



ARAWANG PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4

Week 2

Learning and Growing Together

DATES TO REMEMBER



October

26 Year 6 Market day

29 Preschool hatching chicks' program

**Year 5 civics and citizenship
excursion**

31 Year 5 combined band concert

Preschool to kinder transition

November

1 Year 2 St John's excursion

2 School disco

Ride safe to school day

Preschool to kinder transition day 2

**8 Year 6 parent gathering and
celebration**

**Parliament house captain's speeches
and elections 2pm to 3pm**

NOTES/EMAILS SENT HOME

Year 6 Band update

Year 5 Excursion

Colour fun run email

Year 2 Invitation



ACT School Term Dates 2018

Term 1

Monday 5 February to Friday 13 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July

Term 3

Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4

Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December

REMINDER

Wednesday Breakfast Club 8.00 am-8.45am

Wednesdays School banking

Waste free Tuesdays

School Values

RESPECT

ENDEAVOUR

CREATIVITY

CURIOSITY

COMPASSION

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a fantastic start to term four. At last the weather is warming up and the rain at the weekend was very welcome and will help to keep our playing fields and gardens thriving.

Children's Week celebrations

Yesterday as part of Children's Week celebrations, 18 year 6 students involved in the Mirinjani 'giving back' program, attended an award ceremony at the National Museum our students received an intergenerational award for their work with the elderly residents of the retirement village each Friday afternoon. Well done year 6 and thanks to Mr Pratt on conducting a very worthwhile program.



be given an opportunity to undertake this real-life learning experience next year. Thanks to Ms Lalor for continuing the program for the remainder of the year.

Thanks also to Kevin Shortt for driving the children to and from Mirinjani each Friday in the bus.

Mick Roberts and Sonia Roberts, parents at Arawang PS and their children Ashtyn and Bradley were also recognised at these awards for their contribution to our school. Mick and his family spent their Christmas vacation, installing the soccer and AFL fields in our playground, donating the goal posts and chasing up balls to be used by the children during their lunch time games. Congratulations to Mick and his family and thanks for being such wonderful contributors to our school.



This term, a group of year 5 students will be taking over the Mirinjani project. There has been very stiff competition to participate in the program with only seventeen students being selected. Other students on the waiting list will



Nude food award

Arawang Primary School has won another award this week and a grant of \$199 for the amazing work being done by our sustainability team, through the 'waste free Tuesday' initiative. Thanks to Sally Johnson (2J) for submitting the application, creating the media production and for ensuring that the great work being done by students and staff at APS is being recognised. Please congratulate The Waste Free Warriors and the sustainability committee of Alison Hicks (1H), Sally Johnson (2J) Tracy Ng and Linda Simmons (2PS) for all the continuing hard work in this area.

National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines in 2017

ACT public schools have had a positive shift in their food and drink culture since the introduction of the ACT Public School Food and Drink Policy in February 2015 and the great support and resources received from Fresh Tastes.

Arawang Primary is one of the schools in Canberra who has made significant changes to their canteen menu over several years to comply with the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines! Many thanks to Victoria Town, our incredible canteen manager and chef, the canteen committee and volunteers and to the whole school community for your support. It is great to know that you are all helping create a healthier food and drink environment for our children!

Working with Vulnerable People card

Just a reminder that all volunteers visiting and working in the school must have a **Working with Vulnerable People** card. Please call at the front office to pick up an application form if you have not already registered.

On receipt of your WWVP card please make sure that you have your card scanned and saved at the front office.

Volunteer Morning Tea (date for your diary)

A thank you morning tea will be held at the school on **Thursday, 29 November 2018, 11:30am to 12:20pm (week 7)** in the library, to acknowledge the volunteers who contribute so much to our school. An invitation will be sent out to volunteers in the next couple of weeks. For catering purposes, please let the front office know if you can attend the function.

Reminder – Sun Smart Hats

All students must now be wearing sun smart hats during break times.

Only eight more weeks until the end of this school year. It has been a very busy and engaging year for our school. I look forward to catching up with you at one of the many activities that have been planned for term 4.

Jeni Page

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

PIPS

This week and next all kindergarten students have been taking part in the end-of-year Performance Indicators of Progress in Primary Schools (PIPS) online assessment program. Kindergarten teachers are conducting interviews with each child to assess early reading, phonics and numeracy skills. This assessment of learning development is used across Australia to assess literacy and numeracy progress of students in their first year of primary school. There are two assessments conducted for each child during kindergarten, with the first occurring in weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1 and the second occurring in weeks 2 and 3 of Term 4.

The PIPS data is used to identify, as early as possible, students who may need extra support or enrichment. The PIPS data helps teachers plan appropriate learning experiences for every child in the class. The PIPS results are part of the wide

range of assessment information collected by teachers.

Individual student reports based on PIPS results are provided to parents during term two and term four.

Preschool to kindergarten transition visits

Next Wednesday 31 October our preschool students will have their first of two transition days to big school. They will spend the day in kindergarten with the kindergarten teachers where they will learn about all the things that happen in the primary school. The second session will take place on the following Wednesday 7 November. We strongly encourage attendance at both sessions. Our current kindergarten students are looking forward to spending these two days back at preschool. An information note has gone home to all preschool students.

Michelle Maier
Deputy Principal

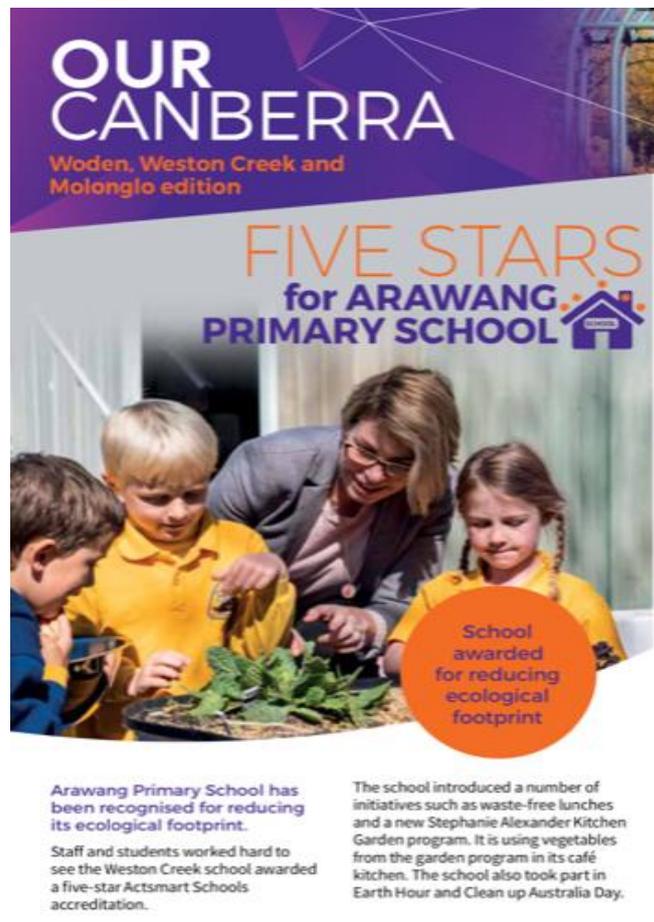
ARAWANG NEWS

Sustainability news

Last term Arawang PS was privileged to receive our 5-star sustainability accreditation from Actsmart. Minister for the Environment, Shane Rattenbury, visited the school to present our award to staff and students for our many years of work in building whole school sustainable practices. The introduction of K-6 Waste Warriors, our recycling program, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, Waste Free Tuesday data collection and the introduction of composting are just a few of our initiatives.

The ACT Government's 'Our Canberra' newsletter also included an article celebrating our achievements. We take this opportunity to thank staff, students and the Arawang school community for their ongoing support with this endeavour.

Arawang Sustainability Team



Year 6 market day

Don't forget to send in money to buy your one-of-a-kind, 2018 limited edition, printed in colourful card, Arawang dollars! Arawang dollars can be exchanged for good or services at the year 6 Market Day this Friday. Stalls range from sponge throwing, to tossing for chocolate, nerf Battles, guess the jelly beans and balance beam wars and more... Year 6 Market Day will be a feast of food and fun for years P-6.

Arawang dollars can be purchased using the note sent home last week and can also be purchased on the day. \$5 would buy the owner 10 Arawang dollars that can be used at a range of stalls. All profits will be used to purchase a year 6 gift for the school at the end of this year.

Thanks for your support of this celebration of learning.

Greg Pratt and Cathy Wyatt

ICAS

Thank you to those families who encouraged their children to challenge themselves by participating in ICAS this year. It is so lovely to see students so engaged in their learning and motivated to compete.

Students were tested in science, mathematics, english, writing and digital technologies. We had so much success with so many students receiving awards, often multiple awards, that we had to divide up the times we handed them out. We gave recognition at lines on Monday of week 2 to those students who received merits and credits. We have ten students who received Distinction or High Distinction certificates- several of them multiple times. We will be celebrating their achievement at the year 2 assembly, Friday of week 3.

2018 ICAS awards Distinctions/High Distinctions Congratulations to:

Piper R
Oscar A
Oliver F
Eloise L
Hannah W
Nate A
Erin G
Sophie T
Zoe S
Alanah D

Lila Lalor 5L ICAS Coordinator

Fred Hollows award

In recognition of his responsible and caring nature, and civic-minded approach to his community, Arawang Primary nominated Grady Woolley for the Fred Hollows Humanity Awards 2018. Grady was invited to receive his certificate from Gabbi Hollows and Minister for Education Yvette Berry at the National Library of Australia during the holidays. Grady was recognised for his work in school and on the football field, but especially for his committed and mature approach to working with residents of Mirinjani Retirement Village during term 3.

Congratulations Grady for representing yourself, year 6 and Arawang Primary in such a positive light.

Greg Pratt



Year 6 high school transition

On Thursday this week, all Stromlo-enrolled year 6 students headed across to Mt Stromlo High for a sample day of lessons, and a chance for a taste of the high school life. Students enjoyed a timetable which included English, maths, science or art and PE, and came back to Arawang enthused about the exciting prospects of 'Big School' in 2019.

They had a great time meeting other students in their home groups and exploring the maze of corridors in their new home groups. The students also enjoyed gourmet sausages cooked by the Stromlo crew, coming back to Arawang well-fed, tired and excited.

Mt Stromlo High School is sending a team of peer mentors each fortnight to Arawang Primary School starting in week 3 to assist in the transition process and helping to answer the burning questions like use of lockers and canteen days.

Don't forget to start the conversation with your year 6 student about their thoughts, excitements and concerns regarding this big change.

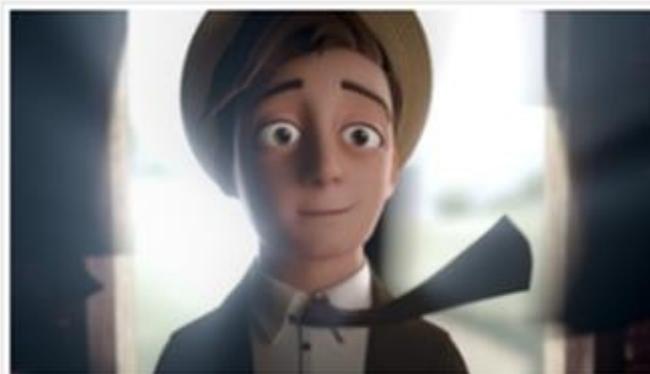
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Writing extension group

During term 3 and 4 the year 3/4 Writing Extension Group has been crafting their writing skills across a range of descriptive writing pieces. Students have created their works based on the book "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore" by William Joyce which was the inspiration behind the 2011 Academy Award's winning short film of the same name. Students have been expanding their vocabulary through sharing their writing, exploring various sentence starters, and using simile and metaphor to add description, all the while blowing Mrs Johnson and Ms Maier away with their incredible writing abilities. We hope to continue the writing group on a fortnightly basis on Wednesday afternoons.

I walked to what appeared to be a library when all of a sudden, a flock of flying books came out. Then I started to feel something. Something I haven't felt for days, it was joy. I felt different from then on. I felt happy. I was no longer living in the earth's shadow. I finally found my bright spot. My bright spot, the place I can call home. The place I'm not alone.

Rohan 4NF



I look down at a handwritten book, its page is so delicate a hand turn would snap every single one. The 'gs' and 'ys' are curled beautifully into a little swirl at the end. Two more books settle beside me waiting for their turn to be read. The little green one has gold lines etching its cover and the other pages are wide open revealing a little egg on the top. The story I'm reading is about a little girl with blonde pigtailed. She, her mum, her dad and her two best friends are at the beach when she gets swept away by a wave. It is very exciting. The book is chestnut brown with a chocolate brown

corner. I'm finally finished the chapter and I pull the covers over me. I will finish the book in The morning.

Katy 4NF



Humpty humphed. Morry wasn't waking up! He had a big, biiiig day ahead of him. Humpty knew. What with healing old Larry to discovering the wall of ancestors and seeing the "borrowers". If only Morry knew that Humpty could tell the future! He will go to the shops to get a crystal ball to prove it, but Morry simply wouldn't do without him. He might even hurt himself as badly as Humpty had a few years ago! Humpty realised Morry was moving. He quickly hid the flyers and came back to his post to the bed. Just as Morry opened his eyes. Humpty frowned at him, pointing at the sundial. Morry started. "Half-past morning already?". He shot on his coat, hat and shoes. "What a busy day to come..." he predicted. You have no idea...

Hannah W 4LA



Library and Book Club News

Scholastic Book Club issue 7 closes Thursday next week, 1 November.

Our P&C has given the school funds to purchase books to create new 'Class Sets'. There will be approximately 180 books for each year level (year 3-6).

Some of these books have already been processed through the library system and need covering.

A 'working bee' to cover these books will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9.00 am and 10.00 am.

If you are to assist with the covering, please contact Anne in the library or leave a message at the Front Office.



Kindergarten transition visits commence next Wednesday 31 October. All students who are attending kindergarten at Arawang in 2019 are encouraged to attend both sessions, please speak to your child's teacher for more details.

ARAWANG PRESCHOOL

On Tuesday 23 October the preschool Koalas and Echnidas went on an excursion to the Canberra Theatre to see the production of the Gruffalo. The show was fantastic, all the children were engaged and entertained. When we returned to preschool we reflected on our experiences and created creative representations of either favourite characters or scenes from the show. Students were offered various mediums and had the choice of mediums to create their art works.



P & C NEWS

Halloween Disco on Friday 2 November

Calling all ghouls, vampires, ghosts, zombies, and skeletons and spooks come along and dance, sway, march to a night of ghoulish night music and celebrate Halloween, the night of the dead.

The canteen will be open serving drinks, snacks and something to warm the soul.

Parents, we are seeking volunteers to help on the night with ticketing, patrolling the halls, serving Halloween delights and last but most important cleaning up at the end of the night. If you are able to assist, please let us know by dropping an email to arawangpandcpresident@gmail.com or leave your name and number at the front office and indicate whether you can help at the junior or senior disco.

The P&C is also looking for someone or a team who is willing to pick up the reins and run the discos next year. Nerida and Cass have done an

amazing job for the last two years, but are ready to have a break.

Mango fundraiser

Last chance to order mangoes - **Orders are due by Friday 26 October** (that's this week). If you have forgotten to get your note and money to the front office, you can still order on flexischools. Price is \$25 for a tray of Kensington Pride mangoes.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

Wednesday: 8.45 - 9.15 am

Thursday: 2.45 - 3.15 pm

Online orders can be placed at flexischools.com.au

Flexischool orders will be available for collection from the Uniform Shop during opening hours. Please

email arawangpandcuniform@gmail.com after you have placed your order if you need to make alternative arrangements for collection.

Donations of outgrown uniform items in reasonable condition are always appreciated. Funds raised by the sale of these items benefit the school community through the Arawang P&C. Donations can be left at the front office if the uniform shop is unattended.

Lisa Deck

P&C Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Transport Canberra message about school bus travel

All schools will be serviced under the new network through both regular services and dedicated school bus services with more bus services past schools. Parents, students and schools asked for more comprehensive information about these new services to schools so the 2019 school-by-school information

detailing the new network services that will get school children to and from school safely and before bell times have been published. School map and route information can be found at: <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools>

The combination of an improved regular network and school-only services across the 2019 network should encourage more students to use the bus and continue to be bus users throughout their schooling.

Parents have also asked for more help and supervision when navigating through interchanges and when changing buses. As a result of this feedback, the ACT Government through Transport Canberra will be recruiting new Customer Service Officers to help school children become familiar with using bus interchanges and provide a better overall journey across the network from 2019. Specialist schools liaison will be employed to ensure upcoming bus services continue to meet the needs of schools and student bus users. More information can be found

at: <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network>

School timetable information will be released in late-2018.

Australian Girls Choir

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

For more than 30 years, the Australian Girls Choir has played a role in the growth and development of girls across the country. We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Pharrell Williams. For the past 20 years, we've been proud to

represent Qantas at live events and in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns.

Now accepting 2019 enrolments for our rehearsal venue in Deakin.

Join us at our OPEN DAY on Sunday November 4!

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