

Newsletter



Inspiring. Nurturing. Learning today...Leading tomorrow.

20 Brentham Street, LEEDERVILLE WA 6007 | Tel: (08) 9444 9366 | admin@aranmorecps.wa.edu.au | www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au

We pray that, through our choices, actions and words, we may live out our faith in our everyday lives, growing in compassion and generosity. May Your presence be felt through our presence. Amen

Dear Parents

I hope that you all received my welcome letter last week. This week we officially commence with the first school newsletter of the year.

On Wednesday, we acknowledged our **Year Six leaders** for 2018 and presented them with their Student Council badges. Being on the Student Council is an honour and a privilege and provides the students with a great sense of responsibility and 'service' leadership in their final year of primary school. We wish them all the best as they undertake roles in the areas of – Pastoral, Communication, Environment and Sport.

Monday Pre-Kindy (3 Year Old) is currently full. We will commence **Friday sessions in Term Two**. If you 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/>. If you have friends or neighbours who have children this age then please talk to them about our exciting Pre-Kindy programme and encourage them to enrol.

Our annual 'Welcome Back to School' **Bush Dance** is on tomorrow **Saturday 10th February** on the grassed area behind our school hall from 5.30pm onwards. This special event at the beginning of the year is an opportunity for us all to gather together and catch up after the long Christmas break. Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle, a byo picnic on the lawn, animal farm for the children and of course the great Sothern Cross Bush Band. The Bush Dance is planned and organised by our wonderful P&F Committee and I would like to thank Elle Gonzalez-Skuja, P&F President, the P&F Executive and all of the P&F committee and parents for their hard work in planning this evening. Thankyou also to School Board Members who will be cooking the sausages on the night. I look forward to seeing you all there. Please read the P&F section of the newsletter for further details.

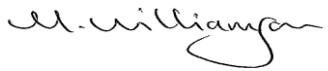
Our first **P&F** Meeting for the year was held this week. All parents are invited to attend these meetings and a special invitation is extended to our new families. P&F Meetings are a great opportunity to gather together with the Principal, P&F Committee and other parents and find out what we can do together to continue making Aranmore Catholic Primary School such a wonderful school community. The P&F Committee also works extremely hard to fundraise throughout the year to help purchase extra resources for the children and they also plan some great 'friend raising' events.

Our **2018 Annual School Plan** is based upon our Strategic Plan LEAD – Learning, Engagement, Accountability and Discipleship, which you can view on our school website <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/strategic-plan/>

School Improvement Plan – Focus Areas for 2018

- Learning: Australian Curriculum
Mathematics – Working Mathematically
Numeracy Dedicated Time
Literacy – Consolidate Grammar
Teaching and Learning Driven by Data
Grammar Data Wall
Talk For Writing Programme
- Engagement: Digital Technologies
21st Century Teaching/Learning
Educational Parent Workshops – Digital Technologies and Early Childhood
Establish a Playgroup

- **Accountability:** Professional Learning through...
Grammar - Data Walls to track student improvement
Differentiation
- **Discipleship:** Foster relationship with Rosewood Aged Care
Staff faith formation, linking goal setting to assist in increase student achievement in Religious Education



Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents please refer to the newsletter and calendar as to when your child's class is rostered to celebrate a Mass, Liturgy of the Word or Prayer Assembly. Masses and Liturgies of the Word will be celebrated in the school Library. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend these special events.

Please help us celebrate **Ash Wednesday Mass** in the school Hall at **9:30am on the 14 February**.

Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

CURRICULUM

EXTENSION

The Extension Program for 2017 will begin on Monday, 19 February for selected students in Years 4-6. The Extension Program at Aranmore goes beyond the general curriculum. Students will be required to complete tasks that are open-ended, require developed research skills and independent work habits. Students in the Extension Program will be required to work at a different pace to what is expected in a mainstream classroom.

We look forward to sharing with the Aranmore community the work, projects and activities the students will be involved in.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. The competition is open to any students from Year 3 – 6 that wish to participate. The students are invited to sit the Mathematics, English and Science Competitions. The ICAS notes were emailed out to parents on Monday 5 February.

If you are interested in your child sitting one of these tests, **the slip and money is due by the 16th February**. There are spare notes in the office.

Miss Sarah Lister
Extension Teacher

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

HOSPITALITY

Be welcoming, friendly and inclusive in all you say and do.

9 February 2018

SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM ONE

- Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 5 March
- School Photo Day – Wednesday 7 March
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday 9 March
- P&F Family Camp Out – Saturday 10 March
- K-6 Learning Journeys (3.15pm – 6.30pm) – Tuesday 10 April
- Aranmore Day – Thursday 12 April
- Term One concludes – Friday 13 April

ALL SACRAMENTS PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday 4 April 7.00pm St Mary's (Yrs 3, 4 & 6)

COMMITMENT & ENROLMENT MASSES FOR ALL SACRAMENTS:

Saturday 7 April & Sunday 8 April

CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 11 April 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Parent Night 2: Thursday 10 May 7pm St Mary's Church
- Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 12 May 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May

RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation Parent Night 1: Wednesday 25 July 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Parent Night 2: Thursday 16 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 18 August 1.30pm – 3.30pm St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Night: Thursday 23 August

FIRST EUCHARIST

- Holy Communion Parent Night 1: Thursday 2 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Parent Night 2: Wednesday 29 August 7pm at St Mary's Church
- Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day: Saturday 8 September 1.30-4.30pm at St Mary's Church
- Sacrament of First Communion: Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September at St Mary's Church

CRUNCH AND SIP

Crunch and Sip is a set break time where children can eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students refuel with fruit or vegetables during class time at approximately 10am each day, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. Each student also has a water bottle in the classroom from which they can drink from throughout the day. Through Crunch and Sip, Aranmore demonstrates its commitment to nutrition education in the classroom, by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment that promotes healthy eating.



The objectives of the Crunch and Sip break are to:

- Increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit or vegetables and drinking water every day.
- Enable students, teachers and staff to eat fruit or vegetables during all allocated Crunch and Sip break in the classroom.
- Encourage students, teachers and staff to drink water throughout the day in the classroom, during break times and at sports, excursions and camps.
- Encourage parents to provide students with fruit or vegetables every day.
- Develop strategies to help students who don't have regular access to fruit and vegetables.

Mr Peter Scutti
Crunch & Sip Coordinator

HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Schools are well placed to support healthy eating and in fact have a vital role to play in helping to reduce the worldwide epidemic of childhood obesity. Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. Nutrition and physical activity messages are being taught in the classroom to promote healthy lifestyles.

Aranmore has a long term vision of embracing a whole of school approach to ensure that the standards for healthy food and drink choices are consistent with these curriculum messages and apply to canteens, class parties, cooking activities, birthday treats, camps and excursions etc as well as other school community events involving the students.

In 2014 the school Healthy Food and Drink Choices Policy was reviewed. A committee was set up with a selection of staff, parents, a nutritionist/ dietician and our canteen manageress and a Leadership Team member. The School Board, Leadership Team and P&F Executive were also involved in the policy review. The policy is based upon the Catholic Education Office of WA policy for schools which incorporates the Traffic Light System for foods/drinks. Current research also aided discussions and decisions.

Please click on the link which will take you to the Healthy Food and Drink Policy on our website.

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Healthy-Food-and-Drink-Choices-Policy-1.pdf>

Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

SUSTAINABILITY

ARANMORES GREEN SPACE

At Aranmore we have a strong focus on sustainability and the Green Space area is where many of our recycling bins are located.



We recycle paper, cardboard, cans, batteries, ink cartridges, mobile phones and oral care products. By doing this the children do not just learn about sustainability as an abstract concept, they see it in action and actively participate in a practical way to help look after the environment. Please send in any of the above items that you have accumulated so that we can continue to contribute to looking after our environment.

This year the Aranmore Canteen will also be furthering our environmental efforts by using donated metal cutlery in place of disposable cutlery. Thank you to all those that donated cutlery late last year and to the Environmental Council who will be assisting in the collection of the items after lunch.

Ms Laura Nelson
Sustainability Coordinator

MUSIC

BAND AUDITIONS

Limited places are available in the School Band for students in Years 5 & 6 who have a high level of achievement on Guitar, Piano, Violin and Flute. Auditions will be held on **Monday 12th February in the Music Room starting at 7.50am** and they need to prepare a piece to play that demonstrates their level of skill and some scales. The students are very fortunate to have Mr Russell Holmes taking them for their Band rehearsals. Russell is a professional musician with his own Jazz Trio and he also lectures at WAAPA in Jazz.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

If you would like your children to receive lessons on a particular instrument please ask for an enrolment form for the Instrumental Program at the Front Office. **In order to participate School Fee payments must be up-to-date.** Lessons are offered for the following instruments: Drums – Mr Robert Corvaia; Guitar – Mr Rudy Yusuf; Voice and Saxophone – Mr Rhys Wood; Violin – Mr Richard Price; Piano – Mrs Sandy Barnett, Ms Lucia Di Vincenzo; Flute, Clarinet and Piano – Mrs Roslyn Twine. If you have any questions with regard to the program please speak to Mrs Twine.

MUSIC PRACTICE DIARY

All students learning an instrument require a diary for their teacher to record what they need to practise and for the student to write down what practice they have done. This helps by:

- Maintaining a record of lessons attended
- Teachers are able to write down what the child should be practising

- Parents are able to see what their child should be practising
- Students have a place to record the practice they have done (please encourage your child to do this as it visually reinforces their achievement during the week)
- Over time it helps to establish a routine approach to learning their instrument
- It provides a means of communication between the parents and teacher

The diary is designed to last for the whole year and there will be a small cost of \$2.00 to help cover the cost of producing them. It will be given to the students at their instrumental lesson.

Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Coordinator

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please note that supervision of students commences at 8:15am. Consequently, students should not be arriving any earlier as that is when our duty of care commences for the day.

The duty of care of students concludes at 3:20pm each day. When duty ceases in the afternoon, all those students still waiting are asked to sit outside the office for collection by parents. Any children of Kindy or Pre-primary age are asked to sit inside the office to wait for parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Before and After School Care (Gumtrees) operates from 8.00am to 9.00am and in the afternoon from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. **If you need to drop your children off prior to 8.15am then please enrol them in the before school programme. If you are unable to collect your children by 3.20pm then please enrol them in the after school programme.**

SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT

It is important to remember that when your child / children either arrive late for the day or are picked up before the end of the day, that they are signed in or out. The Sign In or Out kiosk is located in the front office.

Please note: If you are signing your child out of school, Mrs Ellen will call for your child / children from their class. Parents are asked not to collect their child from class.

KISS AND RIDE

All parents are to either park in the correct parking zones or use the Kiss and Ride system. The Kiss and Ride system must flow smoothly for the efficiency and safety of our students. We encourage parents to use this system and be patient while in a cue. Please do not cut in front of other drivers as this could lead to either cars colliding with one another or a student being hurt.



Parents are **NOT** to park in the Kiss and Ride area as it blocks traffic and causes drivers to become very frustrated. Parents are expected to stay in their car if using this system and not get out to open doors or find children. Please follow the flow of cars and the Teacher on duty normally gives direction if 'moving up' is required to make room for other cars waiting in the cue.

Please ensure that the family name tag is clearly displayed – making it easy for the teachers to call out the family name. If you require new or additional name tags – please contact the Office.

Please park in the available parking zones on Brentham Street, Britannia Road, Bennelong Way or Wavertree Place if you would like to walk over to your child / children or visit classroom teachers, etc.

The Staff Car Park is only for Staff Parking.

Please refrain from parking in this area to pick up or drop off children.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and assistance in endeavouring to make our school a safe area for the dropping off and picking up of children.

Ms Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

P & F

These are the wonderful people who have already nominated to be Class Rep. If you have a child in one of the classes without a Class Rep and you would like to nominate, please follow the link

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/parents-and-friends-association/>

CLASS	RED	GREEN
PreKindy	Ciara Arambasic	
Kindy		Danielle Cameron Theresa Miloskeski
Pre Primary	Georgia Bouhlas	Nadia Auletta
Year 1	Priscilla Maffulo Natalie Bond	Fiona Tiller
Year 2	Rose L'angat	Grace Grennan
Year 3	Amanda Houghton	Taylor Ly/Suzie King
Year 4	Sharon Pinesi-O'Brien	Anna Infirri
Year 5	Casey Harman Nicola Burton	Stephanie Lavictoire
Year 6	Andrea Murray	Lisa Pappas

CONTACT LIST

Mrs Ellen will be sending through the class contact list directly to the class reps. If you **DO NOT** want to be included on this list and have not already advised us, please do so by return email. If you do want your details on the class contact DO NOTHING!

BUSH DANCE

This Saturday we have our annual Family Bush Dance as a welcome back to school. The Southern Bush Band will be back to entertain us. We have an animal farm, sausage sizzle and this year a vintage coffee van! We look forward to seeing you there! If you can help out on the night please go to this link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/OCOjdrW>

FAMILY CAMP OUT

A big thank you to Meg Clarey for once again organising the Family Camp out. The Camp Out will be held on **Saturday 10 March** in the Adventure playground area. **Please note that any relatives other than parents who plan to sleep over will need to get a Working with Children check.** This can be done via the school office. A link to booking your spot at the camp out will be coming up in the next few weeks.

Mrs Elle Gonzalez-Skuja
P&F President

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lucas Lavictoire who was selected to travel to Spain to do some special training for soccer. Here is Lucas experience in a few of his own words along with some pictures from Spain.

"I enjoyed watching Real Madrid team play a couple of games at Santiago Bernabeu stadium. I was excited when I saw my idol Ronaldo in real life quite close to me when we watched him train. From the training I learnt new skills and enjoyed playing with the other boys in my team and against Spanish teams. Spain is a nice place and I have picked up a few spanish words like 'Ola' and 'Gracias'. My family and I loved the whole experience and I will remember it for a long time". Lucas



INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS



Best of luck to all our students from Pre-primary to Year 6 who will commence their

Interm Swimming lessons on Monday 19 February through to 2 March. These lessons will be held in the outdoor and indoor pool at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre.

Parents please make the necessary requirements to ensure your child is protected from the sun during these lessons ie: rashie and sunscreen.

A permission note has been issued to all children involved. Parents please read, sign and return the note to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

As of February 7 Coles supermarkets, Coles Express (excluding fuel), and Coles online customers will receive one Sports for School voucher for every \$10 spent. These vouchers can be collected and deposited in to our collection boxes located in the Front Office and the entrance into our School Hall. These vouchers will be tallied at the end of the programme to earn sporting equipment for all our classes.



Mr Phil Tsang
Sport Teacher

CANTEEN

MONDAY	12 Feb	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	14 Feb	
FRIDAY	16 Feb	Alison W & Jean
MONDAY	19 Feb	Belinda
WEDNESDAY	21 Feb	HELP
FRIDAY	23 Feb	Anna

Mrs Belinda Civiletti
Canteen Manageress

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Vincent's Leeuwin Competition closes next Monday 12 February. Students (12 years and over and City of Vincent residents) can submit an application to win a trip on the Leeuwin Parent Project from 3-5 March 2018.

More details can be found on the City's website and Facebook page at:

<https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/community/your-community/youth/youth-events.aspx>