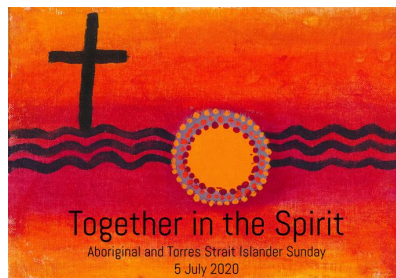


3rd July 2020



Father our Creator You created all things, seen and unseen,
Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.
As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons,
Back to those days where my people walked.
The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth
and their images become real to me.
I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of long ago.
I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit moves within me.

Working Together to Transform Community

Sunday is the celebration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. This is an opportunity to celebrate the cultural identity of their Peoples across the nation by living and expressing, in all its endeavours, the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Peoples. Through this expression and recognition of their cultural identity they will find their rightful place within the Catholic Church in Australia.

Happy holidays to all. On behalf of the staff thank you to all parents and carers on your support and weathering the COVID storm with us! We greatly appreciate your patience during the online learning period, assisting your child as much as you could and observing the regulations and restrictions that were necessary to keep the children and staff as healthy as can be as we returned to the school place.

Pre-Primary G Assembly was a real hoot! Thank you so much for your entertaining message about how to be a good friend and to respect one another. Well done.

Uniform Change from term 3. Parents have asked if the school would reconsider the colour of runners that the children wear as their sports uniform, as all white runners are often unavailable, or not suitable for sporting activities. Therefore, from term 3, the following will apply:

School shoes black school shoes (not runners/sneakers)
Sports shoes do not have to be white
they do need to be suitable and appropriate for sport activities

During the term, lots of feedback has been shared formally and informally with the school, and we are grateful. The flyer on the app summarises the changes to be implemented from Monday 20 July, for the beginning of term 3. One of the changes for term 3 is that parents/carers will be able to directly email teachers. The guidelines for this process are on the App.

At this stage, Fr Joseph is still away, therefore, the celebration of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the parish is yet to be discussed. Will keep you informed as term 3 progresses

Sick of making lunches? Then why not try the delicious offerings of our CANTEEN! All orders are online. We prefer online orders and payments.

School fees are due. Families who may need to make adjustments to their payments, are asked to contact me via admin@aranmorecps.edu.au. There is NO need for any family to place themselves in hardship due to school fee commitments.

School banking returns next term on Mondays. If your child would like to take part in school banking, please make enquiries through the office.

Parish masses have returned. Mass times are Saturday 6:30pm; and 8:00am, and 10:30am on Sunday.

Kiss n Ride can only be successful if all those dropping off and picking up children follow the School's procedures. **At no time between 8am and 9:15am and 2:00pm and 3:20pm** are parents to leave their cars while dropping off or picking up children.

Unwell children at school will be sent home under good health and hygiene practices. This means, children with persistent coughing, signs of fever, shortness of breath, runny noses, tummy upsets, sore throats and headaches, or who are poorly.

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal
May love & peace be found here

Social Worker



What a year this has been. So much change and upheaval, many challenges and unfortunately much loss. Most children (especially, the younger ones) will remember the *overall sentiment* around them during these times more than anything specific about the virus or other events.

So for us, this time presents a great opportunity to create a sentiment of **resilience, encouragement, and hope**—both at home and in our local community. It's also a great opportunity for us to show our children that no matter what's happening in the world, all of us (including them!) can **make a positive difference** in the lives of others. We rise by lifting others.

Perhaps make one of your holiday activities a discussion of this statement and how it can look in everyday life. What can they do to lift others especially as they return to school for term 3 Imagine a community where we lifted others instead of putting people down.

Have a wonderful holiday period. I hope your days are full of sunshine (or puddles to jump in) and playdates with friends.

Ali Fisher
Social Worker