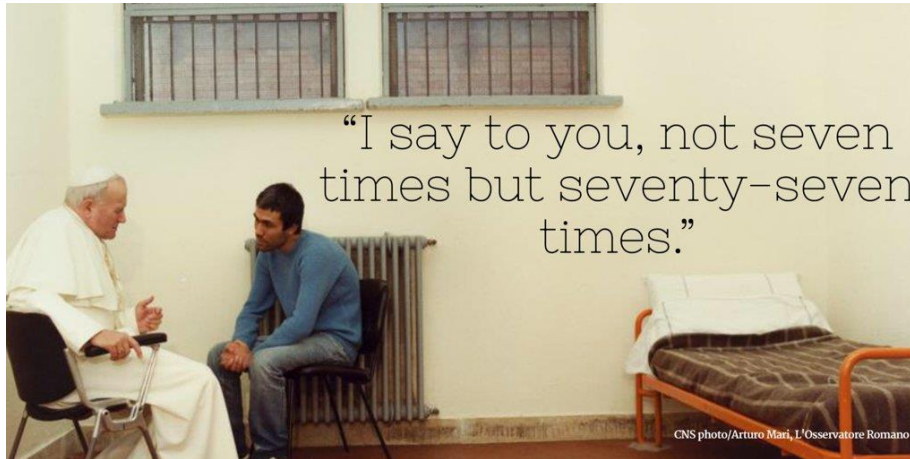




## Newsletter No. 16

**2 June 2022**

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,

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

As Catholics, we recognise that we are human and make mistakes and when we sin, we turn our back on God. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are able to talk to God about our sins, seek forgiveness and make amends.

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

I would like to congratulate and thank our Assitant Principal Miss Kathleen Tranquille and Year 3 Teacher Roselyn Pizzino for preparing the children so well and for the co-ordination of the event, which allowed it to be such a beautiful ceremony for children and their families.

Thank you also to Fr Daniel and Fr Mariuz who were able to step in at the very last minute to celebrate the ceremony as Fr Emil and Fr Adam have been unwell with COVID. I ask you to keep Fr Emil and Fr Adam in your prayers for a return to good health soon.

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18: 21-22

This scripture passage reminds us that God places no limit on how many times he forgives us and so we should also forgive others and forgive often. The image is of Pope John Paul II visiting the man who almost ended his life in Prison to forgive him.

### **Changes to DROP OFF and PICK UP Procedures**

This week we have reverted to pre COVID drop off and pick up procedures with minimum disruption. Thank you to all early childhood parents who are able to walk their child to the classroom. I thank everyone for your co-operation and understanding.

From my observation it is important to remind families that the Church Drive Through is not available for morning drop off. You may park on the Church Oval if needed.

The Church Pick Up Lane is available in the afternoon for families with surnames L-Z. No cars should be entering the drive way between the Church and Parish Hall from Albert Street Beryl Street. To do so would be very dangerous for the oncoming traffic leaving the Church Pick Up Lane. Please be patient and wait in line to enter the School Car Park.

### **School Photographs**

Due to high levels of staff and student absenteeism, the school followed recommendations to only offer individual and family photographs in 2022. This means students who were away for school photo day would be able to have their photo taken up to a week later to still be included in a composite photo package.

Decisions regarding the photo schedule were needed to be made almost one month ago to assist School Photography Company with their own staffing requirements. Unfortunately postponing our photographs could have resulted in us missing photographs altogether as many schools were also in the position of needing to reschedule photographs that were booked earlier in the year.

The School Photographers will return in Term 3 to take the traditional Year 6 Graduation Photo.

We apologise the photographs are not as many would usually purchase, but hope you still are able to find the photographs a valuable keepsake of the times in which we were dealing with.

*God Bless*

*Gina Burns  
Short Term Principal*



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### LIFELINK

The LifeLink organisation was established by the Archdiocese of Perth in 1994 to provide for the ongoing financial and promotional support of agencies established or assisted by the Church.



LifeLink® Day 2022

LifeLink's agencies deliver professional

services and support to thousands of people in need throughout Western Australia each year.

LifeLink Day 2022 will officially be launched on Wednesday 8 June during WA Week.

LifeLink Day provides a wonderful opportunity for students attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Perth, to join together to show their collective support for the many Church social service agencies – agencies which on behalf of us all, reach out to provide practical care and direct assistance to thousands of people in need within the community. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June St Lawrence children will be permitted to wear free dress for a gold coin donation for the LifeLink agencies.

### SORRY DAY

On May 26, Australians came together to commemorate Sorry Day, the anniversary of the historic Bringing Them Home report and the Stolen Generations apology.

Ceremonies, marches, speeches and presentations are held around the country to commemorate Sorry Day, the day on which Australians express regret for the historical mistreatment of Aboriginal people.

Last week each child made a Stolen Generation Commemorative Flower (Native Desert Rose) for a whole school display. The five-petal 'Native Desert Rose' was chosen by members of the Stolen Generation to symbolise the scattering of its members throughout Australia and also for its resilience and survivor instinct. It is found widely across Australia, and it's colour denotes compassion and spiritual healing.

### PARKING

A reminder that if you are parking on the grassed area near our Early Years classes, please fill up the parking spaces nearest Main Street first. If you need to park in the front row nearest the Church, please reverse in so that you have a clear line of vision when leaving. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

### ADULT BATHROOM

Parents and caregivers are asked to use the bathroom that is located on the outside of the school near the Year 4 bag racks. We thank you for being mindful of our Code of Conduct by not accessing the toilets that the children use in the Learning Centre.

### YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

On Friday 10th June the Year 1s will be leading the whole school assembly. Due to social distancing requirements only the parents of Year 1 children will be able to attend and parents of children who are receiving a merit award, masks must be worn. If parents have other commitments and are unable to attend the assembly, they can organise someone to replace them.

### EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING DATE CHANGE

Year 4 Parents, please note that the original date (Wednesday 22 June) **has now been changed to: Term 3 Wednesday 20 July at 7pm.**

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

## CANTEEN NEWS



Volunteers needed! If you are able to help on a Thursday or Friday for a couple of hours (even one!) please let me know.

The children love seeing their mum (or dad or grandma) helping in the canteen!

Birthday Orders - celebrate your child's birthday with their class:

Cupcakes or M & M cookies \$20

Brownies or icy poles \$15

Kindy - mini cupcakes \$12

Lunch bags can be purchased for \$1.50 for a bundle of 20 from the canteen.

Back in stock M2Go Chocolate or strawberry milk for \$2 each.

Also we still have fish fingers available on Wednesday for \$4.



*Christina, Frances & Antonella*

*2022 Canteen staff*

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform Shop operating hours:



Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am

Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Parents, if you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact [Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au) . Winter price lists are available on the school website and at the front office for your information. Thank you.

*Mrs Angie Miola*

*Uniform Shop Manager*

# NETBALL NEWS

## Winter Netball 2022

It was such a lovely surprise having Mrs Major down at the games last Friday cheering us all on.



*Year 2/3 (Under 8) Team*



*Year 4 (Under 9) Team*



*Year 5/6 (under 11) Team*

Just a reminder that this week is a general bye (long weekend) so there will be no games on Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June. Grading will be done during this time and we will advise teams of any changes. Round 6 will recommence as of Friday 10th & Saturday 11th June.

*Cheryl & Nicole - St Lawrence Netball Club*

## YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our Year 3 class and the parish children that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

