



ARAMAC STATE SCHOOL NEWS



Issue 1

Term 1, Week 3

11th February 2021

Upcoming Dates & Important Events

Term 1

Student leader Induction 2021

Monday 15th February
9am

Leadership Camp

Tuesday 2nd February

Anti-Bullying Day

Friday 19th March

Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 1st April

Good Friday

Public Holiday
Friday 2nd April

Welcome to 2021! We have made a fantastic start to the year and it has been lovely to enjoy some much needed rain (a few less bugs would be nice!). Over the last fortnight teachers and students have been settling back into routine and getting to know their new classrooms. There has been lots of conversation, laughter and learning happening across the school.

A warm welcome to our new secondary teacher Mr. Darryl Bishop. Mr Bishop has many years experience teaching rurally and is looking forward to working with our secondary students this year. He is teaching maths and science across the highschool. Please introduce yourself to Darryl as he settles into Aramac and gets to know our wonderful community.

Congratulations to Mr Tim Gorle, who was the successful applicant for our Head of Department – Curriculum and Inclusion position. Tim will be ensuring we continue to meet our high standards of curriculum implementation across all classrooms, as well as managing Student Services and inclusion this year.

We welcomed 5 new Kindergarten students to Aramac State School! Miss Struss and Miss Robin have been enjoying to get to know the kindy students and families, teaching new routines and spending lots of time engaged in play based learning. We are looking to seeing our kindies learn, grow and change over the year.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parent information afternoon on Tuesday afternoon in Week 2. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers, have a look around the classroom and find out about what your child is learning this year. When parents and teachers work together to support student learning, the best outcomes can be achieved! Don't be a stranger at the school, we value your input and want you to be actively involved in your child's education. Working together we can achieve great things!

Daily Timetable

A reminder that the First Bell goes at 8.50am, where Secondary students go to form class (morning notices, roll call, preparation for the day) and our primary students go to the bathroom, have a drink and then go into class for roll call and morning notices. First lesson then starts at 9am and we have 5, one hour lessons. Students are able to arrive at school at 8.30am but need to play on the basketball court or under the buildings until the first bell goes. If you are running late for school, please ensure you sign your child in at the office.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is still available on a Friday at first lunch. Please bring your orders to the office on a Thursday and put them in the tuckshop box. We will then deliver them to the Whitebull Roadhouse. Alternatively, you can order directly from the Whitebull Roadhouse.

Curriculum

All students in Prep to Year 8 will learn Japanese this year as part of our languages program. Prep – year 6 will have one, one hour on-air lesson a week with Japanese teachers from Capricornia School of Distance Education and our 7/8 students will have two lessons a week. It was great to get back into Japanese last week.

Instrumental music started this week and our students have enjoyed getting back into their lessons with Miss Val. If you would like you child to learn Guitar or keyboard, you can sign them up online at <https://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au/>. Click on Find your school and search Aramac to sign up. P - 10 can do keyboard, and 1 – 10 can do guitar. Miss Tina supports our students in their zoom lessons each Wednesday. We look forward to seeing their growth this year!

Bell Times

8.50am – 9.00am – Form Class
9.00am – 10.00am – Lesson 1
10.00am – 11.00am – Lesson 2
11.00am – 11.30am – First Lunch
11.30am – 12.30pm – Lesson 3
12.30pm – 1.30pm – Lesson 4
1.30pm – 2.00pm – 2nd Lunch
2.00pm – 3.00pm – Lesson 5

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Student Leaders

Congratulations to our student leaders who were announced this week. Parents, families and community members are invited to their Student Leader Induction Ceremony, next Monday (15/2/21) morning at 9am. Mayor Sean Dillon will be attending to talk the students about what being a leader means. Please come along to help congratulate our new school leaders.

Our school leaders will join Muttaborra, Alpha and Jericho leaders in Week 5 for a three day camp to develop teamwork and leadership skills. They will also develop their Leadership plan for 2021 and map out ideas they would like to implement this year. Mr Neisler and I are looking forward to supporting them this year.

P&C

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C meeting last week. We had a great turnout. The P&C will be running a Cadbury Chocolate drive to raise money to support school projects in 2021. We will be sending home chocolates to be sold during Wk 5 (wk beginning 22/2/21). If you do not wish to sell chocolates, can you please let Emma Hay know.

They will also be running a monster Easter raffle. The prize is a 10kg Cadbury Dairy Milk block valued at \$210 and a 4.5kg Toblerone bar valued at \$121. Tickets for these will be sent home later in the term.

We would like to build a cement path from the bike gate to the school for students to use in all weather, as well as a shade structure for the bike racks. A big thank you to Emma Hay for applying for the sun safety grant on behalf of the P&C. Our application was successful and we will be funded to build a new shade structure over the senior playground this year. Thank you so much Emma! We look forward to seeing many more improvements made to our school this year.

Central West Swimming

Congratulations to the 14 students who attended the Central West Swimming carnival in Winton last Wednesday. Miss Kinsey and Mrs Hay said the students represented our school at a very high standard and demonstrated exemplary behaviour on the day. Well done to Darby Coulton and Dylan Rabnott for being selected in the CW Swimming team to compete at the North West Trials in the coming weeks.

School Review

Aramac State School will be participating in a School review in 2021. Every Queensland state school is reviewed by the Education Improvement Branch (EIB) at least once every four years. The reviews play an important part in how the department supports school improvement. They provide schools with independent feedback, tailored to their context and needs.

Principals use the review findings to work with their school community and assistant regional director (or principal supervisor) to develop clear actions to move the school forward.

Reviews are conducted by experienced educators trained in the use of the National School Improvement Tool, a nationally-recognised framework for reviewing teaching and learning practices.

Review teams generally consists of two to four reviewers, but the number of reviewers and length of each review depends upon a range of factors, including the size and context of the school.

Reviewers look closely at each school's performance data and speak with a wide range of staff, students, parents and community members to get an accurate picture of the school. Unlike many other review systems, schools aren't ranked or given a performance rating. Instead, the school is given a comprehensive report for consideration.

The report details key findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. Principals are encouraged to share this information with their staff and school community to help shape the school's strategic direction.

Feedback from parents and the community is an important part of school reviews, with everyone encouraged to have their say. Our review will be on May 18th and 19th this year. Stay tuned for more information over the term and how you can get involved.

Don't forget to download the QSchools app to keep up to date with what's happening at school, and follow us on Facebook! There is also lots of school information on our school website <https://aramacss@eq.edu.au>. We use Facebook and the QSchools app to send lots of information and messages to parents. Please keep up to date!

I am looking forward to a year of learning and growth at Aramac State School and ensuring that we continue to provide high quality educational opportunities for all Aramac students.

School Captain - Lilly Coulton

Waratah House Captains – Primary – Grace Bambling
Secondary – Ebony Coulton

Gidyea House Captains – Primary – Cooper Hay
Secondary – Ivy Curr

Student Council Representatives –

K – 2 – Oliver Hay

3 /4 - Indiana Boyd

5 /6 – Levi Ferguson

7 /8 - Lincoln Coulton

9 /10 – Dylan Rabnott

Yours in Education,
Tanya Bambling



Welcome back to another great year at Aramac State School! I am looking forward to working with staff, students and families in continuing to improve student learning and outcomes in 2021.

This year I won the position of Head of Department—Curriculum, where I will support staff with implementing the Australian Curriculum in their classrooms and lead student services at Aramac State School. Collectively we will put measures in place to allow every student to access learning and succeed in their classroom.

Teachers and support staff have made a fantastic start to the year by establishing routines and expectations and beginning their Term 1 learning. It has been great to see how excited students are to be back in the classroom after the long break.

Homework has also been sent home with students to reinforce the learning occurring in classrooms. We encourage you support this process by allocating time in your household for this work to be completed and starting a conversation on what they are learning about in school. The triangulation of the classroom teacher, parent/carer and student—will improve student engagement and support learning outcomes.

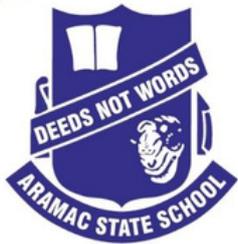
The classroom teacher plays a vital role in teaching and nurturing your child at school. Therefore it is important that your first point of call is to contact this staff member. Additionally, each classroom sends out a 'Keeping in Touch' weekly to discuss your child's progress in learning areas. Please become familiar with this process and ask your child where their 'Keeping in Touch' is this week.

Yours in learning

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ARAMAC STATE SCHOOL
INVITES
PARENTS & FRIENDS
TO THE

2021 STUDENT LEADER INDUCTIONS

MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 9AM

Welcoming to Parade
Special Guest, Mr Sean Dillon
to present the
Leadership Awards for 2021

QSchools

mobile app



- 1** Download or update the QSchools app
Compatible with the following devices:
Android Apple Windows 8



- 1** To receive automatic updates, you will need to ensure that QSchools push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.

- 2** Search for your school
The QSchools app allows you to search by:
- School name search
- Map search
- Schools near your current location



- 3** 'Favourite' your school to receive updates
By favouriting your school, you will:
- Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
- Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school



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The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Encourage your school community to download for free via the Apple iTunes Store/Google Play



Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

- The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:
- better communication with the school community
 - community collaboration
 - encourage participation in the school community.

Compatible with the following devices:
Android Apple

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements
- and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.



Reminder! We have gone digital!

Please download the QSchools mobile app and favourite Aramac S.S.