2022 Term 2 Week 2

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Psalm 5:11

Lord, I pray for your loving protection to guard all mothers and mother figures. Guard them and keep them in all their ways. Give them the physical strength and stamina they need to accomplish what you have purposed for them to do as mothers. May your favour and protection surround them and they feel your love and strength each day.

Amen.

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a fun filled Term. We welcome parents and caregivers back onto school grounds and to join whole school events again. This term Mrs Raschilla has joined us in Year 5 and Miss O'Hara has started off the term with an energetic and positive vibe in the music classroom.

Mother's Day

Thank you to all who attended, we hope you had a wonderful morning and enjoyed all the activities with your children. It was fantastic to see parents, students and staff interact face to face! A big thank you to the Aranmore Staff and Aranmore Parents Association (APA) for their help in creating a delightful celebration and in the organising of the Mother's Day Stall. Year 1 Green led a beautiful Liturgy celebrating all mothers and female role models in our community. Also, a big thank you to NoVo Nursery for assisting the APA in the Plant Stall.



Anzac Day

On the first day of school, our students celebrated the legacy of the ANZAC through prayer in a liturgical celebration in their classrooms, and completed an activity or piece of art. There are some beautiful pieces of artwork throughout the school.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins next week for our Year 3 & 5 students. The assessments include Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics, and will take place over two weeks. All assessments are completed online, except Year 3 Writing. We encourage our students to do their best, as they would complete any other assessment. Please refer to your classes Seesaw page for an assessment schedule.

Sacramental Program

Families whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion this year are encouraged to ensure their enrolments have been handed into Father Angelo. The Confirmation Parent – Child Workshop will be held at the parish at 6pm on 11th May. We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents and their child at the workshop.

Winter Uniform

The new uniform is available for purchase now and is compulsory from January 2024. Currently, students can either wear the old uniform or the new uniform. However, they cannot mix the two uniforms. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings from 8:15am -9:15am or orders can be placed through the JFE website. For more information, please see the 'links' section on the school app.

COVID Update

The latest information was sent out via email and published on the school app on the 1st May: 20220501 School Operating Guidelines. The exciting news is that regular school events can begin and parents are welcome on site. Please look at the school calendar for an updated schedule of events.

Each person within our community has a responsibility to protect themselves and others. This can be achieved through the ongoing promotion of good hygiene principles and practices:

- · Staff, students and parents staying home when sick or symptomatic,
- Adults maintain physical distancing from other adults where possible,
- Avoiding unnecessary physical contact and physical greetings,
- Covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing,
- Disposing of tissues and masks appropriately AND
- Washing hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitiser including prior to meal breaks.

The wellbeing and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority and we thank you all for your continued support.

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.

Important Dates

- 10 May NAPLAN begins
- 11 May Confirmation Parent- Child Workshop 6pm, Parish
- 13 May Confirmation Retreat
- 13 May 2G Assembly, parents/caregivers are welcome
- 18 May APA meeting 7:15pm, Library
- 23 May Student free day
- 24 May Year 3 Liturgy, Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day, parents/caregivers are welcome
- 26 May Sorry Day
- 27 May 2R National Reconciliation Reflection, parents welcome
- 28 May Confirmation 6:30pm
- 1 June Holy Communion Parent Workshop 6pm, Parish

Have a great weekend celebrating all the special females in your lives.

Sarah Pracilio Acting Principal

