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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 and Friends



*Dei gratia Regina
Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon Her.
May Her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

LOSING WELL

Children enjoy competing in contests like sporting events and sometimes there is a prize they really want to win. However, not everybody can win at once, and it can be very upsetting to a child when the inevitable time comes that they aren't the winner. Although it may seem impossible, there are ways to make them feel better about it.

Congratulate your child for competing in the first place. Tell them that you're impressed at how well they tried.

Encourage them to congratulate the winner. Remind them that whoever won is as happy about it as they would have been.

Reward them in some other way like taking them out for an ice cream, or letting them pick the nights meal. While you don't want to spoil them, rewarding them for competing can be an effective way to show them that you still think they're a winner for having a go.

Things to avoid

Don't trivialise the situation by saying something like "it's just a game". That might help put things in perspective but it doesn't help bruised feelings.

Don't punish your child for being upset or accuse them of being a poor loser. Children just want to do well at everything they do. Let them work through their feelings and get over it.

Don't lose sight of the fact that it's not bad to lose. Losing teaches many valuable lessons. Everyone can't be a winner every time and children need to learn this. Helping them through a defeat will help them face the next challenge with confidence that they can cope with the outcome.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

This Friday our Sports Carnival will be held with the focus on participation and enjoyment of all students. The carnival is deliberately designed to have running events and team games occurring concurrently to ensure maximum engagement of all students. It is a great day for families and friends to come together and celebrate community and watch our wonderful students enjoy participating in the many and varied events.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

As part of the Principal Contract, principals acquire System Leaders Renewal Leave. Previously to the COVID Pandemic I was granted this leave however COVID put a hold on that. Now that travel bans have been lifted, I must re-engage with this leave. Accordingly, I will be away from the position of St Lawrence Principal from 2 October to 19 October. During this period of time Mrs Brennan has been appointed the Short-Term Principal.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

Students not returning to St Lawrence in 2023

We are nearing finalising enrolments for 2023. If you know of anyone looking for places at St Lawrence our school is close to capacity. If you are looking at not returning to St Lawrence in 2023 please inform the office immediately so we can offer the placement to other families who are seeking positions at St Lawrence. Thank you for your support of our school.

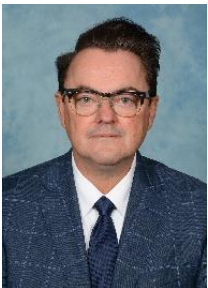
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 22 September 2022 will be a public holiday for a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen. School will be closed on this day.

I leave you the words of Mr Emerson....so pertinent today as they ever were.

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.
Ralph Waldo Emerson US essayist & poet (1803 - 1882)

God bless each and every one of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



*Kindy students
at play in our sandpit!*



PASTORAL CARE



*We pray for all the children in our community.
Children are the hope of the world.
Loving them as they grow sets a
Foundation of the Loving World.*



HOME LEARNING TIP

FAMILY Time

Some ideas to bring the family together.

- Say Grace before (and after) meals with members of your family and dinner guests. Here is a traditional one you could use for before meals.
*“Bless us O Lord, and these your gifts,
which of your goodness we are about to receive,
through Christ, Our Lord. Amen”*
- Phone a family member. Make a phone call to a family member you haven’t spoken to for some time.
- Research your family tree. Open up a conversation with some of your family members to find out the history of your family.

LEARNING at Home

Using playing cards

- Play matching number games with playing cards.
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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

NAPLAN RESULTS

Parents who have children in either Years 3 or 5 will receive their child's NAPLAN results this week. NAPLAN tests are national tests to track the progress of Year 3 and 5 students. These assessments are a snapshot of how your child has performed on a particular day. NAPLAN data is used to track students' growth from Year 3 to 5, examine trends to inform professional learning for our staff, examine researched based practices which impact student learning and informs our School Improvement Plans.

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and their positive attitudes when undertaking the assessments.

CODE OF CONDUCT

CEWA Ltd policies are available on our school website in the Procedures and Guidelines section in the Our School Tab at the top of the home page. We have also uploaded some of our school Guidelines and Procedures in the same location, this includes our school Code of Conduct. Our Code of Conduct defines behaviours that keep our students safe at school, and elsewhere. It communicates a set of minimum standards and obligations to ensure that students are at the centre of our school and community decisions and operations. Children and young people supported by adult and peer behaviours, as outlined in the Code, are more likely to recognise and choose healthy relationships for themselves. For staff, the Code of Conduct is a lawful direction and for community members, compliance is a condition of school entry. We are fortunate at St Lawrence that all members of our school advocate for healthy, supportive relationships where we collaborate for the benefit of our students.

CONFIRMATION

Our Year Six students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 29 October at 4.00pm**. The Confirmation parent meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th October at 7pm** (only parents/caregivers are required to attend this meeting). The **Confirmation family workshops are scheduled for Thursday 15th September at 5.30pm or 7pm in the school hall**. Parents and their child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend one of these workshops. Please keep the candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers during this special time.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

We are all looking forward to a wonderful day at our Sports Carnival on Friday. A reminder that children need to wear their faction shirts, school hats and shorts or skorts. Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen and bring along your cheers and pom poms to support your child's team.

Student Free Days

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 September are student free days.

End of Term Three

Wednesday 21 September

Term Four Commences

Tuesday 11 October

Monday 10 October – **Student Free Day**

Remembering Queen Elizabeth

1926-2022

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



Merit Award Winners 9 September 2022



*Lawry Bear
Award Winner*

PARISH NEWS

Father Emil's 60th Birthday Celebration

- Sunday 25th September
- Multicultural Mass at 9.30 commemorating the Feast of St's Cosmas and Damian followed by a procession
- Light Lunch around 11am - welcome to bring a plate from your home country followed by Birthday cake and tea/coffee
- Everyone is welcome

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school in Term 4, in their full summer uniform. The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays and re-opens Wednesday 12th October. Uniforms can be purchased directly from the Uniform Shop. Please contact me if you are not able to come in to purchase uniform before end of term. on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au to arrange uniform order for collection. Orders forms are available from the school office and school website.

KINDY STUDENTS 2022

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Pre-primary 2023. Details will be sent by email in late October to all Kindy families with all uniform requirements.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2022

Pre-primary families have been sent an email on Wednesday 31st August, regarding uniform requirements for students commencing Year 1, 2023. Please place your uniform orders by 26th October. For any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au or come into the Uniform Shop to arrange sizes for your child. Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection by mid November.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Clearance sale of winter second hand clothing are available until the end of Term 3. \$5.00 will be deducted off each item purchased.

*Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

P&F NEWS

MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday 2nd October - 12.45pm
Grand Cinemas Warwick
Flyer & ticket purchase information has been sent to all families through your class representative. For further information please contact Natasha Raso

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Saturday 8 October, Bunnings Balcatta.
Parents, we are still in need of volunteers for the afternoon shift. please contact Natasha on 0422 043 716

*Mrs Natasha Raso,
P&F President 2022*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Sports Carnival Friday 16 September

The weather for Friday is looking good and the students have been practicing hard in lessons and at lunchtime. The students will march down at 8.40am and the races will begin around 9.00am. Students may spray their hair and wear zinc if they wish but please could this be done at home before coming to school. Do not bring spray cans in to school.

Students may wear alternate trainers to run in on this day provided they are appropriate. Students need to wear their faction t shirt and their shorts or skorts with their Schools the hat. If it is a chilly morning, it is a good idea to put their track suit pants over their shorts or skorts so they can then easily slip them off as it warms up and ready for their races.

It is also a good idea to put on sunscreen before school and then it can be reapplied as needed throughout the day. Please check that all items of clothing are well labelled.

Students will need to bring their recess with them and their lunch if they haven't pre-ordered through the canteen and a full labelled water bottle.

Parents will be able to take their children home after the presentations and at the conclusion of the carnival, but they must be signed out with their class teacher.

Please send an email to Mrs Major if you are able to assist with early morning set up at 7.00am or throughout the day with the running of the event. I thank you all in anticipation of your enthusiastic offers.

Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

Sports Carnival

- Please note if you have sent a message regarding lunch on Friday but have not sent the money, it needs to be in by tomorrow (Thursday) or your order will not be processed. Due to the sheer volume of orders, we cannot allow IOUs
- Bakesale, if you would like to donate your delicious homemade baked goods, please drop off to me on Friday. Note: we are a nut friendly school.
- Coffee Van will be on site. We will also have water and cool drinks for sale.
- If you have offered your help on Sports Carnival day could you please text me 0408834774 to arrange times, thank you!

Last date of term has now been moved to Wednesday 21 September. All pre-orders taken will be moved to this day. As Year 5 students will be at Zoo Camp, you may use the money for this week or the money can be sent home.

Kindy – As their last day of term is Wednesday 21st September, Kindy's are now able to order for this day. If anyone is available to help on this day, please get in touch with canteen.

Menu – Drinks and Froyos at the canteen are now \$2.50. Juices are \$2.
Sushi orders have closed – final order has been processed

Parents please note that a number of students are wanting to pay their purchases on another day. Therefore, as of next term this will not be allowed at any time, unless we have an arrangement with parents. Thank you for your understanding.

2022 Canteen Staff