2024 Term 2 Week 10

This Sunday the church celebrates the nativity of St John the Baptist. We do this because St. John the Baptist was an austere Jewish prophet known in Christianity as the forerunner of Jesus. John preached about God's redemption and love for humanity. John baptised all those who wanted to live a better life. Jesus was baptised by St John the Baptist.

God of hospitality and mission, we call upon John the Baptist, to give us courage to witness to the Word of God in what we say and do.

May we be hope-givers in our world.

Bless us with clear sight and open hearts.

May John the Baptist's heart for mission be our characteristic too.

Bless us with community-minded hearts.

May the heart of God, drawing us in, holding us together, leading us onwards, centre us in courage and humility. Bless us with hospitable hearts. Amen.

SCHOOL CONCLUDES THURSAY 27 JUNE

TERM 3 BEGINS MONDAY 15 JULY

Our fabulous **Dance Showcases** yesterday and today were outstanding! A very BIG thank you to Ms Oregioni for sharing your dancing skills and entertaining expertise with the students. There were smiles, happy faces, jigging, clapping and joy all around the hall. Congratulations to all the students for doing your absolute best to demonstrate all you learnt and had fun learning. We are so very proud of you! Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to join us and celebrate the skills of our young Fred Astaire's and Ginger Rogers. It was a wonderful celebration of learning, fun and being fabulous MERCY Kids!







First Communion celebration last Sunday was a very special, sacred, family occasion. Sincere thanks to all involved, especially Father Jeffey and his parish team, led by Mrs Poncini and to our teachers Ms Wringe and Mrs Foster and all the staff and parishioners who supported the preparation of the children to be so ready and beautifully presented to receive holy communion.

Distribution of Reports & Parent Teacher meetings. This week parents have taken the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child's growth. We hope that this has been valuable and has provided you with further insight into your child as a learner and into their social and emotional wellbeing. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher and were not able to book a time for this week, please contact them for a meeting early in term 3.

NO food or Drink in the **Hall or Library**. We ask all parents and visitors to refrain from consuming food or drink in the hall or library. Thank you.

Important! Parents who are considering engaging or who have engaged an **external allied health agency** to assist in their child's development follow these protocols:

- Requests for teachers to complete forms/surveys/questionnaires, must come through the principal, via the office.
- All allied health reports for teachers are to be submitted to the principal, via the office.
- Students attend allied health services offsite before, after or during school time. Contractors (unless on agreed circumstances with the principal) do not conduct their business on school grounds.

So that we can support your child's development, to the best of our ability, we ask parents and carers, adhere to these guidelines. Further information is available on request, and on the school website.

School Health Nurse services are currently not being undertaken at school. Ought you wish to contact the school nurse to assist with a review for your child, please contact the school for further information.

Cyber-safety and safety of your child's **mobile phone** are important! If your child brings a **mobile phone** to school or wears a **smart watch**, the **guidelines** accompanying this newsletter will apply from **Term 3**. **Parents are required to complete the form that accompanies the guidelines and return to school at the beginning of Term 3**.

As of Term 3 E-Scooters are not permitted on school grounds. Thank you for respecting and observing this.

Winter Carnival last week all our Year 6 students with a few Year 5 students competed in this year's Interschool Winter Carnival. The carnival day was the culmination of this year's winter sport programme, with students choosing to participate in AFL, Soccer, and Netball.

It was an outstanding day with the emphasis on fun and participation. The values of sportsmanship and unity was clearly displayed by all our students. Their enthusiasm and determination were truly inspiring, igniting a sense of pride amongst all involved.

Thank you to Mrs Wadjiman and Lucinda for helping at the carnival and Mrs Arnasiewicz for the photos.

WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment eases cost-of-living pressures by assisting with out-of-pocket school expenses. The payment is available to all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 who are enrolled in a WA public school, non-government school or are registered for home schooling. You can claim \$150 for each Kindergarten and primary school student and \$250 for each secondary student in your care. You can submit a claim from Monday 15 April to Friday 28 June. Learn more at WA Student Assistance Payment. The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to access this payment. Get ready to submit your claim in ServiceWA by setting up your Digital Identity. Learn how at: wa.gov.au/servicewaapp

Please see the flyer accompanying Term 1 Week 8 newsletter

Please mark these 2024 Pupil Free days in your calendar:

Friday 28 June
Friday 16 August
Friday 20 September
Friday 8 November

At Aranmore, supervision of students begins at 8:10am and concludes at 3:20pm each day.

We ask that parents make use of **Gumtrees out of school hours care** if you require assistance earlier or later in a day.

Kiss 'n Ride

Please refrain from getting out of your car at Kiss 'n Ride. The new procedure is very effective and with your patience and the swiftness of the children, this is a real winner! Safer, quicker and everyone is happier!

Safety for our community is paramount. Please adhere to the parking restrictions on Brentham street and take care and respect our neighbour's property. Thank you. The **School app** is another MUST have. This app is used to quickly inform parents and carers of important information. Don't forget to turn 'notifications' on so that you don't miss a message. Please download from either the App Store or Play Store.

In the best interests of looking after children safety, the following child protection matter is in place: Bathroom and toilet facilities are available for all visitors to school in the administration area.

All adults, siblings and visitors must use the facilities available in the administration area.

Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Jonnine Lamborne

Principal

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Important Dates:

Term 2

27 June End of Term for Students

Reports Distributed

28 June Staff Professional Development

Term 3

15 July School Begins