

2023 Term 1 Week 4

Lord, guide me as I humbly seek to reflect and continue to grow in your love. May humility guide my efforts to reconcile with all those I share my life, so to be wiser, kinder and more graceful. Give me the strength to grow myself.

Amen.

On Wednesday we celebrated the beginning of Lent in mass in our parish church. When Ash Wednesday rolls around each year, it can catch us off guard when it comes to our prayer life. We *know* Lent is important and that it helps prepare us for Easter. We know Lent as a solemn period where we concentrate on restoring relationships. During Lent, we might feel like 'upping our game' in aspects of our life and relationships and perhaps think about the power of prayer and quiet reflective time in our lives. The reality is that reflection and prayer are important during Lent. So too are all our actions we might take to help us let go of our unnecessary behaviours and demands and think more about what really is good for our wellbeing, our whole wellbeing, to be the best we can be for our families, friends, colleagues. A great starting point for drawing closer to God and improving our lives during Lent is simply the *desire* to improve who we are, and perhaps through prayer.

Perspectives on Lent from our students:

Adele L

Lent is about "fasting and giving up things in preparation for Easter. We celebrate Lent because Jesus went into the desert for 40 days without water or food".

In Lent, I'm going to "fast meats with my family".

Addison T

Lent is about "something you sacrifice, like what Jesus did when He sacrificed His life for us". In Lent, I'm going to "listen more to Mum and Dad".

Aidan W

Lent is about "remembering that Jesus died on a cross and it's the forty days before Easter". In Lent, I'm going to "focus on trying to my best in school".

Sarah B

You try and help people it's nice to do it and be like Jesus.

Cody W

Jesus showed love to his friends.

Ivy K

When Jesus places a mark on your head to remind us of God, this is the start of Lent.

This morning at assembly, our **Year 6 students** were commissioned as our school leaders. We are very proud of our students and support them to grow and develop to be the best they can. We look forward to their contributions in our school, by living a Mercy life by being a great Mercy Kid.



Our **Pre-Kindergarten** begins on Monday, 8:45am to 2:45pm. We are so excited for the return of this program. If you know of anyone interested enrolling their 3 year old in our play-based, sensory program, please ask them to make their enquiries through the school office. Here are some snaps of our playdate held on Monday.







Save the date School Photos next week Thursday 2 March.

Last week our school parent groups met to begin the new school year. Introducing the School Advisory Council and the Aranmore Parents' Association to you:

School Advisory Council:

Chair Jayne Taylor Treasurer Tim Jeffery V Chair Tennille Mitsopoulos Secretary Kelly Fryer

Julian Smith Amy Davidson Dan Holbrook

APA:

President Rebecca Fiorentino Treasurer Anthony Fisk V President Paula Clemente Secretary Flor Tassone

Netball Club News. Thank you to Mrs Jocelyn Boylen for taking up the reigns of coordinating the netball club. If your child would like to play netball, here is some preliminary information:

The Aranmore Catholic Primary School Netball Club is looking for new members and would love to hear from you.

The Netball club is open to both girls and boys of all abilities.

Places are available for children from Year 2 to Year 6.

The Winter Competition runs from May 2023- August 2023 and teams play on either Friday Night or Saturday Morning depending on age.

If you are a new or returning player who has not yet registered your interest please contact the Committee at aranmorecpsnetball@gmail.com to find out further information.

Please include your child's name and year level and best contact details.

Teams and player registration needs to be confirmed by 13 March 2023 so act quickly!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Huntington on the arrival of their beautiful daughter at the end of January. Wishing you all a lifetime of love, health, laughter, and happiness together. Good to have you return to work Mr Huntington.

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.

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 *Living a Mercy Life*

Important Dates:

Please refer to the school calendar on the website and school app for further information.

27 February Pre-Kindergarten begins

28 February School Tour
2 March School Photos
6 March Public Holiday
7 March Pupil Free Day

8 March Faction Swimming Carnival
11 & 12 March Sacrament Commitment Masses

Aranmore Swimming Club

Aranmore Primary Squad swimming is back... join coach Alison and Daniel at 7am every Tuesday at Beatty Park outdoor pool. New swimmers are welcome to have a free trial if level 5 or above in Vacswim levels, just bring your own goggles. Enrolment forms and other hire equipment will be available. Enquiries to Sara via email rszorsi@icloud.com.

Mercedes College Open Day on Tuesday 14 March.

This will be an immersive experience which will include a student-led tour of the College visiting specialised learning areas where prospective families will have the opportunity to meeting the various Heads of Learning.

Two sessions are available: 8.30am and 11am, and registrations are required in order for places to be secured: https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/enrolments/open-morning/

Further Information about the College is available at https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/

