



# ARAWANG PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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**5 July 2018**

**Term 2**

**Week 10**

*Learning and Growing Together*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July

6 All school NAIDOC assembly  
30 & 31 Kinder health check  
31 Preschool bus wash excursion koalas and echidnas class  
31 ICAS English



### August

1 Kinder health check  
2 Preschool bus wash excursion for Turtles class  
7 Cyber Safety parent information night

## NOTES/EMAILS SENT HOME

Letter to 4CN families  
Letter to 3H families  
Term 3 Tennis year 3 and 4



## 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

### NAIDOC Assembly

NAIDOC week will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July. The theme for this year is, *because of her, I can!* Students in year 5 have been researching prominent female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and a selection of these projects will be presented at the week 10 whole school assembly. We enjoy opportunities to develop our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and value the communication

and partnerships we have with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Thank you to all students and teachers for the organisation and presentation of Arawang Primary's NAIDOC assembly.

### **The Hive and The PBL Hives**

Today, Arawang Primary School officially opened The Hive as part of the ongoing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) plan. It was great to see so many students dressed as bees and learning about our PBL school expectations of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

A whole school awards system was also launched. From next term, when students are seen to be demonstrating our school expectations, they will be given an award token to be placed in their PBL House Hive. When their hive is full, there will be a fun reward for the students in that particular house to acknowledge the positive behaviours from those students.

Thank you to all teachers and students for the ongoing work towards Positive Behaviours for Learning at Arawang.



### **Happy and Safe Holidays**

It has been an amazing semester at Arawang Primary School. All students should be proud of their achievements and the learning that they have demonstrated. Teachers have worked incredibly hard supporting students and families with the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our community for their contributions to the school and we are looking forward to a productive and exciting semester 2. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

*Ben Davies*

**Principal**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the last couple of weeks a dedicated group of year 5 students have joined the year 1 classes to help them with their Count Me in Too maths activities. The year 5 students have been trained to support and coach the younger students in their mathematics understandings in number. Special thanks to our talented year 1 and year 5 team of teachers, Alison Hicks, Carmen Guigni, Emily Slater, Lila Lalor, Vicky Bresnan, Kate Wallis and Ben Davies for making this happen.

We would also like to thank a wonderful group of parents who have volunteered their time to make the maths games that the children have been using. We thank Jenny Coutts, Maree Blume, Jill O'Brien, Sonia Malhotra, Julia Pepene, Stephanie Adler, Vanessa Jud, Alycia Honey, Bridget Tierney and Kirsten Duncan.



### No Waste ACT Excursion

As part of our Sustainability focus at Arawang teachers Tracy Ng and Linda Simmons took forty K-6 Waste Warriors to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hume on Tuesday. Students toured the facility viewing giant hills created by landfill, saw the pipes that collect the output from the landfill, methane gas, and saw ponds full of leachate from landfill, or in other words, ponds of bin juice. Luckily this was viewed from the bus as it wouldn't have been very pleasant to smell. After their tour they learnt how products such as jumpers and joggers can be made from recycled items. Our Waste Warriors improved their knowledge of recyclable items by taking part in a Virtual Reality conveyor belt waste sorting experience. The students will be sharing their knowledge with their classes next term and will continue their great job at improving sustainable practices at Arawang. If you have a Waste Warrior in your family ask them how many years it takes for a pizza box to break down.



### Happy holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community, teachers and families, a safe and happy end of term break. Take care of yourselves, rest, relax and recharge for another busy term ahead when we return on Monday 23 July.

*Michelle Maier*

Deputy Principal

## ARAWANG NEWS

### Science Day

On Thursday 9 August, the whole school will be involved in a science day, which will be a day of science shows and experiments! There will be two shows, one for preschool to year 2 and another for year 3 to year 6, by Dr Graham Walker. Graham's shows are called 'Science

Show Offs' and are fun and interactive. We had him attend Arawang Primary School last year and the juniors loved his show so we are getting him back again for both the juniors and seniors. A note will be going home soon.



### Science Week

Science Week at Arawang will be from 13 to 17 August. We will have a number of scientists visit our school and provide the students with science related shows and activities. If you are a scientist and would like to share your scientific knowledge with the school, please send me an email at [Katie.love@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Katie.love@ed.act.edu.au) so that I can book you in during that week!

**Katie Love**

### Café News

Chef Midgelow became the proud owner of a brand new Kitchen Aid this week. He has spent many hours behind the BBQ at the athletics and cross country carnivals both in 2017 and 2018 fundraising to buy this fabulous piece of equipment. Thank you to all families who have purchased a sausage sandwich from one of these events.

He hopes to add the pasta attachment to the Kitchen Aid in the next few weeks.

Chef Midgelow is very excited to finally have this piece of equipment to use in the café cooking program.

Just a reminder that if you haven't made your \$20.00 contribution for term 2, or term 1, to the café cooking program it would be greatly appreciated. Chef Midgelow will start to order specific supplies for term 3 classes and this contribution goes a long way to keeping the program viable.

**Sue Cowie and Craig Midgelow**



## ARAWANG PRESCHOOL

We can't believe another term is over and we are half way through the year! We are so pleased with the progress the children have been making, and can see them getting more and more ready to start kindergarten!

The Echidnas and Koalas ended the term by having a pyjama and pizza day! We talked about what kind of toppings the children would like, and we made a graph to see which topping had the most and which had the least. The children chose their toppings and made their own pizzas and loved eating them!

We did some NAIDOC week activities. We have been talking about the Aboriginal flag and what it represents. The Echidnas painted the Aboriginal flag onto their hands to make a handprint. We have also been reading dreamtime stories and made our own birds from the story 'How the birds got their colours.'

Next term we have lots planned! The bus wash excursion, Kenny Koala, Dinosaur incursion, Father's Day morning, Learning Journey....we'll be very busy! Notes will come home in term 2.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday break. See you next term.



## P & C NEWS

### Special General Meeting Changes to the Constitution

The P&C held a special meeting to make some changes to our constitution to make it easier for us to operate. Pleased to report that we had a quorum, thank you to all those parents who braved the cold to attend, and all changes were unanimously accepted. This means that our AGM will now occur in March 2019 and not November this year and that our financial year will move to the calendar year in line with the school year.

Many thanks to Julie Christie and Tess McGirr for their work on the draft changes to the constitution.

### General P&C meeting

The June P&C meeting held post the special general meeting discussed the following issues

Arawang School Netball affiliating with the Jetsetters

Possibility of holding a Cyber Safety Awareness session for parents

Canteen and changes to the menu

Music tutor scheme enrolments, preschool concerts and end of year concert

Uniform shop

Extension Class Parent Representative, more to come about this next term

Fundraising activities

We welcomed Mike Roberts, the P&C representative on the Board.

### Disco

The Cool and Crazy Disco was exactly that. The kids got to put together their cool and crazy costumes and dance to cool beats with a new DJ. Thanks again to Cass and Nerida, for organising and promoting the disco, and the parent volunteers who helped with the running of the disco and the canteen. The discos are an opportunity for the kids to have fun, it is also a great opportunity for parents to have a break, and we encourage that. We are lucky to have some dedicated parents who volunteer at both the discos and we are super grateful for their assistance.

We have sought feedback through the class parent representatives. If you would like to provide any feedback, or you are interesting in taking on the organising and running of the discos, our existing organisers are looking to hand on the baton, we would love to hear from you. Email [arawangpandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:arawangpandcpresident@gmail.com)

### Trivia Night

The P&C would like to thank all the parents, family members and friends who braved the cold on Saturday night 30 June to attend the trivia night. Thirteen tables competed for trivia fame and glory and participated in some great in-between games where skills and luck was of greater importance than their intelligence levels.

Heads and tails and bingo were pretty hard and fast but the gold coin nearest to the bottle took a little longer and generated a lot of interest.

Congratulations to **The Force** who took out the best-dressed table award and notable mentions to the Bad Santas, High Tea and Kats PJs who gave solid dress-up performances. Well done to all who helped to create a great atmosphere conducive to a night of fun!

Well done to the **Bad Santas** who took trivia glory with a fabulous score of 95. In second place was the Super Zeros on 82 points, closely followed by the Hoodlums in third place on 81 points.



Thanks to all of our helpers on the night and all of our prize winners. Let's do it again next year.

**Kylie**

**Trivia MC**

### P&C Events for term 3

#### The Father's Day stall

Friday 31 August please consider volunteering on the BBQ. We will be looking for donations for the stall and some mums to run the BBQ.

Over the school holidays if you're having a clear out or shopping for bargains maybe consider donations for the father's day stall. Each year we struggle to get enough gifts and every contribution is greatly appreciated.

#### Cyber Safety Information session for parents.

The Arawang P&C are pleased to have the opportunity to host this event. *Think you Know* is a program working in partnership with the AFP. The presenters will be discussing and advising us

on what children are seeing, saying and doing online. More information will be sent out in week 1 or term 3. This will be a valuable opportunity for all parents and carers of primary school aged children to inform themselves and to keep their children safe online.

#### **Disco and or a family dance event**

Keep an eye out for details to be announced soon.

**Heather Frisken**  
**P&C President**

#### **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](http://flexischools.com.au)

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

Please email

[arawangpandcuniform@gmail.com](mailto: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**

### **Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport**

The ACT Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic

and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.