**I am before the Holy Door and I ask, "Lord, help me to thrust open the door of my heart!"**

_Pope Francis_

**Dear Parents**

Next week we commence our special **Advent Prayer Assemblies** in preparation for Christmas. The Advent Assemblies will comprise lighting the Advent candle on the Advent wreath and prayers associated with the particular Sundays in Advent. As we will be having a major focus on our preparation for the coming of the birth of Jesus through our Advent prayer assemblies, we will not be having any of the other parts of our normal assemblies. Parents are invited to our special Advent Prayer Assemblies which will be prepared by the Year 5 and Year 6 classes and will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings (please check the calendar or newsletter for dates).

Over the next week the teachers will be allocating the children into their classes for 2017. **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 **Friday 25 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.

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 2017 please advise the office in writing immediately as class lists are currently being finalised.

Letters have been sent to all of the incoming students for **Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten for 2017**. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the school office. Dates and times for the Parent Meeting and Student Orientation to be held next week - **Kindergarten 2017 Parent Meeting** will be held on **Friday 25 November**, commencing at 9.30am in the Library. **Kindy Orientation** will be held on **Friday the 2 December** in the Kindergarten Red/Green classrooms from 9.30am-10.15am. **Pre-Kindy 2017 Parent Meeting and Orientation** will be held on the **25 November** from **1.30pm to 2.30pm** in the Pre-Kindy classroom.
I hope that you had a chance to visit Gallery on Brentham this week in the Hall. The classroom teachers undertook art projects with their individual classes and we had a very creative display. There are some very talented students at our school! A big thank you to Mrs Tancredi who coordinated the event and to Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Vuong, Mrs Paolino, Mrs Panaia and Mr Mcgorrely for assisting. Ms Ellen Norrish, our special local artist visiting this year, and I selected the winners of the Principal’s Choice Awards and Gallery on Brentham winner, all who will be announced after the Advent Prayer Assembly on the 25 November. Local artist, Ellen Norrish, is studying Honours in Fine Arts at Curtin University and is a figurative painter by nature where she focuses on representing ordinary photos and objects in paint. Ellen has recently been recognised for her work winning the NAVA’s Ignition Award for Professional Practise and the South Perth Emerging Artist Local Theme Award as well as having her work included in the Clyde & Co’s Art Project for 2016. Ellen will be visiting some of the classes on December 2 and talking to them about her art work and being an artist and hopefully being an inspiration to all the children.

This Sunday 20 November at 2.30pm some of the children in our Instrumental Programme will be sharing their talent with family and friends in our school Hall by hosting a Music Concert. Everyone is most welcome to come along and sit back and have a relaxing afternoon of delightful music.

As a special ‘Thank You’ to all parents and grandparents and volunteers who have helped at the school in any way throughout the year...with Reading rosters, excursions, covering books, Canteen roster, garden, library, craft, Sports events, P & F involvement and the list goes on and on...you are invited to a Volunteer Afternoon Tea on Thursday 24 November at 2.00pm in the Library. Please call, email or respond via the reply slip on the website http://wwwaranmorecps.wa.edu.au/event/volunteers-afternoon-tea-2/?instance_id=449. I look forward to seeing many of you at the afternoon tea.

On Tuesday evening we held the Annual General Meeting for the School Board and the P&F. Thank you to the staff and parents who attended. Thank you also to Mrs Roslyn Twine and Mr Russell Holmes for coordinating the School Band entertainment before the AGM.

Special thank you to our wonderful P&F – To Elle Gonzalez-Skuja for all her great work as President this year. Her enthusiasm and dedication to Aranmore is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Jennifer Saliacus in the role of Vice President. Her support this year has been wonderful. Thank you to Rita Rasano for her great work this year as Treasurer. Her expertise and commitment has been very much appreciated and thank you to Paula Buttigieg for being so efficient and organised in her role as Secretary.

The 2017 P+F Executive - Elle Gonzalez-Skuja (President), Jennifer Saliacus (Vice President), Rita Rasano (Treasurer), Paula Buttigieg (Secretary), Alf Parolo (P+F Rep to School Board). To all P&F committee members and coordinators of all events and functions this year, you are always so keen and enthusiastic and I thank you for your hard work in organizing a variety of fundraising and social events for our school community. I look forward to working with you 2017.

A Huge THANK YOU to the P&F for their outstanding fundraising in 2016.

The P&F handed a $40,000 cheque to the school on Tuesday evening at the AGM. This was over and above other fundraising amounts raised during the year. Wow what an outstanding feat!

The money will go towards purchasing ICT resources including chrome books, coding resources and robotics.

On behalf of the Aranmore school community - THANK YOU SO MUCH.

My sincere thanks to all 2016 Board members for their contribution and dedication during the year. A special thank you to Father Angelo for all the spiritual guidance he has provided for our school community during the year at liturgies and through the sacramental programme.

Particular thanks to Jeff O’Halloran, School Board Chairperson. Jeff, your dedication and ongoing support has been very much appreciated. Thank you to Martin Boylen, School Board Treasurer, for his valued input and dedication in reviewing the finances of the school this year. Thank you to Darren Kowal for taking on the role of Secretary this year.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING EVENTS
Our Advent Assemblies commence as of Wednesday 26th 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 23rd – prepared by Year 6G

**Week 2 Advent Prayer** – Friday November 25th – prepared by Year 6R

**Week 3 Advent Prayer** – Wednesday November 30th – prepared by 5G

**Week 4 Advent Prayer** – Friday December 2nd – prepared by 5R

THANKSGIVING/GIFT MASS
Our Annual Thanksgiving/Gift Mass will be held on Wednesday, 7th 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, tins of cookies, Christmas cake, tinned ham, candy canes, Bon-Bons etc. **These will only need to be brought to school on the week commencing Monday, November 28** but start buying items now as they might be on special! Aranmore CPS has a partnership with St Vincent de Paul who arrange for the items to be delivered to those in need. As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

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KEY DATES

- Music Afternoon Concert Sunday 20 November
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea Thursday 24 November
- Kindy 2017 Orientation Meeting Friday 25 November in Library at 9.30am
- Pre Kindy 2017 Meeting Friday 25 November in Pre Kindy Classroom at 1.30pm
- Pre Primary Christmas Concert Thursday 1 December
- Kindy 2017 Orientation in Classroom Friday 2 December 9.30am to 10.15am
- Kindy Green Christmas Concert Tuesday 6 December
- Thanksgiving/Gift Mass Wednesday 7 December
- Kindy Red Christmas Concert Thursday 8 December
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony Thursday 8 December
- Farewell Assembly Friday 9 December
- Term 4 concludes (Students) Friday 9 December
- Term 4 concludes (Staff) Friday 16 December
- Students return to school Term One 2017 Wednesday 1 February

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal
THE SEASON OF ADVENT
Sunday, November 27, is the beginning of Advent, a
time when we prepare spiritually for Christ’s coming at
Christmas. Advent is a time when we are challenged to
listen to the Voice of God, a voice that challenges and
inspires us to be witnesses who ‘ Prepare a way for the
Lord’.

The way of the Lord is not always open and easy; often it
is a path in the wilderness which calls us to create a new
path for others to follow. The challenge is to live a life of
witness is to be with and for others, in a true sense of
Christian solidarity...to be a voice for the voiceless...to have
an option for the poor...to be a face of compassion and a
hand of reconciliation.

Jesus comes to us in Challenge - Open our hearts and
minds, Lord, to welcome you, - in the stranger, in the
lonely, in the misunderstood of our communities and in
those who demand of our time and patience, as well as in
our families and friends and those we love.

Jesus comes to us in Inspiration - Give us patient hearts
Lord, to listen for you in one another, to listen for your
voice in the midst of our communities and to find new ways
to proclaim your Good News to all people.

Jesus comes to us in Celebration - May every moment of
life and especially Christmas, be a time of peace and
reconciliation in our families, communities and in our world.

Jesus comes to our world in Compassion - Enflame our
hearts with the fire of your love and compassion, Lord.
May we always be ready to feed the hungry, welcome the
stranger, heal the hurt and be a face of hope to all those
we encounter.

(Adapted from Rina Wintour- Sacred Celebrations for
Advent).

Ms Adrian Coniglio
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

EXTENSION NEWS

Week 7 and Week 8: AGAT Testing in Year 4 and 5 for
participation in the Extension Program in Year 5 and Year
6, 2017.

ARANMORE CHESS CLUB

On Thursday the 3rd November, you may have seen some
students that weren’t wearing the Aranmore uniform. Who
were these people? What were they doing? Well, they
were the Year 4 – 6 students from Mercy College Chess
Club who had come to play Aranmore Catholic Primary
chess club in a friendly chess tournament. Both schools
fiercely battled it out, playing person after person. I think
we may have just beaten Mercy College!

You may be thinking that it sounds pretty scary to play
against people you barely know. However before we
started playing, we were given the opportunity to socialise and
eat lunch, which was kindly prepared by Belinda from the Aranliscious canteen, with the students from Mercy. At the end of the day, not only did
we gain more chess skills, we also made a few friends!

If you think that all of this sounds pretty cool and you
really love playing chess, or would like to learn well, why
don’t you join the ACPS chess club? It is hosted by Ms
Wringe every Friday during lunch time. This is the second
year that we have played against Mercy College and we
will probably have another tournament next year. With all
the Year 6’s gone, we’ll need some replacements. You
never know, maybe next year, you’ll be part of the team!

The Search for Aranmore’s Chess Grand Master

You could feel the tension in the air, there was complete
silence from the spectators and finally the battle began.
The concentration of our two competitors Charlie Griffiths
and Matthew O’Loughlin was clearly visible. The game,
held on Thursday 17th November in the school hall, only
lasted 15 minutes before the Aranmore Catholic Primary
Chess Grand Master emerged. Congratulations Charlie
Griffiths!

Many thanks to all the spectators, the regular chess club
members and the outstanding sportsmanship of the two
competitors.

I look forward to new members joining and another
wonderful year in the 2017 chess club.

Ms Fiona Wringe
Chess Club Coordinator

STEM

Last week the Year Six students were fortunate enough to
have Mr Steven Roberts work in their classrooms and they
looked at germs! Mr Roberts has worked as a researcher
for UWA and Murdoch University working with infectious
disease. He currently works for Becton Dickinson, a
leading medical technology company and looks after the
Biosciences portfolio. In a nutshell he sells antibodies
which bind to your white blood cells and he sells cell
analysers and cell sorters to analyse these cells.

The students had an awesome time using glow gel and a
UV light to show how dirty their hands were. OMG! They
were so dirty! We then conducted experiments, washing
our hands for different lengths of time to see how long we
should really wash our hands for to make sure they are
clean. This was a real eye opener and now we will make
extra sure our hands are washed before dinner.

Mrs Morgan Foster, Year 6 Teacher

ADMINISTRATION

PARKING

Please be mindful of not parking on or in front of resident’s
driveways on Brenham St or Britannia Rd. We have had a
number of complaints from residents lately about
Aranmore Catholic Primary School parents parking in their
driveways. If this occurs, residents are within their rights
to contact the City of Vincent Ranger.
A huge thank you to Valissa Foord and her helpers for running the family disco. We raised a grand total of $1836.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for $40,000 to the school. This was made possible because of everyone who volunteered, coordinated and contributed to all our events during the year. We would love your support next year on the P&F Committee. Please go to the following link to nominate.


Thank you to Mr Newman, Ms Tamika Hood, Mr and Mrs Rowse, Mr Peters, and Mr Sharpe who assisted on the day. Special thanks to Mr D’Souza who also helped trained and prepared our shot put competitors.

Well done and congratulations to everyone. We are so proud of you all.

The Aranmore Swimming Club will sadly farewell Trish Hamlett-Waller at their breakfast windup on Tuesday 6th December. Trish will retire her 12 year position as head coach with Aranmore Catholic Primary School Swim Club. In the last 5 years our school has won two Division B Interschool Carnivals and it is fitting that our school won this year’s title to farewell Trish and thank her for all her dedicated time and effort she has put in.

You will be missed Trish and we wish you all the best in your next endeavour.

Mr Phil Tsang, Sport Coordinator

It is great to see 25 students each and every week. Even when a regular or two doesn't come along someone that we haven't seen for a while turns up and we still end up with 25 swimmers. Well done everyone on what was a big morning of swimming and I saw coach Trish putting you through your paces in a rather difficult kicking drill where you breathe to the side. Looked hard but I am going to try it out with my waterpolo team. I bet they can’t do as well as you.

Just a reminder that the breakfast is on the 6th December at 7.15am. Please give me an indication of what you will be bringing but at this stage we don't need any more fruit platters and some pikelets or fruit muffins would be appreciated. If you have equipment and won’t be returning to the school next year (Year 6 students) or to swim club then please don’t forget to bring in your equipment or give it to me on our last swim week on the 29 November 2016.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Coordinator

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Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress
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ARANMORE STAFF 2017

- **Principal:** Mrs Margaret Williamson
- **Assistant Principal:** Ms Adriana Coniglio.
- **Pre Kindy:** Mrs Janine Del Grossi
- **Pre Kindy Education Assistants:** Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis
- **Kindergarten:** Mrs Lorna Brook, Mrs Anna Tancred
- **Kindergarten Education Assistants:** Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis, Mrs Teresa Torre, Mrs Julie Gannaway, Ms Sharon Tszaicos
- **Pre-Primary:** Miss Cassandra Lionti, Miss Sarah Raspa
- **Pre-Primary Education Assistants:** Mrs Anna Drew, Ms Joanne Cox
- **Year 1:** Miss Catherine Connell, Mrs Angie Lponento-Civa
- **Year 2:** Mrs Laura Nelson, Mr Peter Scutti
- **Year 3:** Mrs Helen Bubnich, Mrs Anita Lombardi
- **Year 4:** Mrs Lynn Raschilla, Mrs Michelle Meade
- **Year 5:** Ms Fiona Wringe, Ms Sarah Lister
- **Year 6:** Mr Matthew Sharpe, Mrs Morgan Foster
- **Learning Support:** Mrs Eleonora Panaia, Mrs Jennifer Chang-Leng
- **Enrichment:** Ms Adriana Coniglio
- **Library:** Mrs Julie Gray
- **Library Assistant:** Mrs Imelda Gane
- **Music:** Mrs Roslyn Twine
- **Physical Education:** Mr Philip Tsang
- **Italian:** Signora Lorena Casserotto, Signora Maria Seccatore
- **Education Assistants:** Ms Pam Rimmer, Mrs Narelle Paolino, Mrs Mary Monterosso, Mrs Natalie Vuong
- **Social Worker:** Mrs Ali Fisher
- **Reception:** Mrs Amanda Ellen
- **Finance Officer:** Ms Maureen O'Toole
- **Canteen:** Mrs Belinda Civiletti
- **Uniform Shop:** Mrs Jill Eftos
- **Grounds:** Mr Steve McGorrery

Staff on leave for 2017: Ms Sarah Sheather, Ms Carmen Lambert, Ms Rebecca Mola, Ms Elena Capolingua, Ms Danielle Wardrope, Ms Marion Cosentino. We farewell Mrs Stephanie Johnson and wish her all the best as she has gained an Assistant Principal role at St Pius in Manning. We also farewell Ms Mary Lannigan as she will be travelling with her soon to be husband who will be travelling a lot over east for work. Mrs Johnson and Ms Lannigan will be sadly missed by all. We will farewell them at our final assembly. We thank Mrs Debbie Aspley for all her great work as she has been relieving in Year Four since September however we do not say goodbye as she will be back doing more relief next year.
WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS!!!!!!

TO BE PROMOTED WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The P & F are putting together a directory for Aranmore family businesses. For $50/year your business can be included in an online directory available to the entire school community.

As an introductory offer, if you sign up now we will place your business on the directory for extra 6 months!! Its easy — just complete the form below and return with payment to the office.

For more information contact Paula Buttigieg buttsoz@hotmail.com/0408100420

ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Business name: ____________________________ Contact name (must be at ACPS): ____________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Payment options:  $50 for 1 year □ $100 for 2 years □ (+6 months introductory offer included)

Payment type: CASH □ VISA □ MASTERCARD □ DIRECT DEPOSIT □ (BSB 066117; AC 00902128)

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Please note: Sponsors of the Music Bingo Fundraiser have automatic entry to the Business Directory—Thank you!!
This summer The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is offering an exciting school holiday program for children and young people. The Summer School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, musical theatre, Shakespeare and theatre production. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.