2024 Term 1 Week 6

God of all wholeness,

Heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers excluded by poverty and prevented from living a full and healthy life.

This Lent, may we: implore justice through our prayer, stand in solidarity through our fasting, and reach out through our giving. Send your life-giving power to revive the weary, restore the broken and renew the face of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Year 6 Assembly

Today the Year 6 assembly was a terrific example of leadership at work. The students introduced the school to their Councils and provided an amazing example of Mercy Kids in action, as they brought our attention to the often-overlooked roles they carry out to make our school great. Year 6s we are so appreciative and grateful of the effort you put into making our school a warm, welcoming and fun learning environment – you too should be proud!

2024 Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students for their magnificent participation and support at our Faction Swimming Carnival yesterday.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and parents who enjoyed witnessing and cheering on some outstanding displays of swimming throughout the day. We were also fortunate to have Aranmore College students assisting as we had some very close and exciting finishes.

The novelty and relay events were again popular with students giving their all to earn points for their faction. I commend the behaviour and efforts of all students and extend my further congratulations to Mercy winning the Principal's Shield and Aranmore for securing the 2024 Faction Swimming Carnival Shield. Both Factions retained their shield from 2023.



The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 3 May 2024. Students involved will receive a note detailing the event.

Phil Tsang

Physical Education Teacher

Staff Professional Learning

On Friday 1 March, while the students were not at school, Aranmore hosted four other schools as we embarked on our journey in the Berry Street Education Model. This was the first of four professional learning days for the staff, in a model that enables schools to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement. Shaped by 140 years of experience, decades of research and thousands of dedicated teachers, the Berry Street Education Model helps educators gain new perspectives, strategies and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all students.

Look out for information on our parent information session invitation, snippets in the newsletter and via your child's class Seesaw.

Year 6 Camp

Next week our Year 6 students will be on Camp at Ern Halliday in Hillarys from Monday – Wednesday. We wish the year 6's the best of luck in the challenges they will face, new experiences away from home, dealing with Mrs Meade's love for teaching kids how to ride bikes, Mr Tsang's snoring and Mr Hayes' Taylor Swift playlist.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the National Literacy and Numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 complete each year. The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March and finishes on Monday 25 March. Next week, students in these year levels will be completing assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. We know that they will all do the best they can!

CEWA Easter Competition

CEWA have two competitions running, Easter Acts of Kindness and Easter Colouring in Competition. Details for the competitions can be found here https://www.cewa.edu.au/easter2024/.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Wednesday evening we are conducting the **Parent/Child Workshop** for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We look forward to seeing all the candidates with a parent/guardian as they participate in activities and listen to Fr Jeffey to prepare everyone for this special occasion. A reminder to hand all Sacramental Enrolment forms into the office as soon as possible.

Kiss 'n Ride

Please refrain from getting out of your car at Kiss 'n Ride. The new procedure is very effective and with your patience and the swiftness of the children, this is a real winner! Safer, quicker and everyone is happier!

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:

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 <u>must</u> use the facilities available in the administration area. Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Jonnine Lamborne

Principal

TRUST

Important Dates:

11 March Year 6 Camp (to 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

15 April

Students commence Term 2

John XXIII College: Year 7 2027 Applications Closing Soon

John XXIII College will soon be commencing the enrolment process for our Year 7 2027 cohort, with applications due in Week 7 of this term.

A reminder to all Year 4 families who are interested in a John XXIII College secondary education for their child, to please ensure their application form has been submitted by Friday 15 March 2024.

John XXIII College seeks to develop people of competence, conscience and compassion who are committed to seek justice and serve others. Our vision is for all students to strive for excellence for themselves, their peers, and their community. To find out more visit: www.johnxxiii.edu.au/enrolments



INVITATION: Mercedes College Open Day | Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Event Details

Date: Tuesday 12 March
Sessions: 8:30am – 10:30am or

11:00am - 1:00pm

Registration

Families are encouraged to register their attendance as soon as possible, using this link on our website: https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/enrolments/open-day/

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our Marketing team on marketing@mercedes.wa.edu.au

We look forward to sharing the wonderful opportunities that await your daughter.



Calling all 2-5 year olds and seniors to join the fun at this intergenerational session.



YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2024 10 – 11.30am

Time: Cost: FREE

Location: Community Centre.

99 Loftus Street, Leederville

This is an intergenerational music event with a performance from Rockin Bops of 50's and 60's classic hit songs. Arrive solo or bring along your grandchildren/ grandparents to join the fun. Recommended children ages 2-5 years old. Morning tea will be provided after the 50min interactive music performance.

Registrations are essential, scan the QR code or for more information, please contact the Community Development team on 6112 5838 or via email at community.development@vincent.wa.gov.au

