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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 St Lawrence School Community

Welcome to Wellness Week. Our students have been running afternoon movement activities for the school to highlight the importance of exercise. Classrooms have participated in their own wellness activities such as practising mindfulness and meditation and not to forget there is no homework this week. Yes parents, they're telling you the truth – no homework this week.

Staff are also very excited that our regular afternoon Professional Learning Community Meeting is replaced with Yoga and a Staff Social Event.

We all lead busy lives and hold multiple responsibilities. In giving so much of ourselves to others, we can reflect on the example of Jesus, who modelled for us the need to take time off. Jesus took time off too.

Jesus had numerous sabbaticals. He went away to be reenergized through prayer, quiet meditation, and to spend personal time with close friends. Jesus, like many of us, was either unable or unwilling to spend large amounts of time away from His responsibilities. So He maintained a wise rhythm in the midst of His busy life. There are many times we read in the Gospels of Jesus taking time. I hope you find some time in your week to give some time to yourself. In filling our own cup, we are then able to fill the cup of others.

Changes to DROP OFF and PICK UP Procedures

With restrictions for the COVID pandemic easing to Baseline Guidelines our school is close to operating as per usual. This means we are now able to return to pre COVID drop off and pick up procedures. The usual procedures will come into effect next week, commencing Monday 30 May. Contained further on in this newsletter is an explanation taken from our most recent parent handbook.

In summary, these are the changes:

- The Church Drive Through Lane **is not** available for morning drop off. It is only available for afternoon pick up for families L-Z.
- Drop off lane **is not** available to Pre Kindy, Kindergarten and Pre Primary children. These children must be escorted into their classroom by parents or guardians.
- Pick up lane **is not** available for Pre Kindy and Kindergarten. These children must be collected by their parent or guardian.
- The two gates which students may enter the school grounds are either at the entrance to the School Administration or at the corner of the Year 1 Classroom.

In addition, the below changes have been introduced:

- The Junior Oval is recommended for parents of Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary Students.
- Children are collected from the steps of the Church Drive Through, not on the lawn area.

I would like to take this time to remind all families “No child is permitted to walk through either car park without a parent or guardian.”

Many thanks to all our staff who have spent many hours in the rain, hail or sunshine over the past two years to support COVID guidelines to minimise the impact of the virus.

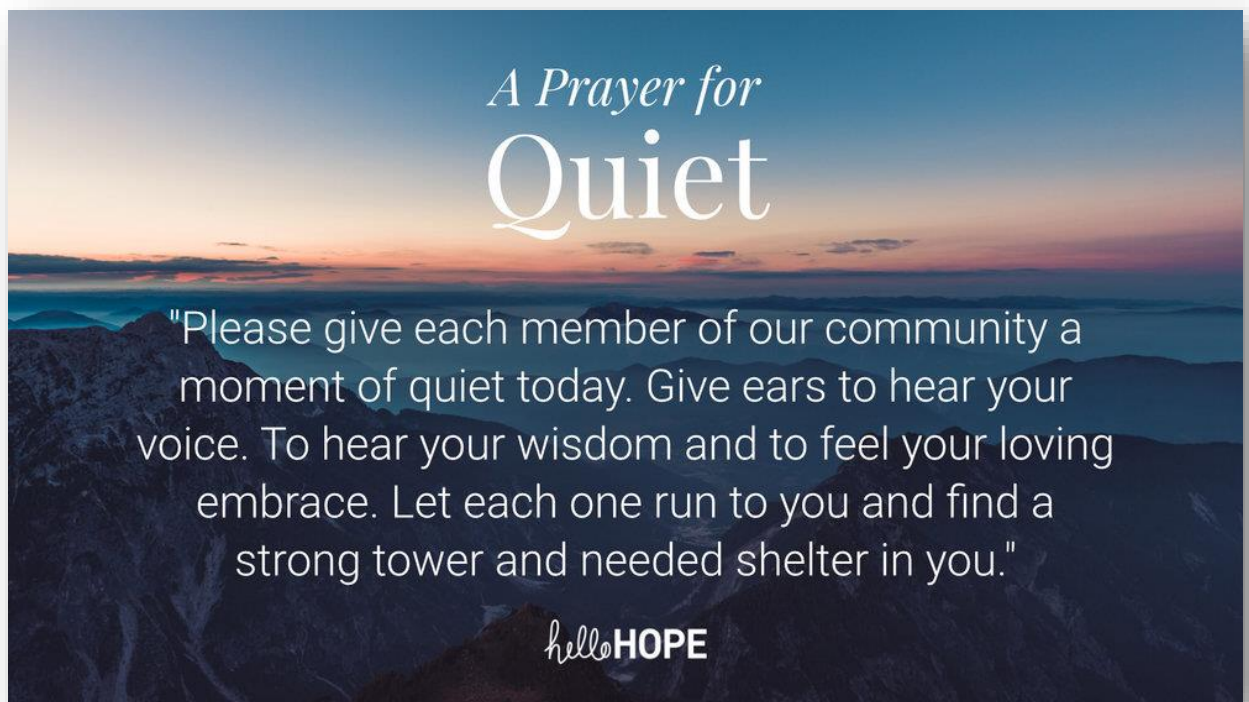
These restrictions prevented parents being able to enter school grounds, particularly in our early childhood. We look forward to strengthening the home and school interaction, particularly for our littlest learners in early childhood.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Today is National Simultaneous Story time. At 9.00am WST schools across the nation had the same story read to a group of students. I was very fortunate to be the Guest Speaker for our Year 1 Class. This year's chosen novel was Family Tree, written by Josh Pyke and beautifully illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

Family Tree is a heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life to cherish and to share. I was so impressed with how our Year One Children engaged with the story and made personal connections with their own lives. Children understood the sadness of when children become older and move away from their mums and dads and recalled the comfort they received from parents during the recent storms. We acknowledge and value diversity of our families. All families are different and should be celebrated.

Our biggest thanks to our Library Technician, Louise Frenzel for using her gifts to promote the value of reading, literacy and the fun of books. Ms Frenzel is personally responsible for the library display, children's activities and handcrafted personal Family Tree T Shirts for Mrs Preston and myself. She is so clever! I am framing my shirt. Thank you for making our day.



God Bless

Gina Burns
Short Term Principal

SCHOOL PARKING PROCEDURES

1. Vehicles are to enter the Netball Courts near the church and exit the netball courts near the school.
Vehicles are able to park on the Netball Courts and the Junior Oval. We recommend the Junior Oval for parents with Pre Kindy, Kindergarten and Pre Primary Students.

DRIVE THROUGH LANE

2. Drivers are to allow space, approximately one car width, at the eastern end of the car park, thus allowing for other drivers to depart from car bays and proceed to the Junior Oval.
3. **MORNING DROP OFF:** (*Driver must stay in the car*)
 - a. Enter via **IN** ramp.
 - b. Continue driving on the netball court to the far end outside Year 2 classroom.
 - c. **Drop off** passengers from lawn area in front of the Administration Block.
 - d. Depart via **OUT** ramp onto Albert Street.

PRE PRIMARY DROP OFF

Children must be escorted to the classroom by their parents or guardian. Children are not to walk through the carpark or on the Junior Oval unsupervised.

PRE KINDY / KINDERGARTEN DROP OFF

Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult, therefore parents are asked to park their cars on the netball court. Children are not to walk through the carpark or on the Junior Oval unsupervised.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

4. **Pickup area for Families whose surname starts with A-K**
(*Driver must stay in the car*)
 - a. Enter via IN ramp – KEEP RIGHT.
 - b. Continue driving on the netball court to the far end outside Year 2 classroom.
 - c. Pick up passengers from in front of the Administration Block.
 - d. Depart via OUT ramp onto Albert Street.
5. **Pickup area for Families whose surname starts with L– Z**
(*Driver must stay in the car*)
 - a. Enter via IN ramp – KEEP LEFT.
 - b. Continue UP the ramp to the Junior Oval level.
 - c. Proceed to the front of the church. Pick up passengers from the Church steps.
 - d. Exit via driveway between the Church and the Alverna Centre
 - e. **The speed limit within the carpark is 5-10km/hour**
6. Parents wishing to park or leave their vehicle:
 - a. Enter via IN ramp.
 - b. Park either against fence near church or in TWO rows in the middle of the Netball Courts. (Please minimise gaps in between cars so maximum number cars are able to be parked.)
 - c. The netball area near the fence outside the Year 2 classroom must be left free for traffic flow.
 - e. The driver must leave the vehicle as NO child is allowed onto the Netball court between 2.55pm – 3.30pm unless accompanied by an adult.

7. People who arrive early at St Lawrence (before 2.45p.m.) need to park their cars in the designated parking areas **AND NOT WAIT IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANE**. This causes an unnecessary bank up of traffic, which then restricts access to the school grounds, blocks traffic on Albert Street and creates a “grid-lock” situation.
8. Avoid illegal acts such as double parking, parking on footpaths, or unsafe practices such as stopping in the traffic flow areas, which will endanger your child/children. Father has asked that parents refrain from parking near the front of the Church as parishioners who attend morning Mass need clear access.
9. Be on the alert for children who may not be looking for moving vehicles.
10. If your child is going home with another family they are to wait with the children from that family.

PRE-PRIMARY PICK UP

Parents or guardians may park and collect their child from the classroom from 2.45pm onwards. Should you wish to use the drive-through facility, you will need to advise the class teacher that your child will be picked-up at the lawn area outside the school office. Those children who need to move to the lawn area for collection will be escorted and supervised from 2.45pm to 3.10pm by a staff member.

Older siblings who wish to sit with their Pre-Primary brother or sister, may do so under the supervision of the Teacher Assistant with the Pre Primary Students. Once the parent or guardian arrives at the drive through then the Teacher Assistant will release the Pre-Primary child. After 3.10pm any remaining Pre-Primary or Year One children will be brought into the office and may be collected by older siblings upon the parent or guardian’s arrival.

PRE KINDY / KINDERGARTEN PICK UP

Pre Kindy children can be collected at 2.40pm and Kindy children can be collected at 2.40pm. Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult, therefore parents are asked to park their cars on the netball court or on the Junior Oval.

To reduce congestion in the car park please consider some of the following options:

- **Car pool** with another family.
- Have your child **ride their bike** to school. All bikes are safely secured during the day in the staff courtyard. Children must wear safety helmets.
- **Walk** to school.
- **Walking Bus** – if you live close walk with a couple of families and parents can take turn being “Walking Bus Drivers”.
- **Drop children off at 8.30 a.m.** Classrooms are opened at 8.30 a.m. and teachers are inside supervising.
- **Pick up** a little later. Instead of coming at 3.00pm. when it is very congested come at **3.05pm**. Teacher supervision is from 3.00pm.to 3.15pm.
- Consider parking on the roadside of Albert Street and drop off/collect your children from the lawn area outside the Admin Building.
- Park in the bays near the Alverna Centre
- Consider using the drop off/pickup lane instead of parking.
- Consider parking only if you are on roster, or need to visit the office, classrooms etc. This would leave more parking bays for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary parents who are required to park and must walk their children up to Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School photos are scheduled for Wednesday 1 June 2022. Kindy, Pre-Primary, and Year 1 to 6 classes will have their photos taken on Wednesday. The Pre-Kindy class will have their photos on Thursday. Children from Year 1 to 6 will need to be in their full winter uniform with their school jumper (No vest). Year 6 students will wear their leavers jacket. Children with long hair must have their hair tied up with blue or white accessories. Pre-Primary will need to wear their sports uniform.

FAMILY PHOTO

Just a reminder that if you would like a family photo you need to register your interest on line before midnight Monday 30th May on the link below:

<https://www.photohendriks.com.au/family-registration>

A Family Order Envelope will be distributed by the photographers on the Photo Day and payments can then be placed online or returned with any late orders to the school's office within 10 days of photo day.

WELLNESS WEEK

Wellbeing is the state of being comfortable, healthy and happy. If we have good wellbeing, we have high life satisfaction, the ability to manage stress and a sense of purpose in life. Our overall wellbeing incorporates physical, mental and emotional health.

It's important to look after our wellbeing in order to live a healthy life. We all need a healthy base from which to live our lives and caring for ourselves is the first step to achieve this. Once we have a strong sense of wellbeing within ourselves, we can explore the world around us with confidence and reach our potential while enjoying our lives. We can be strong in ourselves, have positive self-esteem and thrive in our lives by looking after our wellbeing.

Wellbeing Week is an opportunity to take time to reflect on how we are looking after ourselves, what areas we are doing well in caring for ourselves and what more we can do to further look after our wellbeing.

ASCENSION

Ascension Day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. In Australia we celebrate this day on Thursday 26th May. As COVID restrictions has been lifted, the children from Pre-primary to Year 6 will attend mass.

KISS & RIDE

Thank you to the parents who are displaying their visor signs at Pick Up. It is helping improve the flow of traffic during the peak pick up period. The Kiss and Ride is more efficient if:

- Name cards are displayed on the left-hand side visor or front dashboard
- The driver stays in the car
- Bags and equipment are whenever possible on the seat near your child ·

COVID

Thank you to all our families who have been uploading their child's RAT or PCR results to the school COVID link on our website. This has enabled us to track positive cases. Please be aware that this link is an addition to reporting to the Healthy WA website.

Your first responsibility is to notify a COVID positive result to the Healthy WA website.

EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING DATE CHANGE

Parents, please note that the original date (Wednesday 22 June) has now been changed to:

Wednesday 20 July at 7pm.

Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Miss Kathleen Tranquille
Assistant Principals

LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Today Year ones took part in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) in the library. National Simultaneous Storytime takes place on the last Wednesday in May every year right across Australia. Thousands of children from schools, day cares, public libraries, school libraries or at home read the same book at the same time. National Simultaneous Storytime has run for the past 26 years.

Last year 2021 was the biggest and most successful NSS to date with over 1.98 million participants at over 33 thousand locations across Australia! Here's hoping we managed to smash last year's record.

This year's nominated book was Family Tree by author, Josh Pyke, and is a heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life to cherish and to share. How, like a tree we grow from a seed.

In preparation for our story, the Year ones beautifully crafted family crowns to wear during the reading of the story. They dressed each member of their family, along with hair and then glued them to a headband. They did a terrific job and they should all be very proud of themselves and the fantastic job they did. After the reading of this morning's story, the students took part in many different activities.

We were very blessed to have a guest reader again this year, so a very big thank you to Mrs Burns who joined us to read the story, I know the Year ones appreciated it. Many thanks also go to Mrs Preston, Tegan and Jesse who also assisted in the running of the morning.



Mrs Louise Frenzel
Library Officer

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

WINTER UNIFORM

Please note the following uniform regulations:

“GIRLS/BOYS”

- Girls White Blouse is worn over 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 and purchased at any department store.
- Navy or white hair ties with school uniform and red or gold hair ties with sports uniform.
- Boys blue shirt is worn for summer and winter uniform and must be tucked in school grey trousers.
- Black school shoes with school uniform and all black sport shoes (no white soles or stripes) with sports uniform

Parents, if you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au. Winter Price Lists are available on website and front office for you information. Thank you.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

THANK YOU

To everyone for your support with the Arancini Special, we will do another one this term.

We still have Tropical and Apple Blackcurrant Juice for \$1 extra with any lunch order until sold out.

PLEASE HELP

We would love to have some volunteers in, if you can help at all on a Thursday or Friday for a couple of hours please text me!

REMINDER – Pre Orders

There is no longer a need to pre orders at recess - unless your child has food allergies/intolerances. If you send in a pre order for recess, the money will be returned to your child as we cannot manage the orders as well as serve the children waiting at the canteen. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused. Until we have volunteers on a regular basis, we are unable to facilitate it. There is a variety of food available at recess time. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Christina, Frances & Antonella, 2022 Canteen Staff

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