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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.

Loving God,

*You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all our blessings.
We thank and praise you.*

Thank you for the gift of our children.

*Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to help our children
come to know you in all we say and do.*

*May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.*

*May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.*

Amen.



Dear Parents and Friends

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Sports Day: Our sports day will go ahead this year however, several restrictions in line with Government and CEWA requirements will need to be in place for this to occur. We must all abide by these requirements or the day would not be able to go ahead or would need to be cancelled if breaches occurred.

For parents to enter school or attend events held by the school, the Principal's permission must be granted, and teacher invitation must be given. I grant permission and the teachers offer the invitation to attend the Sports Carnival provided the restrictions highlighted below are strictly followed by all individuals.

As this is an event the school is holding, we must all abide by the requirements. Breaches of these requirements would put the school in a very precarious and hazardous set of circumstances. I, as Principal, take responsibility that we will all abide by these restrictions and accordingly follow the Governments and CEWA's mandated precautions. I therefore ask that each one of you who intend to take up the invitation to attend this event follow all these requirements.

I would be loathed to be put into the situation of cancelling the event on the day because people could not or would not follow these requirements. As Principal I would be obligated to put into action what was required of me to keep the school in line with requirements and ensure the safety of all children, staff and community members. I feel certain with the wonderful community spirit that St Lawrence has and the outstanding way each member has followed all the school's previous restrictions and requirements, that this event will be a resounding success and all who attend will enjoy the day. Thank you all in advance for your support and understanding of the circumstances that require these actions. I really do value and appreciate how wonderfully supportive you all have been of the school during these unprecedented times.

Physical distancing requirements for students (regardless of age) is not mandatory, thus students can be seated together. However physical distancing between adults from different family groups and school staff is mandatory. Members from the same family may be seated together with no physical distancing between individuals. However, a 1.5 metre 'bubble' should be planned around each person/family group. If your family are planning to attend, they may seat near each other, but distance MUST be maintained between different family groups.

Children must remain in bays this year and parents are NOT to enter the bay areas. This includes parents bringing lunch to the bays for their children.

All children must bring their own personal water bottle.

Sanitising stations will be located around the oval and all are asked to follow the correct sanitising procedures.

Portable toilets have been organised for parents attending the carnival. These will be located on the oval for your convenience.

Again, I thank you for your support in ensuring the event is a fun and enjoyable celebration of our wonderful students.

Parking:

As there will be a funeral at St Lawrence Church on Friday, the Balcatta Soccer Oval carpark in Albert Street will be opened to provide extra parking.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

All Catholic Schools have a Code of Conduct and all staff, parents, visitors and children must abide by the code.

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.

Catholic Pastoral Communities

The following students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday.

Faith, Chris, Anthony, Ariana, Carmela, Gianluca, Isabella, Anthony, Celine, Sia, Sienna, Paul, Stella, Tomasz, Lana, Ruby, Kim, Dean, Anthony, Olivia, Max, Luciano, Ben, Joseph, Oscar, Julian, Jordan, Julia, Adamo, Jasmine, Amelia, Vincent, Lukas and Zimo (Luca). We wish them God's blessings now and forever.



Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

State-wide commitment to zero percent fee increases for 2021

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) Executive Director Dr Debra Sayce has confirmed there will be no increase in tuition fees in 2021 at CEWA-owned schools throughout the State.

“Western Australians have come together to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and we are very grateful to Government for their continued support of Catholic Education in Western Australia.”

“Our schools have reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many parents and caregivers have lost their jobs or had their hours cut, making it difficult for some families to make ends meet,” she says.

A survey of CEWA schools showed the number of families accessing fee relief through CEWA’s Health Care Card Discount Scheme had risen significantly. By June 2020, \$23.4 million in fee relief had been accessed by Catholic school families, compared to \$21.5 million for the full 2019 school year.

The number of families seeking special fee concessions was also up. By June 2020 the value of fee concessions was quickly approaching the \$6.74 million total reached in 2019.

With one in five WA students enrolled at 163 Catholic schools in metropolitan, regional and remote communities, Catholic Education plays an important role in the lives of thousands of Western Australians.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been upsetting and destabilising for many young people. Now, more than ever, every child in Western Australia deserves to feel supported and should have access to a great education regardless of what school they attend.”

Catholic Education understands the need for families to have certainty and stability. That is why Catholic diocesan schools are providing families with the assurance that fees won’t rise in 2021,” she says.

While 14 non-diocesan Catholic schools have the autonomy to set their own fees, these schools share a commitment to minimising the impact of COVID-19 in their communities.

“Catholic schools are a part of every community and as WA’s fourth biggest employer, Catholic Education supports more than 11,000 teaching and non-teaching jobs across WA, as well as creating employment in many local support sectors.”

“Catholic Education is committed to supporting our State’s COVID-19 recovery. Through these challenging times, the wellbeing and learning of students has been at the forefront of our decisions. Combining this focus with our emphasis on creating certainty around fees and ensuring job security for our staff, has helped to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our school communities,”

Dr Sayce concludes.

God bless each and everyone of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE



*Our prayers and thoughts are with Mrs Rachel Wake, our
Kindergarten Teacher, and her family on
the passing of her dear nanna.*

May she rest in peace

LEARNING AT HOME TIPS

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.

1. **Congratulate your child for competing in the first place.** Tell them that you're impressed at how well they tried.
2. **Encourage them to congratulate the winner.** Remind them that whoever won is as happy about it as they would have been.
3. **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 they can cope with the outcome.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SPORTS CARNIVAL



On Friday we have our sports carnival. Thank you to Mrs Major for all her hard work in preparing for the day. The children will take part in a range of individual and team events for their faction. Please be aware COVID-19 Phase 4 is still in place, so physical distancing is still essential. We have had to make several adjustments to comply with the requirements that we are expected to comply with regarding external events, in particular the 2 m2 expectation and physical distancing of adults at the carnival.

We appreciate that some may find these requirements challenging, but we are required to be proactive in how we are responding to each event held by the school.

For the event to take place all spectators need to adhere to the following requirements and restrictions.

- Please maintain a safe physical distance of 1.5m from other families
- Please do not attend this event if you feel unwell, have flu/respiratory symptoms, or an elevated temperature or if you have been in contact with another person who has been sick.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided. Please sanitise your hands when you enter the oval and during the carnival if necessary.
- Parents must remain in the viewing bays which will be fenced off. No adult other than a staff member may enter the student bays. Please do not enter the faction tents.
- Children are to eat their lunch in the bays.
- Portable toilets will be made available for parents and visitors throughout the day.
- No visitors are to enter the school building. Students will use the school toilets.
- Children will not be able to sit with their parents at lunch time this year as they have done in previous years.



CONFIRMATION

We wish every blessing to our Year 6 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Whilst this year has been an unusual year for the planning of Sacraments, we are pleased to be going ahead and celebrating this Sacrament with Bishop Bianchini and Fathr Emil.

We thank all the Year 6 families for their patience and understanding as we have worked through all the restrictions imposed upon us. Thankyou also to Mr Haydon for preparing the children to receive this Sacrament.

The photographer will be available to take photographs an hour before each Mass in the Alverna Centre.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM

Next term children must return to school in the correct summer uniform.

GIRLS

SUMMER

Regulation blue dress, with white collar
Black school shoes with white school socks
or dark blue school sandals
St Lawrence school hat
St Lawrence school bag
St Lawrence library bag



BOYS

SUMMER

Regulation grey shorts
Regulation blue short sleeve shirt with
school crest on pocket
Black school shoes with grey school socks
or dark blue school sandals
St Lawrence school hat
St Lawrence school bag
St Lawrence library bag



Mrs Gabrielle Brennan and Ms Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principals

CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE

The Year 3 students had a wonderful time on Tuesday walking through the city and Northbridge exploring amazing street art. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on our excursion.



The school Sports carnival is scheduled for this Friday. Children will need to wear their faction coloured t-shirt, hats and their red sports shorts or skorts on this day. Parents and family have been invited to attend this event under strict adherence to Covid 19 Phase 4 protocols in line with Government guidelines. A reminder that the school reserves the right to cancel the carnival or ask parents to leave who are unable to comply with these guidelines. The safety of our students and school community is paramount. There will be no homework grid for the last few days of term 3. Children however, should continue to read and practise their timetables.

Ms Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR

In Religion, we have been learning about Mary and the Rosary. The children enjoyed creating their own Rosary Bead bracelets and guidebook to help them. In Mathematics, we have been looking at Fractions. We have been learning some new mathematical terms such as numerator, denominator and equivalent fractions. The Sports Carnival is this Friday. The children are all very excited to participate. They will need to wear their faction coloured T-shirt.

Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE

The Year Fives continue to work hard in class. A big thank you to Mrs Di Carantonio who came in last week and asked the question, "Can we trap a gas?" The children enjoyed taking part in an experiment to find an answer to this question.



In class we are looking at the roles of leaders vs bosses as we prepare to nominate for the leadership roles that we would like to take part in next year. The children are working on their One Point Perspective to describe our narrative setting. Some children have finished and their work looks great. Tomorrow afternoon we will be going to Servite College. A reminder that the children will need to wear their yellow St Lawrence sport shirt and that we may return just after school ends.

Next Tuesday 22nd September, Vince Connelly MP Federal Member for Stirling, will come and speak to the students about the roles and responsibilities of a Federal Member of Parliament as part of our unit of study in HASS. The Year Fives are excited about Zoo Camp next week. A reminder that medical forms and permission slips must be returned this week.

Good luck to all the Year Five students on Friday at the Athletics Carnival. I know that everyone has been training hard and it should be a great day. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX

We are eager to see the results of leading the younger students in preparation for Sports Day. The Year Six students have demonstrated admirable organisational skills, lots of enthusiasm and generously shared hurdles and other equipment these last three weeks. They have received wonderful cooperation from their charges who are well prepared for Friday's carnival.

Assessment books will be sent home on Thursday for viewing and signing.



The students thoroughly enjoyed their Confirmation Retreat, as you can see in these photographs. The excitement will continue Saturday as many students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Emeritus Justin Bianchini. The official photographer will be available one hour before each Mass starts in the Alverna Centre. Your Family name will be displayed on your allocated row and each candidate will be seated next to the centre aisle, with their sponsor next to them. The white confirmation card and a small confirmation pin will be given to each candidate as they are seated.

Our reading of the novel, 'The Secret Garden' will conclude with a viewing of the new movie at the Innaloo Event Cinema on Tuesday. The bus will leave school at 9:30am and return in time for normal lunch.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti! Term 3 has been very busy for all Italian classes. We have had fun writing, decorating and reading our cards for special occasions. Learning new songs, dances and games to practice our language skills has been entertaining.

Buon lavoro (enjoy your work) e buon divertimento (have fun) for the rest of September and October.



Signora Jenny Nicolao, Italian Specialist Teacher

Merit Award Winners



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school in Term 4 in their summer uniform. Please ensure the correct uniform is worn.

- ❖ Girl's blue summer dresses should be knee length.
- ❖ Boy's blue shirt must be tucked in grey shorts.

Last day that the Uniform Shop will be open this term is Thursday 24th September.



The Uniform Shop is having an end of winter **second hand uniform** clearance sale.

******20% OFF ALL ITEMS******

Second hand uniform sale commences Wednesday 9th September and finishes Thursday 24th September. NO exchanges or refunds.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

NETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to our U/12 Year 6 team on taking out the win at their Semi-Final on Saturday. Their determination and perseverance got them there in the end winning 20-19 against Steelers. Special mentions and thanks to Sophie Fazari (Team Scorer) as well as Tracey Farrow (Covid Officer) for their continued support this season. We wish the team all the best in their upcoming Grand Final game this Saturday against Carine.



Cheryl Cappa President - St Lawrence Netball Club

CANTEEN NEWS

THANK YOU to my helper, Kira, last week. Your help was much appreciated.

And to **ALL** who are helping on the day of the Sports Carnival. Your generous help is much needed, and we thank you very much.

A REMINDER to please order for the last day of term special.

Last day to order is Wednesday 23 September 2020



Last day of term
Friday 25th
September
2 slices of Pizza &
Juice \$5



Choose from
Cheese, Ham & Cheese
or Pepperoni
Preorder by Wednesday
23rd September



Christina, Fran and Antonella,

2020 Canteen Staff