

Newsletter



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2023 Term 4 Week 8

We begin the season of Advent on Sunday.

We light the first candle on our Advent wreaths at Mass this weekend. On most wreaths, this candle is purple, which symbolises prayer, penance and sacrifice.

Advent is a period of waiting, like Lent. We are called to pray and fast, as we await the arrival of our saviour. We work to greet Jesus in a spirit of peace and joy, sharing wonderful celebrations with our families.

We begin the period of preparation now.

Let us consider how we will prepare for the Nativity of Jesus. Let us prepare for the coming of Our Lord!

Lord Jesus, we wait in joyful hope for you. Come into our hearts so that when the time comes, we will be prepared to join you in everlasting joy.



Completed Playground and it is **WOW!** Stage 1 of the playground for the year 1 to 6 students complete. A couple of benches to be added. The Year 6 children will 'test' the playground next week, before it is opened to the other students. Once again, a very **BIG** thank you to the APA and families for all of your support to get our playground in place!

2023 End of Year Celebration Have you ordered your sausage sizzle and got your picnic rug ready for Thursday evening's celebration? Bound to be a great time with our children entertaining you with their fabulous singing and antics! Hope to see you there! Sausage Sizzle at 5:00pm. Concert at 6:00-7:00pm.



2023 Thanksgiving Mass at St Mary's Church for Pre-Primary to Year 6, 9:00am. We welcome family members to join us to be thankful for a very busy and happy year. The school will present the St Vincent de Paul Society with our collection baskets and farewell staff who will not be returning in 2024.

2024 Open Morning Tuesday 30 January 9:00-10:00am Hope to see you there! Come and say hello to your class teacher and have a peak at what your classroom might look like.

2024 Enrolments continue to arrive every day! This is good news! If you know of a family looking to enrol their child in our wonderful school, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible, no later than 14 December. We do have a waiting list for Year 2.

Catholic School Advisory Council members 2024:

Tim Jeffery	Amy Sullivan	Father Jeffrey Casabuena (Parish Priest)
Dan Holbrook	James Gorton	Rob Huntington (Assistant Principal)
Anthony Fisk	Kelly Fryer	Amanda Oregioni (Assistant Principal)
Julian Smith	Danielle Hadley	Jonnine Lamborne (Principal)

Elected Aranmore Parents' Association members 2024:

Rebecca Fiorentino	Flor Tassone
Paula Clemente	Anthony Fisk

The APA seeks **new members** to join in 2024. Please consider giving your time to help build friendships among 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.

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 complaints procedure, easily accessed on the school website. All CEWA Ltd policies can be found on the CEWA website: www.cewa.edu.au

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.

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.

Kiss and Ride

Please remember to use your family 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 pick 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 1. 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 **must** use the facilities available in the administration area. Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Important Dates

3 December	First Week of Advent
5 December	Thanksgiving Mass St Mary's Church
6 December	Graduation Mass and Awards
8 December	Farewell Assembly

Last Day of Term

2024

15 January	School Office Opens
30 January	Open Morning for all children 9:00-10:00am
31 January	Term 1 Commences
7 February	Parent Teacher Information evening