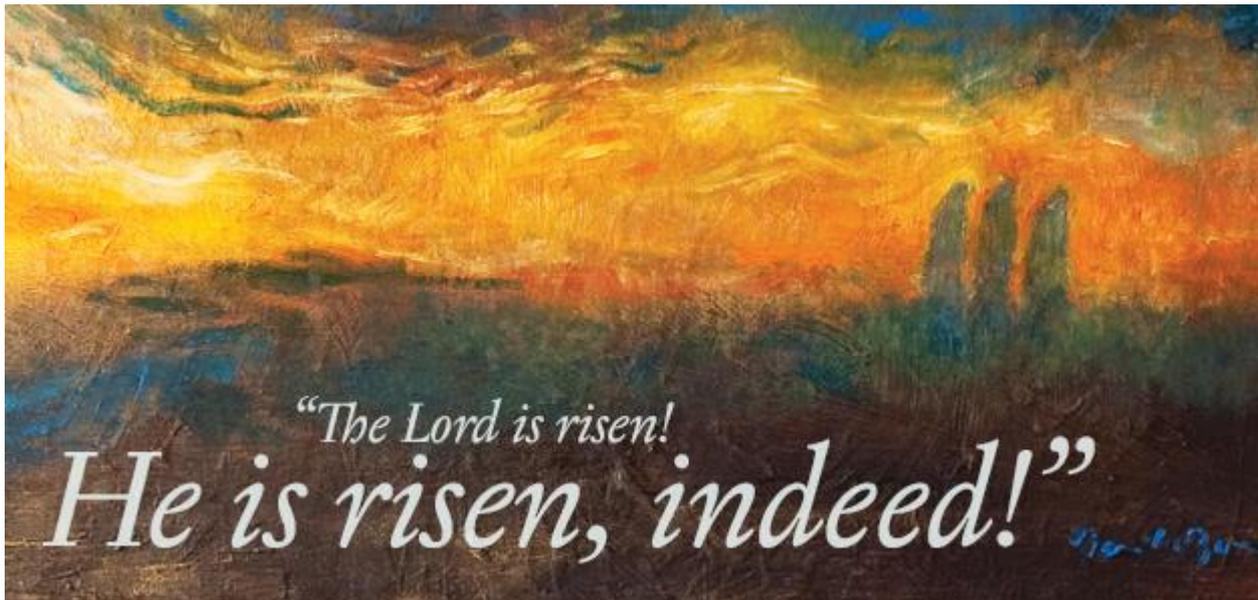




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The vision of St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, Balcatta is to share the message of God's love and friendship in a community of learners, developing the full potential of each child.



Dear Parents and Guardians

Loving God, at the beginning of this new term help us to keep the Easter message in our hearts and to give witness to it through our lives.

As a 'Resurrection' people we always set our sights on hope for the future. When all seems dark and uncertain draw our attention to the rising of Jesus your Son.

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes who had listened to them debating appreciated that Jesus had given a good answer and put a further question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

I wish to welcome you all back to Term II. You have all been in my prayers and thoughts. I am looking forward to seeing you all in person in the pursuing days and weeks.

Our prayers continue to be with our students, families and colleagues who have been affected by Cyclone Seroja. The devastation has been catastrophic, and I ask you all to keep those impacted in your prayers.

As you would all know we as a school over the last few years have been reviewing our Vision for Learning. One aspect of this has been the introduction of our Core Values. School values can help pupils understand how to make good choices in life and they can also help to shape the mindsets and behaviour of future adults. Their importance should not be underestimated.

As educational practitioners know, a large percentage of students' learning comes from watching behaviours of those around them. Children love to copy and act out being older than they are. Embedding school values in day-to-day life can help shape each child's understanding of the world. Character and values are an essential part of the hidden curriculum but also need to be explicitly taught. Everyday activities that focus on developing character and values will embed them as an underpinning part of boys' and girls' lives.

With a strong foundation, children will develop core values of their own. Schools play a significant part in preparing the future generation for their life as adults. This is a responsibility that we are very mindful of in Catholic Education. If a school's vision and values are clear and well thought out, our message will be simple and inherent. Gospel values and the teachings of Jesus Christ underpin all we do in a Catholic school. Our core values of Joy, Courage and Unity are rooted in our Catholic culture and Gospel values.

All of these can go a long way to developing our students' abilities to show initiative, contribute to others and gain respect and tolerance. A simple acronym to remember our values is "Jesus Christ Unites".

This term our core value focus is **COURAGE** - *having the inner strength to be the best we can be*.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

A reminder that Term II and Term III require students to be wearing their winter uniforms. Please ensure correct uniform and high standards of presentation and grooming at all times. Thank you to all our families who always present correctly and adhere to our school's policies.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

We welcome the recent COVID-19 announcements that have included the following information:

COVID-19 venue capacity

Venue capacity changes were announced on Friday 9 April and came into effect at 12.01am on Saturday 10 April 2021.

The following school-based indoor and outdoor venues will be able to move to 100% of the **fixed seating capacity**:

- auditoriums
- amphitheatres
- theatres
- performing arts centres

Places of worship will be able to have 100% of capacity of a space being used for formal worship. The two square metre rule will continue to apply to all other venues and facilities with a mixture of seated and standing areas, unfixed seating or standing alone.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

We are currently finalising our Kindy and Pre-Kindy enrolments for 2022. We have very strong enrolment numbers and continue to be a school of high demand. If you have young children looking for future placements, I strongly encourage you to ensure you have completed an application form as our positions are very limited.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

God bless each and every one of you.



*Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal*



PASTORAL CARE



HOME LEARNING TIP

MOVEMENT – GETTING THINGS DONE

Do you moan and groan, nag and beg to get your child to do their chores or their homework? Turning the chore or the homework task into fun – perhaps with a time-test, a competition, or by including some movement may help.

Here are some suggestions;

- Reading, spelling words and times-tables can be done on the move for the younger child. Scoot between, jump over or find in a treasure hunt some words, numbers and letters. Your child has done a lot of day time sitting; movement will help to get the job done.
- Throwing a ball against a wall while going through times-tables does work! Get a rhythm and a pattern going, and your child will fly through the practise.
- Movement before work helps: a run or a bike ride gets the brain juices flowing and prepares the brain to concentrate and focus. Walking to school achieves the same or try parking one block away: no parking issues and the movement benefits your child's brain.
- Need an area tidied and packed away? Try making it a competition. Pack up all the construction items first, those with wheels, then books and what is left. First one finished is the winner! Fun, competition and movement all help brains to focus.

Your child's teachers also include movement and brain breaks throughout the day to help with focussing and learning.



"Dance Concert"

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



We hope that all families had a relaxing holiday, and the children are ready for lots of learning and activity this term.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child(ren) is bringing a water bottle to school each day so they have access to water throughout the day. Please add your child's name on the drink bottle so it can be returned to them if it is misplaced.



MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May we dedicate our prayers to Our Spiritual Mother Mary.

Each student at St Lawrence will receive a set of Rosary Beads and on Friday afternoons at line-up students will participate in a decade of the rosary. Please pray the Hail Mary with your families throughout this month.

WINTER UNIFORM

Children will need to wear full winter uniform in term 2. There will be a two-week grace period. We expect that all the children will be wearing the winter uniform by week 3 (3rd May 2021). Please check the school website for information regarding school uniform and our uniform shop.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand which commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. This year ANZAC day falls on Sunday the 25th of April. On Friday 23rd April the Faith Leaders will lead the school in our ANZAC Prayer Service in the undercroft. Parents are welcome to attend as it is in an outside

location.

MASS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On Thursday 6th May all mothers and grandmothers are invited to celebrate Mass with our students at the Church to recognise the important role of mothers. Our Pre-Primary students and Year 1 children will sing special songs at the end of Mass for the Mums/Grandmothers who attend. Following Mass there will be a morning tea provided by our wonderful P&F. It would be great to see many mothers and grandmothers at this celebration.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On Friday 30 April students will have an opportunity to purchase an item from a Mother's Day stall organised by our P&F. All items will be valued from \$1 to \$5.

NAPLAN

A reminder that students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN online testing will take place next term between the 11 May and the 21 May. All of the tests for our Year 5 students and most of the Year 3 tests will be completed online. The only paper test will be the Year 3 writing test.

The NAPLAN assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. However, NAPLAN is only one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

| Date | Tests |
|-------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 11 May | Y3 Writing (Paper Test) Y5 Writing (Online Test) |
| Wednesday 12 May | Y3 & Y5 Reading (Online) |
| Thursday 13 May | Y3 and Y5 Conventions of Language (Online) |
| Friday 14 May | Y3 and Y5 Numeracy (Online) |
| 17/5 – 21/5 | Catch up tests |

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Miss Kathleen Tranquille
Assistant Principals*

TERM DATES

Term Two ends on Friday 2 July

Monday 26 April – PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY

Friday 4 June - STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 7 June – PUBLIC HOLIDAY WA DAY



"Dance Concert"

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY

It is great to be back at school. I hope your holidays were fabulous and you truly were able to celebrate Easter in a lovely way. Tomorrow we welcome two new classmates – Eva and Romeo. Welcome to our class!

We begin our term with the focus of **FAMILIES** – talking especially about Mothers, just in time for Mother's Day. During our sessions we will also talk about Jesus' family and especially his beautiful mother, Mary.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Term 2 everyone! The children have settled in beautifully and we have lots of fun things planned for this term. This week we will focus on 'Our Families' in particular Mother's Day. With that being said Mother's Day is fast approaching.

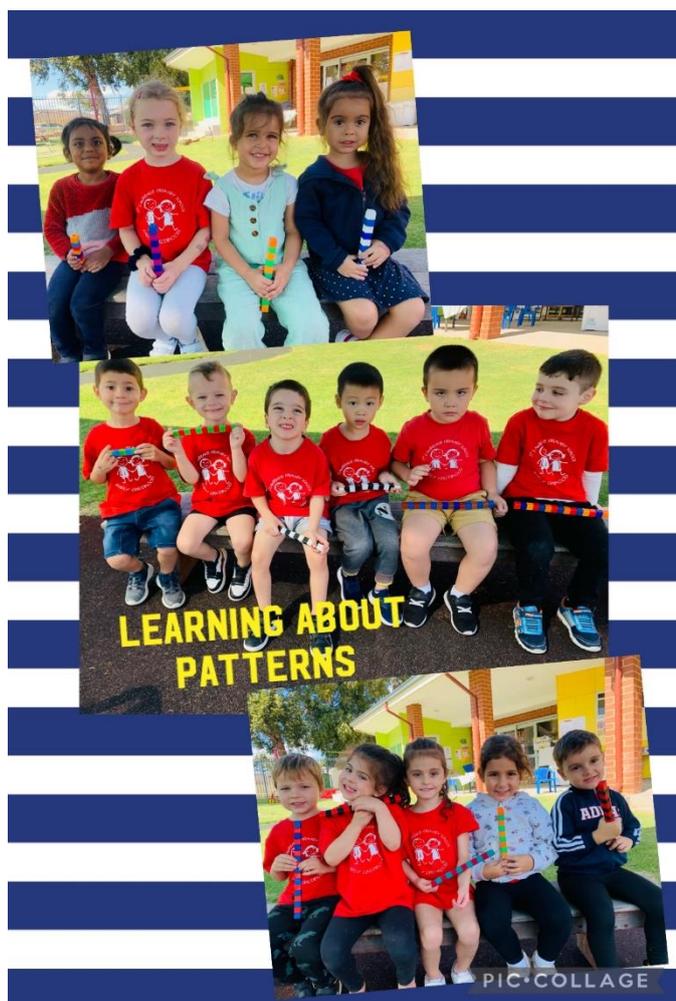
Next **Friday 30th April, the P&F are holding a stall to sell gifts** that the children can buy for their Mums or Grandmothers. The gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. If you would like your child to buy something, please bring in some money on the day in a small snap lock bag with your child's name on it and we will take the children to the stall and help them choose something.

To celebrate Mother's Day we will also be having an **afternoon tea in Kindy on Friday 7th May at 2pm**. There will be more details to follow next week.

Our literacy focus for the coming weeks are hearing the first sound in a word. For example the first sound in monkey is "Mmmmm". We have been learning about long sounds like Mmmm and Ssss. Next, we will begin to learn about short sounds such as "Bb", "Oo" and "Tt".

In numeracy we are focussing on making patterns.

This week we made a special gift for our Mummy's whilst we learnt about patterns. During God's Time we have been learning about creation and how to care for our world. We read about the Bible Story which tells us how the world and it's creatures were created. The children are very excited to give these to their Mummy's. The Parent Roster is up for anyone wishing to come on roster. Have a wonderful week!



Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher

YEAR THREE

Welcome back to term 2 which promises to be as eventful as our first term. Hopefully everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It was lovely to arrive at school on Monday and see all the students looking happy, with lots of chatter and laughter about their holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting things taking place such as our class assembly, NAPLAN and Reconciliation.

On 7th May the Year 3s will be having a Mother's Day assembly. It will be the first assembly that parents will be able to attend. The Year 3s are preparing a lovely presentation for the special women in their lives. I encourage a representative from each family to attend preferable a mother or aunty or grandmother. Children will also be going on an excursion on that day so the costume requirement will be a pair of sunglasses, gold chains and their sports uniform.

In Week 4 the children will participate in NAPLAN testing. We will be working hard in class to prepare for these tests. Some helpful NAPLAN tips:

1. Reinforce that your expectation is for them to try their best.
2. Maintain a caring and positive attitude.
3. Keep perspective- This is just one test in time; just one form of assessment; success is not just determined by one test.
4. Prepare your child- Have your child go to bed early so they are well rested and make sure they have eaten a good breakfast.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher



Year 3 Assembly
7 May 2021

Year 3 Mother's Day Assembly



**We invite the special women in our lives to
attend our Mother's Day Assembly on Friday 7th
May in the School Hall.**

Hope to see you there!



YEAR FOUR

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. To begin this term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction in Mathematics involving regrouping and borrowing. We will be using these written strategies to solve different mathematical problems. We will also be focusing on a different times table to learn each week. I have given the children some links if they would like to use those to help them. In English, we are learning how to use special editing marks to edit our work for meaning. We have also been looking at informative texts and videos about ANZAC Day. We have painted a sunset-silhouette about The Last Post and got to listen to it also. Please ensure children are bringing their Lexile books to school everyday and their reading logs are signed regularly. In Religious Education we have been learning about the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and how we can use these to resemble a life like Jesus. A reminder that children will need to wear their sport uniforms on Friday for sport.



Miss Kayla Fogliani Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that everyone had a restful break and is ready for a busy term of learning. The Year Fives have settled back into the classroom routine and are working hard to always do their best. Today we visited the Electoral Education Centre and Constitutional Centre to consolidate the learning we have been doing as part of Civics and Citizenship unit in HASS. A big thank you to Mrs Del Borrello who helped during our excursion and to Mr Tonge who drove the bus. We made beautiful Anzac Day silhouettes in class and are looking forward to the Anzac Day Assembly on Friday.

Thank you to all parents who have ensured that their child is at school with all the necessary resources needed to complete everyday tasks. Many children are without headphones. Please check with your child if they have a set of headphones as we use these regularly in class and children will also be required to have a pair with them for Naplan testing in Week 4. Thank you all for your continued support. Enjoy the rest of your week.



YEAR SIX

We have begun our touch-typing practise in earnest and will continue in short 20-minute sessions for the next two weeks. It would be helpful if you are able to give your son/daughter opportunities during this time to practise on a larger keyboard at home also. It can be expected that students will gain greater confidence, speed and accuracy in typing their stories – more attention to content rather than struggling with basic keyboard competency.

Faith Leaders will be leading the way at the ANZAC Assembly this Friday at 8:45am. It will be conducted in the Undercroft area and parents are welcome to join us. Students completed a Lexile test yesterday so some will have adjustments to Lexile borrowing from the Library. Students will be able to wear their new leavers' shirt on Thursday and Friday this week for sport and on normal sport days from now on.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher





Early Childhood Centre

Pre-Primary/Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten/Playgroup

Our centre provides a fabulous learning area – both inside and out for your children.

We wish to remind you of some of important points when entering our area for the safety of your children.

Please, when either dropping off or picking up, supervise your child, as well as siblings always. We ask that no children play with ANY equipment that may be in the area. This may have been set up by staff, for use later in the day with classes, however it is off limits to children.

At NO times should children be on play equipment as accidents happen and this is a DUTY OF CARE issue.

Staff are very busy in classrooms preparing for or cleaning up at the end of the day or possibly speaking with parents. Please, DO NOT rely on staff to be the ones to come and discipline your children if they are on equipment.

Please leave the area after you have picked up your child at the end of the day – there is no playing in this area after school has finished.

Children have ample time to play on the equipment during their day at school and under the supervision of staff.

Likewise – parents of Playgroup children are asked to be diligent in their supervision and be respectful of the rules that have been shared with you by Mrs Austin.

This is a serious Duty of Care Issue, as indicated by signs in the playground and we thank you for your cooperation.

Early Childhood Centre Staff

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**ST LAWRENCE
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SPORTS NEWS

A big welcome back to everyone for Term 2.

This term is going to be very busy with our Year 5 and 6 students participating in Sacred Saints matches and the Winter Carnival. Students will play netball, soccer and football against other local Catholic primary schools. We will also be preparing for the Interschool Cross Country Carnival which involves selected year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students.

To help with preparation for both the St Lawrence and the Interschool Cross Country, we will be restarting morning running club on Thursday 22nd April.

All students are invited to come along on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8.00am to join in the fun.

If the grass is damp - it's a good idea to wear alternate socks and trainers and bring dry school socks and black trainers to change into afterwards.

Please consult the calendar on the school website for the dates of the fixtures.

At the end of Term 1, the Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Super Saints Cricket Carnival. It was a fantastic morning. I was very proud of the way that St Lawrence students represented our school. Well done to all.



Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher

P&F NEWS



Mother's Day Stall: Friday 30 April

Students will have an opportunity to purchase an item from the P&F stall for Mother's Day. All items will be valued from \$1 to \$5.

Mother's Day Morning Tea Thursday 6 May following the 9am Mother's Day Mass.

It would be great to see many mothers and grandmothers attend as a community.

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

A reminder that there is still chocolate sale money to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Adele Cirillo, P&F President & Executive

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen is now open during normal hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Canteen Helper Roster:

Week 2 year 6
Week 3 year 5
Week 4 year 4
Week 5 year 3
Week 6 year 2
Week 7 year 1 (Thursday only)
Week 8 year 6
Week 9 year 5
Week 10 year 4
Week 11 year 3



If anyone is able to help Thursday or Friday for a couple of hours, please text me on 0408834774.

Mother's Day Raffle - fabulous prizes to be won! Tickets are now on sale: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the canteen.

*Thanks for your support!
Christina, Fran and Antonella*