Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year One Reading and Writing Sessions today. Mrs Lionetto-Civa and Miss Connell presented comprehensive information to broaden awareness of what will be occurring with the children and what parents can do to assist their child at home. It was wonderful to see a good attendance for the sessions.

Our happy campers have returned to school safe and sound but very tired. Special thank you to the P&F for their $4000 donation towards the Year Six Camp. It is very much appreciated by all and greatly assists with keeping the cost down for parents. Thank you once again to Mrs Foster and Mr Sharpe and all the parent supervisors for so generously giving up their time away from their own families to ensure that the Year Six children had a wonderful time.

Just a reminder about our Social Media 101 - Cybersafety Parent Information Session on Thursday 17 March in our School Hall from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Booking is essential and can be made via Trybooking.com, just search Aranmore and the cost is $5. Enquiries can be directed to our Social Worker, Ali Fisher on 9444 9366.

The P&F have organised a special Sausage Sizzle on 15 March for the children to enjoy for lunch. Thank you to Alf Parolo for organising this and for the Year Two and Four parents for hosting.

The P&F have organised the Family Campout on Saturday 19 March. Many thanks to Meg Clarey for coordinating this exciting event for all families. Bring your tent and set it up on the lawn near the Adventure Playground or if you don’t have one feel bring along a mattress/swag to sleep in the Undercover Area. If you cannot camp overnight you are more than welcome to come for dinner on Saturday evening or brekkie on Sunday morning. Please see the P&F section for further details.

Applications for Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2017 are currently being processed. If you are a current Aranmore family you still need to fill out a separate application form for your little one who is due to come to school. If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy or Kindy in 2017, please contact the school office for an application form.

On Friday 18th March at 2.00pm there will be a parent meeting for all current parents at the school who have a sibling enrolled to attend Kindy in 2017. The meeting will take place in the Library. The children are not required to attend. I look forward to seeing you all there.

It is always wonderful to hear positive feedback from parents. Thank you to those parents who have chatted with me or Ms Coniglio or sent an email/letter about what a smooth start to the year their children have had and how settled their children are in their new classrooms. I always love to hear this news and I pass this information on to the staff, who are so thrilled when they hear it.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal
UPCOMING FEAST DAYS
March 17: Feast Day of St Patrick
St. Patrick’s Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history. St. Patrick’s Day is a national holiday in Ireland. In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps. Children wear orange, white and green badges, and women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair. St. Patrick was born in 385 AD somewhere along the west coast of Britain, possibly in the Welsh town of Banwen. At age 16, he was captured and sold into slavery to a sheep farmer. He escaped when he was 22 and spent the next 12 years in a monastery. In his 30s he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He died at Saul in 461 AD and is buried at Downpatrick.

March 19: Feast Day of St Joseph
The feast of St Joseph is celebrated on the 19th of March. This is believed to be St Joseph's birthday. On this day, Catholics commemorate the life of St Joseph, Jesus’ father on earth and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HOLY WEEK
This year to celebrate Holy Week we will be holding the Stations of the Cross on Thursday, 24 March, beginning in the school Hall at 8.45am. These will be led by our Year Four students.

All families and friends are welcome to attend.

ARANMORE DAY
Thursday 7 April is Aranmore Day.

The day will commence with a prayer service in the Hall. At the conclusion of the prayer service, Mercy Value certificates will be presented to children in each class. These certificates will differ from the regular certificates as they centre on the Mercy Values. This was identified, as part of the School Strategic Plan, as a means of promoting the Mercy charism.

From about 9:45 until recess, Mr Tsang will then arrange Tabloid Sports for the PP – Year 2 classes, with the assistance of the Year 6 children.

Between recess and lunch, we will have our traditional ‘Aranmore Has Talent’ contest. The P & F are kindly donating individual trophies for the winners of this year’s contest. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch for the children will be provided. This year the children may choose from: Ham and Cheese, Chicken and Salad or Cheese and Salad wraps. The children will make their selections in class with their teachers; however, the Kindy and Pre-primary teachers will have checklists outside the classroom for you to select lunch for your child on Aranmore Day. Thank you to Mrs Civiletti and the P & F for organising the wraps on Aranmore Day.

From after lunch until almost home time, the Year 3 – 6 classes will be involved in Tabloid Sports.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

KEY DATES
- Pre Primary Literacy Workshop for Parents – Thursday 17 March
- School Photo Day – Tuesday 15 March
- Sausage Sizzle Hosted by Yr2 & Yr4 – Tuesday 15 March
- Cyber Safety Workshop 17 March 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Family Camp Out - 19 March
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 29 March
- Pupil Free Day – Wednesday 30 March
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Thursday 31 March
- K – 6 Learning Journey (3:15 – 6:30pm) - Tuesday 5 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 7 April
- Term One concludes Friday 8 April

ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION NIGHT:
Thursday 31 March - 7:00pm St Mary’s (Years 3, 4 and 6)

COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS: Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 April

CONFIRMATION
- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 6 April
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Thursday 5 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 7 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May

RECONCILIATION
- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Tuesday 27 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 18 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 20 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 25 August

FIRST EUCHARIST
- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 4 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 31 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 3 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September
Pastoral Care

Parents, if you would like to place a note in the Pastoral Care section of the newsletter in relation to a birth or death, could you please send your message to the office by no later than Thursday afternoon. If you would like the school community to pray for any special intentions you may have, e.g. a family member who is ill or who has passed away. Please let your child’s class teacher or Miss Coniglio know.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

Curriculum

Pre Primary Literacy Workshop for Parents
All Pre-primary parents are invited to attend a Literacy workshop conducted by Miss Cassandra Lionti and Miss Sarah Raspa on Thursday 17 March. The workshop will be held in the School Library at 2:00pm. We encourage all parents from Pre-primary to attend if you have this date and time free.

Thank you to Mrs Lionetto-Civa and Miss Connell who presented their Reading Workshop today. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance.

Egg Decorating Competition
The Easter Egg Decorating Competition is back! All money raised will still go towards our social justice missions projects.

There is a template attached to this week’s newsletter for you to print off. Children are asked to use this template so that we have the same size egg for everyone. To make the egg sturdier the children can back the egg onto cardboard. Each child who would like to enter is to decorate one side of the egg using any materials and any style they like. Children are asked to cut the egg out before handing it in. Decorations can reflect the culture of the child, the religious aspect of Easter, an indigenous perspective, etc. The children can be as creative as they like! On the back of the egg the children must write their name, class and a sentence outlining their inspiration for their means of decoration. We will display the Eggs around the school.

It will cost $2.00 to enter and there will be one winner per class.

The competition will close on Monday, 21st March and the winners will be announced on Holy Thursday (24th March).

Harmony Day
21 March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals.

By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999 Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

This year Aranmore Catholic Primary School will be acknowledging Harmony Day with a visit from WALA. WALA is a dynamic fusion of drumming, dance, percussion and vocal harmonies which displays Ghanaian culture. This will take place on Monday, 14th March in the Hall at 8.50am. All classes (PP-6) will be attending.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

Music

Band
Congratulations to the students who very bravely auditioned for the Band this year. The following students have been selected to participate this year; Jamaan Peters, Charles Griffiths, Marco Nani Damien Lawrence, Victoria Reading, Owen Buttigieg, Dipika Choudhury, Cameron MacLaurin, Sean Reardon, Dominic Watson, Mya Ando, Nicolas Reading.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday mornings from 7.45 – 8.45am and are conducted by Mr Russell Holmes.

Choir
The choir has begun rehearsing on Thursday mornings from 8.45 – 9.30am with students from Years 5 and 6 who enjoy singing. All students have the opportunity to be in the Choir, there are no auditions.

Psoc Combined Choir and Orchestra Camp
There is an Orchestra and Choir day camp running in the school holidays from April 18th – 20th at Moerlina School in Mt Claremont. It is open to any students in primary school up to Year 7 who enjoy singing or play the violin. There is no audition. Details can be found at www.psorchcamp.com and applications close on the 5th April.

Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Coordinator

Sustainability

Garden News
Thank YOU to the AMAZING group of parents that have given up their time to help get the school vegetable garden back into working order. You have worked tirelessly this week and we appreciate all that you have done.

The garden is now being prepared for planting and it will be up and running in Term Two ready for the children to enjoy and learn.

Mrs Lynn Raschilla
Garden Coordinator
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photo day is coming! All students should have now received a Kapture Photography order envelope. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash or cheque and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day.

**If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

**PLEASE NOTE SIBLING ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 15 MARCH 2016**

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot — please contact the school office.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**  
Assistant Principal

**ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2016**

Many thanks for your continued support for Ashton Scholastic book club in our school through the class orders and online loop payments.

There was a wonderful response in using the LOOP PAYMENTS feature when ordering from Ashton Scholastic Book Club for Issue 1. It was a great success and we appreciate your support in using it. This will be ongoing for the rest of the issues in 2016. Orders can still be placed through the Class Teachers and their Book Club Parent Helpers. As the Easter break falls during term time we will place the orders as soon as possible to ensure that items reach the school before the end of term. Please note the dates below when the orders are due in.

**2016 Issue 2 Term 1**

Years PK – Yr 5 due in by Monday 14th March  
Year 6 orders due in by Tuesday 15th March due to attending camp this week.

If you are ordering online for the first time the information below may be of help.

**LOOP PAYMENTS PROCESS**

You can order items from any current issue and pay online without the order having to go through the school.

**Search for Ashton Scholastic Book Club on the internet. Locate Scholastic Book club Orders-Scholastic Australia [www.scholastic.com.au/loop](http://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) to access the Book Clubs order screen. Follow the prompts to continue with your order.**

The ordered items with your child’s name and class will be delivered to the school at the same time as items ordered through the usual method of ordering which is still available should you prefer to order through the classroom teacher & library. If you wish to have your orders delivered to your home address there will be a fee for the service. Information about this is available when you order online.

Thanks once again for helping us to provide additional teaching and learning resources for the children, teachers and staff within our school.

**Mrs Julie Gray**  
Teacher Librarian

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

**SOCIAL MEDIA 101 – CYBERSAFETY**

Social Media 101 – Cybersafety Parent Information Session coming up on 17 March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the hall at Aranmore Catholic Primary School. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?’...’OK’...**

Many parents are faced with the challenge of extracting information from their children and getting little more than an ‘OK’ or ‘Can’t remember!’? Don’t give up!

Talking about school can be hard

‘How was school?’ is a big question. To answer, your child has to sum up a whole day, and that’s hard for kids (and even grown-ups!) to do. Sometimes it’s easier just to say, ‘OK’.

Some children feel their school experiences are private. This is normal school-age development as children start to shape their own worlds and identities. However it is vital that your child know you are ready and waiting when they do want to talk.

Why talking about school is important

Talking about the school day shows you’re interested. Your interest boosts their mental health, happiness and wellbeing and is proven to have a positive effect on your child’s behaviour and achievement. It shows your child that you value school and education, which encourages them to value it too.

**Strategies for talking about school with your child**

Children will often be tired and hungry or thinking about other things when they first get home. Follow your child’s lead and perhaps talk about non-school things or your day for a while. Each day will be different for children. You need to sense and interpret their moods and pick the right moment. Some days there might not be a right moment at all, and that’s OK.

When asking about your child’s day use open ended questions that invite more than a ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘OK’ answer. For example, what was fun? what did you like best at school today?, what did you do at lunchtime? Frame questions with a positive twist i.e. “what fun things did you do at recess”, not “did anyone play with you”.

**Mrs Ali Fisher**  
Social Worker
ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

It was time trials all round this morning at swimming club with more happening next Tuesday for our swim club members. A great turnout of 26 swimmers who all tried their hardest to do a really great time. It was encouraging to see our littlies also giving it their best shot. Thank you to Mr Tsang for coming down and getting us started and to all the parents who also helped out. It was a real team effort with coach Trish maintaining the swimming club training throughout. We only have two more Tuesdays of swim club before Easter and then the carnival is on the 31/3. It is really important to try and maintain at least one swim session over the Easter break in readiness for the carnival on the Thursday. There will be no swim club on Tuesday 29/3 as it is a pupil free day.

Just a note on your equipment. Can you all please be very mindful of your equipment. There is no need to put your name on but a small mark, sticker or stamp that you recognise will help. If anyone has seen a pair of fins with Perth City Aussi on these are actually ones that I borrow from my swim club when we start to run short. So please keep your eyes out for these. If one of the parents would volunteer to help me do a fin audit after the swimming carnival that would be appreciated. Then I might find out if there really is a fin monster who particularly likes size 5 – 7s.

Right I look forward to seeing you all back next Tuesday for more timing and more swimming.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Club Coordinator

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP AT ST MARY’S

The first youth group meeting for 2016 will be held on Saturday 12 March after the 6.30pm Mass. The St Mary’s Leederville youth group is for year 5, 6 and high school students and aims to encourage spiritual and social interaction for the children in our parish. Youth group is held at the St Mary’s Church Parish Centre from 7.30 to 9 pm. Children coming to youth group are strongly encouraged to attend and be involved in the 6.30pm Mass beforehand. Parents have an opportunity to spend some time to themselves before youth group finishes up at 9pm. Please don’t hesitate to contact two of our YG co-ordinators

Caterina O’Loughlin (caterina.ol@hotmail.com) and Fiona Molloy (Fiona_molloy@bd.com) if you have any questions.

ARANLICIOUS CANTEEN

ONLINE CANTEEN

All orders for Sushi must be placed before 9am on Wednesday mornings.

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Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress

P & F

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Year 2 and 4 classes are running the sausage sizzle on 15 March. If you can help out in any way please contact me on 0424 931 215, Alf on 0407 191 194 or your class rep.


FAMILY CAMP OUT

Thank you to Meg Clarey for organising the Family Camp Out which is being held on 19th March. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.

MT HAWTHORN STREET & LANEWAYS FESTIVALS

The Mount Hawthorn Streets and Laneways Festival, Sunday 1st May. The P&F will be holding a good old fashioned cake stall at the event “Flavours of Aranmore” where we are hoping to show off our wonderful multi-cultural community, by asking families to bake something traditional to their cultural heritage or the most delicious cake in their repertoire.

The choir will be performing AND all children are invited to participate in a “Tomorrowland” poster competition and exhibition. Children need to design a poster that shows what their “Tomorrowland” looks like. For example What will Mt Hawthorn look like 20 years from now? What will the community feel like? What is important to me in an urban village? Posters will need to be produced on an A3 piece of paper and handed to the office by the end of term. Children can use mixed media - paints, crayons, texta, or collage to create the future of their imaginations. The Mayor will be presenting prizes at the Festival to the creators of the best posters.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
President P&F

SPORT

NETBALL

Registrations are in for Netball and this year we will have 6 Teams!!!!

Year 6 team
Year 5+6 team
Year 4+5 team
Year 4 team
2 x Year 3 teams

Everyone who registered should have received an email listing who is in each team. The team lists have also been put up on the sports noticeboard outside the Hall.

If you have not registered yet, but would like to play netball this year – please call me ASAP

The traditional “Season Open” Function will be held in the Hall on Friday 1st April. Hope to see you all there

Mrs Julie Scherini
Netball CoOrdinator
Family Camp Night

Join in the fun with other Aranmore families and pitch a tent on the school grounds (around the Adventure Playground area) for a camp night.
Or bring a swag/mattress and sleep in the undercover area.

Saturday 19th March

When: Set up from 4pm
Play before a BBQ dinner.
Pack up after a BBQ breakfast the following morning.

$10 Family Camp Fee

Sausage sizzle ($3), hamburgers ($5) available for purchase on the night.
Bacon and egg rolls ($4) available in the morning.
Note, orders to be processed prior to the event.

• BYO additional food & drinks
• Alcohol Free
• Tents only (or swags/mattresses)
• Pre-Kindy to Year 6 Aranmore CPS children all welcome
• School amenities will be available

Family Camp Fee and Food bookings to be made at trybooking.com/HESD
Deadline: Friday 11th March.
Social Media 101 – Cybersafety

PARENT Information Session

The world of social media and technology is fast becoming the centre of young people’s universe. Whether they are messaging, posting on walls, snap chatting, pinning or liking, our kids are often more engaged in their online world than the physical world. It is a tedious and challenging task for parents to stay on top of social media trends while monitoring their child’s online behaviour. Even more challenging is managing the behaviour that comes as a result of being too ‘wired’ to the online world: lack of sleep, mood swings, and lack of participation in family activities. We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about social media and technology trends, and strategies for behaviour management. Topics covered will include what sites and apps and games young people are accessing, typical behaviours they are displaying in the outlets, and how to manage them. We will discuss behaviour management strategies around social media, how to stay safe online, and setting boundaries around technology.

Aranmore Catholic Primary School Hall
Thursday March 17th
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Cost - $5

Booking are essential and can be made via trybooking.com please note tickets are being subsidised by our generous P&F. Parents from the wider community are also very welcome to attend.

Enquiries can be directed to Ali Fisher – Social Worker – 9444 9366

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Social Media & Cyber Safety Strategies
ST MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
40 Franklin Street, Leederville
Tel: 9444 9624

EASTER CEREMONIES 2016

20 March: PALM SUNDAY
9.30 am, Sun 8.00am, 9.15 am (Italian), 10.30 am
Please bring olive branches or palms for blessing.

24 March: HOLY THURSDAY
7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper
(Bring bells to ring and bread and wine to be blessed)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

25 March: GOOD FRIDAY
10 am Stations of the Cross
Reconciliation
3 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
General Intercessions
Veneration of the Cross
Communion Service
Children’s Liturgy of the Word

26 March: EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL
7.30 pm Blessing of the Fire and Paschal Candle
Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of Baptism
Liturgy of the Eucharist
(Bring bells to ring)

27 March: EASTER SUNDAY
8.00 am, 9.15 am (Italian), 10.30 am