Dear Parents

The whole school community had a wonderful day celebrating Mercy Day today. Sister Catherine (former Aranmore CPS Principal) started off the day by presenting our special Mercy certificates followed by Father Angelo celebrating Mass for all of us in the hall surrounded by our Mercy Value banners. Sister Catherine then spoke to the children about Catherine McAuley and how we can live the Mercy value of Compassion in our lives. She also spoke about the Year of Mercy this year and how Pope Francis has asked us to pray, look after the environment and care for the poor during this special year. Children from all different year levels gathered together in their Mercy, Moloney, McCauley and Arranmore factions for their team building activities during the day. It was great to see our Mercy spirit so alive at Aranmore!

As part of our Strategic Plan and Annual School Improvement Plan we have a focus on enriching the Mercy charism at Aranmore. This year we have commenced our special Mercy Value Merit Awards. These awards are only given out once per term and to the children who display the Mercy Values of:

**Mercy:** Be thoughtful, warm and respectful in all you do and feel  
**Compassion:** Show you care for others’ needs and help meet their needs  
**Justice:** Treat all members of our community fairly and justly  
**Dignity:** Respect each other, knowing we are all valued and loved by God  
**Excellence:** Try to be your best in all that you do  
**Hospitality:** Be welcoming, friendly and inclusive in our play and our lives  
**Stewardship:** Keep God in our hearts and our play  
**Service:** Make a positive difference in each other’s lives

Congratulations to the following children who received the Mercy Value Awards:

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It was wonderful to see so many parents taking the time to come and visit the classrooms on Tuesday evening for the Learning Journey. The children enjoyed showcasing their work to their parents and it was a terrific way to celebrate your child’s success and show him or her how much importance you place on their learning. It was also an opportunity to demonstrate the great support you have for the classroom teacher. Thank you.

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has embarked on a new initiative, a digital transformation, called LEADing Lights. It is a world-class system wide digital ecosystem, designed to help every student achieve their full potential, every teacher deliver inspiring learning, every Principal make informed decisions about the running of their school and every school become a flourishing place where students love to learn. LEADing Lights connects our learning community to the latest communication, collaboration and productivity tools, learning resources, student information, HR and financial management systems and personal learning opportunities. It streamlines and centralises learning, teaching and management information providing real-time insight to inform everything from student progress to school planning. With LEADing Lights learning can be more engaging, teaching more flexible, parents more informed and schools more vibrant and innovative. I will keep the school community informed as the initiative is rolled out and information comes to hand.

Please find below a brief summary from the School Board September meeting:

- Principal Report outlining school programmes in relation to Learning, Engagement, Accountability and Discipleship with a focus on the Sacramental programme, Mercy charism at our school
- School Finance Report was presented
- P&F Rep Report was presented. The Board would like to thank the P&F for their continued outstanding effort in the school community.
- Parish Report – The Sacramental Programme is coming to a conclusion for the year Marketing – Our Strategic Advertising Campaign is underway; Social Media- Aranmore CPS Facebook page is under development by our marketing person
- Parking issues on Britannia Road and liaison with City of Vincent regarding Rosewood construction and trades and reduction of parent parking. Issue has been resolved and school families are exempt from restrictions for school needs as long as they are displaying the special sticker issued.
- Sustainability – An environmental grant was successfully applied for the Garden
- Leading Lights – The CEWA initiative was discussed

Congratulations to Mrs Stephanie Johnson who has been appointed as Assistant Principal at St Pius X in Manning from 2017. Congratulations Stephanie on this great achievement. It is very well deserved. On behalf of the Aranmore School community I wish you all the very best. You will be sadly missed by many.

Term Three has been extremely busy. We have had the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Book Week, Science Week, Primary Speaker evening, Retro Bingo, Bunnings and School Sausage Sizzles, Bookmart... just to name a few special events. The children and staff are all ready for a well-deserved holiday. Have a relaxing break everyone. See you all on Monday 10 October.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

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**Pastoral Care**

- **Congratulations** to the following Aranmore CPS girls who participated in the Calisthenics Association of WA State Championships recently.
  - Annalise Santoro (5G) and Katie Scherini (5G) – B Grade Div 1
  - Gabriella Alfonso (3R) – B Grade Div 2

- **Taylah Foord (3R) and Anthea Novatsis (3R)** – Div 3

**Congratulations** to Gabriella Alfonso who led her team to a silver medal.

**Congratulations** to Owen Buttigieg for receiving an A+ for his AMEB Preliminary Piano Exam.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**MERCY DAY 2016**

**Mercy Day 2016 was a great success!**

We started the day off with some of the children receiving their Mercy Day certificates. This was followed by Fr Angelo celebrating Mass for us. Sr Catherine O’Connor shared some lovely information about the Year of Mercy and Mercy works with the children. After recess, the children all participated enthusiastically in the Mercy March for Missions at Britannia Reserve. Thank you to all families for their generosity. The children have raised some very impressive monies so far and you are reminded that all monies need to be back by Friday, 14 October 2016 (first Friday, Term Four). After lunch the children participated in team building activities in their factions.

Photos will be uploaded to our webpage soon.

**THE ROSARY:** October is the month when we celebrate Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Please try to pray a decade of the Rosary or at least one Hail Mary each day as a family during this month.

**MISSION WEEK:** Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October

Week Two of Term 4 is Mission Week at Aranmore CPS. During the week we will pray for missionaries and people around the world as well as raising much needed funds for those less fortunate than us. Each class will run their own fundraising activities within their classes (Monday – Friday).

**WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE**

- **Tuesday 18th October:** Sausage Sizzle at Lunch Time (notes going home to buy a sausage in a bun will be sent in Week 1 of Term 4).
- **Wednesday, 19th October:** Free Dress Day – bring a gold coin.
- **Friday, 21st October:** Whole School Mass at St Mary’s Church at 9.30am and Money Trail in the afternoon (which class can create the longest money trail?)

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**

Assistant Principal

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**CURRICULUM**

**HOLIDAY TIPS FOR PARENTS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

Encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve their coordination, balancing and movement skills. This will also build their confidence and self-esteem. These need not be complicated and require only minimal resources: Suggest some of the following activities to your children:

- flying a kite or playing with the family pet
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic, helping to organise a garage sale
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

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**IN YOUR OWN HOME**

In case of bad weather conditions, such as high temperatures or rainy days, it is a good idea to brainstorm a range of fun indoor activities for your children. It is best to get in early and have a list prepared, that might include some of the following:

- having a cooking, artwork, drawing or painting day
- listening to music and dancing, playing board games,
- writing stories and poems or making up their own play and performing it for you and the rest of the family.
- researching something the children are interested in

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**TERM THREE LEARNING JOURNEYS (Week Ten)**

**LEG0 TABLE**

As part of our passive play equipment we have recently purchased a Lego Table. However, we now need to fill it with Lego. If you or your children have any Lego at home which you were thinking of throwing out – it would be appreciated if you could donate it to Aranmore CPS. Any donations can be left with Mrs Ellen in administration.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**

Assistant Principal

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**SUSTAINABILITY**

One of our recycling projects here at Aranmore is collecting aluminium cans for Wheelchairs for Kids. In the past it was only the ring pulls that were collected but requirements have changed and now the school passes on the whole crushed aluminium can to the Wheelchairs for Kids Organisation. So please collect your cans and place them in the recycle bin so they can be dropped off to support this wonderful organisation.

**Mrs Helen Bubnich**

Wheelchairs for Kids Coordinator

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**SUMMER UNIFORM: COMMENCEMENT OF TERM FOUR**

This is a reminder that students in Years PP to 6 must wear summer uniform in Term Four. The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday morning from 8.00am till 9.30am if you need to purchase new uniforms.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**

Assistant Principal

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**P & F**

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

**October 20** - Cake stall at Athletics Carnival. Each school family to donate a cake/slice/biscuit etc. The Year 5 parents will be hosting the cake stall at the athletic carnival. Please contact Leanne Cormack on 0407 193 949 if you are able to help out.
November 4 - Family Disco. Valissa Foord is coordinating the Disco please contact her on 0411 421 692 if you can help out. The Year 6 parents will host the evening.

November 6 - Family Photo Fundraiser. Jen Saliacus is coordinating. Please contact Jen for more information on 0419 939 945.

November 15 - AGM.

More information regarding all of the above events will be coming at the beginning of Term 4.

Wishing you all a relaxing break thank you for your continued support of the P&F!

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P& F President

SPORT

SWIM CLUB

Well it was our first come and try day for 2016 and we had three new swimmers. Welcome Isabela Mansom-Araujo (2G), Daniel McGough ((2G) and Gabriel Kelly (2G). They put in a great effort and we hope to see you in Term 4. Remember it is not easy when you start and it takes a while to build up your fitness but at least you have made a great start.

Overall we had 23 swimmers this week so that was a great effort. Also welcome to Chloe and Marcela Yep Colombera who have also joined swim club recently. Don't forget we have two more come and try days on the 11 and 18 October once we return in Term 4. New people swim for free for both of these dates to see if they like coming along. After that it is $10 per session and we start at 7am at Beatty Park.

Now a bit of housekeeping. IF YOU HAVE SWIM EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT SWIMMING IN TERM 4 PLEASE RETURN IT. We are currently short on equipment and I know that there is a lot of equipment out on loan. Please leave any equipment with Mrs Ellen at the office and please put a note with your name on it so I can return your hire deposit. If you change your mind and do come back to swim club I am happy to loan you equipment once again.

It is that time of the year again - water polo time! Yeah! So if you are interested in coming along to try this then please come along to Beatty Park on Saturday 15 October at 9am - 10am. There is Flippant Ball for the 7 - 12 year olds and Phun Ball for the 5 - 7 year olds. If you are interested you can contact me regarding water polo and swim club on 94431665 or roslynsoanes@bigpond.com

Enjoy the school holidays and see you on the 11 October!! Toes in 7am.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Coordinator

23 SEPTEMBER 2016

KEY DATES

- First day of Term 4 Monday 10 October
- Faction Athletics Carnival Thursday 20 October
- Mission Week Mass Friday 21 October
- World Educator’s Day Friday 28 October
- Kindy Sports Carnival Thursday 3 November
- P&F Family Disco Friday 4 November
- Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly Friday 11 November
- AGM of School Board and P&F Tuesday 15 November
- Art Exhibition Tuesday 15 November
- Music Afternoon Concert Sunday 20 November
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea Thursday 24 November
- Pre Primary Christmas Concert Thursday 1 December
- 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

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Mrs Belinda Civiletti, Canteen Manageress