ARRANOUNBAI NEWS WEEK 2 Term 3

From the principal’s desk:

Welcome back for the third term of 2013. We welcome 4 new students to our school Kaelen Leckie Senior 2, Angus Bates – Looyenga K2A, Jeremy Reeves JB and Grace Pratley KM. This term is one that can bring colds and flu. If your child is sick please keep them home until they are well as we have quite a number of students with low immune systems who are at risk of picking up infections easily. 

Our new kitchen is almost finished with only a few minor things to be tweaked. It is going to be a great learning space for our students to use to compliment all aspects of learning. We will of course be cooking lots of wonderful goodies!!

We have been fortunate to have set up a connection with Canon Education and have the loan of 6 very sturdy drop proof, water proof cameras which students in all classes will have the opportunity of using and their photographs will be on display in our foyer in a few weeks’ time.

Last Friday we participated in a digital video conference called Digital Habitats relayed from the environmental center at The Field of Mars Ryde. Students really enjoyed the hands on experiences with the Interactive Whiteboard and the speaker who they could talk to over the TV.

Next week we again fortunate to have students from Marist College to work with our students in the classroom. Work experience and community service students offer great contributions to our school both helping students and acting as peer supports.

Could I remind you of our Voluntary School Contribution. It is $50 per year and goes towards our many programs that we offer such as music therapy, art and a number of incursions that are subsidised by the school. Arranounbai students and staff thank you for your support.

Anne Temple
Principal

Primary and High school
What will my child learn this year?
"What will my child learn this year?" seems like a simple enough question. After all, isn't there a big book of lessons somewhere that all teachers refer to? Find out more:

Talented kids - how hard should you push them?
Rachel Friend asks experts and parents of talented children how much of their success is due to natural ability and how hard we should push our kids to succeed. Find out more:

Primary school
Budding filmmakers
Here’s a project for the next school holidays: have your kids create an entry for the Trop Jr film festival. In the process they’ll learn something about scripting, shooting, editing and copyright. Find out more: http://tropfest.com/tropjr/

Homemade muesli bars
Here’s a recipe for muesli bars that will prove popular with children of all ages, yet it contains only half the sugar and fat of their shop-bought equivalents. Find out more:
High school

Video games – are they too violent?
How do you know if the video game your child wants to play is too violent - without having to buy and play it yourself? There are plenty of less violent alternatives that kids will enjoy playing just as much (if not more). Find out more: [http://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives](http://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives)

Teachers' tips on exam preparation (video)
You can help your child prepare for the HSC (or any exams, really), even if you don't know the subject or content. NSW public school teachers explain. Find out more: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1dkdOK5b_o&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1dkdOK5b_o&feature=youtu.be)

P&C News
Our next P&C meeting is to be held on Friday 2nd August at 9:15am in the meeting room at school. Everyone is welcome.
P&C Fundraiser
School Trivia Night 14th September remember to keep this date free!!

Dates for the Diary
2nd August P&C meeting
29th July – 9th August Special Swimming Scheme K2A, JB, JH
19th August Book Week and Open Classrooms
14th September Trivia Night
20th September last day of Term 3

Stewart House is collecting for their second clothing appeal this year. Please donate any good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes manchester or blankets that you no longer need. Please return bags by Friday 2nd August many thanks for your support.