

Newsletter



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Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. Pope Francis

Dear Parents

Swimming lessons went very smooth this year – big thankyou to Mr Tsang for all his organisation. I am also very pleased and proud to let you know that the swimming supervisor spoke highly of Aranmore CPS once again. Well done children. I love hearing news like this!

Please welcome Dr Peter Carey who will be joining the Aranmore Staff once a week as of next week. Dr Carey is a **Digital Technologies** Consultant for the Catholic Education Office of WA where he is responsible for assisting Principals and teachers in learning, teaching and assessment. He has a wealth of Digital Technologies knowledge and we are fortunate to have him working with us this year to unpack the Digital Technologies curriculum. He will be working in the classrooms with the teachers and children as well as providing professional learning for the staff.

The **P&F Family Campout on Saturday 18 March** is getting closer. Many thanks to Meg and John Clarey for co-ordinating this exciting event for all families. Bring your tent and set it up on the lawn near the Adventure Playground or if you don't have one feel bring along a mattress/swag to sleep in the Undercover Area. If you cannot camp overnight you are more than welcome to come for dinner on Saturday evening or brekkie on Sunday morning. Please see the P&F section for further details.

Applications for **Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2018** are currently being processed. ***If you are a current Aranmore family you still need to fill out a separate application form for your little one who is due to come to school.***

If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy or Kindy in 2018, please contact the school office for an application form.

It is always wonderful to hear positive feedback from parents. Thank you to those parents who have chatted with me or Ms Coniglio or sent an email/letter about what a smooth start to the year their children have had and how settled their children are in their new classrooms. I always love to hear this news and I pass this information on to the staff, who are so thrilled when they hear it.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

10 MARCH 2017

KEY DATES

- School Photo Day – Tuesday 14 March
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 17 March
- Family Camp Out – Saturday 18 March
- P&F Sausage Sizzle hosted by Year 2 & Year 4
- Faction Swimming Carnival – TBA
- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 4 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 6 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 7 April

ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

NIGHT: Wednesday 22 March - 7:00pm
St Mary's (Years 3, 4 and 6)

COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March

CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Thursday 27 April
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Wednesday 24 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 27 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June

RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 26 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 17 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 19 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 24 August

FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 3 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 30 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 2 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LENT

Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent and are referred to as the 'Sundays in Lent'. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon His mission and calling.

Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination and repentance. This season of the year is equal in importance only to the Season of Advent in the Christian year and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. It has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvellous redemption at Easter and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

ARANMORE DAY

Thursday 6 April is Aranmore Day.

The day will commence with a prayer service in the Hall. At the conclusion of the prayer service, Mercy Value certificates will be presented to children in each class. These certificates will differ from the regular certificates as they centre on the Mercy Values. This was identified, as part of the School Strategic Plan, as a means of promoting the Mercy charism.

From about 9:45 until recess, Mr Tsang will then arrange Tabloid Sports for the PP – Year 2 classes, with the assistance of the Year 6 children.

Between recess and lunch, we will have our traditional 'Aranmore Has Talent' contest. The P & F are kindly donating individual trophies for the winners of this year's contest. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch for the children will be provided. This year the children may choose from: Ham and Cheese, Chicken and Salad or Cheese and Salad wraps. The children will make their selections in class with their teachers; however, the Kindy and Pre-primary teachers will have checklists outside the classroom for you to select lunch for your child on Aranmore Day. Thank you to Mrs Civiletti and the P & F for organising the wraps on Aranmore Day.

From after lunch until almost home time, the Year 3 – 6 classes will be involved in Tabloid Sports.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

HARMONY DAY

21st March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Since 1999 Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

PRE PRIMARY & YEAR 1 LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

All **Pre-primary** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Miss Cassandra Lioni and Miss Sarah Raspa on **Thursday 23 March**. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Pre-primary to attend if you have this date and time free.

All **Year 1** parents are invited to attend a **Literacy workshop** conducted by Mrs Angie Lionetto-Civa and Miss Catherine Connell on **Friday 24 March**. The workshop will be held in the School Library at **2:00pm**. We encourage all parents from Year 1 to attend if you have this date and time free.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2017 IS COMING!

The Aranmore Catholic Primary School (PP-6) photo day is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 March. Each student received their photography order envelope to bring home on Friday. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. ***If you place your order online please return your envelope to the photographer on the day.***

You have the remainder of the current year to order, 5 days after photography a late fee will apply. Please check the website.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day.

Sibling photos will take place at recess, lunch and after the class photos have been completed. All sibling photos with a Kindy student, will be taken from 8.15am until 8.45am in the Hall – it would be appreciated if parents could accompany their children to these photos.

Refer to our website for your sibling closing date. Late requests cannot be granted.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

Mrs Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

MEDICAL

Over the past few weeks we have been updating the school's health records. If we **do not** have any record of your child's health, a letter was sent home to parents for completion. Thank you to those parents who returned the form. If you have not returned the form and your child has a serious medical condition of which the school is unaware, please notify us as soon as possible. We would be grateful for any additional information, such as an Action Plan.

As most children will not fall into this category, we will assume that if the form was not returned to the school and we have not been officially notified of any medical condition, that your child does not require any special attention in regards to their health.

Mrs Mary Monterosso
Medical Plan Co-ordinator

PUBLICITY OF IMAGES

As part of the school's publicity activities there may, on occasion, arise the situation whereby the school, Catholic Education Western Australia (CECWA) or local media will need to take photographs and/or video footage of your child/ren for publication in newspapers, school documents such as newsletters, myclasses pages, CECWA documents, training videos and/or the school/CEWA website.

The school has recently been updating our records and forms were sent home for those children for which we **do not** hold any type of authority in regards to publishing their image. If the school has not received a response to this letter and the form was not returned, we will assume that we are able to use your child's picture as stated above.

Mrs Mary Monterosso
Standard Notice Co-ordinator



P & F

BAKERS DELIGHT

We are so fortunate to have the support of local businesses. Bakers Delight Mt Hawthorn are kindly giving our families a card which allows them to get a loaf of bread a day free for one month. We will stagger the distribution of these cards by the eldest child in each year group starting with Kindy. Cards are starting to go home so look out for them in your child's homework folder.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

At the AGM we launched the business directory for Aranmore family businesses. If you would like to promote your business in the P&F section of the website please contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

Thank you to Meg Clarey for organising the Family Camp Out which is being held on Saturday 18 March. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details. **Food must be ordered online before "THE EVENT"**. Click the link to book in for this fun fabulous night!!

www.trybooking.com/OYNG

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest edition of the Scholastic Book Club brochures went home this week. The LOOP is now open for families to order online. For orders on the catalogue order form, we have a turnaround period of one week for returning completed forms. Orders need to be in by no later than the TUESDAY the 14 of MARCH so they can be processed by the Library as soon as possible and sent to Scholastic. Once again, thank you to all parents for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Gray
Teacher Librarian

SPORT

ARANMORE NETBALL CLUB

If you are in Year 3 and want to play netball we have just 5 spots left in our teams so please if you want to play let Jennifer Saliacus know by return email (jennifersaliacus@inet.net.au) and send in your registration form as soon as possible - the form can be obtained from the front office. Our games are part of the Perth Netball Association (PNA) competition on a Friday afternoon at 4.15pm at Matthews Netball Centre in Wembley. Training will be a short skills session beforehand to be held at Matthews.

The season is a fun season at runs from 5th May to 11th August with no games on the long weekend or school holidays. The cost to register your child for the season is \$165. The netball uniform is the school blue skorts/shorts and Aranmore Netball tops - for sale for at \$15. Our Year 4, and 6 teams are now full. We still have 2 places left in the Year 5 teams. There are also 4 spots left for Year 3 teams.

Mrs Julie Scherini & Mrs Jennifer Saliacus
Netball Coordinators

SWIM CLUB

Eighteen swimmers on Tuesday at swim club which is still a great turn out given everyone is at school swimming lessons at present. It is really good to see everyone getting into the groove and remembering their swimming kit, so well done to all of you. Next week I am sure will see a return to our larger numbers as swimming lessons will be finished. Can I ask that everyone please be patient, listen to the coaches and remember to come and have your name recorded and pay your money as soon as you arrive. That way the coaches and I know who we are responsible for at the start of the session.

Now just in case you were not aware the date for the swimming carnival has been changed to the 27th April and to Bold Park due to the concrete work going on at Beatty Park. This date is now after the holidays and in order to maintain your swimming fitness in readiness for the carnival which is now in second term, it is a really good idea to make sure that you keep your swimming up over the April school holidays.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENING

Aranmore Catholic College invites you and your family to our Prospective Student Evening. Register your attendance at:

www.aranmore.wa.edu.au

I would recommend having at least one long swim (like at swim club) each week during the holidays. Swimming club does not run during the holidays so it is important you motivate yourself to get into the pool and hammer out some sprint and slow laps during the break.

Good luck and good swimming everyone on your school swimming lessons and see you next week.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Coordinator

ARANLICIOUS CANTEEN

MONDAY	13 Mar	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	15 Mar	HELP
FRIDAY	17 Mar	Pupil Free Day
MONDAY	20 Mar	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	22 Mar	HELP
FRIDAY	24 Mar	Alison & Erin

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress



Family Camp Night

Join in the fun with other Aranmore families and pitch a tent on the school grounds (around the Adventure Playground area) for a camp night. Or bring a swag/mattress and sleep in the undercover area.

Saturday 18th March

When: Set up from **4pm**

Play before a BBQ dinner.

Pack up after a BBQ breakfast the following morning.

\$10 Family Camp Fee

Sausage sizzle (\$3), hamburgers (\$5) available for purchase on the night.

Bacon and egg rolls (\$4) available in the morning.

Note, orders to be processed prior to the event.

- BYO additional food & drinks
- Alcohol Free
- Tents only (or swags/mattresses)
- Pre-Kindy to Year 6 Aranmore CPS children all welcome
- School amenities will be available

Family Camp Fee and Food bookings to be made at www.trybooking.com/OYNG

Deadline: Monday 13th March

Queries: Meg Clarey 0438417566 jcandmeg@westnet.com.au



APRIL HOLIDAYS



Vacation CARE

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10 APRIL	11 APRIL	12 APRIL	13 APRIL	14 APRIL
In-house: Easter Cooking and Egg Hunt Day Today, we are being creative to bake "Hot Cross Buns" for our afternoon tea. Following that will be a Easter egg hunt!	High Flyers Let's fly high with "High Flyers". Stretch your body and sharpen your mind and learn new tricks!!	Annie's Landing Playground Let's go to Perth's a MUST see 'Playground' at Ellenbrook. Tunnels, rope bridges, swings, flying foxes and lots more.	ACE Cinema Midland Gate & Woodbridge Park Let's enjoy the latest movie and chill out. Please be at Gumtrees, 9.30am today for earlier departure.	Good Friday Public Holiday
17 APRIL	18 APRIL	19 APRIL	20 APRIL	21 APRIL
Easter Monday Public Holiday	Cohuna Koala Park We will see koalas and go for Safari Train Ride with exciting miniature train. Please be at Gumtrees 9.30am today for earlier departure.	Yokine Playspace & Sizzlers Morley Let's play hard at Yokine Playground, you'll be so hungry that you will be ready for "All you can eat" at Sizzlers afterwards!	Bibra Lake Reserve There is a lot to see and play. Meet a giant turtle and challenge yourself on the "Free Top Rope Walk". And we will also be having a BBQ.	In-house: Electronics & Tie-dye Let's relax with your electronics device! Please bring white t-shirts, towel or socks for Tie-dye. We will provide Tie-dye colors.

Gumtrees - Aranmore Primary School
20 Brentham Street, Leederville
0427 471 201

Early Bird enrolments

Bookings made before 2 April 2017!
Only \$65 per child, per day!

Standard enrolments

Bookings made after 2 April 2017
\$70 per child, per day.

What you get

Price includes all excursion admission prices, activities, bus costs, morning and afternoon tea. Childcare benefit and childcare rebate fee reductions are available.

What to bring

Packed lunch, water bottle, hat, sun protective and weather proof clothing, safe enclosed footwear.

How to enrol in 4 easy steps

1. Visit www.childrenymcawa.org.au
2. Click Metro > Gumtrees OSHC
3. Scroll down and sign in or create a My Family Lounge Account
4. Create your vacation care booking through the Casual Booking Calendar.

Opening times

The centre is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Please ensure your child arrives by **9.00am** so that they do not miss the excursion.

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