An easy prayer to say every day: “Lord, I am a sinner: come with your mercy”. Pope Francis

Dear Parents

Congratulations to the Year Three children who celebrated their First Reconciliation last Thursday evening at St Mary’s Church. This is a very special sacrament whereby the children learn about the unconditional love of God and that He is always ready to forgive us for when we make wrong choices or stray from Him. A special thank you to Father Angelo for celebrating such a beautiful ceremony and to all the visiting priests who assisted. I would also like to thank Year Three classroom teachers Mrs Helen Bubnich and Mrs Lynn Raschilla for preparing the children so thoroughly for the sacrament and for ensuring that they have a very good understanding of love and forgiveness. Thank you also to Ms Adriana Coniglio, Assistant Principal, for working closely with the parish to ensure that the programme ran smoothly during the term.

Please also keep the Year Four children in your prayers as they undergo final preparations for their First Holy Communion which will be held on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of September.

It was so wonderful to see the outstanding attendance at our special Father’s Day Liturgy and light breakfast this morning. It was an opportunity to honour of all dads within the Aranmore School community and pray for all dads who may no longer be with us. It was terrific to see dads, grandads and uncles spending this special time with all the children. I hope all our dads have a fabulous day on Sunday and hope that your children spoil you.

The Catholic Church in Australia dedicated the month of August to creating awareness of migration, which culminated with the celebration of the 102nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 28 August. The following is a message from Pope Francis:

‘Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees, at the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person. Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God’s mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey.’

Mrs Cosentino will commence her maternity leave as of today. As we did not have an assembly today we farewelled her as a whole school community at Liturgical Singing on Wednesday morning. On behalf of the Aranmore School community I wish Mrs Cosentino all the best for the rest of her pregnancy. We look forward to hearing the exciting news next term. Please make Mrs Debbie Aspley welcome as she replaces Mrs Cosentino and will be teaching Year Four Green for the remainder of the year.

Given the current prominence around STEM studies – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths lately in Australia, it has never been a more important time to engage our children in Science. When children engage in STEM activities at an early age, either at home or at school, they are more likely to be interested later in life. The children recently celebrated Science Week and enjoyed participating in different Science incursions. Topics included The Senses, Material Mysteries, Mind Over Matter and Push, Pull & Move. A big thank you to Mrs Foster, our Science Co-ordinator, for organising this for the children.

STEM is certainly at the forefront at Aranmore. The Year Six students are currently involved in a project with the West Australian newspaper where they are investigating Palm Oil. A big spread, in the October edition of the ED section, will feature Aranmore CPS. The Year Six students were invited to attend the BASF Lab at Curtin University last week. They were involved in hands-on experiences conducting safe, colourful chemistry experiments, under the supervision of a team of scientists. They used the process of chromatography to separate the components of felt tip pen ink and discuss how there is a mobile (water) and stationary phase (paper) and also discussed the use of chromatography in criminology, pharmacology etc.
In addition, they also made body lotion to take home and through the process, demonstrated the use of emulsifiers to allow water and oil to combine. They also made their own sample of slime and discovered how materials react chemically to form new compounds. The Year Six students have also been making their own recycled paper at school.

The Pre Primary children have been very busy completing a STEM challenge. After reading the story Toy Boat By Randall De Seve and Loren Long, the children were asked to construct a boat made from recyclable materials that would float on water. The purpose of the challenge was to design a boat that would transport “Teddy”, the main book character, across the ocean. The children were able to test their boats in the water and discussed why some boats could float and some possible reasons why others did not. Science is fun at Aranmore!  Follow the link for some photos.

http://wwwaranmorecps.wa.edu.au/category/school-events/

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal
**SCIENTISTS AND MATHEMATICIANS IN SCHOOLS**
Our school is participating in Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools and we're looking for scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians interested in volunteering to work with our staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community. If you can spare an hour or two, a couple of times a term to show students how you use STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) in your work, we would love to hear from you!

We are looking for professionals working in a STEM-related area. This includes research and applied scientists, technologists, engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians working in the financial sector, statistics, biometrics, computing, research or applied mathematics. It also includes software developers, database and systems administrators, ICT security specialists, telecommunications engineering professionals, multimedia specialists, web developers and ICT researchers and academics.

Under Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools, you will be partnered with one of our teachers. There are no fixed hours – it's up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute. We are particularly looking for someone to help with our projects in Science, Mathematics and Technology. If you'd like to talk to the teacher about what they would like to do, please contact Mrs Foster (Science), Ms Wringe (Mathematics) or Ms Lannigan (Technology).

**Mrs Foster, Science Coordinator**
**Ms Wringe, Mathematics Coordinator**
**Ms Lannigan, Technology**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**
The Performing Arts Festival ended this week with our Year 5 Drama Club performing in the Drama sections. The students have been working with acting coach Ali (from the Ali Roberts Studio) and her guidance and expertise has certainly made a huge impact. All the students performed confidently in front of the school last Friday and the adjudicator on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Group Drama and Solo/Duo sections. Congratulations to all the students who participated and a special mention to the group drama, ‘New Girl’, who received a Certificate of Merit and the following students who received Honourable Mentions; Annalise Santoro, Mya Ando, Chloe Brink and Hayley Moore.

This year we also had a large number of piano students from Years 4 - 6 enter the festival. Congratulations to the following students who have received awards; Certificate of Merit – Fraser Perkins, Amelia Kelly, Owen Buttigieg, Jayden Rohde and Thomas Kazandzis. An Honourable Mention was awarded to Sarah Coehlo for her piano solo. This is a great achievement in a very competitive section of the Performing Arts.

A very big thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who provided transport, attended the performances and assisted and supported the students with their preparation and practice.

**HOLIDAY DRAMA CLASSES**
The Ali Roberts Studio (341A Oxford St Leederville, just behind the school) is offering a 20% discount to any first time Aranmore students who enrol in any of the Studio’s school holiday workshops or in-term classes. Workshops and classes are fun and focus on development of confidence and self-esteem. Classes are offered in the following streams:
- Stage & Screen
- Musical Theatre
- Voice & Accent

For more details contact Ali on 0439 799 655 or email ali.roberts.studio@gmail.com

**FESTIVAL CONCERT**
The Final Concert for the Festival will be held on Monday 12th September at 7.00pm at the Perth Concert Hall. Tickets are Adults: $22.00, Children: $18.00. Bookings can be made in the following ways:
- **WEB SALES**: www.perthconcerthall.com.au
- **PHONE BOOKINGS**: Call 08 9231 9999 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.
- **BOX OFFICE**: In person from the Perth Concert Hall box office 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

All the best items of the Festival are invited to perform on this night and the winners from each section are presented with their Shield.

**Mrs Twine**
**Music Coordinator**

**P & F**

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

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**Ms Adriana Coniglio**
**Assistant Principal**
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Monday 5 Sept  Jodie K
Wednesday 7 Sept  Anna
Friday 9 Sept  Marie & Gloria
Monday 12 Sept  HELP
Wednesday 14 Sept  Caterina
Friday 16 Sept  Anna P & HELP

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress