## 2023 Term 4 Week 6



At the end of the liturgical year, the end of November, the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King.

The Feast of Christ the King, is also called Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, celebrated in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One.

**The Summer Sport Carnival** is being held today and it's a fun opportunity for our Year Five students. The students are playing frisbee and tennis with local Catholic school students. A great day to meet and mingle with others and develop acquaintances. We hope that you are having a great time and thank you for representing our school with your excellent sport manners!

# **Playground**

A **BIG** thanks to the **APA** and all **families** for contributing to this much awaited and much needed space for our children. As you know it is so important for children to have opportunities to create and play. If you haven't seen the structure taking shape, please come in and have a look!



# Water bottles

With the constant presence of COVID, and for general healthy living, please ensure that your child has a **water bottle** at school every day.

# **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Sincere thanks to all for your generous donations for the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** Your generosity will help families to have a very special Christmas time. Did you see that we have extended the collection until next Friday, 24 November!



Our **URSTRONG Friendship Day** was celebrated in the URSTRONG Australian newsletter and on their Facebook page. What a wonderful acknowledgement of our program and the efforts made by the staff to ensure that the children are engaged in a robust, effective and fun adventure to develop resilience and friendship skills! CONGRATULATIONS! See the link below for the article.

https://urstrong.com/a-partnership-with-catholic-education-western-australia/

# **Annual Community Meeting**

Will be held on **Wednesday 22 November**, 6pm in the hall. Hope that you can join us to hear the achievements of 2023 and what is to come for 2024. All welcome!

This meeting is a reporting meeting of the events of the School Advisory Council and the APA.

The School Advisory Council seeks **2 nominations** for Council. The terms of reference for the operation of the Council are available with this newsletter. There are 6 council meetings a year and the AGM. Council membership is for a term of 3 years, with no more than 6 consecutive years. If you are considering volunteering your time and commitment to our school community and would like to know further, please contact me via email or the school office for an application form.

The APA seeks **new members** to join in 2024. Please consider giving your time to help build friendships among the community and assist in the fun fundraising events that help provide extra resources for our students. Nomination forms will be provided to those interested, on request at the Office.

#### **Enrolments are OPEN!**

We had a wonderful response to our school tour last Tuesday, our last one for the year. Please promote our school to any of your friends that may be looking for a great education in a small community for their child.

#### 120 YEARS CELEBRATION & REUNION SUNDOWNER

Calling any parents, staff, and former students of St Mary's, CBC Leederville, Aranmore Catholic College and Aranmore Catholic Primary School. Please see the link below and the flyer accompanying the newsletter.

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reunion-sundowner-aranmore-catholic-college-tickets-736239561347

Please mark these **2024 Pupil Free days** in your calendar:

Friday 1 March

Tuesday 4 June

Friday 28 June

Friday 20 September

Friday 8 November

# **Dispute and Complaints**

Ought a concern or query arise, parents and carers are required to meet with class teachers for discussion and clarification. Ought matters be difficult to resolve, parents and carers are asked to follow the school's dispute and

# **Duty of Care and Supervision of Students**

Reminding families that the supervision of students begins at 8:10am each morning and concludes at 3:20pm. Our OSHC service Gumtrees, provided by the YMCA, delivers excellent before and after school care and vacation care. Parents are expected to use this service for care outside of the school's supervision hours. Please contact Gumtrees directly (0427 471 201) to learn more about this service.

#### **School Uniform**

## Full implementation of the new uniform begins Wednesday 31 January 2024

Our school uniform has always been integral to the sense of belonging to our Aranmore family. Students wear their uniform with great pride and are easily recognised in the community. All students are required to wear our school uniform. The expectations are:

- students' haircuts are conservative and not coloured
- black school shoes are school shoes, not black runners
- hair that is longer than the collar is tied back, and hair is clipped or pulled away from the face.

The school supports families who require assistance providing their child with the correct uniform.

Please contact the office ought you require assistance.

# **Kiss and Ride**

**Please remember to use your famiy name card**. There is NO PARKING on the east side of Brentham Street from 2:30pm. Please park on the west side of Brentham Street if you need to leave your car to pickup your child.

**The School App** is a 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. The school app calendar will be updated during the holidays for dates in Term one. For the latest information and any changes, please check the app.

# **Bathroom and toilet facilities**

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 the 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.

# **Important Dates**

20 November Pre-Kindergarten Prayers

22 November Annual Community Meeting

28 November ACPS Transition morning

29 November 2024 Kindergarten Parent Information evening

1 December Thanksgiving Mass St Mary's Church

3 December First Week of Advent

6 December Graduation Mass and Awards

8 December Farewell Assembly - Last Day of Term

## 2024

31 January Term 1 Commences

7 February Parent Teacher Information evening

