

Newsletter



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Prayer: All human persons – all of us – are important in God's eyes. Pope Francis

Dear Parents,

Next week we commence our special **Advent Prayer Assemblies** in preparation for Christmas. The Advent Assemblies will comprise lighting the Advent candle on the Advent wreath and prayers associated with the particular Sundays in Advent. As we will be having a major focus on our preparation for the coming of the birth of Jesus through our Advent prayer assemblies, we will not be having any of the other parts of our normal assemblies. Parents are invited to our special Advent Prayer Assemblies which will be prepared by the Year 5 and Year 6 classes and will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings (please check the calendar or newsletter for dates).

Over the next week the teachers will be allocating the children into their classes for 2016. **Class placements** are a team decision made in consultation with classroom teachers and the Leadership Team. Teachers spend a lot of time and give great consideration to the placement of children and I believe that their professionalism should be respected. Consideration for placement is made using the following criteria:

- Academic ability
- Sociograms / Friendships- each child is given the opportunity to list six children they might like to have in their class. The teacher uses the list in sorting class placements to ensure the child has at least one of their nominated people in the class.
- Gender and cultural balance
- Religion balance
- Pastoral / Social / Emotional
- Special Needs e.g. twins, special education etc.
- Behaviour

Every effort is made to place children where it is felt they will have the greatest opportunity to succeed educationally. As all teachers at Aranmore are very professional and of an excellent standard, children will receive a high quality of education no matter which class they are placed with. If your child has special pastoral issues which may need consideration in placement, please do not approach the class teacher, however put these in writing to me by **Friday 27 November** and they may be considered. Parents should understand that requests for particular placement cannot be guaranteed. Requesting a certain teacher is not a consideration.

It is good for families to know placements for the following year so that they are able to arrange for children to get together over the holidays if they wish. Children will be notified of their class on the last day of school. These will be pinned up in the hall. If your child is not returning to Aranmore in 2016 please advise the office in writing immediately as class lists are currently being finalised.

Letters have been sent to all of the incoming students for **Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten for 2016**. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the school office. Dates and times for the Parent Meeting and Student Orientation to be held next week - **Kindergarten 2016 Parent Meeting** will be held on the **24 November**, commencing at 9.30am in the Hall. **Orientation** will be held on **Thursday the 26 November** in the Kindergarten Red/Green classrooms from 9.30am-10.15am. **Pre-Kindy 2016 Parent Meeting and Orientation** will be held on the **27 November** from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the Pre-Kindy classroom.

I hope that you had a chance to visit the **Art Exhibition** this week in the Hall. The classroom teachers undertook art projects with their individual classes and we had a very creative display. A big thank you to Mrs Anna Tancredi who coordinated the event and to Mrs Pam Rimmer, Mrs Natalie Vuong, Mrs Narelle Paolino and Mr Steve McGorrery for assisting.

This Sunday **22 November at 2.30pm** some of the children in our Instrumental Programme will be sharing their talent with family and friends in our school Hall by hosting a **Music Concert**. Everyone is most welcome to come along and sit back and have a relaxing afternoon of delightful music.

This coming **Monday 23 November** our School Band will be playing at **St John of God Hospital**, Subiaco entertaining staff and patients. Thank you to Mr Russell Holmes and Mrs Twine who have been busy preparing the children for this special performance to spread joy amongst those who may need some cheering up.

The **P&F** have organised a movie afternoon for the children - **Hotel Transylvania 2, Sunday 29 November at 2.30pm at Event Cinemas, Innaloo**. Special thank you to Paula Sutherland for organising this entertaining afternoon for the children. Please check the P&F section for further details. **Barefoot Bowls** is organised for **Saturday 5 December from 6pm at North Perth Bowls Club**. This is always a fun evening. Look forward to seeing you there!

As a special 'Thank You' to all parents and grandparents who have helped at the school in *any way* throughout the year...with Reading rosters, excursions, covering books, Canteen roster, garden, library, Art Exhibitions, craft, Happy Readers, Sports events, P & T involvement and the list goes on and on...you are invited to a **Volunteer Afternoon Tea on Thursday 26 November at 2.00pm in the Library**. Please call, email or respond via the reply slip attached to the newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the afternoon tea.

On Tuesday evening we held the **Annual General Meeting** for the School Board and the P&F. Thank you to the staff and parents who attended. Thank you also to Mrs Roslyn Twine and Mr Russell Holmes for coordinating the School Band entertainment before the AGM. The mini market sold lots of goodies. Thank you to the P&F for organising this.

Special thank you to our wonderful **P&F** – To Elle Gonzalez-Skuja for all her great work as President this year. Her enthusiasm and dedication to Aranmore is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Josephine Reading in the role of Vice President. Her support this year has been wonderful. Josephine stepped down from this role part way through the year and I would like to thank Jennifer Saliacus for stepping into the role temporarily this year. Thank you to Rita Rasano for her great work this year as Treasurer. Her expertise and commitment has been very much appreciated and thank you to Paula Buttigieg for being so efficient and organised in her role as Secretary.

The **2016 P+F Executive** - Elle Gonzalez-Skuja (President), Jennifer Saliacus (Vice President), Rita Rasano (Treasurer), Paula Buttigieg (Secretary), Alf Parolo (P+F rep to School Board). To all P&F committee members and coordinators of all events and functions this year, you are always so keen and enthusiastic and I thank you for your hard work in organizing a variety of fundraising and social events for our school community. I look forward to working with you 2016.

A Huge THANK YOU to the P&F for their outstanding fundraising in 2015.

The P&F handed a \$20,000 cheque to the school on Tuesday evening at the AGM. This was over and above other fundraising amounts raise during the year. The \$20,000.00 will go towards more ICT equipment for the classrooms.

**On behalf of the Aranmore school community
- THANK YOU SO MUCH**

My sincere thanks to all 2015 Board members for their contribution and dedication during the year. A special thank you to Father Angelo for all the spiritual guidance he has provided for our school community during the year at liturgies and through the sacramental programme.

Particular thanks to Jeff O'Halloran, School Board Chairperson. Jeff, your dedication and ongoing support has been very much appreciated. Thank you to Martin Boylen, School Board Treasurer, for his valued input and dedication in reviewing the finances of the school this year. Thank you to Darren Kowal for taking on the role of Secretary this year.

John Pintabona concludes his term on the Board this year and I thank him for his expertise and commitment to the Aranmore School Board over the last six years. Janice Marcon concludes on the Board this year and I thank her for her commitment to the Aranmore School Board this year. Special thank you also to Paula Sutherland and Alf Parolo for their valued contributions to the School Board this year.

Various reports were presented on the evening including school fees for 2016. As was explained at the AGM by Board Treasurer, Martin Boylen, it has been recommended by the Catholic Education Office that we increase fees by 10%. There is a copy of the fees structure included in the newsletter today.

I look forward to working with the **2016 School Board** – Jeff O'Halloran (Board Chair), Martin Boylen (Treasurer), Paula Sutherland, Darren Kowal, Leanne Cormack, Julie Pannell, Alf Parolo (P&F Rep), Father Angelo, and Adriana Coniglio (Assistant Principal).

Staffing for 2016 was also announced and there is an update attached to the end of the newsletter. Please note that there may be changes to the staffing list prior to school commencing next year.

M. Williamson

**Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Advent Assemblies commence as of Wednesday 25th November and all parents, visitors are welcome to attend. The Advent Prayer Assemblies commence at 8:45am on the following days:

Week 1 Advent Prayer – Wednesday November 25th – prepared by Year 6G

Week 2 Advent Prayer – Friday November 27th – prepared by Year 6R

Week 3 Advent Prayer – Wednesday December 2nd – prepared by 5G

Week 4 Advent Prayer – Friday December 4th – prepared by 5R

THANKSGIVING/GIFT MASS

Our Annual Thanksgiving/Gift Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 9th December at the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's**. We ask all families to donate Christmas type items for the needy of the parish. **Examples:** - Christmas puddings, custard, Christmas lollies, fruit mince pies, Christmas stockings, chocolates, pretzels, nuts, shortbread, tins of cookies, Christmas cake, tinned ham, candy canes, Bon-Bons etc. **These will only need to be brought to school on the week commencing Monday, November 30** but start buying items now as they might be on special! As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, is the beginning of Advent a time when we prepare spiritually for Christ's coming at Christmas. Advent is a time when we are challenged to listen to the Voice of God, a voice that challenges and inspires us to be witnesses who 'Prepare a way for the Lord'.

The way of the Lord is not always open and easy; often it is a path in the wilderness which calls us to create a new path for others to follow. The challenge is to live a life of witness is to be with and for others, in a true sense of Christian solidarity...to be a voice for the voiceless...to have an option for the poor...to be a face of compassion and a hand of reconciliation.

Jesus comes to us in **Challenge** - Open our hearts and minds, Lord, to welcome you, - in the stranger, in the lonely, in the misunderstood of our communities and in those who demand of our time and patience, as well as in our families and friends and those we love.

Jesus comes to us in **Inspiration** - Give us patient hearts Lord, to listen for you in one another, to listen for your voice in the midst of our communities and to find new ways to proclaim your Good News to all people.

Jesus comes to us in **Celebration** - May every moment of life and especially Christmas, be a time of peace and reconciliation in our families, communities and in our world.

Jesus comes to our world in **Compassion** - Enflame our hearts with the fire of your love and compassion, Lord. May we always be ready to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, heal the hurt and be a face of hope to all those we encounter.

(Adapted from Rina Wintour- *Sacred Celebrations for Advent*)

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Please keep Mrs Bubnich's father in your prayers as he is not well.

CURRICULUM

YEAR FOUR ENTREPRENEUR AFTERNOON

In the Extension Program, the Year Four students have been working on an entrepreneurial project which will culminate in an Entrepreneur Afternoon on Monday, 23 November. The project is an integrated one, taking in aspects of Numeracy, Literacy and The Arts. The entrepreneur afternoon will be open to the ACPS community and all profits will go to the Missions.

The children will be visiting the Entrepreneur Stalls as follows:

- Pre-primary and Year Four at 1.30pm
- Year 1 and 5 at 1.45pm
- Year 2, 3 and 6 at 2.00pm

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

SUSTAINABILITY

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

Next week there will be a climate summit in Paris where leaders from more than 190 diverse nations will come together with the goal of forming a truly global agreement to tackle the pollution that is causing climate change - and address the harm it causes to people and nature.

That's why hundreds of thousands of people around the world will join the upcoming **People's Climate March** – not just for the sake of our planet, but for our shared humanity, and everything we love. Join the march in Perth at Wellington Square at 1pm on Sunday 29th November.

Mrs Morgan Foster
Sustainability CoOrdinator

P & F

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Paton Family during this difficult time. The meal roster is running until the end of term so if you would like to help out please see Amanda in the office. If you would like information on other ways to help please contact Elle on 0424 931 215.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. An enormous thank you to Josephine Reading for her work during her time as Vice President with the P&F.

The P&F have the following events coming up:

- **Hotel Translyvania Movie Fundraiser**, 29th November, 2.30pm at Event Cinemas Innaloo. Book your tickets at trybooking.com
- **Lawn Bowls**, 5th December, 6pm at North Perth Bowling Club. Tickets \$20 includes a burger, a drink and a game of barefoot bowls. Book you tickets at trybooking.com

Please see the end of the newsletter for details about all the exciting events happening this term.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
President P&F

LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Aranmore has now opted in to **loop payments**. You can order items and pay online without the order having to go through the school. It is as simple as searching for Ashton Scholastic Book Club, then locate Scholastic Book club Orders-Scholastic Australia www.scholastic.com.au/loop to access the Book Clubs order screen. Follow the prompts to continue with your order.

The ordered items with your child's name and class will be delivered to the school at the same time as items ordered through the current method which is still available. If you wish to have your orders delivered to your home address there will be a fee for the service.

Mrs Julie Gray
Teacher Librarian

SPORT

ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

We had 21 swimmers on Tuesday morning so yet another great turn out. Everyone is much earlier these days and I think you must all be enjoying getting up when it is light and finding it easier to come along. It was a great effort from everyone. Because I was still at water polo training when some of the early birds arrived you may have missed the note on the Aranmore Swim Club breakfast on Tuesday 8th December, 2015. Here are some more details for you all.

All Swim Club members and all Interschool swimmers are invited to the annual Christmas Breakfast

WHEN: Tuesday 8th December
WHERE: Outside school hall
TIME: 7.15am to 8.15am

Please reply to roslynsoanes@bigpond.com or 94431665 so I can get an idea of who is coming and the spread of savoury and sweet foods. Please bring your drink bottle and a very small plate of wholesome breakfast food (e.g. pikelets, fruit muffins, raisin bread, fruit platter) or Xmas food (e.g. shortbread) to share. We always have a lot of food and that is why a small plate from each of us will be ample. All Parents, Grand Parents and siblings welcome to attend.

ARANLICIOUS CANTEEN

Monday	Nov 23	Agnes
Wednesday	Nov 25	Carmel R
Friday	Nov 27	Judy & Maree
Monday	Nov 30	Dee R
Wednesday	Dec 1	Michelle B
Friday	Dec 2	Alison W & Shelly M

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manager

STUDENTS LEAVING ARANMORE AT THE END OF 2015

Should your child **not be returning** to Aranmore in 2016, could you please notify the school in writing as soon as possible or complete the form below. We have some families who are currently on the waiting list and quite keen to enrol their children.

Student Leaving

If you know that your child/children will not be attending Aranmore Catholic Primary School in 2016 and you have not yet notified the office in writing please complete this form and return to the school office ASAP.

Child's name: _____ Class 2015 _____

Child's name: _____ Class 2015 _____

Name of destination school: _____

Signed: _____
(parent/guardian)

KEY DATES

- Volunteer's Afternoon Tea Thursday 25 November**
- Hotel Translyvania 2 movie Sunday 29 November at Event Cinemas Innaloo**
- P&F Bowls Night Saturday 5 December**
- Whole School Thanksgiving Gift Mass Wednesday 9 December**
- Year 6 Graduation Mass & Ceremony Thursday 10 December**
- Term 4 concludes for students on Friday 11 December**
- Term 1 for the students commences on Monday 1 February 2016**

2016 – SCHOOL FEES

Fees 2016.					
Fees 2016	TUITION per year	IT LEVY per year	BUILD LEVY per year	FEES per instalment	FEES per year
1 CHILD	\$2,493.00	\$298.00	\$ 335.00	\$1,042.00	\$3,126.00
2 CHILDREN	\$4,509.00	\$298.00	\$ 335.00	\$1,714.00	\$5,142.00
3 CHILDREN	\$5,567.00	\$298.00	\$ 335.00	\$2,254.00	\$6,762.00
4 CHILDREN	\$6,157.00	\$298.00	\$ 335.00	\$2,470.67	\$7,412.00
KINDY (no sibling)	\$1,585.00	\$215.00	\$285.00	\$ 695.00	\$2,085.00
KINDY (Family)	\$1,500.00			\$ 500.00	\$1,500.00

ARANMORE STAFF 2016

- ❖ Principal: Mrs Margaret Williamson
- ❖ Assistant Principal: Ms Adriana Coniglio.
- ❖ Pre Kindy: Mrs Janine Del Grossi
- ❖ Pre Kindy Education Assistants: Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis/Mrs Lisa Ciffolilli
- ❖ Kindergarten: Mrs Lorna Brook, Mrs Anna Tancredi
- ❖ Kindergarten Education Assistants: Mrs Karen Krikstolaitis, Mrs Teresa Torre, Mrs Julie Gannaway, Mrs Sharon Tzaicos
- ❖ Pre-Primary: Miss Cassandra Lioni, Miss Sarah Raspa
- ❖ Pre-Primary Education Assistants: Mrs Anna Drew, Ms Joanne Cox
- ❖ Year 1: Miss Catherine Connell, Mrs Angie Lionetto-Civa
- ❖ Year 2: Mrs Laura Nelson, Mr Peter Scutti
- ❖ Year 3: Mrs Helen Bubnich, Mrs Lynn Raschilla
- ❖ Year 4: Mrs Marion Cosentino, Miss Mary Lannigan
- ❖ Year 5: Mrs Stephanie Johnson, Ms Fiona Wringe
- ❖ Year 6: Mr Matthew Sharpe, Mrs Morgan Foster
- ❖ Learning Support: Mrs Eleonora Panaia, Mrs Jennifer Chang-Leng
- ❖ Enrichment: Ms Adriana Coniglio
- ❖ Library: Mrs Julie Gray
- ❖ Library Assistant: Mrs Imelda Gane
- ❖ Music: Mrs Roslyn Twine
- ❖ Physical Education: Mr Philip Tsang
- ❖ Italian: Miss Francesca Urli and Mrs Maria Seccatore
- ❖ Education Assistants: Mrs Pam Rimmer, Mrs Narelle Paolino, Mrs Mary Monterosso, Mrs Natalie Vuong
- ❖ Social Worker: Mrs Ali Fisher
- ❖ Reception: Mrs Amanda Ellen
- ❖ Finance Officer: Ms Maureen O'Toole
- ❖ Canteen: Mrs Belinda Civiletti
- ❖ Uniform Shop: Mrs Jill Eftos
- ❖ Grounds: Mr Steve McGorrery

Staff on leave for 2016: Ms Sarah Sheather, Ms Carmen Lambert, Ms Rebecca Mola, Ms Elena Capolingua, Ms Danielle Wardrope. We farewell Mr Andrew McHugh and wish him all the best as he moves back to Ireland to be with family. He will be sadly missed by all. We will farewell Mr McHugh at the final assembly.



ITS BACK!!!!

The P&F invite you to a private screening of ...

Hotel Transylvania 2

Exclusive preview
See it BEFORE it's released to
the general public!!

Sunday 29 November – 2:30pm
Event Cinemas, Innaloo

Profits will directly support your school
Open to all students, families and friends
Limited tickets available – don't miss out

Tickets \$15 each (adults and kids) from trybooking.com

Contact Paula on 0410 275 011 for further information

Supervision is not provided by the P&F; parents should attend or make appropriate arrangements for their children



ARANMORE P & F PRESENTS END OF YEAR SUNDOWNER & BOWLS NIGHT

**SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2015
FROM 6PM**

**NORTH PERTH BOWLS CLUB
FARMER ST, NORTH PERTH**

**TICKETS \$20 VIA
TRYBOOKING.COM**

**INCLUDES A DRINK, HAMBURGER
AND BAREFOOT BOWLS**

