

Newsletter



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Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Dear Parents

This coming weekend, St Mary's Parish celebrates **First Holy Communion**. I would like to wish all the Year Four children the very best as they receive Jesus for the very first time through this special sacrament. Thank you to our Year Four Teachers, Mrs Raschilla and Mrs Meade for preparing the children so beautifully and to Assistant Principals Sarah Lister and Tania James, for working closely with the parish Religious Education coordinator and Father Angelo, to ensure that the sacramental celebrations run smoothly.

We will celebrate **Mercy Day** on the 21st September. It is a day when we reflect upon the Sisters of Mercy and their involvement with our school. Aranmore (then St Mary's) was founded in 1903 by the Sisters of Mercy. Since its beginnings, the school has been under the principalship of the Mercy order of religious however 1999 saw the retirement of its religious head allowing for the first lay principal to carry on the Mercy tradition. We will be having Mercy Day celebrations at our school in honour of our school heritage commencing with a whole school mass in the hall and fun activities for the children to enjoy in their factions during the day.

On Tuesday 18 September from 3.15pm-6.30pm we have a **Learning Journey** at school for Kindy-Year 6. Parents will have the opportunity to come to school and visit their child's/children's classrooms to view the work the children have achieved thus far in the year. It is a wonderful way for your child to be able to showcase to you, their parents, all the hard work and effort that they have been diligently displaying this term. It is also an opportunity to discuss with your child areas of possible improvement. Teachers will be in attendance, however, should you wish to discuss your child's progress in detail, an appointment should be made for a more convenient time.

The Year 1-3 students are thoroughly enjoying the Loose Parts Play at our school. **Loose Parts Play** was the brainchild Simon Nicholson back in the 1970s, who believed that it is the loose parts in our environment that empower our creativity. As Meerlinga explains: "*Using loose parts adds depth and richness to play. Children need to be able to use real resources in their play, not just toys. Playing with a variety of loose parts assists with these approaches.*" Source: <https://www.meerilinga.org.au/news/play-based-learning-using-loose-parts/>

Why Loose Parts?

There are many reasons why play spaces include a multitude of loose parts, including:

- Loose parts can be used anyway children choose
- Loose parts can be adapted and manipulated in many ways
- Loose parts encourage creativity and imagination
- Loose parts develop more skill and competence than most modern plastic toys
- Loose parts can be used in many different ways
- Loose parts can be used in combination with other materials to support imagination
- Loose parts encourage open ended learning
- Children choose loose parts over fancy toys

Loose parts create endless possibilities and invite creativity. For example, if a child picks up a shell and starts to play, most likely that shell can become anything the child wants it to be. Imagination, creativity, curiosity, desire and need are the motivation of loose parts. Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart, and put back together in multiple ways. Loose parts can be used alone or combined with other materials. There is no set of specific directions for materials that are considered loose parts.

We are putting out a **call to all parents for materials** to not only top up our Junior Primary Loose Parts Play box but we also want to start a **Yr 4-6 Loose Parts Play box next term. Please bring in any of the following or other suitable materials and pop them in the Yr 1-3 box in the undercover area or in the Yr 4-6 box, which will be located outside at the back of the hall next term. Please clean out your cupboards, garages, and sheds on the holidays!**

Loose parts can be natural or synthetic materials. Below are some examples but there can be so much more:

Pipes	Cups	Baskets	Spoons
Funnels	Lids	Crates	Plastic plates/cups
Foam	Pop sticks	boxes	Fabric
Wooden boards	Plastic pipes	Balls	Buckets
Ropes	Shells	Cylinders	Spools
Straws	Cardboard	Masking tape	Caps
Tubes	String		

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Marie-Claire Conlon for all the great work she continues to do with our **School Banking**. If you wish for your child to be part of school banking, forms and information is available from the front office.

The Aranmore School Netball Wind-up and Trophy Presentation for the 2018 season was held recently after school. Many thanks to Jennifer Saliacus for all her hard work in the role of Netball Coordinator this year. It is very much appreciated. A big thank you to all of the coaches for training and coaching the children and to the team managers for their assistance throughout the season.

Year 3 GREEN	Coach: Jess Jones	Manager: Julie Panotidis
Year 4 SILVER	Coach: Jodie Kariyawasam	Manager: Alison Wilmot
Year 4 GOLD	Coach: Lisa Pappas	Manager: Ang Papantoniou
Year 5 AQUA	Coach: Holly Mackey & Cara Burke	Manager: Sheryl Perry & Julie Collis
Year 5 RED	Coach: Jen Saliacus	Manager: Casey Harman
Year 5 NAVY BLUE	Coach: Kylie Hutchinson	Manager: Sheryl Perry
Year 6 ORANGE	Coach: Paula Buttigieg	Manager: Megan Clarke
Year 6 PURPLE	Coach: Dave Rowse	Manager: Dee Rowse

The Aranmore School Board would like to **thank those families who have paid their school fees and are up to date.** Should you have any **outstanding fees, please pay these immediately. As per the school fee policy, the School Board will take action to recover any unpaid fees through a debt collection agency.** There are a number of methods in which families at the school can pay their school fees. These include: credit card; EFTPOS, cash, cheque, direct debit and internet banking. Please contact the **Finance Officer, Ms Maureen Lloyd**, at the school office for further details on the direct debit and internet banking options, payment plans and all school fee queries.



Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MERCY DAY FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 9.30AM

Mercy Day will be held on the last Friday of this term, **21st September 2018**.

- Please join us for **Mass at 9:30am** in the School Hall.
- After Mass, we will be handing out our special Mercy Values awards
- Children will be provided with a healthy muffin and a piece of fruit at recess
- The students will spend time learning about the Mercy Values with their buddies
- After lunch at **2:00pm there will be an Assembly** on the Life of Mary McKillop, the choir will perform and Kindy and Pre-Primary will be raffling off some art work (more info on this still to come)

MILK BOTTLES FOR MERCY!

Bring in your 5c pieces and help us raise money for the Mercy Works! Only one week to go so bring in all those 5c pieces for a great cause! How many Milk bottles can you class fill?

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Save your \$1.00 coins! In the last week of school (17th Sept – 21st Sept), our Year 6 students will be selling friendship bracelets made by our senior, Year 5 and Year 6 students. This money will go to Mercy Works and will form part of our Social Justice mission fundraising campaign. So save those coins, and purchase a friendship bracelet to support Mercy Works! **If you could supply your child with exact money this would be most helpful.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We ask the school community to keep our Year Four students in their prayers as they will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the weekend at St Mary's Parish Leederville. This will take place at either the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday, 15th September or the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 16th September.

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

PASTORAL CARE

TIM WINTON WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Eli Genovese who received a High Commendation for his entry in the Tim Winton Writing Competition. We are very proud of your Eli, well done!

CURRICULUM

LEARNING JOURNEY NIGHT!

Tuesday 18th September 3:15pm-6:30pm

Learning Journeys are an informal, student led form of reporting. They are an opportunity for students to show their parents their achievements but also as a tool for community engagement, school pride, positive acknowledgement and the opportunity for family members to have an insight into their child's life at school. Please pop in on **Tuesday 18th September any time from 3:15pm** to share in your child's learning. Please keep in mind, this is not an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and is not a time for parent teacher interviews.

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

DIGNITY

Show respect to everyone - we are all made in the image of God

14 SEPTEMBER 2018

SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM THREE & FOUR

- 18 September – Learning Journey Night
- 21 September – Mercy Day Mass 9.30am (Hall)
- End of Term 3 – Friday 21 September
- Term 4 commences – Monday 8 October
- P&F Meeting – Tuesday 9 October
- Faction Athletics Carnival – Friday 12 October
- Liturgy - 1G & 1R
- Interschool Carnival – Thursday 25 October
- Kindy sports carnival – Thursday 1 November
- P&F Recycled Book Market – Thursday 8 & Friday 9 November
- AGM 7:00pm School Hall – Tuesday 13 November

FIRST EUCHARIST

- 15th & 16th September - Sacrament of First Communion St Mary's Church

END OF YEAR DATES

- Kindy Green Concert – Tuesday 4 December
- Thanksgiving Mass – Wednesday 5 December
- Kindy Red Concert – Thursday 6 November
- Year 6 Graduation and Mass – Thursday 6 December
- Students last day of school – Friday 7 December

This is purely, a student learning led activity. If, after the learning journey, you wish to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's academic progress, please schedule a meeting with them at a later date, either in person or by sending an email to administration admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

ARANMORE CPS NUMERO CLUB

It has continued to amaze us, the number of students who brave the cold mornings to attend Numero Club throughout the winter in Term Three.

On October 29th, 16 students will be representing Aranmore CPS at the Interschool Numero Challenge. I expect that Numero will be the Number 1 holiday game of choice for these students and the other Numero Club game players. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday 11th October.

There will be no Numero Club on Thursday 20th September.

Ms Fiona Wringe, Numero Coordinator

SUSTAINABILITY

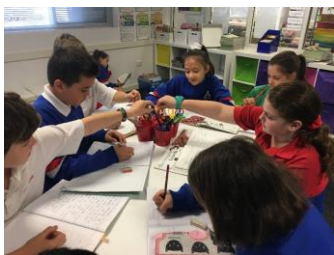
The canteen replaced plastic cutlery with donated metal cutlery earlier this year as part of the sustainability initiatives at Aranmore. Our supplies of some items have run down though and we really need your help. Please bring in any unwanted or unused forks and teaspoons so that we can continue with this practical way of contributing to looking after our environment.

Thank you for your support

Ms Laura Nelson
Sustainability Coordinator

YEAR 3, 4, 5 CONTEMPORARY LEARNING

Our love of collaborative learning continues to grow in Year 4 and we are constantly developing new skills to better facilitate shared learning experiences. This week we have focused on introducing shared stationary whilst working collaboratively. The students loved working this way and were incredibly respectful to both the stationary and each other. When asked if they enjoyed sharing the stationary the overwhelming response was positive. Their feedback indicated it made them feel well prepared for the activity and they liked the wide variety of materials on offer.



MUSIC

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to all students who performed in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. The students who achieved an award will be presented with their certificates at Liturgical Singing on Wednesday 20th September at 8.45am. There are three levels of awards; Merit, Excellence and Outstanding and quite a large number of our entries have received awards.

DRAMA CLUB

Congratulations to all the students who got involved in filming or Performing Arts this term through afterschool Drama Club! In term 4 the Ali Roberts Studio would like to open its doors to any new students who are interested in starting Drama Club!

Come along for a free trial. Students will be picked up after school from the undercover area at Aranmore Catholic Primary School and walked to the Studio (341A Oxford Street Leederville). There are two dates to choose from:

- Tuesday 9th October, 3.00-4:15pm or
- Wednesday 10th October, 3.00-4:15pm

To get involved please contact the Studio with your child's name, school year, and preferred day.

PH: 0426 600 757 or admin@alirobertsstudio.com

Mrs Roslyn Twine, Music Teacher

ADMINISTRATION

SUMMER UNIFORM COMMENCEMENT OF TERM FOUR

This is a reminder that students in Years PP to 6 must wear **summer uniform in Term Four**. The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday morning from 8.00am till 9.30am but will not be opened during the school holidays.

First day of trading for Term 4 will be Tuesday 9 October 2018 from 8.00am till 9.30am.

PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A reminder to all families and friends that dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless authorised by the Principal. While most dogs are family pets and may not react badly to child interaction, in a school setting their behaviour may be excitable and unpredictable. Some students may also react to dogs in an unpredictable way which could cause the dog or the child harm.



If you see someone with their dog on school grounds, please feel free to remind them of this guideline as it is in place to ensure the safety of our children. If your dog really must accompany you at school drop off/pick up time, please wait for your child outside the school grounds, away from the main thoroughfares, to minimise contact with other students.

Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

SOCIAL WORKER

TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF PARENTING! FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Want to make family life easier – and happier? **Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar** can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference. This seminar is free and is packed with ideas to help you give your kids the best start in life, and get more enjoyment out of being a parent.



Wednesday 24th October 6.30 – 8.30pm
Aranmore Catholic Primary School - School Hall

Register for your **FREE** parenting seminar:

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/event/free-parenting-seminar-the-power-of-positive-parenting/>
Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you:

- raise happy, confident kids
- encourage positive behaviour
- set rules and routines that everyone follows
- get on well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family with less stress

Mrs Ali Fisher, Social Worker

P & F

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

A big thank you to Alf Parolo and his band of helpers who worked tirelessly last Tuesday to ensure the children received their sausage sizzle.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

SPORT

FIRST AID FOCUS

Last week PP, Yr2, Yr4 and Yr6 classes attended a First Aid Focus incursion conducted by St John's Ambulance. The topics covered included:

- How to call for an ambulance.
- Introduction and principles of first aid.
- Dealing with an unconscious casualty.
- Recovery position demonstration and practice.
- Clearing a blocked airway.



FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The children having been busy preparing for their Faction Athletics Carnival during this term's PE lessons. Our PP – Yr 6 Faction Athletics Carnival will be held at Britannia Reserve on Friday 12th October (Week 1 of Term 4). A permission note detailing the carnival has been issued to all children. Parents, if you are willing to help on the day with either judging or on a tabloid station, please come and see Mr Tsang.

Mr Phil Tsang, Sport teacher

SWIMMING

It was our second last Tuesday of swimming for Term 3 and it was another chilly morning. Where is that Spring time sunshine to encourage us out of bed early on a Tuesday morning? Well only one more week and then the holidays and I am sure when we come back in Term 4 we will have some warmer weather. We had 19 enthusiastic swimmers on Tuesday morning so well done everyone on a good effort.

Remember next week 18/9, is our last week of 'come and try' for any newbies who would like to give swim club a go for free, especially our Year 2 and Year 3 children.

See you on Tuesday. Toes in at 7am please.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Club Coordinator

CANTEEN

MONDAY	17 Sept	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	19 Sept	HELP!
FRIDAY	21 Sept	Andrea Tan & Gloria

Mrs Belinda Civiletti, Canteen Manageress



MERCY DAY FUNDRAISERS!

Year 5 & Year 6 students have been making friendship bracelets which will be sold at recess in the last week of school. These will be \$1 each. Please bring in your spare change to help support a good cause. All money raised will help support the Mercy Works charity.



only \$1 each!

Who are the Mercy Sisters? Throughout rural and urban Australia, in Papua New Guinea and internationally, our Sisters and partners in Mercy, minister to people with no voice and those seeking justice at home and beyond. Aranmore Catholic Primary School seeks to support the Sisters in their mission. *Don't forget Mercy Day Mass, 9:30am, 21st Sept 2018



Auxiliary Bishop of Perth

10 September 2018

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Bishops of Western Australia I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Debra Sayce to the position of Executive Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia.

Debra Sayce has more than 13 years of system leadership experience in CEWA. Currently she is Acting Executive Director having taken up this role in October 2017. Prior to this appointment she was Director Religious Education, a position she held from 2009, except for a 12-month period during which she was Principal in one of our secondary schools.

With a strong commitment to her Catholic faith, Debra is an active member of her Parish. Her commitment to the mission of the Church is also represented by her membership of the Australian Catholic Disability Council and Caritas. She was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Plenary Council 2020.

Debra has a Bachelor of Physical Education; Diploma of Education; Master of Education in Religious Studies; and a Doctor of Education. Her love of learning has also been shown by her obtaining a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Studies; a Graduate Diploma in Religious Studies; and her current study towards a Graduate Certificate of Business.

Our position attracted a large number of very experienced applicants from across Australia. Bishop Gerard Holohan was the Chair of the Selection Committee which comprised a range of senior Education and Church leaders. We were assisted in this process by an external consultant.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Debra Sayce as our new Executive Director. She will take up this appointment on 1 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Donald G Sproxton VG
Bishops' Representative
Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia