

Newsletter



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2023 Term 1 Week 6



Our **Sacrament Commitment Masses** are designated at this weekends' parish masses. 6:30pm, 8:00am and 10:00am at St Mary's Church. Please pray for our students who are receiving any one of the sacraments of Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation this year. Receiving a sacrament is receiving God's divine grace. Grace that imbues in us the strength to live good lives. The Parent Sacrament Workshop held on Wednesday was an entertaining treat presented by Mr Mario Bugna. Mario's expertise lies in bringing the human story of our faith alive for us; making our Catholic theology an everyday lived experience. Thank you to Mrs Antonella Poncini for arranging the evening. Was great to see our parents enjoying Mario's presentation.

*Loving God,
Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children,
That during this time of Sacramental preparation They may grow closer to you,
And come to know your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing
For our families and our community,
And unite us all in your great love. Amen.*

I look at the calendar and realise we are more than halfway through the term. Seems like we have only been back at school 5 minutes! Teachers are finalising initial assessments for CEWA longitudinal data, and we are talking about our Easter liturgies in Week 10 and the excitement of Term 2.

A snippet of Term 2:

Chess club will begin Thursday mornings with Mr Sharpe in the Library on Thursdays at 8:00am. Chess is for any of our students in years 1-6. Beginners and expert players welcome!

And

STEM will commence with the students learning the DESIGN and CREATE model that will form the base of the learning.

And

CREATIVE EDGE THINKING (enrichment program) will begin for those students who will be invited into this program based on standardised assessment cross the areas of abstract thinking, verbal reasoning, numerical and spatial skills. The program will be facilitated by Mrs Foster.

It's going to be an exciting term!

The **Year 4 Assembly** today was an absolute treat all about sustainability. So many easy and quick lessons learned – the best ones were about keeping our school safe and beautiful and recycling/reusing as much as we can. One way parents can assist is to clearly label lunch boxes and water bottles.

Who noticed how many siblings received merit awards today? Congratulations!

Our **Faction Swimming Carnival** on Wednesday was a lot of fun! Well done to our all students competing at their best for their teams. Congratulations to Aranmore for taking out first place and to Mercy for winning the Principal's shield. It was great to have some Year 12 Leaders from the College encouraging and helping our children! We hope you will come back for other events! A BIG thank you to Mr Tsang and staff for a great day and to all the parents and family members who were able to come along and cheer everyone along!



Parent Teacher meetings are being held next week. Please check your Seesaw for instructions on how to book your time with your child's teacher/teachers. This is good opportunity to see how your child has started the year and settled into school. Please remember that time is limited, and you are able to make a separate appointment for a more involved conversation, if that is necessary.

Our **Welcome to 2023 APA Sundowner** is next Saturday 4:00-7:00pm. Hope to see you there! Please rsvp to the APA via the instructions found on the school app. Live music, delicious treats from an onsite food truck and ice-cream van, face painting and an animal farm. It's all happening! Hope to see you there.

The fabulous **APA Hot Cross Bun** fundraiser is on! Please support our school fundraising efforts by purchasing a bag or 2 of these delicious delights for your family! All the required information is on the school app.

NAPLAN begins Wednesday 15 March. Students in years 3 & 5 will complete the suite of assessments (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation). Please see your Seesaw for further information.

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 must 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.

11 & 12 March	Sacrament Commitment Masses
13 March	APA meeting online
15 March	NAPLAN commences
	Advisory Council meeting
17 March	Project Compassion fundraiser
18 March	APA Family Sundowner
20-22 March	Year 6 Camp
24 March	Year 3&4 Assembly (8:50am-9:15am)
24 March	Year 2 Class Liturgy (9:15am)
27 March	NAPLAN concludes
2 April	Palm Sunday
4 April	Easter Liturgy part 1 (year 5)
5 April	Easter Liturgy part 2 (years 5&6)
6 April	Aranmore Day
	Year of Grace Mass
	End of Term
7 April	Good Friday
24 April	Term 2 begins
25 April	ANZAC Day Public holiday

Winter uniforms will be available for purchase online and instore from 14 March 2023.

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April Vacation Care SORTED!

EPIC in centre workshops, incursions & excursions at Loftus Recreation Centre

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Here's a sneak peek of what's on!

CCS eligible!

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
<p>WEEK 1</p> <p>MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ARE FAMILY DAY! No school, no work, no stress. It's a day to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.</p> <p>TUESDAY EGG-DYING & EASTER FESTIVAL Dye your own Easter eggs and enjoy a special Easter festival with games, music and more.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY KIMIRARA ADVENTURE PARK Enjoy a day of adventure at Kimirara Adventure Park with ziplines, ropes courses and more.</p> <p>THURSDAY GIANTIC DAY Celebrate the day of the giant with games, activities and a special lunch.</p> <p>FRIDAY TROPICAL TRUST PLAYCENTRE Enjoy a day of fun and learning at the Tropical Trust Playcentre.</p>	<p>WEEK 2</p> <p>MONDAY ROCKET-MANIA Launch your own rocket and learn about space exploration.</p> <p>TUESDAY SCIENCE ROMANZES Discover the science behind the most famous romances in history.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY INFLATABLE WORLD Enjoy a day of fun and learning with inflatable activities.</p> <p>THURSDAY SHINY SHINY FUN STYLE Learn about fashion and design with a special workshop.</p> <p>FRIDAY AROUND THE WORLD Travel the world in a day with a special adventure.</p> <p>WEEK 3</p> <p>MONDAY THE SUPER HERO SHOW Enjoy a day of fun and learning with a special superhero show.</p>

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