursday 29 August.

Donations can now be left at the front office or shopping donations can be made on Flexischool.



Crazy Camel

The Crazy Camel Fundraiser is back in 2019. It will be an opportunity to purchase a sample of your child's artwork printed on some great products such as calendars, diaries, pillowcases, sketch pads, greeting cards and much more.

Our teaching team at Arawang and your talented little artists will be working on these artworks over the upcoming weeks.

Families will have the opportunity to look at these artworks on display in or near your child's classroom during our Learning Journeys adventures on Friday 13 September.

This will be a great opportunity to purchase some special gifts for Christmas for family and friends.

P&C Fundraising team

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

AFTERSCHOOL 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.

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.



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groupleader.weston@scoutsact.com.au and **0419 986 029** Joeys (age 5 to 8 as long as they have started school) on Wed 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Cubs (age 8 to 11) on Wed 6.30pm to 8pm
Scouts (age 11 to 15) on Thurs 6.30pm to 8.30pm,
Venturers (age 15 to 17) on Mon 7 to 9pm
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