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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.



Holy Week

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.

Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday.

After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity.

Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accordance with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath.

In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed.

On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion.

On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

It is great to be back at St Lawrence after a month of “System Leaders Renewal Leave”. All system leaders have the opportunity to access this leave and it is designed to support our faith formation and our knowledge pertaining to our religious studies.

In my absence Mrs Brennan took over as Short-Term Principal. May I commend Gaby on her outstanding leadership of our school community. As always Ms Tranquille was a great support in her role as Assistant Principal.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our school staff, who work enthusiastically and diligently to ensure that our school continues to thrive. Our children are blessed to have such a wonderful team of people committed to providing outstanding care and the highest quality of education.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

All Catholic Schools are required to have an Evangelisation Policy. This plan helps our school to shape and form the Evangelising mission of a Catholic School within the Catholic Church.

The Principles underlining our Evangelisation Policy are:

- *At St Lawrence we are called to share the word of God with those in the school community*
- *God’s message of hope will be shared with all*
- *Every effort is made to please God as we imitate Christ in all we do and all we say*
- *The Evangelisation Policy is central to all we do at St Lawrence*

The Procedure underlying our policy is:

At St Lawrence we endeavour to spread the mission of Jesus Christ in word and action; by offering students primary proclamation and initiatory catechesis.

- *Providing students with many opportunities to witness their faith*
- *Foster the sacramental life of our school community*
- *Pastorally care for all members of the school community*
- *Enable staff to participate in Faith Development opportunities*
- *Being aware of the global community and giving support where possible*
- *Ensuring the inclusion of the school community when appropriate*
- *By striving to live and model good Christian Witness.*

Uniform

It has been very pleasing to see many of our boys and girls wearing their Summer and Sports uniforms with pride throughout First Term. As Second Term approaches a timely reminder that all children will need to be in their full Winter Uniform for Terms Two and Three, parents are urged to check your child's Winter Uniform and see that sizes are appropriate.

Students are expected to be correctly attired in a full school uniform at school, and whilst travelling to and from school. Uniforms must be clean, well-pressed and in good condition, and school shoes are expected to be polished. This instills a sense of pride in our boys and girls, fosters equality, and ensures our students are readily identifiable as belonging to the St Lawrence Primary School community.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The school holidays are the perfect time for the students to rest and rekindle within them a zest for the coming term's learning. It also provides the opportunities for families to spend quality time with each other. Perhaps you can plan a family day together, or visit with other family members and enjoy a day out and about.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

St Lawrence Website

Please take the time to read through the **school website** as it offers a lot of information about our school including the history, traditions, routines and practices here at St Lawrence Primary School. Upon enrolment at St Lawrence Primary School all parents sign the enrolment form whereby it stipulates that parent will agree to abide by the **policies and directions of the school** and Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) inc. The school website is a handy reference and starting point when seeking information about our school.



God bless each and every one of you.

Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE

As a community today we remember the Aquilia family and hold them in our prayers on the twelve month anniversary of the passing of Carmelo. We send our love, thoughts and prayers as we reflect on the great joy that Carmelo brought to our community. He will always be held deeply in our thoughts as his memory lives on in our hearts.





We have noticed children bringing the Prime Drink to school. As it contains caffeine and artificial sweeteners and is not recommended for children Under 15. We respectfully ask that this drink not be brought to school. Diet greatly impacts learning, to set our children up for success as opposed to failure it is imperative that children eat well. Water is by far the best fluid for us to consume. I strongly encourage you all to ensure you children have ample fresh water to drink and maintain a healthy diet, this will best support their learning at school.

Home Learning Tip

I want my children to read

Here is a simple reflection around some professional reading I did recently....

I want my children to be readers.
I want my children to have big dreams.

How can I help my children learn to read?

I show them that reading matters...

I help them find books they like.
They see me read.
We go to the library together.
We write letters to their relatives and spell out all the words.
We read before bed every night.

All of these suggestions will have a positive impact on developing good reading habits in our children, which will enhance opportunities to learn to read and support what our teachers are doing in their classrooms.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WINTER UNIFORM

Year 1 to Year 6 students are required to wear the full winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. Pre-primary students remain in their sports uniform and tracksuit pants. Jackets are available from the uniform shop for winter. Year 1 and new students who have commenced this year, will need to purchase their winter uniform before the end of this term in readiness for Term Two.

Please note the uniform shop will be closed during the school holidays. The last day the shop is open this term is Thursday 6th April. There will be a two-week period at the start of term 2 when children can wear their summer uniform, if families have not been able to purchase the winter uniform.

The uniform shop is open at the following times:

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

ANZAC DAY



Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#) that 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 April.

On Friday 28th April the Faith Leaders will lead the school in our ANZAC Prayer Service in the undercroft.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Holidays will begin on Good Friday- **7th April**

Term 2

Staff Commence on **Monday 24th April.**

Student Commence on **Wednesday 26th April.**

Happy Easter

May the blessings of our Lord be with you all during this very special time of the year. Be safe and enjoy your time during the holiday break to renew and rejoice. Happy Easter!

Ms Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principal

DANCE CONCERT

“Four Seasons in One Day”

This term our talented St Lawrence students engaged in music and movement once a week, choreographing and rehearsing for our end of term dance concert – “Four Seasons in One Day (Songs About the Weather)”.

Originally scheduled for Week 9, Friday - our forecast had other plans as if the sky was listening from above. But, in the words of Annie “the sun will come out tomorrow” and our sky certainly turned on the perfect clear, blue day for us to celebrate music and movement together on Monday afternoon.

I am so proud of every student from Kindy to Year 6, who, over the course of this term, have exhibited our school values –

Joy: their enthusiasm, excitement and energy each week for 40 minutes in music, rehearsing with smiles on their faces and giggling through sessions as we fine-tuned sections of music where choreography wasn’t working or the occasional laugh at Mrs Freeman, for forgetting that one part of the song every time!

Courage: being on show is not a comfortable feeling for everyone, and some of our students verbalised their nervousness leading up to performance day, however bravery and courage shone through!

Unity: I commend all our students on the way they worked collaboratively with me, choosing songs, deciding on movement, editing and fine-tuning choreography and rehearsing each week; and for how they demonstrated unity through collaboration with each other – working as a class or in smaller groups, learning to listen to each, respect each other’s opinions and compromise to produce the final act.

Congratulations St Lawrence Dancers – you have shone this term!





*Dance
like nobody is
watching*



LIBRARY NEWS

What a busy week it has been to finish the term in library. At the end of each library session students were able to complete Easter coloring ins and dot-to-dots. Tuesday saw the return of craft in the library during lunchtime, they had the opportunity to decorate a duck as we wrap up our theme of Quack Open a Good Book this term. Wednesday students were able to decorate an Easter egg in preparation for Easter.

A big thank you to our Year Four library monitors this term that very kindly donated their time to help with jobs in the library at lunchtimes most weeks – Caoimhe, Daniel, Evie, Isabel and Matilda. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our St Lawrence families a very happy and safe Easter and a relaxing holiday break.

Ms Louise Frenzel
Library Officer



RAINBOWS PROGRAM



It's not too late to register your child/children for the Rainbows Program for 2023. Our Rainbows Program is shortly due to commence in Term Two.

Rainbows is a peer support program for children, in Years 1-6, living in a single parent or stepfamily, or who have suffered a significant loss in their life. Children meet in small groups where they are helped to identify what they may be feeling and are given some strategies to help process those feelings. It provides children with an opportunity to express their feelings in a safe and confidential setting. Grief is a normal reaction to a significant loss. Often, children do not express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, schoolwork, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development.

If you would like to register your child/children for the Rainbows program or would like further information, please email me at louise.frenzel@cewa.edu.au

Ms Louise Frenzel, Rainbows Coordinator

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Wishing everyone a fabulous Easter. Great work this term in sport! I'm so impressed with what you have all achieved.





Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher

ITALIAN NEWS



Buongiorno a tutti! Hello everyone!

Term 1 has been a rewarding 10 weeks, students have increased their skills to speak or sing in Italian. Bravissimi studenti for giving it a go! 🎉

Students have learnt about their relevant year topics as well as Carnevale (Carnival) and Easter in Italy. Years 6,4,3,2,1, and Pre-Primary are working on the Italian Festival 2023 Primary School Student Competition which is organised by the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc. The theme for this year's Festival is 'Carnevale'. Each year level has a different activity to complete. We look forward to completing the activity and submitting some entries at the end of Term 2 Week 3. Buone vacanze! Happy holidays!

Buona Pasqua, Pace e Serenità. Happy Easter, Peace and Serenity.
che Dio vi benedica! May God Bless you!



Some useful Italian words we can use in our daily lives are:

Buongiorno -*Good morning*

Arrivederci – *Goodbye*

Ciao! – *Hello! /Hi! /Bye!*

Signora ___ – *Mrs ___/Madame* Signorina-Miss ___

Signore – *Sir*

Per favore- *Please*

Grazie – *Thank you*

Prego- *don't mention it/you're welcome.*

Auguri- *Best Wishes* Pasqua -*Easter* La famiglia- *The family.* Papà-Dad Mamma-Mum

*Signora Jenny Acquarola
Italian Specialist Teacher*

SCIENCE NEWS

Sensational Science

All classes have had fun exploring the Living World around us – from understanding what living things need to grow and survive and how living things use their sense to protect themselves (PP); to the palaeontology study of dinosaurs (Year 1). Year 2 and Year 4 became life cycle experts learning all living things (animal, human, plants) grow and change. Year 3 classifying living things makes it easier as scientists to organise information. And in Year 5 we learnt that living things adapt to survive and Year 6 how a living thing's environment effects it's growth.

We have investigated, experimented, researched and created throughout the term and shared individual prior knowledge to help inform our understanding and enhance our learning.

STEM Club – Term 1 was also the first Year 5/6 STEM Club (a new initiative at St Lawrence). 20 students across Year 5 and 6 have spent Friday afternoons planning and producing an idea to enhance Outdoor Classroom Day following the STEM “Design Thinking” model. STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

A re-enactment of the last supper in Pre Primary





Gardeners Delight!

The Year Six gardeners have harvested the first fruits from their labours. These two zucchinis look scrumptious 😊!

CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks to my helpers this week (week 10) Carmellina and Natalie Mu. I'd like to thank all the wonderful families for their support for end of term orders and during term. Also to those that have given up their time to help us - it is very much appreciated and I'm grateful to you all.

Hope you have a lovely Easter and see you in term 2.

*Christina and Frances
Canteen Staff*

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

NETBALL UNIFORM

The 2023 Winter Netball Season is fast approaching. The season commences 28 April to 26 August.

Please note that netball dresses are to be worn on game days for Junior & Net Set Go competition. Netball jackets are available and may be worn during netball game days and training for players, coaches, managers and parents.

Year 6 Leavers Jackets and school navy track jackets are not permitted to be worn on netball game days.

School white sport socks are encouraged to be worn.

Netball dresses and netball jackets are available for purchase directly at the Uniform Shop. Netball order forms are available at the school office or website.

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Year 1 to Year 6 students will commence Term 2 in full winter uniform. Pre-primary students remain in their sports uniform and track pants and Jackets are available for winter.

Year 1 and new students who have commenced this year, will need to purchase their winter uniform before the end of this term in readiness for Term Two.

Winter order forms are available from the school office and the Uniform Shop.

Please note:

- The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays.
- The last day the Uniform Shop will be open this term is Thursday 6th April.

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS

Pre Kindy and Kindergarten students are encouraged to wear the Early Childhood T-Shirt and an Early Childhood Track Top, available for purchase for Winter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for all enquires or to place a Uniform order, please EMAIL me on Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au.

Wishing families a Happy Easter and holidays!

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am & Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

P&F NEWS

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

Money was due last week. If you have not done so already, please hand in your money to the school office as soon as possible.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – Friday 5 May

The children have been given the opportunity to pick their gifts early. Each child has chosen a gift/gifts for \$5. On the day of the stall, could you please send your child with \$5 and they will pay for and pick up the gift they chose.

DONATIONS

We will be holding a Mother's Day raffle. If you are in a position to donate any items or vouchers toward the prizes, please leave them in the school office.



*Thank you for your support.
Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President*

2024 FATHERING PROJECT **MOORE RIVER CAMP**

Friday 15 March to Saturday 16 March, 2024

Organisation has commenced for the **2024 camp**. Parents, please note that there will be limited places, so first in best dressed!

*Please contact Marcello Murabito on 0417514224
to be added to the group chat and to arrange for your \$50 deposit per family.
Cut-off date for \$50 deposit will be Monday 10 April 2023.*

We will endeavour to book as many camp sites as possible. If we end up with too many families, deposits will be returned to the last families that paid.

This is a wonderful opportunity for new families to meet and greet at the beginning of the 2024 school year. 2023 camp was a great success, thank you to everyone who participated.

Mr Marcello Murabito, Co-ordinator

PARISH NEWS

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Do you want to become an Altar Server?

Those who have received their First Holy Communion or are at least in Year 3 are invited to become Altar Servers. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, or have a child or grandchild, who may be interested in becoming an Altar Server, please take the flyer, which is in the foyer of the church. For further information, please contact Fr Emil on 0408 447062.

WASHING OF THE FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY

We would like to invite women and men from all age groups to participate in this special ceremony. Please put your name on the list in the church foyer if you are interested in taking part.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10am - St Lawrence Church

The Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday - 7th April** will start at **10am** in front of the church. We would like to invite families to volunteer in leading a reflection on one of the stations, so **we need 14 families**. The text of the reflections will be provided next weekend. All volunteers, please put your contact details on the list provided in the church foyer.

EASTER PROGRAM 2023

HOLY THURSDAY—6th April (No Mass at 9am)

The Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St Lawrence followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

The collection taken on Holy Thursday will be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

GOOD FRIDAY—7th April (No Mass at 9am or 7pm)

Stations of the Cross 10am - St Lawrence & St Theresa

The Lord's Passion 3pm - St Lawrence & St Theresa

Via Crucis (Italian) 7.30pm - St Lawrence

HOLY SATURDAY—8th April (No Mass at 9am)

Blessing of Easter Food 12noon - St Lawrence

Easter Vigil 7.00pm - St Lawrence

EASTER SUNDAY—9th April (No Mass at 5pm)

St Lawrence Masses: 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.30am (Italian), **12noon** (Croatian)

St Theresa Mass: 11.00am