

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

Our **Advent Prayer Assemblies** continue over the next couple of weeks. The focus will be on the Advent wreath and candles and special prayers. This time of preparation for Christmas is most important in our school community as it helps the children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Please come along and join us.

Our annual whole school **Thanksgiving and Gift Mass** will be held on Wednesday **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.

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.

I have been busy reading reports and all the children have been working extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts. I am sure that the children will be rewarded by receiving reports which will reflect their wonderful efforts. **Reports** will be given out on Wednesday the 6 December.

Choosing winners from our 2017 **Gallery on Brentham** exhibition was extremely difficult as there were so many creative pieces of artwork. There were some outstanding pieces on display. Luckily I had local artist Shane Hughes assist me with the final selections. The winning pieces will be displayed in the front office, so please come and take a look next week. Congratulations to the following recipients of the inaugural **Gallery on Brentham Category Award Winners**:

PK-PP category winner – Sofia Mansom-Araujo

Yr1-Yr2 category winner – Logan Cribb

Yr3-Yr4 category winner – Amalia Kazandzis

Yr5-Yr6 category winner – Faith Dewitt-Bozuwa

On **3 December at 2pm at the Leederville Lights Festival** our school choir will be performing a mini drama about some of the symbols of Christmas and their true meaning and singing Christmas carols that reflect the symbols. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon and support our children and Mrs Twine.

Next week the teachers will be allocating the children into their classes for **2018. Class placements** are a team decision made in consultation with classroom teachers and the Leadership Team. Teachers spend a lot of time and give great consideration to the placement of children and I believe that their professionalism should be respected. Consideration for placement is made using the following criteria:

- Academic ability
- Sociograms / Friendships- each child is given the opportunity to list six children they might like to have in their class. The teacher uses the list in sorting class placements to ensure the child has at least one of their nominated people in the class.
- Gender and cultural balance
- Religion balance

- Pastoral / Social / Emotional
- Special Needs e.g. twins, special education etc.
- Behaviour

Every effort is made to place children where it is felt they will have the greatest opportunity to succeed educationally. As all teachers at Aranmore are very professional and of an excellent standard, children will receive a high quality of education no matter which class they are placed with. **If your child has special pastoral issues which may need consideration in placement, please do not approach the class teacher, however put these in writing to me by the latest Tuesday 28 November and they may be considered. Parents should understand that requests for particular placement cannot be guaranteed. Requesting a certain teacher is not a consideration. Once class lists are finalised they will not be changed so please do not contact the office or email after the cut-off date nor once lists are published.**

It is good for families to know placements for the following year so that they are able to arrange for children to get together over the holidays if they wish. Children will be notified of their class on the last day of school. These will be pinned up in the hall. If your child is not returning to Aranmore in 2018 please advise the office in writing immediately as class lists are currently in the process of being finalised.

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, Teacher TBA (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

The appointment process for a new ongoing Assistant Principal at Aranmore CPS was completed in June this year. Ms Tania James was the successful applicant who replaces former Assistant Principal Ms Mola. Ms James will commence in 2018. She is an experienced Assistant Principal, the Vice President of the Catholic Assistant Principal Association and has also worked as a School Support Consultant at the Catholic Education Office Western Australia. Ms James will be dedicated fulltime to Assistant Principal duties.

We farewell Ms Adriana Coniglio and wish her all the very best in her new role of Principal at St Mary's in Merredin. She will be sadly missed by many however we will have the opportunity to say our farewells at the final assembly of the year.

The appointment process for an Acting Assistant Principal at Aranmore CPS, to replace Ms Coniglio, has just recently been completed. Congratulations to Ms Sarah Lister who takes on this temporary role for 2018. Ms Lister will teach two days in Year Five and will also teach the Extension classes whilst the other days will be dedicated to Assistant Principal duties. The Assistant Principal role will be advertised later next year as an ongoing position.

Ms Tania James, Ms Sarah Lister and myself will form the Leadership Team in 2018.

We farewell Miss Catherine Connell as she takes up a teaching position at St Kieran school, Ms Sharon Tzaicos as she takes up an Education Assistant position at Our Lady of Grace school and Dr Peter Carey as he concludes his time here at Aranmore as Digital Technology consultant. We wish them all the very best in their new endeavours and they will be sadly missed by all. We will farewell them at our final assembly.

Staff on maternity leave for 2018 include Mrs Sarah Sheather, Mrs Carmen Lambert, Mrs Elena Capolingua, Mrs Danielle Wardrope, Mrs Marion Cosentino. Mrs Lionetto-Civa will be on Long service Leave in Term One 2018 so please welcome Mrs Simone Covich who will be taking her place during this time. Also welcome new staff member Mrs Laura Krikorian who will be teaching Year Two.

Letters have been sent to all of the incoming students for **Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten for 2018**. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the school office. The following dates and times are for the Parent Meetings and Student Orientation sessions to be held in the next few weeks:

***Kindergarten 2018 Orientation
30th November 9.15am-10.00am
in the Kindergarten Red/Green classrooms***

***Pre-Kindy 2018 Parent Meeting and Orientation
1st December 1.30pm to 2.30pm
in the Pre-Kindy classroom.***

It was wonderful to welcome our **2018 Kindergarten** families into Aranmore last week. Kindy 2018 parents attended a parent information session and the children will have their Orientation morning next week whereby they will spend some time in the Kindergarten classrooms and playground, getting to know each other and their classroom teachers in readiness for next year.

We still have some vacancies in Kindergarten for 2018 so spread the word to friends and neighbours.

PRE-KINDY AND KINDERGARTEN 2019 APPLICATIONS

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 Term One next year and Pre-Kindy interviews shortly after.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.



**Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Advent Assemblies commence as of Wednesday 22nd November and all parents, visitors are welcome to attend. The Advent Prayer Assemblies commence at 8:45am on the following days:

Week 1 Advent Prayer – Wednesday November 22 prepared by Year 6G

Week 2 Advent Prayer – Friday November 24 prepared by Year 6R

Week 3 Advent Prayer – Wednesday November 29 prepared by 5G

Week 4 Advent Prayer – Friday December 1 prepared by 5R

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

WEEK 1: This first week of Advent has to do with **EXPECTATION.** When you expect something to happen, you wait for it to happen. We are waiting for Christ to come to us at Christmas. Since we know the exact time of His coming, we know how much time we have to prepare for Him. We need to prepare our heart and soul for Jesus by working on different things each day until He arrives; that way we'll be ready for Him when he comes.

WEEK 2: The second week of Advent has to do with **HOPE.** We are still waiting for and preparing for Jesus' coming and hoping to make Jesus a part of our lives, not just at Christmas but all year long. We can prepare ourselves for Jesus through prayer and turning ourselves to love, hope, faith, justice (treating people right) and kindness.

Prayer opens our hearts to let God, love and faith in, and lets out our hate and fear.

Prayer is like a window through which the light of God shines through.

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.

LIVE A MEANINGFUL ADVENT

We are reminded by the Church that the season of advent is a time of expectancy; we are to prepare with joy in our hearts for the coming of Christ. The word advent is derived from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. The Lord is coming.

The advent season, which begins on the Sunday that falls between 27 November and 3 December, lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. The church, during advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Our condolences go to the Papantoniou Family, Eva 5R and Adonia 3G on the loss of their Mother and Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Congratulation to the Hunter Family, Denasia 6R on the arrival of twins, Kahle and Kehlani.

P & F

CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Are you in need of a beautiful Christmas gift, or just want to spoil yourself? The P&F have just the thing! Made locally in Perth, Amano Handcrafted Candles are designed to both inspire and entice, their exclusive first collection combines eco-friendly materials with style and affordability to bring you vibrant flavours and exotic scents. Amano Handcrafted Candles are kindly donating \$7 from every candle sold to the P&F. {340grams, 60 hour burn time, 100% soy wax, cotton wicks and chemical-free fragrance}. Order forms have gone home with your child. Samples of each fragrance are in the school office.

Thank you for your support of the P&F.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja,
P&F President

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.

The 2018 School Calendar will be given out to families in the last week of this term. This calendar will have all finalised dates for Pupil Free Days and other school events.

SUSTAINABILITY

Coles and Clean Up Australia are teaming up to give all primary and secondary school students across Australia the opportunity to design the new range of Coles reusable shopping bags and win fantastic prizes. The new range of sturdy, durable, multi-use shopping bags are better for the environment because they can be used over and over again. Then at the end of their lives, these bags can be recycled through the REDcycle bins at Coles. These bags are also great for our community because all the proceeds from the sale of these bags go to Coles community and charity partners including Clean Up Australia.

Great Cash Prizes for Great Designs Each selected bag design will be rewarded with \$5000 for your school to spend on an environmental or sustainability project. Plus a \$250 Coles Gift Card will be awarded to the student who created the winning design. A total of 12 amazing bag designs will be selected. All primary and secondary schools in Australia are eligible to participate. Make sure entries are submitted by 14th December 2017.

Bag Designs: We are looking for original bag designs that are bold, creative and desirable. Your bag design should be based on one of the following design themes: 1. Nature and our environment OR 2. Delicious, fresh food
The bag design will also need to include: The designer's first name & school name; students should think about the way an artist signs their name or leaves their personal mark on a painting. This should be included at the bottom of the bag design. Be designed in full colour print – we want our bags to be bold. Otherwise the design style is completely up to students. Designs could include photography, illustrations, graphic designs or drawings. Please refer to the competition full terms & conditions below.

All proceeds from the bags will be donated to our charity / cause partners. In 2018 these will be Clean Up Australia, Guide Dogs, Little Athletics and SecondBite.

How to Enter

1: Download the die lines of the example bag [Download here https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-people-community/bagdesignes](https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-people-community/bagdesignes). Ensure your design is contained with the die lines.

2. Design the bag using one of the 2 specified design themes as your inspiration.
- 3: Save your final design as a PDF document no larger than 8MB
- 4: Complete one entry form per bag design submission.
- 5: Email your bag design PDF document & entry form to: colesbagdesign@coles.com.au
- 6: All entries to this mailbox must be received no later than midnight on Thursday 14th December 2017.

Terms & Conditions

For full Terms & Conditions:

<https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-people-community/bagdesign> 1:

The bag entries will be judged by a panel from Coles, our charity / cause partners & design agencies.

2: The bag entries will be judged based on the use of the design theme, creativity, attractiveness and desirability of the design.

3: The winning designs will be selected in December 2018. The winners will be announced in early 2018.

Download these items to Enter

1: Die line of the example bag. Ensure your design fits within the lines.

<https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-people-community/bagdesign>

2: Entry Form <https://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/our-people-community/bagdesign>

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

Compassion

Show you care for others
In your words and actions

23 NOVEMBER 2017 - KEY DATES

SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM FOUR

- Pre Primary Christmas Concert – Thursday November 30
- 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

SPORT

Congratulations to Lucas Lavictoire (Yr4) for being selected to train with Real Madrid FC in Spain in December. Wow! We wish you all the best Lucas and can't wait to hear about your exciting adventure!

ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

Wow it is hard to believe that we only have one more week of swim club left at Beatty Park and that is next week 28/11/2017. Looked like a tough set Tuesday morning as Coach Ali and Coach Dan put everyone through their paces with what looked like quite a bit of butterfly with fins. Well done to all of our 27 swimmers on a super effort.

Now it is important that all of our year 6 students who are leaving us return their swimming equipment to me please and collect your refund. If you could do this on the morning of the Christmas breakfast that would be greatly appreciated, or earlier to Mrs Ellen at the front office if you can please?

Did someone mention Christmas breakfast? That's right and a note went home on Tuesday from swim club. If you missed out here are some more details.

When: Tuesday 5th December 2017

Where: Outside the school hall

Time: 7.15am to 8.15am

Please reply to roslynsoanes@bigpond.com or 94431665 so I can get an idea of who is coming and the spread of savoury and sweet foods.

**Mrs Roslyn Soanes,
Swim Club Coordinator**

Students leaving Aranmore at the end of 2017

Should your child **not be returning to** Aranmore in 2018 could you please notify the school in writing as soon as possible or complete the form below and return to the office? We have some families who are currently on the waiting list and quite keen to enrol their children.

Child's Name _____

Class in 2017: _____

Name of Destination School:

Signed: _____

MUSIC

A Musical Afternoon

Congratulations to all the students who performed on Sunday 19th November at the Musical Afternoon Concert. The talent displayed was amazing! It was wonderful to see such a variety of performances and to see the students developing their confidence in front of an audience. Thank you to the families and friends who came along to the concert; your support is invaluable to the children. It was also fantastic that all of the instrumental tutors were able to attend the concert to support the students and to give the parents an opportunity to meet them.

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.

**Mrs Roslyn Twine,
Music Coordinator**

CANTEEN

MONDAY	27 Nov	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	29 Nov	Anne B
FRIDAY	1 Dec	Paula B & Dee R
MONDAY	4 Dec	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	6 Dec	Nicole H
FRIDAY	8 Dec	Rachel and Andrea T

**Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress**



School HOLIDAY Program



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decide where we go!

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3. Select Vacation Care Roll



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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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