



## Newsletter No. 37

**30 November 2022**

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.



*For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” - John 3:16*

### **Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders**

Our Year Five children have been presenting their Leadership Speeches. I have attended the sessions and have seen the children flourish in their opportunities to participate in public speaking. Obviously not all students are successful in their attempts for formal leadership roles. That said all the children will have opportunities for leadership. This is part of the learning attached to such opportunities. We build resilience by how we learn to handle outcomes and events in childhood. Building resilience is aimed at giving children skills to face more difficulties and challenges later in life, to help to even the playing field. Each of us must learn how to handle the outcomes of events that happen throughout life. We build upon these skills, and this builds resilience. Many studies abound about our young adults lacking in the skills to handle life's setback. This is a concerning trend in society.

One of the reasons schools undertake such leadership programmes is for building resilience and setting up our boys and girls for success later in life, when disappointment and struggles will occur. The building blocks and scaffolding laid in childhood set the children up for success as they navigate the world as adults.

I commend all the boys and girls who put their hands up for a leadership position. I look forward to seeing the outcome of the voting procedure before I make my final decisions to endorse the candidates put forward by the process. As with all matters pertaining to the school, the principal has the final responsibility.

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

As you would be aware we have been in the process of replacing our old tile roof with Colourbond roofing. This has been funded by monies put aside over a number of years to ensure our school buildings are well maintained and in tip top condition. Major works will take place over the Christmas break and again later in 2023.

### **End of School Year Events:**

<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	10am Whole School Mass to celebrate our Year Six students
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	6pm Graduation Liturgy and Dinner
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	6pm Whole School Christmas Nativity & Presentations
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	End of Term Four

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

I have been enjoying reading the students reports and am very impressed with the results achieved by our boys and girls. The children have certainly been working extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts. Reports will go live in Week 9.

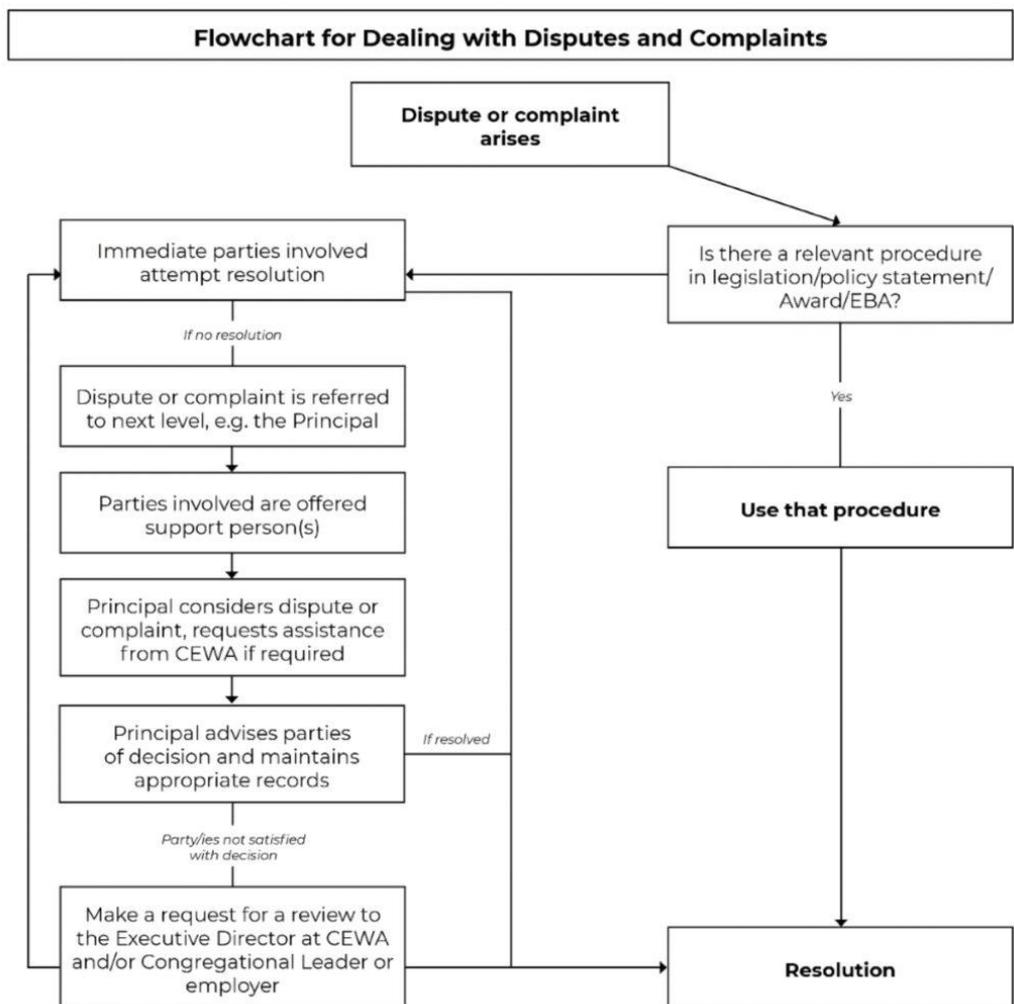
## **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

May I express my sincere gratitude to all families who have attended to school fees in 2022. Our school relies on income from Federal and State Grants based on a per-capita formula and on income we receive from other sources. We operate as a not for profit organisation and aim to spend all our income accordingly while being mindful of future planning and obligations. We receive utility bills e.g. power, water, land rates and the like which must be paid. We must manage our school grounds, facilities and building maintenance and up-keep and plan for future developments. We also have our core business of education services to supply to families. This includes purchasing licences for copyright obligations, resources in general, books, stationery, the ever-increasing ICT costs and keeping our staff at the cutting edge of education through professional development. Staff wages generally account for approximately 75% of a school's income. So, it is a large and significant undertaking to manage the financial obligations of a school.

The St Lawrence Advisory Council support the principal in this function and the school's Financial Officer (Alica Mayo) provides the book-keeping and accounting support required to meet the arduous legal and financial obligations. I thank both the Advisory Council and Alica for their support in ensuring the sound financial standing of our school. I thank all community members for following through in meeting your requirements. If you have any outstanding fees, please finalise these accounts or make an appointment to discuss the matter with myself or Alica.

This hard work and commitment to St Lawrence helps keep our school not only in exceptional condition financially and physically but also maintains our outstanding achievements through our students and community in general.

All Catholic Schools in Western Australia follow CEWA’s Dispute and Grievance procedures. The below flow chart below provides a simple visual representation of the Dispute and Grievance Procedures. Please refer to the chart should you require any further information or speak directly to me if the need requires.



**SCHOOL FEES**

The balance of your school fees is due today. Please have the fees paid in full as soon as possible. If you have any queries or concerns, please call the school office.



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



## PASTORAL CARE



Thank you to the wonderful people who have taken a tag from our Christmas Tree and arranged for gifts for those in need of support at this time of the year. I am so very touched by the magnitude of the response from our community members.

*May we keep those who find this time of the year difficult or who rely on the kindness of others to be able to have a special time. May our prayers be for those who have to share with those who do not.*

## PARISH NEWS

You are all welcome to attend the Christmas Carols night at St Lawrence Parish  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

*Carols by Candlelight*

**Friday  
16 December  
7pm**

**St Lawrence Church**

*All Welcome*

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

## ADVENT

This weekend we commence the Liturgical season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning 'coming' and during this period we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. Advent is a time to reach out to others in the Spirit of love and share what we have been given. Advent is a time to remember all that God has done.

During this time families start preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Suggested activities:

- ❖ Attending Mass regularly
- ❖ Being kind to our family and friends
- ❖ Recalling our sins and repenting
- ❖ Loving our neighbours by helping those in need
- ❖ Praying regularly

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the families who have donated food and bought a present for a child from our Giving Tree. Your donations will make a difference to a family this Christmas. Our school community is always so generous. If you still want to donate there is still time. Donations will be collected by St Vinnie on Thursday 8 DECEMBER.

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

The Graduation celebrations will start with the Year six students celebrating mass with the St Lawrence school community on Tuesday 6th December at 10am in the church. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Graduation Liturgy, Presentation Night and dinner will be held on Wednesday 7th December at the Servite Auditorium at 6pm. Year 6 students will be presented with their awards.

The St Lawrence medals will be presented at the Christmas Nativity on Thursday 8th December.

## BOOKLISTS

As per last year, the Pre Primary to Year six student booklists will be ordered in bulk and all items will be dispatched directly to the school. The classroom teachers will send children's books home in week 9 to be labelled and covered. The books will be returned back to school on the first day of 2023.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The St Lawrence students have been working hard this term in preparation for the Christmas Nativity Concert. They are looking forward to sharing the story of the First Christmas as well as getting you singing and moving to entertaining Christmas tunes.



In preparation for the big event Mrs Freeman has emailed the costume requirement for each year level. Students are to come dressed in their costumes on the night of the concert and meet their classroom teacher in their class between 5.30pm-5.45pm. They will walk to the Junior Oval with their class prior to the concert commencing and stay with their class for the entirety of the concert. Parents will be permitted to bring low back chairs and rugs to sit on.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December for an evening full of Christmas cheer and fun.

*Ms Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principal*

Year	Costumes
Kindy	Plain Red t-shirt (or Kindy top) Black shorts
Pre-Primary	Christmas themed shirt shorts accessories (Australian themed encouraged but not compulsory)
Year 1	white t-shirt black/dark shorts Christmas accessories (allowed) - please no hair pieces reindeer ears will be given on the night
Year 2	red t-shirt black/dark bottoms Christmas accessories encouraged
Year 3	red or green t-shirt denim look bottoms Christmas accessories, particularly Santa or reindeer themed encouraged (not compulsory)
Year 4	brown tones t-shirt (e.g. brown, beige, tan, white etc.) dark bottoms reindeer ears and/or sunnies encouraged
Year 5	Christmas themed t-shirt denim bottoms Christmas accessories encouraged
Year 6	Black and white t-shirt and shorts (Nativity costumes provided)



### SCHOOL DISCO

The School Disco will be held on Friday 2nd December. The theme for this event is TV/ Movie celebrities. The children will be allowed to dress up in appropriate costumes in-line with this theme. After each session children will be able to be picked up outside the hall. Parents will need to find their child's teacher to sign them out before taking them home.

- PP- Year 2      5.30-6.30pm
- Year 3- 6      7.15-8.30pm

Disco tickets are on sale before school and at lunchtime in the Undercroft. Tickets cost \$3. The ticket will entitle your child to a juice box and a packet of chips on the night. This is a child only event. Teachers will be supervising each session.

The Year 6 students will perform their dance routine to the Year 3-6 students at the Disco and their parents at the Graduation Dinner.

# LIBRARY NEWS

This week was our last library lesson for the year. We concluded our last session with Christmas craft. Kindy and Pre Primary students made Wise Men crowns by scratching patterns into a black surfaced Scratch Crown. Thank you to Mrs Mansfield who generously assisted during our library session today and also read the Kindy group the Nativity story.

Students from Yr1 – Yr 6.



made Christmas Angels.



**Could parents please remind their children to have all their outstanding library books returned to the library by this Friday, (2nd December). Lexile borrowing will continue until the end of the year.**

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

We apologise for the late delivery of the last Book Club order for the year. The order was delayed due to the flooding in the Eastern States and the damaged rail link between the Eastern States and WA. Scholastic have advised that orders will be received by the close of term.

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break.*

*I would also like to wish our graduating class of 2022 all the best and every success for their futures.*

*Ms Louise Frenzel, Library Officer*

## MUSIC NEWS

**Thursday December 8, starting from 5.30pm.**

Classes are practising two items, one that links with a scene of the Nativity, the story of the First Christmas, as told by our Year 6 cohort, and another to spread Christmas Cheer as our school year comes to an end. Students have been proactive in creating actions to complement their singing, and music times have been abuzz of enthusiasm and positive energy.

Communication through Seesaw announcement, has been sent regarding student dress attire for the evening as well as information regarding arrival on the evening and run of events. Kindy and Year 6 correspondence will be received via your classroom teachers.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through email [Stephanie.Freeman@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Stephanie.Freeman@cewa.edu.au) or the office/your classroom teacher and I will return your message.

*Mrs Stephanie Freeman, Music Teacher*

# UNIFORM NEWS

## **PRE PRIMARY AND YEAR 1 STUDENTS 2023**

Orders placed for students commencing Pre Primary and Year 1 in 2023 are packed and ready for pick-up. Payment by EFTPOS or cash can be made on collection.

Orders must be collected by Thursday 8th December from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, the day the Uniform Shop will be open this year. Any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola @cewa. edu.au, or if you are not able to collect orders during the Uniform Shop hours.

## **GIRLS SKORTS**

Girls Red Skorts have been discontinued by the manufacturers, unfortunately out of our control.

Girls have the option to continue wearing girls red skorts UNTIL THE END OF 2023, alternatively Red Sport Shorts are available for girls and boys to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Currently we have limited stock of Size 4 and Size 6 Skorts ONLY.

## **2023 EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS**

Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten are encouraged to wear a Red Early Childhood T-Shirt and/or a Red Early Childhood Track Top (NOT compulsory)

Kindergarten students are required to purchase a St Lawrence Library Bag. (COMPULSORY)

Stock is available to purchase directly from the Uniform Shop.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

End of year CLEARANCE SALE of 20% off all second hand uniforms is now available by Wednesday 30th November until WEEK 9, Thursday 8th DECEMBER.

Thank you to the parents who have kindly donated second hand uniforms that are WASHED and are in good saleable condition. Please NO hats, school socks and school ties. Track jackets with broken zips or any torn uniforms cannot be accepted.

## **LOST PROPERTY BOX**

The lost property box located at the entrance of the Learning Centre is overflowing with uniforms (jackets and jumpers) that no one has collected.

At the end of this term uniform items that are not labelled will be cleared and then sold as seconds at the Uniform Shop. If your child is missing any items, parents come and have look in 'lost property'.

## **OPENING HOURS FOR 2023**

The Uniform Shop will open before Term 1 commences on TUESDAY 31st JANUARY from 1PM TO 3PM. Term 1 commences for students Wednesday 1st February. The Uniform Shop will be open early from 8am to 9.30am.

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**

**Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am**

**Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

# LOST PROPERTY – School Office

There are a number of items that have been handed into the school office over time. Please see the images below if any of these items belong to you. Please come and see Mrs Armstrong at the school office.



# LET'S FIESTA

## **WELCOME BACK – 2023!**

The P&F would like to welcome our whole community to an exciting night on **Friday 17 February 2023** from 5.30pm. More information will be available at the beginning of the school year.

Donations are kindly requested please for the raffle on the night.

**Many thanks** to those who have contributed and supported the P&F Fundraising events this year. We look forward to your continued support in 2023.



*We wish you all a wonderful Christmas  
and look forward to an exciting 2023.*

*Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President*

# **St Lawrence Canteen** **Christmas Raffle!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Perth Glory Pack (4 x silver general admission tickets 7<sup>th</sup> March, soccer ball, wallet)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Event Cinema Family Pass**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize : Warwick Supabowl Family Pass**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$50 Wish Gift Card**

**6<sup>th</sup> prize : \$50 Wish Gift Card**

**7th Prize: Pancake Maker Gift Pack**

**8<sup>th</sup> Prize: 2 Bottles of Red Wine**

**1 ticket for \$ 5**

**Or**

**3 tickets for \$10**

**Tickets on Sale Now Raffle drawn:**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**