

Newsletter

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Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. *Pope Francis*

Dear Parents

The Latin word *sacramentum* means 'a sign of the sacred.' **Sacraments** are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Catholics. They are special occasions for experiencing God's saving presence and are *signs* and *instruments* of God's grace. Celebrating sacraments is such an important part of our lives. The Sacramental Programme at St Mary's Parish will be commencing with an **information evening on the 22nd March at 7.00pm at the church for all parents with children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 who are Catholic and receiving one of the sacraments this year.** Please refer to the Religious Education and calendar section of the newsletter for further details. Keep reading the newsletter for updates regarding further parent information evenings and retreats.

Harmony Day on 21st March 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. At Aranmore Catholic Primary, we have families from many different nationalities and we celebrate and embrace the individuality and uniqueness of all. This year to celebrate Harmony Day, Humanities and Social Sciences Co-ordinator Mrs Bubnich has organised a brief assembly in the hall at 8.45am. The welcome for Harmony Day will be based around Mem Fox's book "Whoever You Are."

Each class has been asked to take two photographs that signify harmony in our school. These photographs will then be presented in a power point at the assembly. The classes will also create a paper doll border of all the nationalities within Aranmore Catholic Primary.

In Term Two we will be starting our **Friday sessions for 2017 Pre Kindy.** If you are interested please contact Amanda at the office as soon as possible as places are filling fast.

Applications for **Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2018** 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 2018, please contact the school office for an application form.

Don't forget the **P&F Family Campout tomorrow night.** Bring your tent and set it up on the lawn near the Adventure Playground or if you don't have one feel free to 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.

On **April 5th** we will be holding an **Open Day for prospective families.** Please see the attached flier at the end of the newsletter. If you know of anyone who has children ready for Pre-Kindy (3 yr olds), Kindergarten or any other year levels, please pass on the information to them and invite them to register on our school website.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

17 MARCH 2017

KEY DATES

- Pupil Free Day – Friday 17 March
- Family Camp Out – Saturday 18 March
- Harmony Day Tuesday 21 March
- P&F Sausage Sizzle hosted by Year 2 & Year 4 on Tuesday 21 March.
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Thursday 27 April 2017
- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 4 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 6 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 7 April

ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

NIGHT: Wednesday 22 March - 7:00pm;
St Mary's Church (Years 3, 4 and 6)

COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES

FOR ALL SACRAMENTS: Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March; St Mary's Church

CONFIRMATION – all held at St Mary's Church

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Thursday 27 April
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Wednesday 24 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 27 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June

RECONCILIATION - all held at St Mary's Church

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 26 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 17 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 19 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 24 August

FIRST EUCHARIST - all held at St Mary's Church

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 3 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 30 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 2 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 19 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

With Holy Week falling during the holidays this year, we will be celebrating with a Liturgy led by the Pastoral Council in the Hall on Friday, 7 April at 8.45am. All are welcome to attend.

ARANMORE DAY

Thursday 6 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 hold 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 for organising the wraps on Aranmore Day.

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

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

LEARNING JOURNEY AFTERNOON/EVENING

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL: 3:15 – 6:30pm:

On Tuesday 4th April, the Learning Journeys will be occurring from 3:15pm – 6:30pm. Please schedule this into your diaries as we would like all students to visit with their families. Parents and students can visit the classroom at whatever time suits between 3:15pm – 6:30pm and spend some time together, reflecting about the learning that has occurred so far.

The Learning Journey is a positive experience for both students and parents where students discuss what they are learning, what they are working on and how they feel about their experiences with their parents. Students and teachers prepare for the learning journey in class by reflecting on work completed this term, on how their learning is progressing and perhaps on what could be further developed.

The opportunity to immerse students in this experience leads to greater engagement, enjoyment and attachment to the learning. In essence, students are practising to become more responsible for their own learning. We look forward to parents visiting the classrooms on the day.

HARMONY DAY Tuesday 21 March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity.

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 make it a better place.

Harmony Day is an Australian Government initiative 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.

PRE PRIMARY & YEAR 1 LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

All **Pre-primary** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Miss Cassandra Lioni and Miss Sarah Raspa on **Thursday 23**

March. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Pre-Primary to attend.

All **Year 1** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Mrs Angie Lionetto-Civa and Miss Catherine Connell on **Friday 24 March**. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Year 1 to attend.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

LITERACY
WORKSHOP



PASTORAL CARE NEWS

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 the front office know.

PARENT BUSY BEE

Over the summer break the weeds have taken over the garden and we are need to restore it. **I require some parents to assist in weeding the gardens to get them ready for planting by the end of the term please.**



If you can assist on any of the following mornings, please contact the front office. Ten minutes, half an hour..... I appreciate any time you can spare. **Tuesday, March 20th - Friday, March 24th**



HELP! HELP! HELP! The School Vegie Garden

The School Garden is a wonderful part of our Sustainability Programme.

We are currently looking for someone to tend to our garden, assist with planting and work with teachers and students.

This person would be required to be in the Aranmore garden approximately once a week in Terms Two and Three. In Terms One and Four, the person would only need to come in once to prepare and then tidy up. Parents, grandparents, a neighbour.....all welcome to inquire. If you know someone who would be keen to undertake this role please contact Mrs Ellen at the front office.

Mrs Lynn Raschilla
School Garden Coordinator

ARANLICIOUS CANTEEN

MONDAY	20 March	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	22 March	HELP
FRIDAY	24 March	Alison & Erin

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress



SPORT

ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

It's good to have a few more swimmers at squad now that school swimming lessons are finished. We had 25 swimmers today and two newbies; welcome to Joe and Audrey. We have three more weeks left of school and of Swim Club. Swim Club does not run through the holidays however it would be a good idea to try and get at least one swim in each week of the holidays. This will help keep up your swimming fitness in readiness for the carnival. See you all next week.

Roslyn Soanes
Swim Club Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday Mason Clark (3G) took part in the annual Senshinkan Karate Open at ECU Joondalup. This was his first time competing and he achieved a gold medal in his category - Boys 9 years Kumite (martial arts freestyle fighting). Mason will compete again in two weeks at the Karate State Championships. Mason plans to represent Western Australia in the next National Karate Championships in Sydney (August 2017) following the footsteps of his sister Saba Clark (former ACPS student) who recently won Gold and National Champion (girls Kumite) at the last Karate Championships in Melbourne. Congratulations and well done to both Mason and Saba.

Mr Phil Tsang
Sport Coordinator

P & F

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Year 2 and 4 are hosting our Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 21 March 2017. Remember to bring your order forms and payment in on Monday. We are trialling selling \$ 1.00 Popcorn at recess to save us all from packing a snack for recess.



FAMILY CAMP OUT

Wishing all our happy Campers a wonderful time this weekend at the Family Camp Out. A huge thank you to Meg Clarey for coordinating this family event

BAKERS DELIGHT

We are so fortunate to have the support of local businesses. Bakers Delight Mt Hawthorn are kindly giving our families a card which allows them to get a loaf of bread a day free for one month. We will stagger the distribution of these cards by the eldest child in each year group starting with Kindy. Cards are starting to go home so look out for them in your child's homework folder.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

At the AGM we launched the business directory for Aranmore family businesses. If you would like to promote your business in the P&F section of the website please contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 5 April 9am - 11am

Would you like to see what this hidden gem in Leederville has to offer your child?

Join Aranmore Catholic Primary School for its Open Morning where you can see for yourself.

- GUIDED TOURS will be conducted at 9am, 9.30am and 10am
- FUN ACTIVITIES for the children

Register now at
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