

# THE AFTERS POST

Aranda Afters Association 2023 ASC Weeks 5 & 6



## CONTENTS

### IN THIS ISSUE:

- Service Message
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Overview ASC Weeks 7&8
- Overview of the upcoming Weeks 5&6
- Important notices
- Community Events
- Forms
- Covid-19
- Committee Members
- Contact Details

## *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

A large, textured tree trunk dominates the right side of the image, extending from the top to the bottom. The bark is dark brown and deeply furrowed. In the background, other trees and greenery are visible, suggesting a forest environment. A group of people, some wearing blue shirts, are gathered around the base of the tree, looking up at it. One person in the foreground is holding a tablet or clipboard.

## 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.

# MONDAY AND TUESDAY



It's time to get creative! We started off the week with point perspective art and made some ANZAC biscuits. Outside we had a fun filled day of free play on the oval and the 3/4 playground. On Tuesday we kept up the baking theme and made some yummy cookies and tapped into our creative sides by making balloon rockets and raced them!



## Week 5

# WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On Wednesday we did an activity where we were supposed to see corn dance but unfortunately the experiment did not work. That's science!

We had a very spontaneous Thursday and had Max come in to do a science show which was a huge success.

Huge shoutout to Max, thank you so much. To round out the week we put on a movie and played a hectic game of dodgeball. What fun!



For ASC inquiries & Feedback email:  
[asccoordinator@arandaafters.com](mailto:asccoordinator@arandaafters.com)

# TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY



Week six was Reconciliation week, so we had heaps of fun activities on theme. We did Aboriginal art inspired dot art and coloring in. Some children created their own animal after listening to biladurang the platypus story. On Wednesday, we made Damper and played Marn Grook which is suspected to be what AFL originated from.



## Week 6

# THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Thursday continued the trend of Reconciliation week which saw the kids doing reconciliation booklets full of fun activities as well as making indigenous bookmarks. The kids were also treated to a playground hop and we tried various unique meets. To end the week we watched a movie and the kids outside played chuboochubbo, an indigenous game involving teamwork and keeping the ball of the ground.



For ASC inquiries & Feedback email:  
[asccordinator@arandaafters.com](mailto:asccordinator@arandaafters.com)

**Week 7**  
**Term 2**  
**2023**

**Monday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Bottle Rockets  
Gym Activity 2:  
Space Mural  
**Hall:**  
Hama Beads  
**Outside Activity:**  
Playground Hop

**Tuesday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Why does the moon have craters?  
Gym Activity 2:  
Make your own sundial  
**Hall:**  
Space Colouring in  
**Outside Activity:**  
Playground Hop

**Wednesday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Galaxy Dough  
Gym Activity 2:  
Recycled design your own planet  
**Hall:**  
Space Charms  
**Outside Activity:**  
Tchoukball

**Thursday**  
**Dr Brad Tucker**

**Friday**  
Gym:  
Closed  
**Hall:**  
Space doco  
**Outside Activity:**  
Bounce

*If you have any old CDs, jars or plastic bottles that you do not use, we have some activities that will need them so feel free to bring them and give them to the rolls table!*

**Week 8**  
**Term 2**  
**2023**

**Monday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Clay model Planets  
Gym Activity 2:  
Snowflake cutouts  
**Hall:**  
Loom beads  
**Outside Activity:**  
AFL

**Tuesday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Free Painting  
Gym Activity 2:  
Solar System Bingo  
**Hall:**  
Make an Alien Mask  
**Outside Activity:**  
Playground Hop

**Wednesday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Night Sky Painting  
Gym Activity 2:  
Space Puppets  
**Hall:**  
Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy  
**Outside Activity:**  
Volleyball

**Thursday**  
Gym Activity 1:  
Space Mindfulness colouring in  
Gym Activity 2:  
Pastel Aurora Making  
**Hall:**  
A day on another planet  
**Outside Activity:**  
Oobleck Stress Ball

**Friday**  
Gym:  
Closed  
**Hall:**  
Just Dance  
**Outside Activity:**  
Basketball



# 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 children 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.



# IMPORTANT NOTICES



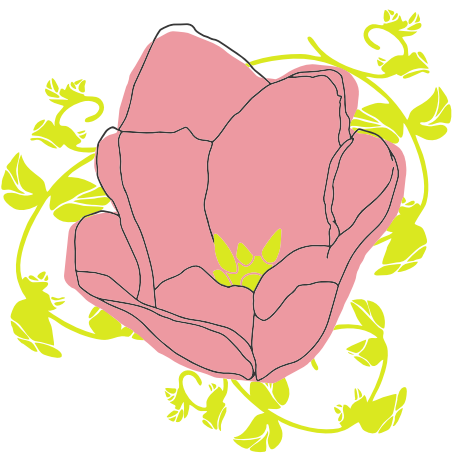
## Information changes

Please email [admin@arandaafters.com](mailto: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.



## The rolls table is now inside!

As it is quite cold outside, we will have the rolls table in the hall until it gets warmer. This will be the second door, near, past the basketball court. We will have signs to help you find it and if you are lost, you can ask one of our friendly staff members to help you find it.



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



# Community Events



## Community Sports Events

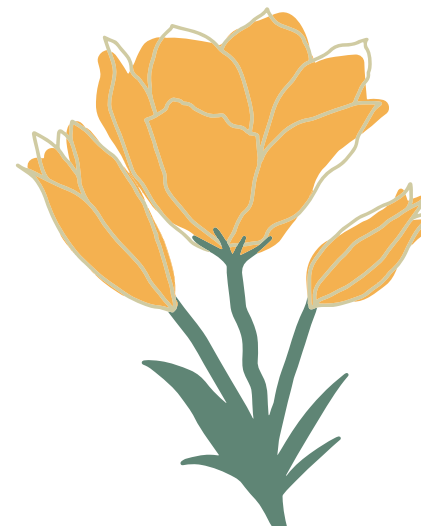
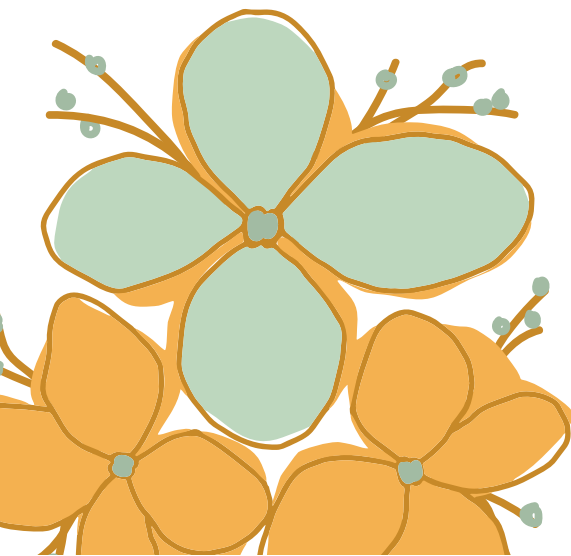
A few of our staff members actively engage in weekend sports events around the Canberra community. The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club have scheduled home games throughout April - July. For more information visit : [BentSpoke John I Dent Cup | Brumbies Community \(act.rugby\)](#)



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](#).



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 2023-2024. The Committee Positions held are as follows:

President – Helen Austin

Vice President – Ben Hughes

Treasurer – Carlie Rossiter

Secretary – Lauren Deutsch

Staffing Officer – Elizabeth Whitlam

Public Officer/General Member – Kevin Dogan

General Member – Felicity Burns

General Member – Karina Carew

General Member – Jake Sharman

General Member – Allison Garrod

# 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](mailto: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:

Shavaun + Emily H - [director@arandaafters.com](mailto:director@arandaafters.com)

Lledo - [executiveofficer@arandaafters.com](mailto:executiveofficer@arandaafters.com)

Angelica - [svccordinator@arandaafters.com](mailto:svccordinator@arandaafters.com)

William - [ascoordinator@arandaafters.com](mailto:ascoordinator@arandaafters.com)

So, Liki & Glen - [programsupervisor@arandaafters.com](mailto:programsupervisor@arandaafters.com)

*We're for children, not for profit.*



ARANDA AFTERS  
ASSOCIATION  
BUILDING CONFIDENT PEOPLE

## *Contact*

Aranda Afters Association Incorporated

1 Banambila St Aranda ACT 2614

0410 620 559

[www.arandaafters.com/](http://www.arandaafters.com/)

[admin@arandaafters.com](mailto:admin@arandaafters.com)