

2023 Term 3 Week 2



A very busy start to Term 3!

Lord, as we begin this semester, make us equipped, attentive and available to hear you. Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with

us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

Amen.

Gosh its been a busy start to the term!

I've been fortunate this week to be involved in some work at St Pius X Catholic school in Manning. The St Pius X community is also full of energy with staff working together to provide the best possible catholic education for the children in their care.

Parish news! Recently Father Angelo announced to the parish community that he would be ending his time at St Mary's Parish on 10 August. Father shared that he needs time to return to good health and he feels that after a time convalescing, he may be able to support a new parish in 2024. We sincerely thank Father Angelo for his guidance, prayers and care during his tenure as parish priest. 12 years dedicated to sharing the joy and love of the Gospel of Jesus amongst his parishioners. We offer Father Angelo much love and good health as he moves to recuperate and gain his strength. Please continue to keep Father Angelo in your prayers and thoughts. The leadership team will farewell Father Angelo as he wishes.

Welcome to Father Jeffey Casabuena! Father Jeffey has recently been quietly assisting Father Angelo in the parish and school. Father Jeffey has certainly made an impact on the children - just ask your child to show you they are an angel 😇. We look forward to Father Jeffey being with us at school, praying with us and for us and leading us on our faith journey.

What a wonderful celebration we had on Wednesday in honour of our **Grandparents Day.** We choose to celebrate Grandparents Day on the feast of St Joachim and Anne, Jesus's grandparents. Thank you to Father Jeffey for celebrating our liturgy and to all the grandparents and family members who joined in our celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed having their family members visit classrooms and join in fun activities. Thank you to all staff who help make this a special celebration!







All parents are carers are invited to a workshop on ADHD Wednesday 9 August 6:00pm in the Library. This workshop will be conducted by neuro-psychologist Dr Cayla Bellagarda from ADHD WA. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about this neuro-diverse condition and how it impacts the lives of those living with ADHD and the impact it can have on families, friendships, relationships and learning capacities. We hope that you will attend.

School Climate Survey data gathering begins next week. This is an opportunity for all community stakeholders to provide feedback to help us make informed decisions about how we can improve our school. The aim of this process is to build and maintain a positive school climate in which your child will flourish. To help us in our efforts, we are inviting you to respond to the Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS), developed at Curtin University. Your response will provide us with the information and foundational focus points that we will use in planning our school improvement efforts. More information next week.

YouTube article in The West on Tuesday morning titled, **Do You Know What Your Kids Are Watching on YouTube?** Might be an idea to have a look at what your child is watching on YouTube and YouTube Shorts. Great relationships are formed by children playing and talking to each other in a positive safe environment. Have you used these resources to ensure your knowledge is as up to date as theirs?

https://www.phriendlyphishing.com

www.telethonkids.org.au

www.coolaustralia.org

Gallery On Brentham was a huge success! A very, very, BIG thank you to Mrs Meade and Mr Di Domenico and their support crew for arranging and displaying the children's fabulous art pieces! This is not an easy event to prepare and arrange for our pleasure! Well done on making the hall look marvellous! Thank you to Miss O'Hara for arranging our talented music students to provide some gorgeous background music! Did you know that some students work was selected to enter the annual Catholic Performing Arts Angelico competition? Angelico is for Catholic Students and is a prestigious annual event on the Catholic school art calendar. The Angelico Exhibition is named after Blessed Fra Angelico, Patron before God of Artists.

And in the library, there was a great display of class **STEM** work! Thank you to Mrs Foster and staff for arranging!

Cross Country last week our year three to six students braved the cold, wind and drizzle to do their best at Britannia Reserve to show us their stamina in Cross Country. A BIG thank you to Mr Tsang and his staff crew for ensuring it was a great event for the students. A BIG thank you to parents and carers who also braved the dampness to cheer the children on!

On Tuesday our school team participated in the inter-school competition. Well done on braving the elements to do your best representing our school! Thank you!

End of Semester 1 Reports were distributed to families at the end of term 2. Hope that you have had a good chance to talk to your child about their achievements and opportunities for growth. This week many parents and carers have taken the opportunity to check in with their child's teacher, working in partnership for their child's success.

2023 NAPLAN student results were distributed to families of children in years 3 & 5 last Friday. A comprehensive description of NAPLAN for parents and others can be found:

<u>https://www.myschool.edu.au/naplan-explained</u>. More information about the general school performance will be provided to parents.

120 Year Celebration is getting closer and closer! Mass for the College and our community will be celebrated on Friday 22 September. Due to large numbers and limited space, it will be a closed event. After mass, we will share morning tea at the College, play games and return to school about 12:15pm. More fun things are planned for our students on their return to school. Watch this space.

Italian Teacher we continue to seek a suitable replacement for Signora Morlotti. Ought you know of an experienced primary school Italian teacher, please ask them to contact me via the office.

Our Beautiful Blue Courts are very pretty when wet, as many of you may have seen. Our netballers and basketballers are making good use of what is marked. We are waiting for fine and warm weather to complete the design. The northeastern side of the courts that is shadowed by the canteen and hall building is a much cooler temperature than that of most of the court area. Come September, we ought to be able to successfully complete our design.

The leadership team is meeting with the playground builder to look at costings. A draft report will be given to the APA at their meeting on Tuesday evening.

Child Safety Procedures

A reminder that **ALL volunteers and helpers** at school, no matter for how short or long, are to sign in and out of the school at the front office and sign and adhere to our Code of Conduct. 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**.

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.

Canteen News No currency will be accepted over \$3 per child for canteen items. Children bringing cash to school is not safe. We have been and continue to work towards a cashless canteen as preferred by CEWA Ltd. A friendly reminder that children are not permitted to purchase for other children.

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 ap calendar and on the website and will be reviewed during the holiday period.

Jonnine Lamborne Principal *Trust in Mercy Life* 120 Years Mercy Education

Important Dates:

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

