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Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and began our Lenten 'BE MORE' journey.

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Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. When we pray, we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting helps us remember the needs of the poor, who often have no



choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Giving to the poor, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice. It reminds us of our blessings and allows us to give thanks for all that God has given us. We think especially of all those around the world who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus. On this day, think about what you are going to pray for, what you are going to give or give up and how you can make a difference to others, or the environment, this Lent.

As we prepare for **Easter**, the most important time in the Church's calendar, let us remember Jesus' messages of love and mercy, and ask God to bless us so that we can 'Be More' in our own lives and in the lives of others.

All families of students who are receiving a sacrament this year are asked to attend a **Commitment mass**, this weekend. Masses are at St Mary's church Leederville, either Saturday evening at 6:30pm or Sunday morning at 10:30am

On Wednesday evening, the first parent meeting was held for all students who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, the parish and school continue to work together to prepare students receiving a sacrament, with the support of the Archdiocesan Catechist team. Sincere thanks to staff, parish and catechist leaders for your time and commitment assisting to prepare and guide our young people in their faith journey.

On Monday school leadership teams and system leaders gathered to meet with CEWA Executive Director Dr Debra Sayce to hear of system initiatives and requirements put in place for the coming year. The day began with several keynote speakers, one being the Director General of Education, Lisa Rodgers whose key message was working in partnership with families and across sectors was vital to ensuring the best possible outcomes for children in schools. Those relevant to families will be shared when made available and contextualised for our community.

As the state election approaches, Catholic Education lobbies for the fairest and most equitable funding from government. Please see the Media Statement, *Catholic school parents and Catholic Education seek a fairer funding deal* flyer on the app.

Swimming lessons began on Monday for the students in years 3 to 6 and what a way to beat the heat of the soaring temperatures, earlier this week. Good luck to all our students, improving their skills to become better, stronger swimmers!

Be a **MERCY Kid** Parent Workshop will be held next Wednesday evening at 6-7pm in the Library. Please use the form on the app to register your attendance. Come and learn of this great staff initiative and its purpose and intent for our students!



The **Daily Fitness** program with the children continues to be a big hit with the students. It's great to see the students having fun while they get their whole bodies moving. A very healthy way to start the learning day.

Numero began last week and what a crowd! Wonderful to see so many students playing together and challenging their thinking and problem solving skills. Numero is Thursdays at 7.45am in 3G.

If you aren't following the school on **Instagram**, please do so. The more 'likes' the greater our reach to the community, showcasing and advertising our wonderful community and exciting learning happening in our school. Please share with your family members! A great way to keep grandparents and extended family members up to date with what is happening at school. Instagram: aranmorecatholicprimary

The **School app** is another MUST have. This app is used to quickly inform parents and carers of important information. Don't forget to turn 'notifications' on so that you don't miss a message. Please download from either the App Store or Play Store.

Supervision of students begins at 8:15am and concludes at 3:20pm each day. We ask that parents make use of Gumtrees out of school hours care if you require assistance earlier or later in a day.

In the best interests of looking after children safely, the following child protection matter is in place: Bathroom and toilet facilities are available for all visitors to school in the administration area. All adults, siblings and visitors <u>must</u> use the facilities available in the administration area. Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Jonnine Lamborne, Principal

May love & peace be found here

SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to swim squads! We would like to invite new swimmers to come and try a free session.

The students have really enjoyed starting back these past 2 weeks. They have been working on endurance training in the 20 metre pool and the 50 metre pool also practicing their dives. The students are swimming outside and have enjoyed warm weather for this weeks training session. Coach Allison said everyone is off to a great start!

Last week the team welcomed Anna M. (2G), Sage F. (5G) and Alice K.(5G). We are so glad you've joined the team.

We encourage newcomers to come along for a trial class. We swim Tuesdays at 7am.

Please contact <u>admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au</u> for further details and to express your interest.

Mrs Nicole Rohde Swim Club Co-ordinator

NETBALL CLUB

The Aranmore CPS Netball Club is super excited to let you know the 2021 Winter season (May-Sept) registration period is just around the corner.

"Whaaatt???!" We hear you say! And with our Club Coordinator Sharon O'Halloran at the helm for this season, it will undoubtedly be a resounding success. Look out for player and team registration information in the coming weeks.

We are grateful for the incoming support of Sharon as 2021 Club Coordinator. However, as this is her and Julie's last year as Aranmore parents, we are very keen for expressions of interest for replacement incoming Coordinators. This is with a view to "learning the ropes" this year, before we officially pass over the baton in 2022!



In the meantime, we are also excited to announce that one of the club's most recently departed players, **Olivia P** (Year 6 Alumni of 2020) has been selected to participate in the Perth Netball Assoc. special 8 week player training programme in 2021. What an achievement and a great reflection of some of the netball talent at our school. See the following link for further information about the program for your future netball!

http://www.perthnetball.com.au/player-development/ pipp-program/

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