



## Newsletter No. 6

**17 March 2021**

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,



**Saint Patrick's Day**, feast day (March 17), patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.

St Patrick escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. St Patrick is loved and remembered worldwide on this day, and it is a wonderful thing to see so many people acknowledging the works of this great man simply by knowing of him and his connectivity to Ireland and the great Catholic faith.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.*  
(390-461 A.D.)

## Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Catholic Education Western Australia this year celebrates 50 Years Together as a single, State-wide system. The year of celebration was launched at a reception held on Sunday 21 February and attended by distinguished guests who have contributed to the success of Catholic schools. I was blessed to have attended this lovely and very fitting commencement to a wonderful celebration of Catholic Education.

Dr Debra Sayce, CEWA Executive Director, addressed guests including presiding Bishops and Bishop Emeritus of Western Australia, the Shadow Minister for Education Honourable Donna Faragher MLC, Hon Samantha Rowe MLC, the Vice-Chancellor of University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA), Directors of Catholic agencies and Catholic School Parents Western Australia



“50 Years Together is the simple statement that sums up a momentous development – the coming together of Catholic schools across the four Catholic dioceses of WA, from Wyndham and Kununurra in the far north to Albany and Esperance in the south, to work in unison for the benefit of WA students,” Dr Sayce said.

“Many of the qualities and characteristics that are most admirable in our Catholic education system are inherent in the values of our faith tradition. Others were born of necessity in the early days of Catholic education – the commitment to faith formation, the resourcefulness, the partnership with parents, families and parish, and the care for those at the margins of society.”

“Over the last 50 years, these qualities have remained, but thanks to our coming together as one system, we have been able to share the successes of individual school communities more broadly and we have been able to better share resources so that every student has more opportunity and more equitable access to education, no matter their location or background,” she said.



“We honour those who came before us, some of whom led Catholic education through challenging times, and we draw inspiration from their example when we face challenges in our current time.”

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

Both our Assistant Principals were paid an extremely high and very meritorious complement recently. I was contacted by another school to support their leadership programmes and have one of their staff members “shadow” either Mrs Brennan or Ms Tranquille for the day. The purpose of these undertakings is to mentor an aspiring Assistant Principal and have them work with an outstanding practitioner, thus providing guidance, counselling, and leadership. The Principal of the school sort advice on where suitable and effective Assistant Principals were to be found. Promptly and swiftly both Mrs Brennan and Ms Tranquille were identified as exemplary Assistant Principals. Of course, this is a fact I already knew, but it was delightful to know their reputations of excellence and quality are in fact known within our system. I share this with you all as a matter of commendation of both our Assistant Principals on their excellence. Well done Gaby and Kathleen.

We were treated to a wonderful Year Four Assembly last Friday...well done Miss Fogliani and Year Four! I was very impressed with their work on the importance of a Growth Mindset. The Growth Mindset: “In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.” (Dweck, 2015). How we see the world and how we react to events that unfold around us will often impact what we take from the events, circumstances, and situations. Knowing we are able to build skills and grow our understandings and knowledge through learning is the essential element of a Growth Mindset. The opposed mindset is a “Fixed Mindset”, “In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort.” (Dweck, 2015). It was very powerful to see our children articulating this importance of how we see ourselves as learners and the impact this will have on our outcomes. Well done Year Flour.

May I also commend our Student Leaders who are truly amazing in their new roles of leading and facilitating our assemblies. I really am in awe of their development this year and their wonderful public speaking skills they are demonstrating. I have also noted they are speaking from a brand-new school Lectern. This really does set them apart from other schools. They look so smart speaking confidently and with ease to our school community. Well done to Ms Tranquille who is really building the capacities of our older boys and girls and strengthening our leadership model as part of her Assistant Principal portfolio. It was also lively to see the children speaking from our new lectern. Gives them a real air of respect. Well done Year Six.

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

Our teachers have been busily teaching all forms of dance to their classes as part of our Arts programme. A very special invitation is extended to parents and guardians to attend the outdoor dance concert to be held on Wednesday 24 March. As this is an outdoor event all families are welcome to attend, and we encourage you all to do so. Please ensure you follow our COVID safe protocols including appropriate social distancing.

## **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

The current CECWA Catholic School Board Constitution is under review to ensure that it meets the new governance requirements of Catholic Education Western Australia Limited (CEWA Ltd). The updates below to the CECWA Catholic School Board Constitution are to provide diocesan Catholic schools with the Catholic School Advisory Council Transitional Terms of Reference, until the review is completed by CECWA. The CECWA Catholic School Board Constitution is now referred to as the Catholic School Advisory Council Transitional Terms of Reference.



The Advisory Council supports the Principal in accordance with these Terms of Reference and CECWA's Delegations of Authority. The Advisory Council is not involved in the daily operations of the school.

The Advisory Council supports and advises the Principal on school financial matters such as financial performance against budget, sustainability, recurrent and capital planning. The Principal must prepare the annual school budget and then it is presented to the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council endorses the annual school budget (including tuition fees and charges). The Chair (in consultation with the Principal) should contact the Executive Director if the Advisory Council has concerns with the budget.

We are very blessed to have our dedicated Advisory Council Members who give kindly of their time and talents to support our school community,

God bless each and every one of you.



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



## ***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MERIT AWARD WINNERS***

***School Merit Awards, Athletics Awards and Laurie Bear Winner.***



## **Home Learning Tip**

### **Reading at home**

Make reading fun

Reading at home should be fun and easy – something both parent and child look forward to - a time for laughter and talk.

- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to.
- All children like to be read to, so keep reading to them. You can also read in your first language if you have another language other than English.
- Visit the library together and help them choose books to share.
- Read emails from family members abroad or living away.
- Play card and board games together.

Here's a tip - talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together. Use the language that works best for you and your child.

Talk about reading.

- Talk about pictures in books.
- Sing songs, read poems, and make up rhymes together – the funnier the better.
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what you are enjoying.
- Point out words on signs, shops and labels.
- Play word games like "I Spy" and "Simon Says..."

Make it a special time together.

Reading is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together.

- quiet and relaxing.
- 10–15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV or devices.
- an enjoyable, interesting, and special time.
- a time to praise your child for making an effort.

Here's some tips - if your child is stuck on a word wait a few seconds, give them a chance to think. If they are still stuck, help them to try to work the word out by saying "read the sentence again and think what would make sense". Ask "could it be...?" (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help them check they have got the right word. If they still cannot work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts. Remember, reading should be fun.

Help your child to link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story.

Keep it fun and enjoyable.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



## Harmony Day

A reminder that on **Monday 22nd March** children will be allowed to wear orange or a cultural costume from their family's country of origin to celebrate **Harmony Day**. We will begin the day with a whole school liturgy in the hall. Due to COVID parents will not be able to attend.

### DANCE CONCERT

On Wednesday 24th March your child will be participating in the St. Lawrence Dance Concert for 2021. Our theme for this year will be Dancing Around the World with each year level focusing on a dance.

**Kindy** COSTUMES- Kindy shirt and black shorts

**PP** COSTUMES - Black Shorts and white t-Shirt

**YR 1** COSTUMES - white t-shirts and Denim Shorts.

**YR 2** COSTUMES - Colourful t-shirt, and black shorts.

**YR 3** COSTUMES - Girls Black dresses  
Boys Black pants/shorts and t-white shirts.

**YR 4** COSTUMES - Bright Reds, Orange, Green, Yellow, Blue Outfits.

**YR 5** COSTUMES -All black both girls and boys - Girls will have bright scarves around shoulders and hips. Boys will have a scarf around their shoulders.

**YR 6** COSTUMES - Black Pants/shorts with White or Red t-shirts



To make it a little easier on the day of the Dance Concert children will be allowed to come to school in their **sports uniform**. Please send your child's performance outfit to school in a labelled bag by Tuesday 23rd March.

The concert begins at 2pm on the Junior Oval and family are welcome to attend.

Please bring either blankets or low folding chairs. Due to COVID family groups will need to sit together and be mindful of social distancing to other families. As the production is outdoor we have not restricted the amount of people that are able to attend. When you are around others, it is important you practice [physical distancing](#) and [good hygiene](#). If you are unwell please do not attend.

### KINDY SPEECH & OT ASSESSMENTS

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the 23rd, 24th and 26th March the Speech Therapist and the Occupational Therapist will visit the Kindy children and assess, screen and give advice to support all families with young children.

### RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 19th March it is National Ride2School Day. This day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home or a nearby park and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. It's sure to be a fantastic day.

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan*



# CLASS NEWS

## PRE KINDY

This week we begin our new focus for the remainder of the term – **Easter**. Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. Although this is quite difficult to explain to our little 3-year old's e.g. The Last Supper, Jesus dying on the cross, the Resurrection etc. We try to expose these ideas in a simplified manner to the children via our class *The Beginners Bible* and animated stories that we share during our session. We also explain that the Easter egg reminds us – just as a chick breaks the shell when it is hatched and begins life - so Our Lord comes forth living from the tomb.

Congratulations to all Pre Kindy children and their families (who make the children's wonderful lunches) – our class had the least amount of waste in the entire school for the first War on Waste day on Thursday in Week 4.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

## KINDERGARTEN

The children are settling in very quickly now and learning to pack away and sit on the mat using our mat manners really well. Last week we met with our buddies and they helped us to login to Reading Eggs and complete some activities together. We love meeting with our Buddies! A big focus in Kindy is Oral Language and we are continuing to work on speaking in full sentences. We will focus more on this later in the year when we begin news telling. In Numeracy we are learning about 2D shapes and sorting objects this week and next. I will be sending home some information on sorting so please keep an eye out for this in the children's red folders. Our focus for the next two weeks is 'Our Senses'. The children have had fun learning about how each of these senses is so important to be able to function in our lives.

Fr Emil visiting the Kindy children to read them a story. We read *Whoever You Are, Wherever You Are* by Mem Fox. This ties in with our Religion focus 'we are all special and unique'



*Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher*

## PRE PRIMARY

This week in Religion we have been focussing on the Easter story. We have recreated Palm Sunday and will be re-enacting the Last Supper. We have discussed that at Easter, we are reminded of the new life that Jesus brought with his resurrection and we have special meals to celebrate Easter with family and friends. In Numeracy we have been making patterns and learning how to copy and continue them. We have been using collage materials, paint and different objects to make interesting patterns! The children love this 'hands on' approach and enjoy exploring different ways we can make patterns. During Literacy, we have been immersed in the story, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The children have enjoyed orally telling the story through our Talk for Writing program and sequencing the story using a story map.

### Reminders:

Ride2school Day is this Friday.

Harmony Day is next Monday

Please return all Dental Forms ASAP

# Palm Sunday



*Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher*



## YEAR ONE

Today we spent some time with our Year Six buddies. We received a special shamrock from our buddies for St Patrick's Day.

In Art we have been learning about the colours on the colour wheel and talking about warm and cool colours. We created an art piece using both warm and cool colours.

The Year Ones have been very busy practising for our dance performance next Wednesday and our class assembly next Friday. Further information regarding this has been place on SeeSaw.



*Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher*

## YEAR TWO

It's all go in Year Two, we are busy learning all about length and measurement in maths! We are having lots of hands-on experiences using informal measurement. In English we are looking at narratives and are starting to use time connectives in our writing. Our new favourite word is 'suddenly' as it makes for very exciting events in our writing. Technology has involved learning the basics of coding and algorithms and we are looking forward to ending this unit of work by programming Beebots! The students are all working very hard, and we have made lots of progress in year two. We are also busy practising for the end of term concert and looking forward to seeing you all there.

*Ms Danielle O'Donnell, Year Two Teacher*



## PRE PRIMARY REMINDER

Dental Health forms have been distributed to all Pre Primary families. Parents are asked to return the forms as soon as possible to the school office.

# FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2021

## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

### NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

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**are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day  
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Students may wear their Sport Uniform to school on  
Ride2School Day.

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## WINTER UNIFORM

Year 1 and new students who have commenced this year are required to purchase their winter uniform before the end of term. Last day that the Uniform Shop will be open is Thursday, 1st April. Uniforms can be purchased directly at the Uniform Shop or orders can be placed ASAP and collected later with payment.

## RED SPORT SHORTS

Boys Red Microfibre Sport Shorts are available for Pre-primary to Year 6. Shorts are available in Size 2 -16 and Sizes M, L & XL.

### *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

**FIRST OFFICIAL P&F MEETING FOR 2021** : Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 2:15pm to 3pm

We are looking forward to many parents attending this meeting and we always welcome your input.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to Anna Speranza and Melissa Cumace for being the Year 3 class representatives.



**Representatives are still required** for Pre Kindy and Year 2.

If you require further information, please contact the P&F Executive.

**Cadbury Fundraiser** – We are holding 10 boxes of chocolates to sell. If you are able to kindly sell more boxes **please** collect them from the school office. Our community have always been very supportive and generous and this is much appreciated.

*P&F President & Executive*





# CANTEEN NEWS

## HELP NEEDED

If you can help this week, please let me know. I still need one more helper for the last day on Thursday 1st April

## MENU

Last day of term special - Sushi  
Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna or Veggie  
5 pieces \$5.50  
6 pieces \$6.50

Or Sausage Roll \$3.50 or Pie \$4

Please note these are the only items available for lunch on this day.

## BIRTHDAY ORDERS

Cupcakes or M & M Cookies \$20

Brownies or Icy Poles \$15

Please order at least one day in advance - 0408834774



*2021 Canteen Staff*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**TRINITY COLLEGE**

# OPEN DAY

**Wednesday, 24 March 2021**

Discover Trinity College at our Open Day to learn more about the unique TC Spirit and the vast curricular and co-curricular opportunities that the College has to offer.

Sessions will be held at 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Please register your details online at:  
[trinity.wa.edu.au/enrolments/tour-trinity/open-day](https://trinity.wa.edu.au/enrolments/tour-trinity/open-day)



**TRINITY COLLEGE**

## Trinity College Scholarships 2022

- YEAR 4 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
- YEAR 7 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
- MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
- PIPE ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP
- INDIGENOUS BURSARY
- REFUGEE BURSARY
- TOBA BURSARY
- EDMUND RICE BURSARY

For full details of these Scholarships and Bursaries please go to [www.trinity.wa.edu.au](https://www.trinity.wa.edu.au)  
Applications close at 4:00 pm on 22 March 2021 | Examination Date: 27 March 2021 (Academic only)  
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