

THE AFTERS POST

Aranda Afters Association 2023 Winter SVC Edition



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Service Message

Dear Families,

And that wraps up the winter Holiday Program! We would like to thank you all for bringing your kids to the service and look forward to seeing them at the next!

We are also looking forward to the beginning of a new school term and have many exciting activities planned during this period!

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.

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 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.



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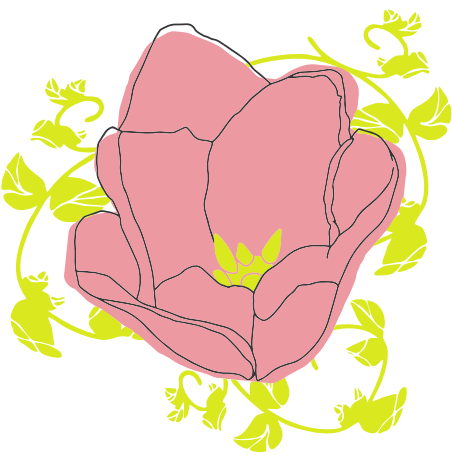
Information changes

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.



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.

SVC OVERVIEW

WEEK 1

OUR SVC WINTER PROGRAM STARTED DURING NAIDOC WEEK WHERE WE CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS CULTURE. WE STARTED THIS WEEK OFF WITH AN EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA WHERE WE WERE GIVEN A GUIDED TOUR OF ANIMALS RELATED TO INDIGENOUS CULTURE. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO MAKE ANIMALS OUT OF CLAY AND FINISHED THE TRIP OFF WITH SOME FREEPLAY AT THE GARDEN OF AUSTRALIAN DREAMS. WE FINISHED THE DAY OFF WITH A DOCUMENTARY OF AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS.

ON TUESDAY WE HAD OUR FIRST INCURSION IN WHICH KIDS WERE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVE SIDES BY MAKING CREATURES AND ANIMALS OUT OF AIRDRY CLAY, AND BY USING PIPECLEANERS AS THE SKELETAL STRUCTURE. THE DAY ENDED WITH INDIGENOUS STORY TELLING AND VARIOUS INDIGENOUS ARTS AND CRAFT.

WEDNESDAY SAW US HAVE OUR FIRST SPLIT EXCURSION WHERE THE JUNIORS WERE TREATED TO A SESSION AT IPLAY WHERE THEY GOT TO PLAY ARCADE GAMES, LAZER TAG AND DODGEM CARS. THE SENIORS WENT TO A VIRTUAL REALITY PLACE WHERE THEY GOT TO STRAP IN AND TAKE A FIRST-PERSON PERSPECTIVE OF THE GAMES THAT THEY WERE PLAYING.

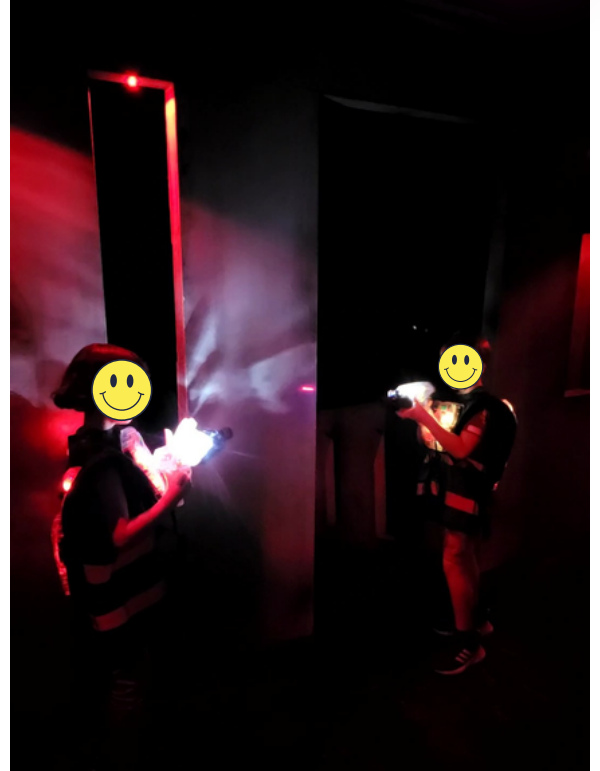
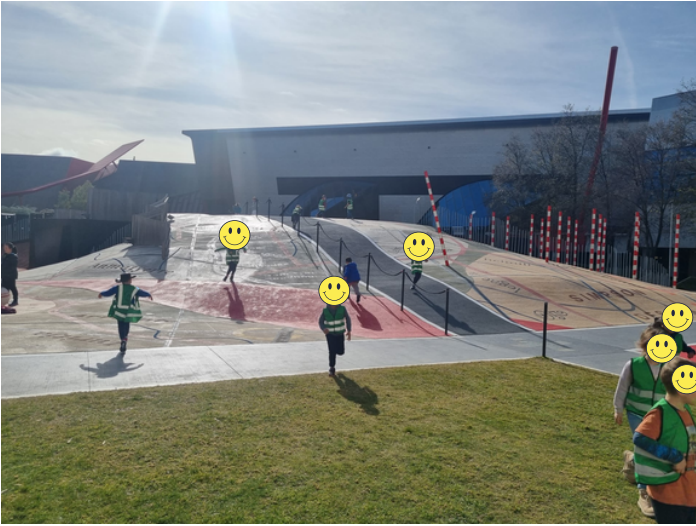
WE HAD AN INDIGENOUS GAMES DAY ON THE ARANDA OVAL FOR THURSDAY. IT WAS TOO FOGGY OUTSIDE SO WE PUT ON A MOVIE UNTIL IT CLEARED UP. WE PLAYED A LOT OF INDIGENOUS GAMES INVOLVING TEAMWORK AND BALLS. DID YOU KNOW THAT MARKERS UP ORIGINATED FROM AN INDIGENOUS GAME CALLED MARN-GROOK?

WE ROUNDED OFF THE WEEK WITH AN EXCURSION TO THE ARBORETUM WHERE WE WERE GIVEN AN INDIGENOUS TOUR AROUND THE AREA. WE EVEN GOT TO EAT SOME PLANTS THERE! WE ENDED THE DAY WITH A BLINKY BILL MOVIE AND SOME AIR-DRY CLAY!

For SVC inquiries & Feedback email:
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SVC PHOTOS

WEEK 1



SVC OVERVIEW

WEEK
2

WE STARTED THE WEEK OFF WITH AN EXCURSION TO KINGPIN WHERE THE KIDS WERE TREATED TO A SESSION OF BOWLING AND ARCADE GAMES, THE AFTERNOON SAW US MAKING SOME WINTER THEMED ARTS AND CRAFTS INVOLVING PAINTING, COTTON BALL TREES AND POM-POM MAKING.

ON TUESDAY WE HAD A CIRCUS INCURSION WHERE ALL THE KIDS PARTICIPATED IN A CIRCUS CIRCUIT AND GOT TO TRY THEIR HAND ON SOME FUN SKILLS. THEY WERE BALANCING ITEMS ON THEIR HEADS AND FLINGING THE FLUFFY ROLLING ITEMS ON STICKS. WE ALSO MADE CINNAMON SCROLLS AND MILO BALLS IN THE MORNINGS WITH THE KIDS WHO GOT TO EAT THEM WITH THEIR AFTERNOON TEA WHICH HAPPENED TO BE A PIZZA PARTY!

TIME TO JUMP AROUND! WE FLIPPED OUT ON OUR EXCURSION TO FLIP OUT WHERE WE ALL GOT TO JUMP AROUND ON SOME TRAMPOLINES AND GO THROUGH AN OBSTACLE COURSE. THE KIDS WERE DOING SOME COOL TRICKS INCLUDING FLIPS, SOMERSAULTS AND ROLLS. WE FINISHED THE DAY WITH SOME ARTS AND CRAFT AND SLIME MAKING

WE HAD A QUIET MORNING ON THURSDAY LETTING THE KIDS GET THEIR ENERGY OUT. THEY DID ARTS AND CRAFTS, MADE HAMA BEADS AND LOOM BANDS AND WENT TO A PLAYGROUND. THE AFTERNOON STARTED WITH AARON COMING IN TO MAKE DAMPER WITH THE KIDS. ALL THE KIDS GOT INVOLVED AND ATE THEIR DELICIOUS DAMPER WITH JAM AND WHIPPED CREAM.

SVC ENDED WITH A MORNING SESSION CONSISTING OF ARTS AND CRAFTS RELATED TO THE MOVIE WE WERE GOING TO WATCH. WE WENT ON OUR EXCURSION TO THE MOVIES TO WHICH THE KIDS WERE VERY ENGAGED WITH. WE WATCHED ELEMENTALS AND HAD A QUIET AFTERNOON OUTSIDE.

BIG THANKS TO ANGELICA FOR PUTTING TOGETHER ANOTHER GREAT PROGRAM!

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SVC PHOTOS

WEEK 2



ASC OVERVIEW WEEK 1 & 2

Week 1
Term 3
2023

Monday 17
Gym Activity 1: Coffee filter snowflakes
Gym Activity 2: Epsom salt painting
Hall: Marshmallow spaghetti challenge
Outside Activity: Basketball

Tuesday 18
Gym Activity 1: Design a snowglobe
Gym Activity 2: Winter activity booklet
Hall: Nelson Mandela information
Outside Activity: 67 minute clean up/playground hop

Wednesday 19
Gym Activity 1: Broad bean cup planting
Gym Activity 2: Winter mindfulness colouring
Hall: Paper snowflakes
Outside Activity: Laminar flow balloon experiment

Thursday 20
Gym Activity 1: Winter Landscape Painting
Gym Activity 2: Fake Snow making
Hall: Stick tree art
Outside Activity: Playground Hop

Friday 21
Gym: Closed
Hall: Cotton ball snowman
Outside Activity: Buroinjin

Week 2
Term 3
2023

Monday 24
Gym Activity 1: Salt dough
Gym Activity 2: DIY 3D hand
Hall: Stall deco
Outside Activity: Watermelon rubber bands guessing comp

Tuesday 25
Gym Activity 1: Christmas in July: stalls, Gingerbread Salt Dough brittle
Non alc mulled wine/hot milo
Hall: Arthur Christmas arts and craft
Outside Activity: Playground Hop

Wednesday 26
Gym Activity 1: Snowstorm jar
Gym Activity 2: Walking water
Hall: Trivia
Outside Activity: Kicking challenge

Thursday 27
Gym Activity 1: Penguin rock painting
Gym Activity 2: Skittles rainbow science experiment
Hall: Pastel sunflowers
Outside Activity: Playground Hop

Friday 28
Gym: Closed
Hall: Frozen
Outside Activity: Oobleck balloons



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!



Community Events



Community Sports Events

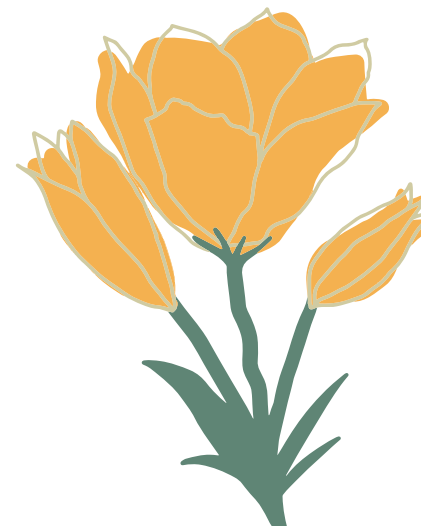
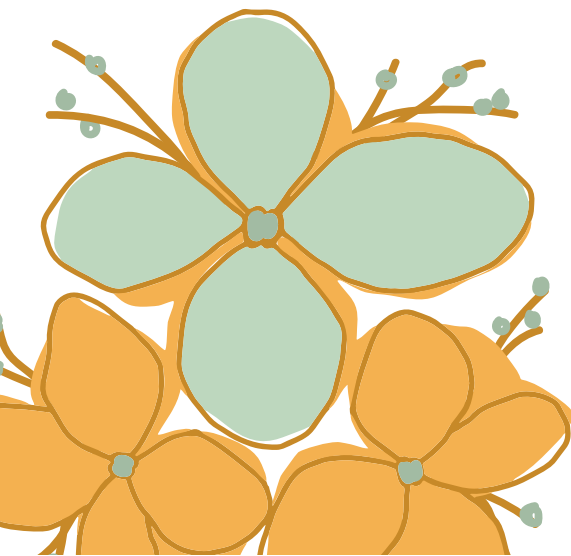
A few of our staff members actively engage in weekend sports events around the Canberra community. The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club have scheduled home games throughout April - July. For more information visit : [BentSpoke John I Dent Cup | Brumbies Community \(act.rugby\)](#)



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 !

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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