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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

Traditionally the Church each month has a special devotional focus. May and October are thought of as Marian months, where we spend extra time in prayer and strengthening our relationship with Jesus through Our Lady. We are blessed in many ways here at St Lawrence. One such blessing is the Church bell that chimes daily at 12:00 noon. This bell reminds us all to stop and ponder the love and devotion Mary had towards her most cherished Son, Jesus. This is a great opportunity for us all to spend a few moments in prayer, to stop, retreat from the hustle and bustle of the world and be at peace. The bell historically was a sign to say the Angelus, in fact the bell is often called "The Angelus Bell". A call to prayer and accordingly a call to spread goodwill to everyone. One of our most beloved and often recited devotional prayers is the Hail Mary.

I took a photograph of two of our Year 2 students who were on their way to the library. They had stopped to pray when they heard the Church bells ring at 12.00 noon.





The Hail Mary is the most familiar of all the prayers used by the Catholic Church in honour of our Blessed Lady. When we think of Mary, it would be easy to think of her as some divine being that was able to become perfect through some mystical gift, however, it is in understanding her as a human being with human limitations, that we truly recognise the power of her belief and faith in God. It is in her faith that she is blessed and holy and through such faith and humility, she became the perfect instrument of God's will and was the obedient and willing servant of God. Paintings of Mary often show her in blue. Blue was historically perceived to be a colour which was sacred and mystical as it was not a naturally occurring colour and was hard to get hold of. It was around the 5th Century that blue became the colour for Our Lady and has remained so ever since.

One million Children Praying the Rosary

Aid to the Church in Need invited us all to join the prayer campaign; One Million Children Praying the Rosary. Families, parishes, catechists and teachers were invited to pray together with children for peace and unity in the world. Our school took part in this wonderful initiative on Tuesday at the Church. All our children and teachers at the school joined together to say the rosary. Thank you to Mr Haydon for organising this special event and to our wonderful Year 6 leaders for leading the school in prayer. To learn more about this initiative please visit www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children.



CONFIRMATION

Today our Year 6 students participated in a Confirmation workshop to prepare them for this important Sacrament that they will receive on Saturday 29 October. The day was led by 24:7 Ministry. Please keep all our Year 6 students in your prayers during this special time.

Vision for Learning

A vision for learning enables schools to create a unified set of values and beliefs about education. This vision then drives actions that help to foster a high-calibre and high-performing learning culture for students and staff. Last year the staff at St Lawrence spent considerable time writing a Vision for Learning statement.

St Lawrence Vision for Learning Statement

Our vision is that St Lawrence is an outstanding, Christ Centered school where staff and students, **reflect, innovate, collaborate, have a passion for learning and feel safe to take risks.** Unified approaches to pedagogical practice are **engaging** and lead to improved outcomes for **all** students.

With student needs and Christ at the centre, our Vision for Learning statement clearly articulates six learner attributes that will help the staff at St Lawrence to focus their pedagogical knowledge and experience, to ensure that in addition to the development of strong academic skills the following key learner attributes will be promoted. We will work with our Student Leaders to promote two of the learning attributes each term.

R	I	S	E	U	P
REFLECT	INNOVATE	SAFE TO TAKE RISKS	ENGAGE	UNITY	PASSION

In order to make it easier for the children to understand each learner attribute the staff identified key behaviours using child friendly language. The final step will be to work with our student leaders and children across different year levels to discuss ways to introduce and promote our Vision for Learning and Learner Attributes next year. We are also in the final stages of writing a school song that will include our Core Values: Joy, Courage and Unity and our RISEUP acronym. The school song will be shared with parents once finalised. Thank you to Mrs Stephanie Freeman for all her hard work in coordinating the writing of our school song. We are looking forward to teaching the song to the students next year.

REFLECT	<p><i>I reflect if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to be the best I can be • Learn from mistakes • Set goals for improvement
INNOVATE	<p><i>I innovate if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn by doing • Problem solve • Think and ask questions
SAFE TO TAKE RISKS	<p><i>I am a risk taker if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a growth mindset • Keep trying • Step out of my comfort zone
ENGAGE	<p><i>I engage if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen • Participate • Contribute
UNITY	<p><i>I am unified if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in harmony • Encourage • Show respect
PASSION	<p><i>I am passionate if I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Am Eager to learn • Spark joy in myself and others • Am Motivated

TERM FOUR PLANNER

The Term Four Planner is available to view on the school website. Please take the time to diarise the dates applicable for your children. As calendar dates can be subject to change, please always confirm events by checking our online calendar.

www.stlawbal.wa.edu.au/community/calendar

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our school 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. For staff, the Code of conduct is a lawful direction and for community members, compliance is a condition of school entry.

This year a student code of conduct has been written with the assistance of some of our students. The student code of conduct will be on display in all our classrooms and around the school in 2023. We are blessed at St Lawrence that all members of our school advocate for healthy, supportive relationships where we collaborate for the benefit of all students.

*God gives the Church the task of being, "the Hope of the World."
In the Scriptures, we see God give many tasks to many people.*

As we work together in the final term for the year, I wish everyone the strength and determination to help each other, to achieve the hope, for all those within our school community.

God bless each and every one of you.

Mrs Gabrielle Brennan
Short Term Principal

**Our Year 3s enjoyed a visit from the Osborne Park firefighters
who taught us all about fire safety in the home.**



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. All are welcome to attend.

EARLY YEARS INFORMATION

On **Tuesday 25th October** there will be an information evening for **2023 Pre Kindy and Kindy** parents at 6.00pm in the classrooms. Please ensure that at least one family member attends this important information session.

Pre-**Kindy** orientation morning will be on **Thursday 27th October** from 9.30 and Kindy Orientation is on **Friday 28th October**.

YEAR 2 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PARENT MEETING

Just a reminder that the Year 2 Digital Technology Parent meeting is today **at 5.30pm in the School Hall**. It is encouraged that at least one parent from each family attend.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

On Friday 28 October at 10am the Year 6 students will be having their Graduation photo taken. The Year 6 will need to be in full summer uniform with their graduation jacket.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check that your child's clothing is clearly labelled and can be identified if lost. There is an assortment of items in Lost Property and most items are unnamed and therefore cannot be returned to their owners.

LATE ARRIVAL

We have concerns that an increasing number of students are arriving late for school on a regular basis. This is a situation that can have a negative effect on the education of not only those students who are late, but also the other students in the class. It is expected that your child/children to be in classrooms at 8.30am so that lessons can commence promptly at 8.40am. Both learning and wellbeing start with attendance. It is important for all students to be at school on time, every day. A student who is half an hour late each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year.

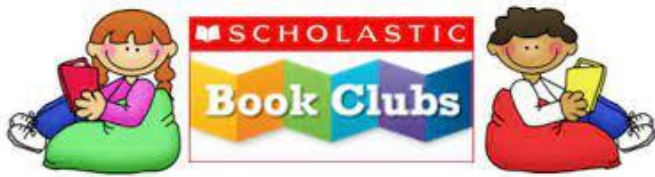


YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Year Six students enjoyed an interesting and meaningful day run by the 24/7 Youth Ministry, engaging in various activities and discussions.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been sent home this week. **All orders are due back Tuesday 25th October.** Please ensure that you include your child's name and a contact on the order form. Please order from in an envelope

marked with their name and year level by this date or alternatively order online via the LOOP system. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept late orders. Scholastic have guaranteed that all orders will be received before school breaks up for the year. Please note that this will be our last order for the year.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

It has been a few years since we have been able to host our second hand book sale due to Covid 19 restrictions. We are happy to announce that it is finally back!

The library will be holding a second hand book sale in **week 3 on 25th & 26th October.**

Discarded library books will be for sale before school, at lunchtimes and after school on both the Tuesday and Wednesday. There will also be a small selection of old musical instruments for sale. Books will cost 20 cents each and musical instruments will cost \$1 each. Given that there is such a small amount of instruments on offer, students will be limited to one instrument per child whilst stock last.

There will be a selection of picture books, novels, graphic novels, non-fiction books and magazines available for purchase. Please send students in preferably with coin or \$5 notes at largest, as we may not be able to break larger notes.



All items are sold as is. Funds from the sale of these items will be donated to Caritas.
SO COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN!

Mrs Louise Frenzel, Library Officer

FATHERING PROJECT

CAMP 2023 – Moore River – Fri 17th and Sat 18th March

Deposit: \$50 required by FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

Deposit to secure lots are required ASAP. If you are interested in attending please contact Marcello on 0417514224. You will be added to the WhatsApp group message, for you to receive up to date camp information.

Previous camps have been enjoyable and a wonderful success, especially for new families. This is a great opportunity for earlier years to join and make new friends.

Any queries, please contact : Marcello Murabito, Camp Co-ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

KINDY STUDENTS 2022

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Pre-primary 2023. An email was sent ON 12th October to all Kindy families with details and uniform requirements. Please place your uniform orders by 11 November. Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection by late November.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2022

A compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Year One 2023. Please place your uniform orders by 26 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.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

Birthday Orders

- We are still doing birthday orders for your child's birthday to celebrate with their class
Cupcakes or M & M Cookies \$20
Brownies or Icy Poles \$15
Please give at least one day notice (2 days for icy poles)
- **Help Needed** If you can help on a Thursday this term please let me know, even if for an hour! Your help is always appreciated.

Mrs Christina Russo and Canteen Staff

P&F NEWS



The St Lawrence Primary School 2022 Fun Run will be held on
Thursday 3 November
Kindy will be held on **Friday 4 November**

Forms will be distributed to families early next week.

Forms, along with the money raised, needs to be returned to school
before the day of the Fun Run

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUIET RETREATS

A Quiet Retreat Experience – a day

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 Commencing 9.30 am

This quiet day will explore more fully the gift of our experience and what it might mean for the spiritual journey.

Facilitator- Mr John Coleman

St Catherine's House of Hospitality

113 Tyler St Tuart Hill

Ph - 9443 9020

Email – stcatherines@westnet.com.au

Morning tea and lunch provided \$35.00

A Quiet Retreat Experience – a weekend

Friday evening 11th – Sunday afternoon 13th Nov 2022 – Commencing with dinner 6.00 pm Friday

Theme: 'Opening to the Spirit within'

This will be a quiet retreat, as we explore more fully the gift of our experience and the spiritual journey.

Facilitator- Mr John Coleman *MA (Theol), B.Theol, B Psych, Dip T, Dip Spiritual Direction]*

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Meals provided Residential - \$220.00 Non Residential \$160.00