



Newsletter No. 29

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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 Friends

This week we farewelled one of the world's most influential individuals, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth realms. This includes our great country Australia. She reigned from the 6th of February 1952 until her death on the 8th of September 2022. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days, makes her the longest ruling monarch in Commonwealth history, and the longest recorded female head of state on record.

For most of the world we have known no other head of state and lived our lives knowing only the stability and reliability of this individual. Her reign will be reflected in history as the second great Elizabethan Age. The world somehow seemed a little colder this week, a little less of the world we once knew.

May we be grateful for a life well lived, for 70 years of stable leadership and dedicated service.



I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

This week I am attending the Catholic Primary Principals Association annual conference. On Tuesday both Assistant Principals, Mrs Gabrielle Brennan and Ms Kathleen Tranquille also attended. These opportunities for professional growth of leadership teams help build the capacities and capabilities of our team at St Lawrence.

As previously noted, I will be on work related leave until October 22, during my absence Mrs Brennan will be Short Term Principal. Please contact Mrs Brennan should the need arise.

There have been some changes taking place since Catholic Education became an incorporated, "Catholic Education INC" body. Most of these changes pertain to the governance side of an incorporated entity and will have no impact on the high standard of education found in Catholic schools across Western Australia.

Recently Apple have identified some noncompliance with their licensing agreements across the education systems in general. This will impact how we use Apple devices. Previously we followed a "Bring Your Own Device", (BYOD Programme). This will no longer be compliant with Apple's licensing agreements. Apple are not going to apply a retrospective action, however moving forward we must change our device roll out procedures.

From 2023 the roll out will be a leasing agreement, this ensures that the licensing agreements are fulfilled in accordance with Apple's requirements. The school will organise to supply each child with a device to support their learning platform. These devices will be leased over a two-year period and charged accordingly, more information to follow once finalised. As with all items on the booklist the school identifies the tools and resources that provide the best platform for enhanced learning experiences.

The devices will be leased by parents for a two-year period and then updated. The school will organise the leasing arrangements, this will minimise the cost paid by families. Personally owned devices are to be phased out as the current Years Three, Four, and Fives move up the year levels. Commencing 2023 the new devices must be leased, so the current Year Two class will commence this process as the old model is phased out. More information will follow as this is finalised.

A huge commendation for Mrs Major and all involved in last Friday's St Lawrence Sports Carnival. The day starts early with staff and volunteers putting the tents up, laying out the track and field games and ensuring all amenities are available for our community to use. I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Major and all involved. I also commend our boys and girls on their fine participation, hard efforts and wonderful sportsmanship. Thankyou also to all the parents who assisted in the morning and after the sports carnival, giving so generously of their time. We really appreciate your continued support each year.

A reminder that Thursday is a National Day of Mourning for the passing of The Queen, so school will be closed. Friday is a professional day of development for staff and a pupil free day.

Please stay safe over the holidays, enjoy the time with your children and return for fourth term refreshed, renewed and enthused for the final term of 2022.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal

**May God bless you
and keep you safe
always.**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

ZOO CAMP

Our Year Fives will be attending Zoo Camp on Tuesday and Wednesday. We know they will have an amazing experience and thank the staff who are accompanying them, for their time and for preparing such a unique opportunity for our students.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 22 September 2022 will be a public holiday for a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen. School will be closed on this day.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

A reminder that our last day of Term 3, Friday 22nd and our first day of Term Four, Monday 10 October, are pupil free days for all students.

TERM FOUR COMMENCES Tuesday 11 October.

SUMMER UNIFORM

It is an expectation that children be in their summer uniform on the commencement of Term 4. There will be a two week grace period to allow parents to purchase items from the Uniform Shop.

GIRLS	BOYS
SUMMER Regulation blue dress with white collar Dark blue school sandals or Black school shoes White school socks School hat	SUMMER Grey shorts Blue short sleeve shirt Dark blue school sandals or black school shoes Grey school socks School hat

Note:

Hair must be neat and tidy and tied back if shoulder length or longer or if hair falls about the face. Hair should be checked regularly by families to prevent lice infestation. Hair styles should be of a conservative nature (no tracks, no hawks, no undercuts etc). Only natural hair colour permitted (no tints, streaks, tips etc). Minimal gel may only be used on the fringe, no other part of the hair.

Hair ribbons should be in school colours only:

- blue or white with summer and winter uniform
- gold, white, red with sport uniform

Jewellery

Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear in the ear lobe only. One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.

GRADUATION PHOTO

The Year 6 Graduation Photos has been cancelled for this term and has been re-scheduled for **Friday 28th October**.

*We wish all of our families a restful break and are looking forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term Four on **Tuesday 11 October**.*

Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan Assistants Principals

Our Year Five's looking forward to their 'Zoo experience!'



.....at the Zoo!



LIBRARY NEWS

LEGO BUILD IN A BAG

Well it's not just the AFL holding their Grand Final this week, Library has also hosted its Lego Build in the Bag Grand Finals.

Congratulations to Xavier in Year 4, Senior Lego Champion and also to Alessandra in Year 2, who took out the Junior Lego Champion title.

Both students received Lego books along with a gold Lego Champion engraved key ring. Well done to you both!

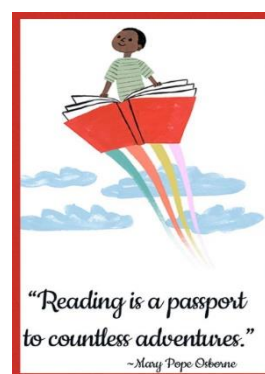


BOOK CLUB

Apologies that Scholastic Book Club orders will not be received this term. Student's orders will be taken to their classes as soon as they arrive next term.

*Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday break
and keep reading!*

Ms Louise Frenzel, Library Office



NETBALL NEWS



Winter Netball

Congratulations to our Year 6 (U12) team for making it to the Grand Final on the weekend. They did so well and should be proud of their efforts!

We look forward to seeing you all at our Club Wind Up on **Saturday 15th October.**

Cheryl & Nicole - St Lawrence Netball Club

ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti..

Term 3 has been busy for all Italian classes.

Pre-primary to Year 6 have practiced their Italian language skills through games, role plays, songs, writing and reading.

The Year 2 class had an opportunity to see pasta being made and then create their own Pasta(dough) shapes. Bravi!



Springtime has arrived. La primavera è arrivata! Happy holidays to all. Buone Vacanze!



God Bless everyone!
Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school in full summer uniform in **Term 4 and Term 1, 2023**. The Uniform Shop is closed during the school holidays and re-opens Wednesday 12 October. Uniforms can be purchased directly from the Uniform Shop.

KINDY STUDENTS 2022

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Pre-primary 2023. Details will be sent by email in late October to all Kindy families with all uniform requirements.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2022

A compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Year 1, 2023. Summer uniform needs to be ordered and collected before end of the year, ready for Term 1, 2023. The Uniform Shop is closed during the Christmas holidays.

Please place your uniform orders by 26 October. For any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au or come into the Uniform Shop to arrange sizes for your child. Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection time by mid November.

Happy holidays to all families.

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

P&F NEWS

MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday 2 October - 12.45pm Grand Cinemas Warwick

Flyer & ticket purchase information has been sent to all families through your class representative. For further information please contact Natasha Raso

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER Saturday 8 October, Bunnings Balcatta.

Parents, please contact Natasha on 0422 043 716 if you are able to help on the day.

Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President 2022

CANTEEN NEWS



To those who baked and donated to the bake sale!

To all my helpers last week Lucia C and Lyan J on Wednesday and Felicia T and Sandra M on Thursday.

To the wonderful people who spared their time on Friday to help make sports carnival lunch run smoothly, we thank you so much – Fiona R, Fiona F, Leah F, Danica B, Lucia C, Kev D, Anja M, and of course Ken Tonge! If I've missed anyone so sorry, but we do appreciate you!

Thank you for all your support. Enjoy your holiday and see you next term!

2022 Canteen Staff

