

THE AFTERS POST

Aranda Afters Association 2023 ASC Weeks 1 & 2



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Service Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Aranda Service for term 2 2023! We hope you have all had a fantastic school holidays.

The Aranda Afters Team are looking forward to providing our families with an amazing program to engage our children, and promote a joy of learning through play and Country Based Learning

As a team, we welcome all feedback and suggestions. We are always looking for ways that we can improve our service to meet the needs of families within our Aranda community.

Thank you and hope everyone has an amazing term two!

The Aranda Afters Team



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Aranda Afters is passionately committed to celebrating and fostering ongoing connections with First Nations Peoples.

Aranda Afters Association would like to acknowledge all traditional custodians of this land and appreciates their continued care for and connection to Country. We express our gratitude that we are able to work, learn and play on Ngunnawal Land, which is abundant with life and natural resources sustained by the Ngunnawal Peoples. We are grateful to and respectful of Elders past, present and emerging.



Week 1

The first week of SVC was really busy and full of fun activities. On Tuesday, we started off strong with the Easter egg hunt and then we did the color run incursion, which left everyone very colorful. Wednesday, we went to the Zoo and the aquarium to get inspiration for our clay animals that we made in the afternoon. Thursday was more of a dance mood where we had Footsteps come in in the morning and in the afternoon our educators and kids made up their own dances. The last day of the first week, we went to Tuff Nutters and got all of our energy out and in the afternoon we put a movie on.



SVC O v e r v i e w



Week 2

The second week, we went to the very funny Shrek Musical and the children made up their own plays in the afternoon. Tuesday was on the theme of animals with the incursion where we got to see up close and touch some reptiles. Wednesday, we went to the War Memorial, and we had remembrance themed activities in the afternoon. Thursday was a very athletic day with races and other sports activities with a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea. Friday was pyjama day with a party and a movie to finish the holiday off strong.



MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY



We started the week on the theme of Anzac Day and made some poppies, we had some chats, and everyone made some lovely art. Tuesday was a public holiday, so we were closed and on Wednesday, we had a busy sports day outside, with a sausage sizzle. The musical chairs in the hall were a success as per usual!



Week 1

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The Thursday, we made some salt dough sculptures and had a big Beyblade Lego battle. Outside we did a playground hop which was really exciting for everyone. Friday was a quieter day, and we had a Just dance party as well as a game of markers up outside.



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MONDAY AND TUESDAY

This Monday, we started the week off right by doing our weirdest painting jobs and there were some weird ones! We also made some art with natural resources.

Tuesday saw the most amazing face portraits made out of fruits which looked good and tasted good too! We also made popsicle stick harmonica.



Week 2

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Wednesday had a great basketball game on the basketball court and fun games at the playground. Inside there were constructions of playdough and kinetic sand as well as a chess tournament. Thursday was Star Wars Day, so we had lots of activities on the theme including a movie and some color-ins. On Friday, we had a music session and played with the parachute outside as it was quite sunny!



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Week 3 Term 2 2023

Monday

Gym Activity:
Foodwaste Posters
Hall Activity:
Table tennis competition
Outside Activity:
Rugby skills

Tuesday

Gym Activity:
Natural Resource Landscape Art
Hall Activity:
Improve Games
Outside Activity:
Playground Hop

Wednesday

Gym Activity:
Free Painting
Hall Activity:
Tissue Paper Flowers
Outside Activity:
Ultimate Frisbee

Thursday

Gym Activity:
Slime
Hall Activity:
Animal Charades
Outside Activity:
Soccer

Friday

Gym Activity:
Closed
Hall Activity:
Pictionary
Outside Activity:
Oobleck
Stressballs





Monday

Gym Activity:
Weirdest Job Painting
Hall Activity:
Natural resource,
Thankyou cards
Outside Activity:
Touch Footy

Tuesday

Gym Activity:
Fruit portraits
Hall Activity:
Popsicle stick harmonica
Outside Activity:
Playground Hop

Wednesday

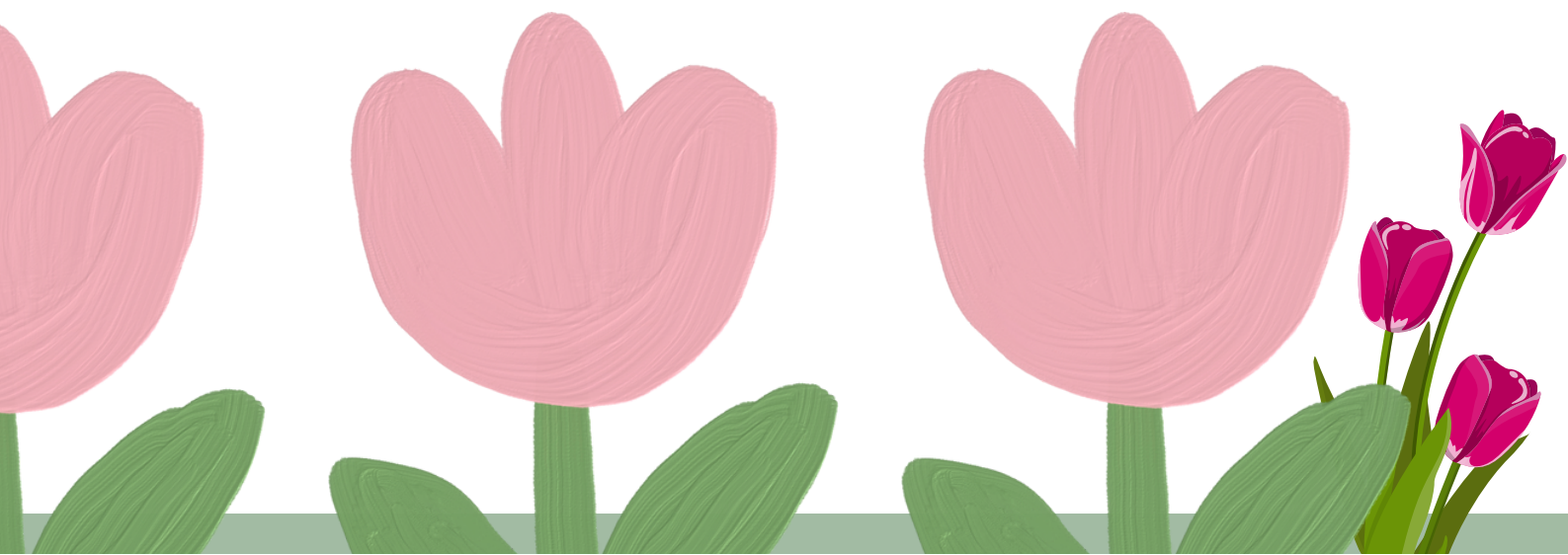
Gym Activity:
Brownie Bites
Hall Activity:
Chess tournament
Outside Activity:
Bottle Rockets

Thursday

Gym Activity:
Star Wars Colouring in
Hall Activity:
Clone wars movie
Outside Activity:
Playground hop

Friday

Gym Activity:
Closed
Hall Activity:
Music Session
Outside Activity:
Parachutes



IMPORTANT NOTICES



WE HAVE SWITCHED TO XAP!

We would like to thank all families for your continued patience and understanding throughout our transition to Xap!

We are looking forward to being able to provide an easier platform for signing your child/ren in and out of our service, with many other service being more straight forward and easy to understand!

ABSENCES FOR AFTERS

Please ensure that if your child/ren are unwell or not coming to afters that families mark children absent either through Xap or by contacting us via email or phone.

For child safety we do call all families that have not given notice to ensure that their child/ren are safe. This does incur a no notice fee.



Medication

Please note that all children with medical conditions must have onsite a relevant documentation. Failure to supply these may result in cancelation of care.



IMPORTANT NOTICES



CCS Reminder

We would like to remind you that if you have any issues with your CCS, please contact Centrelink, as we can't help with CCS related concerns.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-manage-your-child-care-subsidy?context=41186>

Winter Wear

Please ensure that your children have the appropriate winter clothing for Afters, e.g school jumpers / jackets and have their hats packed! Make sure it is also a Sun Safe hat that offers proper protection.

Please also make sure you let us know if your child is allergic or sensitive to sunscreen. We provide sunscreen, but if it is not suitable for your child, make sure to pack a small bottle just for them.



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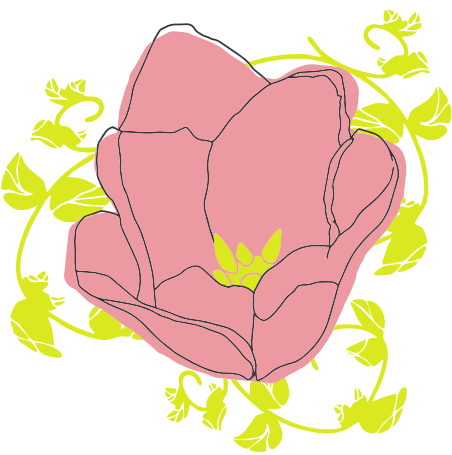
Information changes

Please email admin@arandaafters.com about any changes in information so that we can update it into our system. For example, change in phone numbers, email addresses etc.



We are moving the rolls table inside!

As it is getting quite cold outside, we are going to move the rolls table in the hall. This will be the second door on the right, the one in front of the stairs. We will have signs to help you find it and if you are lost, ask one of our friendly staff members to help you find it.



Note that there have been some Covid cases at Aranda Primary School, so if your child is presenting with any symptoms, they have to remain at home.

Community Events



Community Sports Events

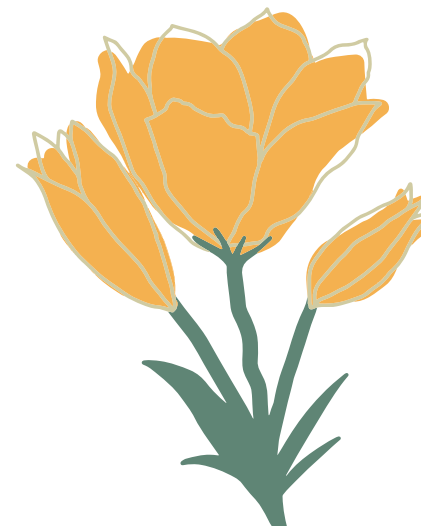
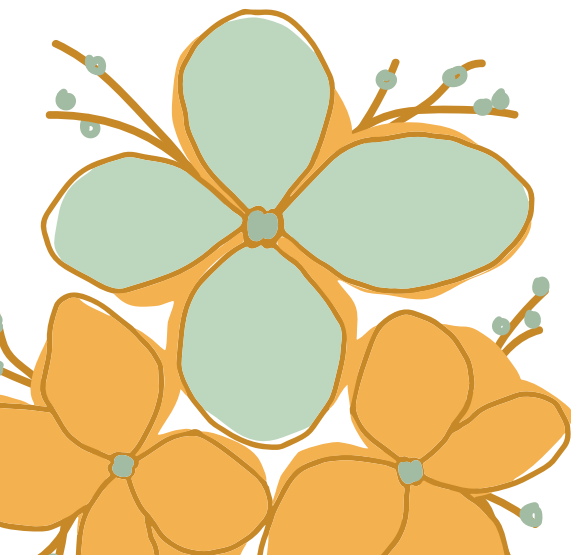
A few of our staff members actively engage in weekend sports events around the Canberra community. The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club have scheduled home games throughout April - July. For more information visit : [BentSpoke John I Dent Cup | Brumbies Community \(act.rugby\)](#)



The Belconnen Magpies Football Club also have scheduled games around North and South Canberra throughout April - September. For more information, visit: [AFL Canberra - Home](#)



Canberra MS Walk, Run or Roll
Join the MS community on Sunday 21st May 9am for a spectacular day out at Lake Burley Griffin as they walk, run and roll together to support Australians living with multiple sclerosis. For more information, visit [Canberra MS Walk Run + Roll | VisitCanberra](#)



FORMS AND PERMISSIONS

Aranda Music & Arts

We are excited that some AMA's have started again for the year, and look forward to facilitating this amazing program in the community! If your child will be participating in any art/music classes, please fill out the following form to ensure they have permission to leave Afters! Please be aware that if an AMA class is scheduled to finish after 5:45, they will be directed to take their bag and get picked up straight from the class, rather than returning to Afters.

Chromebook Forms

Students, in Years 4, 5 and 6, are issued "chrome books" as part of their learning program at Aranda Primary School. Our program allows children to use their chrome books for educational purposes through an agreement between the child, their parents and the service. In 2023 the nature of this agreement has changed, and students will need to complete and return an updated form before they can begin using their Chromebooks within the program. A link to a copy of the agreement is [here](#).

Please note on the chromebook form if you wish to allocate less time for your child.

Permission for children to sign themselves out

Families can also give permission for children to sign themselves out for extra curricular activities in the Aranda community. Children can be signed out by educators to walk/ride home at a certain time, either on a regular basis or casually, however a permission form must be signed by families before this can occur. This form can be located [here](#).



NO
2023

COVID-19

Caution around sickness

Due to the continued caution required around COVID-19, It is extremely important that children remain at home if showing any cold and flu-like symptoms. Consideration around the spread of COVID-19 remains extremely important for the Aranda Afters community.

We would also like to stress that any children who feel sick, whether that be cold/flu symptoms or gastro-like symptoms must remain home to ensure the health of our community. Any children who develop these symptoms while at Aranda Afters will be sent home immediately.

We do require families to collect their children within 30 minutes after being notified of a sickness. If families do not attempt to collect their child within this time frame, then there will be an extra charge. At Aranda Afters, we have people accessing our service who are immuno-compromised and so we do this to ensure that our service is safe for everyone.

This is even more important because there have been some cases at the school.





COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The AGM was successful in the appointment of Committee Office Bearers for 2022-2023. The Committee Positions held are as follows:

President – Teegan Coyle

Vice President – Ben Hughes

Treasurer – Carlie Rossiter

Secretary – Lauren Deutsch

Staffing Officer – Vacant

Public Officer/General Member – Kevin Dogan

General Member – Vacant

General Member – Meredith Allen

General Member – Alison Garrod

General Member – Dean Coyle

General Member - Helen Austin

On the 30th of May come and join our committee meeting from 6:30 to 8:30!

CONTACT US

We would like to let families know that if there are any issues that require same day response, such as absences, please send them to or copy in: admin@arandaafters.com !

As we aren't all here on a full time basis, the leadership team may not receive important communications if directed to only one email.

For specific communications, please find the emails below:

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