

Newsletter



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Working Together to Transform Community

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It is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting joins us in solidarity with 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 and our thanks for all that God has given us.

Lent prepares us for the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar. By praying, fasting and giving alms, we are reminded of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Jesus brought the promise of hope to all people so that we may "Have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10), so that with our neighbours, we can go further, together.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to Fr Stephen for celebrating Ash Wednesday mass with us and to year 6 red for leading us in prayer. Let's see if we can do better and help each other during this Lenten period as Father shared with us.

Thank you to year 4 red for presenting to us a very good story of Convict life. You have learnt lots of interesting and hard facts. You entertained all of us. Great work!

Congratulations to all the year 6 students on your election to councils. This year the students elected each other based on their what their peers consider their strengths and suitability for the job. Look forward to seeing you grow. And develop your leadership skills!

HEART NEWS! We now have a registered St John Community First Responder System as part of the Lotterywest Heart Grant. The system is located opposite the door to reception, at the front of the school. A BIG thank you to the Parents & Friends' for sponsoring this! The system is available 24/7 for the community to access in the event of someone suffering cardiac arrest. What a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community.

Code of Conduct Parent Workshop will be held next Friday in the Library 8:45-9:45am. This consultation will be the first of several during the year to write the parent community code. Join the leadership team for a cup of tea or coffee, a great chat and share your ideas and expectations of how we work together to transform community. Your contribution is welcomed and desired. Be there to have your say!

Recently there has been an enquiry about private parent Facebook groups. This is not the preferred practice of the school. We are looking at enhancing communication for parents and class groups as a new school website is being developed. Please see a member of the leadership team if you have a query or concern about the use of private social media groups for sharing school activities and information.

A school guideline for the processes and procedures for supporting for students (& their families) with learning difficulties and disabilities has been developed. The purpose is to streamline access to information, meetings, student programs and students' access to services within our school community. The guideline will be available on the school app this afternoon. The most important aspect of the guideline is to remember that the intent is to work in partnership for the betterment for each student's development. Feedback, clarification is welcome from parents.

NAPLAN online, public demonstration site is now available for access. The landing page is: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> (this is not a link). Parent information is found on this site under the parent/carer support tab. Parents are reminded that NAPLAN is only one of the forms of assessing your child.

School App thank you to all who have downloaded the school app. Please have a look at the 'Events' tab as you'll find dates of all upcoming events for the school year. This is the most updated calendar.

Parents/Guardians and Visitors (including contractors) to the school are being asked to sign the school's Code of Conduct agreement. For parents/guardians, this is a one-off request. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision-making to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. The Code of Conduct promotes positive relationships in our school community. The Code of Conduct is a Catholic Education initiative and compliments Child Safe practices in our school.

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENT COMMITMENT MASS

If your child is completing a Sacrament (Confirmation, Holy Eucharist or Penance) the Commitment and Enrolment Masses will be taking place on the:

- Saturday 28th March 6:30pm
- Sunday 29th March 8:00am or 10:30am

The enrolment forms will be handed out in class. If you have any questions about the Sacraments or are unable to attend the Commitment Mass. Please contact the Parish on 9444 9624.

LENT & PROJECT COMPASSION

We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare.



With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Watch a short film about Shirley's story: lent.caritas.org.au

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



*UNICEF Philippines



CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION

ASSEMBLY AND PRAYER SERVICE

It is lovely to see so many families attending our Assemblies and Masses. We ask that parents do not stand in the side isles as this prevents students from accessing the stage and is a fire hazard. Please refrain from using the front hall door during the Assembly performance. We look forward to seeing you all at our Harmony Prayer Service, 2.30pm Wednesday 19 March.

Mrs Sarah Pracilio & Miss Kate Johnston
Assistant Principals

SPORT

ARANMORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB – 2020 WINTER SEASON

Players needed! Girls and boys welcome! Numbers are low for the 2020 netball season. If you are in years' three to six and want to play netball, please register using the links below.

Please email aranmorecpsnetball@gmail.com if you require any assistance with this registration process.

[2020 Aranmore CPS Year 2-5 Registration](#)
[2020 Aranmore CPS Year 6 Registration](#)

Mrs Jen Saliacus, Mrs Julie Panotidis, Mrs Sharon O'Halloran
Netball Coordinators

SWIM CLUB

It was great to have a Tuesday morning where the wind stayed away. We practiced our dives and swimming 50 meters for all different strokes. Some were even brave enough to swim 50m butterfly. That was so great to see. We can start to see the fitness levels improving already after three weeks of swimming. We want to keep it up as we move towards the swim carnival.

*Please note no swimming next Tuesday on pupil free day. See you on the 10th of March.

Mrs Nicole Rohde
Swim Club Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN DAY
17 MARCH 8.30 TO 1PM

To discover more, come and visit us.
Please register at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au or
give us a call on 9323 1323.

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