



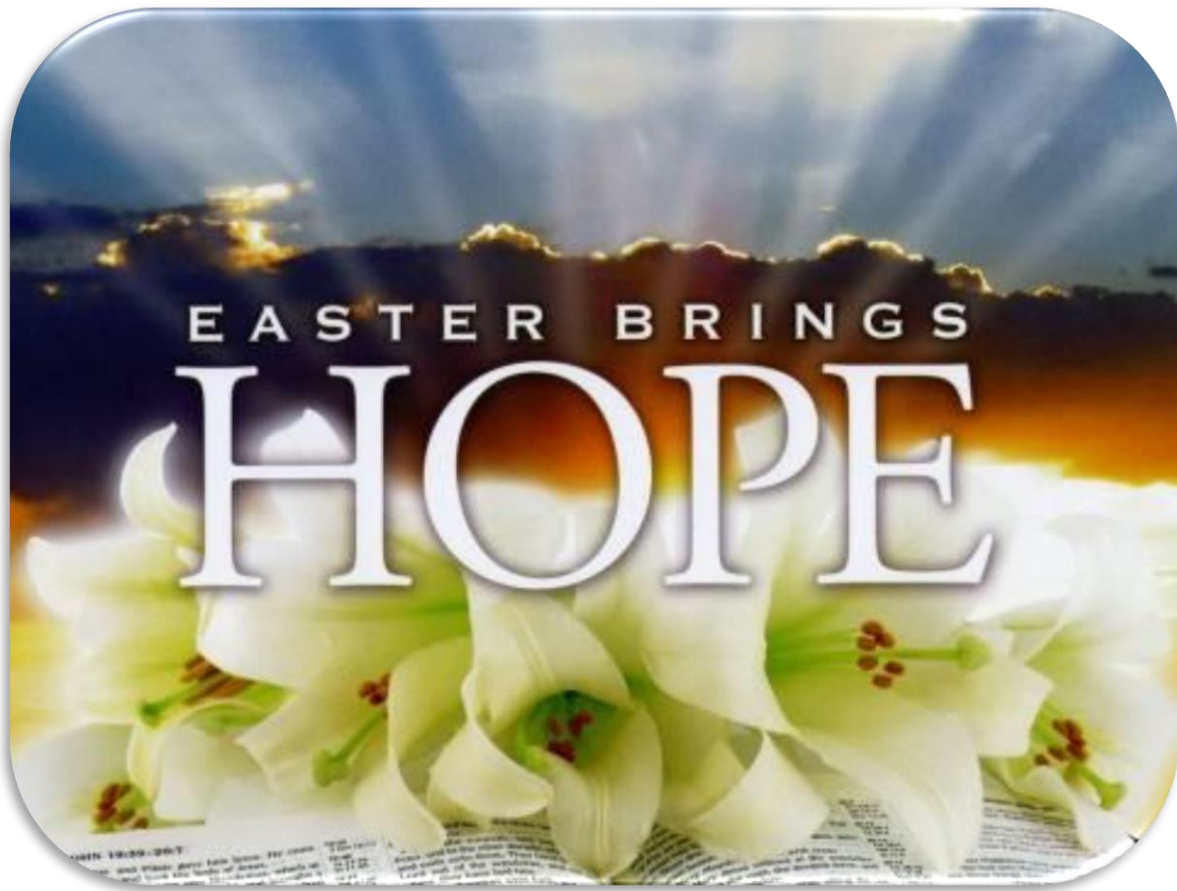
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## Newsletter No. 10

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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.



Dear Parents and Caregivers

*Easter is a message of hope, a reminder that Christ died and rose again for each one of us.*

We will soon enter Holy Week, a week commemorating Jesus' last week on earth and the events leading up to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The fourteen stations focus on specific events on His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 icons or images.

This week our Year 4 students participated in a beautiful reflection through the Stations of the Cross.



Our Year 4 students' re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross was performed reverently and helped them connect with the sense of love, sacrifice and commitment to faith that was demonstrated by Jesus during these events. Thank you to Ms Tranquille and Mrs Major for coordinating this very special reflection and thank you to the Year 4 children involved. It was a very reverent and reflective focus.

As we come to the end of Term One, a unique and at times challenging term, we believe we can proudly reflect upon the wonderful effort of staff, students, and parents at St Lawrence.

*Thank you all for your willingness and ability to adapt to ever changing situations. There has been a tremendous effort from everyone involved to ensure that our school has continued to operate effectively.*



It has been a pleasure to walk around the school over the last few weeks and witness the children working hard in their classrooms and in our additional learning zones.

Here are just a few examples of the children engaged in their learning this week.



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## COVID-19 Self-Reporting and school holidays

We encourage families to continue to enter their children's COVID-19 positive onto the Self-Reporting Portal located on our school website over the course of the school holidays. Doing so will allow for the Leadership Team to have a complete picture of students who have been COVID-19 positive and therefore who are no longer able to be determined as close contacts or deemed susceptible to the virus.

It is important to note that if parents are using the self-reporting portal to report a positive RAT result that they must also record the positive test result on the Healthy WA website.

<https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister>. Please notify a positive result via the Healthy WA website prior to entering this information on the Self-Reporting Form. Thank you for your understanding.

## School Operating Guidelines Term 2

Schools throughout WA are currently operating within the WA Health guidelines. In line with the latest advice from the Chief Health Officer, arrangements at St Lawrence have been reviewed for term two. Please note the following:

### Parents on School Sites

Parents/caregivers will now be allowed on the school site for the following purposes:

#### Pick up/Drop off

- Parents can now enter the school site to drop off and pick up their children but **must remain outdoors**. Parents/Caregivers attending school sites must adhere to physical distancing requirements.

### Assemblies

Assemblies are allowed under the following conditions:

- Limited to a single year group only.
- Parents may attend year group assemblies provided they comply with mask wearing and physical distancing requirements.
- Children identified as close contacts will not be able to attend assemblies. Alternative arrangements will be made for these children, so they do not feel excluded.

### Large one-off events

- May continue but will need to adhere to mask wearing, physical distancing, venue capacity and density limits.

## Masks

Students from Year 3 and above must continue to wear a mask unless:

- They have a medical certificate
- They are communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication.
- They are engaged in physical activity, including physical education classes and organised sport.
- They are consuming food, drink, or medicine.

Masks are encouraged but not required for students in Kindergarten to Year 2 based on advice from the Chief Health Officer. All information regarding COVID-19 and our procedures are subject to change so please continue to check your emails, the school newsletter and the school website for updated information.

## School Uniform

A reminder to all parents that next term all students are required to be in winter uniform. To assist parents and students in this transition, a two-week change-over period will be permitted. All students are required to be in full winter uniform by the commencement of Week 3.

We have a uniform dress code at St Lawrence as we believe it reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

We have noticed an increase in children recently who are not wearing the correct uniform. There has also been an increasing number of children with haircuts that are becoming more extreme. Please ensure that your child's hair is appropriately cut and that if hair is shoulder length or longer or if it falls about the face that it is tied back. Hair ties should be in the school colours only: Blue or white with the summer uniform, navy blue or white with the winter uniform and gold or red with the sports uniform. Please ensure that the only jewellery worn is:

- Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear.
- One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.

## TERM DATES

**Term One ends Friday 8 April**

**Term Two commences on Wednesday 27 April**

**Monday 25 April – PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY**

**Tuesday 26 April - STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Monday 6 June – PUBLIC HOLIDAY WA DAY**

**Term Two ends Friday 1 July**



We hope you all have a blessed and holy Easter and a restful and joy filled break. May the Lord's Easter gift of peace bring joy to you and your families. We look forward to continuing our journey next term.

***Easter Prayer***

*Lord, help us to accept the grace of Christ's resurrection.*

*Let us be renewed by God's mercy.*

*Let us know the love of Jesus.*

*Let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives.*

*Let us become agents of his mercy,  
channels through which God can protect  
all creation and make justice and peace flourish.*

*The resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.*

***Amen***



God Bless

Gabrielle Brennan and Kathleen Tranquille  
Short Term Principals

# Library News

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

### Important update about your order

Scholastic Book Club has advised that due to the recent floods in the Eastern States, along with Covid, it has led to an ongoing impact to the distribution of orders.

Scholastic's courier company may be delivering only part shipments as soon as they are received by the company to help clear the backlog rather than consolidating them in one delivery.

Unfortunately, this may mean that your Book Club order might not arrive before school breaks for the term this week, or only some classes' orders might be received before we break. All orders will be distributed straight to classrooms, as soon as they are received.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



As this is the last week of term, students were given the opportunity at the end of borrowing time either to make an origami bunny head in celebration of Easter, or to finish their lesson reading silently. We have had a vast array of different rabbits, each one beautiful and unique just as each of our students. They should all be very proud of their artistic efforts, as should those students who chose to read. They did so beautifully and quietly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very happy and safe holiday break and a joyous Easter!

*Mrs Louise Frenzel, Library Officer*



It is not too late to register your child for the Rainbows Program. Please email me at [louise.frenzel@cewa.edu.au](mailto:louise.frenzel@cewa.edu.au) if you would

like to register your child and have not already done so. Forms will then be emailed to you to complete and return.

*Warm regards  
Mrs Louise Frenzel  
Rainbows Coordinator*

# Uniform Shop News

**FRIDAY 8 APRIL** – Collection of Orders  
The Uniform Shop **will be open this Friday** morning.  
Parents may collect their orders **at the school gate during morning drop-off.**

## TERM TWO

- In Term two parents may enter the Uniform Shop to purchase or collect uniform orders. Winter Price Lists are available on the school's website for you information. Please email me at [angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) if you have any queries.

Week One:

- The Uniform Shop will **open on:**
  - **Tuesday 26 April** (Pupil Free Day) 9.00am to 10.00am
  - **Wednesday 27 April** 8.30am to 9.30am
- The Uniform Shop **will not be open** on **Thursday 28 April.**

Week Two:

- The Uniform Shop will **open on:**
  - **Thursday 5 May** – 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
  - **Friday 6 May** – 8.30am to 9.30am.
- From Week Three the Uniform Shop will operate during the normal opening times.

## Winter Uniform

Year 1 to Year 6 students commence Term 2 in their Winter Uniform. New students who have commenced this year will need to purchase their winter uniform before the end of this term. Parents, please note that the Uniform Shop is closed during the school holidays.

**Important note for Year 1 students and new students who have commenced this year:**

## GIRLS/BOYS

- Girls White Blouse is worn over their skirt (not tucked in).
- School Tie is required.
- Medium length usually for Year 1 to Year 3 and long length for Year 4 to Year 6.
- Jumpers or a school vest may be worn with school uniform only.
- Sports Track Jacket only to be worn with sports uniform
- Girls may wear navy tights with school uniform. Tights may be purchased at any department store.
- Navy or white hair ties with school uniform.
- Boys blue shirt is worn for summer and winter uniform and must be tucked in school grey trousers.

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

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*





Buongiorno a tutti. Hello everyone.  
Term 1 has been very busy during Italian classes for all students.

Students have learnt about their relevant year topics as well as Carnevale (Carnival) and Easter in Italy and aware of the Winter Olympics with Australian and Italian competitors.

Students continue to work on the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc Italian Festival Primary School Students Competition 2022. The current topic is “2022 L’Anno Internazionale del Vetro” ‘2022 *The International Year of Glass*’. Each year level has a different activity to complete. We look forward to completing the activity and submitting entries in Week Two next term.



Buone vacanze! Happy holidays!

Buona Pasqua, Pace e Serenità. Happy Easter, Peace and Serenity. God Bless everyone.

*Signora Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher*

# CANTEEN NEWS

## LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 8 April

Sushi Special, or as an alternative:

Chicken Nuggets \$4 or Chicken Strips (spicy or non-spicy) \$4 add sauce 50c.

Please note no other lunch items will be available on this day.

Lasagne and frozen juice cups have been sold out for this term.

The children are welcome at lunchtime to buy drinks or icy poles. Recess is still pre-order only.



*Easter Greetings to you all from the Canteen staff*