

# Newsletter



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**We pray that, through our choices, actions and words, we may live out our faith in our everyday lives, growing in compassion and generosity. May Your presence be felt through our presence. Amen**

Dear Parents

This will be the final newsletter for 2017.

Our **Advent Prayer Assemblies** conclude today. The focus has been on the preparation period for Christmas, helping the children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the Year Five and Six classes for leading the whole school during this special period.

Our annual whole school **Thanksgiving and Gift Mass** will be held on Wednesday **the 6 December**, commencing at **9.30am at St Mary's Church**. Parents are very welcome to come and celebrate our final mass together as a school community. During our special mass we will give thanks to God for our wonderful school year and 'give' to those who may be finding things a little difficult in our local community. Please see the Religious Education section of the newsletter for further information regarding the 'gift giving' part of the mass.

Included in this newsletter are dates and times of the **St Mary's Parish Christmas Masses and Reconciliation**. During this special season, it is so important to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Saviour in a meaningful way.

Next **Thursday 7 December at 7.00pm**, we celebrate the **Year Six Graduation** Mass and Ceremony. I would like to wish all of the Year Six students the very best for their special evening and wish them well in their future endeavours at their new schools. May God bless them all as they set out on the next part of their journey.

On **Friday 8 December at 8.45am** we will be having our **Final Assembly**. As a school community, we will farewell our Year Six students and say goodbye to all families as we commence our Christmas holidays. All parents are most welcome to come and join us.

**Reports** will be given out on Wednesday 6 December. The reporting format is the same as last semester. If you have difficulty understanding the report, please do not hesitate to see your classroom teacher. Teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews should you wish to make an appointment to meet with them.

**Class lists** have been finalised for 2018. The formulation of class lists is a very involved process as has been explained in the last two newsletters. Parents have been provided with the opportunity to write to me or meet with me if there have been any pastoral concerns regarding your child and the cut-off date for this was Tuesday 28 November. The lists will be posted on the glass doors of the hall on the last day of school. No changes will be made to these lists so please do not contact the office or email after the cut-off date nor once lists are published.

The **first day of school in 2018** for students in Kindergarten to Year Six will be **Wednesday January 31st** starting at the normal time of 8.45am. **Pre-Kindy** will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February for all those children who have turned Three years of age already.

## **PRE-KINDY AND KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS 2019**

*Applications for Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2019 are currently being processed. Even if you have siblings at the school, you still need to fill out the relevant application forms for your child. If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy or Kindy in 2019, please contact the school office for an application form. Kindergarten Interviews will be held early Term One next year and Pre-Kindy interviews will be held shortly after.*

As this is our final Newsletter for the year I would like to say thank you to:

Our beautiful Aranmore Catholic Primary School children have worked very hard this year and are to be congratulated on their achievements. I am so very proud of them. I know that they are all looking forward to a break from schoolwork and spending some time relaxing with family and friends in the holidays.

I would like to thank all parents for taking such a keen interest in your child's learning. You are to be congratulated on the wonderful encouragement and support you give to your children each and every day and the way you work collaboratively with the staff. The staff are most appreciative of your assistance which you provide so willingly in so many different ways in the classroom and throughout the school.

I would like to thank Father Angelo for leading all of our whole-school class masses, liturgies and sacraments this year and for nurturing our spirituality. The school and parish enjoy a close relationship and we look forward to working together once again in 2018.

Ms Coniglio has been part of the Aranmore school community for the past five years not only as a classroom teacher but also as part of the Leadership Team as Assistant Principal. Her dedication, commitment, loyalty and never ending support has been outstanding and very much appreciated. I wish her all the best as she takes up her first Principalship at St Marys in Merredin and wish her every success. She will be sadly missed by staff, students and parents.

Miss Connell started at Aranmore CPS eight and a half years ago. I would like to thank her for all her wonderful work as a classroom teacher as well as a leader in the school as a Key Early Childhood Teacher. I wish her all the best for the future and especially as she commences in her new school. She will be missed by many.

Ms Tzaicos has been an Education Assistant at Aranmore for the past 9 years. I would like to thank her for all her great work both in the big part of the school but especially with our little ones over the last couple of years in Kindy. I wish her all the best for the future especially as she commences in her school. She will be missed by all.

Thank you to all of the fantastic staff at Aranmore, for the professionalism and commitment that they have shown throughout the whole year. Not only have they provided excellent educational opportunities for our children but they have nurtured the spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically so that our children have been able to grow into the best person they can be. I look forward to working with them all in 2018.

We are so very fortunate to have a wonderful school community and I thank God for blessing us all at Aranmore. Keep safe over the holidays, especially if you are travelling and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**A Merry and Holy Christmas to all Aranmore Catholic Primary School families!**



**Mrs Margaret Williamson**  
**Principal**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### THANKSGIVING/GIFT MASS

Our Annual Thanksgiving/Gift Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 6 December at the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's**. We ask all families to donate Christmas type items for the needy of the parish. Examples: - Christmas puddings, custard, Christmas lollies, fruit mince pies, Christmas stockings, chocolates, pretzels, nuts, shortbread, Bon-Bons etc. **Please bring these items to school on the week commencing Monday, November 27.** As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

### THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

**ADVENT:** Soon we will be getting ready for Christmas. We must all get ready in another way. Each one of us has a body and a soul; and since Jesus lives in us, we must get ourselves ready for Christmas. We do this during the time of something called Advent, which means 'coming.'

This, the **Third Week of Advent**, we light the **pink or rose** candle which means **JOY**. From Jesus Christ we have received so much love, beauty and joy for the simple things in life. This week let us be happy with simple things that don't cost money - like reading a book instead of watching television, talking to one another instead of playing games, listening to the children laugh instead of talking on the telephone, eating plain food instead of having fancy desserts. Remember that the **purple** candles stand for sorrow that we have done wrong. But now we are joyful, because the time for the arrival of Jesus is almost here.

The **Fourth week of Advent** has to do with ACCEPTANCE which means saying "yes" to someone who asks us to do something. When God asked Mary to be the mother of God, she said "yes." She didn't say, "Just a minute" or "let me think about it." No; she said "yes." This week is our chance to say "yes" to God through our families and friends, even though a "no" would be much easier at times. When we want to say "no," we should try to remember that God might like us to say "yes." And every time we do say "yes", we will be closer to God because acceptance is pleasing to Him.

### ADVENT WREATH:

There are **four weeks** in **Advent**. Each week we light a candle on the Advent Wreath and by Christmas we will have lit them all!

- The **colour green** on Mass vestments **symbolizes life**; and the **ever-green** on the **wreath** reminds us that **God's love** for us never changes and our love for God never changes.
- The **wreath** is in a **circle** because a circle has **no beginning and no end**. This circle means our life with God just keeps going; He keeps on loving us and we should always love Him.
- **Three of the candles** are **violet**. The colour **violet** represents sorrow. During Advent we will say that we are sorry for not loving Jesus enough and that we will try hard to do better

- The **pink or rose candle** means **joy or happiness** that Jesus will be coming to us again at Christmas.

When we light the candles, this stands for Jesus being the Light of the world. His teachings are our guiding light. If we listen to what He wants us to do, we will be happy with Him forever.

### ACTS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AT ARANMORE IN 2017

As the 2017 year draws to a close, it is timely to reflect on the generosity of the Aranmore CPS community toward those less fortunate than ourselves, both here and overseas. By engaging in various fundraising activities throughout the year through Mission Week, Free Dress Days, etc we have contributed to the following organisations:

- Mercy Works
- Christian Brothers Overseas Aid Fund
- Catholic Mission
- Caritas
- Lifelink
- Project Compassion
- Mary McKillop Foundation
- St John Bosco School

All these organisations reach out to the vulnerable and disadvantaged and ensure that they have the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and education. We thank you immensely for your kindness and generosity.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**  
**Assistant Principal**

## CURRICULUM

### YEAR THREE EXCURSION

On Monday 27 November the Year Threes visited the Perth Observatory in Bickley. Our budding astronomers had an amazing day completing all of the interactive activities, making sundials and viewing the Lowell telescope amongst some beautiful landscapes and native wildlife.



'It was amazing to see the telescope and go inside it'  
**Gabriel Kelly**

'It was scary to climb up to the top of the telescope tower.'  
**Eli Genovese**

'I liked how there were a lot of telescopes to look and they were different sizes and types.'  
**Ibe Phong**

'I enjoyed that all the activities were in different spots and they were all very interesting.'  
**Annina Musbah**

'I loved hearing about how the big Lowell telescope was built.'  
**Chase Williams**

I learnt that 'My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Noodles' stands for all of the planets.' **Isaac Abadi**

'I liked learning about how to build a working sundial.'  
**Olivia Pappas**

'The sundial that we looked at was really old, and then we had a go at making our own.' **Renata Pintabona**

'I loved learning about the planets because I learnt that some were ice giants and frozen planets. We got to hang up the planets and see how far away from the sun they were.' **Sebastien Tiller**



### STEM IN YEAR THREE

This term on Friday afternoons Year Three have participated in a series of **STEM** based challenges as a part of our Design and Digital Technologies focus. Throughout the term we have continued to learn the basics of coding with Spheros and LOGO, and built structures with different materials to solve problems.



Last Friday Mr David Hull, a parent, shared his wisdom as an engineer with our students.

They were fascinated to see pictures of projects Mr Hull had been working on and asked many thoughtful questions about the roles and responsibilities of an engineer.

**Mrs Helen Bubnich & Mrs Anita Lombardi**  
**Year 3 Teachers**

### MUSIC

#### LEEDERVILLE CARNIVAL

The Leederville Carnival will be held on Sunday 3rd December and the school Choir will be performing 'Symbols of Christmas' on the stage near the pedestrian overpass in Oxford St at 2.00pm. It should be a very exciting start to the Christmas period. We hope you can come along to support the students and to enjoy the Carnival.

#### INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Instruments Programme forms will be emailed home next week.

**Mrs Roslyn Twine,**  
**Music Coordinator**

### ADMINISTRATION

#### SCHOOL DIARIES 2018

These will be available from the teachers on the first day of school 2018. Class sets will be sent to each year level for the students. A payment of \$6.00 should be brought to school on the first day Wednesday 31 January 2018.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Calendar will not come out to families until the New Year. Due to external circumstances the end date for 2018 for students from Years K-6 cannot be confirmed by CEWA. Once those dates are confirmed they will be promulgated. To assist with your planning please see below for Term Dates and Pupil Free Days in 2018:

**Term One:** 31 January – 13 April (Please note that in 2018 Easter occurs during Term One. Catholic schools will be closed on Friday 30 March 2018, Monday 2 April 2018 and Tuesday 3 April 2018.)

**Term Two:** 30 April – 29 June

**Term Three:** 16 July – 21 September

**Term Four:** Commences 8 October

#### Pupil Free Days:

- Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January
- Tuesday 5 June
- Friday 29 June
- Friday 10 August
- Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August

#### UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS 2017

All students are to return to school in 2017 wearing their *summer uniform*. It is most important that all students have their school hat, which is a compulsory accessory to the school uniform throughout the entire school year.

Also, if you are purchasing new **sneakers for sport** – please ensure that they are **predominately white** as per the Parent handbook.

Please see the information below regarding hair and jewellery as expected during the school term.

#### HAIR

- Hair, for health reasons and appearance, hair is to be neat and tidy.
- Shoulder length hair is to be tied back (with red, white or blue hair ties or clips).
- Fringes are to be above the eyebrows or clipped back
- Hair colour is to be kept natural (no tints, streaks, tips etc)
- Hair styles should be of a conservative nature (no tracks, hawks, undercuts, tails etc)
- Hair should be no shorter than number 2 cut.
- Minimal gel may only be used on the fringe only.

#### JEWELLERY

For safety and security reasons it is recommended that no jewellery be worn. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of jewellery. Children are permitted to wear:

- A watch
- A bracelet
- A maximum of one pair of sleepers or studs in the ear lobe only.
- A gold/silver necklace with a religious medallion or cross, kept tucked in shirt/dress.
- No other body or face piercing or tattoos is permitted.

#### THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

As this is the final newsletter for 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aranmore Catholic Primary School for being such a special place to work in and community to be part of. I consider myself to be very blessed to be able to have Aranmore CPS as part of my work history.



In particular, I would like to thank Fr Angelo, Jeff O'Halloran and the entire School Board, Elle Gonzales-Skuja and the P&F and Mrs Williamson and the staff. The most special thanks however must go to the students and families of Aranmore who make the school what it is and are a delight to work with. Thank you to everyone from the bottom of my heart. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2018 and look forward to crossing paths with you however that might be in the future.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**  
Assistant Principal

## SPORT

### STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three of our Year 3 boys - Mason Clarke, Maksim Lackovic and Jack Saliacus all represented Perth Redbacks, a State Basketball League team, in the Under 11 teams State Basketball Championships held over the weekend.

They played in 4 games held over the weekend and should be very proud of their efforts. It was a really great experience for them all, to be given the opportunity to be in a representative team and to play against players that were up to 2 years older - Well done boys!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gabriella Alfonso (4G) who was recently selected for the Calisthenics State Team for WA. She will be training hard to get ready for Nationals which will be held in Canberra in July next year.

Well done Gabriella.

**Mr Phil Tsang, Sport Teacher**

### ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

Well we finished the 2017 on a high with 30 swimmers at swim club on Tuesday. It was a very excited group of swimmers and everyone was very enthusiastic. Coach Dan demonstrated tumble turns and then helped teams out in the relays as well.

### EQUIPMENT

If you are leaving the school in 2017 you must return all swim club equipment. This can either be left at the front office with your name on before the last day of school to receive your deposit or at the breakfast next week please. It is very important as we need this equipment for our new swimmers once you have gone.

### BREAKFAST

Our end of year celebration breakfast is on Tuesday 5 December from 7.15am – 8.15am at school. Please be mindful not to include nuts, sesame seeds or kiwi fruits as we have children in swim club who are allergic to these items. I look forward to seeing you all next week at breakfast.

**Mrs Roslyn Soanes, Swim Club Coordinator**

## P & F

### THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!

An enormous **Thank You** to everyone who has supported the P&F this year. We are extremely lucky to have such an active committee and a wonderful community of parents who volunteer their time, energy and skills over the year to make Aranmore Catholic Primary School such special place.

### CANDLE FUNDRAISER EXTENDED UNTIL DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>

A big thank you to everyone that supported the candle fundraiser! We sold well over 100 candles!

### BIG CLEAN OUT!!

The P&F store cupboard is in desperate need of a tidy up. Volunteers are needed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am. We would LOVE your help please.

### CLASS REPS FOR 2018

To avoid a mad rush at the beginning of next year we are giving aspiring Class Reps the opportunity to put their hand up in advance for this important role! Please click the link to volunteer.

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/parents-and-friends-association/>

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and a blessed New Year.

**Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja, P&F President**

### MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

#### MERCY

Be thoughtful, warm and respectful in all you do and say.

#### 1 December 2017 - KEY DATES

#### SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM FOUR

- Kindy Red Christmas Concert – Tuesday December 5
- Thanksgiving/Gift Mass – Wednesday December 6
- Kindy Green Christmas Concert – Thursday December 7
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony – Thursday 7 December
- Farewell Assembly – Friday December 8
- End of Term Four (Students) – Friday December 8
- End of Term Four (Staff) – Friday December 15
- Term One commences for students on Wednesday 31 January 2018

## CANTEEN

<b>MONDAY</b>	4 Dec	Belinda
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6 Dec	Nicole H
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8 Dec	Rachel and Andrea T

**Mrs Belinda Civiletti, Canteen Manageress**

## ARANMORE STAFF 2018

- ❖ **Principal:** Mrs Margaret Williamson
- ❖ **Assistant Principal:** Ms Tania James
- ❖ **Acting Assistant Principal:** Ms Sarah Lister
- ❖ **Pre Kindy:** Mrs Janine Del Grossi
- ❖ **Pre Kindy Education Assistants:** Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis
- ❖ **Kindergarten:** Mrs Lorna Brook, Mrs Anna Tancredi
- ❖ **Kindergarten Education Assistants:** Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis, Mrs Teresa Torre, Mrs Julie Gannaway
- ❖ **Pre-Primary:** Miss Cassandra Lioni, Miss Sarah Raspa
- ❖ **Pre-Primary Education Assistants:** Mrs Anna Drew, Ms Joanne Cox
- ❖ **Year 1:** Mrs Angie Lionetto-Civa (Term 1 Mrs Simone Covich), Mrs Laura Nelson
- ❖ **Year 2:** Mr Peter Scutti, Mrs Laura Krikorian
- ❖ **Year 3:** Mrs Helen Bubnich, Mrs Anita Lombardi
- ❖ **Year 4:** Mrs Lynn Raschilla, Mrs Michelle Meade
- ❖ **Year 5:** Ms Fiona Wringe, Mrs Debbie Aspley (Mon-Wed) & Ms Sarah Lister (Thur/Fri)
- ❖ **Year 6:** Mr Matthew Sharpe, Mrs Morgan Foster
- ❖ **Learning Support:** Ms Eleonora Panaia, Mrs Jennifer Chang-Leng
- ❖ **Enrichment:** Ms Sarah Lister
- ❖ **Library:** Mrs Julie Gray
- ❖ **Library Assistant:** Mrs Imelda Gane
- ❖ **Music:** Mrs Roslyn Twine
- ❖ **Physical Education:** Mr Philip Tsang
- ❖ **Italian:** Signora Lorena Casarotto, Signora Maria Seccatore
- ❖ **Education Assistants:** Mrs Pam Rimmer, Mrs Mary Monterosso, Mrs Natalie Vuong, Mrs Narelle Paolino
- ❖ **Social Worker:** Mrs Ali Fisher
- ❖ **Reception:** Mrs Amanda Ellen
- ❖ **Finance Officer:** Ms Maureen Lloyd
- ❖ **Canteen:** Mrs Belinda Civiletti
- ❖ **Uniform Shop:** Mrs Jill Eftos
- ❖ **Grounds:** Mr Steve McGorrery

**St Mary's Catholic Church**  
**Franklin Street, Leederville**



**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017**

**Sunday 24th December**

**6:30 pm Christmas Carols at Aranmore Catholic College Gymnasium**  
**7 pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass**

**11:30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25th December**

**9:15 am Christmas Mass (in Italian)**  
**10:30 am Christmas Mass (in English)**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!**



# School HOLIDAY Program



**Did you know?**  
Your kids help to decide where we go!

**BOOK NOW FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

### Early bird enrolments

Bookings made before 3 December 2017!

Only \$67 per child, per day!

### Standard enrolments

Bookings made after 3 December 2017.

\$72 per child, per day.

### How to enrol in 3 easy steps

1. Scroll down and sign in or create a My Family Lounge Account
2. Create your vacation care booking through the Casual Booking Calendar.
3. Select Vacation Care Roll



### Gumtrees Vacation Care

Centre ph: 0427 471 201

Booking enquiries

ph: 08 9473 8407

### What you get

Price includes all excursion admission prices, activities, bus costs, morning and afternoon tea. Childcare benefit and childcare rebate fee reductions are available.

### What to bring

Packed lunch, water bottle, hat, sun protective and weather proof clothing, safe enclosed footwear.

### Opening Times

The centre is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Please ensure your child arrives by 9.00am so that they do not miss the excursion.

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