

Newsletter



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**This day, Father, may my eyes be opened to see the beauty in all that is ordinary – yet special – around me.
May the glory of that you have made remind me of your presence and lead me closer to you.**

Dear Parents

This week we celebrated **World Educators Day**. The special day is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all educators across Australia. As we celebrate this day we are reminded of the increasingly critical role our teachers and school staff play. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Aranmore Catholic Primary School Staff for their outstanding dedication to educating and nurturing all of our beautiful children. Thank you to the P&F who spoil the staff this week with a delicious morning tea in appreciation of all their hard work.

On **Saturday 12 November** there will be a **Youth Mass at St Mary's Parish followed by Youth Group**. The youth mass is celebrated with lots of singing and our own Aranmore musicians will be playing the mass songs. Mass commences at **6.30pm** and all students are welcome and encouraged to participate. Following the mass there will be a youth group at the Parish Centre at St Mary's for children from Year 5 upwards, including high school students. Children can be from any primary or high school so you can bring your friends and cousins along too.

As part of our **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** programme we had a special visitor to Year Six today who recently made the headlines on The Project. Her name is Alexa and she is an Amazon Echo robot. She is voice activated and can tell you anything from the internet, can spell for you and can do amazing mathematical sums. She can read you books, take you on adventures and can also operate lights and other electronic devices in the classroom. She is not currently available in Australia and has to be imported from the USA so we have been extremely fortunate to have her visit at Aranmore CPS. The Year Six students had the opportunity to learn how to programme her, automate and voice activate devices in the classroom.

This week some of our Year Six students became **junior journalists in The West Australian newspaper** in the *gen zEd* edition. The theme is on **Sustainability** and Palm Oil. It makes for a very interesting read. Well done to our senior students on a job well done. They were also acknowledged by CEWA (Catholic Education Western Australia) <https://m.facebook.com/Catholic-Education-Western-Australia-404644296260130/>
Also as part of our STEM programme, Nutritional Scientist Dr Roslyn Giglia will be talking to the Year Six students next week.

Our **Pre-Kindy (Three Year Old) 2017** programme, running on **Mondays** next year, only has a few vacancies left. We will be running a **Friday** session as well as long as we have viable numbers and are half full already. If you have any further queries regarding the programme please check the school website <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Pre-Kindy-handbook-2016.pdf> or contact the school office and speak with Amanda to enrol your child.

Thank you to Valissa Foord for co-ordinating the final **P&F Disco** for children which is being held **Friday 4 November**. 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.

Thank you to Jennifer Salliacus for co-ordinating **the P&F Family Photo Fundraiser** which takes place at Aranmore CPS on **Sunday 6 November**. Great idea for Christmas presents. Book online at www.advancedlifestudios.com.au - Online Code: **WR3 Y6E XMD** or contact Jennifer Salliacus on 0419 939 945 or jennifersalliacus@inet.com.au should you have any queries.

The teachers are very grateful of the wonderful work of **Parent Helpers in the classroom**. Just a reminder to all parents that the classroom teacher is responsible for the children's education and monitoring the behaviour of the children. All parent helpers work under the teacher's direction, the latter being in a professional role. The school expects parents to respect the teacher's expertise and maintain a professional attitude as they work alongside the teacher. The teacher will make it very clear exactly what is expected of parents when they come to help. **The school stresses the importance of being professional and it insists that parents do not discuss details of any child's academic achievements or social behaviour outside the classroom.** Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your own child please speak with your classroom teacher.

The Aranmore School Board would like to thank those families who have paid their school fees and are up to date. Should you have any **outstanding fees, please pay these immediately. As per the school fee policy, the School Board Finance Committee will take action to recover any unpaid fees through a debt collection agency which may in turn affect your future credit ratings.**

There are a number of methods in which families at the school can pay their school fees. These include: credit card; EFTPOS, cash, cheque, direct debit and internet banking. Please see the Finance Officer, Ms Maureen O'Toole at the school office for further details on the direct debit and internet banking options and for payment of school fees. Parents are asked to direct all school fee queries to Ms Maureen O'Toole.

Mrs Margaret Williamson



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1

One of the most beautiful traditions of the Catholic Faith is the celebration of the lives of the Saints. Not only do these men, women and children give us inspiration by the way they lived their faith, and often died for it, they also continue to offer us help in our daily lives.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day is when the Church commemorates and prays for the holy souls in Purgatory, undergoing purification of their sins before entering heaven.



MISSION WEEK

Congratulations to the Aranmore CPS community on their fundraising efforts for Mission Week! Mission Week (and Mission Fundraising Days) are fun and practical ways that our children can engage in Social Justice. We raised a total of \$581.40. This money will go to local and international Catholic mission agencies.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATION



2017 BOOKLISTS

This year we are trialling something new with the booklists. As part of our Sustainability Programme we are becoming more environmentally friendly therefore hard copies of the 2017 booklists will not be sent home. Instead booklists have been placed on the Aranmore Catholic Primary School website. Please click on the following link, <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/booklist-2017/> and follow the instructions for your child's 2017 booklist.

Booklists need to be **finalised by 14 November 2016**. As per last year, all booklist orders will be delivered at home to families in December once school has finished.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office or Campion directly.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Earlier this year, all the students in the Extension Program and a small number of selected students with a passion for Mathematics (including Year 3) participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Aranmore CPS entered 45 students and we received 26 certificates in either High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. The following students were acknowledged at today's assembly:

HIGH DISTINCTION	DISTINCTION	CREDIT
Lucas Kelly (4G) Matthew O'Loughlin (6G)	Lucinda Boylen (3R) Patrick Mason-Chambers (4G) Cooper Reynolds (4R) Fraser Perkins (5R) Owen Buttigieg (6R) Dipika Choudhury (6R) Sarah Coelho (6G)	Matthew Kerr (3G) Bethany Clarke (4R) Estella Gillam (4R) Fionn O'Brien (4G) Amy Wright (4G) Chloe Brink (5G) Simon Lopez (5R) Ryan Price (5R) Kaitlyn Scherini (5G) Ciara Austin (6R) Thomas Kazandzis (6G) Marco Nani (6G) Tyra Ngo (6R) Jamaan Peters (6R) Rei Poon (6R) Sean Reardon (6G) Chloe Wintergreene (6R)

The remainder of the students received either a Certificate of Proficiency or a Certificate of Participation.

Congratulations to all the participants on their efforts. A special congratulations goes out to **Lucas Kelly of 4G** for being awarded the **Best in School Award** for having achieved the school's highest standardised score.

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST_(taken from the website, 'Healthy Kids – eat well, get active')

It's the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits.

A calm and healthy breakfast every day is the best defence against this happening. It also helps children to get into good habits that they can carry through life.

For more breakfast ideas, from the above website, go to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking/importance-of-breakfast.aspx>

MUSIC

The Music **Count Us In Project** is funded by the Federal Government to help promote the importance of learning music in schools. This year's song is called 'Let it Play' and the students will sing it with the school band accompanying them on Thursday 3rd November. Students all over Australia will be singing the song in their schools on the same day. If you would like to listen to the song and have a look at the information about this project the website is: <https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/>

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE

The Aranmore Catholic Primary School Choir performed at St John of God Hospital on Monday 22nd October outside the Chapel. The children sang a diverse and entertaining repertoire of songs for the people passing through the reception of the hospital and quite a few parents and relatives. On Monday 31st October, the school Band will also perform at the hospital.



POLICE PIPE BAND JUBILEE CONCERT

Winthrop Hall – Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm

The WA Police Pipe Band will be performing their brand new contemporary music concert, which is mixed with the swirling sound of bagpipes, drums, guitars, keyboards and various other musical instruments, all played together in way that you may have never heard or even seen before. The band recently attended the Australian National Pipe Band Championships in Sydney and won all the Grade 1 prizes going on the day. They are again officially crowned the best pipe band in Australia for the third time in a row, bringing back the following trophies home to WA.

Tickets from <http://ticketswa.com/event/jubilee> or from http://www.ticketmaster.com.au/WA-Police-Pipe-Band-presents-Jubilee-tickets/artist/2290309?tm_link=edp_Artist_Name

Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Coordinator

P & F

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CAKE STALL

The Year 5's hosted the Cake stall at the Athletics carnival and we raised a grand total of **\$1,194.00!!!**

FAMILY DISCO

November 4 - Family Disco. Valissa Foord is coordinating the Disco please contact her on 0411 421 692 if you can help out. The Year 6 parents will host the evening.

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISE NOVEMBER 6

How long has it been since you last had a Family portrait taken? Help our school and get a family portrait for just \$20! You are welcome to pass this on to other family members who may also want to have their portrait done. Click on the below link to book your time slot.

<http://www.advancedlifestudios.com.au/>

Our Online Access Code is: WR3 Y6E XMD

Please contact Jen Saliacus for more information on 0419 939 945.

Thank you for your continued support of the P&F!

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

SWIM CLUB

Thank you to everyone for welcoming our assistant coach Daniel O'Loughlin. As I mentioned last week Daniel is helping Coach Trish out as our numbers each week remain around 22 - 24 children which is fantastic. It was another super turnout today with 24 Aranmore Swimmers in four lanes working hard. Everyone is really swimming well and I was impressed at the positive attitude and excellent listening as well.

Thank you to all those people who have returned their swimming equipment. I really appreciate your support. If you still have equipment at home and are no longer coming to swim club can you please return it.

With November around the corner next week it is important to remember to keep hydrated before, during and after training especially as it can get quite warm in the indoor pool. So have a big drink of water before you come and have a water bottle ready in your bag for when you finish along with a snack to refuel those muscles in your arms and legs used during swimming. Healthy snacks that will replace the used up muscle fuel (glycogen) are bananas, milk (try the UHT little Devondale packs), honey or jam sandwiches. These snacks are all good for you and easy to carry in your swimming bag to eat on the way to school. It is important to refuel otherwise you will feel flat and lack energy for the rest of the day.

Finally some dates for our diary. Our annual swimming breakfast is the last Tuesday of school which will be the 6th December. Just put this in your diary for now and I will put more details in the newsletter as we get closer to the end of the year.

See you next week. Toes in 7am!

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Coordinator

COMMUNITY

1ST WEMBLEY DOWNS SCOUTS

The 1st Wembley Downs Scouts are holding the Luita St Fair on Saturday 29 October from 9am – 3pm at the Luita Reserve, Wembley Downs. Come on down for some fantastic stalls, games and fun to be had by all!

STUDENTS LEAVING

If you know that your child/children will not be attending Aranmore Catholic Primary School in 2017 and you have not yet notified the office in writing please complete this form and return to the school office ASAP.

Child's name: _____

Class 2016 _____

Name of destination school: _____

Signed: _____
(parent/guardian)

28 OCTOBER 2016

KEY DATES

- Kindy Sports Carnival Thursday 3 November
- P&F Family Disco Friday 4 November
- Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly Friday 11 November
- AGM of School Board and P&F Tuesday 15 November
- Art Exhibition Tuesday 15 November
- Music Afternoon Concert Sunday 20 November
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea Thursday 24 November
- Kindy 2017 Orientation Meeting Friday 25 November in Library at 9.30am
- Pre Kindy 2017 Meeting Friday 25 November in Pre Kindy Classroom at 1.30pm
- Pre Primary Christmas Concert Thursday 1 December
- Kindy 2017 Orientation in Classroom Friday 2 December 9.30am to 10.15am
- Kindy Green Christmas Concert Tuesday 6 December
- Thanksgiving/Gift Mass Wednesday 7 December
- Kindy Red Christmas Concert Thursday 8 December
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony Thursday 8 December
- Farewell Assembly Friday 9 December
- Term 4 concludes (Students) Friday 9 December
- Term 4 concludes (Staff) Friday 16 December

ARANLICIOUS CANTEEN

MONDAY	31 Oct	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	2 Nov	Yvonne D
FRIDAY	4 Nov	Andrea
MONDAY	7 Nov	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	9 Nov	Sonia
FRIDAY	11 Nov	Anna & Agnes

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress