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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.



The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,
because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.
While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.
She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

***"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."***

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,
and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen,
which were just as they had been told.

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and farewell a number of our community members.
Our amazing Year Six children will leave our school this year and take on the challenges of High
School. I thank them all for their wonderful years here at St Lawrence. I pray they will carry with
them the many lessons they have learned and always be mindful of embodying Gospel Values and
Christian principles in all they do.

We also farewell a number of school families. Your time here has been a blessing to our community,
and we are grateful for your support of our school. I wish you all every happiness in your new
journeys and may God's blessing be with you all.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sunshine be warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Catholic Schools of Excellence

I take this opportunity to thank all the staff of St Lawrence Primary School. Their enthusiasm and dedication should serve as an inspiration for us all. It never ceases to amaze me the length they go to to ensure our children are safe and happy and reaching their full potential.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

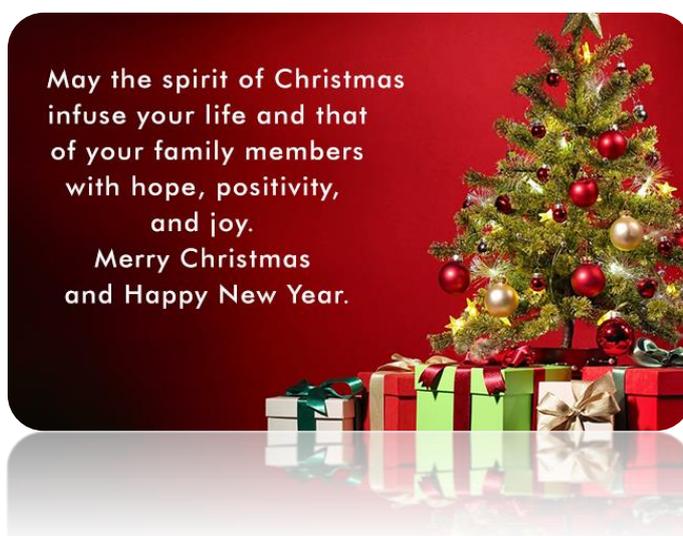
We farewell Antonella Crupi who has been working in our canteen for the last five years. Antonella's delightful smile and her high standard of service to our community have been greatly appreciated by all. We wish her all the best as she undertakes a new chapter in her life.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

On the Catholic Education Western Australia webpage we have an advertisement for a Grounds Person. This is a great position. The hours would be approximately 15 hours a week. Tasks would include maintenance of school grounds. If you know anyone who would be interested, please encourage them to apply.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



A huge thank you to all community members who have supported our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. All the donations were packed into individual delivery bags. St Vincent Association will deliver them to families in need over the Christmas period. The generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

ADVENT

Advent is the preparation time leading up to Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'Advenio' which translates as "to come to" and refers to the coming of Christ in celebration of his birth at Christmas.

Advent is the season of the liturgical year where we wait in anticipation and preparation for the coming of our Saviour; it is time to wait, prepare and reflect so that we can allow the light of God into our lives. Advent is a time for giving and making a conscious effort to help others. The Catholic virtue of charity means to love our neighbour as we love ourselves for the love of God. This is why, we donate to charities especially as Jesus modelled giving to others throughout his time on earth. We thank all families once again for their generous donations to our St Vincent's appeal and our Christmas Wishing Tree.

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

The Graduation celebrations started with the Year six students celebrating mass with the St Lawrence school community on Tuesday 6th December. 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.

Our Year 6 Students should be commended for the way in which they led by example throughout 2022, consistently upholding our Core Values of Joy, Courage and Unity and actively promoting our Catholic Identity. They were shining examples of Making Jesus Real in their interactions with staff, students and the wider St Lawrence Community and positively impacted our school in many ways by being true witnesses to their faith.

We thank God for our Year 6 students and families who will be leaving our school community this year and wish them every blessing as they embark on their new journeys. Congratulations on all your achievements during your time at St Lawrence and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. May God's blessings be with you all.



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.

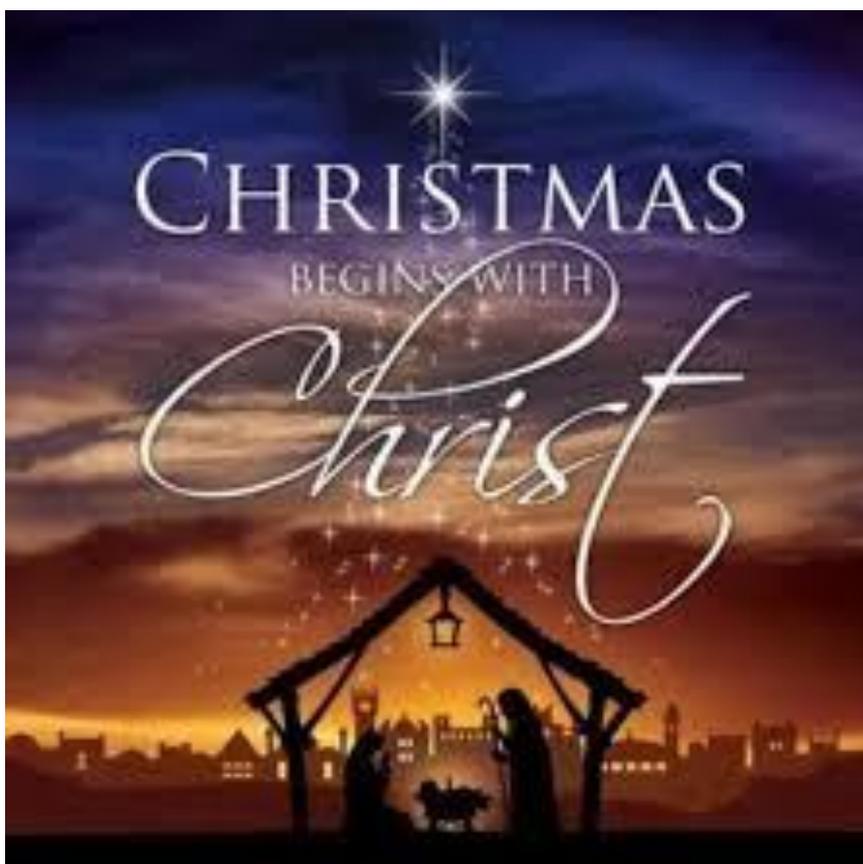
Students are to come dressed in their costumes on the night of the concert and meet their classroom teacher in their class between 5.30pm-5.45pm. They will walk to the Junior Oval with their class prior to the concert commencing and stay with their class for the entirety of the concert. Parents will be permitted to bring low back chairs and rugs to sit on.

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

CHRISTMAS WISHES

As the school year concludes, and everyone prepares for some rest and family time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. We pray that God blesses you and your family this Christmas, and that it is a joyful time spent with your loved ones. May the love, joy and hope of our newborn Saviour, Jesus Christ, be yours over the course of this Advent and Christmas Season.

We hope that 2023 is a year filled with much love, joy and happiness. We will look forward to welcoming you all back to the start of school on Wednesday 1 February. Have a safe and relaxing holiday with your loved ones and may the love of Jesus remain with you over the Christmas period.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tahlia Casella in Year 4 for her achievements in recent Jiu Jitsu tournaments. Tahlia started training in Jiu jitsu when she was four years old at Perth Martial Arts Centre. Talia has competed in the following tournaments and won medals at each tournament. She received 2 gold medals at the SGT tournament, a gold medal at the AFBJWA State Title tournament, and another gold medal at the Pan Pacific Tournament held in Melbourne. Tahlia also won gold and silver medals at the AFBJJ Casca Grossa Tournament. We are extremely proud of all Tahlia's achievements and the hard work and determination she has demonstrated to achieve her goals. Well done Tahlia! We wish you continued success in the future.



Important Dates

Term Dates

2022 Term Four finishes Friday 9 December

2023

Term One starts Wednesday 1 February

Term One ends Thursday 6 April

Student Free Days 2023

Friday 3 March

Monday 24 April

Friday 30 June

Monday 21 August

Friday 22 September

Public Holidays 2023

Monday 6 March – Labour Day

Monday 25 April – Anzac Day

Monday 5 June – WA Day

SACRAMENT DATES 2023 (dates are subject to change)

RECONCILIATION

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Enrolment Mass	Saturday 11 March at 6pm or Sunday 12 March at 5pm
RECONCILIATION NIGHT	Wednesday 7 June at 6.30pm

EUCCHARIST

EVENT	DATE
Enrolment Mass	Saturday 11 March at 6pm or Sunday 12 March at 5pm
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS	Saturday 19 August at 4pm

CONFIRMATION

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Enrolment Mass	Saturday 11th March at 6pm or Sunday 12th March at 5pm
CONFIRMATION DAY	Saturday 28 October at 4pm

Dates for Sacrament Parent Meetings and Family workshops will be confirmed early in 2023.

ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti, Hello everyone,

As 2022 draws to a close, thank you, Grazie to all the children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 for being such great active participants in Italian lessons. In class we have discussed Christmas in Australia and Italy. Enjoy your Christmas holidays in the summer season unlike Italy now experiencing winter.

Buone Feste e Auguri, Buon Natale e Buon Anno a tutti voi.

Happy Celebrations and Best Wishes, Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.



*God Bless all of our school community.
Signora Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher*

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you so much to my helpers for the last couple of weeks, Andrea S, Sue DB and Natalie M. Your help is very much appreciated. Big thanks to this week's helpers in advance - Tara O and Caroline O.

Help is still needed on Friday from 10-1am, if possible. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Canteen Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale from the canteen - 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The raffle will be drawn Friday 9th December at line-up.

- 1st Prize \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher - donated kindly by David Michael MLA
- 2nd Prize 4 x Silver GA tickets to Perth Glory 10th March, Perth Glory soccer ball and wallet - kindly donated by Perth Glory
- 3rd Prize Event Cinemas Family Pass - kindly donated by Event Cinemas Innaloo
- 4th Prize Warwick Supabowl Family Pass - kindly donated by Warwick Supabowl
- 5th prize \$50 Wish gift card and 6th Prize \$50 Wish Gift Card - kindly donated by Woolworths Roselea
- 7th prize Pancake Maker Gift pack - kindly donated by Mrs Frenzel
- 8th Prize Wine gift pack - kindly donated by Radich Family

Thanks so much to all our donors for your generosity!

If you are unable to call into the Canteen to purchase a ticket, you may send money in an envelope and tickets will be sent home via your child.

*Thanks to everyone for their support this year,
and we will see you again in the New Year!*

2022 Canteen Staff

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

2023 P&F EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President	Natasha Raso
Vice President	Laura Siciliano
Treasurer	Sandra Mesiha
Secretary	Charlotte & Nicolas Wirtz
Class Rep Co-ordinator	Gina Raschella

Thank you to Adele Cirillo and Penny Godfrey for their contribution this year. We **welcome** Gina Raschella to the P&F Executive.

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.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

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.

*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!**



1st Prize: \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher

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

3rd Prize: Event Cinema Family Pass

4th Prize : Warwick Supabowl Family Pass

5th Prize: \$50 Wish Gift Card

6th prize : \$50 Wish Gift Card

7th Prize: Pancake Maker Gift Pack

8th Prize: 2 Bottles of Red Wine

1 ticket for \$ 5

Or

3 tickets for \$10

Tickets on Sale Now Raffle drawn:

Friday 9th December

St Lawrence Parish Christmas Calendar 2022

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 Dec

Vigil Mass **6.00pm**

Carols **11.30pm** followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25 Dec

7.00am & 8.30am Mass English

10.00am Mass Italian

12 noon Mass Croatian

NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day

St Theresa, Gwelup

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 Dec

Carols 6pm followed by Mass **6.30pm**

Christmas Day Sunday 25 Dec Mass **11am**

Carols by Candlelight

Friday
16 December
7pm

St Lawrence Church

