

# Newsletter



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**2021 Term 2 Week 4**

As we recently celebrated **Mothers' Day** we ask Jesus' power of love and forgiveness to be with all mothers always.

*May our prayer warm the hearts of all mothers today. Moreover, may they know that they are loved and precious. Additionally, let them know that they are worthy in their call. There's no failing so great that can't be forgiven, forgotten and renewed in You, Lord Jesus.*

*May all mothers over the world feel in their heart the joys of being called a mother, and in all their goodness and all their failings, be blessed in Your love and forgiveness.*

*We pray in Grace, they belong close to You, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

I began my short stint here at Aranmore Catholic Primary last Friday week on a day of great celebration - **Aranmore Day!** Unfortunately, with covid restrictions in force, parents were not able to be in attendance, but that didn't stop the students joining enthusiastically in the array of celebratory activities on offer. The day commenced with a beautiful liturgy presented by Yr 5G followed by some tabloid fitness games. Students worked with their 'buddies' on what makes Aranmore Catholic Primary special and there were many positive reflections shared. After lunch we were treated to 'Aranmore has Talent' with each class having one item presented as well as a staff item which were all thoroughly appreciated. Great spirit and joy were shown on the day. Well done to students and staff in demonstrating your sense of belonging to this amazing school community!

All families should have received instructions on how to participate in the **School Climate Survey** either online or by requesting a paper copy from the Office. Surveys need to be completed by Friday 28 May, so please take the time to complete the survey where all responses will be aggregated anonymously to get a clear picture of thoughts from parents, staff and students.

The **Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast** had to be rescheduled to next Friday 21 May at 8:00am. Fingers crossed that this event can finally go ahead so we can say 'thanks' to our wonderful mums for all they do and show them how much we love them.

**NAPLAN** began earlier this week for our year 3 & 5 students. The assessments included Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation with Mathematics scheduled next week. Well done to students for doing their best in these national assessments.

With the Year 6 students preparing for **Confirmation**, a parent/child workshop was held this week so parents could best support their child along their faith journey. Thank you to the catechist team at CEWA for sharing their knowledge on the night. We wish all Confirmation candidates well as they embark on their final preparation for Confirmation with their upcoming Retreat & Liturgy held today.

A parent information evening on the **Talk for Writing** approach to teaching students writing skills used here at Aranmore was held on Wednesday. Thanks to the staff members who presented this opportunity for parents.

Four Year 6 students have received an **academic scholarship** to Aranmore Catholic College for Year Seven in 2022. Congratulations to the following students on their successful scholarship; James Clocherty, Lauren Day, Chloe Ferraro & Patrick O'Loughlin.

The Aranmore Catholic Schools **Parent Association** meeting will be held next Wednesday 19 May from 6pm. I hope to see many of you for a chance to come and listen to the activities organised by our active parent association.

My best wishes,

Mark Miloro  
Acting Principal

### Important Dates

10 May	School Organisational Climate Survey Opens
11May to 21 May	NAPLAN
28 May	School Organisational Climate Survey Closes
28 May	Professional Learning Day (no students)
1 & 2 June	School Photos
7 June	WA Day Public Holiday
8 June	Catholic Day (no staff and students)
2 July	Last day of Term

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Mary the Month of May

We encourage you to use this month as an opportunity to renew and deepen your relationship with our Spiritual Mother, Mary. Praying a decade of the Rosary daily or even a few Hail Mary's would be a wonderful start.

#### The Feast Day Of Our Lady Mary Help Of Christians

The Feast Day of our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May has been celebrated in Australia since 1844.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principle Patroness.

#### Sacramental Dates

Confirmation	Holy Communion
Sacrament Green Classes: 22 May, Saturday 6:30pm Red Classes: 23 May 10:30am  <i>Please your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.</i>	Parent/Child Workshop– 2 June 6pm Retreat – 4 June Sacrament – 12 & 13 June

## CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION

### **Winter Uniform - Term 2 and Term 3**

All students should be wearing their winter uniform by now. Please check your Parent Handbook if unsure of the correct attire for winter. If your child would like to wear a scarf to school on those colder days of winter, please ensure that it is either the Aranmore scarf or school colours. No other scarves are to be worn as part of the school uniform.

### **National Simultaneous Storytime 19 May**

This event happens every year during which the same book is read in many different settings such as schools, play groups, libraries, bookshops and childcare centres. The reading takes place at the same time of the day in Australia and New Zealand. We will participate in the event on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. The book chosen for 2021 is 'Give Me Some Space' by Philip Bunting.

### **School Photos**

ACPS photo day will take place over two days, Tuesday 1 June and Wednesday 2 June. Sibling photos and the Year 6 Graduation photo will also take place on these days. On both days, all students will need to wear their full winter school uniform, including their school jumper.

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 you **NOT** want your child to be included in the class or photo or class composite photo, please email admin before Friday 31 May so that the correct arrangements can be made.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Swim Club**

Last week, we welcomed back 18 enthusiastic swimmers return from lockdown. We are concentrating on breaststroke techniques with our guest swim coach Mr Sharpe. We thank him for coaching our team. Over the last couple of swim sessions we also welcome back Swim Coach Assistant Daniel to assist us with our endurance and swim techniques.

New comers to our team recently have been:

Zac O (3G)  
Elke L (4R)  
Zevya K (4R)

Thank you for joining a trial at swim squads. We look forward to you training with us each week. We are very much enjoying the change of venue as we now have 6 swimming lanes! We welcome new members for a free trial. Please email administration to query details.

I look forward to seeing you next week team. Don't forget nutritious breakfast snacks for after your swim session.

Mrs Nicole Rohde  
Swim Club Coordinator

## ARANMORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT ASSOCIATION

Thank you to the parents who organised and helped at the Mother's Day Stall. Our students very much appreciated it and we hope everyone enjoyed their gifts.