



ARAWANG PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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20 December 2018

Term 4

Week 10

Learning and Growing Together

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

21 K-6 movie excursions
Canteen closed
Year 6 Clap Out 2:50pm
Last day of school



Monday 4 February 2019

Preschool (Echidnas and Koalas)
Kindy and new students begin

Tuesday 5 February

All students resume

Thursday 8 February

7 First day of school for preschool
Turtles class

NOTES/EMAILS SENT HOME

Year 5 for 2019 Parliament House excursion



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

School Values

RESPECT

ENDEAVOUR

CREATIVITY

CURIOSITY

COMPASSION

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for a wonderful year.

It is hard to believe that the 2018 school year is over. It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding time for all.

Thank you to all those mums, dads and others who have given so generously of their time this year to ensure that Arawang children have the best possible learning opportunities.

New school leaders for 2019

At the presentation ceremony last Friday, the following students were introduced to the school as the leaders of the School Parliament for 2019

Prime Minister – Gaia L P

Deputy Prime Minister- Ruby O’H D



The school would like to congratulate these charming young students on their appointment and wish them well in their new roles as the student leaders of the school.

The election of house captains and vice captains will occur at the end of week 2, 2019. Awarding of ministerial roles and assigning of committee members to year 6 students will occur during this week as well.

Early in term 1, year 6 students will visit Parliament House to enhance their knowledge and understanding of parliamentary procedures. The excursion will assist in facilitating the effective operation of the Arawang School Parliament in 2019.

Thank you sincerely to the outgoing Prime Minister, Caroline B and Deputy Prime Minister Elijah M for their leadership of the student community throughout 2018. I would also like to congratulate these wonderful young students on the magnificent job they did being MCs at the

awards ceremony last week and the year 6 graduation ceremony this week.



Farewell to Year 6

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish this amazing group of young people all the very best for their years in high school and their future.

We have loved having these gorgeous, thoughtful and hardworking young people in our school. We will miss them all.

Year 6 will be clapped out of the school through a guard of honour tomorrow afternoon (2:50pm) along with our wonderful staff who will be undertaking new adventures in 2019.

Reports sent home

Thank you to all teachers and to the front office staff, for completing student reports and A to E grades. Special thanks to Ben Davies for his guidance and facilitation of the reporting process.

All families should have now received the report on your child’s learning and development throughout the year. If you would like to discuss anything on the report, please book an appointment with me or your child’s teacher, through the front office early in 2019.

Thank you to Staff

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work of the wonderful staff here at Arawang Primary School – both teaching and non-teaching, who work in our school each day. Without these

dedicated folk, the school would not enjoy the enviable reputation that it now has.

Sincere thanks to all teachers, support and administrative staff and to others who have given up their time to assist in the education of our children this year. Your contribution is very much valued by me, the parents and the children.

Best wishes to all those staff members who will be moving to other schools under the Directorate's transfer system (Cathy Wyatt 6W to Torrens PS, Emily Slater 1S to Farrer PS, Leanne Cox, preschool to Hughes PS) those who have gained a promotion (Sally Johnson to Amaroo School as executive teacher) or those staff who have been teaching in the school until others on maternity leave or overseas (Katherine Heritage KH, Phil Howe 3H, Natalina Falconer 4NF), have returned to the school. We wish all the staff who are leaving Arawang PS, the very best in the future and congratulate those who have received new appointments in the system.



Katherine Heritage, Emily Slater, Phil Howe, Natalina Falconer and Cathy Wyatt



Leanne Cox



Sally Johnson

Sincere thanks also to Judy Moore, deputy principal of Arawang PS for the past four years for her amazing contribution to our school. Judy is currently on long service leave and whilst not retiring just yet will be not be returning to Arawang PS and will be taking up other opportunities next year.



Judy Moore

Happy Holidays

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas season and a relaxing and fun holiday with your children.

I look forward to working closely with you again in 2019.

Jeni Page

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 5/6 Classes

Multi-grade, or composite classrooms have become a common feature in many Australian schools including local schools in our area. Next year Arawang Primary will have 5/6 classes instead of straight year levels. This decision was made because of class sizes and room shortages at Arawang. Despite the need for change, we are very excited by the opportunities that the 'senior school' will provide. The emphasis on futures focused learning, leadership and enhanced experiential learning opportunities will assist the

school in preparing senior Arawang students for life beyond primary school.

Last Day Movies

Tomorrow, all students will celebrate the last day of 2018 by going to watch a movie at Limelight Cinema in Tuggeranong. Students will be watching *The Grinch – Family Fun Day* and this is a G rated movie. Students will be going to their movie at the following times:

K – 2 leaving Arawang promptly at 9:15am and returning at approximately 12:30pm.

3 - 6 leaving Arawang promptly at 11:15am and returning at approximately 2:30pm.

Ben Davies & Michelle Maier
Deputy Principals

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Sustainability News

We've had a big year for sustainability this year at Arawang. Some of the many initiatives that we have taken on this year include Waste Free Tuesdays, soft plastics and compost collection, as well as participation in Clean Up Australia Day, Earth Hour and National Recycling Week. We gained five star accreditation for our school through ActSmart Schools and were featured in Our Canberra for this achievement. We set up Waste Warriors for each class and they went on an excursion to the Materials Recovery Facility. In addition, we won a Nude Food grant to fund a school cook book and also won the National Recycling Week competition for schools for the ACT division. Wow, what great achievements Arawang! A big thank you to Alison Hicks, Linda Simmons, Sally Johnson and Tracy Ng for their continued efforts around sustainability this year.

During National Recycling week, we ran a poster competition for students. The challenge was to create a poster to advertise our latest initiative, the Container Deposit Scheme. Through this scheme, families can bring in eligible containers in a plastic bag and drop them off for recycling at the collection bin in our rear carpark. The scheme

is up and running, so please start bringing in your containers! If you are interested in taking bags of containers to the Salvation Army at Phillip for us every few weeks, please let us know through the front office. For more information, go to <https://actcds.com.au/>. Congratulations to Roisin A (1H) and Michael F (1G) for your winning poster entries!

Colour Fun Run Reward

Students from 4M as the class with the highest student registrations for the Colour Fun Run and the top 10 money earners for the Colour Fun Run were rewarded with an additional special activity two Fridays ago. Both groups of students went out to bounce on a Jumping Castle in the afternoon set up near the pre-school. It was hot, so students additionally got sprayed with water to cool things down. Thank you to the Salvation Army from Mawson for lending our school the castle and Arawang families and front office staff for all the support with the Colour Fun Run this term.

Craig Midgelow and Paul Robertson



Café News

Over the last couple of weeks the students have all enjoyed making and eating many different types of Christmas biscuits and gingerbread items.

If you are a parent of a year 3 student in 2019, then you may like to purchase the school apron and hand towel that is required to be worn each week in café lessons. These are available through the uniform shop and would make a great Christmas present.

On behalf of the students and staff at Arawang we would like to say thank you to the many parents, grandparents and friends of students who have volunteered in the café during 2018. Your time and support of this wonderful program is truly valued and appreciated by the students and staff.

Chef Midgelow, Alison W, Marta, Andrea, Alison M and I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Sue Cowie

Executive teacher for the Café program



ARAWANG PRESCHOOL

We have been enjoying our last moments of preschool together celebrating with our end of year concerts and water play days!

The Turtles class have had the opportunity to go and learn how to buy food from the canteen and enjoyed doing so with our buddies!



We thank all the preschool families for a wonderful year and wish you all the best for Christmas and next year in kindergarten! Have a safe and happy holiday!

P & C NEWS

On behalf of the P&C Committee we would like to wish our school community a very happy Christmas. We hope you enjoy the holiday break and look forward to a successful year in 2019. Thank you to all our generous helpers who have contributed to many successful P&C endeavours. Thank you families for your response to our proposed after school soccer program. We are pleased to say it will go ahead, starting week 2 of

term 1. Please email fun4fitnessfootball@gmail.com for full details.

UNIFORM SHOP

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who have kept the uniform shop running smoothly this year, especially Tess, Amanda and Stephanie. Safe and happy holidays to all :)

TERM 1 2019 OPENING TIMES - Uniform Shop

Thursday 31 January: 9:00 – 10:00am

Friday 1 February: 9:00 – 10:00am

Week 1

Monday 4 February: 8.45 - 10.00am

Tuesday 5 February: 8.45 - 9.15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 6 February: 8.45 - 9.15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm

Thursday 7 February: 8.45 - 9.15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm

Friday 8 February: CLOSED

Week 2 Onwards (normal operating times)

Wednesday: 8.45 - 9.15am

Thursday: 2.45 - 3.15pm

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

Music Tutor Scheme

The Music Tutor Scheme is now taking enrolments for 2019. If your child is interested in learning an instrument we will have spaces for piano, guitar and possibly violin in 2019. You can find more information and the enrolment form on the school website under the community tab.

http://www.arawangps.act.edu.au/community/music_tutor_scheme

You can also email

arawangpandcmnts@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek, I would like to thank you for your outstanding support of our endeavour to assist the Book bilong Pikinini project. Your school has collected an amazing quantity of pens, pencils, unused exercise books and many other school items which we will be very pleased to pass on to the convenor of Buk bilong Pikinini for shipment to Papua New Guinea to assist needy students and schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your staff a most enjoyable Christmas and a relaxing new year.

Mal Ferguson

Director, Youth Service

Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek.

School Holiday Program

With the end of the term approaching it is time to start thinking about what to do with children over the school holidays!

Camp Australia Holiday program begins on the 7 January 2019, bringing with it more incursions and excursions than ever before with four packed weeks of fun and activities!

There will be opportunities to create slime, construct cars and trucks, make your own mini soccer game and also create your very own super dooper solar car and so many more exciting and

fun activities. There are also three excursions that we will be embarking on! We will be heading to the zoo to see all the wild animals, bouncing around at flip out and also going to watch the new Wreck it Ralph movie: Ralph Breaks the Internet!

Posters are on display around the school with pictures dictating that day's themed activity, as well as a big calendar on display in the hall! Daily programs are available online at Campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs and are also available in the hall at either before or after school care!

For any questions or other information, please do not hesitate to contact or visit Amy in the hall 😊
From all Camp Australia staff we wish you a Merry Christmas!