

Newsletter



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PRAYER: *Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. Pope Francis.*

Dear Parents

I would like to share this exciting letter with you all which was received from the Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia.

“Aranmore Catholic Primary School has been identified by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) as achieving above average gain in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results compared to schools with similar students. Aranmore Catholic Primary School was one of twenty five schools in the Catholic Education WA system identified by ACARA in their analyses as achieving these results for the 2015 NAPLAN testing.”

I would like to congratulate all the staff on the fabulous work that they do in the classrooms, always striving to improve our children’s Literacy and Numeracy here at Aranmore.

Over the last few years we have been working very hard altogether –

- formulating our annual school improvement plans
- fine tuning and aligning our whole school programmes
- ensuring our professional development is related to our focus areas
- setting up a Curriculum Team
- setting up a School Improvement Team
- establishing Learning Area leaders
- establishing Literacy, Maths, Science, Information Communication Technology Key Teachers
- linking our goal setting to Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and Early Childhood National Quality Standards and our focus areas
- conducting peer class visit/coaching/observations
- Leadership Team classroom coaching/visits
- having focussed Professional Learning Communities
- networking with staff and wider
- fine-tuning our standardised testing
- refining our learning support programmes
- building up great resources

This collaborative effort has achieved great results.

Thank you to Ms Coniglio and the Year Six Liturgy Council starting off our **Aranmore Day** with a special liturgy. The children sang our school song with such passion, I was so proud of them. Of course the fun Aranmore song (YMCA based) was a delight to hear as well. As part of our Strategic Plan and Annual School Improvement Plan we have a focus on enriching the Mercy charism at Aranmore. This year we have commenced our special Mercy Value Merit Awards. These awards are only given out once per term and to the children who display the Mercy Values of:

Mercy: Be thoughtful, warm and respectful in all you do and feel

Compassion: Show you care for others’ needs and help meet their needs

Justice: Treat all members of our community fairly and justly

Dignity: Respect each other, knowing we are all valued and loved by God

Excellence: Try to be your best in all that you do

Hospitality: Be welcoming, friendly and inclusive in our play and our lives

Stewardship: Keep God in our hearts and our play

Service: Make a positive difference in each other’s lives

ARANMORE
DAY



Congratulations to the following children who received the **Mercy Value Awards**:

PPR	Maximiian Sorba-Marten, Lana Ly, Vincent Hein, Shota Liaw
PPG	Isabel Edler, Julian Gaudoin, Ryan Kazadzis, Molly Clarey
Year 1R	Stella Strbac, Cedric Brink, Emily Jones, Reuben Panaia
Year 1G	Samuel Watts, James Clocherty, Chloe Ferraro, Erika Coehlo
Year 2R	Cormac Hull, Renata Pintabona, Dylan D'Souza, Olivia Musbah
Year 2G	Llana Ly, Annina Musbah, James Newman, Mason Clark
Year 3R	Lucinda Boylen, Senna Leno, George Griffiths, Gigi Paton
Year 3G	Alex Blake-Twomey, Isaak Boston, Lucie Knezovic, Rebecca Puccini
Year 4R	Estella Gillam, David Moore, Eva Papantoniou, Jude Garbenis
Year 4G	Krishni Agarwal, Lucas Kelly, Harrison Clarke, Anita Sokolovic
Year 5R	Kiara Williams, Joseph Collins, Natalia Clemente, Simon Lopez
Year 5G	Kaitlyn Scherini, Benjamin Smith, Maynard Grey, Lachlan Boylen
Year 6R	Tyson Farnan, Dipika Choudhury, Mya Robertson, Owen Buttigieg
Year 6G	Sarah Coelho, Thomas Kazadzis, Isobella Walker, Andrew Aguti

All classes from Pre-Primary to Year Six had a fun day taking part in tabloid sports. Thank you to Mr Tsang for organising this event. *Aranmore Has Talent* is always a highlight on Aranmore Day. Students had the opportunity to audition in their classroom and one finalist per year level was then selected by classroom teachers for the final Talent Show. Well done children on sharing your special talents. We also had a *Watch Me (Whip It and Nae Nae)* showdown which was very entertaining to watch! The characters from Star Wars made an appearance (*ask your children about this*). Thank you to Mrs Twine for coordinating the Talent Show and thank you to the P & F for donating an 'Aranmore Has Talent' medallion for our overall winners from the Year 5 group Beimnet Tesfeldte, Chase Kemp and Jaime-Lee Lawton

A big thank you also to Belinda Civeletti who coordinated the free wrap lunch today. Thank you to all our parent helpers who were able to assist. It was very much appreciated.

This is an early invitation to all our Aranmore mums to our **Mother's Day Prayer Assembly and Morning Tea** which will take place in the second week of **Term Two, Friday 6 May at 8.45am**. The P&F will be running a Mother's Day Stall during the week of the 2nd May so that your children can purchase something special for you. Please see the P&F section for further details.

Mother's Day

Please see the invitation at the end of the newsletter and RSVP if you will be able to attend.

Aranmore Catholic Primary School has received an invitation to participate in the City of Vincent and Mt Hawthorn RSL **ANZAC Day** Commemoration ceremony to be held in **Axford Park at 11.00am on Monday 25 April**. The park is opposite the intersection of Scarborough Beach Road and Oxford Street, Mt Hawthorn. Two Year Six students, Ellen Cloherty and Callum McGough will be representing our school in laying the laying of the wreath part of the ceremony.

Last year we had a huge number of students joining in the service and it was a great representation of our school. The high attendance was well noted and appreciated by many community members. This year we would like another good representation from our school community. **Children from PK-Yr 6 are encouraged to join in the service.** Children in Yr1-Yr6 are asked to wear their winter academic uniform and children in Pre Primary are to **wear their winter uniform (sport) and PK-K, their I'm an Aranmore Kid shirt** (if they have one). We will reserve seats for families so that we are sitting together as a school community. Please arrive at the park at 10.45am or prior and look for an Aranmore CPS staff member.

What a wonderful day we had last Thursday for our **school swimming carnival**. The Year Four to Six children competed with such great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun. Congratulations to Aranmore faction who won overall and to Moloney faction who won the Principal Trophy for displaying good sportsmanship, keeping their bay clean and tidy, cheering for their team mates, following instructions in their bay, with senior students displaying incredible leadership skills. **WA State Swim** this year sponsored a trophy for Champion girl and Champion boy. Congratulations to Victoria Reading and Ben Gibcus on receiving these awards. I would like to thank Mr Philip Tsang, our Sports Teacher, for his thorough planning and organisation and to all the parents who assisted on the day, especially Ian Burnett grandfather to the Saliacus children who was chief judge on the day. We appreciate all the help. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who came along to cheer and enjoy the day.

It was wonderful to see so many parents visiting the classrooms on Tuesday afternoon/evening. I am sure that you were very proud of your child's work. I know the children have been very excited in their preparation for the **Learning Journey** and in sharing their wonderful efforts with you.

In Term Two we will be starting our **Friday sessions for Pre Kindy (3 Year Old)**. We currently have a **couple of vacancies for Monday Pre-Kindy**. If are interested in finding out more please call Amanda at the front office or click on the following link - <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/pre-kindy/>

Aranmore Catholic Primary School is always very active in the wider community. We will be taking part in the **Mt Hawthorn Laneway Festival** on **Sunday 1st May**. The **P&F** will be holding a "**Flavours of Aranmore**" cake stall, showcasing our wonderful multi-cultural community, by asking families to bake something traditional of their cultural heritage or anything really delicious. The **choir** will be performing on stage at 2.30pm and all children are invited to participate in the 'Tomorrowland' poster competition and exhibition. The Mayor will be presenting prizes at the Festival to the creators of the best posters.

We have an extremely keen and supportive **P&F Association** here at Aranmore CPS. This term we have had a very enjoyable Bush Dance, Pre-Kindy and Kindy Welcome Morning Tea for parents, a delicious Sausage Sizzle and fun-filled Camp Out. I would like to thank all of our hard working Executive Committee and all committee members who give so generously of their time to continue to build the Aranmore spirit and community.

Term One has been a busy term with lots of different events - parent evenings, assemblies, school and class masses, Lent, Easter, commencement of the sacramental programmes, Bush Dance, School Board and P&F meetings, sausage sizzles, Camp Out, Numero and Cyberbullying parent sessions, PP-Yr1 Literacy sessions for parents, school photos, swimming carnival and learning journeys....just to mention a few.

To our **beautiful Aranmore children** who have put in such a fabulous effort this term with their work and behaviour, have a great holiday. I would like to thank the **staff** for their dedication and hard work this term. I am sure they will take the time to relax and recharge over the break. Thank you to all Aranmore parents for your continued support and encouragement. It is always very much appreciated.

I will be taking some **Long Service Leave** from the end of Term One and will return to school in Week 4, Term Two. The Executive Director of Catholic Education has appointed Ms Adriana Coniglio as Acting Principal during my absence. Please do not hesitate to see Ms Coniglio should you have any queries or concerns whilst I am away.

I wish all Aranmore families a safe and relaxing holiday.



Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

Happy Holidays



CURRICULUM

ASTHMA UPDATE

Aranmore Catholic Primary School **is an Asthma Friendly School**. We are proud to announce that we are recognised as an Asthma Friendly School by the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia. This means that staff members have been trained to respond to an asthma emergency and we are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment here for students with Asthma. Please help us to do this by ensuring that your child:

- Carries their blue reliever puffer and spacer
- Knows about their asthma symptoms and when to ask a staff member for help
- Has an up to date Asthma Action Plan provided to the school

If you require any further information about Asthma, please inform one of the Leadership Team or call the Asthma Foundation if WA on (08) 9289 3600.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATION

HOLIDAY IDEAS - READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

<http://www.rif.org/parents/tips/tip.msp?View=62>

To make reading a part of your holiday, try some of these fun literacy activities;

- Encourage your child to create bookmarks to enclose in a gift book or to mark the place in your own book where you leave off during read-aloud time.
- Ask your child to help with holiday shopping. Have him or her write out the list and then read the items aloud as you peruse the aisles together.
- Give your child a companion book to traditional holiday gifts, such as a book on juggling and several brightly coloured balls; a book about fossils and a bag of plaster of Paris; or a book about stamp collecting and a stamp album.
- When it's time for holiday baking, ask your child to read the directions aloud to you. While the cookies are in the oven, read a short book together.
- Help your child make his or her own holiday gifts for family and friends by following the directions in a how-to-book.
- Encourage your child to volunteer to read to residents in a local retirement home or hospital.
- Give a bookstore gift certificate as a holiday present so your child can select a new book on his or her own. Read the book together.
- Visit the library and pick out some family favourites.



WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 AND TERM 3

Please note that upon commencement of *Term Two on Tuesday, 26th April 2016* all children are expected to be wearing the Winter Uniform up until the conclusion of Term Three. Please make sure that after the school holidays, all children return to school wearing the correct shoes, sneakers, jewellery and hair ties. See information taken from the Parent Handbook below:

GIRLS

Blue school tunic (with belt)
White school shirt (long or short sleeve)
School Tie
School jumper
Black school shoes
Short white socks or navy tights
Blue Aranmore Catholic Primary School hat

BOYS

Grey shorts or long trousers
Blue school shirt
School tie
School jumper
Black school shoes with Aranmore school socks
Blue Aranmore Catholic Primary School hat

WEDDING

Father Angelo would like to know if there is anyone in the school community that could assist with making/sewing some wedding pew endings. The cost of material etc will be covered by the church. Please see a photo of the current wedding pew ending however I am sure Father Angelo would be very welcoming of any other suggestions. If you are able to assist please email through your name and number to the school office admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au or pop in to the office and your details will be passed on to Father Angelo.



Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Group at St Mary's Parish

On Saturday night (2/4) after the 6.30pm commitment mass we had youth group at the Parish Centre at St Mary's Church. We had 19 children from Year 6 and 7 attend. The theme of 'Just Dance' was very popular and many of the dancers were excellent!

The next youth group is on the 7/5/2016 and 11/6/2016 following the 6.30pm mass. All students in Years 5, 6 and upwards are encouraged to come along to mass and youth group following mass at 7.30pm. Any questions please email:

Fiona Molloy fiona_molloy@bd.com or
Caterina O'Loughlin caterina_ol@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gabriella Alfonso's (Yr 3) mother Claire Wardle who last week won both the 5,000m and 10,000m in the Masters Athletics WA State Championships for her age category. She will now go to Adelaide to compete in the National Championships next month. We wish her all the best.

WEMBLEY DOWNS SOCCER CLUB GIRLS

Are looking for year 6 girls for their under 13 team. If you are new to soccer or wanting to join a team then please email Donald Johnson donforres@yahoo.com. They train on a Wednesday evening from 5.30pm – 7pm in Wembley Downs. Mrs Roslyn Soanes also has more information for anyone who is interested. roslynsoanes@bigpond.com

FOOD FAIR

The Little Sisters of the Poor care for those in need, specifically the elderly and financially poor, in our home at Glendalough, Perth. Our home desperately requires a rebuild to cope with increasing demand and to help us meet our building costs we are holding a Food Fair as part of our Fundraising efforts and would greatly appreciate your support.

WHEN Sunday 15 May
TIME 10am to 4pm
WHERE 2 Rawlins Street, Glendalough

For further information please contact Sr Marguerite on 9443 3155 OR Bernadette on 0423 958 123

P & F

The **Mount Hawthorn Streets and Laneways Festival**, Sunday 1st May. The P&F will be holding a good old fashioned cake stall at the event "**Flavours of Aranmore**" where we are hoping to show off our wonderful multi-cultural community, by asking families to bake something traditional to their cultural heritage or the most delicious cake in their repertoire.

The choir will be performing AND all children are invited to participate in a "**Tomorrowland**" poster competition and exhibition. Children need to design a poster that shows what their "Tomorrowland" looks like. For example what will Mt Hawthorn look like 20 years from now? What will the community feel like? What is important to me in an urban village? Posters will need to be produced on an A3 piece of paper and handed to the office by the 28th April 2016. Children can use mixed media - paints, crayons, texta, or collage to create the future of their imaginations. The Mayor will be presenting prizes at the Festival to the creators of the best posters.

Mother's Day

The P+F are hosting a **Mother's Day Stall** on **Thursday 5 May 2016**. Children can purchase a \$5.00 gift on this day for their mums. There will be a presale to the **Pre Kindy** children and Interschool swimmers on Monday 2 May 2016. The P+F will send home a flyer showing the array of beautiful gifts that will be available for purchase.

A Mother's Day Raffle will also be held during the Mother's Day Morning Tea on Friday 6 May 2016. Tickets will be \$ 2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets will be available for purchase from the school office as well as during the morning tea. Please support your P+F and the school community.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
President P&F

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Rainbows is a peer support program offered at Aranmore for children affected by significant family change. Death, divorce and separation can have a profound effect on children. The primary goal of Rainbows is to provide a safe, loving environment where children can sort through their pain and confusion, build on their self-esteem and develop their coping skills to deal with their losses. Rainbows is available for children in years 1 – 6. Please complete and return the enrolment form at the end of the newsletter if you feel the Rainbows program may be suitable for your child. Enrolments close Friday April 29th 2016

Mrs Ali Fisher,
Social Worker



SPORT

2016 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all our children who competed in our Faction Swimming Carnival. The fantastic conditions accompanied by some tight races made it a spectacular day. It was great to see our students pushing themselves and trying their very best. Thank you to our wonderful staff and parents who came and ran the carnival. Your assistance is very much appreciated by the students and school.

This year all our swimmers were given a swimming "show bag" organised by WA Swimming for their participation. They also donated a Champion Boy and Champion Girl Trophy which was awarded to Ben Gibcus (Yr 6 Mercy) and Victoria Reading (Yr 6 Moloney). Congratulations to Moloney in winning this year's Principal's Shield and Arranmore in taking out the 2016 Faction Swimming Carnival. For more photos follow the link below:

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/category/school-events/>

Permission slips for our Interschool Swimming Team, have been issued to the children who have qualified.

The Interschool Swimming Carnival date has been changed. It will now be on **Thursday 5th May @ Challenge Stadium**.

Mr Phil Tsang
Sport CoOrdinator



ARANMORE SWIM CLUB

Wow what a great swimming carnival and a super effort by all of our swimmers. Well done to all of you and congratulations to those going on to the Interschool Carnival on the 5th May, 2016. We have had an influx of new swimmers in the last few weeks with Mia Pappas on the Tuesday before Easter. This week we had Cooper and Bailey Reynolds attend, and Anita Sokolovic. It is great to see so many new children coming along to get fit and improve their swimming.

We commence swim club again after the school holidays on the 26th April, 2016. We will be indoors for the next three terms. If you are swimming in the Interschool Carnival it is important that you maintain your fitness over the holidays and train at least twice each week of the holidays. We will have two Tuesday training sessions (26/4 and 3/5) before the carnival on the 5th May. If you need bathers please see Jill in the uniform shop who now also has larger sizes of the girls bathers as well.

Have a great holiday and see you on the 26th April.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes, Swim Club Coordinator

CANTEEN

Monday	25 April	Public Holiday
Wednesday	27 April	Simone N
Friday	29 April	Erin & Ann
Monday	2 May	Denise

Thank you to all the parents who helped out in the canteen on Aranmore Day!

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress

KEY DATES

- Term Two commences on Tuesday 26 April
- ANZAC Day Assembly – Friday 29 April
- Years 3-6 Interschool Swimming Carnival – Friday 6 May
- Mother's Day Assembly and Morning Tea – Friday 6 May
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 20 May
- Book Fair Week – begins Monday 23 May
- ACPS Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 28 May
- P&F Sausage Sizzle (Years PP, 3 & 5 parents) Tuesday 31 May
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass (PP-6) at St Mary's Church – Friday 3 June
- WA Day Public Holiday – Monday 6 June
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 7 June
- Mission Fundraising Day – Friday 1 July
- Term Two concludes Friday 1 July

CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Thursday 5 May
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 7 May
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May

RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Tuesday 27 July
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 18 August
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 20 August
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 25 August

FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 4 August
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 31 August
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 3 September
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER ASSEMBLY AND MORNING TEA

WHEN Friday, May 6
TIME 8.45 a.m.
WHERE School Hall

All mothers, with your child / children, are invited to a Prayer Assembly to help celebrate Mothers' Day. The assembly will be followed by a Morning Tea for the mums in the School Hall. **Please RSVP before May 3 to assist with catering.** I look forward to seeing as many of you here as can attend.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Williamson".

Mrs Margaret Williamson



I will be attending the Mothers' Day Prayer Assembly Yes / No

Name: _____ Eldest Child's Class _____



Rainbows is a peer support program for children living in a family affected by separation, divorce or death or who have suffered a significant loss in their life. Rainbows is available for children in years 1 – 6. The primary goal of Rainbows is to provide a safe, loving environment where children can sort through their pain and confusion, build on their self-esteem and develop their coping skills to deal with their losses.

When a change takes place in a family – whether it is a death, divorce or separation – it has a profound effect on the whole family. Children, as well as adults, grieve over the loss of a loved one who was once part of their everyday lives.

Grief is a normal human reaction to a significant loss. Frequently children are not able to express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, schoolwork, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development. Even those children who appear to have adjusted well are often struggling inside with different emotions of grief.

The Rainbows program, offered at Aranmore Catholic Primary, provides the guidance children need to work through their grief and move onto the healing process.

The Rainbows Program will commence in Term 2 and will consist of twelve sessions. Small groups of children, in similar age categories, will meet weekly with a trained facilitator. Adults as well as children are bound by confidentiality, which fosters trust and provides a safe atmosphere. The groups meet during school hours. Rainbows is not always the best option for a child at a given time. Once the enrolment forms have been received the Rainbows staff will assess each child's suitability.

The Rainbows facilitators for 2016 are Mrs Ali Fisher, Mrs Mary Monterosso, Ms Pam Rimmer and Mrs Eleonora Panaia.

Should you require further information about this program please do not hesitate to contact me. Please return this form to me via the front office by Friday 1st April 2016.

Mrs Ali Fisher
Social Worker
Rainbows Coordinator

RAINBOWS PROGRAM: I would like my child/children to be part of the 2016 RAINBOWS Program.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____