2022 Term 1 Week 8

Third Week of Lent.

Be More...

You call us to service to be your eyes and ears. hands and voice in this your world. To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that mankind generates. To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet. To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome. love and fellowship to all who you draw near. To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts. Your Word for this your world. You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this your world

St Oscar Romero once wrote, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." This is a wonderful invitation for us to rethink what is important to us, what renewal or reform is needed in our own lives and as a community. Being in communities we can be architects of our own development, and this brings about a change in us. We are invited to be part of the story, of working in partnership for a better world.

How can you, be more?

At the end of Term 1, we farewell Mrs Taylor as she embarks on a new adventure with her family in Queensland. We send them on their way with a heart full of Aranmore well wishes and support. We warmly welcome Britt Watters to the community, who will join our team as Finance Officer.

Project Compassion Fundraiser: A better world for future generations starts with us! It was wonderful to see our students put our compassion into action and 'be more' to help raise funds this Lent for people living in poverty with our crazy hair day.

The funds raised will help vulnerable communities around the world to:

- Improve access to food and clean water
- Support education and skills training
- Help vulnerable communities to increase their income
- Provide training in disaster risk reduction





Reconciliation: Due to Covid restrictions and several families in isolation, in consultation with Father Angelo, the sacrament of Reconciliation was postponed. More information will be shared soon about a new date.

Harmony Week: This week we celebrated Harmony Week! Harmony Week acknowledges Australia's cultural diversity. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. Over the week, classes engaged in reflective activities with a focus on uniqueness, belonging, and respect for others.





NAPLAN: This week, students in Years 3 and 5 completed a NAPLAN Practice Test. NAPLAN takes place in Term 2 during Weeks 3 and 4. Please remember, NAPLAN assessments are a snapshot of any student's output at a given point in time. Data collected from NAPLAN affirms school/teacher data and contributes to the longitudinal data collected by the school for general curriculum planning. More information regarding NAPLAN testing will be shared to parents directly via your child's teacher.

Netball Training: It was wonderful to see the enthusiastic netballers and coaches here early Wednesday morning to improve their skills, keep fit and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

COVID-19: Thank you to all the families who have followed the latest health advice. We understand the information evolves quickly and appreciate families checking to see that they are doing the right thing for our community.

At Aranmore, **supervision of students** begins at 8:10am and concludes at 3:20pm each day. We ask that parents make use of Gumtrees out of school hours care if you require assistance earlier or later in a day.

The School app is another MUST have. This app is used to quickly inform parents and carers of important information. Don't forget to turn 'notifications' on so that you don't miss a message. Please download from either the App Store or Play Store.

Please refer to the website or the app calendar for the latest term dates. Due to current restrictions, lots of changes have been made.

In the best interests of looking after children safely, the following child protection matter is in place: Bathroom and toilet facilities are available for all visitors to school in the administration area. All adults, siblings and visitors <u>must</u> use the facilities available in the administration area. Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal
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