



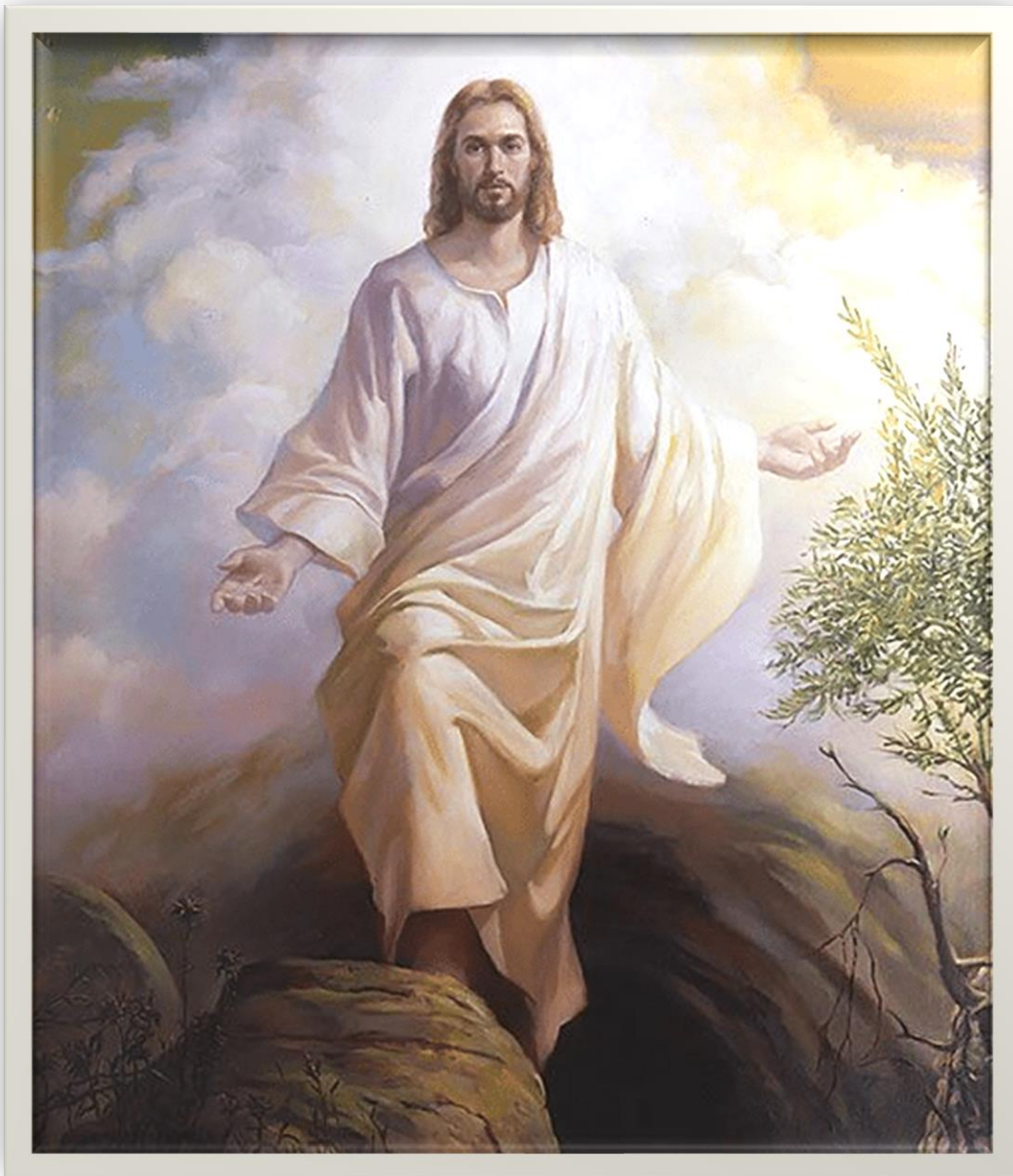
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## Newsletter No. 11

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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.



*And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer,  
and to rise from the dead the third day:  
And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among  
all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

**Lk 24: 46-48**

## Dear Parents and Friends

Loving God, at the beginning of this new term help us to keep the Easter message in our hearts and to give witness to it through our lives.

As a Resurrection people we always set our sights on hope for the future. When all seems dark and uncertain draw our attention to the rising of Jesus your Son.

When we reflect on the challenges that we all face in life at different times, may we always remember we are people of the Resurrection, let us to celebrate the new growth that is being cultivated in us by working together.

Open our eyes to the new and exciting opportunities that this new term will bring.

### **Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-31**

*One of the scribes who had listened to them debating appreciated that Jesus had given a good answer and put a further question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'*

*Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'*

## Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

I wish to welcome you all back to Term Two. You have been in my prayers and thoughts and I am looking forward to seeing you all in person in the pursuing days and weeks.

**Anzac Day** is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

This year ANZAC day falls on Tuesday 25 April.

Our school will celebrate, led by our Year Six Faith Leaders, on Friday 28 April at 9am in the undercroft. You are welcome to join us.

As you would all know as a school, we reviewed our **Vision for Learning**. One aspect of this review saw the introduction of our **Core Values**. School values can help pupils understand how to make good choices in life and they can also help to shape the mindsets and behaviour of future adults. So, their importance should not be underestimated.

As educational practitioners know, a large percentage of students' learning comes from watching behaviours of those around them. Children love to copy and act out being older than they are. Embedding school values in day-to-day life can help shape each child's understanding of the world. Character and values are an essential part of the hidden curriculum but also need to be explicitly taught. Everyday activities that focus on developing character and values will embed them as an underpinning part of boys' and girls' lives.

With a strong foundation, children will develop core values of their own. Schools play a significant part in preparing the future generation for their life as adults. This is a responsibility that we are very mindful of in Catholic Education. If a school's vision and values are clear and well thought out, our message will be simple and inherent. Gospel values and the teachings of Jesus Christ underpin all we do in a Catholic school. Our core values of Joy, Courage and Unity are rooted in our Catholic culture and Gospel values.

All of these can go a long way to developing our students' abilities to show initiative, contribute to others and gain respect and tolerance.

**Joy, Courage and Unity**, a simple acronym to remember our values is "Jesus Christ Units". This term our core value focus is **COURAGE**. You will notice our school banner has been displayed with our new focus, teachers will be working through this value with their children and the meaning of courage and how we can embed a courageous outlook in all our undertakings.

## Catholic Schools of Excellence

The Profession Development focused on Creative Narratives on iPad for Primary Students, using Keynote, Pages, Clips, Tayasui Sketches and the School iPads, which are all installed with the latest iPad OS and Updates.

As we know, imagination is one of the most powerful forces on the planet, allowing us to envision, develop and bring to life our world. Staff worked to connect, collaborate, personalise and be creative with Storytelling in the Classroom on iPad. During the sessions staff worked on:

Leverage iWorks – this enables users to see how to leverage multi-modal tools within Pages to empower students to become Creative Storytellers, using Photo, Video, Drawing and how to personalise learning. Staff also reviewed and focused on Accessibility Tools – to see how to implement inbuilt accessibility tools to enhance learning for all our learners. Curriculum Links were also reviewed and expanded upon by using a range of software including word processing programs to construct, edit and publish written text, and select, edit and place visual, print and audio elements within their creations.

On a personal note, I certainly learnt many new functionalities of an iPad that I certainly did not know beforehand.

Our staff work hard to be at the cutting edge of education, this allows us the abilities, skills, knowledge and expertise to support our children in their learning. To respond to the individual learners and offer different opportunities to support the different learning styles that present in a classroom full of our wonderful students. As principal I am extremely proud of our staff and the hard work they put into ensuring our students have the best opportunities to maximise their learning potential. I am also totally impressed by the learning gains of our students as they journey through their early education here at St Lawrence.

### **School Curriculum and Standards Authority**

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority is responsible for Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum, assessment, standards and reporting for all Western Australian schools

**The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority)** requires all schools to implement the **Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline (the Outline)** which can be located at [www.scsa.wa.edu.au](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au) to meet the learning needs of all students.

The Outline is informed by Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the Australian Curriculum. The Outline includes Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines, but these are not mandated because Kindergarten is a non-compulsory year of schooling.

The Outline sets out the mandated knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes that Pre-primary to Year 10 students are expected to acquire in the eight learning areas identified in the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration (2019), Principles of Learning, Teaching and Assessment, expected standards of achievement, and requirements for reporting on student achievement.

Schools are required to provide plain language reports to parents/carers at the end of each semester. The reports need to provide an accurate and objective assessment of the student's progress and achievement and include an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards.

To meet the Pre-primary (PP) to Year 10 policy requirements, written reports should include: • report on achievement in all areas taught (PP minimum reporting requirements are Religious Education, English and Mathematics. • a teacher assessment of the student's attitude, behaviour and effort; • a description of the student's progress in personal and social learning (mandated for PP–Year 2; however, schools are encouraged to continue this up until Year 6); and • any additional information the school considers relevant, including an overall teacher comment.

**The achievement standards describe the expected achievement for students who have been taught the curriculum content for the full year of schooling. Therefore, for the Semester 1/Mid-Year reports, teachers make a professional judgement in relation to the year level Achievement Standard to that point in time.** The Semester Two (End of Year report) must reflect achievement of the year long Achievement Standards in each learning area/subject.

Religious Education: Reporting in Religious Education requires that each student from PP to Year 10 be graded against a five-point scale, as per other learning areas. Five Point Scale: • In the PP year, schools must report using achievement descriptors but without letter grades. The achievement descriptors must align with the achievement descriptors described in the Pre-Primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy. • In Years 1 and 2, schools must report using letter grades (A-E) or achievement descriptors. • In Years 3 to 10, schools must report using letter grades (A-E).

These policies are mandated by the governing body for Schools “The School Curriculum and Standards Authority” and ratified under the *School Education Act 1999* and subsequent updates to this Act, including but not limited to the following Legislation and other regulatory frameworks: Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth), Australian Education Regulation 2013 (section 59) (Cth), Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth), Disability Standards for Education 2005, Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA), National Education Agreement Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA), School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997 (WA), School Education Act 1999 (WA), School Education Act Employees’ (Teachers and Administrators) General Agreement 2014.

### **Winter Uniform**

A reminder that Term II and Term III require students to be wearing their winter uniforms. Please ensure correct uniform are worn. We offer a two week period of change over from the summer to winter uniform, should warmer days continue. High standards of presentation and grooming are expected at all times. I have noticed a number of students acquiring the tracks through their hair and the length of some of the “mullet” styles are getting too long. Please address these matters. Failure to comply with our school policies can impact your enrolment status at St Lawrence.

Thank you to all our families who always present correctly and adhere to our school’s policies. Well-groomed children in their correct uniforms not only set the high standards that we expect here at St Lawrence but also help to build school pride, form unity and support children in their learning endeavours.

### **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

As we move into the cooler seasons, we know coughs, colds and flus abound. It is imperative that children who are unwell remain at home. This reduces the infection rates to others and helps with the children’s overall recovery. Unwell children simply cannot learn and must not be at school. As COVID is still as significant health risk factor please ensure you maintain thorough hygiene practices and test regularly.

### **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

We are currently finalising our Kindy and Pre-Kindy enrolments for 2024. We have very strong enrolment numbers and continue to be a school of high demand. If you have young children looking for future placements, I strongly encourage you to ensure you have completed an application form as our positions are very limited.





Robert Van Oosten, our new groundsman has been hard at work over the holidays and our Indigenous Garden, located along the Main Street side of the school has received a makeover.

Please take the time to walk by and see this beautiful aspect of our school. Our orchard has also benefited from Robs good work and the cooler days.



Mr Hayden and his Market Garden team have certainly come up with the goods in our vegetable gardens located behind the school hall. These wonderful examples of staff and children working together to support the great gifts of God's nature and learning the importance of our indigenous heritage and the benefits of growing your own produce are just more marvellous examples of the many different learning opportunities presented here at St Lawrence for our children. I thank all involved in these undertakings.



Mrs Tania Present our Year One teacher will be off work for this entire term due to medical reasons. We have been very blessed to secure the services of Mrs Deborah Hogg. Deborah comes to us after many years of service in Catholic Education. Deborah is Early Years trained, has many years' experiences teaching the Early Years and has also worked as a consultant supporting the development of teachers in the Early Years.

As with all our staff here at St Lawrence her pedagogical practice is second to none and her wealth of experience will bring much excitement to our school community. I know you will join me in welcoming Deborah to our St Lawrence family.

Please keep Tania and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

God bless each and every one of you.



**Sheldon Carey**  
*M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip*  
**Principal**



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

We hope all families had a happy, holy and restful holiday and the children are ready for lots of learning and activity this term. At the beginning of this new term, help us to keep the Easter message in our hearts and give witness to it through our lives.



### ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

Our school will commemorate Anzac Day on Friday at 9am in the Undercover Area. The service will be led by our six Faith Leaders. Parents are welcome to join us.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation family workshops will be held on Thursday at 5.00pm and 6.30pm in the school hall. Parents/guardians are expected to attend one of the workshops with their child. A parent meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 3 May at 7pm. All parents/guardians of students in Year 6 who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend one of the family workshops and the parent meeting. Year Six students will also participate in a retreat day on Thursday 25 May.

We wish the candidates all the best in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 27 May at 6.00pm and pray that these students' faith and relationship with Jesus continues to grow.

### WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that it is an expectation that all students are wearing their full winter uniform this term. There is a two-week grace period, however the expectation is that all students need to be wearing the correct uniform by the start of Week Three.

Our uniform is a sign of our community. Hair must be neat and tidy and tied back if shoulder length or longer or if hair falls about the face. Hair should be checked regularly by families to prevent lice infestation. Hair styles should be of a conservative nature (no tracks, no hawks, no undercuts etc). Only natural hair colour permitted (no tints, streaks, tips etc). Minimal gel may only be used on the fringe, no other part of the hair.

Hair ribbons should be in school colours only: – blue or white with summer and winter uniform – gold, white, red with sport uniform. Jewellery: Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear in the ear lobe. One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.

Parents must be aware that watches may be worn at the owner's risk. Nail polish and make-up is not permitted. If an accident or problem prevents children from wearing their full uniform on any particular day, parents need to send a note of explanation. Hats are part of the uniform and need to be worn every day. "No hat, no play"

### TERM TWO PLANNER

Please refer to the calendar on our School Website for all Term Two dates. Dates may change and these will be uploaded to the website.

# Winter Uniform

## Boys

- Grey long trousers
- Blue short sleeve shirt with school crest on pocket
- School tie
- School jumper/School vest
- Black school shoes
- Grey school socks
- St Lawrence school hat
- St Lawrence school bag
- St Lawrence library bag

## Girls

- Blue Skirt
- White short sleeve blouse with school crest on pocket
- School Tie
- School jumper/School vest
- Black school shoes with white school socks or navy tights
- St Lawrence school hat
- St Lawrence school bag
- St Lawrence Library Bag

## CORE VALUES

Our Core Values are based on Gospel Values. Our Core Value for Term 2 is Courage. Lawry Bear awards will be presented this term to students who model behaviours linked with our Core Value of Courage.





## **SACRAMENT DATES 2023 (dates are subject to change)**

### **CONFIRMATION**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME/LOCATION/PRESENTER</b>
Family Workshops	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00 or 6.30pm (Parents/Guardians and Candidates)
Parent Meeting	Wednesday 3rd May	7.00pm Fr Emil or Fr Adam, School Hall (Parents/Guardians only)
Retreat	Thursday 25th May	8.30am – 3.00pm - School Hall (Candidates only)
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b>	Saturday 27th May	6.00pm St Lawrence Church

### **EUCCHARIST**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME/LOCATION/PRESENTER</b>
Parent Meeting	Wednesday 26 July	7.00pm – Fr Emil or Fr Adam, School Hall (Parents/Guardians only)
Retreat	Thursday 3 August	8.30am – 3.00pm - School Hall (Candidates only)
Family Workshop	Wednesday 9 August	5.00 or 6.30pm (Parents/Guardians and Candidates)
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS</b>	Saturday 26 August	6.00pm St Lawrence Church

### **RECONCILIATION**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME/LOCATION/PRESENTER</b>
Family Workshop	Thursday 14 September	5.00 or 6.30pm School Hall (Parents/Guardians and Candidates)
Parent Meeting	Wednesday 11 October	7.00pm Fr Emil or Fr Adam, School Hall (Parents/Guardians only)
Retreat	Tuesday 17 October	8.30am – 3.00pm - School Hall (Candidates only)
<b>RECONCILIATION NIGHT</b>	Wednesday 25 October	6.30pm – St Lawrence Church

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan and Ms Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principals*



### MOTHER'S DAY STALL – Friday 5 May

- ❖ Each child has chosen a gift/gifts for \$5.00. On the day of the stall please send your child to school with \$5 and they will pay and pick up the gift.

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Friday 12 May 7.30am

- ❖ We are looking forward to seeing many mums, grandmas and carers at the breakfast.
- ❖ Donations are kindly requested for the raffle. A coffee van will be on site to purchase your morning coffee.



**RSVP by Friday, 5 May 2023**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduHh6amu\\_syhb8lCdLoqeJZy9lor6mU6GmT9Y3zaHQ\\_WETHEg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduHh6amu_syhb8lCdLoqeJZy9lor6mU6GmT9Y3zaHQ_WETHEg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

*Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President 2023*

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## WINTER UNIFORM

Welcome back to Term 2. Students in Year 1 to Year 6 return in full winter uniform. Pre-primary students return in their Sports Uniform including track jackets and track pants.

Early Childhood students (Pre-kindy and Kindy) are encouraged to wear a Red Early Childhood T-Shirt and Red Early Childhood Track Top.

- Girls winter skirts should be worn at knee length and school white blouses worn over skirt (not tucked in) with school tie and white school socks
- Girls have option to wear navy tights with skirt (available at department stores).
- Hair ties navy or white with uniform and red or gold with sports uniform.
- Boys blue shirt tucked in school grey long trousers with school tie and grey school socks
- Boys and Girls wool jumpers to be worn with school uniform (Sport track jackets are not to be worn with school uniform) School wool vests are available for purchase and optional to wear.

## NETBALL UNIFORM

The 2023 Winter Netball Season commences 28th April to 26th August.

Netball Dresses are to be worn on game days for Junior & Net Set Go competition.

Netball Jackets are available for purchase from Uniform Shop and are to be worn during netball game days.

Please note that Year 6 Leavers Jackets and School Navy Track Jackets are NOT PERMITTED to be worn on Netball Game Days.

School white sport socks are encouraged to be worn.

Netball Order Price List forms are available from the school office and school website.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Any unwanted second hand uniforms may be donated to the uniform shop or school office. Uniforms must be in good saleable condition and washed. Any uniforms with rips/holes and any stains or too faded will NOT be accepted.

NO second hand HATS, SOCKS AND TIES

A CLEARANCE sale on second hand uniforms will be commencing shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for all enquires or to place a Uniform order, please EMAIL me on [Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au).

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

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

# CANTEEN NEWS



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The canteen relies heavily on volunteers. If you are available to help on any of the days listed below, please contact us. I have included a year group at the end as a guide. If there is a day you are free to help, please contact us. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### **Roster week 2 Wednesday 3rd May – Year 6**

Week 3	Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May – Year 5
Week 4	Wednesday 17th may and Thursday 18th May – Year 4
Week 5	Wednesday 25th May – Year 3
Week 6	Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June y- Year 2
Week 7	Thursday 8th June – Year 1
Week 8	Wednesday 14th June and Thursday 15th June - Pre-primary
Week 9	Wednesday 21st June and Thursday 22nd June - Junior years
Week 10	Wednesday 28th June and Thursday 29th June - as it is the last day of term, <b>three helpers</b> would be need – all years!

Thank you for your support. We really appreciate your help.

*Christina and Fran, 2023 Canteen Staff*