

# Newsletter



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2021 Term 1 Week 5

Be a MERCY kid!

During Lent, Christians pray for themselves and others. We are encouraged to pray for the people and communities whose lives are full of daily struggles. Fasting in Lent is about giving something up for a time. Many people give up something they love to eat. This can help us to understand a little more about what it's like for somebody who is different from ourselves. Often in Lent, many of us make extra efforts to give to others. Almsgiving means donating money or items to people who have less than we have. It is a way to show that we care for others and that we are thankful for all God has given us.



Caring for others is part of many faiths.

Let's be brave enough to give generously this Lent.

What can you go without during each week of Lent? We can practice 'almsgiving' by contributing financial donations to Project Compassion.

Your support of Project Compassion is a way of saying you care about creating a fairer world.

*What are your plans to contribute to a fairer world this year?*

This morning we were delighted by the multi-talented 1G class presenting their story about the gifts of FAMILY! Thank you for sharing your special family gifts and reminding our community of how precious our families are. Well done! Thank you to all family members and friends who were able to attend. Before the assembly started, I asked the class how much my ticket should cost. They giggled. No amount of money would go near the energy and enthusiasm they shared with us. An absolutely priceless occasion.

On Tuesday many families enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of Bold Park Aquatic Centre while the Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival took place. The students had a great time competing in their individual, relay and novelty races! I take my hat off to and, thank Mr Tsang and staff for organising and arranging the wonderful day. The Year 6 students and faction captains led by example. All students competed to the best of their abilities and had a lot of fun cheering and encouraging their teammates. A very big thank you to the parents who were able to attend and to those who were able to assist as place judges and marshals. Congratulations to all participants and to team Aranmore for winning the Shield. The Principal's Shield was awarded to team Mercy. This was my first Aranmore Faction Swimming Carnival and gosh I was impressed.

Parent teacher meetings will be held throughout Week 7, Monday 22 March to Friday 26 March. Parents are asked to book their meeting using the booking form that will be released on the app on Monday. This is an opportune time to meet with your child's teacher to gain insight into their start to the school year and clarify classroom routines and expectations.

Be a MERCY Kid parent workshop held last week was a great success, for those parents who attended. Not only did they receive a good insight into the why and how of the initiative, they got were able to meet and hear social worker Evyn Webster introduce himself and his support of the staff and students. Already classes are receiving rewards for their positive approach to learning and behaviours in and out of the classroom! Well done!

At our School Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday evening, the school's curriculum focus and priority goals were presented.

**2021 Curriculum priority focus:** Enhance the teaching of reading by using data and specific pedagogical practices to meet the needs of students in each class

**Other priority goals:**

- Continue the Talk for Writing approach in all classes to teach Writing skills
- Develop a Teaching & Learning Philosophy through our action learning team
- Review and plan the school's Information & Technology
- Strategy to include teaching & learning through our action learning team
- Develop an Integrated Aboriginal Education Plan
- Involve children more in the direction of their learning

This year we have strived to ensure that all students in Years 1-6, have as many uninterrupted blocks as possible, of English and Mathematics time, to ensure that teaching and learning flow is maximised in any week. Please look out for the information class teachers provide you about children's learning, the newsletter and the school app.

Our School Parents' Association (P&F) are seeking Class representatives! If you are available to assist in event planning and activities, please make contact with Andrea Tan via the school office.

Parents who wish to be part of social and information sharing groups are asked to contact their class rep.

The school will not be passing on parent contact details using the previous opt out method.

All class rep information will be put on the school app and shared to parents via your child's class Seesaw, next week.

On Monday evening, I had the privilege of attending the 'Smoking Ceremony' at the College. The ceremony is celebrated as an ancient custom among our First Nation in which native plants are burnt to produce smoke and acknowledge ancestors and pay respect to the land, waters and sea of country. The smoke is believed to have healing and cleansing properties and is a fitting start to any new endeavour, such as the starting of the school year. Was a lovely evening to celebrate with staff, students and parents. A highly recommended opportunity.

If you aren't following the school on Instagram, please do so. The more 'likes' the greater our reach to the community, showcasing and advertising our wonderful community and exciting learning happening in our school. Please share with your family members! A great way to keep grandparents and extended family members up to date with what is happening at school. Instagram: aranmorecatholicprimary

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.

Supervision of students begins at 8:15am 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.

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 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

*May love & peace be found here*

## Religious Education

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We keep our Year 3 and Year 4 students in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's Church, 6.00pm on Wednesday 24 March. All Year 3 and 4 students will participate in the Reconciliation Retreat on Friday 19 March in the School Hall.



## Term 1 Week 7 Parent –Teacher meetings

Week 7 Monday 22- Friday 26 March



ACPS Kindergarten – Year 6 Parent-teacher meetings will be held in Week 7 Monday 22- Friday 26 March in the classroom, before and after school. These meetings will be 12 minutes in duration and are an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and/or specialist teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. Further information about how to book your meeting will be posted on the School App on Monday 15 March.

## LENT & PROJECT COMPASSION



During Lent, ACPS takes part in the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family should have received a Project Compassion box in Week 2 or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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## SWIM CLUB

This weeks swim club was a small group due to the Swimming Carnival but it allowed us to take this weeks training easy and gain some wonderful one on one training for diving from coach Allison and really improve our skills. Thanks to those that attended on Tuesday I was very impressed.



This weeks swimming carnival was very exciting to watch our squad members do so very well. Congratulations to all the swimmers on the day.

Now that vac swimming is completed and the school carnival is over we are very much looking forward to our squad numbers rising and getting back to our fun training sessions.

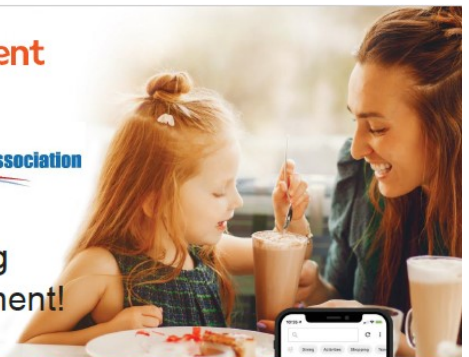
Remember new members always welcome. We train at 7am on Tuesdays. Please email [admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au) to reach me for enquiries.

We'll see you next Tuesday!

Mrs Nicole Rohde  
Swim Club Coordinator

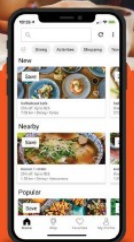


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