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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/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 4 and the race to the finish line for the 2022 academic year. How fast the year seems to have passed. This year has been rewarding, despite some of the challenges we have encountered along the way. It has been great having the children back at school this week with renewed energy and enthusiasm and eager to get back to their learning. I trust you had time to relax with your children during the break. I thank you for the encouragement and support you give your children to enable them to be the confident and resilient boys and girls we see each day; it is always a joy to observe each child's growth in Term 4. As we move towards the end of the year let us work hard together to ensure the children end this year on a positive and memorable note.

Term Four is always an exciting term and one full of many events and obligations. This term promises to be a busy one as we consolidate whilst continuing to extend our students' learning. We have placed a great deal of emphasis on continuous improvement and raising academic standards throughout the course of this year. Much of this has involved working on our school improvement goals with all staff and looking at ways to utilise student feedback. Staff and students have engaged with this process wholeheartedly.

Equally, our language around student expectations has been a focus. High expectations are the foundations of a successful learning culture. While every student is at a different point on their learning journey and possesses a unique set of gifts, every student can strive to be the best that they can be. Success is not always measured by the number of 'A's' on a report card, but more by whether students are progressing and moving forward in their learning. This takes self-discipline, organisation and resilience.

It needs to be a team effort with teachers and students striving for personal excellence and parents supporting their children in their learning. Our aspiration continues to make a very good school a great school. Our School Improvement Goals will continue to ensure that St Lawrence is always striving for excellence in teaching and learning.

Professional Learning Day

On Monday 10 October the staff at St Lawrence participated in a Professional Learning Day facilitated by the Catholic Institute of Western Australia. The day focused on unpacking scripture and different story telling techniques that can be used in classrooms to engage children when teaching Religious Education.



Part of this day focused on Parables. Parables are simple stories used in the New Testament to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson using similes, metaphors and vivid imagery. Parables often invite their audience to reflect on their behaviour by illustrating a moral or spiritual lesson. One of the parables used on our Professional Learning Day was the Parable of the Sower. In the Gospel of Matthew this Parable was addressed by Jesus to a huge crowd which had gathered to hear Him:

"On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

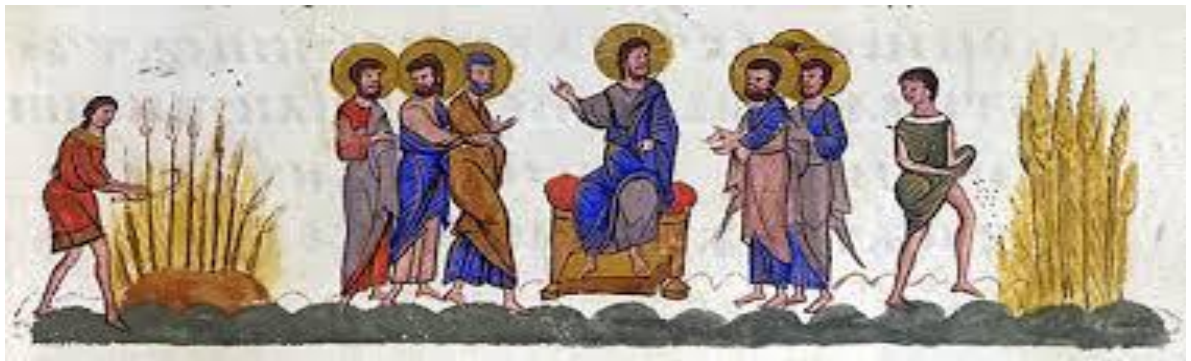
"A sower went out to sow. And, as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matt. 13: 1-9)

Jesus explains this parable to his disciples: *"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart."*

"The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away."

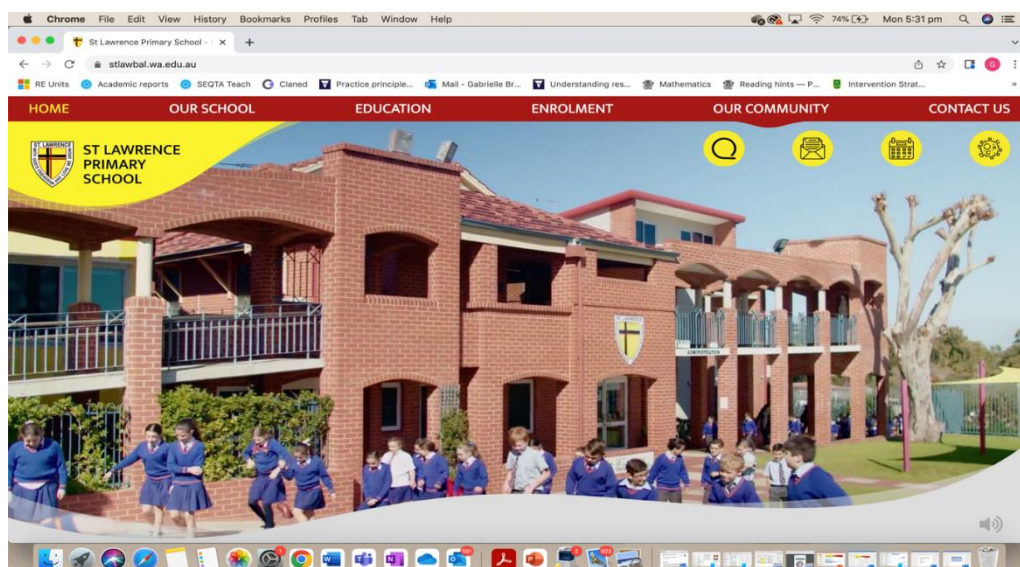
"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." (Matt. 13: 1-23)

We are both the soil and the seed. The Living Word has been sown within us, so we must cultivate the ground of our hearts to reflect His Image and Likeness more fully. We are called to grow in holiness and progressively reflect the risen life of Jesus Christ to the world it begins with one person, one grain, one seed, at a time.



Term Planner

Please ensure you check the term planner and mark dates for any events pending that your families will be required to attend. For example, Graduation, Interschool Sports Carnival and Christmas Nativities. Term dates can be located on the St Lawrence Primary School Website on the home page. Once the dates are finalised, they will be posted to the school's website. Parents and guardians are encouraged to check term dates regularly as all events are subject to change.



Pick up Procedures

Last term we had an increasing number of parents not following the correct procedures for drop off and pick up. Please be mindful not to park on the Junior Oval directly opposite the church at pick up time. The children sit in this area and wait to be picked up and cannot do so safely if there are cars parked in this area. Please also refrain from parking on the school carpark or Junior Oval and calling your children over to your car. Once again, this is a safety concern as children must walk through moving vehicles to get to their car. If you are parking on the oval or carpark parents must walk to collect their child. Children will not be allowed to walk to their car unaccompanied. Child safety is always of paramount importance.



School Uniform

Students are expected to wear the summer uniform in Term 4. We allow a two-week period of grace between the summer and winter uniform but expect all children to be in the correct uniform by the beginning of week 3. Please check the St Lawrence school website for uniform requirements and opening times for our uniform shop. Thank you to all families who ensure our students are well-presented and groomed. High standards in presentation are expected and help build our students' school pride. Please ensure that all uniform items have your child's name clearly marked on them.

Sun Smart

As the warm weather approaches students will need to ensure that they bring a water bottle to school each day and use the water fountains to replenish throughout the day. Water is an essential nutrient for life, needed for many processes in the body. The body constantly loses water through the skin and lungs. Active children may become dehydrated more easily than adults, so it is important to replace fluids regularly throughout the school day. Having a water bottle at school allows the students to access it during class and stay hydrated. We also advise students to apply sunscreen in the mornings before they come to school and require all students to wear their School Hat when they are outside, to protect them from the hot Australian sun. The school policy is NO HAT, NO PLAY. Please ensure your child has their school hat with them every day, so that they can play happily and stay protected.

Medical Plans

We place a high importance on the health and safety of our students by ensuring medical plans are updated annually. If your child's medical needs change or their plan needs amending, please contact the school office. All staff receive training in Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid which is reviewed regularly.

Students not returning to St Lawrence 2023

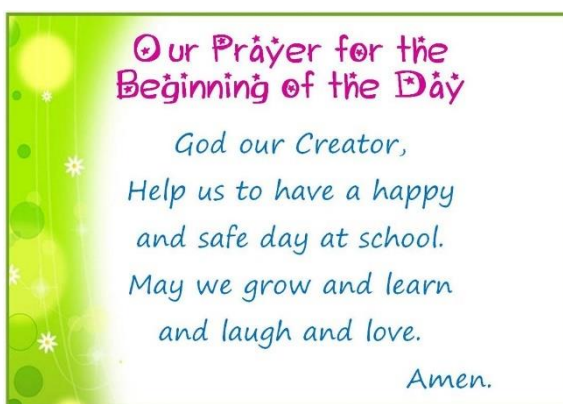
A reminder to any of our families/students who may not be returning to St Lawrence in 2023 (not including Year 6 Graduates). It would be very much appreciated if you would advise the office at your very earliest convenience to accommodate families on the waiting list.

School Fees

Term 3 fees were due by the 30 September, thank you to all families who are on track with their payments. All fees must be paid in full by the 30 November. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues with the payment of fees or meeting this deadline.

Gods blessings be with you all.

Mrs Gabrielle Brennen
Short Term Principal



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Tuesday 1 November	9am Whole School Mass 'All Saints Day'
Thursday 3 November	PP-Year 6 - P&F Fun Run and Outdoor Classroom Day
Friday 4 November	P&F Kindy Fun Run
Tuesday 22 November	7pm AGM – School Advisory Council & P&F
Friday 2 December	School Disco
Thursday 8 December	6pm Whole School Christmas Nativity & Presentations
Friday 9 December	End of Term Four

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

ASSEMBLY

There will be an Assembly on Friday 21 October at 8:45am. Merit awards will be handed out during this assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

ROSARY

Each Friday after lunch through October, all students from Year One to Year Six say a decade of the Rosary in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Year 6 class will lead us in the Rosary this Friday,

ROSARY FOR PEACE

On Tuesday 18 October at 2pm the whole school will be joining thousands of other children around the world to pray the Rosary for Peace. Parents are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Our Year Six students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 29th October at 4pm. Please keep the candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers during this special time. Year 6 Parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Parent Meeting tomorrow at 7.00pm in the School Hall.

Events	Dates
Confirmation Retreat Day (Students Only)	Wednesday 19th October
Reconciliation (Students Only)	Thursday 20th October 11am
Confirmation	Saturday 29th October 4pm

YEAR TWO DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PARENT MEETING

Recently Apple have identified some non-compliance with their licensing agreements across the education systems in general. This will impact how we use Apple devices. Previously we followed a “Bring Your Own Device”, (BYOD Programme). This will no longer be compliant with Apple’s licensing agreements. Apple are not going to apply a retrospective action, however moving forward we must change our device roll out procedures.

From 2023 the roll out will be a leasing agreement, this ensures that the licensing agreements are fulfilled in accordance with Apple’s requirements. The school will organise to supply each child with a device to support their learning platform. These devices will be leased over a two-year period and charged accordingly, more information to follow once finalised. As with all items on the booklist the school identifies the tools and resources that provide the best platform for enhanced learning experiences.

The devices will be leased by parents for a two-year period and then updated. The school will organise the leasing arrangements, this will minimise the cost paid by families. Personally owned devices are to be phased out as the current Years Three, Four, and Fives move up the year levels. Commencing 2023 the new devices must be leased, so the current Year Two class will commence this process as the old model is phased out. More information will be presented at the Digital Technology Parent meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 19th October at 5.30pm**. It is encouraged that at least one parent from each Year 2 family attend this meeting.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principal

ITALIAN NEWS



Bentornati a tutti, Wishing everyone a productive Term 4.

New words to remember:

Benvenuti! = Welcome!

Bentornati! = Welcome back!

Buon divertimento! = Wishing you fun!

Buon lavoro! = happy working/have a good day at work/school!

Ciao! = Hi /Bye!

Evviva l'Italiano! = Long live/ hooray for Italian!

Evviva la scuola! = Long live/ hooray for school!

We had fun this week in Italian classes. Buon divertimento a tutti for this term! Buon lavoro!



God Bless everyone!
Signora Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher

P&F NEWS



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Many thanks to the wonderful people who gave up their precious weekend time last Saturday. Your help was greatly appreciated in raising funds for the benefit of our students.

P&F Meeting Tuesday 18 October at 2pm. Calendar of P&F events will be discussed at this meeting. Hoping to see many attend.

Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President 2022

CANTEEN NEWS

WELCOME back to Term Four.

- Canteen days stay the same - Wednesday Thursday and Friday.
- Please remember price increases from last term - Drinks are all \$2.50 except juice \$2 and water \$1.
Froyo is now \$2.50
- Keep an eye out for midterm special coming soon.
- Swimming will commence in weeks 7 and 8. There will be a reduced menu to accommodate staggered lunch times.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If anyone would like to help this term please message me - 0408834774, if you are available Thursday between 9-11am, that would be awesome!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

A reminder that we are still selling Entertainment Memberships- please follow the below link

Support us now! <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/861i18>

Mrs Christina Russo and Canteen Staff

