

# Newsletter



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## **Apart from the Cross there is no other ladder by which we may get into heaven – St. Rose of Lima**

Dear Parents

On Sunday, we commence the very beginning of Holy week with Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday. We celebrate our Lords entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds of people laying down palm leaves before him. There will be a special **Palm Sunday Mass at St Mary's Leederville at 10.30am** whereby families are encouraged to come along and receive blessed palms and olive branches, which you can place in your house **as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ**. Everyone will gather outside the church and process in together, the Passion Play will follow this. I hope you are able to take your children to church this Sunday so that they can take part in the Holy Week celebrations. Please join us for our special **school Easter Prayer Reflection next Thursday morning at 8.45am** in the hall. Our Year Six Pastoral Council will be leading us.

Thank you to Mrs Bubnich for organising great activity for the children for **Harmony Day** on Wednesday. It was a wonderful day in which we celebrated 'harmony' and all the different cultures within our school community. Take a look at all the families holding hands around the hall. We are so fortunate at Aranmore CPS to have families from many different cultures and backgrounds. Our children have the opportunity to learn so much from each other and gain an appreciation of how God has made us special in so many different ways.

21<sup>st</sup> March was also Down Syndrome Day and this coming week is Autism week. It is a great reminder to us all to affirm the rights of all students to learn alongside one another. It is also paramount that our school community understands the importance and benefits of inclusive education and that we continue to be a welcoming community with a positive attitude and collaboration between the Leadership Team, staff, parents and students. We are all made in the image and likeness of God and we are all His children no matter the differences. In fact, all these differences are what make us unique.

### **Remember to keep the Harmony Day spirit going all year long, not just one day in the year!**

The children enjoyed their **P&F Sausage Sizzle** on Tuesday for lunch. Special **thank you to** Alf Parolo who always does such a fabulous job of coordinating this special event for the children. Thank you to all the Year Two and Four parents for assisting on the day with money counting, cooking, serving and cleaning. It is very much appreciated.

**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, that shell can become anything the child wants it to be. Imagination, creativity and curiosity 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.

At Aranmore Catholic Primary School, we wish to foster the Loose Parts Play theory by integrating some loose parts into our recess and lunchtime play for our juniors. We will have a special storage section for the loose parts, which the children can access. The independent play is fostered by the children bringing out the items they need for their play session, then packing them away at the end.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pipes</li><li>• spoons</li><li>• plastic plates/cups</li><li>• fabric</li><li>• wooden boards</li><li>• plastic pipes</li><li>• balls</li><li>• buckets</li><li>• cups</li><li>• funnels</li><li>• lids</li><li>• foam</li><li>• pop sticks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• baskets</li><li>• crates</li><li>• boxes</li><li>• rope</li><li>• shells</li><li>• cylinders</li><li>• spools</li><li>• straws</li><li>• cardboard</li><li>• masking tape</li><li>• caps</li><li>• tubes</li><li>• string</li></ul>
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**I was absolutely delighted when we had the verge collection in our suburb a few weeks ago and was out busily scouring the streets for all sorts of loose parts materials. I found a treasure trove of goodies that will start our collection off however I am asking for your assistance. If you are able to contribute to the Loose Parts equipment box, please feel free to drop off items between 8:15am-8:45am and 2:30-3:15pm during the week.**

The box will be left unlocked for you to drop off your materials. We will have the box inside the undercover area to start with and children can take materials anywhere to play, the undercover area, adventure playground etc. Once we have enough the drop off box will remain locked and we will open for the children at lunchtimes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**Mrs Margaret Williamson**  
**Principal**

## MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

### MERCHY

Be thoughtful, warm and respectful  
In all you do and say

**23 March 2018**

### SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM ONE

- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 10 April
- Open Morning for Prospective Families – Guided Tours 9.30am and 10.00am – Wednesday 21 March
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 12 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 13 April

### ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday 4 April 7.00pm St Mary's  
(Yrs 3, 4 & 6)

### COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 7 April & Sunday 8 April

### CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 11 April 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Thursday 10 May 7pm St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 12 May 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May

### RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 25 July 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 16 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 18 August 1.30pm – 3.30pm St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 23 August

### FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 2 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 29 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 8 September 1.30-4.30pm at St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September at St Mary's Church

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Don't forget to fill those money boxes! Collection will cease at the end of this term so please do your best to fill them up as it is for a good cause. We ask that all money boxes be returned by Monday 9th April. Thank you.



### PROJET COMPASSION - Sixth Week of Lent

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion during 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help bring stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support!**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) **OR** phone 1800 024 413

### HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week we remember the days and events that led up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We will celebrate Holy Week with a prayerful reflection on Holy Thursday, **29<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45am in the school hall.** We invite the school community to join us to celebrate the feast of Easter. A time to celebrate the new life given to us through the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister**  
**Assistant Principals**

## PASTORAL CARE

### WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – MESSAGE FROM MS WRINGE

"If in coming weeks you see me wandering the school halls with a very cropped new hairdo, please don't worry - I am not unwell. I am actually participating in The 2018 World's Greatest Shave! On Thursday 29th March I will be shaving my hair (along with two of my sisters) to do our bit to beat blood cancers. In the last two years both of our parents have directly benefited from the efforts of previous participants and donors...and now it's our turn to pay it forward".

### Message from Mrs Williamson

Aranmore Catholic Primary School proudly supports Ms Fiona Wringe in the World's Greatest Shave. If you would like to make a donation please click on this link –

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/search.aspx?eventid=14158&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2fnone>

## CURRICULUM

### LEARNING JOURNEY AFTERNOON/EVENING TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL: 3:15 – 6:30pm

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April Learning Journeys will be occurring from 3:15pm – 6:30pm. This is a time for children to share their learning with you. Please note, that while your class teacher will be in the room for supervision purposes, it is the children who will be leading you on this journey. This is not a time for parent-teacher interviews but you are welcome to schedule an appointment with the teacher before you leave the room.

### BOOKLISTS AND TEXTBOOKS

If you are still waiting on text book orders from your booklist, please email [admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au) with your child's name, class and the name and cost of the textbook you are waiting on eg. Jenny Jones, 6G Spelling Mastery Workbook Level C \$26.95. Please also advise what communication you had with the supplier in terms of the length of time you would have to wait for the remainder your order.

### ARANMORE DAY

Thursday 12 April is Aranmore Day

- 8:45am the day will commence with a prayer service in the Hall. At the conclusion of the prayer service, Mercy Value certificates will be presented to children in each class.
- 9:45 until recess, Mr Tsang will hold Tabloid Sports for the PP – Year 2 classes, with the assistance of the Year 6 children.
- 11:10-12:40pm 'Aranmore Has Talent' contest. The P & F kindly donate individual trophies for the winners of the contest. Parents are more than welcome to attend.
- 12:40-1:20pm Lunch is provided for the students and will consist of a choice between: Ham and Cheese, Chicken and Salad or Cheese and Salad wraps. The children will make their selections in class with their teachers however, the Kindy and Pre-primary teachers will have checklists outside the classroom for parents to select their child's lunch. Please make your selection by 4<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to Mrs Civiletti for organising the wraps on Aranmore Day.
- 1:30-3:00pm the Year 3 – 6 classes will be involved in Tabloid Sports.

**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister**  
Assistant Principals

## P & F

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A huge thank you to Alf Parolo and the Year 2 and 4 parents for hosting the sausage sizzle on Tuesday. A special thank you to parents from other year groups who pitched in at the last minute and saved the day.

**Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja**  
P&F President

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### HEY DEE HO MUSIC COMPANY

The Kindy and Pre Primary children are extremely lucky to be a part of the Intergenerational Sessions through the Hey dee ho Music Company that will be held with Rosewood Care Group. Once a month the children will head over to the centre for a session of musical instruments, sing-alongs, dress ups and much more with the residents of Rosewood. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop relationships with the elderly as well as meeting outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) of engaging the local community.

**Miss Cassandra Lioni**  
Key Teacher Early Childhood Education

## SUSTAINABILITY



### EARTH HOUR 2018

This year we're celebrating 11 years since that night in Sydney when 2.2 million Australians participated in the first ever Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. but schools are encouraged to participate by turning off classroom lights for an hour on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This small but powerful gesture helps send a resounding statement to governments around the world that we're committed to change the future of our planet. As part of the continuing focus we have at Aranmore on promoting sustainability, all classes turned their lights off for an hour or more today; you may like to participate in Earth Hour as a family tomorrow night.

**Ms Laura Nelson**  
Sustainability Coordinator

## ADMINISTRATION

### GRANDPARENTS MORNING 6TH APRIL 2018



**We invite all Aranmore Catholic Primary School Grandparents to a special morning with their grandchildren from 10.30-11.45am.**

**Prayer Service** - 10:30am in the hall  
**Morning Tea** - 10:50-11:10am

Grandparents are welcome to bring a small morning tea to share with their grandchildren. Tea and coffee will be provided for grandparents. Feel free to bring a picnic rug or chairs so that you can sit under our shady trees.

**Class Visit - 11:10-11.45am** Grandparents are welcome to stay until 12.00pm after which the children will resume their academic lessons. See the special invitation, which you can give to your grandparents, on the last page.



## VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

You may notice some signs beginning to be displayed around our school. These are signs informing all visitors, including parents, grandparents, trades etc that they must abide by the school's Code of Conduct. This code is implemented across all Catholic Schools in WA and can be accessed via our website.

**If you are visiting the school during school time (8:30-3:00pm) you must sign in at the front office and then sign out when leaving. This includes if you are helping in the classrooms, dropping of lunches or assisting with school based events.**

Please do not go directly to classrooms or other areas of the 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.

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

## TEACHER DESKS

If you are interested in buying a desk for your study please see Amanda in the front office as we are selling some of the teacher desks for \$100.

**Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister**  
Assistant Principals

## LIBRARY

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 – DUE MONDAY MARCH 26

The latest edition of the Scholastic Book Club brochures went home this week. The LOOP is now open for families to order online. If you have registered for LOOP online, watch your inbox for special BONUS BOOK offers.

For orders on the catalogue order form, we have a turnaround period of one week for returning completed forms. Orders need to be in by no later than **MONDAY the 26<sup>TH</sup> of MARCH** so they can be processed by the Library. Orders must be sent to Scholastic as soon as possible to ensure they come back to the school before the end of Term One.

### MAKE YOUR OWN STORY BOOK COMPETITION

The 'Make Your Own Story Book' competition is an opportunity for students to create an original narrative. This can be presented as a picture or storybook. Terms and conditions apply. All details on the application form, which can be obtained from the library. Closing Date Friday 8th June. **NO late entries will be accepted.**

**Mrs Julie Gray**  
Teacher Librarian

## SPORT

### 2018 Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls for their participation in last Friday's Faction Swimming Carnival at Bold Park Aquatic Centre. It was great to see students performing to the best of their ability and cheering and

supporting their team members, while also having fun. There were some fantastic team work and impressive individual performances that were on display. I would like to thank all of the teachers and parent helpers for their hard work and much needed assistance on the day! A special thanks to Jen Saliacus, Ros Soanes and Ian Burnett.

Congratulations to Arranmore Faction in winning the Principal's Shield and to Moloney in successfully defending and winning the 2018 Arranmore Faction Swimming Carnival.

### 2018 INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at HBF Stadium. A list of our competitors and their events has been posted on the Sports Board. A permission slip detailing the carnival has been issued to all students involved.

### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thankyou to all our families who have been collecting "Coles Sports for School" vouchers. Please continue to collect and deposit the vouchers into our boxes. The collection boxes are located in the front office and the entrance to the school hall. The programme will conclude on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.

**Mr Phil Tsang**  
Sports Teacher

### ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

What a great turn out on Tuesday morning with 29 swimmers! This is our highest attendance for Term 1. Well done to everyone who again ventured out in less than summery conditions but at least it was warm in the water. Welcome to our newbies this week Marcus and Fionn from 6G and Alexia from 5R. So great that we are getting so many new swimmers come along each week that become swim club regulars.

Not many weeks until the school holidays and then the Interschool carnival. There is no swimming club on pupil free days (3 April) or the school holidays (17/4 & 24/4) so if you are in the Interschool carnival (10 May) it is important to keep swimming over the break to maintain your fitness. Even if you are not in the Interschool carnival, it is good to keep up your regular weekly swim so that you are able to keep up next time you get back in the pool. Coming to swim club also helps with your cross-fitness, that means your fitness in other sports ie: cross country, football, soccer, netball – whatever your winter sport may be.

For all those children who needed equipment I will have it next week. My apologies for having the wrong size fins. See you next week toes in 7am!

**Mrs Roslyn Soanes**  
Swim Club Coordinitor





<b>MONDAY</b>	26 Mar	Belinda
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	28 Mar	Sharon O
<b>FRIDAY</b>	30 Mar	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	2 Apr	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	4 Apr	Lucy
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6 Apr	Dee & <b>HELP!</b>

**Mrs Belinda Civiletti**  
Canteen Manageress

### **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**

#### **25 March: PALM SUNDAY**

Sat: 6.30pm, Sun: 8.00am, 9.15am (Italian), 10.30am

#### **29 March: HOLY THURSDAY**

7.30PM Mass of the Last Supper (bring bells to ring and bread and wine to be blessed).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

#### **30 March: GOOD FRIDAY**

10am Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

General Intercessions

Veneration of the Cross

Communion Service

Children's Liturgy of the Word

#### **31 March: EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL**

7.30pm Blessing of the Fire & Paschal Candle

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of Baptism

Liturgy of the Eucharist (bring bells to ring)

#### **1 April: EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses at 8am, 9.15am (Italia)

# GRANDPARENTS MORNING

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