



## Newsletter No. 21

**28 July 2021**

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.

The Feast of St Martha occurs on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Martha is a wonderful example of the women who were close to Jesus during his lifetime.

*"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus."  
This unique statement in John's Gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother.*



Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus.

Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha, we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. Jesus loves us to, even when we get very busy and fail to find the time to be with Him and listen to Him.

***May we all find time to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen***

## **Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders**

I will be attending the Catholic Primary Principal's (CPPA) Conference for the duration of this week. During a principal's absence the Assistant Principals assume the role of Principal of the school. This is a requirement of part of the Assistant Principal's contract to assume this role whenever the principal is not present on school grounds. At St Lawrence we are truly blessed to have both Mrs Gabrielle Brennan and Ms Kathleen Tranquille to assume this role, two highly qualified and experienced practitioners. I am always in awe of both these individuals, their dedication to our children, staff and community is exceptional. When we meet and plan for St Lawrence both Gaby and Kathleen form key members of the decision-making processes, they attend School Advisory Council meetings, P&F Meetings and Parish Council Meetings.

They drive the curriculum of the school, the learning processes including outcomes and reporting and the Religious Instruction. Perhaps most importantly they advise and guide myself as I navigate the role of Principal of St Lawrence. They act as a support mechanism for myself and ensure I am fully informed and supported in my capacity. I always feel incredibly blessed to have the full support of both these individuals and as a community we are also extremely fortunate to have the talents and dedication of both Kathleen and Gaby. I thank them both and always keep them in my daily prayers.

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

### **CECWA Policy Implementation Transition**

The new CECWA Policy and Executive Directives structure was promulgated throughout the Catholic Education System on 22 February 2021. All Catholic school principals must now lead the transition process, make sure any school-based policies are replaced by CECWA Policies and Executive Directives, with school-based procedures only being produced to provide additional guidance within their Catholic school community.

You will soon notice a change to our website with our policy page referring to Catholic Education Western Australia Ltd Policies. The purpose of this is to create clear consistent messaging on one platform with the embedded policy hub being a 'one stop shop' for all community members regardless of which Catholic school they attend. This page will continue to contain the most up-to-date policies and executive directives for your easy reference. The inclusion of this page does not in any way affect our current school operations.

I will keep you all informed as we move through this transition phase. Once finalised I will add any extra information to the Newsletter regarding our policies and procedures and the implications that are associated with following CEWA policies and St Lawrence procedures. The Team responsible for this transition are Ms Tranquille, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Boyle, Miss Fogliani and myself.

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

A reminder to all parents and guardians, children who are unwell must remain at home. When children are sent to school unwell, they are not capable of learning, they are not receiving the rest they require to recover, and potentially can impact the health of other and increase the infection rates among the whole school community. Children who become ill while at school or present unwell, are sent home. I ask you all to be vigilant in ensuring unwell children are not sent to school.

## Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

Thank you to all families who have settled their accounts and made contact with Mrs Armstrong or myself to address any concerns regarding outstanding school fees.

I like this little quote, helps keep me honest with my time!

God bless each and every one of you.



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

***“Don't say you don't have enough time.  
You have exactly the same number of hours per day  
that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur,  
Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci,  
Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.”  
H. Jackson Brown Junior***

## PASTORAL CARE



*We pray for all families, children and staff involved in the sacramental programs. May this journey of Faith be rewarding and help lay the foundations for a lifelong love of Christ and commitment to His Church.*

## Home Learning Tip

Time playing outdoors does not have to be disconnected from the learning we do indoors. Children naturally notice so many things about nature – plants, sounds, textures, light, shadow – Observing their discoveries and expanding on them is a nice way to keep the focus on our child's interests and to scaffold on their learning.

We can also use what we find outdoors to create and learn with fun indoor nature activities as well. Often in the early years you will see a table loaded with pinecones, honky nuts, feathers, bark and stones. All-natural materials collected from outside. The children just love experimenting with them, talking to me about them, feeling their texture.

I cannot emphasize how much just getting outside for some free exploration and play benefits all of us! I think peace dwells in nature, and when kids are getting a bit stir-crazy, getting them outside settles that. It is amazing to watch the children play in the orchard, around the ovals, both junior and senior and see the wonderful make-believe worlds they create in their play. Play is where all learning comes from. Play is the natural basis of learning. Get the children outside and let them foster that natural desire to play and thus learn.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

## ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL FEAST DAY

The school will be celebrating St Lawrence Feast Day on **Friday 6th August**. The Feast Day is an opportunity to celebrate our Patron Saint, but also an opportunity to continue his work by donating funds to those most in need in our community. Money raised will be donated to the Kora Centre run by the Servite Sisters. Children will be participating in games and purchasing yummy goodies from our stalls. It is encouraged that children bring some of their pocket money so that they can partake in the celebration. To keep our community safe, we have decided to go with a staff and student only celebration. **Parents will unfortunately not be able to attend.**

Time	Scheduled
9.00-9.45am	Whole School Mass
11.00-11.45am	Year PP-2 Tabloid Sports- Organised by Claire Major
11.50-12.40pm	Year 3-6 Tabloid Sports-Organised by Claire Major
12.40-1.00pm	Lunch provided by P&F
1.40-2.40pm	Mini Fete
2.40-3.00pm	Pack up stalls and clean up.



## EARLY YEARS PARENT MEETINGS

**Pre Kindy** parents are invited to meet with Mrs Bozich in the Library on Thursday 29 July at 2pm to discuss ways to support their child's pre literacy skills.

## FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder that the First Eucharist Parent meeting is tonight (Wednesday 28th July) in the school hall at 7pm. A representative from each family is required to attend.

On Thursday 5th August parents and the communicants will be required to attend one of the Eucharist workshop either 5.30pm or 7pm in the school hall.

## SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

As of Term Three, children must be in their correct winter uniforms.

Girls	Boys
Blue skirt White blouse School tie School jumper or school vest Short white socks or navy tights Regulation black school shoes White school socks St Lawrence school hat	Dark grey short/long trousers Sky blue long/short sleeve shirt with school crest on pocket School tie School jumper or school vest grey school socks Regulation black school shoes St Lawrence school hat

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



# CLASS NEWS

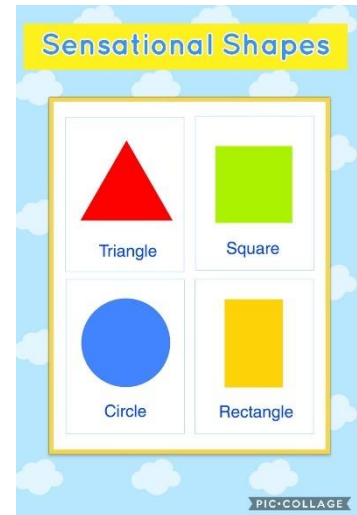
## PRE KINDY

Tomorrow sees our Pre-Kindergarten children making the very important step of officially beginning their Literacy journey. They will be given their first Take Home Story Books to share with their families throughout the week. This is an exciting time because children learn more words, grow the length of their sentences and become more confident speaking.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** this is a time to foster a love of books and reading. Our parents will meet at 2pm in the Library and then collect the children at the conclusion of the meeting.

We continue our focus of Sensational Shapes looking especially at Circles, Squares, Rectangles and Triangles.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*



## KINDERGARTEN

As next Friday August 6 is St Lawrence Day, we are asking for some donations towards our fundraising stalls to raise some money for our school. We would appreciate any donations big or small. We need packets of lollies and little gifts that can be used as prizes (for example Coles has a \$2 section with things the children would love) and Kmart has a very big selection of small toys for party bags. We will need these by this Friday July 30 and hope we can get some support to make our stall a great place for the kids to have fun!

We had a great start to the term last week and the children have settled back well into the class routine. A big focus this term is on 'Independence'. We are encouraging the children to do more for themselves and to 'have a go'. They are more capable than we think and by giving them opportunities to show independence, we are helping them to become better learners and build their self-esteem. This is as simple as letting them dress themselves and carry and unpack their bag each day. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a chicken. We made a chicken and an egg, next we are going to make a chick hatching from the eggs.

We have been making some beautiful artwork of St Lawrence to present for St Lawrence Day next Friday.

In Talk for Writing, we are learning the words and actions for Rosie's Walk. We had so much fun thinking of ways to remember each part of the story. Have a wonderful week everyone!

*Mrs Rachel Wake,  
Kindergarten Teacher*



## PRE PRIMARY

Last week the Pre Primary children went on an excursion to Landsdale Farm. We were blessed with perfect weather and had the best day feeding animals, patting baby chicks and going on a tractor ride around the farm. I was so very proud of all the children who impressed Farmer Hannah with their wonderful manners and listening skills.

This week in Religion, we have been learning about how to be a good friend. We have discussed that 'good friends' - care, share and look after each other.

Our Fairy-tale journey begins with Goldilocks and Three the Bears for our shared reading and The Gingerbread Man for our Talk for Writing. We have set up a Fairy-tale dramatic play area in the classroom and the children are loving it!

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Reading Session yesterday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance with 'at home' reading. Your child received their reading books and sight words this week. Please return these folders every Friday so that we can change their books and words.

We are very excited to be celebrating 100 days of school this Friday. Just a reminder that we will be coming to school in our Pyjamas!



*Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher*

## YEAR ONE

As part of our Geography unit, the Year Ones have begun learning about some of the dreaming and creation stories of the Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

One of the stories we have enjoyed listening to was Tiddalick the Greedy Frog.

We will also be looking at the different seasons on the Indigenous calendar.

In numeracy we continue to look at addition strategies such as counting on and number lines.

As part of our St Lawrence day fund raising activities, we will be having a mini fete.

The Year Ones will be running a lolly bag stall. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please send in with your child a bag of soft lollies (nut free) marshmallows, jubes, raspberries, snakes, jellybabies. Thanking you in advance.



*Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher*



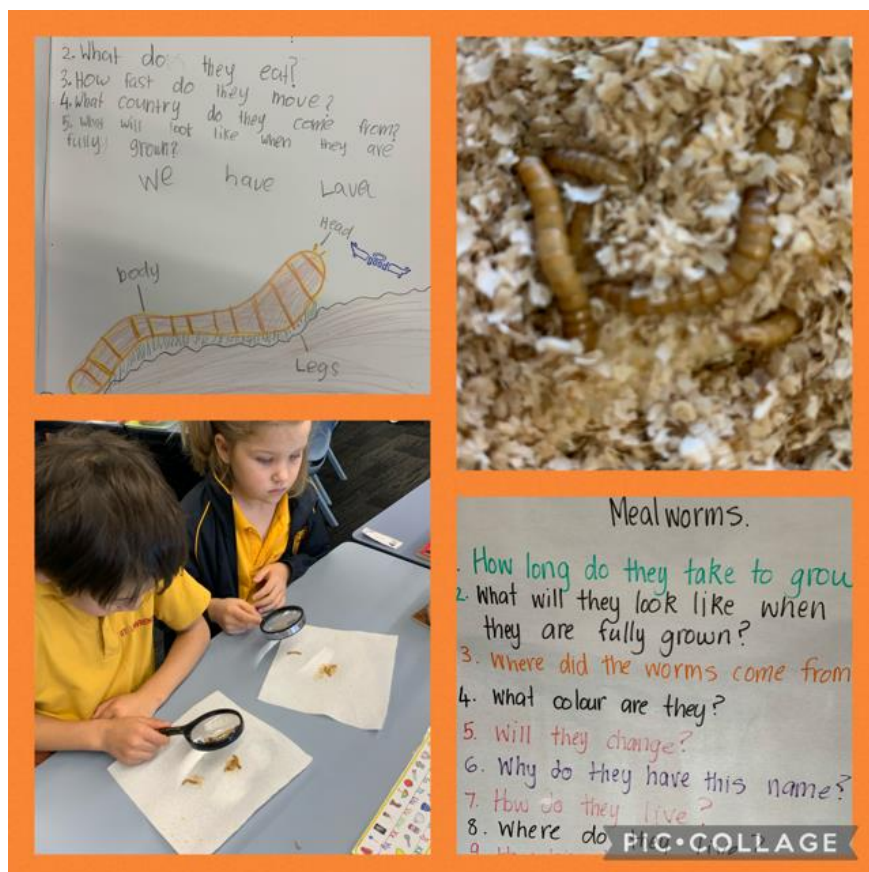
## YEAR TWO

It's 'Mealworm Mania' in Year Two! We have mealworm pets in our class so we can explore their growth and change.

Our mealworms are giving us hands-on experiences of the life stages of an invertebrate animal through investigation.

We have asked ourselves what we want to discover, by making observations and keeping records in our journals.

We are drawing pictures, taking photos, measuring the mealworm's size as it grows.... Let's hope they don't escape!



*Mrs Paula Christensen, Year Two Teacher*

## YEAR THREE

Welcome back to the start of Semester 2! We have a very busy term ahead and I look forward to my time in the classroom teaching all your wonderful children.

This term in Measurement and Geometry we will be investigating the properties of 3D shapes. In Statistics and Probability, the children will be creating and interpreting simple grid maps and collecting, interpreting, organising and comparing data. In Science we are focusing on the Physical Sciences strand and in HASS Civics and Citizenship. In Health this semester the students will be commencing the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to assist us on our excursion to the Telethon Kids Institute next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Our parent helpers have now been notified. Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the term should any issues arise.

*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year Three Teacher (Wednesday)*

## YEAR FOUR

Welcome back to Term 3! I look forward to teaching your amazing children this term.

This term in Science we are focusing on the Physical Sciences strand. In Health this semester the students will be commencing the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to assist us on our excursion to the Telethon Kids Institute next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Our parent helpers have now been notified. Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the term should any issues arise.

*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year Four Teacher (Thursday)*

# LIBRARY NEWS

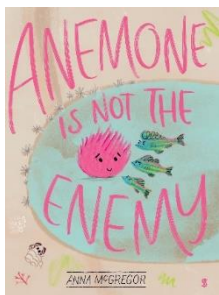
## BOOK WEEK

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. During Week 6 of this term, we will be celebrating Australian Children's Book Week. This special week began 75 years ago, to recognise the wonderful talents of Australian children's authors and illustrators.



This year, the theme of Book Week is “Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds”

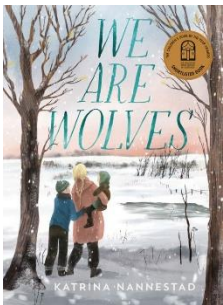
Over the next few weeks, I will feature some of the books that are part of the shortlist for the 2021 awards that we have as part of our library collection.



### **Anemone is not the Enemy by Anna McGregor** **Shortlisted in the Early Childhood category**

Anemone lives alone in the rock pool. The tide comes in and the tide goes out. All Anemone wants is a friend, but friends are hard to make when you accidentally sting everyone who comes near you. Perhaps Clownfish has a solution to the problem...

A funny tale of mishap, misunderstanding, and the search for true friendship in an ocean rock pool.



### **We are wolves by Katrina Nannestad** **Shortlisted in the Younger Readers category (Years 4-6)**

When the Russian Army marches into East Prussia at the end of the war, the Wolf family must flee. Liesl, Otto and their baby sister Mia find themselves lost and alone, in a blizzard, in the middle of a war zone. Liesl has promised Mama that she will keep her brother and sister safe.

Set at the end of World War II, Liesl works hard to keep her family together – a wonderful Historical Fiction book to read.



### **Year 5 find 'gold'**

This term, Year 5 will be learning about the gold rushes in Australia. To give them a better understanding of the challenges faced by miners, they were given the opportunity to pan for gold, dry sift for gold nuggets, play a matching game, and look at some rock samples.



*Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian*



## P&F NEWS

### ST LAWRENCE FEASTDAY – Friday 6 August 2021

The P&F will be providing lunch for the students on **Friday 6 August**. We are offering an option of the following;

- Sausage roll
- Pie
- Spinach & ricotta sausage roll

Alternatively, parents are welcome to pack their own lunch for their child.

An formation letter and reply slip has been distributed today. For catering purposes, please fill out the form supplied **and return by Friday 30 July**.

Thank you for your support and we look to a wonderful St Lawrence Feast Day.

*2021 P&F Executive*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### RUNNING CLUB

I am not on the school site due to a professional learning day on Thursday. As a result of the forecast for windy wet weather, I will cancel running club for Thursday morning this week.

**Congratulations** to all students who put in a fantastic effort during our cross country carnival last week. I was so proud of the effort that all students put into this event. Every single Year 2 -6 child in school on that day completed their course and gained points for their faction. What an achievement!

Well done to Gold faction, the first year that they have won the trophy in Cross Country. Children who placed in the top four please take every opportunity that you can to get out and practice running the distance in preparation for the inter school event on Friday 13th August.

Well done to all

Please ensure that you have returned your letter about after school soccer coaching by Friday to allow organisation of these sessions to take place.

*Thank you, Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher*

# CANTEEN NEWS

## Term 3 Roster - Canteen Help

Week 2 - year 2 (Friday Feast Day)

Week 3 - year 1

Week 4 - year 6

Week 5 - year 5

Week 6 - year 4

Week 7 - year 3

Week 8 - year 2

Week 9 - year 1 (Sports Carnival - Friday the more help the merrier!)

Week 10 - year 6 (Friday last day of term - 3 helpers needed please)

A reminder for Thursday- Hot dogs are no longer on the menu. Added to the menu are - Arancini – Plain Cheese or Meat and Cheese, plus 2 pieces garlic Bread \$4.50. The canteen has a few Chicken Fried rice left \$3 each for this week only.



Each Membership sold between 1 July and 30 September will put your school in the draw to win a \$1,000 Rebel or JB Hi-Fi eGift voucher!!



This prize will be given to one lucky Perth school!

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/861i18>

*2021 Canteen Staff*

# ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti! Hello everyone! Bentornati a scuola! Welcome back to school! While students in Italy are enjoying their summer school holidays, we are enjoying a return to our school routine for Term 3.

Friday July 30 at Assembly I will present certificates to the successful students who were selected to participate in the **Italian Festival 2021 Primary School Students' Competition organised by the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc.**

Buon divertimento e Buon Lavoro a tutti! Enjoy yourself and enjoy your work everyone! I look forward to students learning the Italian theme for their relevant year level.

Remember let us continue to use new Italian words and phrases at every appropriate opportunity.

Buona giornata a tutti ! Have a good day everyone!

*Signora Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher*





## **St Lawrence Feast Day 2021**

The P&F in conjunction with the Canteen, are providing lunch for the students on Friday 6 August to celebrate St Lawrence Feast Day.

In the past we have had hamburgers to celebrate the occasion. Due to the uncertainty with the current pandemic, we have changed the menu to Pies and Sausage Rolls. This allows to mitigate waste as best we can. We appreciate that this may be disappointing for some and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Parents are asked to please complete the form below and return to the school by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July for catering purposes.

Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful day.

*Christina Russo & Adele Cirillo*

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### **St Lawrence Feast Day – Lunch Selection**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick one of the following options:

- ☐ Mrs Macs Lite n Up Cruiser Pie
- ☐ Mrs Macs Lite n Up Sausage Roll
- ☐ Mrs Macs Spinach & Ricotta Sausage Roll
- ☐ Opt-out (please note you will need to pack your child lunch this day!)

**\*\*Note: Tomato Sauce will also be supplied\*\***