



## Newsletter No. 27

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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.

### *Birth of Mary*

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men.

In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature.



*We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.*

## **Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders**

I'm often asked what one thing empowers great learning. It's a question with no one answer unfortunately. Many factors influence learning. Research supports that the number one influence on a child's success is not actually the school but the family. A child's family life is pivotal, this includes such factors as: the children's diets, hours of sleep children have, levels of physical activity, to name a few. A hungry child simply will not learn as well as a fed child, a tired child not as well as a rested child...it all makes sense.

Then there are the school factors, school resources, leadership focus, evidence-based learning approaches, teacher formation and professional development, pedagogical practices, parent involvement in the school, communications, all these and many more factors contribute to success at school.

As for what makes the master teacher, much of it comes down to relationships. How well does the teacher know the child, their likes and dislikes, their family life and history, their interests and motivations? The master teacher builds on all of these factors and empowers excellent learning opportunities.

Our teachers at St Lawrence are exceptional practitioners, they are highly qualified, continuously update their professional practice and most importantly are enthusiastic and dedicated to our children. I have worked in many schools over my career, large double stream schools, single stream schools, remote schools, and inner-city schools. Never have I had the privilege of working with such an outstanding staff. We are blessed to have such a high-quality team delivering an outstanding education opportunity for our children. I thank them all and ask God to bless and protect them always.

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

A reminder that all Catholic Schools operate under a Code of Conduct. The document can be accessed using the QR Codes located strategically around the school.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of students.

### **Application**

The Code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents and guardians as applicable. The term 'parents' includes guardians.

### **Introduction**

You acknowledge the inherent vulnerability of the students in your care.

You recognise that the safety and well-being of students depends upon your vigilance and diligence and the vigilance and diligence of all adults.

The Code does not give you detailed professional advice on specific behaviour. Rather, it describes the minimum requirements expected of you.

The Guidelines are illustrative and not an exhaustive list of the behaviours covered by the Code.

If your behaviour varies from the standards described in this Code and Guidelines, you should be prepared to explain and justify your decisions and actions.

While mandatory language such as 'must', 'shall' and 'will' is not used throughout the Code, there is a presumption the conduct described is mandatory and therefore not discretionary.

The Principal expects you to conduct yourself personally and professionally in a way that maintains public trust and confidence in your school and the Church.

You have a responsibility to students and their family, other members of the school community and the wider community to provide and support safe and competent education and care of students.

You will do your best to support other members of the school community to comply with the Code.

In cases of conflict between parts of the Code, between the Code and other school policies, or in any decision making choices, you give priority to the outcome that will be in the best interests of the safety and well-being of the child.

## **Conduct Statements**

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

## **School Sports Carnival**

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. The Balcatta Soccer Club carpark on Albert Street, will be open on Friday morning for parents wishing to park their car.

## **P&F Quiz Night**

The P&F major fundraiser for the year is the Quiz Night to be held this Saturday 11 September from 6.30pm. I encourage families to attend and support our P&F, who have been working extremely hard to make the evening a great success. Tickets may be purchased from the school office.

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

### **Parish Celebration**

*Parish and School Community Picnic*

Date: Sunday            17 October 2021  
10.00am            60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Multicultural Mass  
11.30am            Family Picnic at Stirling Civic Gardens

*Let us come together as a parish school community for a family fun day!*

## Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

### Students not returning in 2022

Student positions at St Lawrence's are highly sought after in the community. If you are not returning to St Lawrence Primary School in 2022, please notify the office as soon as possible. This allows us the chance to offer positions to families on our wait lists.

God bless each and every one of you



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



## PASTORAL CARE

*Please keep in your prayers all those in our school community who may be lonely. Loneliness can affect so many people, the young, the old, married and single people alike. May we all find strength in Jesus to reach out and form new connections and friendships as we travel this journey of life.*



## Home Learning Tip

There is significant evidence that engaging in philosophical debate can have significant cognitive benefits for children, encouraging open-mindedness, rational thinking and developing the ability to articulate an argument. Here are a few questions you might like to discuss as a family to get you started:

- Can happiness exist without sadness?
- Why do we treat some animals better than others?
- Why is it so difficult to imagine a brand new colour that does not already exist?
- If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what would it be?
- Can a person 'think' themselves happy?

These deeper philosophical questions can lead to very meaningful conversations within our families and certainly provide opportunity for the family to come together and talk, spend time together and enjoying the blessing of family time.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

The First Holy Communion 'proofs' from the photographer– Franco Scioli – will be available for viewing in Week 10 from the school office. Order forms are also available from the school office for parents who would like to place an order.

## 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.

## PARKING – Sports Carnival

On Friday parents are asked to please park along Albert Street and to please be mindful of not parking on private driveways. Note that the Balcatta Soccer Club carpark on Albert Street, will be open on Friday morning for parents wishing to park their car. Due to a funeral in the parish also on Friday morning, parents are asked to please refrain from parking on the grassed area in front of the Church. Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support.

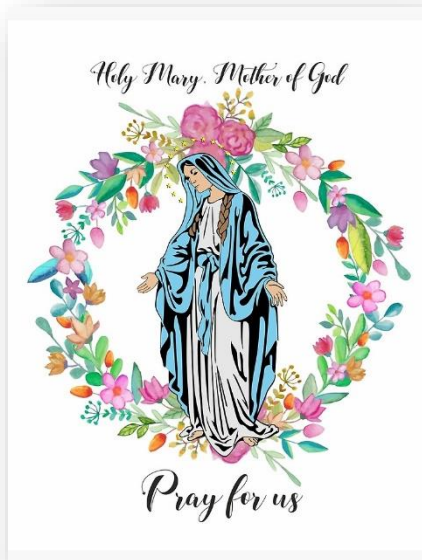
## NAPLAN

All students who participated in the NAPLAN tests will receive an individual report of their results next week. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The reports also provide information on how students have performed against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards.

## SWIMMING

Swimming lessons commence for students in Years 1 to Year 6 on Monday 25th October and will conclude on Friday 5th November. The swimming lessons will be conducted at Stirling Leisure Centre in Balga.

The Interschool Carnival is scheduled on Wednesday 3rd November. There will be no swimming lessons on this day. Extra time will be added to each lesson to make up for the missed lesson. Further Information regarding swimming lessons will be sent home at the end of term.



*Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan  
Assistant Principal*

# CLASS NEWS

## PRE KINDY

We hope all the dads enjoyed their special day on Father's Day and liked the gifts we made especially for them.

Tomorrow at Pre Kindy we will continue to practice our Gross Motor Skills. Over the past months we have been doing this regularly and we have seen the children make great progress – especially pedalling the bicycle. This is a very important skill, and we encourage you to let your child practice this at home if they have a tricycle.

Once again, we thank our parents for the great snacks and lunches that are sent in every week. It is pleasing to see that there is little paper or plastic packaging in the lunch boxes– which is a great way to help with reducing waste and supporting sustainability in our school. These actions can work towards protecting our world.

Please continue to share the Take Home Story Books with your child. Reading to children has such a positive impact on helping with the Literacy as we discussed at our meeting at the beginning of the term. I try to hear a few children each Thursday and I can see that they are very proud to share their book with me.

If you would like some reading for yourself, I remind you to check the following:

<https://www.firstfiveyears.org.au/>

and in particular -

<https://www.firstfiveyears.org.au/early-learning/tips-for-helping-children-learn-to-read>

The children continue to enjoy the great activities and toys for our Terrific Transport theme.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

## KINDERGARTEN

The last three weeks of term will be spent focusing on all things 'creepy crawly'. This week we used our Talk for Writing approach to create story maps to help us orally recount the events in the story The Hungry Caterpillar. We have created amazing caterpillar and butterfly artwork, investigated insects in the new dramatic play area and dug in the sand for insects in our sensory tray – so much fun!

A reminder next week the take home story books in the green bags are due to come back for changeover (this occurs during the odd weeks). I hope everyone is enjoying sharing the pillow with their child each night. If you can do just one thing to help your child to learn it is as easy as reading at least one book a day, I cannot stress this enough!

Our big focus at the moment is for the children to write their name with the correct letter formations. They still need lots of practice so please keep working on this at home. We are revising the sounds learnt this term to see if the children can tell us the letter sound and show the actions to: **s, a, t, p, i, n**. We have now moved onto learning the second sound group **m, r, c, e, h, d**.

This Friday is the school sports carnival, information about this has been sent out via Seesaw and our Kindy's are very excited! The Kindy children will participate in a running race. It is all for fun and just for participation! They will only be out for a short time from approximately 9:30am. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the fun. Have a wonderful week everyone!

*Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher*



## PRE PRIMARY

Wow- I can't believe Term Three is nearly over- this year is going very fast!

I hope all the dads/grandads had a wonderful Father's Day and enjoyed their special gifts children made for them!

This week, in Religion, we have been talking about families, how they can be different and how we can show love in our family. We have also discussed how we need to say sorry when we make the wrong choices and all about forgiveness.

During our Protective Behaviours discussions, we have identified five people we can go to if we are feeling unsafe. It would be great if you could discuss this with your child. I am sure they will be able to tell you who they chose!

In Maths, we are learning to tally and record information gathered on a graph. We discovered which pet would be most popular in our class!

The Pre Primary children will be participating all day in the sports carnival this Friday- they are very excited to be joining in this year.

Just a reminder that next Friday is Fairytale Day- the children can come to school dressed in their favourite fairy tale character. Have a lovely week!

*Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher*

## YEAR ONE

We enjoyed our excursion to the Perth Museum Boola Bardip last Tuesday.

The children were able to explore some of the real life artefacts associated with traditional Aboriginal storytelling, songs and art.

Thank you to all our parent helpers that came along to assist on the day.



In Geography we listened to the story Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo by Alison Lester and learnt about the 6 seasons on the Indigenous seasons calendar.

In Religion we continue to explore the different ways we grow, learn and change just as Jesus did. On Thursday we celebrated our class liturgy on "Families" it was lovely to have so many families join us on the day.

*Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher*

## YEAR TWO

### *Year Two surprise visit from Scitech!*

On Monday, the Year Two children were surprised by a visit from Scitech and were able to participate in a Robotics and Coding workshop.

We found out that as robots become a bigger part of our day-to-day lives, developing skills to use and code robots is becoming a necessity. This workshop inspired us with robotics to help build our foundation skills in coding, such as creating basic algorithms and debugging. Not only was it fun, but we were able to work collaboratively to complete a set of challenges, including, unplugged coding activities to manipulating Bee-Bot robots through a maze.



A quick reminder to any of our Year Two parents who have yet to book in a parent / teacher interview to follow the link and make a time for this.

*Mrs Paula Christensen, Year Two Teacher*



### **YEAR THREE**

We will be visiting Scitech on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The children will leave school at 9:30am and return to school by 1:30pm. The children will eat their lunch at school on their return. Please pack your child's recess in a plastic bag clearly labelled with their name, as we will transport this to the excursion for them.

A big thank you to the parents that volunteered to join us on the excursion. Due to the large number of parent helpers the children chose the names out of a container and all our parent helpers will be notified.

*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year Three Teacher*

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

Year 1 to Year 6 students return in full summer uniform next term. The last day the Uniform Shop opens this term is Thursday 23 September from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays and re-opens Wednesday 13th October, in Term 4. Uniforms may be purchased directly from the uniform shop.

Please contact me if you are not able to come in to purchase uniforms before the end of this term at [Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) and to arrange a uniform order for collection. Orders forms are available from the school office and school website.

### **FACTION CARNIVAL**

The Faction Carnival will be held on Friday 10 September.

Faction t-shirts are compulsory to wear on carnival day and on sport days for all students in Pre Primary to Year 6. Kindy students may also buy a faction t-shirt for the carnival.

Faction t-shirts are available from the Uniform Shop in Sizes 4 to 16 in gold, red, green and blue colours at \$12.00 each.

### **PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2021**

All families were sent an email on Thursday 2 September, regarding uniform requirements for students commencing Year 1, 2022.

Please place your orders before the end of this term. Any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on [Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) or come into the Uniform Shop.

Orders are then processed for you and ready for collection and payment by mid-November. Thank you.

***Uniform Shop Opening Hours***  
***Wednesday 8.30 am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm***

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

## P&F NEWS

### **THANK YOU - Father's Day Afternoon Tea**

Thank you to those who came along to our Father's Day afternoon tea, the event was a huge success and the overall feedback received has been very positive.

The P&F would like to thank Penny Godfrey and family for the very generous donation of pizza, enjoyed by all!

## Community Event



### **QUIZ NIGHT – THIS SATURDAY**

We still have a few tables/tickets left for the quiz night this Saturday 11 September 2021.

Partners, friends and family are all welcome. We would really love to see a table represent each year group! Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets, we are looking forward to a great night. A reminder to please remember to bring cash on the night!

*2021 P&F Executive Team*

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Thank you** to my helpers last week - Natalie M, Sue D, Sarah S and Adele C, you ladies are wonderful! Thanks Amanda M for your help with drinks today!

**Thanks** in advance to all my helpers at the Sports Carnival on Friday. We could not 'pull off the day' without you, thank you very much.

### **Reminders:**

Friday is 'pre order lunches only'. Anything remaining will be very restricted.

On sale there will be drinks, sweets and Gypsy Soul will be onsite for coffee sales.

Could you please ensure that any outstanding money be settled as soon as possible?

*Thank you*

**Congratulations** to our Father's Day Raffle winners:

1st Prize Cumace, 2nd prize Sabatino, 3rd prize Speranza and 4th prize Julie.

Thanks for all your support and to our donors for their generosity!

# St Lawrence Faction Carnival Program

As I am sure that you are all aware the **St Lawrence Athletics Faction Carnival** is due to take place this year on **Friday 10th September**. All students from Kindy to Year 6 will participate in this event. The children will be expected to wear their faction coloured T – shirt, hats and their red sports shorts or skorts on this day. (Kindy – any shorts) The students have been training very hard during lessons and at lunchtime with the year 6 students and are all very excited.

Today each child will bring home a programme of events for the day with their events highlighted. It is impossible to accurately predict what time events will take place but hopefully this will help as a rough guide. Races start at 9.00am and lunch is at 11.30am. At the conclusion of the carnival students will gather in faction bays for trophy presentations.

Parental support and assistance are vital to the smooth and efficient running of the day, and it is only with your help that we are able to run such events for your children. I would be most grateful if parents could be prepared to help out where required on the day.

To assist with planning please contact me on [claire.major@cewa.edu.au](mailto:claire.major@cewa.edu.au) if you are in a position to help out on the day or before school with set up. Please include your mobile number and I will call you to confirm.

## TRACK EVENTS

Event 1 400m Boys Year 3  
Event 2 400m Girls Year 3  
Event 3 400m Boys Year 4  
Event 4 400m Girls Year 4  
Event 5 400m Boys Year 5  
Event 6 400m Girls Year 5  
Event 7 400m Boys Year 6  
Event 8 400m Girls Year 6

Event 13 50m Kindy Boys Div 2  
Event 14 50m Kindy Boys Div 1  
Event 15 50m Kindy Girls Div 2  
Event 16 50m Kindy Girls Div 1  
Event 17 50m Pre-Primary Boys Div 2  
Event 18 50m Pre-Primary Boys Div 1  
Event 19 50m Pre-Primary Girls Div 3  
Event 20 50m Pre-Primary Girls Div 2  
Event 21 50m Pre-Primary Girls Div 1  
Event 22 75m Boys Year 1 Div 2  
Event 23 75m Boys Year 1 Div 1  
Event 24 75m Girls Year 1 Div 2  
Event 25 75m Girls Year 1 Div 1  
Event 26 75m Boys Year 2 Div 2  
Event 27 75m Boys Year 2 Div 1  
Event 28 75m Girls Year 2 Div 2  
Event 29 75m Girls Year 2 Div 1

Event 34 100m Boys Year 3 Div 2  
Event 35 100m Boys Year 3 Div 1  
Event 36 100m Girls Year 3 Div 2  
Event 37 100m Girls Year 3 Div 1  
Event 38 100m Boys Year 4 Div 3  
Event 39 100m Boys Year 4 Div 2  
Event 40 100m Boys Year 4 Div 1

## FIELD EVENTS

Event 9 Pre-Primary Tunnel Ball  
Event 10 Year 1 Tunnel Ball  
Event 11 Year 2 Tunnel Ball  
Event 12 Year 3 Turbojav

Event 30 Year 3 Spry  
Event 31 Year 4 Spry  
Event 32 Year 6 Pass Ball  
Event 33 Year 5 Turbojav

Event 53 Pre-Primary Flag Race  
Event 54 Year 1 Flag Race  
Event 55 Year 2 Flag Race

Event 41	100m Girls Year 4 Div 2	Event 56	Year 3 Hurdles Relay
Event 42	100m Girls Year 4 Div 1	Event 57	Year 4 Hurdles Relay
Event 43	100m Boys Year 5 Div 2		
Event 44	100m Boys Year 5 Div 1		
Event 45	100m Girls Year 5 Div 3		
Event 46	100m Girls Year 5 Div 2		
Event 47	100m Girls Year 5 Div 1		
Event 48	100m Boys Year 6 Div 3		
Event 49	100m Boys Year 6 Div 2		
Event 50	100m Boys Year 6 Div 1		
Event 51	100m Girls Year 6 Div 2		
Event 52	100m Girls Year 6 Div 1		
Event 58	200m Boys Year 3	Event 69	Year 5 Leader Ball
Event 59	200m Girls Year 3	Event 70	Year 6 Turbojav
Event 60	200m Boys Year 4 Div 2		
Event 61	200m Boys Year 4 Div 1		
Event 62	200m Girls Year 4		
Event 63	200m Boys Year 5		
Event 64	200m Girls Year 5 Div 2		
Event 65	200m Girls Year 5 Div 1		
Event 66	200m Boys Year 6 Div 2		
Event 67	200m Boys Year 6 Div 1		
Event 68	200m Girls Year 6		
Event 71	Shuttle Relay Pre-Primary	Event 75	Year 4 Turbojav
Event 72	Shuttle Relay Year 1	Event 76	Year 5 Pass Ball
Event 73	Shuttle Relay Year 2	Event 77	Year 6 Leader Ball
Event 74	Shuttle Relay Year 3		
Event 78	Circular Relay Year 3		
Event 79	Circular Relay Year 4		
Event 80	Circular Relay Year 5		
Event 81	Circular Relay Year 6		
Event 82	PP – Year 6 Grand Relay		

### **Lunch will be at 11.30-12.00pm**

Please note that the track and field events will run simultaneously. Events are broken into sections, which are differentiated by a break/line space in the program.

In the event that you have two children participating in different events at the same time, it is suggested that you watch your child in the track race, as it will not be run again, then return to watch your other child's event.

Enjoy the day!

### **Covid 19 Protocols**

Please:

- Adhere to 1.5m social distance
- Use the sanitation stations provided
- Do not enter school buildings
- Use the portable toilets provided outside
- Follow instructions from the Announcer



*Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher*