

# Newsletter



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***The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves. St Nicholas***

## Dear Parents

**National Reconciliation Week** is next week and it is an opportunity for us all to recognise the positive contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have on our past and present lives in Australia. It is also a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The theme this year is *Don't Keep History a Mystery – Learn, Share, Grow.*

It is important for the classroom teachers to be aware of which **outside therapies** your child is involved in so that we can all work together to assist your child. If possible, appointments should take place out of school hours so the children do not miss out on their schoolwork however sometimes that is not always possible and we are willing to accommodate during school hours appointments if required. Please make an appointment to see me should this be the case for ongoing appointments. The teachers are very happy to communicate with the therapists to discuss your child's needs and to reinforce at school what actually occurs at therapy. If you have any written reports from your therapists, it is important that you send a copy to the office so that the teachers are updated with the progress your child is making. It also assists the teachers in gaining an overall understanding of your child's growth, development and learning needs.

Thanks so much to the staff, parents and children who were able to come in last Saturday morning to help with the School Garden Busy Bee. Your generosity of time on the weekend was very much appreciated and the garden is now ready for some serious planting to occur. Thank you to Mrs Raschilla, our Garden Co-ordinator, who puts in so much effort into the garden. Her time is limited though so **if you know of someone who is willing to come in once a week to tend to the garden** please let Mrs Raschilla or Amanda at the front office know. **It would be a perfect role for a grandparent who has green thumbs or just like pottering in the garden!**



Our **P&F** are as busy as ever. Paula Buttegeig is very busy with the **Entertainment Book Fundraiser** at the moment, Alf Parolo is gearing up for the **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** coming up in a few weeks, Valissa Foord is preparing for the **Disco** for the children on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you so much to our very keen and committed P&F. Your hard work is to be commended.

**Mrs Margaret Williamson  
Principal**

## MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

### SERVICE

Make a positive difference in the life of others

**25 MAY 2018**

### SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM TWO

- National Reconciliation Week – commencing 28 May
- P&F Sausage Sizzle hosted by PP, Yr 3 & Yr 5 Tuesday 29 May
- Public Holiday – Monday 4 June
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 5 June
- Eagles, Glory & Fever Cup Carnival – Thursday 7 June
- Cross Country Carnival
- P&F Family Disco – Saturday 9 June
- Literacy Workshop – Pre Primary & Year 1 Wednesday 20 June 6.30 – 7.30pm
- P&F Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 16 June
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 29 June

### RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 25 July 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 16 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 18 August 1.30pm – 3.30pm St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 23 August

### FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 2 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 29 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 8 September 1.30-4.30pm at St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September at St Mary's Church

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



"Together, we **WILL** make a difference"

### FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY 1st JUNE

LifeLink Day is when we recognise all the wonderful social service programs that the Archdiocese provides to those in need. We ask you attend school in **free dress** and contribute a **gold coin** for LifeLink on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. Mrs Williamson and Ms Lister, along with some Year 6 students, will represent our school at the official LifeLink Day launch on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

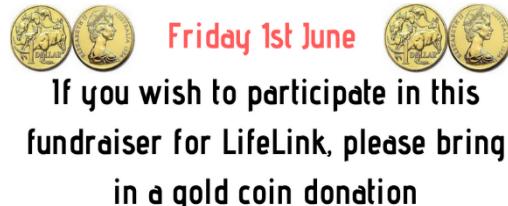
### WATCH & PRAY

Watch & Pray is a book written by Barry J Hickey. All proceeds go to St Mary's Parish - \$5.00 each. Copies held at the School Office if you would like to have a look.

### FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

While students are encouraged to come in free dress for a gold coin donation, we ask that parents ensure children are dressed in clothes that are appropriate for the daily activities of school. Hand your gold coin to your teacher on the day.

### FREE DRESS DAY



**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister  
Assistant Principals**

## CURRICULUM

### THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME READING

Reading **to** our children is just as important as **listening** to our children read aloud. Not only does this practice foster a love of reading, it helps to extend literacy skills such as fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Consult with your child's teacher about the appropriate reading level your child should be bringing home. Remember, home readers should be easier than the text levels read in class. This is because home reading should focus on the skills of fluency and comprehension, not decoding or word attack skills (e.g. sounding out). Home reading should foster an enjoyment of reading, not be a chore. (image source:

<https://sites.google.com/a/mohonasen.net/erocco/why-can-t-i-skip-my-20-minutes-of-reading>)

**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister  
Assistant Principals**

# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

## ICAS

The students will be sitting the Science ICAS test on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11:10am.

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition is on Thursday, 9 August 2018 at 9.00am sharp. This competition is organised by the Australian Mathematical Trust. Competitors are asked to solve thirty problems in 60 minutes. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get progressively more difficult throughout the competition.

The competition is open to any **students from Year 3-6** that wish to participate. This competition is not compulsory therefore if you wish your child to participate please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to school, along with the correct money, in a clearly marked envelope by **Friday, 11th June 2018** at the latest. The cost of this competition is **\$6.50**.

## PARENT LITERACY WORKSHOP – EVENING SESSION – PRE-PRIMARY & YEAR ONE

During these workshops, the Aranmore Catholic Primary School teachers will give you information on how to support your child in their literacy development. This evening session is a combined Year 1 and Pre-Primary session, being held for the parents who were unable to make it to the daytime sessions. **The exact same information will be given at the evening sessions as was disseminated at the day time sessions.** If you plan to attend, it is important that you register your attendance at one or both events by clicking here <http://bit.ly/ACPS105>

## WHEN: 20<sup>TH</sup> June at 6:30pm School Library

If you wish to participate but cannot make it on this evening, please make an appointment to see the teachers and they will hold a one-on-one session with you and provide you with any reading materials. An after-hours session will be held next term for those who cannot make it.

**Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister  
Assistant Principals**

## GARDEN

### GARDEN NEWS

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU..... THANK YOU  
A most sincere *Thank you* to all the parents, teachers and children that attended the busy bee in the school vegetable garden last weekend. We were able to achieve everything on the 'To do' list.

Garden beds are weeded and prepared, raised garden beds were assembled and filled with soil, everything was mulched and placed in the compost baskets and general weeding and tidying of the garden area was completed. It looks amazing.

The Pre-Primary Green children were excited to visit the garden to plant some strawberries. A big thank you to the Verheyen family for donating the strawberry plants. Year Four Red planted potatoes and are looking forward to cooking potato wedges later in the year.



### GARDEN HELPERS

I am in need of a parent/parents to assist with general maintenance for approximately 2 hours per week in the garden. If you are able to help out and would like to be placed on the roster, please contact me via the office. Please specify a day of the week that suits you.

**Mrs Lynn Raschilla, Garden Coordinator**

## LIBRARY

Thank you to all the parents and students who visited our '**PAWS for BOOKS**' Book Fair during the week. There were lots of books and stationery items available for purchase. It was lovely to see the excitement and smiling faces of the children as they made their selections.

We do appreciate your support. All funds raised go to new resources for the Library.

**Mrs Julie Gray, Teacher Librarian**

## ADMINISTRATION

### VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All Visitors to the school must abide by the school's Code of Conduct. This code is implemented across all Catholic Schools in the WA and can be accessed via our website. If you are visiting the school during school time (8:30-3:00pm) you must sign in at the front office and then sign out when leaving. This includes if you are helping in the classrooms, dropping off lunches or assisting with school based events.

### SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT

It is important to remember that when your child / children either arrive late for the day or are picked up before the end of the day, that they are signed in or out. Please note: If you are signing your child out of school, Mrs Ellen will call for your child / children from their class. Parents are not required to collect their child from class.

**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister  
Assistant Principals**

## P & F

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May Pre Primary, Year 3's and Year 5's are hosting an in school sausage sizzle. Forms were sent home earlier in the week. If you are able to volunteer can you please click on this link:

<http://signup.com/go/MAZBeWJ>

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This week we celebrate national volunteer week and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps out at P & F events throughout the year. Your time, effort and skill is very much appreciated. Our community spirit is what makes Aranmore such a special place for our children.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Family Disco Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** Watch out for more information coming soon!

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Support Aranmore Catholic Primary School P&F and you will be rewarded!

We are raising funds for our school and you can help. Order the NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do. Once again thank you for your support of the P&F.

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

## SOCIAL WORKER

### DEALING WITH WORRY AND ANXIETY – WORKSHOP FOR KIDS AND PARENTS



Parents this is a fantastic opportunity for you to be able to assist your child to manage and deal with their worries. Here at school and for free! Come along with your child and hear parenting expert, Di Wilcox teach your children the Magic Coat program filled with strategies to help your child manage their everyday worries and anxiety. You will leave with a common language and a set of skills you can use to assist your child to navigate their world as smoothly as possible. This is a once of event. Please consider making it a priority. Suitable for all school aged children.

**WHEN:** Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> in school hall

**TIME:** 3.30 – 5.00

**COST:** Free

Please click on the link to RSVP:

<http://wwwaranmorecps.wa.edu.au/event/dealing-with-worry-and-anxiety-workshop/>

**Mrs Ali Fisher, School Social Worker**

## SPORT

### PERTH'S ARANMORE RUNNING CLUB

It was great to see an outstanding turn-out at this week's training session at Britannia Reserve organised by the Perth Running Club. If you missed out, it's not too late to join. Please contact Tina Ingraham on:

[Tina.ingraham@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Tina.ingraham@education.wa.edu.au)

**OR** on the following sites:

<https://www.trybooking.com/VWFS>

<https://www.trybooking.com/384116>

### AFTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

The Year's 3-6 Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching. Ms Clare Wardle and myself will be conducting afterschool cross country training. These sessions will be at Britannia Reserve on a Thursday after school. A permission note detailing the training sessions will be issued to all year 3-6 children who are interested.

**Mr Phil Tsang  
Sports Teacher**

## ARANMORE NETBALL CLUB

What another lovely weekend for netball. Well done to Team Orange and Team Green who have strung together two wins in a row. Keep up the good work.

For full match reports follow the link below:

<http://wwwaranmorecps.wa.edu.au/coaches-reports-11-12th-may/>

**Mrs Jennifer Saliacus  
Netball Coordinator**

## ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

Well it was a morning of much activity on Tuesday and it seemed everyone had jumping beans in them and couldn't keep still. So coach Roslyn and coach Dan kept everyone moving, that is until there was an emergency in the gym. At that stage everyone had to be evacuated from the pool where we all did some breaststroke drills on the pool deck while we waited to go back in. A man had had a heart attack and the life savers were needed to help with CPR, this meant there was not enough water safety people for the indoor pool so we had to stay out of the water. I spoke to the pool manager who said that when the ambulance arrived the man appeared to be doing well. Let's keep that man and the good work of the lifesavers in our prayers this week.

When we did get back in the pool coach Dan had an excellent idea to do half pool relays which meant everyone swam shorter distances and harder. Everyone seemed to really enjoy this after being out of the pool for a good 15 minutes. Good thinking coach Dan.

Right coach Alison is back next week (phew!) so toes in at 7am please.

**Mrs Roslyn Soanes  
Swim Club Coordinator**

## CANTEEN

<b>MONDAY</b>	28 May	Paula Clemente
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	30 May	<b>HELP</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1 June	Carina & <b>HELP</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	4 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6 June	Amanda Houghton
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8 June	Anne & Erin

**Mrs Belinda Civiletti  
Canteen Manageress**



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8 May 2018

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If you have any queries in regard to the competition, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Lister  
Extension Coordinator

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ from class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday, 9 August 2018. I have also made payment.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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