

# Newsletter



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## Dear Parents

I trust that you all received my welcome letter last week. This week we officially commence with the first school newsletter of the year. Thank you to those families who demonstrated their active interest and involvement in their child's education by attending the parent information night last Thursday. The teachers & I look forward to continuing and consolidating this home – school partnership.

At assembly on Friday, we will acknowledge our **Year Six leaders** for 2019 and present them with their Student Council badges. Being on the Student Council is an honour and a privilege and provides the students with a great sense of responsibility and 'service' leadership in their final year of primary school. We wish them all the best as they undertake roles in the areas of – Pastoral, Communication, Environment and Sport.

Monday **Pre-Kindy (3 Year Old)** and Tuesday – Thursday **Kindy** still have places available, If you are interested in finding out more please call Amanda at the front office. If you have friends or neighbours who have children this age, then please talk to them about our exciting Pre-Kindy & Kindy programs and encourage them to enrol.

Our annual 'Welcome Back to School' **Bush Dance** is on this **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February** on the grassed area behind our school hall from 5pm onwards. This special event at the beginning of the year is an opportunity for us all to gather together and catch up after the long Christmas break. Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle or BYO picnic on the lawn. There will be an animal farm for the children and of course the great Sothern Cross Bush Band. The Bush Dance is planned and organised by our wonderful P&F Committee and I would like to thank all of the P&F committee and parents for their hard work in planning this evening. Thankyou also to School Board Members who will be cooking the sausages on the night. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Our first **P&F** Meeting for the year was held this week. All parents are invited to attend these meetings and a special invitation is extended to our new families. P&F Meetings are a great opportunity to gather together with the Principal, P&F Committee and other parents and find out what we can do together to continue making Aranmore Catholic Primary School such a wonderful school community. The next P&F meeting will be held in the school library from **7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The P&F Committee also works extremely hard to fundraise throughout the year to help purchase extra resources for the children and they also plan some great 'friend raising' events.

Our **2019 Annual School Plan** can be viewed on our school website <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/strategic-plan/> and will focus on these areas:

### School Improvement Plan 2019 :

- Evangelisation Plan Focus : To enact upon the elements of : Primary Proclamation; Catechesis; Christian Witness.
- Curriculum Plan Focus : To improve student knowledge and skills in the areas of writing with an emphasis on vocabulary through the "Talk for Writing" program, and Facilitate a PK-Year 2 consistent approach in teacher phonological awareness/ phonics.
- Technology Focus : Integrate technology into current classroom practice through well supported resources and teacher development.
- Aboriginal Education Focus : Develop an Aboriginal Education Plan that promotes culturally responsive Pedagogy.

Just a reminder that if a family would like to place a notice in the **Pastoral Care** section of the newsletter in relation to a birth or death, please send a message to the office by no later than Wednesday lunch time. If a family would like the community to pray for any special intentions e.g. an ill family member, please let your class teacher or the office know.

As mentioned at the Parent information evening all **Smart Watches** are to be left at home. Should there be extenuating circumstances please consult me to discuss the possibility of an exception.

Wishing you a safe & enjoyable weekend, with God's blessings ...

**Mrs Lisa Deans**  
**Principal**

## SOCIAL WORKER

### Ali Fisher continues in her role as the School Social Worker in 2019

Ali Fisher is a qualified Social Worker who is available to the students, parents and staff at Aranmore. Social Workers provide a safe place where parents, teachers and children can be supported in making positive decisions.

Ali Fisher also works with whole class groups alongside the teaching staff and maintains an active presence in the playground to assist children with on the spot playground, friendship and social issues.

Ali Fisher is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments are not necessary. If available she is always happy to see parents and children. Alternatively you can phone to make an appointment to be sure she is available.

**Mrs Lisa Deans**  
Principal

### HELPING KIDS COPE WITH ANXIETY

Claire Orange – experienced therapist, mother, author and speaker will be speaking at the Rotary Club of Cambridge on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you are concerned about your child's ability to cope with the everyday challenges in his or her life this talk will be extremely helpful.

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am for a 9.15 start  
Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Ave Floreat  
RSVP Jeanette Wood 0413 190 412 or  
[jp2wood@bigpond.com](mailto:jp2wood@bigpond.com)  
Cost - \$5

**Mrs Ali Fisher**  
Social Worker

## ADMINISTRATION

### SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please note that supervision of students commences at 8:15am. Consequently, students should not be arriving any earlier as that is when our duty of care commences for the day.

The duty of care of students concludes at 3:20pm each day. When duty ceases in the afternoon, all those students still waiting are asked to sit outside the office for collection by parents. Any children of Kindy or Pre-primary age are asked to sit inside the office to wait for parents.

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 programme. If you are unable to collect your children by 3.20pm then please enrol them in the after school programme.

### EARLY LEARNING CENTRE (PRE-KINDY, KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY)

We wish to inform you of some changes in the Early Learning Centre in 2019. Early Learning Centre gates will be open at 8:30am. At 8.30am the parents are invited to assist their children with preparing for the school day by placing down bags and getting their necessary items for class.

The Early Learning Centre Playground is not supervised before or afterschool by a staff member. As the safety of your child is of utmost importance to us we ask that no children are to be playing on the equipment in the Early Learning Centre Playground before or after school.

### SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT

It is important to remember that when your child / children either arrive late for the day or are picked up before the end of the day, that they are signed in or out. The Sign In or Out kiosk is located in the front office.

**Please note:** If you are signing your child out of school, Mrs Ellen will call for your child / children from their class. Parents are asked not to collect their child from class.

### KISS AND RIDE



All parents are to either park in the correct parking zones or use the Kiss and Ride system. The Kiss and Ride system must flow smoothly for the efficiency and safety of our students.

We encourage parents to use this system and be patient while in a queue. Please do not cut in front of other drivers as this could lead to either cars colliding with one another or a student being hurt.

Parents are **NOT** to park in the Kiss and Ride area as it blocks traffic and causes drivers to become very frustrated. Parents are expected to stay in their car if using this system and not get out to open doors or find children. Please follow the flow of cars and the Teacher on duty normally gives direction if 'moving up' is required to make room for other cars waiting in the queue. Please ensure that the family name tag is clearly displayed – making it easy for the teachers to call out the family name. If you require new or additional name tags – please contact the Office.

Please park in the available parking zones on Brentham Street, Britannia Road, Bennelong Way or Wavertree Place if you would like to walk over to your child / children or visit classroom teachers, etc.

Please read the street signs carefully as they have been changed.

### The Staff Car Park is only for Staff Parking.

Please refrain from parking in this area to pick up or drop off children.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and assistance in endeavouring to make our school a safe area for the dropping off and picking up of children.

**Miss Sarah Lister & Miss Kate Johnston**  
Assistant Principals

## P & F

### BUSH DANCE

This **Saturday, 16th February at 5pm** we have our annual Family Bush Dance as a welcome back to school. The Southern Bush Band will be back to entertain us. We have an animal farm and face painting to entertain the kids. There will also be a sausage sizzle, ice creams and drinks for sale. We look forward to seeing you there! We will need help on the day with setting up and then again at night working in the canteen to sell food. If you can help out please go to this link to sign up

<http://signup.com/go/tPUKRrX>

### SAVE THE DATE- SCHOOL CAMP OUT

The popular school camp out is on again this year. The date for this fun filled family event is **Saturday March 23rd**. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.

### TELSTRA GRANT

Are you a Telstra employee or know someone that works for Telstra? The P&F are interested in speaking to anyone that works for Telstra and could apply for a \$1200 grant for the school. The application process only takes a couple of minutes and then if successful the P&F will do the rest!

This grant is open to all Telstra employees in a permanent full- or part-time role. They do not have to be related to a child involved in the community project that they nominate. Contractors and casual employees to Telstra are not eligible to apply. If you can help please contact Alison at [alisonwilmot@inet.net.au](mailto:alisonwilmot@inet.net.au)

### ARANMORE SCHOOL PAVERS FUNDRAISERS

#### Mark your child's connection to the Aranmore CPS community

Members of the School community who missed out on this offer previously or who are new to Aranmore CPS are still able to purchase an engraved paver to commemorate their child /family's link to the Aranmore CPS community. The pavers will be laid at the entrance of the School Hall. The opportunity to purchase a paver will be available until the end of Term 1.

The initiative is being organised to raise funds for an upgrade to the School's multipurpose sports courts, so the students can remain active throughout the year.

For further information please contact Sandra at [aranmorepnf@gmail.com](mailto:aranmorepnf@gmail.com)

**Mrs Alison Wilmot & Mrs Andrea Tan**  
Co P&F Presidents 2019

## SPORTS

### Tennis Excellence Aranmore Catholic Primary School Program

Tennis Excellence has been operating across Clubs in Perth for over 10 years, providing expert coaching for young tennis players.



TE is delighted to offer our professional tennis coaching services onsite at Aranmore Catholic Primary School. Your kids can learn the game and continue to develop skills that will allow them to play tennis at any age, anywhere in the world.

Our coaches have all enjoyed tennis throughout their lives and now want to pass that enjoyment on to your kids.

Course duration: 8 weeks  
Commencing: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Time: 7.45am – 8.30am  
Cost: \$120  
Years: Pre-primary – Year 3

To enrol please go to our website:

<https://tennisexcellence.com.au/course-enrolments/north-perth/school-programs>

Alternatively if you have any questions please call us on 1300 424 544 or email [info@tennisexcellence.com.au](mailto:info@tennisexcellence.com.au)

We look forward to welcoming your children this term!!!

### NETBALL

To all parents of students in year 2-6 (both BOYS and girls) we invite you to register to play netball for Aranmore CPS Netball Club. We are part of the Perth Netball Association (PNA) and games are played on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

The cost to register your child for the season is \$195 which can be paid at the school office – this fee includes all umpiring fees, team nomination and player fees for the season (please note this is a change from previous years whereby umpiring fees were collected separately)

The netball uniform is the school blue skorts/shorts and Aranmore Netball tops, these are for sale for at \$15. Please contact Jennifer Saliacus if you require a netball top.

The season runs from: 10<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August for Year 5-6 and 10<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> August for Year 2-4 with no games on the long weekend in June or in the July school holidays.

Game times - there will likely be Friday teams and/or Saturday morning depending on player numbers and preferences. Teams will be arranged once we know our player numbers, but please be aware that there is a maximum of 10 players per team so please register as soon as possible so we can secure your place. Registration in 2019 must be done online this year so please use the registration links below (be sure to use the correct one for your child's age also note the registration states Saturday only but we will amend our team nominations once all registrations are received.

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?id=16493&sslredirect=1&entityid=46226&save=0&cf=1&mode=0>

We will also need coaches and managers for our teams so if there are any parents that wish to take this on please contact Jennifer Saliacus (details below). As a coach you will be able to decide your training day and time to suit you and your team.

I also welcome Julie Panotidis and Jessica Jones as my assistant coordinators this year!

[jennifersaliacus@inet.net.au](mailto:jennifersaliacus@inet.net.au)

**Mrs Jennifer Saliacus, Mrs Julie Panotidis and Mrs Jessica Jones**  
Netball Coordinators 2019

## SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to the swim squad for 2019! We had 13 excited and dedicated swimmers on Tuesday back ready and listening for our wonderful swim coach Allison. Keep up the good work team and we look forward to seeing more of our regulars next Tuesday even though it will be a vac swim week we hope to see you then.

**Mrs Nicole Rohde**  
Swim Club Coordinator

## CANTEEN

### URGENT HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help out our new Canteen Manageress in the Canteen on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday please contact Caroline on 0409 200 633.



## UNIFORM

Time to check that your child has all their winter uniform requirements. Uniform shop is open every Tuesday from 8:00am until 9:30am.

**Mrs Jill Eftos**  
Uniform Manageress

## MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

### COMPASSION

Show you care for others  
In your words and actions

**14 February 2019**

### SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM ONE

- Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 4 March
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 5 March
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday 15 March
- Open Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 9 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 11 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 12 April

### ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION NIGHT:

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

### COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 6 April & Sunday 7 April

### CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 10 April 7pm St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Thursday 23 May 7pm St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 25 May 1:30-4:30pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 May

### RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 31 July 7pm St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 15 August 7pm St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 17 September 1:30-3:30pm St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 22 August 7pm

### FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Wednesday 7 August 7pm St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Thursday 5 September 7pm St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 7 September 1:30-4:30pm St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 14 6:30pm and Sunday 15 September 10:30am St Mary's Church



**FREE ENTRY!**



**2019**

*The Annual*

*'Welcome to Aranmore'*

# BUSH DANCE

**Saturday 16 February**  
**5.00pm**

**ARANMORE CPS SCHOOL OVAL**

**ANIMAL FARM & SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

*Live Music*  
**FEATURING THE SOUTHERN CROSS BUSH BAND**

