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## Newsletter No. 11

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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 St Lawrence Primary School Community**

I hope you had a blessed Easter with your family and are refreshed and ready for all Term 2 has in store for us.

During the school holidays, you would have received a notice from our Executive Director Debra Sayce that in the absence of Sheldon Carey, I will be joining the school community as Short Term Principal at the commencement of this term. I feel very privileged to be asked to support Gabrielle Brennan and Kathleen Tranquille to support the staff, students and community to ensure your school continues to thrive. You have a beautiful school. I will be on morning duty each day for the student's arrival and am excited to meet and work with you all.

I met Gabrielle and Kathleen during the school holidays for a briefing of priorities for the school over the coming few weeks. It is my aim and hope to provide you all a seamless transition into the new term and to provide support where it is needed. Thank you to both Gabrielle and Kathleen who successfully juggled many balls prior to the end of Term 1 and their welcoming support.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

During the school holidays, the Premier announced on 13 April 2022 that the Western Australian close contact definition will now align with the National Cabinet's definition.

This means that a close contact is now defined as:

- a family or household member of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period.
- someone who has had close interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent more than 4 hours with them in a single day, in a residential setting, including a boarding facility, where masks have not been worn; or
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

Schools are no longer considered close contact venues. A child who attends class with a peer who later tests positive to COVID-19 will no longer be identified as a close contact.

Any child who becomes symptomatic should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Please continue to refer to [healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definitions, testing and isolation requirements.

Any positive COVID-19 result should be reported on the school's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal and positive COVID-19 RAT results must also be reported on the WA Health RAT Register, as is required by the WA Government.

The easing of restrictions has meant some of our school activities can resume this term, including school camps. We will provide more information on the requirements and additional COVID-19 considerations for each activity as they arise on the school calendar.

Further to this update the Minister for Health, Hon Amber Jade-Sanderson announced on Tuesday 26 April that effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April 2022, public health measures in Western Australia will be eased to what is now being called 'baseline settings'.

CEWA is working with the Department of Health and the Department of Education to determine the full implication for school operations, going forward. St Lawrence's Primary School Balcatta will follow CEWA's recommendation and adhere to current guidelines for the remainder of this week with the new Operating Guidelines coming into effect from Monday, 2 May 2022.

## **MAKING JESUS REAL - MJR**

Yesterday the staff and I participated in Professional Development to strengthen the Making Jesus Real Program in our school. Jesus was kind, compassionate, patient, loving to name a few, and this is how we want to be. The Making Jesus Real Program supports us all to be more like Jesus and I look forward to sharing more with you over the coming weeks about this program within our school.

As we think about the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and those who served our country and continue to serve recently on ANZAC Day, let us reflect on how we can continue to share and bring peace to those around us.

The prayer inspired by St Francis and a popular hymn may guide your reflection as it did mine.

Looking forward to a vibrant and exciting Term 2.

Kind regards,

***Gina Burns***  
***Short Term Principal***

### *Make me an Instrument of Your Peace* *St. Francis Prayer*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

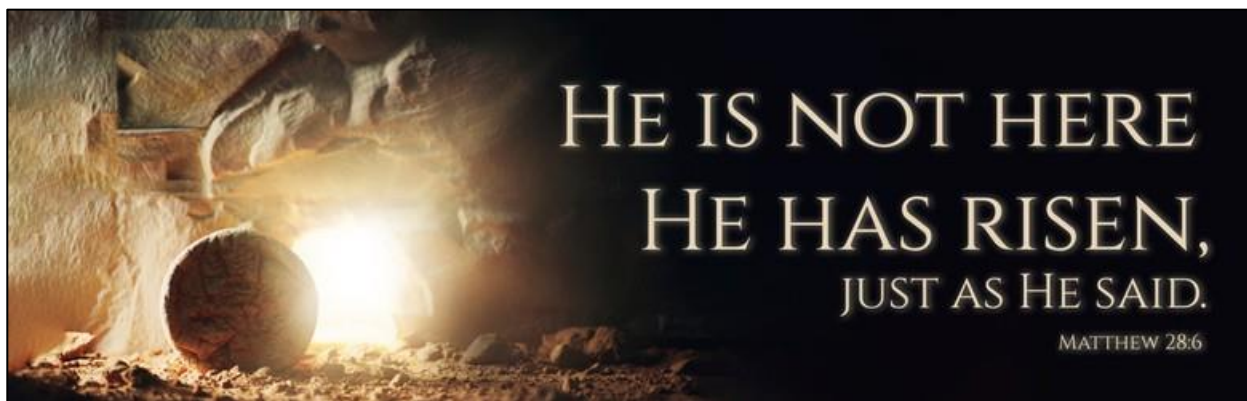
to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. *Amen.*



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



We hope that all families had a happy, holy and restful holiday, and the children are ready for lots of learning and activity this term. At the beginning of this new term, help us to keep the Easter message in our hearts and give witness to it through our lives.

### Our School Values

At St Lawrence we advocate the following core values. They are based on Gospel Values and best express the beliefs we hold. We focus on a Core Value each term and all three Core Values in term four. We will be focusing on the Core Value of Courage throughout Term 2.

**Joy** - celebrating the **good news** in ourselves and others

**Courage** - having the **inner strength** to be the best we can be

**Unity** - working in **harmony** with one another

### Reconciliation

There will be a Reconciliation meeting for parents of children in Year 3 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 4 May at 7pm** in the school hall. All parents are expected to attend this meeting.

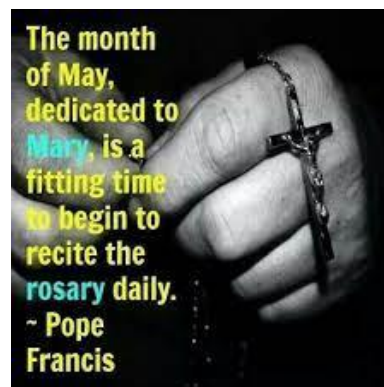
A workshop has been arranged on **Wednesday 11 May at 5.30pm or 7pm**. Parents will need to attend this workshop with their child.

### Month of May

During the month of May we dedicate our prayers to Our Spiritual Mother Mary. On Friday afternoons children will participate in a decade of the Rosary led by our Year 3 – 6 students.



*Dance Concert 13 May  
2pm.*





## Winter Uniform

Children will need to wear full winter uniform in Term 2. There will be a two-week grace period. We expect that all children will be wearing the winter uniform by the beginning of week 3. Please check the school website for information regarding school uniforms and our uniform shop.



### NAPLAN

A reminder that students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. All the tests will be completed online except for the Year 3 writing test which will be a paper test.

The NAPLAN assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. However, NAPLAN is only one aspect of a schools reporting and assessment process. It does not replace ongoing assessments administered by teachers to determine student performance over time. Some helpful NAPLAN tips:

- Reinforce that your expectation is for them to try their best
- Maintain a caring and positive attitude
- Keep perspective – This is just one test in time: just one form of assessment; success is not determined by one test
- Prepare your child – Have your child go to bed early so they are well rested and make sure they have eaten a good breakfast.

Date	Tests
Tuesday 10 May	Writing
Wednesday 11 May	Reading
Monday 16 May	Conventions of Language
Tuesday 17 May	Numeracy
12/5, 13/5, 18/5, 19/5 and 20/5	Catch up tests

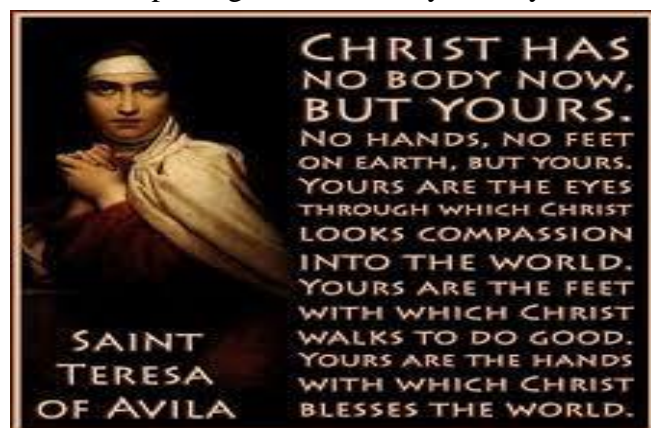
## COVID-19 Self-Reporting

Thank you to all the families who entered positive test results on the Self- Reporting Portal located on our school website over the course of the school holidays. If you have not entered this information please do so as soon as possible, doing so will allow for the Leadership Team to have a complete picture of students who have been COVID-19 positive and therefore who are no longer able to be determined as close contacts or deemed susceptible to the virus.

It is important to note that if parents are using the self-reporting portal to report a positive RAT result that they must also record the positive test result on the Healthy WA website.

<https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister>. Please notify a positive result via the Healthy WA website prior to entering this information on the Self-Reporting Form. Thank you for your understanding.

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan and  
Miss Kathleen Tranquille*



# Making Jesus Real at St Lawrence

MJR is all about  
the way we



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# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## TERM TWO

- In Term two parents may enter the Uniform Shop to purchase or collect uniform orders. Winter Price Lists are available on the school's website for you information. Please email me at [angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) if you have any queries.

Week One:

- The Uniform Shop will **open on:**
  - **Tuesday 26 April** (Pupil Free Day) 9.00am to 10.00am
  - **Wednesday 27 April** 8.30am to 9.30am
- The Uniform Shop **will not be open** on **Thursday 28 April.**

Week Two:

- The Uniform Shop will **open on:**
  - **Thursday 5 May** – 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
  - **Friday 6 May** – 8.30am to 9.30am.
- From Week Three the Uniform Shop will operate during the normal opening times.

## Winter Uniform

Year 1 to Year 6 students commence Term 2 in their Winter Uniform. New students who have commenced this year will need to purchase their winter uniform before the end of this term. Parents, please note that the Uniform Shop is closed during the school holidays.

## Important note for Year 1 students and new students who have commenced this year:

### GIRLS/BOYS

- Girls White Blouse is worn over their skirt (not tucked in).
- School Tie is required.
- Medium length usually for Year 1 to Year 3 and long length for Year 4 to Year 6.
- Jumpers or a school vest may be worn with school uniform only.
- Sports Track Jacket only to be worn with sports uniform
- Girls may wear navy tights with school uniform. Tights may be purchased at any department store.
- Navy or white hair ties with school uniform.
- Boys blue shirt is worn for summer and winter uniform and must be tucked in school grey trousers.

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

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*



# WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO



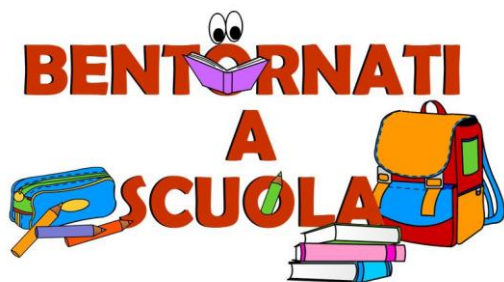
*Year Two*



*Year Six*



# ITALIAN NEWS



Bentonite a tutti ! Welcome back everyone!

Wishing you all an enjoyable and productive Term 2.  
Buon Lavoro! (Good work!)

God bless everyone!

*Signora Jenny Acquarola, Italian Specialist Teacher*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2, hope you all are well and had a good Easter with family and friends.

### RECESS / LUNCH

Lunch is still staggered, and recess is by pre-order only. Children may come to the canteen for ice-cream and drinks at lunchtime. This may change as soon as the relaxation of rules are put into place at school.

As we are experiencing staggering delivery of goods, some recess or lunch items may not be available.

Please note we still have Fish Fingers available on Wednesday.

We are open as per usual Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and our menu is current on the website.

### VOLUNTEERS

We are happy to advise that volunteers are allowed back into the canteen as from next week.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Please see the link above for a great Mother's Day offer from Entertainment Book.

<https://mcusercontent.com/a7a3742e917914e632a28d479/images/639201da-177c-e9f2-62c6-857c0855ac8e.png>

If anyone can help at all this term (especially Thursdays)  
please let me know!

Thanks everyone. Any queries please text 0408834774

*Christina, Fran and Antonella*

