

THE AFTERS POST

Aranda Afters Association 2023 ASC Week 1-7



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Service Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Aranda Service for 2023!

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 year!

Sorry for the delay on the newsletters, this edition will be cover the first 7 weeks of the term.

Subsequent editions will be back to normal keeping you updated on the information

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.

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.



AUTUMN SVC INFORMATION

The SVC Autumn program has been finalized and can be found on the Aranda Afters website. Early bird enrolment starts at 10am on the 20th of March, week 8. Early bird bookings will end on the 2nd of April.

Enrolments won't be processed until Friday, 24th of March. For further enquires please contact

executiveofficer@arandaafters.com



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>

Sun Safety.

Please make sure you children 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.



Recap Weeks 1-7

To say that the start of a year is always busy would be an understatement, however we've made it. The start of the year welcomed a new program with the theme of Yumalundi to welcome the new year and a new program for the kids. The children over the course of the first 5 weeks encourage children to become better integrated into the Aranda community and take control of their own play/learning.

During this time the children have been able to engage in a large variety of programmed outdoor activities including capture the flag, basketball, soccer, parachutes and many others. More indigenous sports have been incorporated into the program than before to further emphasize our pedagogy and link the two children to the Aranda community. Recently we've had two incursions involving the firefighters and reptile zoo which the children enjoyed a lot.

Indoor activities in the hall and the gym have also increased engagement compared to previous programs where the kids have a larger variety of activities to choose from. The children have been able to tap into their creative sides with a wide array of art activities not just with pencils and paint brushes but also more nature-based learning. The children were treated to a scavenger hunt with all clues being related to the service being both indoors and outdoors. Children were also involved in art activities involving leaves and plants including a celery experiment to change the colors of the leaves.

A restock of supplies this year has seen the children take advantage of it and further developing their interests. Creative learning has also been one of the main focuses this year as many of our programs are catered to the development of children's creative skills. This has been achieved through multiple means as children during this period have: made their own comic strips, made their own songs, music and even used the guitars to aid them through these processes.

We would like to thank you for being patient throughout this period of change and look forward to seeing you in the next edition.

All feedback for both the newsletter and the program are greatly appreciated and can be directed at programsupervisor@arandaafters.com and asccordinator@arandaafters.com respectively.

All feedback helps as we can create the best environment for the children to develop in and engage them in the activities they would like to see.



For ASC inquiries & Feedback email:
asccordinator@arandaafters.com

ASC 2023 PROGRAM



Term 1
2023
Week 8
Program

Monday

Gym Activity: Flower Paint

Hall Activity: Create your own Emoji

Outside Activity: Medicine Ball

Tuesday

Gym Activity: Nature Art

Hall Activity: Poetry Challenge

Outside Activity: Bushwalk

Wednesday

Gym Activity: Water in Bag, Pencil experiment

Hall Activity: Sea Animal Art

Outside Activity: Water Play

Thursday

Gym Activity: Lego Bridge Challenge

Hall Activity: Tissue Paper Flowers

Outside Activity: Markers Up

Friday

Gym Activity: Closed

Hall Activity: Party Games

Outside Activity: Oz-Tag



ASC 2023 PROGRAM



Term 1 2023 Week 9 Program

Monday

Gym Activity: Spontaneous

Hall Activity: Drama
Improvisation

Outside Activity: STOP
game

Tuesday

Gym Activity: Finger
paint flowers

Hall Activity: Pipe
Cleaner Art

Outside Activity: Build
up tips

Wednesday

Gym Activity: Aerial Landscape Art

Hall Activity: Hama Beads

Outside Activity: Spontaneous
Activity

Thursday

Gym Activity: Play Doh

Hall Activity: Just Dance

Outside Activity: Playground Hop

Friday

Gym Activity: closed

Hall Activity: Quiet Games

Outside Activity: Basketball



Term 1 2023 Week 10 Program

Monday

Gym Activity: Marble
Painting

Hall Activity: Rocking Peeps

Outside Activity: Cricket
Game

Tuesday

Gym Activity: GF Hot
Cross Buns

Hall Activity: Lego Tower
Challenge

Outside Activity:
Ultimate Frisbee

Wednesday

Gym Activity: Sea Reflections Art

Hall Activity: Spontaneous

Outside Activity: Playground Hop

Thursday

Gym Activity: Aboriginal Easter Basket

Hall Activity: Trivia

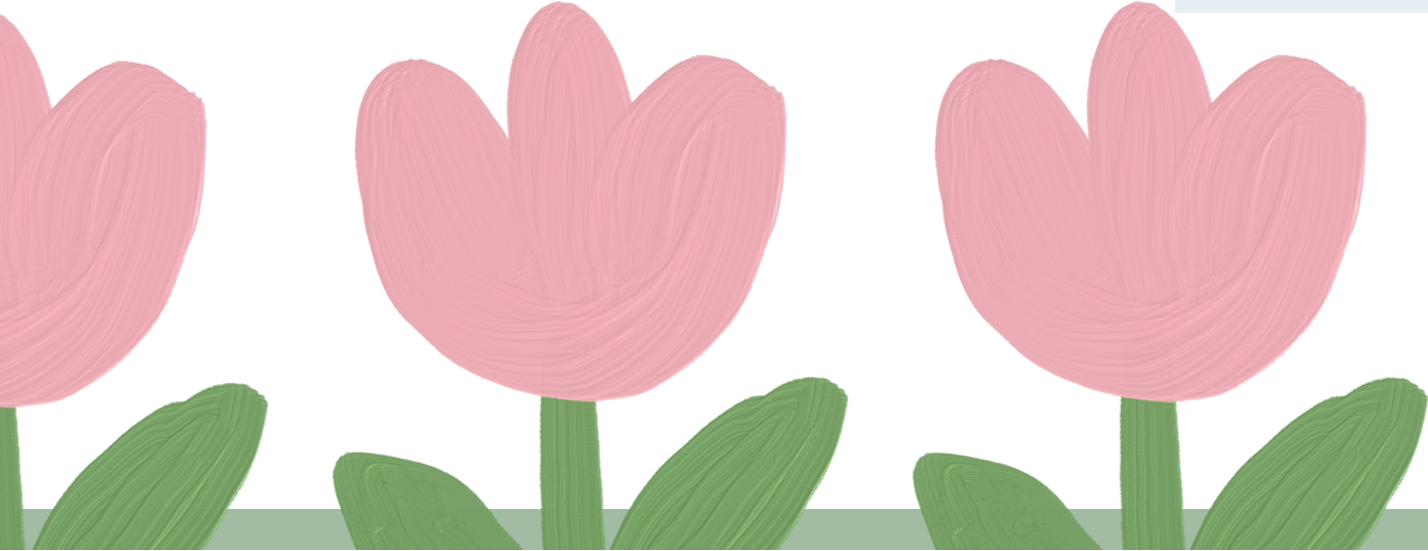
Outside Activity: Child Led Sports game

Friday

Gym Activity: Closed

Hall Activity: Quiet Games

Outside Activity: Easter Egg Hunt



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 2022 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](#).



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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 immunocompromised and so we do this to ensure that our service is safe for everyone.





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

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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