

Newsletter



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Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20



2024 Term 1 Week 2

Why Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter. Ashes have a strong symbolic meaning in our Christian Church and serve as a reminder of our human mortality.

What is Lent? For All Future Generations

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and palms giving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Scripture; we serve by [giving palms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptised into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

This is our first of our fortnightly newsletters for 2024 and we are back to regular programming next week. Regular timetable and activities for all. Next week is also the beginning of the Church's LENTEN season, beginning Ash Wednesday. The Years four, five and six students will walk to and from school to attend 9:00am mass at St Mary's. The younger children will receive 'ashes' from a member of the leadership team upon our return.

School communication process has once again been updated to reflect the 38 hour work week for teachers and their **right to disconnect**. Please note that our school procedure has always been 48 hours to return an email and ten business days to investigate a complaint. This has not changed. The updated procedure accompanies this newsletter and is on the school website.

An **unexpected, unforeseen change to the curriculum** needs to take place. Until further advised, curriculum Music will be replaced by curriculum **DANCE**, taught by Miss Oregioni. This will **not** influence private instrument or vocal lessons, these will continue. The school will meet the requirements of the curriculum authority and the children will be assessed in DANCE, similarly to music. A **final performance** will take place, with parents and carers invited, just as done in the past with Edu Dance and Make a Move Dance programs.

This week we welcomed our **Chinese** cultural exchange students. It has been wonderful to see the children integrating with our children, joining in all learning activities, and getting a taste of school life in Australia. Some of our students are here until the end of next week, and some are here for another week. Thank you to all for helping to make the students feel welcome and being a part of our great community.

Thank you to the APA for a gorgeous evening of friendship, music and play for our welcome to 2024 evening. Families catching up with each other, children playing with furry and fluffy animals, fabulous music setting a great vibe, scrummy hotdogs to stop the tummy rumbling and the most delicious ice-cream to finish off the evening. A very nice evening.

Swimming lessons were welcome relief for students these past two weeks! While some of us enjoy the heat, some do not. Did you know that when the temperature is above 36 degrees, students do not go outside for recess or lunch, rather they have lunch in rooms, supervised by teachers and enjoy each other's company, play board games or if fortunate, watch a cartoon or two.

Parent Teacher Information meetings were held on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend, you are encouraged to get in touch with your child's teacher. Further information will be provided to all families via Seesaw. Please make sure that you can access your Seesaw account as this is an important avenue of our communication.

Meetings for children with Individual Education Plans

Revised Kiss N Ride procedure to encompass our new procedure. Please see the letter accompanying this newsletter.

The **Aranmore Catholic Primary School Netball Club** is looking for new members.

We are hoping to hear from both girls and boys from Year 2 to Year 6 to play netball in the Winter Season (May-August). Players of all abilities are encouraged to join, we are particularly hoping to recruit more players for the Year 2 Team and Year 6 Team. Games are generally played on Friday nights with the Year 6 cohort playing on Saturday mornings.

To find out more please email aranmorecpsnetball@gmail.com

Please include your child's name and year group.

Team nominations need to be finalised by February 29, so don't delay.

Safety for our community is paramount. Please adhere to the parking restrictions on Brentham Street and take care and respect our neighbour's property. Thank you.

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

Friday	1 March
Tuesday	4 June
Friday	28 June
Friday	16 August
Friday	20 September
Friday	8 November

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.

In the best interests of looking after children safety, 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
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Important Dates:

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

13 February		Shrove Tuesday
13 February	7:30am	Year 6 Leavers' Jackets fittings
14 February	9:00am	Ash Wednesday Mass years 4, 5 & 6 attend mass at St Mary's
16 February		Project Compassion Fundraiser
20 February	9:00am	School Tour
21 February	6:00pm	CSAC meeting
	7:15pm	APA meeting
22 February		Year 3 Class Liturgy
23 February		Year 6 Youth Leadership Conference
24&25 February		Sacrament Commitment Masses
29 February		Year 2 Class Liturgy
1 March		PUPIL FREE (staff professional learning)
4 March		Labour Day Public Holiday
7 March		School Swimming Carnival (Bold Park)
7 March		Year 6 Assembly
11 March		Year 6 Camp (11-13 March)
13 March		NAPLAN begins
	5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Child workshop
14 March		Pre-Primary Class Liturgy
15 March		Year 4 Assembly
		Sacrament of Reconciliation Retreat day
18 March		Parent Teacher meetings
20 March	5:30pm	Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation
		Harmony Week begins
21 March		Harmony Day
24 March		Palm Sunday
25 March		Passion Week
		Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord
		Easter Liturgy
		NAPLAN ends
27 March		Easter Liturgy
	6:00pm	CSAC meeting
	7:15pm	APA meeting
28 March		Easter Liturgy
		End of Term
29 March		Good Friday
31 March		Easter Sunday

Term 2

15 April Students commence term 2

