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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.



Loving Lord, thank You so much for holiday times, the wonder and excitement that they engender in all our hearts, and we just want to praise You for all the goodness and grace You generously pour out on us and all people. Specially we thank You for the many blessings we gained from the first semester at school. May we enjoy our holidays, spend time with loved ones and return to school renewed and refreshed.
Amen

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

I take this opportunity to thank you all for a wonderful semester. It has certainly been an amazing two terms. I am incredibly grateful to be living here in Western Australia. We have all been spared so much adversity and hardship. When I read the numbers of those who are ill or who have lost lives and loved ones, have been made redundant, are jobless and going without, I am ever grateful for the many many blessings that have been bestowed on me. May we all take time to be grateful, to spend time in prayer, raising our hearts to God with an appreciative countenance. We truly are living in the lucky country and our Lord has been generous in blessings.

As a way of expressing my gratitude to the children for all their efforts and to celebrate the end of Semester, I will allow the children a free dress day on Thursday of this week. The children are welcome to attend school in their normal casual clothes.

May I express my gratitude to you all for being flexible regarding the restrictions and changes that have taken place in response to the prevailing circumstances. At all times the safety of the children and yourselves has been my main priority whilst maintaining our high standards of education. I have kept you all in my prayers as have all the staff.

I also wish to commend the staff for their hard work and dedication to your children. I am amazed at the dedication and commitment our staff show day in and day out to ensure our community's safety and wellbeing.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

Semester One Reports

The Semester One Reports will be going home with children on Thursday. As previously noted the report format is very different from previous years due to COVID-19. Your teachers will also offer you an interview opportunity. They have been instructed to contact you directly via their class communications to organise this time.

UNDERSTANDING THIS REPORT

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) Pre-primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/policy/teaching-assessingand-reporting-policy>) sets out the minimum requirements for teaching the Western Australian curriculum and for assessing and reporting student achievement in relation to that curriculum.

This policy is supported by the Policy Standards for Pre-primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/policy/policy-standards>).

The delivery of teaching and learning has been severely disrupted by COVID-19 in Semester 1, 2020.

- First Semester Reports will provide information about the student's learning progress to date.
- They will come in a different format from previous years.
- They will address Religious Education, Literacy, Numeracy and Attitudinal Domains.
- An opportunity in Term III will be available to meet with class teachers to receive feedback on student progress.

Student Learning Progress to date will be noted as:

Above Expected Level

At Expected Level

Working Towards Expected Level.

Please ensure all children return to school in their correct school uniform. Thank you to all families who have maintained our exceptional grooming standards and continue to ensure children are in their correct uniforms. Enrolment at St Lawrence is directly linked to supporting and abiding by all our school policies and Code of Conduct. A sincere thank you to all who strive so hard to follow our mandated requirements. This is greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop Opening

The Uniform Shop will re-open next term on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 and opening hours will remain the same. Order forms are available from the school office.

Winter Uniform

Students in Years 1 to Year 6 return to school in their full Winter Uniform. Please ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times. Pre-Primary students remain in their current uniform.

Pre Kindy and Kindy

Pre-Kindy and Kindy students are not required to wear the uniform but must be dressed in practical clothing.

The "Early Childhood T-Shirt" is available from the Uniform Shop as a uniform type option if desired. It is not compulsory.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

Parent and caregiver access

The statement below is the latest information I have been given regarding parents and caregivers access to school grounds:

Parents are able to enter school grounds to drop off and pick up their children and to attend scheduled meetings with staff. Parents should enter classrooms with the approval of the Principal and at the invitation of the teacher.

Parents and caregivers are welcome now to drop off and/or collect their children directly to/from classrooms if you wish. However, only with Principal's direct permission or at the invitation of a teacher may you enter classrooms. Thank you for abiding by these measures to maintain the health and safety of our environment for all our visitors and children alike.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any family who may be experiencing financial difficulties or concerns at the moment to please make contact with me. The school has in previous communications from myself expressed our offers of support.

"At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Albert Schweitze

God bless each and every one of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



TERM DATES

Term Two ends Thursday 2 July
Friday 3 July: Pupil Free Day (Staff Professional Development)

Term Three – Monday 20 July **Pupil Free Day**
Tuesday 21 July students return
Term Three ends Friday 25 September

Learning at Home Tips

School Holidays – A Survival Guide for Parents

It is that time of year that teachers and students love but parents often dread...school holidays! Children are off school and need to find things to do and parents start hearing the dreaded words... ***I am bored!***

So what is a parent to do? Here are some of tips for surviving the school holidays and actually turning them into something you and your child can enjoy together, that will not cost a small fortune.

Allow your child to become bored (within reason)

That is right, sometimes children need to be allowed to be bored. As a parent, you often feel like you need to keep your child entertained every minute of the day. But allowing them to feel some boredom can encourage them to find ways to keep themselves entertained, learn to use their imagination and develop creativity. You may be surprised by the imaginative games and activities children will come up with if given the chance. Just remember to keep an eye out so that they are engaged in safe activities.

Discover your local neighbourhood

Local councils will often offer programs for children to attend during the holidays, you can also check out the local park, library or find out if other interesting events are happening near you. If the weather is fine, many areas have fantastic walks that can allow you to explore nature and get some exercise. Use paper or digital maps to look for places you have not been before.

Family friendly activities

If you have children of different ages, it is often difficult to keep them all happy with one single activity. Try sitting down with the whole family and decide on a few activities that the whole family will do together.

Educational activities

One of the best ways to supplement children's normal learning routines is with activities that will not feel like chores. Take advantage of your local museum or art gallery. Design and test various paper airplanes to see which ones fly the furthest or stay in the air the longest. Have an art day at home, paint some canvases, or make play dough.

Have FUN!

With some thought, a little planning and family discussion, the school holidays can be an opportunity to bond as a family, enjoy some relaxed time together, let your imagination run wild and even learn something! And do not worry...the holidays will be over before you know it 😊

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our school will celebrate this occasion on Thursday by children participating in class prayer services. This year's theme is Always Was, Always Will Be.



PUPIL FREE DAY

On Friday 3rd July children will not be attending school since it is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers on the other hand will be involved in a Professional Development Day. Helen Moir from the Catholic Education office will be helping us analyse our school data. A reminder that Term 3 commences on Tuesday 21st July.

PARENT TEACHER ONLINE (PTO)

Due to COVID-19, term 2 parent/teacher interviews had to be cancelled. These interviews have now been re-scheduled to week 1 term 3 predominately on Monday 20th July. To make the process easier we have set up an online booking application. Parents will sign in and book the time and day that will best suit them. Information of how to set up your account and the link to the site will be emailed. Interview dates and times will not be released until the Monday 13th July.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Just a reminder that a hard copy of the Semester 1 report will be sent home with your children on Thursday 2nd July.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for the parents of our Year 4 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist next term. The meeting will take place this evening in the hall and will commence at 7.00pm. All parents whose children are enrolled in the Sacrament of Eucharist are expected to attend. A reminder that the Family Workshop is on Wednesday 22 July, 5.30pm or 7.00pm. The First Holy Communion has now been confirmed for **Saturday 22 August 2020 at 6.00pm.**

Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan Assistant Principals

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY

We have had a wonderful term and have enjoyed sharing our Thursdays with one another. The children have been so wonderful with our drop off and pickups this term. It is a lesson to us all at how they adapt so well when the need arises.

When we return after the holidays our first four weeks will be spent talking about SENSATIONAL SHAPES.

A reminder to parents about our proposed meeting in Term Three, Week Two, Thursday 30th July at 2pm for our Take Home Story Books. Final details to come in Week One of the term.

We hope you all have a lovely break with your families over these holidays. Should the weather permit, I truly encourage you to do lots of outdoor, **simple** activities with your child where they might – garden, ride a tricycle, climb on play equipment, throw and catch a ball (like a soccer ball), run around the backyard or a park or picnic area and explore together. Happy and Safe Holidays!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN

And the term comes to an end! The children have been so excited for farm theme dress up day! We saw farmers, animals and even the teachers had some fun too. Thanks so much for taking time out of your day to make our end of term celebration a memorable occasion by helping your little one to get creative. The children have had fun and learnt so many new things. They are now ready for the holidays to rest and relax and to come back refreshed for Semester Two.

Last but not least thank you to Mrs Howley and Seragusana for their support in helping to make everything run smoothly in Kindy each term. We are proud of our Kindy's for completing half the year! Have a wonderful break for the school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone next term well rested, healthy and ready to go!



Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY

Wow- it is hard to believe that we are in week ten! We have had a wonderful first semester learning, playing, making friends and learning how to talk to our peers when there is a problem. The children have been very adaptable in these unprecedented times and have been real little heroes!

This week we read the story- Tiddalick the Frog to celebrate NAIDOC week. We decorated Tiddalick using our fingers to create a dot painting effect. In Numeracy, we have been talking about different ways we can represent a number- pictures, numerals, words and finding it on a number line. We have also been practicing our number formation.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is our last day of the term and the children can come to school in free dress.

Mrs Staltari and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing your beautiful children next term on Tuesday 21 July!

Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 2 and already half way through the year.

Despite all the changes, the children have worked hard this term and have done lots of learning. I am sure they are all looking forward to their holidays. It is important that the children continue to read every day over the break.

Please remember that Friday is a Pupil free day and therefore the children's last day will be Thursday. Enjoy the break with your family and I look forward to seeing you ready for more learning next term.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher



What an amazing term! The children impressed me with the fabulous way they adapted to the new drop off and pick up arrangements in such a confident manner. They have worked very hard in applying themselves to their studies, so I hope that they have an opportunity to enjoy the holidays with you and do lots of things that they enjoy in their leisure time.

During the term we enjoyed looking at some Australian animals so if there is an opportunity – a visit to the zoo would be a great chance to see some of those animals in real life. Of course, quiet times offer great opportunities to do some reading – so a visit to a local library is always of benefit. Whatever you choose to do in the holidays – I hope you enjoy wonderful family time and stay safe!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year One Teacher (Mondays)



YEAR TWO

Our last week of Term 2 has been fun filled as we have been learning about NAIDOC Week. We have been learning about Aboriginal culture and what NAIDOC means. We painted rocks with our buddy class using Aboriginal symbols. In Religion, we have been discussing the word 'love' and ways to express love like Jesus. We painted a picture of someone who has helped us to grow through their love for us. The paintings and words were truly touching, and it was so lovely to read child's response as to why that person is so significant to them.

Thank you for your continued support this term and I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays. Stay safe.



Miss Allison Spagnolo, Year Two Teacher

YEAR THREE

Welcome to the final week of what has been a hectic first semester. Remote learning has been exhausting for us all. The children have worked extremely hard on their return back to school and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to everyone who has made this semester a success. On Tuesday afternoon the Year 3 children ate lunch and had a play with their Kindy buddies. It was an enjoyable way to end the term. On Monday 20th July I will be meeting with parents regarding your child's progress. Please select an appropriate meeting time on the new Parent Teacher Online link that will be sent to you during the holidays. I encourage the children to continue reading every day for at least 10 minutes during the school holidays. Children will still be able to access Lexile books and quizzes.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all next term. Keep safe and healthy. Remember students start school on Tuesday 21st July.



Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR

Term 2 has been a busy yet very unique term. The children have worked so hard this term and have adapted to change so well. I am very impressed with their efforts this Semester.

We have enjoyed the last few days of term completing NAIDOC week activities. We even had a chance to do some rock painting with our Year 2 buddy class.

I would like to thank you all for your support and cooperation during this term. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to more hard work next term.



Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE

It is hard to believe we are half way through the year and at the end of another term. It has definitely been a memorable one! Although we have faced many challenges this term, I have been very proud of how hard the Year Fives continued to work and their ability to adapt to the changes that have come their way.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support this term. Please remember to read every day during the holidays boys and girls.

Enjoy the break and I look forward to refreshed faces ready for lots in learning in Term 3.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year Five Teacher

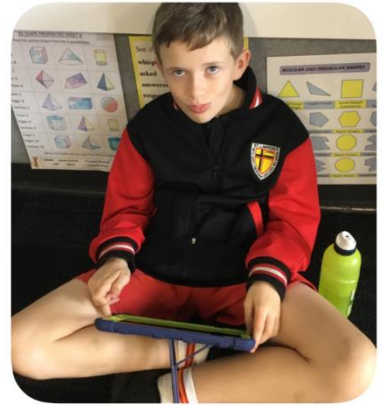


YEAR SIX

The attitude and work ethic of our Year Six leaders has been awesome this term. They have just concluded a number of assessments and showed a willingness to concentrate right up to the end. Despite all the challenges, they have made substantial progress as a class and individually, always seeking that high standard expected of students preparing for high school.

It was disappointing not to be able to put on our Julius Caesar play, miss out on planned excursions and sporting events, but they put in a sterling effort at the Sacred Saints Winter Carnival last Wednesday. We are hopeful of going ahead with Camp and Confirmation; you will hear more about these when details are known.

I look forward to speaking with each of you at the Parent-Teacher meetings next term.



Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher



*Winter
Carnival*

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING

The Uniform Shop will re-open next term, Wednesday 22nd July 2020 and opening hours will remain the same as below. Order forms are available from school office.

In keeping with the Covid-19 guidelines, only one family in the uniform shop at all times. Please use the hand sanitiser available when you enter the uniform shop. All surfaces will be cleaned between families. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

WINTER UNIFORM

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PRE-KINDY & KINDY STUDENTS

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SCHOOL VESTS

School Vests are available for purchase in Sizes 6, 8 and 10 and selling price is \$56.00. Vests can be worn as part of our Winter Uniform.

The School Vest may be substituted or used as an option when weather is not so inclement. The School Jumper is the correct school uniform for all formal occasions and must be worn accordingly. School Vests are 80% Wool & 20% Nylon and are machine washable on a wool/delicate cycle.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS



✚ Thanks to my helpers this week Bennie, Cilena, Millie and to Fran and Antonella for coming in on their non work day!

✚ To everyone for your support this term, it was very much appreciated, thank you. Next term should be all back to normal!

✚ Tomorrow is Sausage Sizzle for lunch only. Recess is pre order only as per normal.



Christina, Fran and Antonella
2020 Canteen Staff