

Newsletter



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2023 Term 1 Week 8



Sunday 2 April is Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday recalls an event in the New Testament of Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, in the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

What does the palm symbolise?

The palm branch, or palm frond, is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life originating in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean world. The palm was sacred in Mesopotamian religions, and in ancient Egypt represented immortality.

Merciful God, as we prepare to enter Holy week, turn our hearts to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir within us the gift of faith that we may not only honour Jesus with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen.

Our **Liturgy of the Word** this morning was beautifully presented by the **Year 2 class**. Thank you for reading Jesus' very special words to us and your prayers so carefully and reverently. Thank you to family members who also participated in the Liturgy.

Our **Year 3&4 Assembly** was a treat, full of messages of RESPECT and GROWTH MINDSET. Well done to you all! Your message of '*Learning is for the Classroom and Play is for the Playground*' was heard by all. Sincere thanks to Mrs Raschilla for continuing the program for Ms Wringe and to Mrs Wakholi for helping this week! Please keep Ms Wringe in your prayers as she begins treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. We welcome Mrs Wakholi to our team who will look after the Year 3&4 class until Ms Wringe is well enough to return to school.

Thank you for the wonderful attendance at **Parent Teacher** meetings held over the past 2 weeks. Parents have commented on the quality of information that they were given about their child's progress and the goals that they are working towards. Thank you to the staff for dedicating an inordinate amount of time and energy to provide students and parents with the best possible learning programs and environment. If you are yet to meet your child's teacher, it's never too late.

Year 6 Camp held at Ern Halliday Recreation Centre proved to be a great success as students and staff battled the heat, humidity, and bugs that left some students and staff feeling poorly. Was great to see students accepting challenges (maybe with some mild persuasion), taking risks and attempting the fun range of activities! Sincere thanks to the staff not only for your tireless efforts and encouragement of our students; for also leaving your families for the 2 nights. Did you see the pictures on Instagram or Facebook?

A couple of student thoughts:

The most challenging activity was the caving because it was really hard to go through the end but I really enjoyed it at the same time. My favourite was escape because we had to try to find objects with different random groups. We tried our best. I loved the other activities also it was really challenging and fun with the people in our group.

Isabella Year 6

I enjoyed all of the activities but the one that I enjoyed the most was the big swing because it was challenging and because you needed to believe you could do it or you would back out. I enjoyed all the challenges we needed to face, like caving and the pump track. While most people were scared to do it they persevered and faced their fears. We all had so much fun in camp and loved the experience.

Camila Year 6

Another fabulously organised event from our APA! The **APA Sundowner** held last Saturday was a fun evening for families to gather, the children to play and parents and carers to catch up! The Animal Farm was a great hit with the children, as too the Ice-Cream van! The weather provided a gorgeous evening, the music was just right and friendships were thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you very much to you all and to our wonderful APA!

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.

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. Most Term 2 dates are on the app calendar and on the website and will be reviewed during the holiday period.

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
Trust in Mercy Life

Important Dates:

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

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 for staff and students
25 April	ANZAC Day Public holiday

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6-11 YRS



April 11, 13, 17, 19 & 21

8:30am-4pm

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



TUESDAY 11 APRIL | 8:30AM - 4PM | \$80
EASTER FUN

The children will make their own Easter egg basket to collect treats while on an Easter egg hunt around the centre! The day will finish with fun and games on court with our new friends and a swim in the pool!

Please bring morning tea, lunch, bathers and towel from home.

THURSDAY 13 APRIL | 8:30AM - 4PM | \$80
SLIME DAY

Today the children get to immerse themselves in making ooey-gooey slime! After some slimy fun, we'll hit the courts for court games and team building activities, plus a splash in the pool.

Please bring morning tea, lunch, bathers and towel from home.



MONDAY 17 APRIL | 8:30AM - 4PM | \$80
PAINT PARTY

Little Picasso's will paint today under careful and insightful instruction from an Art Teacher! While the masterpieces are drying, we'll have lunch and head to the courts and pool for some fun & games.

Please bring morning tea, lunch, bathers and towel from home.

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL | 8:30AM - 4PM | \$80
WICKED WILDLIFE!

Special guests from West Oz Wildlife will join us with some furry friends. Kids will meet a koala, dingo and some slippery snakes to name only a few. Don't forget your bathers for a swim in the pool at the end of the day.

Please bring morning tea, lunch, bathers and towel from home.



FRIDAY 21 APRIL | 8:30AM - 4PM | \$80

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE

Today is all about experiments and challenging our creative brains to think scientifically! Kids will learn new things with their friends whilst having a blast! We'll finish the day in the pool.

Please bring morning tea, lunch, bathers and towel from home.

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