# Newsletter

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# Working Together to Transform Community

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God of infinite love, Thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others. Here in the middle of Lent, We turn to you to ask for your help. Please soften ours heart. Help us to let go of judging others. We ask you this, in Jesus' name.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

# PARENTS PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

We are adopting the following practices:

Avoiding transmission of germs by:

- Continuing to have students regularly wash hands & use good hygiene practices e.g. coughing, sneezing, use tissues
- Extra cleaning of toilets, hand basins and drink fountains
- Extra cleaning in classrooms (including shared resources, devices, surfaces and door handles)
- Hand sanitisers, as usual, are available in classrooms & being used
- Continuing to send sick children home
- Continue requiring visitors to school to declare & record their travel status

Caring for an individual displaying flu like symptoms:

• Using a Six Step Plan for managing individual cases

Continuing the delivering of the educational program in the event of a school closure of other a major disruption

• We are working on a 'school learning plan' as directed by CEWA, in the event of a school closure.

It will take a community effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Parents, as this virus is extremely transmissible, we ask that you keep children who are unwell at home. Children who are symptomatic at school will be required to be taken home without delay. Parents are asked to ensure that emergency contacts are up-to-date on our system and the nominated person is available to collect students if unwell, as there is no facility to keep children on the premises. Please keep an eye open on the school app up for regular updates.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 23 March. Bookings via the online system will close Friday 20 March. If you haven't already booked, please do so.

Cybersafety workshop focus on Screen/Online time was a very helpful conversation for parents in attendance. Tips for parents will be posted on the app in the near future.

See you at the Faction Swimming carnival next week 18 March, Beatty Park commencing at 9:45am.

Congratulations to Mrs Pracilio and her husband Mark as they await the arrival of their first child, due in July. We offer you all much happiness and good health at this special time.

Next opportunity to participate in the review of the Code of Conduct for the community will be 20 March at 8:30am in the Library, preceding the Year 1 Liturgy at 9:30am. All welcome!

Harmony Week Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday 19 March in the hall at 2:30pm. The students will be involved in buddy activities to develop their understanding of diversity in our community and the bigger world. Western Australians share a rich and diverse heritage originating from every part of the world. Harmony Week is a time to celebrate this diversity and the social and cultural and benefits that it brings to every Western Australian. Please join us in prayer and celebration.

School App thank you to all who have downloaded the school app. Please have a look at the 'Events' tab as you'll find dates of all upcoming events for the school year. This is the most updated calendar.

Parents/Guardians and Visitors (including contractors) to the school are being asked to sign the school's Code of Conduct agreement. For parents/guardians, this is a one-off request. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision-making to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. The Code of Conduct promotes positive relationships in our school community. The Code of Conduct is a Catholic Education initiative and complements Child Safe practices in our school.

Jonnine Lamborne Principal *May love & peace be found here* 

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### SACRAMENT COMMITMENT MASS

If your child is completing a Sacrament (Confirmation, Holy Eucharist or Penance) the Commitment and Enrolment Masses will be taking place on the:

- Saturday 28th March 6:30pm
- Sunday 29th March 8:00am or 10:30am

The enrolment forms will be handed out in class. If you have any questions about the Sacraments or are unable to attend the Commitment Mass. Please contact the Parish on 9444 9624.

## LENT & PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Week of Lent

In Cambodia, 1 in 8 people live below the **GO FURTHER TOGETHER** poverty line. This week through Project Compassion we learn about Phany Struggling to earn a living as a farmer in Cambodia, Phany was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village to take up construction work in the city. Thankfully, through a Caritas funded program, Phany learnt new farming techniques which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au





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Mrs Sarah Pracilio & Miss Kate Johnston Assistant Principals

# **CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION**

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 8 PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS**

ACPS Kindergarten – Year 6 Parent-teacher meetings will be held on Monday 23 March between 1.45pm – 7.00pm in the classroom. 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. This year we will be using an online booking system which can be accessed via the link <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> (School Code: cg5q7) Bookings must be finalised by Friday 20 March at 4pm. For further information, please see the notice posted to the School App.

#### SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please note that supervision of students commences at 8:15am. Consequently, students should not be arriving any earlier. The duty of care of students concludes at 3:20pm each day.

Our Before and After School Care (Gumtrees) operates from 8.00am to 9.00am and in the afternoon from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. If you need to drop your children off prior to 8.15am then please enrol them in the before school program. If you are unable to collect your children by 3.20pm then please enrol them in the after school program.

#### WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform orders for Pre Primary and Year One are now due. Forms were previously sent home and are available from the front office.

#### Mrs Sarah Pracilio & Miss Kate Johnston Assistant Principals

# SPORT

#### NETBALL 2020

Year 2's to 6 – this is your last chance to register for the Netball Winter season 2020. We need to finalize registrations by Monday 16th March.

Registration in 2020 must be done online so please use the registration links below (be sure to use the correct one for your child's age also note the registration form states Saturday but rest assured we will amend our team nominations once all registrations are received and the day preference for the majority has been determined. Please email <u>aranmorecpsnetball@gmail.com</u> if you require any assistance with this registration process.

2020 Aranmore CPS Year 2-5 Registration 2020 Aranmore CPS Year 6 Registration

Mrs Jennifer Saliacus, Mrs Julie Panotidis and Mrs Sharon O'Halloran Netball Coordinators 2020



St. Mary's Parish Leederville needs more **volunteers** for its upkeep. We invite people to join one of the various ministries: Readers, Special Ministers, Cleaners, Counting Money/Banking and any other area you may wish to volunteer your time and talent. We need your help. Please talk to Fr. Angelo at your most convenient time. Thank you.