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 the 9 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.

Choosing winners from our 2016 Gallery on Brentham exhibition was extremely difficult as there were many creative pieces of artwork. The children had some outstanding pieces on display. Luckily I had local artist Ellen Norrish 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 – Aiden Jenkins ‘Giraffes Can’t Dance’
Yr1 – Yr2 category winner – Jarvin Pinesi-O’Brien Marvellous Garden of Minibeasts
Yr3-Yr4 category winner – Sankara White Painted Umbrella
Yr5-Yr6 category winner – Victoria Roberts-Long Alone Here

Congratulations to Lily Petch for being the 2016 Gallery on Brentham Principal Award Winner for her art piece Starry Mind. She was inspired to paint this as she feels life is limitless. The never-ending universe painted within this person is extremely eye-catching and thought provoking. Well done Lily!

As part of Leederville Carnival the 4th December, Aranmore CPS will be joining in the local community celebrations. At 12pm we will have the school choir perform, as well as the Choral Speech of ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ by the Year 3’s and then Year 1G with Mini Beasts. Feel free to come and watch and enjoy the carnival.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, over the next week the teachers will be allocating the children into their classes for next year. 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.

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 has special pastoral issues which may need consideration in placement, please do not approach the class teacher. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, these had to be put in writing to me by today, 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 was wonderful to welcome our 2017 Kindergarten families into Aranmore this week. Kindy 2017 parents attended a parent information session earlier in the week 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 2017 so spread the word to friends and neighbours.

It was wonderful to welcome our 2017 Pre-Kindy families into Aranmore this afternoon. Pre-Kindy 2017 parents attended a parent information session today and the children also had their Orientation session whereby they spent some time in the Pre-Kindy classroom and playground, getting to know each other and their classroom teacher in readiness for next year.

On Friday 9 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.

All the children have been working extremely hard and I am very proud of their efforts. The classroom teachers often send children to visit me in my office to share their fabulous work or read me a story they have written. They receive a ‘Principal’ sticker and also get to choose a prize from my treasure chest. The work displayed in the classrooms is outstanding and parents are invited to view this work at any time before or after school. I am sure that the children will be rewarded by receiving reports which will reflect their fine effort. Reports will be given out on Wednesday the 7 December.

PRE-KINDY AND KINDERGARTEN
2018 APPLICATIONS

Applications for Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2018 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 2018, please contact the school office for an application form. Kindergarten Interviews will be held Term One next year and Pre-Kindy interviews will be held a little later in the year.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal
We have lit them all!

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!

Week One
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 Two
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.
- The pink or rose candle means joy or happiness that we are sorry for not loving Jesus enough and that we will try hard to do better.
- The white candle signifies purity and the 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.

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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. Join Caritas throughout December to remind you of the events that prepared God’s people for the birth of Jesus. Follow the link to ‘Caritas Australia’s Advent Calendar’

http://www.caritas.org.au/advent

Ms Adriana Coniglio, Assistant Principal
Aranmore Catholic College had their special Awards Night on 16 November. Some of our past students received Medals in many areas including the following:

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It is wonderful to see our students doing so well. Congratulations to all.

Special congratulations to Jakeb Vuong for being selected as Head Boy.

CURRICULUM

EXTENSION NEWS

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

MUSIC

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON
Congratulations to all the students who performed on Sunday 20 November at the Musical Afternoon Concert. 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 so many 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 4 December and a large number of our students will be performing on the stage near the pedestrian overpass in Oxford St at 12.00 noon. The Year 3 classes will perform their Choral Speech, ‘We’re Going On a Bear Hunt’, the Year 1 Red class will then perform their Assembly item on Minibeasts and the Choir will finish with some Christmas Carols. 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.

INSTRUMENTAL ENROLMENT FOR 2017
The enrolment forms for instrumental lessons in 2017 will be sent home with each family this week. Please complete the forms if you are re-enrolling or would like to begin lessons next year and return to Mrs Ellen or Mrs Twine. If you need another form please ask at the office.

Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Coordinator

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL DIARIES 2017
These will be available from the teachers on the first day of school 2017. 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, February 1 2017.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017
The 2017 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.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

P & F

SPECIAL XMAS OFFER FOR ARANMORE FAMILIES
We are very lucky to have an “Author” amongst one of our Aranmore families. Graham Houghton (Grandfather of Ethan 1R, Ariyana 5G and Julian PPG) has written a series called “Fussbum” and is kindly donating $2.50 from each book sold to the P&F. The recommended retail price is $15 however we are offering it to Aranmore families for $12.50 per book. Please see flyer at end of newsletter

BUSINESS DIRECTORATE
At the AGM we launched the business directorate for Aranmore family businesses. If you would like to promote your business in the P&F section of the website please contact Eli. All businesses who donated to the retro music bingo night will automatically get free membership for the year. Thank you for your continued support of the P&F!

P&F 2017
We would love your support next year on the P&F Committee. Please go to the following link to nominate.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja, P&F President

SPORT

SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION
The Year Six Boys competed in a School Basketball Competition during this term at the WA Basketball Centre in Floreat. Justin Peters coached with special help from Mr Sharpe who stepped in to coach the boys for some games. The boys competed well and represented the school with great team spirit! Congratulations boys.
ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

Invites all Swim Club members and all Interschool swimmers to the annual Christmas Breakfast.

When: Tuesday 6th December 2016
Where: Outside the school hall
Time: 7.15am to 8.15am

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

Please bring your drink bottle and a small plate of wholesome breakfast food (e.g. pikelets, fruit muffins, raisin bread, fruit platter) or Xmas food (e.g. shortbread) to share. We always have a lot of food and that is why a small plate from each of us will be ample.

All Parents, Grand Parents and siblings welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Perth Soccer Club is planning a 'Come Try' day for Female Football for the 2017 season. It will be held at Perth Soccer Club, Dorrien Gardens, 3 Lawley Street West Perth, on Saturday 3rd December 2016 at 10:00am. A flyer has been posted on the Sport's’ Noticeboard with some relevant information. Additional information is available via the Perth Soccer Club website, http://perthsc.com.au/

Mr Phil Tsang
Sport Coordinator

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Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress
Aranmore Grandfather Graham Houghton, has always enjoyed writing for and reading to his 4 grandchildren. From his passion came Fussbum, written for primary school aged children to learn lessons while having fun along the way and enjoying story time.

BOOK ONE:
“Fussbum Goes on a Bike Ride” The adventurous and high-spirited 6 year old boy called Fussbum goes on a bike ride with a little too much enthusiasm.

As he starts out on his ride along a footpath he does not understand that he has to be courteous to other path users who also have the right to use the path.

He finds himself in a little strife and learns about respecting other people. There are lots of laughs along the way as he learns the right way to use a footpath.

BOOK TWO:
“Fussbum Goes to the Beach” is a beautiful story about an adventurous and high-spirited 6 year old boy called Fussbum, he goes to the beach with a little too much enthusiasm and too little understanding of the beach and the waves.

He makes the mistakes that many young people make at the beach. Diving into shallow water, not picking a dumper wave and being tossed upside down, being caught in a rip and being saved by a surf life sayer. But he also has some good times surfing the waves.

The story has a strong message to respect the ocean but it has plenty of fun and laughs to appeal to kids of all ages. The illustrations are superbly drawn and bring the stories to life.

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