

"We have all known the loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community" Dorothy Day

Dear Parents

Many thanks to Mrs Lombardi and the Year Three Red class who led our first Prayer Assembly so reverently last Friday. They had us all thinking about what we can be thankful for and provided us with some wonderful examples of their own. Every Friday morning at 8.45am, we gather together in the Hall as a school community to pray, sing our school song and the national anthem and share school news. Merit Awards are also presented to children within each year level from Pre-Primary to Year Six. Each class is rostered on during the year to present a Performance Assembly and to lead the school in a Prayer Assembly.

Congratulations to our Year Six leaders for 2019 who were presented with their Student Council badges last Friday. 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.

Parking appears to be an ongoing issue before and after school so I would like to give all parents this reminder to not park in the Kiss & Drive lane. The area is clearly signposted, however cars are repeatedly parked and left in this lane during the signposted times. I have been in touch with the City of Vincent requesting they send rangers out to help educate parents and issue infringements notices as required. It would be appreciated if you could ensure you do not leave your vehicle when in the kiss & drive lane to ensure smooth morning and afternoon procedures and most importantly to keep our students safe.



Also a reminder if your child is unwell please keep them at home to minimise the risk of cross infections. Please ensure you notify the school of their absence, which is a legal requirement.

Now that swimming lessons has finished, we would like to remind families of the importance of upholding the value of ensuring all our students wear their school uniform proudly. This means they need to have the correct uniform at all times unless an exception has been approved. Our uniform policy is clearly detailed in the Parent Handbook which can be accessed on the school website. Teachers will be sending home reminders to students who are not following our policy.

Thanks to the families who enjoyed the P&F annual 'Welcome Back to School' Bush Dance last Saturday on the grassed area behind our school hall from 5pm onwards. This special event at the beginning of the year was a great opportunity for us all to gather together and catch up after the long Christmas break. Thanks to all of the P&F committee and parents for their hard work in planning this evening. Thankyou also to School Board Members who cooked the sausages on the night. Our first Board Meeting for the year was held this week. Members for 2019 are:

School Principal Chairperson	Lisa Deans Jeff O'Halloran
Treasurer	Jason Gaudoin
Secretary	Jacqui Kabacz
Parish Priest	Father Angelo
Committee Member	Alf Parolo
Committee Member	Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
Committee Member	Paula Bittegeig

Please find below a brief summary of the February Board meeting :

- Welcome to new Board members and information about upcoming Board Induction workshops @ cewa
- Principal Report welcoming new staff, outlining school improvements, upcoming events including the commencement of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass on 6th March.
- School Finance Report
- Overview of last week's P&F meeting
- Parish Report from Fr Angelo confirming dates for Sacraments as outlined in school calendar and that the Archbishop will be attending to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 6 students.
- Establishment of sub-committees : Public Relations & ICT Elle & Jacquie ; Building & Maintenance Principal, Jeff & Alf ; Sustainability Paula
- Public Relations continued focus on Open Day; social media outreach to attract more families
- ICT focus on our device management plan going forward
- Sustainability reviewing the energy audit in consultation with Ms Nelson
- General Business consisted of ongoing talks between the Sisters of Mercy and the City of Vincent in regards to the land swap notification at the end of 2018

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

Mrs Lisa Deans Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents please refer to the newsletter and calendar as to when your child's class is rostered to celebrate a Mass, Liturgy of the Word or Prayer Assembly. Masses and Liturgies of the Word will be celebrated in the school Library. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend these special events.

PASTORAL CARE

Parents, if you would like to place a note in the Pastoral Care section of the newsletter in relation to a birth or death, could you please send your message to the office by no later than Wednesday afternoon. If you would like the school community to pray for any special intentions you may have, e.g. a family member who is ill or who has passed away. Please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Ellen know.

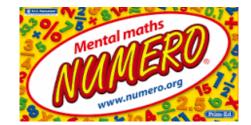
CURRICULUM

NUMERO CLUB – THE ANNOUNCEMENT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

The Numero buzz is in the air! It has been amazing how many people are keen and ready to go for 2019. Numero Club will begin on Thursday 28th February. It begins at 7:45 am and concludes at 8:20 am. During Semester 1, Numero Club is open for students in Year 3 to 6. We will welcome Year 2's in Semester 2.

Come and join us for math fun in 5 Red.

Ms Fiona Wringe Numero Coordinator



ADMINISTRATION

UNIFORM – JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES

All students are to ensure that the summer uniform is worn correctly. It is important for all students to keep hair neat and tidy and that no jewellery is to be worn, except for; a watch; a bracelet; one pair of studs or sleepers; a gold or silver necklace with a religious medallion or cross, kept tucked into shirt / dress. For girls, please ensure that hair accessories are kept to the school colours. Please note, students are **not permitted** to wear *Smart Watches* that allow them to record, take photos or connect to the internet. Simple Fitbits are permitted.

SCHOOL SHOES

When wearing the Sports Uniform please ensure that sneakers are predominately white. In the Summer terms the students have the option of wearing a black school shoe or sandals. School Sandals in 2019 are now **black**. There will be a transition period therefore if your child already has brown sandals they can still wear these in Term 1.



Please note, students are to wear school uniform sandals and not fashion sandals. Acceptable sandals are

pictured. If you are unsure, please see one of the Assistant Principals prior to purchasing the sandals.

ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Please share our Open Day event with your neighbours, friends and family. We welcome all new enrolments into our Catholic School community. There will be guided tours on Thursday 21st March at 9:30 and 10:00am. Families can register their attendance via our school website.

ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget to like and share our school Facebook page. Follow the Aranmore Catholic Primary School Facebook page for updates on school events and special celebrations. Scan the QR Code for access or <u>click here</u>.



FACEBOOK PHOTO PERMISSION – NEW FAMILIES AND KINDY STUDENTS

If you have not signed the permission note indicating if your child's image is allowed on our social media page, could you please do so and return this to school as soon as possible.

Miss Sarah Lister & Miss Kate Johnston Assistant Principals

P & F

P & F STOREROOM

On Friday some dedicated Mums worked tirelessly cleaning the P&F storeroom. Many thanks to Annie Kelly, Suzanne King and Melissa Le Cornu Brown for their time and awesome organisational skills.

BUSH DANCE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Bush Dance on Saturday. The atmosphere was relaxed, the weather was perfect and there was plenty of dancing and good times. A big thank you to everyone who helped out, especially the Board and staff (under the guidance of Alf Parolo) who fired up the BBQ and the workers in the canteen. A special thank you to Vanessa Adamson who provided her time and materials to decorate the kids with gorgeous glitter and face paints.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

A big thank you to Sharon and Ryan O'Halloran who will be taking over the reins from Meg and John Clarey, to organise this years Family Camp out. The Camp Out will be held on Saturday 23rd March in the Adventure playground area. Please note that any relatives other than parents who plan to sleep over must have a Working with Children Check. Please contact the school office for further details. To book your spot at the camp out please follow the link below.

https://www.trybooking.com/BBAAW

More details in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

HELP NEEDED

The P & F are seeking a new parent who is able to coordinate the annual selling of Entertainment Books. Paula Buttigieg has been co-ordinating the books up until now and has offered for this year to be a 'transition' year and work with the new co-ordinator to 'show them the ropes'. This is the ideal job for a parent who would like to be involved in raising valuable funds for the school community. The job can primarily be done from home and mainly involves distributing the books, collecting returns and sending reminders. You also get to attend the VIP launch which is a great evening with drinks, canapes and prizes to be won!! This job could be shared amongst a pair of parents.

Anyone interested in helping out can contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420 or <u>buttsoz@hotmail.com</u>

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

SPORTS

SWIM CLUB

We are now onto week 3 and we had an awesome turnout of 26 children! Coach Allison and Assistant Coach Daniel had them all swimming like fish. A very warm welcome to our newbies:

Maisy Miller 5G Lara Lacovantuo 3G Tavia McLean 3G Isabella Chadinha 3G Adonia Papantoniou 5R Ryan Cassidy 4R

We look forward to seeing to seeing squad members again next week.

Please remember to be 5-10 minutes early so children can bring their money to Nicole at the desk please. Also children please don't forget to collect your flippers and boards straight after class before you head off to the change rooms. Thank you.

Mrs Nicole Rohde, Swim Club Coordinator

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 at Matthews Netball centre. 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.

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=46 226&save=0&cf=1&mode=0

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

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Programme for 2019. It you already have an account with the Commonwealth Bank I look forward to banking for you this year. If you would like to join the programme, it is easy to get started. You can apply for an account online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, log on to your Commbank app (if yου are already а Commonwealth Bank customer) or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch. All the information you need is in the Parent Information booklet which is available in the school office. Every deposit made through our school banking programme on Monday mornings with earn a token and when you have earned 10 tokens, they can be exchanged for a This year the rewards include Scented reward. Stackable Highlighters and a Snow Origami Set (both available in Term 1). I look forward to banking for you.

Ms Marie-Claire Conlan, School Banking Coordinator

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK JUSTICE

Treat everyone fairly and equally

21 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 Thursday 21 March
- Family Camp Out Saturday 23 March
- P&F Sausage Sizzle hosted by PP, Yr2, Yr4 & Yr6 Parents – Tuesday
- 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



Family Camp Night

Join in the fun with other Aranmore families and pitch a tent on the school grounds (around the Adventure Playground area) for a camp night.

Saturday 23rd March

When: Set up from **3pm** Play before a BBQ dinner. Pack up after a BBQ breakfast the following morning.

\$10 Family Camp Fee

Sausage sizzle (\$3), hamburgers (\$5) available for purchase on the night. Bacon and egg rolls (\$5) available in the morning. Note, orders to be processed prior to the event.

- BYO additional food & drinks
- Alcohol Free event
- Tents only (or swags/mattresses)
- · Pre-Kindy to Year 6 Aranmore CPS children all welcome
- School amenities will be available
- Any relatives other than parents who plan to stay the night need to undertake a Working with Children Check.

Family Camp Fee and Food bookings to be made at https://www.trybooking.com/BBAAW Deadline: Monday 18th March 2019

Queries: Sharon O'Halloran, skro1979@iinet.net.au or 0413 456 724

