

Newsletter



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2021 Term 2 Week 6

On Monday I had the privilege of representing our school at the WA Mass for the Bicentenary of Catholic Education in Australia on the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, at St Mary's Cathedral.

200 years ago, Fr John Therry answered the call to educate the youth of Parramatta. From that small beginning of 31 students began a great work that now spans 1,755 schools, 100,000 staff and 777,000 students. Catholic Schools span the breadth of Australia.

In WA there are 163 schools, colleges and early learning and vocational care centres, from the far east Kimberley dessert, to the most southern school in Esperance. Our Catholic schools and centres continue to play a vital role in the mission of the Catholic Church in Western Australia today by demonstrating the Church's commitment to the dignity of the individual.

What a wonderful occasion and celebration.

We pray for the students and staff of Catholic Schools in Australia, that inspired by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and 200 hundred years of Catholic Education, they will courageously promote the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church. Amen

Yesterday our interschool swimming team braved the early chilly weather to showcase their talents in the pool. Everyone had a great time competing and achieved 3rd place. Well done team!

This week we begin acknowledging National Reconciliation. Reconciliation week is a time for Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. To explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. *'More than a word, Reconciliation take action'*, invites Australians to better understand Indigenous cultures and how to actively walk the path to reconciliation in daily lives. Keep an eye on Seesaw and our Instagram feed to see the activities the students will be involved in for Sorry Day too.

Congratulations to all Confirmation candidates, their families, Mrs Meade and Mr Huntington and Mrs Poncini on wonderful celebrations last weekend. The students were reverent, prepared and appeared to very much enjoy themselves, celebrating their full initiation into our Faith. Thank you to all for your prayers and support of the students. As Father Angelo and Mrs Poncini mentioned, let's hope that this is the 'beginning' of their lives as conscious faith-filled young adults, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Last week we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning. We celebrated last Thursday 20th May, where children were provided with the opportunity to interact with nature, learn using nature or natural materials, learn about the environment or to adapt classroom learning to a new environment. The children at Aranmore experienced a wonderful sunny day, outside participating in literacy activities, team building challenges, unplugged coding challenges and so much more. It was an exciting day and one we look forward to continuing in the future.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life. The children at

Aranmore Catholic Primary School were fortunate to be a part of the National Simultaneous Storytime last Wednesday, and joined over 1 million children across the country, simultaneously reading the story "Give Me Some Space". What made it more fun, is that they heard the story read by real life Astronaut Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. This sparked lots of curiosity and interest in space learning, especially in our Pre-Primary classes, where they went on to create some intergalactic artwork. So much fun!

Please check the Calendar on the School App for event dates.

Important Dates:

28 May	School Organisational Climate Survey Closes
	Professional Learning Day (no students)
1 & 2 June	School Photos
2 June	Parent/Child Workshop
4 June	Sacrament of Holy Communion Retreat Day
7 June	WA Day Public Holiday
8 June	Catholic Day (no staff and no students)
12 & 13 June	Parish celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion
2 July	Last day of Term

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LifeLink Day

LifeLink Day recognises all the wonderful social service programs that the Archdiocese provides to those in need. On the 4 June all students will be able to wear comfy warm clothes for a gold coin donation. This money will be given to the LifeLink organisation to help those in need.

Holy Communion Date Reminders

Child and Parent Workshop - 2 June 6pm School Hall

Retreat Day - 4 June during school time

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Saturday 12 June 6:30pm 5 Red & Sunday 13 June 10:30am 5 Green

CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION

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 Monday 31 May so that the correct arrangements can be made.