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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.

REFLECTION

St. Teresa of Avila penned this lovely prayer and I often reflect upon the words. It is true that with God all things are possible, we must never forget the presence of the Divine in our lives. The words remind us to use our gifts and to pass on the love that we have been given to those we meet. Not a bad maxim for life.

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*



Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Dear Parents

COVID-19 Restrictions

Please refer to my letter sent to all parents on Friday 5 June 2020 advising of The Premier of Western Australia, Mark McGowan announcement an easing of restrictions from midnight last Friday.

We will continue to monitor activities and make the most informed decisions possible maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our community as the priority. Thank you for your ongoing support and for your partnership in working with the school for the benefit of our students and community.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS (AoS) Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has committed to a new Administration software platform that has been a work in progress for the last couple of years. As the demands of modern schools increase, the services required to support schools increase faster still. AoS (Admin of Schools) is a comprehensive engine designed to integrate all of these services and unite them in one central management system.

Mrs Armstrong has have been working diligently and going above and beyond in preparation for the installation of AoS, to replace our current Administration system. Please be aware that this will occur in the near future. There will be several changes such as a new BPAY reference number and SEQTA logins. More details to follow.

Semester One Reports

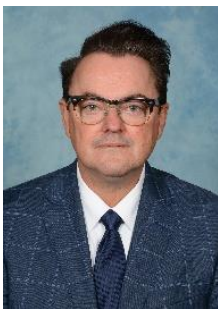
A reminder that the Semester One Reports will come in a somewhat different format from previous years and will serve as an interim report. It will provide feedback on the key subject areas of Religious Education, Literacy, Numeracy, and Effort and Attitudinal domains.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

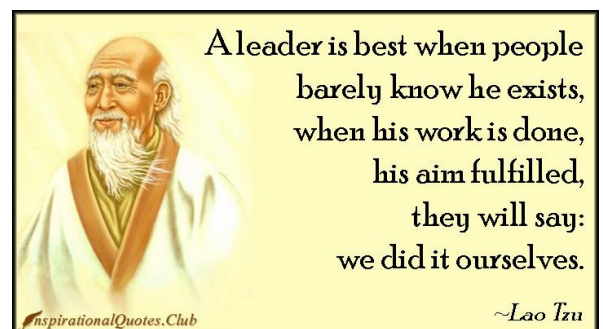
A reminder again as we embrace the Winter Season, that children must be kept home when they are unwell. This is also the stringent requirements mandated in line with the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. Sending sick children to school only helps pass on infections and spread the bugs even more. A sick and unwell child will not learn at school, they will not suddenly get better the moment they walk into school and they will spread infection. Please ensure you support our community by keeping unwell children at home. If a child presents at school unwell they will be sent home for appropriate care and attention. When children are away a simple written note/email is required for audit and attendance record purposes and if extended over a few days, a medical certificate is required.

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.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE



Congratulations to the:
Peck family on the arrival of a baby sister to
Sebastian (Yr 1).
Chakiath family on the arrival of a baby sister to
Elizabeth (K) Thomas (Yr 1) and Samuel (Yr 3)





Learning at Home Tips

I have worked as a Primary Teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal since the late 1980s. With this amount of experience I have gained a wealth of knowledge in schools and education pedagogical practice. One thing I can personally attest to is the difference that can be made to a child's learning through parental support and involvement. This is further supported by a wealth of research data to substantiate the importance and benefits of parents being involved, and not just involved but involved in a positive, constructive and affirming way.

Given that children spend as much as 75% of their time at home, those children whose parents support their learning tend to be more motivated, engaged and enthusiastic in school, and are more likely to achieve their full potential.

Here are two observations and information I have sourced from elsewhere that may be beneficial to you all.

Bedtime

Establish a good bedtime routine to ensure your child gets enough sleep and you will instantly assist them in school.

A well-rested child will find it easier to concentrate, will be less likely to pick up infections and will generally have more positive relationships with friends - all things that are conducive to good learning.

Bedtime is also a wonderful time to share a love of reading and books. If you are enthusiastic and positive about books, it is more likely rub off on your child.

Healthy Diet

There's no doubt that maintaining a healthy diet can be a challenge, but by setting a good example and encouraging children to eat a nutritious diet, rich in fruit and vegetables and low in fat and sugar, you will not only be educating your child in healthy eating, but also helping to ensure they are able to concentrate fully in school.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS



The Sacred Heart of Jesus, which falls on 19 June this year has one of the deepest meanings in the Catholic Church. The symbol represents Jesus Christ's actual heart as His love for all of humanity. Other symbols may have a flame or light surrounding it, which signifies the divine light of love. As we pray to the Holy Spirit and Jesus, may we ask for our hearts to be filled with love and kindness so that we can unconditionally share our love with all those we encounter.



2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For obvious reasons, parish 2020 sacramental celebrations remain on hold. We are still waiting to find out to what extent restrictions on public gatherings will be lifted here in Western Australia; coupled with advice from the Archbishop's office and Catholic Education Office WA. Please do not hesitate to channel any queries you may have through to the Parish office. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

School systems and sectors across the country have been offered flexibility in relation to reporting for Semester One 2020. The reporting and requirements for reporting for Pre-Primary to Year 10, due to COVID-19 and the disruption to learning and teaching, have been amended. On 7 April 2020, the Education Council agreed that, 'student progress will continue to be monitored and assessed by teachers with progress reports provided to parents and carers noting that existing assessment and reporting processes may have to be adjusted to accommodate broader changes to the teaching and learning environment.'

In reporting in Semester One, schools are required to provide to parents:

1. Information which gives an accurate and objective assessment of the student's progress and achievement, report on the curriculum taught and for which teachers can make a fair and reasonable professional judgement regarding student progress. Schools are not required to report student achievement using the A, B, C, D and E scale.
2. Schools should include some information regarding affective domains such as attitude and behaviour. In giving feedback to parents, teachers have an opportunity to acknowledge the way in which students have coped with the challenges presented by the disruptions of COVID-19.
3. Religious Education, English and Mathematics learning areas will be reported on using the three-point student progress scale: **Above Expected Level, At Expected Level, Working Towards Expected Level.**
4. General Behaviours will be reported on using a four-point scale: **Consistently, Frequently, Occasionally and Rarely.** There will also be a general comment at the end of the report.

A hard copy of the Semester 1 report will be sent home with each child in a sealed envelope on Thursday 2 July.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2020

School photos have been postponed and will now take place for children in Pre-Kindy – Year 6 in Term Three on **Thursday 6 August**. Details will be included in the newsletter closer to the date. Graduation photographs for our Year 6 students will take place on **Thursday 24 September**.

TERM CALENDAR

We are currently reviewing our parent calendar for Term Three. This will be uploaded to our school website once completed.

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Miss Kathleen Tranquille,
Assistant Principals*



CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE

For the next few weeks the Year 3 children will be using mental maths addition and subtraction strategies to solve real life written problems.

In English we have been learning about bossy verbs (Imperatives) and how to write these verbs at the start of instructions. After making Troll cookies the students use their photos to create step by step instructions using bossy verbs.

In Religion we are starting our Reconciliation program. The date for this big day has still not been released but we are starting our Penance journey. Hopefully this event will happen soon.

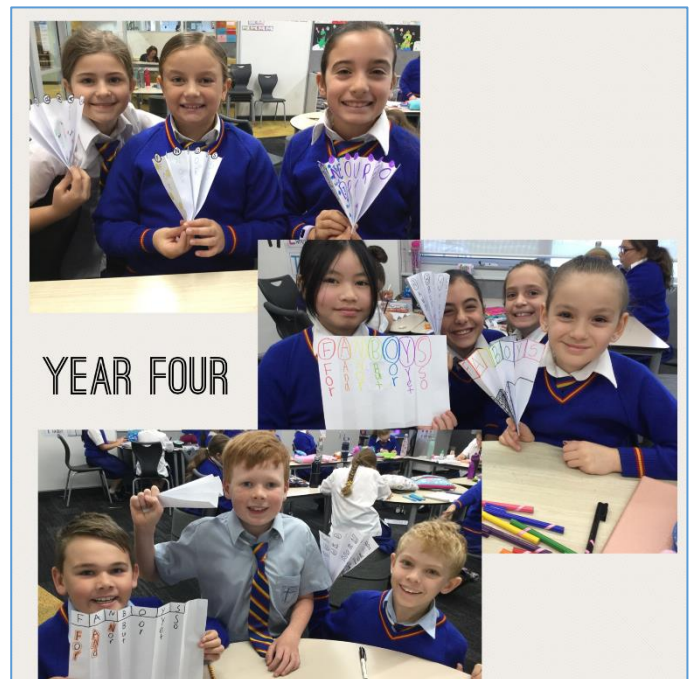


Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR

It has been a busy few weeks in Year Four. We have just finished our Talk for Writing unit looking at procedures. We have been learning about conjunctions and how they are used in sentences. We learnt an acronym "FANBOYS" and created fans that helped us remember different conjunctions to use.

We will be starting our new unit next week. In Mathematics, we have been practicing our times tables. Last week we had a quiz on our 11 times tables. I am very impressed with all the students' results. I encourage students to continue practicing times tables at home using the link provided for homework. We are also looking at measuring the volume of 3D shapes. Last week, we got to create 3D boxes. We then measured them using 1cm cubes.



In Religion, we have started learning about the Eucharist. We are still unsure of when the ceremony will take place. We hope it will be sometime this year.

Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE

Welcome to Week 7. We are enjoying learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of 2D regular and irregular shapes in Maths using a variety of materials.

In Science, the children are discovering lots of interesting facts about our solar system and the size and characteristics of the planets within it. Our Geography lessons are allowing us to explore the features of North and South America.

In English we are researching an animal from North or South America and will use this to write an information report. We are also using some of the beautiful natural landscapes of North and South America as a basis for our Hot Air Balloon Artworks.

A reminder that the children must have all the necessary resources and equipment needed to complete set tasks each day. Many children are without glue sticks, rulers and lead pencils. Please ensure that your child has all the resources they need. We continue to work on showing respect and making good choices to learn and let others learn in Year Five.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with this. Have a great week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year Five Class Teacher



YEAR SIX

Parents will be getting some books to review this weekend: Assessments, English and Religion. I hope you can find the time to look through and praise the efforts of your son or daughter, they have worked magnificently.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher



LIBRARY NEWS

During this term, Year One have been learning about the history of toys, and how they have changed over time. We have talked about the materials used to make them, and how people in the past used simple objects to play with.

Last week, we had an afternoon of playing traditional games, and we made a cup and ball toy.



Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian


COMMUNITY NEWS

Trinity College warmly invites you to attend an Open Day for prospective students on Wednesday, 1 July 2020. Families are welcome to attend the 9:15am or 4:15pm session. Each session will include a welcome by the Principal, followed by student led tours of the College, concluding with light refreshments and a chance to chat with some of our teaching staff and admissions team.

Bookings can be made at:

<https://www.trinity.wa.edu.au/enrolments/college-open-day/>.

TRINITY COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2020
REGISTER AT [TRINITY.WA.EDU.AU](https://www.trinity.wa.edu.au) OR CALL (08) 9223 8121

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CANTEEN NEWS

Birthday orders:

Please pre order at least the day prior -
brownie, icy poles \$15 for whole class.
Cup cakes \$20.

Pre order now being taken for the last day of term - Thursday 2nd July

Sausage sizzle and juice box \$5

Pre order by Friday 26th June.



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*Christina, Fran and Antonella,
2020 Canteen Staff*

CANTEEN MENU WEEK 7

REGRESS PRE ORDER ITEMS

Brownie, Dino Nugget, Mini Pizza 50c

Cheesie, Spring Rolls, Hash Brown, M & M Cookie, Sippah Straw \$1

Hot Chips, Hot Chocolate \$1.50

LUNCH ITEMS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Sandwich - Salad (Carrot, cucumber, Tomato, lettuce) \$3.50

Add Roast Chicken, Cheese, Ham, Tuna, Egg or Beetroot 50c Add Roll or Wrap \$1

Toasted Sandwich - Cheese, cheese & tomato or vegemite & cheese \$3.50

Ham & Cheese or Ham, Cheese & tomato \$4

Tuna, cheese & mayo or Roast chicken, cheese & mayo \$4.50

Chicken Strip wrap (lettuce, carrot, cucumber & mayo) \$4.50

Chicken Strips x 2 \$4 add tomato sauce 50c

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Pasta - Napolitana or Bolognese sauce \$4

Burgers- Beef (Lettuce, tomato slices, tomato sauce) \$4.50

Chicken (Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, mayo) \$4.50

Add cheese 50c

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Lasagne \$4.50

Nuggets \$4 add sauce 50c

FRIDAY SPECIAL

Hot dog with sauce \$4

Mrs Macs Lite n up Pie \$4

Mrs Macs Lite n up Sausage Roll \$3.50

Nuggets \$4 add sauce 50c

ICE CREAM

Froyo \$2.20

Paddle Pop \$2

Vanilla Cup \$1.50

Icy pole \$1

DRINKS

Water \$1

Up & Go, Glee, Chill J, Juice Box, Choc Or Strawberry Milk \$2 each

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