

# Newsletter



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Let us pray that this Lent will help us reproduce in our lives the self-sacrificing love of Christ.....Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives.

## Dear Parents

On Wednesday we gathered as a school community to celebrate our **Ash Wednesday** liturgy, marking the beginning of Lent. Lent prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Taking place 40 days before Easter Sunday, Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar and signals a season of prayer, reflection, penance and fasting.

Coming from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting, Ash Wednesday involves applying ashes, made from blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass, to a person's forehead. The ashes applied to the forehead symbolise the dust from which God made us. The priest speaks the words:

*"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"  
or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

The Ashes we receive are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The Lenten season is a good opportunity for us all to spend time in prayer, to give to others in need and to 'fast' or 'give up' something as a commitment to becoming a better person.

This week we launched our inaugural **The Early Learner** which has been a wonderful initiative of our early childhood team. This publication will come out once a term and has been created to celebrate and support the creativity and dedication of all those who participate in the education of our young children and I congratulate the early childhood team on their outstanding effort. I hope that you enjoy the first of many publications to come and view this newsletter as a valuable addition to the school's early childhood communication to parents. The link to the newsletter was emailed out to PK-Yr2 this week. All parents can find it on our school website at <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/early-learner-newsletter/>

Get your camping gear out of storage as the **P&F** have organised our **Family Campout on Saturday 18 March**. Pitch your tent on the lawn near the Adventure Playground or bring along a mattress/swag to sleep in the Undercover Area. If you cannot camp overnight you are more than welcome to come for dinner on Saturday evening or brekkie on Sunday morning. Many thanks to Meg and John Clarey for co-ordinating this community event. They always do such a great job. Please see the P&F section for further details.

**Mrs Margaret Williamson**  
Principal

A message from the **Executive Director of CEWA** (Catholic Education Western Australia).

*I recently attended the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Sydney, to participate on a panel with representatives of Catholic education from other states. I spoke about governance and child safety structures and policy in place in Catholic Education Western Australia.*

*Archbishop Timothy Costelloe also attended Royal Commission hearings along with metropolitan Archbishops from other states, and spoke frankly and openly about the Catholic Church's failings, acknowledging the real hurt and suffering experienced by survivors of abuse, and answering questions about the Archdiocese of Perth's ongoing work to seek healing and reconciliation.*

*Now that the final hearing of the Royal Commission has concluded, Archbishop Costelloe has published a pastoral letter (attached to the newsletter), as well as a video conveying the same message, for the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Perth, including Catholic schools. Please view the Archbishop's video here: [http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our\\_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Videos.htm](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Videos.htm)*

*As Catholic educators and leaders we share the Archbishop's sense of shame for the horrific wrongs that children and young people have suffered in the care of the Church and Catholic schools – we also share his responsibility to make our Catholic schools safe places where all students can flourish in their learning and truly experience the Gospel.*

**Dr Tim McDonald**  
**Executive Director**  
**CEWA**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### LENT

Our Lenten season commenced on Ash Wednesday. May this Lent be a time for discovering the sense of communion with God that we can experience through fasting. As well as fasting from food, we might also;

- Fast from mindless entertainment in order to experience the Word of God in scripture
- Fast from shopping for something new and needless in order to share our treasure with those for whom simple everyday survival is a constant struggle
- Fast from overly demanding schedule in order to rediscover the love of family and friends.
- Fast from anger, impatience and our need to be in control in order to recognise our humbleness before God.
- Fast from whatever deters us from being centred fully in the great love of God that is especially present to us during this Lent.

### LENT ACTIVITIES

KINDY	Kindy will be doing footprints of the children in purple for display in the classroom. On each of the feet the teacher will scribe a way the child is going to follow in Jesus' footsteps i.e. helping with the dishes, being kind to their siblings.
PRE PRIMARY	<p><b>A chain with different activities.</b> We will take a chain off and complete the Lenten activity each day in the lead up to Easter e.g. I will use my manners, I will say a prayer for....., give someone a compliment.</p> <p><b>A prayer jar.</b> Each child will write their name on a piece of paper and we will place it in a jar then each day a name will be drawn out and we will say a special prayer for that child.</p>

YEAR ONE	Creating a Lenten Garden which will display Year One's actions and prayers they will display over the Easter Period.
YEAR TWO	As a class we will discuss what it means to give something up for lent. Students will then make a commitment and promise to give something up that they like and enjoy for 40 days just as Jesus did.
YEAR THREE	Year Three will be writing Lenten promises on their feet and creating a Lenten Journey to Easter Sunday.
YEAR FOUR	Year Four are doing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Lenten promise pag</li> <li>• An Easter wreath will be made</li> <li>• On our Prayer Table we are Building a resurrection garden.</li> </ul>
YEAR FIVE	The Year Fives have examined many different things that they could do for lent. They created a 'good deeds' calendar with twelve tasks to complete over lent.
YEAR SIX	The Year Six students will take the time to reflect and create a Lenten Calender in which they will focus on giving and living like Jesus. Students will create one good deed a day to show how they can follow the greatest commandment of treating others how they themselves would like to be treated.



## STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Please collect all your used stamps and send them to 5 Red. They are collected and given to St Mary's Church as part of fundraising for the missions. These stamps are used to provide food for a family in need overseas. This simple task could change the life of families who are less fortunate.

**Ms Adriana Coniglio**  
Assistant Principal

## CURRICULUM

### KINDY WORKSHOPS

All **Kindy Red** are invited to attend a workshop run by the school nurse on **Thursday 9 March** in the Library beginning at 2.00pm. The workshop will outline the screening process as well as cover other relevant topics. We encourage all parents from Kindy to attend the workshop for their class.

### PRE PRIMARY & YEAR 1 LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

All **Pre-primary** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Miss Cassandra Lioni and Miss Sarah Raspa on **Thursday 23 March**. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Pre-primary to attend if you have this date and time free.

All **Year 1** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Mrs Angie Lionetto-Civa and Miss Catherine Connell on **Friday 24 March**. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Year 1 to attend if you have this date and time free.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### UNIFORMS

All students are to ensure that the summer uniform is worn correctly.

**It is important for all students to keep hair neat and tidy and that no jewellery is to be worn, except for; a watch; a bracelet; one pair of studs or sleepers; a gold or silver necklace with a religious medallion or cross, kept tucked into shirt / dress.**

For girls, please ensure that hair accessories are kept to the school colours. **When wearing the Sports Uniform please ensure that sneakers are predominately white.**

Please check your requirements for winter uniforms for the commencement of Term Two. Order forms are available from the front office and uniforms are available for trying on at the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays from 8am – 9.30am

**Mrs Adriana Coniglio**  
Assistant Principal

### CHESS CLUB

The Aranmore Chess Club will be commencing in Term Two. It will take place every Friday, beginning on 28<sup>th</sup> April, at lunch time. Students who are in Years 2 – 6 are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

**Ms Fiona Wringe, Chess Club Coordinator**

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## KEY DATES

- Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 6 March
- School Photo Day – Tuesday 14 March
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 17 March
- Family Camp Out – Saturday 18 March
- Faction Swimming Carnival – TBA
- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 4 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 6 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 7 April

### ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION NIGHT:

Wednesday 22 March - 7:00pm St Mary's (Years 3, 4 and 6)

### COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March

### CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Thursday 27 April
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Wednesday 24 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 27 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June

### RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 26 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 17 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 19 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 24 August

### FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 3 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 30 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 2 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September

## ADMINISTRATION

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2017 IS COMING!

The Aranmore Catholic Primary School (PP-6) photo day is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 March. Each student received their photography order envelope to bring home on Friday. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. ***If you place your order online please return your envelope to the photographer on the day.***

You have the remainder of the current year to order, 5 days after photography a late fee will apply. Please check the website.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order the moment you receive your personalised envelopes. Sibling photos will take place at recess, lunch and after the class photos have been completed. All sibling photos with a Kindy student, will be taken from 8.15am until 8.45am in the Hall – it would be appreciated if parents could accompany their children to these photos.

**Refer to our website for your sibling closing date.  
Late requests cannot be granted.**

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that Monday, 6 March is a Public Holiday. Enjoy the day with your families.

### STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS COLLECTION

Please see attached a letter from the Department of Education and Training regarding 2017 Student Residential Address Collection at the end of the newsletter.

**Mrs Adriana Coniglio**  
Assistant Principal

## P & F

### BAKERS DELIGHT

We are so fortunate to have the support of local businesses. Bakers Delight are kindly giving our families a card which allows them to get a loaf of bread a day free for one month. We will stagger the distribution of these cards by the eldest child in each year group starting with Kindy. Cards are starting to go home so look out for them in your child's homework folder.

## SWEET REMEDY

A huge thank you to Sweet Remedy for holding an Aranmore fundraising day on Wednesday 1 March. A grand total of \$102 was raised for the P&F from the sale of every hot drink sold!

### BUSINESS DIRECTORY

At the AGM we launched the business directory for Aranmore family businesses. If you would like to promote your business in the P&F section of the website please contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420.

### FAMILY CAMP OUT

Thank you to Meg Clarey for organising the Family Camp Out which is being held on Saturday 18 March. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details. **Food must be ordered online before "THE EVENT"**. Click the link to book in for this fun fabulous night!!

[www.trybooking.com/OYNG](http://www.trybooking.com/OYNG)

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

## SOCIAL WORKER

### RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

Relationships Australia has some great courses to support parents:

- Understanding Stepfamily Relationships
- Parent-Child Connection
- Mums Raising Boys

Phone 1300 364 277 OR  
[www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)

### RAINBOWS

**RAINBOWS** is an in school program available to assist children through the grief or loss process. The program is available to children in years 1 – 6. Children may be grieving due to separation, divorce, death, loss or any other pain-filled transition within their family unit, such as relocating to a new home. Rainbows is not therapy or counselling. It is a peer support programme run under the guidance of a trained and nurturing facilitator. This year our trained facilitators are Mrs Ali Fisher, Mrs Mary Monterosso, Ms Pam Rimmer and Mrs Eleonora Panaia. The primary goal of RAINBOWS is to provide a safe, loving environment for these young people to sort through their feelings and to build on their self-esteem and coping skills.

If you feel your child/children would benefit through participating in RAINBOWS, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office in an envelope addressed to the Mrs Ali Fisher before Friday 10th March 2017.

Should you require further information about this programme please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Ali Fisher, Social Worker**

## SPORT

### SWIMMING

Our Faction Swimming Carnival (Yr 4-6) will now be rescheduled for **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Bold Park Aquatic Centre** (Week 1 of Term 2). Grading for the carnival will be conducted during our in-term swimming lessons.

**Mr Phil Tsang, Sport Teacher**

### ARANMORE RUNNING CLUB COACHED BY PERTH RUNNING CLUB

The Aranmore Running Club has had a very successful start with approximately 27 students attending both sessions. If your child is interested for the next coming programme, please contact Ly San Bong (Marketing Manager) on MB: 0402 784 225.

Click below to register:

For more info, email: [info@perthrunningclub.com.au](mailto:info@perthrunningclub.com.au) with subject line: ACPS



### ARANMORE NETBALL CLUB

If you are in year 3 and want to play netball we have just 5 spots left in our teams so please if you want to play let Jennifer Saliacus know by return email ([jennifersaliacus@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennifersaliacus@iinet.net.au)) and send in your registration form as soon as possible - the form can be obtained from the front office. Our games are part of the Perth Netball Association (PNA) competition on a Friday afternoon at 4.15pm at Matthews Netball Centre in Wembley. Training will be a short skills session beforehand to be held at Matthews.

The season is a fun season at runs from 5th May to 11th August with no games on the long weekend or school holidays. The cost to register your child for the season is \$165. The netball uniform is the school blue skorts/shorts and Aranmore Netball tops - for sale for at \$15.

Our Year 4, and 6 teams are now full. We still have 2 places left in the Year 5 teams.

### Mrs Julie Scherini & Mrs Jennifer Saliacus Netball Cordinators

[Julie.scherini@amnet.net.au](mailto:Julie.scherini@amnet.net.au) or 0419904264  
[jennifersaliacus@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennifersaliacus@iinet.net.au) or 0419939945

### SWIM CLUB

It was much quieter morning today most probably due to the school swimming lessons on at the moment. Sixteen swimmers this morning and all of them raring to start swimming. However, can I please ask that all swimmers come and have their name recorded with myself or whoever is helping to collect the money before you get into the pool please. That way the coaches and I know who is in the pool and who we are responsible for. Also parents it is a requirement of Beatty Park that you walk your child to the pool and not drop them off out the front door.

Right thank you all for your big effort today and to everyone for being so patient waiting for equipment. See you next week.

### Mrs Roslyn Soanes Swim Coordinator

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### LITIS STADIUM

Floreat Athena Football Club (FAFC) is preparing a Master Plan for Litis Stadium to assist future leasing considerations with the City of Vincent.

The Master Plan will provide a vision for upgrades and development associated with the facility over the next 20 years. The City of Vincent encourages the community to participate in this important project. Take the opportunity to have your input. Feedback forms can be completed online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TN7FNXZ>

### ARANLICIOUS CANTEN

<b>MONDAY</b>	6 Mar	Public Holiday
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8 Mar	Helen
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10 Mar	Paula B & Dee
<b>MONDAY</b>	13 Mar	Belinda
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	15 Mar	HELP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	17 Mar	Pupil Free Day

### Mrs Belinda Civiletti Canteen Manageress



**RAINBOWS PROGRAM:** I would like my child/children to be part of the RAINBOWS Program.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Camp Night

Join in the fun with other Aranmore families and pitch a tent on the school grounds (around the Adventure Playground area) for a camp night.  
Or bring a swag/mattress and sleep in the undercover area.

### Saturday 18th March

When: Set up from **4pm**  
Play before a BBQ dinner.  
Pack up after a BBQ breakfast the following morning.

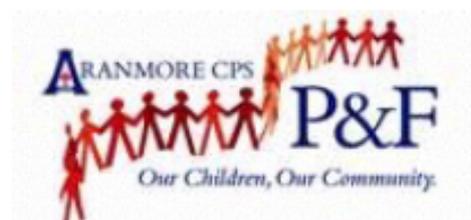
\$10 Family Camp Fee

Sausage sizzle (\$3), hamburgers (\$5) available for purchase on the night.  
Bacon and egg rolls (\$4) available in the morning.  
Note, orders to be processed prior to the event.

- BYO additional food & drinks
- Alcohol Free
- Tents only (or swags/mattresses)
- Pre-Kindy to Year 6 Aranmore CPS children all welcome
- School amenities will be available

Family Camp Fee and Food bookings to be made at [www.trybooking.com/OYNG](http://www.trybooking.com/OYNG)  
Deadline: Monday 13th March

Queries: Meg Clarey 0438417566 [jcandmeg@westnet.com.au](mailto:jcandmeg@westnet.com.au)





**A Pastoral Letter to the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Perth from  
The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB  
Archbishop of Perth**

Dear sisters and brothers,

The final hearing of the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* in relation to the Catholic Church was held in Sydney over three weeks from February 6 to February 24, 2017. It concluded last Friday after a day and a half dedicated to the witness given under oath by the five metropolitan Archbishops of Australia, of whom I am one as Archbishop of Perth.

For the victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy, religious and other Catholic Church personnel this was an opportunity to hear from the current senior leadership of the Church our understanding of the causes of this terrible scourge, and what we, with our brother bishops and other leaders in the Church, intend to do in response.

Some of the survivors were present at the hearing. Their presence was a powerful reminder that sexual abuse is not an abstract concept or a phenomenon to be studied objectively. It is rather something that touches real people whose lives have been marked in profound and destructive ways by the abuse to which they were subjected. The survivors present at the hearing, and all those who in a sense were represented by them, now expect the Church, through its many institutions, to live up to the commitments made at the Commission.

As Archbishop of Perth I have apologised publicly, but also in private meetings, to those in our archdiocese who have suffered so much through this terrible experience of abuse. I would like if I may to do so again now. You have been betrayed in the most terrible way by people whom you should have been able to trust. Many of you have carried this burden all through your lives. I am truly sorry for the suffering you have endured and offer you my sincere apology.

The recently concluded public hearing into the Church's response to this appalling situation has revealed the shocking extent of this abuse over so many years. A penetrating light has been shone into the dark places of the Church's life and many people, both inside and outside the Church, have been left shocked, disillusioned and angry.

Everyone realises that change is needed.

While we must wait for the recommendations of the Royal Commission, we also must continue to implement the changes we have already initiated, especially in relation to making every Catholic parish, school, agency and institution a place of absolute safety for our children and young people. All the survivors I have met have pleaded with me to do everything I can to make sure that no more children suffer as they did. I am absolutely committed to this.

Indeed this is one of the foundational pillars of the Archdiocesan Plan we are now beginning to implement across the archdiocese.



Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB  
Archbishop of Perth

At the centre of our efforts is our Safeguarding Project. Planted firmly in the parish setting this programme is designed to be a local and immediate response to the need to create child-safe institutions. This cannot just happen centrally. It has to happen locally. This is what the Safeguarding Project seeks to do.

At the same time, through its formation and training activities, this programme has the potential to develop a culture of awareness in relation to child safety which must permeate every aspect of the life of the Church in our archdiocese. I hope you will all support this programme, recognise its potential to embed a culture of safeguarding in our Church, and make full use of the various initiatives which will come from our Safeguarding Office.

For two days at the Royal Commission I, alongside the other bishops, gave a very public accounting of the Church's dismal and indefensible record in relation to the protection of the young in our Church, and in relation to our response to the survivors. I am convinced that without this public accounting, to which the Australian community has a right, we as a Church would not have been able to confront our failings so directly. The public interest has been well served by this exercise. Now the whole community, including the members of our own Church, expects concrete actions which will demonstrate the genuineness of our words of apology, contrition and shame.

It is my intention to continue to work as hard as I can in collaboration with all those many people who have supported me so far to make every agency, institution and activity in the Catholic Church for which I have responsibility a place where children and young people are treated with dignity and respect, safe from anyone who would harm them in any way.

I said in my evidence to the Royal Commission that because the Catholic Church has been responsible for so much of the sexual abuse which has infected, and continues to infect, our society, we now have an absolute responsibility to commit ourselves without reservation to being a force in our society for change. I therefore invite you all, in whatever ways you can, to become part of this effort. Please help me to put the care, well-being and safety of children and young people at the very heart of our Church. I believe that together we can and must do this.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD  
**Archbishop of Perth**

27 February 2017



## 2017 Student Residential Address Collection

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested your child's school provide a *statement of addresses*, in accordance with section 21 of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following three pieces of information about students at the school:

- Students' residential address (**not student names or other identifying information**)
- Students' level of education (i.e. whether the student is receiving primary or secondary education)
- Students' boarding school status (boarders or day students)

### Authority for and Purpose of Collection

Consistent with previous practice, and following the *2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics National Census of Population and Housing (Census)*, it is timely that information held by the department is updated in order to ensure that Australian Government funding calculations for your child's school are accurate.

Under section 21 of the Regulation, a *statement of addresses* **must not explicitly identify an individual student**. Accordingly, all information in the *statement of addresses* provided by your child's school to the department is de-identified.

### Use and Disclosure of Information

It is important to ensure the *statements of addresses* are accurate, and the department may from time to time carry out audits of *statements of addresses* to verify their accuracy. In the event of an audit, the department's contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school for the purpose of verifying the information. The department's contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

Any further use and disclosure of information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with section 65 of the Regulation.

### Contact

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you can contact the department by:

- Email: [seshelpdesk@education.gov.au](mailto:seshelpdesk@education.gov.au)
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

For further information about the department, including the department's privacy policy, please go to: <https://education.gov.au>.

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