

Newsletter



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PRAYER: Dear Mary, our Holy Mother, please help our school to grow in harmony and to love you more as we love ourselves. Look upon us all and help us with our work, guiding us through each day. Thank you for giving us Jesus. Help us to live in peace at home and especially at school. Help our school in its development and help each of us in our community to grow in peace. **Amen**

Dear Parents

We have had so many wonderful comments about our latest additions. Thank you for the positive feedback. Outside the Year Two Red classroom, near the Administration building we have a colourful collage of children **singing, learning, laughing, playing, growing, creating, praying and excelling**. The collage captures the spirit of our school community.

Aranmore Catholic Primary School's foundation lays with the Sisters of Mercy. We are strengthening the Mercy charism at our school by teaching those within our community the **Mercy Values – Mercy, Justice, Hospitality, Service, Dignity Compassion, Excellence and Stewardship**. The beautiful banners in the Hall explain these values in very simple terms for the children. Please click on the following link to view the value banners -

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/vision/>

Aranmore Catholic Primary School has four factions steeped in history relevant to the school's history and the children proudly wear and celebrate their faction colours – **McCauley, Arranmore, Mercy and Moloney**. We now have the crests proudly displayed in our Undercover Area. Please click on the following link to view the crests - <http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/factions/>

Aranmore Catholic Primary School community is well and truly buzzing with the P&F being busy, busy, busy. Thank you to Valissa Foord for organising the **Entertainment Book Fundraiser** for everyone to enjoy. Please support this fundraiser. Books were sent home this week. The **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** is coming up on the long weekend 30 May. Thank you to Alf Parolo who is coordinating this community event. He is in need of some helpers so please give him a call if you can assist on the day. Tara Thomas and Leanne Cormack are busy preparing for the **Zumbathon** on 4 June. Sponsorship forms have gone home already. Please assist your child in looking for sponsors. **Girl Power and Good Guys** parent and children sessions are happening on 8 and 9 June and the **School Disco** is coming up on the 12 June.

Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Gane who organised the **Book Fair** this year for the children. There were many exciting books to choose from. Thank you to all who were able to support the Book Fair this year it was very much appreciated. Next **Friday 29 May is a pupil free day**. Our school will be hosting a professional development day in our school hall with ten regional catholic schools (250 participants) in attendance. Our presenter will be Brendan Spillane, who is an acclaimed Australian educator, speaker and coach and he will be focussing on personal commitments for improvement, peer coaching, high performing teams, finding personal 'gift' and connecting with joy. This professional development is a wonderful opportunity for our regional catholic schools to collaborate and network.

Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal

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KEY DATES

- **Pupil Free Day Friday 29 May**
- **ACPS Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday 30 May**
- **WA Day Public Holiday Monday 1 June**
- **Pupil Free Day Monday 15 June**
- **Term Two concludes Friday 3 July**

SACRAMENTAL DATES: 2015

CONFIRMATION

- **Confirmation Parent Night 2:**
Thursday 4 June
- **Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Day:** Saturday 6 June
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:**
Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 June

RECONCILIATION

- **Reconciliation Parent Night 1:**
Thursday 30 July
- **Reconciliation Parent Night 2:**
Thursday 20 August
- **Reconciliation Retreat & Rehearsal Day:** Saturday 22 August
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation Night:**
Thursday 27 August

FIRST EUCHARIST

- **Holy Communion Parent Night 1:**
Thursday 6 August
- **Holy Communion Parent Night 2:**
Thursday 3 September
- **Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal Day:** Saturday 5 September
- **Sacrament of First Communion:**
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May – The Month of Mary: We encourage you to use this month as an opportunity to renew and deepen your relationship with our Spiritual Mother, Mary. Praying a decade of the Rosary daily or even a few Hail Mary's would be a wonderful start.

Mission Fundraising Day / Lifelink Day, Friday 5 June

The official launch of Lifelink Day was held on 30 April 2015 at Good Shepherd in Lockridge. Mrs Williamson and student leaders Anh Le and Louis Marcon represented Aranmore Catholic Primary School.

Our school has decided to celebrate Lifelink Day in conjunction with our **Mission Fundraising Day on Friday 5th June 2015**. Money raised on this day will go towards both funds. Thank you in anticipation for supporting Mission Day and the Lifelink appeal.

The Lifelink website (www.lifelink.com.au) has lots of information.

The theme for this is "Dress As Your Culture" This can mean coming dressed (for a gold-coin donation) in a cultural outfit, in colours from that culture (ie Italian – red, white and green) or as image from that culture (ie thongs, shorts and corkscrew hat – Australian) Also, as part of Life Link, the children will be constructing chains that link up – they will be using recycled paper for this and are encouraged to make the links at home, before school, at recess and lunch time. Each class will then link the chains together on Friday, 5 June at school. The links are to be 49.5mm wide by 210mm long.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Congratulations to Remy Soanes (Year Two) for achieving the highest badge in Joey Scouts - the Promise Badge. The Promise Challenge allows older Joey Scouts to gain a greater understanding of the Scout Promise and Law and to learn about Scouts Founder, Lord Baden Powell and the history of Scouting.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Thank you to all those students and parents who participated in our Walking School Bus this morning to acknowledge 'Walk Safely to School Day 2015.' It was an honour to have Ms Eleni Evangel MLA join us.

As well as encouraging health and safety, Walk Safe to School Day helps to reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and to promote the use of public transport. This will assist in reducing the long-term levels of air pollution created by motor vehicles and reduce the level of traffic. See below for ideas on how we can help to keep the environment cleaner.



A very big thank you to the City of Vincent, for catering the delicious breakfast for our walkers!

TIP FOR A FRESHER ENVIRONMENT

Leaving the car at home really does reduce your carbon footprint. It is thought that air pollution kills up to 4000 Australians each year (ACF, 2005).

Our cars and the way we use them are responsible for nearly a fifth of all household greenhouse gas emissions. **Walking just half a kilometre** to school each day instead of driving saves about 500kg of greenhouse pollution each year.

PATHS PROGRAMME

At Aranmore Catholic Primary School, we implement the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills) programme across all year levels. PATHS is designed to assist primary school children to develop better thinking skills, more mature and responsible ways of behaving and improved academic performance. When children think independently, feel good about themselves and act responsibly, they are likely to be motivated, to work to their potential and to persist when they are experiencing difficulties. The information below describing the RULER approach is what the PATHS programme revolves around, namely Emotional Intelligence.

Recently, some research has come through from the Australian Psychological Society Media – released on the 25th of November 2010. The research entitled, 'Emotional literacy' for kids key to better school results was conducted by Dr Marc A. Brackett who developed the RULER approach. The RULER approach helps children and adults develop the skills of Recognising, Understanding, Labelling, Expressing and Regulating emotions.

The research suggests that, in comparison to control schools students armed with the RULER programme had:

- 17% fewer problems such as learning and attention difficulties.
- 19% better study, social and leadership skills
- 11% better marks.

EXTENSION NEWS:

ICAS – Science: Those children that nominated to participate in this competition from Year 3 – Year 6 will be withdrawn from class at 11.10am to sit the competition, on Wednesday, 4 June. This will take place in the school Hall. The children will be provided with everything they require. Good Luck to all the budding Scientists!

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATION

PUPIL FREE DAYS:

Just a reminder that **Friday, 29 May** will be a Pupil Free Day as staff will be involved in Professional Development so therefore, Aranmore CPS will be closed on these days.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder about Children's Attendance as outlined in the 2015 Parent Handbook.

Children are required to attend school unless they are ill and this includes days for which special events are planned, e.g. camps or sport days.

To ensure the children's safety and for legal requirements by the Education Act of W.A. parents are asked to comply with the following:

- If a child is to be absent or arriving late on a particular day, parents are asked to notify the school by 8.30am
- Notification is also needed for dentist and other appointments
- When a child returns to school after being away, a written, signed and dated explanation must be given to the teacher
- Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without written consent of parents and permission from the Principal
- All extended absence requests from Aranmore Catholic Primary School should be placed in writing to the Principal. This includes such absences as family holidays and a copy needs to be given to the classroom teacher

Children must be signed in by parents/guardians when arriving late to school.

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Assistant Principal

P & F

- Your children should all have brought home their **Zumbathon** sponsorship forms in the last week. If you don't have one, you can pick one up from the office. Get out there and start collecting sponsorship for this fun event which will be held on Thursday the 4th June.
- A huge thank you again to Valissa Ford for coordinating the **Entertainment Book fundraiser**. Many families have already ordered their books or digital vouchers. The Entertainment Books went home this week, thank you for supporting the school through your purchase. Please return any unwanted books to the office.
- Tickets are selling well for the **Girl Power and Good Guys** events on the 8th & 9th of June. These workshops offer a friendship program that empowers tweens with the skills, language, and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier friendships! Get your tickets through trybooking.com. Remember to enter the discount code for Aranmore families provided on the flyer.
- Our first **School Disco** for the year will be held on the 12th June!!! It's sure to be a fun night with lots of great music, dancing, balloons, glowsticks and refreshments.



- **Aussie Farmers** – Did you know Aussie Farmers donates a percentage of sales from Aranmore customers back to the school's P & F? Sign up on line to receive the convenience of fresh Australian produce delivered to your door while supporting your school. For more information see the P & F noticeboard or click on the following link

<https://www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising/>

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER – CHAPLAINCY WORKER- MRS ALI FISHER

GIRLPOWER AND GOODGUYS..... ARE COMING TO ARANMORE

Learn how to guide your child through the unpredictable world of friendships

For boys in Years 3 to 6 and their parents

- Monday 8 June 2015 - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm – School Hall

For girls in Years 3 to 6 and their parents

- Tuesday 9 June 2015 - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm – School Hall

Tickets are \$35 per person and include: expert instruction, handouts, pencils and stickers, and an opportunity to ask questions one-on-one following the workshops.

*NOTE: As this workshop is kindly subsidised for Aranmore parents by the Aranmore P&F, please enter the discount code **aranmoreparent** to receive tickets at the discounted rate of \$25. Families outside of the Aranmore community are welcome to attend. However, please do not pass this code on. The P&F is only in a position to subsidise Aranmore families.*

To register go to: www.trybooking.com/GWYZ

Enquiries to Ali Fisher

Mrs Ali Fisher
Social Worker/Chaplaincy Worker

SPORT

Netball

A wet weekend saw all our teams play in the rain, but all the girls approached it really well. The year 3/4 teams had their first game, so had a practice game on Friday which went very well. Thanks to all the girls for coming on the pupil free day.

Aranmore Gold – Grade 5/6 team

Another good win for the team with Tanisha Brouwer playing extremely well and scoring most of our goals. Well done girls. **Cara**

Aranmore Purple – Grade 3/4

The team played an amazing game for first timers – winning with a fantastic margin of 13-0. Well done to Bethany Clarke for a fantastic first game. Fabulous effort girls.

Dave and Paula

Aranmore Silver – Grade 3/4

What a wet welcome to netball for our teams this weekend! Team Silver played a solid game on Saturday only to lose by 2 goals. The girls enthusiasm and confidence grew over the four quarters and I am very proud of their first game effort. A special mention to our star of the week, Ariyana Gaudoin, who was amazing in defence. Great work girls!

Natalie

Mrs Julie Scherini
Netball Co-Ordinator

Monday	May 25	Valissa & Heather
Wednesday	May 27	Erika
Friday	May 29	Pupil Free Day
Monday	1 June	Public Holiday
Wednesday	3 June	Kaluba
Friday	5 June	Anne Brook



Kindergarten

Applications for Pre-Kindy and Kindy 2016 are currently being processed

Even if you have siblings at the school, you still need to fill out the relevant application forms for your child.

If you have a friend, neighbour or family member who is due for Pre-Kindy or Kindy for next year please encourage them to enrol now.

Please contact the school office for an application form or find one on our website:

<http://www.aranmorecps.wa.edu.au/enrolment/>