

Newsletter



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Week 8

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent, symbolising the Old Testament prophets, in the spirit of Peace. It is a time to recognise the *shortcomings* in our lives, to smooth out the roughness of pride. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord.' Whatever is standing in the way of us loving, not just God but each other, and caring, get rid of it, throw it aside. For every Christmas is a new life, a new beginning, a new hope, a new joy, not just for we ourselves but for the people who touch us every day of our lives. Then we will understand what Christmas really is. Christmas is to live in a love, kindness and forgiveness.



Working Together to Transform Community



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020! Today, with parents and family members, we celebrated Year 6 Graduation. What a happy morning it was. The celebration began with mass, celebrated by Fr Stephen, followed by the presentation of awards, the handing over of leadership to the year 5s and their farewell to the school community. A big thank you to the following Year 5 Mums who helped with the Graduation, Nancy F, Ceri C, Julie C, Jennifer Z, Marie-Claire C, Caterina O'L. An exciting time for our students, bursting with excitement as they look forward to the challenges that await them in their high school years. We wish all the happiness and success in the world!

Wherever you go, go with all your heart!

Volunteers & Helpers Thank You Afternoon Tea Wednesday 9 December 2:15pm in the Library. All Helpers and Volunteers are invited, as we say thank you for all the time, hard work and kindness you have given to our students and staff. Helpers and volunteers support and enrich the opportunities offered to all the students. Did you know that we have helpers and volunteers supporting Netball, Swimming, Canteen, Catholic School Parents' Association (P&F), Catholic School Advisory Council (School Board), Parents who help on excursions, incursions, in classrooms, Numero, Library, sausage sizzles, and many other activities. A very BIG thank you for all you have done to help and assist, throughout the year. Please register your attendance via the form on the school app.

Hope to see you at our **Christmas Concert** next Thursday evening, 6pm on the courts area. Bring a picnic blanket and your best voice as we come together to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus. All students are involved and asked to dress in the spirit of Christmas. Families are asked to register attendance via the school app.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal WOW! Perhaps the most generous donation drive, ever, by the school community! The generosity of families this year is no less than *outstanding*, especially in a year where so many have been set back by the implications of COVID. *On behalf of the North Perth St Vincent de Paul, THANK YOU. The difference that will be made to many local families this Christmas is wonderful!*

Last week we celebrated **Gallery on Brentham** and what a success it was! Thank you to all families who were able to visit and enjoy the marvellous skills of the students. If you missed out, you can see the virtual tour on our Instagram page. Once again, thank you to staff and students for the great work involved!

About 60 people attended the community **Annual General Meeting** last Tuesday evening. The minutes of the meeting will be shared with families by Friday 18 December.

Are you following us on **Instagram** 'aranmorecatholicprimary'. Share the news with family and friends!

Kiss N Ride continues to cause safety issues. Parents are asked to drive slowly through Brentham Street, especially during drop-off and pick up. A reminder that banking on the curb is dangerous to our students, parents and neighbours. We are working with the City of Vincent to improve the safety for all.

Enrolment Interviews for 2021 (and beyond) are being held NOW! If you know of a family looking for a school that is child focused, with a vibrant family friendly community, Aranmore is the place to be! Enquiries welcome!

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

ALL SCHOOL messages are shared via the school app. Please ensure that you have downloaded it to a mobile device. School app: 'Aranmore Catholic Primary School' on either Android or iOS.

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal
May love & peace be found here

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year for St. Vinnies Christmas Appeal has been a huge success with over 30 boxes donated. As always, your generosity is much appreciated especially at Christmas time.

Miss Kate Johnston & Mr Robert Huntington
Assistant Principals

P & F

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2021

We are seeking volunteers to fulfil the important role of a P&F classroom representative for 2021. Class representatives are required for Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Years 1 to 6. Ideally there will be a minimum of two Class Representative per year level.

The role of the P & F classroom representative is as follows:

- To facilitate the flow of information between the P&F and the parents in a particular class
- To organise informal social gatherings so that parents can interact. Some year levels conduct morning teas while others prefer dinners or family picnics.

DATES FOR TERM FOUR

- Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 9 December 2.15pm
- Christmas Concert – Thursday 10 December Whole School 6pm
- Thanksgiving Mass – Friday 11 December 9am
- Students last day of school - Friday 11 December

- To ensure that new families to a particular class are made to feel welcome to the school community.
- To assist P&F event organisers throughout the year as requested.

Class representatives assist in the smooth running of the P & F. It is not an onerous task as most organising can be done from home and as it is a shared role the tasks can be divided up. Mums and Dads are all encouraged to consider nominating for this position. If you feel that you could contribute please contact Andrea (andrea@andreatan.net) with your child's year level for 2021.

Mrs Andrea Tan
P&F President (2020)

SPORTS



The Champions Cup is a basketball tournament organised by WA Basketball. It sets all the Slam Series winners into a final's competition.

Last year the Year 6 girls won the Girls' Champions Cup. This week the Year 6 Boys took out the 2020 Boys' Champions Cup. They had qualified by winning a Slam Series that was held last term.


All their games at the Champions Cup were close and difficult, as expected. The boys had to defeat six teams before meeting and defeating Sorrento Primary School in the grand final. Well done boys and enjoy the accolades of being the best basketball school-based team in WA.

Congratulations to Jaxon Kowal who was awarded the Most Valuable Player.


A huge thanks to Aleks Lackovic who steered and coached the boys throughout the series. Thankyou also to Jen Saliacus for all your dedication and assistance.

Mr Tsang
Physical Education Teacher

INTERVIEWS FOR ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2024 are being conducted **early next year** for any students wishing to attend Mercedes College. If you have forgotten to enrol your daughter, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 or email jlamb@mercedes.wa.edu.au. An applicable form may be downloaded from the College website. If you are still interested in **ENROLMENTS FOR 2021** we have limited places available, please submit your application form as soon as possible.



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