

2023 Term 3 Week 6



Pope Francis on JOY:

The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy, every family, every person aspires to happiness. But what is the joy that the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to? It is the joy that comes from the closeness of God, from his presence in our life. From the moment Jesus entered into history, with his birth in Bethlehem, humanity received the seed of the Kingdom of God, like the soil receives the seed, the promise of a future harvest. There is no need to look further! Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy or a joy postponed until paradise: as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. No! It is not that, but a joy already real and tangible now, because Jesus himself is our joy ...".

APA Quiz night tomorrow night! It's not too late to purchase your ticket! See the school app for details!

The **year 5&6 class assembly** this morning was full of fun and entertainment. A great review of the life of a year 6 student at school, the life skills they've learnt all through a fabulous review with song and dance! It was a great assembly!

Today our **first communion candidates** celebrated a beautiful liturgy and retreat day. Thank you to Fr Jeffey, Mrs Foster, Mrs Wakholi, Mrs Poncini and Mr Huntington for all the work needed to prepare a very special day. On Wednesday evening some of the children and their families participated in a preparation workshop to learn about the mass and thank God for the gifts they have been given and share with their families. Thank you to Mrs Rego and Mrs Poncini for leading this informative and gentle evening and to Father Jeffey for being present to support the candidates and introducing the workshop with your enthusiasm.

Tomorrow our **CREATIVE Edge Thinking Skills team** is participating in the annual exhibition at Curtin University. Thank you to Mrs Foster for leading this program in the school. So, looking forward to seeing the children participate! Good luck team Aranmore!

Book Week Parade was a great highlight this week! Thank you Mr Di Domenico and your Book Week team for the great morning! Thank you to parents, carers and staff who made great efforts to dress up! Costumes were sensational!

Our fabulous Choir performed at the Vasto Club on Wednesday and received fantastic results from their adjudicators who made special mention to their solid vocal tone and confidence in delivery. Well done to Miss O'Hara and our Choir we are very proud of you!

Last Friday the Choir joined the One Big Voice production at the RAC Arena. What a day it was! We are so proud of your commitment to choir! You represented our school superbly. It wonderful to see you all enjoy yourselves so much!

Our talented Band recently performed at Orana Catholic Primary School. A big congratulations to our band members for receiving an **Excellence Award** for their section in the Instrumental Ensembles! You certainly know how to entertain!

Enrolments for 2024. Please let the office know if you are **not returning in 2024**. This is of utmost importance for 2024 planning purposes. This advice needs to be in email to <u>admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au</u> before the beginning of Term 4 else families will be billed for Term 1, 2024.

NAPLAN 2023 results are certainly causing a noisy conversation in the press. Our school results indicate that in Years 3 & 5 there is a great majority of students who have achieved proficiency in the areas assessed. The data for Writing indicates that our approach used to teach writing, 'Talk for Writing', is having a strong impact on student growth. NAPLAN scoring has greatly changed this year. Parents and carers looking for more information to further understand grades are guided to this website https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers, or please see a member of the leadership team.

Thank you to all the families who participated in the **School Climate Survey.** Looking forward to receiving our data at the end of September and continuing the journey of working in partnership for the betterment of our fabulous community!

Don't forget our Athletics Carnival is Thursday 21 September at Brittania Reserve. The celebration of 120 years of Mercy education will be celebrated with the College Friday 22 September.

Late to School Procedure If your child is late to arrive at school in the morning after, after 8:40, Parents are required to sign in students at reception. Unless necessary, parents do not follow their child through the gates. Children in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary will be taken to class by a staff member.

All **school uniform** changes come into effect from 1 February 2024. This change process has been a two-year process, initiated by parents at the end of 2020. A flyer with the requirements accompanies this newsletter.

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 3 dates are on the app 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.

COMING UP: SCIENCE DAY SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP & RETREAT DAY **CREATIVE EDGE THINKING COMPETITION DAY QUIZ NIGHT** FIRST COMMUNION DAY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL **120 YEARS MERCY EDUCATION CELEBRATION**

SCAN FOR MORE INFO





LORDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK! Jain us for fun, fitness and mendships all under one roal at Lords these Spring School Holidays! NARZY WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - FREDAY & OCTOBER I 9AM - 3PM