

Newsletter



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Let us pray for one another so that we may open our doors to the weak and poor. *Pope Francis*

Dear Parents

A **big thankyou to Meg Clarey** and husband John for organising our **P&F Family Campout** last Saturday evening. Congratulations. It was a great night with many families joining in the fun of a campout. Thank you to everyone who assisted with cooking dinner and breakfast and those parents who were able to help set up and pack away. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs Bubnich for organising great activities for the children for **Harmony Day** on Tuesday. It was a wonderful day in which we celebrated 'harmony' and all the different cultures within our school community.

The children enjoyed their **P&F Sausage Sizzle** on Tuesday for lunch. Special **thank you to Alf Parolo** who always does such a wonderful 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.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the **Pre-Primary and Year One Reading and Writing Sessions** this week. Mrs Lionetto-Civa, Miss Connell, Miss Lioni and Miss Raspa presented comprehensive information to broaden awareness of what will be occurring with the children and what parents can do to assist their child at home. It was wonderful to see a good attendance for the sessions.

Before school supervision commences at 8.15am in the Undercover Area. **Children must not be on the school site prior to 8.15am.** If children are on school site from 8.15am, they must wait in the Undercover Area where a staff member is on duty from 8.15am. Classroom teacher supervision begins at 8.30am when classrooms are opened. Children should arrive at school in good time so that they have fifteen minutes to prepare for the day, order lunches and unpack bags. Children should go immediately to their classroom when they arrive at school after 8.30am and not leave the classroom without the teacher's permission. At the end of the day **Teacher supervision concludes at 3.20pm.**

Should you need to drop children off to school prior to 8.15am or pick up after 3.20pm please book your child into our Gumtrees YMCA Before/After School Care which is right next door.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

24 MARCH 2017

KEY DATES

- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 4 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 6 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 7 April
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Thursday 27 April 2017

COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March; St Mary's Church

CONFIRMATION – all held at St Mary's Church

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Thursday 27 April
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Wednesday 24 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 27 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June

RECONCILIATION - all held at St Mary's Church

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 26 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 17 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 19 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 24 August

FIRST EUCHARIST - all held at St Mary's Church

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 3 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 30 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 2 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Saturday, 25 March – Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary ([Luke 1:26-38](#)), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan. It is celebrated every year on March 25, unless it falls on a Sunday during Lent or during Holy Week.



HOLY WEEK

With Holy Week falling during the holidays this year, we will be celebrating with a Liturgy led by the Pastoral Council in the Hall on Friday, 7 April at 8.45am. All are welcome to attend.



ARANMORE DAY

Thursday 6 April is Aranmore Day.

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. These certificates will differ from the regular certificates as they centre on the Mercy Values. This was identified, as part of the School Strategic Plan, as a means of promoting the Mercy charism.

From about 9:45 until recess, Mr Tsang will hold Tabloid Sports for the PP – Year 2 classes, with the assistance of the Year 6 children.

Between recess and lunch, we will have our traditional 'Aranmore Has Talent' contest. The P & F are kindly donating individual trophies for the winners of this year's contest. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch for the children will be provided. This year the children may choose from: 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 you to select lunch for your child on Aranmore Day. Thank you to Mrs Civiletti for organising the wraps on Aranmore Day.

From after lunch until home time the Year 3 – 6 classes will be involved in Tabloid Sports.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

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 Thursday 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 the front office know.

CURRICULUM

LEARNING JOURNEY AFTERNOON/EVENING

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL: 3:15 – 6:30pm:

On Tuesday 4th April, the Learning Journeys will be occurring from 3:15pm – 6:30pm. Please schedule this into your diaries as we would like all students to visit with their families. Parents and students can visit the classroom at whatever time suits between 3:15pm – 6:30pm and spend some time together, reflecting about the learning that has occurred so far.

The Learning Journey is a positive experience for both students and parents where students discuss what they are learning, what they are working on and how they feel about their experiences with their parents. Students and teachers prepare for the learning journey in class by reflecting on work completed this term, on how their learning is progressing and perhaps on what could be further developed.

The opportunity to immerse students in this experience leads to greater engagement, enjoyment and attachment to the learning. In essence, students are practising to become more responsible for their own learning. We look forward to parents visiting the classrooms on the day.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

SPORT

ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

So great to have 30 swimmers in the pool on Tuesday for what was quite a cool windy morning. The weather has not been kind to us on Tuesdays but I am really impressed that everyone is still keen to give swimming a go, even with a little encouragement. Remember to keep up the training over the holidays as our carnival is the 27th April and we don't have swimming club over the break. Now there are some really important information coming home next week from swim club but in short form it goes like this.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult to the pool, and to me so I can record their name and collect their money. Do not leave drop your child off at the front of Beatty Park. Walk them in to me please so I can visually see who has arrived.
- Please have your child come and give me their money and have their name recorded before they get in the pool.

Thank you everyone for cooperating. It just helps make all the swim club admin a lot easier and also ensures our children are safely inside before you leave. See you next week toes in 7am!

Roslyn Soanes
Swim Club
Coordinator



EXTENSION EXCURSION

HARRY PERKINS INSTITUTE

The Year Four to Year Six Extension groups at Aranmore Catholic Primary School were fortunate to be offered an opportunity by the Hawaiian Group to visit to the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research on Wednesday, 22 March 2017.

This was an exciting opportunity for the children. The children entered the education laboratory and spent 90 minutes with a research scientist who led them through a fascinating laboratory experience that highlighted cancer, using micropipettes and treatment tubes. The students were able to see firsthand how medical researchers work towards finding cures to cancer followed by an exploration of the visual and multimedia display of the institute's discoveries.

The main objectives of the visit were for the students to:

- Understand the purpose and importance of medical research
- Have worked in a real research laboratory using the tools of a medical research scientist
- Understand where in the body Perkins research occurs ie. in the cells and DNA

The students were not only a credit to themselves but also Aranmore Catholic Primary School and I was told on more than one occasion during the excursion what a pleasure the students were to work with.

Special thanks to Mrs Megan Clarke and Mr Dominic Watts who assisted on the excursion.

Please see the link below for photos of the day.

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/extension-excursion-harry-perkins-institute/>

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

MUSIC NEWS

The Year 5 students and the Year 6 Choir members participated in a Noongar Songs in Schools workshop with 5 members of the Madjtil Moorna Choir. Two of the ladies, Candice Lorrae and Kristel Kickett, also perform as a very successful duo known as the Merindas. The students learnt several songs in Noongar language, including a verse of 'I Am Australian' which sounded very beautiful. They also learnt a lot about the Noongar culture and language. The Choir was accompanied by the talented Kobi Morrison on the guitar. We are looking forward to learning and performing some of the songs in the Choir.

Mrs Twine
Music Co-ordinator



P & F

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

On Monday 20 March Forms were distributed to all families to order the 2017-2018 Entertainment Books. These can be purchased digitally or hard copy. A letter with an option to opt out of receiving the hard copy entertainment book will be sent out shortly. Please check your child's bag for this form. For more information please contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420.



ARANMORES GOT TALENT FOR PARENTS !

It is not just our children who are talented. Parents have talent too! Over the course of the year the P+F in need of people with a variety of talents to carry out our work in the community. If you are gifted in the areas of event management, marketing, catering, rostering, cake baking/decorating, Grant writing, photocopy, poster display and distribution, design work we would love to utilise your skills. It is not what your Community can do for you it is what you can do for your community. Please email Elle Gonzales-Skuja: elspethgs@gmail.com

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A big thank you to the Year 2 and 4 parents and Alf and Parolo for hosting the Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

A huge thank you to Meg Clarey for organising another fantastic Aranmore Family Camp Out. Everyone had a wonderful, perhaps, sleepless night!

BAKERS DELIGHT

We are so fortunate to have the support of local businesses. Bakers Delight Mt Hawthorn are kindly giving our families a card which allows them to get a loaf of bread a day free for one month. We will stagger the distribution of these cards by the eldest child in each year group starting with Kindy. Cards are starting to go home so look out for them in your child's homework folder.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

At the AGM we launched the business directory for Aranmore family businesses. If you would like to promote your business in the P&F section of the website please contact Paula Buttigieg on 0408 100 420.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

CANTEEN NEWS

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| MONDAY | 20 March | Belinda |
| WEDNESDAY | 22 March | HELP |
| FRIDAY | 24 March | Anna |

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress



Year 6 Just Leadership Day

Recently the Year 6 students participated in a **Just Leadership Day** presented by Caritas Australia. The day was to engage students with social justice issues, and to encourage them to be "Just Leaders". The students had an opportunity to:

- Identify local, national and global issues of justice.
- Actively engage in a process that helps them recognise they have the resources, the power and the responsibility to work for change.
- Identify what constitutes good leadership and why it's important to be a leader in this domain.
- Explore the qualities of leadership through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.

The Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Anita Finneran from Caritas Australia who ran the day.

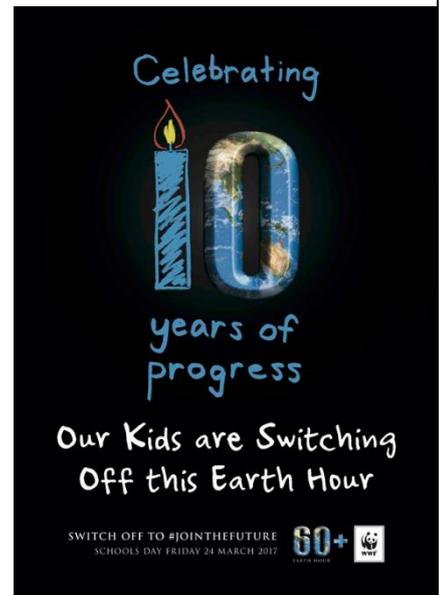
Mr Matt Sharpe and Mrs Foster
Year 6 Teachers



Earth Hour 2017

This year we are celebrating 10 years since that night in Sydney when 2.2 million Australians participated in the first ever Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is on Saturday 25th March from 8.30pm-9.30pm but schools are encouraged to participate by turning off classroom lights for an hour this Friday 24th March. This small but powerful gesture helps send a resounding statement to governments around the world that we are 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.

Mrs Nelson
Sustainability Coordinator

CLASSROOM CASH

We need your help! Caltex, The West Australian, The Sunday Times and Channel Seven are giving West Australian Schools the chance to WIN a share of \$20,000 to help buy new learning resources.

On the weekends of 18-19, 25-26 March and 1-2 April 2017 an entry coupon will appear in The Weekend West and The Sunday Times. Schools need to collect as many entry coupons as possible through their families and friends. There are also random prize draws so every entry coupon helps. Simply collect the Classroom Cash entry coupons in The Weekend West and The Sunday Times newspapers and hand them to your child's classroom teacher or put them in the box at the office to help our chances of winning!

Mrs Nelson
Year 2 Teacher



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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 5 April 9am - 11am

Would you like to see what this hidden gem in Leederville has to offer your child?

Join Aranmore Catholic Primary School for its Open Morning where you can see for yourself.

- GUIDED TOURS will be conducted at 9am, 9.30am and 10am
- FUN ACTIVITIES for the children

Register now at

www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au

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Netball Function

Season Open Day - Friday 31st March

**All those playing netball are invited to our
Season Opening function**

Food and drinks provided

Meet and greet your team and coaches

Siblings welcome too

RSVP – julie.scherini@amnet.net.au with numbers for catering

Hope to see you there