

Newsletter



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It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents

Our **Advent Prayer Assemblies** continue over the next couple of weeks. The focus will be on the Advent wreath and candles and special prayers. This time of preparation for Christmas is most important in our school community as it helps the children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Please come along and join us.

Our annual whole school **Thanksgiving and Gift Mass** will be held on Wednesday **5 December**, commencing at **9.30am at St Mary's Church**. Parents are very welcome to come and celebrate our final mass together as a school community. During our special mass we will give thanks to God for our wonderful school year and 'give' to those who may be finding things a little difficult in our local community. Please see the Religious Education section of the newsletter for further information regarding the 'gift giving' part of the mass.

On **Friday 7 December** at **8.45am** we will be having our **Final Assembly**. As a school community, we will farewell our Year Six students and say goodbye to all families and leaving staff as we commence our Christmas holidays. All parents are most welcome to come and join us.

I have been busy reading reports and all the children have been working extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts. I am sure that the children will be rewarded by receiving reports which will reflect their wonderful efforts. **Reports will be given out on Wednesday the 5 December.**

Choosing winners from our 2018 **Gallery on Brentham** exhibition was challenging as there were so many creative pieces of artwork. There were some outstanding pieces on display. The winning pieces will be displayed in the front office, so please come and take a look next week. Congratulations to the following recipients of the inaugural **Gallery on Brentham Category Award Winners:**

PK - PP category winner – Orlando Franchina

Yr1 - Yr2 category winner – Simran Singh

Yr3 - Yr4 category winner – Brodie Kornet

Yr5 - Yr6 category winner – Edie Burke

Aranmore Catholic Primary is very much community connected. On **2 December at 5pm at the Leederville Lights Festival** our school choir will be performing a mini musical called The Magical World of Toys. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon and support our children and Mrs Twine. As part of our Intergenerational Programme, on Friday 23 November our choir will be visiting Rosewood Aged Care (right next door to our school) and performing this musical for the entertainment of the residents.

Early next week the teachers will be allocating the children into their classes for **2019. 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 Monday 26 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.

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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 2019 please advise the office in writing immediately as class lists are currently in the process of being finalised.

The final **P&F Disco for children will be held on Saturday night.** Session 1 for Pre-Kindy to Year 2 will start at 6pm and Session 2 for Years 3 to 6 will start at 7.30pm. Food and drinks can be purchased from the canteen or you can bring your own snacks and drinks too. Tickets will be available at the door on the night. Please check the P&F section of the newsletter for further details. A big thank you to Valissa Foord for her great work in co-ordinating the discos for the children.

Big thankyou to Roslyn Soanes who has been Swim Club Coordinator since 2014 and now retires from the role. Your passion for swimming and your encouragement of the children to join the club has been amazing. Thank you so much. We welcome Nicole Rohde who takes over in 2019.



Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

COMPASSION

Show you care for others
In your words and actions

23 November 2018

SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM FOUR

- P&F Christmas Disco – Saturday 24 November
- PP Nativity Play – Thursday 29 November
- Kindy Green Nativity Play – Tuesday 4 December
- Thanksgiving Mass – Wednesday 5 December
- Kindy Red Nativity Play – Thursday 6 December
- Year 6 Graduation and Mass – Thursday 6 December
- Students last day of school – Friday 7 December
- Students first day of school – Monday 4 February 2019

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADVENT PRAYER ASSEMBLIES

Please mark these dates in your diary. Our Advent Assemblies commence Wednesday 21st November. All parents & visitors are welcome to attend. The Advent Prayer Assemblies commence at 8:45am on the following days:

Friday	23 rd Nov Year 6R
Wednesday	28 th Nov Year 5G
Friday	30 th Nov Year 5R

CURRICULUM

SWIMMING LESSONS 2019

Please note that next year Swimming Lessons will be split between junior and upper school students. Mr Tsang will communicate the details of this in a note home to parents next week.

The **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students** will have their swimming lessons in **Week 1 and Week 2** of **Term 1, 2019.**

Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students will have their swimming lessons in **Week 3 and Week 4** of **Term 4, 2019.** This provides the junior students with a routine and consistent start to the year, allowing them to settle in and get to know their teachers.

As the Senior school students will commence swimming from the very start of the year, it is important that the swimming notes are sent home now, and returned before school commences next year. Please refer to Mr Tsang's note for further details.

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

TRANSITION DAYS EARLY CHILDHOOD KINDY – YEAR 2

At Aranmore Catholic Primary School, transition time is used to set children up for success in the following school year by providing a level of connectedness to the new classroom. This is particularly beneficial to children who can be anxious in new settings. Children are able to spend some time noting the similarities and differences between their current and new year level. During this time, the teacher will introduce themselves, explain their class rules and provide a fun learning activity that focuses on getting to know the child. The product of this work will be retained by the teacher and displayed on the first day of the school the following year. This helps to provide a sense of belonging and connectedness between the child and the new classroom.

Parents do not need to do anything differently on the two days of transition but you can take note of the days and times and have a chat with your child about the special time they will be having in their new year level.

Tuesday 27th Nov 11:50-12:40pm
Wednesday 28th Nov 11:50-12:40pm

LOOSE PARTS PLAY FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

At Aranmore Catholic Primary school, we wish to foster the Loose Parts Play Theory by integrating some Loose Parts into our senior school play areas!

We will have a special storage box located near the tennis courts at the back of the hall, for the Loose Parts, which the children can access. The independent play is fostered by the children will bring out items they need for their play session, then packing them away at the end.

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. Many education approaches such as the Steiner Waldorf system, Reggio Emilia or Montessori classes advocate the need for real experiences in order to acquire life skills. Playing with a variety of loose parts assists with these approaches." Source: <https://www.meerilinga.org.au/news/play-based-learning-using-loose-parts/>

Loose parts can be natural or synthetic materials. Below are some examples:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• stones• spoons• plastic plates / cups• fabric• twigs• wooden boards• plastic pipes• balls• buckets | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• buckets• baskets• crates• boxes• logs,• rope• tyres,• shells• tyres / wheels |
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If you are able to contribute to the Loose Parts equipment box, please feel free to drop off items between 8:15am-8:30am and 2:30-3:15pm on Monday, Tues or Weds of next week. The box will be left unlocked for you to drop off your goodies. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. *Please no playdough, cardboard or other materials that disintegrate*

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

MUSIC

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Congratulations to all the students who performed on Sunday 18th November at the Musical Afternoon Concert. The talent displayed was amazing! It was wonderful to see such a variety of performances and to see the students developing their confidence in front of an audience. Thank you to the families and friends who came along to the concert; your support is invaluable to the children. Thanks also to the Music Tutors who were able to be there on the day.



ARTY FARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY LEEDERVILLE

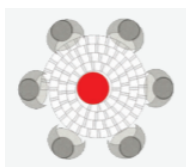
The Arty Farty Christmas Party will be held on Sunday **2nd December** in Oxford St, Leederville. The event begins at **5.00pm** with the Aranmore Primary Choir performing a musical called The Toy Room. This will be followed by other performances and plenty of children's activities such as Bouncy Castles, Arcade Games, Face Painting, Boxville and Father Christmas. The Christmas lights will be switched on as it is getting dark (around 7.20pm). We hope you can come along to support the students and to enjoy the event.

Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Teacher

YEAR 3, 4 & 5 CONTEMPORARY LEARNING

THE WATERING HOLE listen, share, collaborate

Here groups gather to share learnings on life and how to do tasks. Each member has something to share and contribute. The focus is on group objectives.



Years 3 – 5 have been designing their contemporary classrooms. One of our designated areas is 'The Watering Hole'. A space where small groups can work collaboratively on set tasks, they are able to discuss ideas and help one another with the activity.



SOCIAL WORKER

PRE TEEN CHALLENGES

When your pre-teen challenges you:

- Refuse to respond to their verbal taunts or challenges
- Stay calm, even aloof. Stand your ground and act as if this behaviour is not new to you
- Be prepared to move away from a pre-teen or teenager who is unreasonable or out of control
- After an outburst sit down with them and remind them that cooperation has two sides

Mrs Alison Fisher
Social Worker

ADMINISTRATION

PARENT HELP NEEDED!

We need help with covering Library books. If you are available to help on a **Thursday or Friday afternoon 1:15-3:00pm**, can you please email the school on admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au your availability and further information will be forwarded to you.

CHESS CLUB

Don't forget the Chess Club Tournament starts tomorrow, Friday 23rd November in the Library.

Matthew Kerr and Remy Soanes
Year 5 Chess Club Members

P & F

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Our next event is the Christmas Disco on Saturday 24th November. This is set to be a great evening for the kids. We will even be having a special guest visiting. I wonder who it will be? We need your help to run a successful event please click here to hop on the roster

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

ARANMORE SCHOOL PAVERS FUNDRAISERS

Mark your child's connection to the Aranmore CPS community. Whenever you walk to the School Hall you would have noticed the engraved pavers that line the entrance. These pavers have been laid to mark a child's / family's connection to the School and to raise money for the Aranmore P & F. Members of the School community who missed out on this offer previously or who are new to Aranmore CPS are now able to purchase a paver this year to commemorate their child /family's link to the Aranmore CPS community.

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

Mrs Elle Gonzalez Skuja
Outgoing P&F President

P & F CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking volunteers to fulfil the important role of a P & F classroom representative for 2019.

Class representatives are required for Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Years 1 to 6. Ideally there will be a minimum of two Class Representative per year level. The role of the P & F classroom representative is as follows:

- To facilitate the flow of information between the P&F and the parents in a particular class
- To organise informal social gatherings so that parents can interact. Some year levels conduct morning teas while others prefer dinners or family picnics.
- To ensure that new families to a particular class are made to feel welcome to the school community.
- To assist P&F event organisers throughout the year as requested.
- Class representatives assist in the smooth running of the P & F. It is not an onerous task as most organising can be done from home and as it is a shared role the tasks can be divided up. Mums and Dads are all encouraged to consider nominating for this position.
- If you feel that you could contribute please contact Alison (alisonwilmot@inet.net.au) with your child's year level for 2019.

Mrs Alison Wilmont & Mrs Andrea Tan
Co P & F Presidents

SPORTS

2018 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS CUP

Our Year 6 and Year 4 Basketball teams yesterday competed in the State All Schools Champions Cup. Both our teams qualified by winning their divisional / zone competition early in Term 2. The Champions Cup included all schools that have won their divisional/zone competition. It was the "best of the best" competing for the 2018 Champions Cup.



Our Year 6 Boys coached under Troy Clarke won two, drew one and lost two games in their pool. They were ranked 4th in their pool at the end of the competition. Well done boys.

Aleks Lackovic's Year 4 boys were undefeated in their pool and continued their effort by winning the grand final against Loreto Primary School. They earned the title of being the "Best Year 4 School Team in W.A." Congratulations boys on an outstanding performance.

A huge thanks to Troy Clarke, Aleks Lackovic, Jen Saliacus, Georgia Cassidy and all parents who came and supported yesterday.

Mr Phil Tsang, Sports Teacher

SWIM CLUB

Gosh it's November and I am still saying it was another chilly morning for swim club on Tuesday but that didn't stop our 25 swimmers from turning up bright and sparky and on time. We only have one more week left in the pool and then we have our swim club breakfast on 4th December outside the school hall. All swimmers who have participated in swim club are welcome to attend and bring a long a plate of food. Please see last week's newsletter for details.

Next week coach Ali will be absent as she is having a very special birthday celebration and I will be coaching in her absence. When you see her at the breakfast on 4th December be sure to wish her a happy belated birthday. I hope that we can get to the relays early especially as it is our last week of swimming at Beatty Park for the year.

Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Rohde has been helping me each week to collect the money and in 2019 Mrs Rohde will become the new Swimming Club Coordinator. I have been doing it since 2014 and now it is someone else's turn, who still has little children at the school and in Swim Club, to take on this very rewarding role.

Next week as I will be coaching, Mrs Rohde will take over completely so please don't forget to pay your money to Mrs Rohde before you get in the pool.

Have a lovely learning week and see you next week toes in 7am!

Mrs Roslyn Soanes, Swim Club Coordinator

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE No. 5 Thursday 22nd November 2018 (Week 7, Term 4)

School Safety Changes into 2019

Over the course of this term the school has been providing "School Safety Updates." These served as reminders to parents about the requirements of school safety and security. This included items such as supervision times, drop off and pick up procedures, visitor entry requirements and more. Some of this information may have been a reminder about existing protocols and policies. **Above all, it is imperative that the school, parents, children and community work together to provide optimal care to our students at all times. Their health, safety and well-being is paramount.**

Moving into 2019 there will be some significant upgrades made to the school grounds. This includes modifications to the existing school gates and how they operate. This includes an intercom system for visitors to announce their arrival to the front office and school security cameras in the outdoor areas.

As we endeavour to make our school secure and safe, access to the school is likely to become automated and electronic. **This will impact on families who do not follow school policy and drop children off before 8:15am** as they will not have access to the school or the front reception lawn area (unless there is a before school activity such as Numero Club etc.). It is imperative that all students and families abide by our supervised requirements as communicated in our Parent Handbooks, school newsletters and Safety Updates. If you have difficulty getting your child to school within the supervision times, please speak to your class teacher about how the school can assist you to fulfil the supervision requirements. The School is here to assist you however you must communicate with us. On the following pages are a summary of all our School Safety Updates to date.

As always, we thank our families for always cooperating with us to ensure that Aranmore Catholic Primary School is a happy and safe place for our children.

CANTEEN

MONDAY	26 Nov	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	28 Nov	Belinda
FRIDAY	30 Nov	HELP

**Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress**