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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 School Community

This week's reflection focuses on the Gospel for next Sunday from John which says "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

When things are going well within our relationships this is easy, but harder when there is conflict, disappointment or sadness. This love is our point of difference. As the song says, "They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love."

This week, as part of our Making Jesus Real Program, I set the children a challenge and that was to say thank you at least 10 times a day. As a guide, six of these could be at school and four at home. Most students have assured me they have met their goal and some examples include thanking you for their dinner, clothes and other items of possession. Parents, please continue to promote the importance of being thankful. Practising this gratitude not only helps promote the “Spirit of Jesus” within the community but has been proven to support high levels of wellness within ourselves.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

This week we welcome a new Finance Officer to the team. Alica has a strong background in commerce and small business and is a parent in Catholic Education. She is looking forward to joining us. I know you will make her feel very welcome.

I want to acknowledge the work of Lina and Louise in managing the role of Finances. Both these ladies complete the full demands of other existing roles in the school and somehow have found the time and energy to also manage the school’s finances. This is a truly mammoth task. Thank you very much ladies for all you have done for the school.

KINDY 2023 & 2024

Kindy interviews for children in 2023 have taken place this next week. We are currently at capacity for Kindy Classes in 2023. If you have a child due to commence Kindy in 2024, please contact the office to collect and submit enrolment forms.

NAPLAN 2022

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have commenced the annual National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week.

Parents often wonder how to best prepare their child for NAPLAN and my response is by your regular support in their usual classroom program. These include:

- Assist them with their homework;
- Attend progress meetings with their teacher.
- Keep yourself informed in the learning happening in the classroom via SEESAW or other written communication from the teacher.
- Contact the teacher if you have any concerns with your child’s learning or well-being.
- Volunteer wherever you can in the classroom or school.

Students undertake a range of assessments on a regular basis in the classroom. We always encourage our students to do the best they can so we can see what they can do and what they are learning to do. Please reinforce this message at home so students continue to feel safe to complete the assessments.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

As we return to regular classroom routines, I would like to remind parents of the high uniform standards held by St Lawrence Primary School. Our school uniform signifies unity of our community. When students arrive, our uniform provides them a sense of belonging to get them off to the best start possible to focus on the business of learning. Items which are outside of our uniform code, have the potential to break the sense of belonging and hence distract students from the learning.

Please ensure your child continues to wear their uniform correctly and is presented as per our uniform procedures which have been readvertised within this newsletter. Of particular focus this week will be the colour of hair accessories and tights and also hairstyles being of a conservative nature (e.g. no tracks, hawks or undercuts.) If in doubt over your child’s chosen hairstyle, please approach the school before attending the hairdresser.

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

GIRLS	BOYS
Regulation blue skirt White blouse School tie School jumper White school socks Navy tights Black school shoes School hat St Lawrence school bag	Dark grey long trousers Blue short sleeve shirt School tie School jumper Grey school socks Black school shoes School hat St Lawrence school bag

Our uniform is a sign of our community.

- Hair must be neat and tidy and tied back if shoulder length or longer or if hair falls about the face. Hair should be checked regularly by families to prevent lice infestation. Hair styles should be of a conservative nature (no tracks, no hawks, no undercuts etc). Only natural hair colour permitted (no tints, streaks, tips etc). Minimal gel may only be used on the fringe, no other part of the hair.
- Hair ribbons should be in school colours only:
 - blue or white with summer and winter uniform
 - gold, white, red with sport uniform
- Jewellery: Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear in the ear lobe. One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.
- Parents must be aware that watches/fitbits may be worn at the owner's risk.
- Nail polish and make-up is not permitted.
- If some accident or problem prevents children from wearing their full uniform on any particular day, parents need to send a note of explanation.
- Hats are part of the uniform and need to be worn every day. **"No hat, no play"**.

PARENT HELP REQUIRED

Parents and Friends of St Lawrence Community

With COVID restrictions easing we look forward to welcoming parents back on site to become involved and engaged once again in the life of the school.

One way you can do this is by becoming a member of our Parents and Friends Committee which meet one night during the month. This could either be in an official capacity as President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary or as a general committee member. Many hands make light work. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Please consider if you would have at least one night a month to commit to a one hour meeting. Arrangements can be made to meet via computer conferencing if you are unable to attend in person.

If this interests you, please email me gina.burns@cewa.edu.au

Cross Walk Matters

Due to high volumes of traffic on Beryl Street, this road may qualify for a cross walk attendant to assist pedestrians and cyclists to travelling to and from St Lawrence Primary School. In order to submit an application, the school would need at least 20 parents to support the application.

If you would support an application made by the school, please email me gina.burns@cewa.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing you at this week's Dance Concert. Prayers for the rain to stay away are much appreciated.

God Bless

Gina Burns
Short Term Principal



Parents, if you would like to place a note in the Pastoral Care section of the newsletter in relation to a birth or death, or a need within our community, could you please send your message to the office and it will be included in the newsletter

Congratulations to the Maier family on the birth of a beautiful baby boy, Leo, a little brother to Julie, Year One.



Our 'MJR' moment!

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

DANCE CONCERT

On Friday your child will be participating in the St Lawrence Dance Concert for 2022.

Our theme for this year is 'At the Movies'. You will be wowed with dances inspired by everything from Trolls to Footloose and many other famous movie tunes. 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. The Balcatta Soccer club carpark will be available for parking. Parents will also be able to park on the school car park.

The concert will commence at 2pm on the Junior Oval and family and friends 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. When you are around others, it is important you practice **physical distancing** and **good hygiene**. If you are unwell, please do not attend.

YEAR 4s ASSEMBLY

With the restrictions being lifted with large gatherings, on Friday 20 May the Year 4s will be leading our first whole school assembly. Due to social distancing requirements only the parents of Year 4 children will be able to attend and parents of children who are receiving a merit award, masks must be worn. If parents have other commitments and are unable to attend the assembly, they can organise someone to replace them.

RECONCILIATION

The Reconciliation Family Workshops will be held today for children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These workshops are for at least one parent/carer and the Reconciliation candidate. Parents will attend either of the workshops at 5.30pm and 7pm.

NAPLAN

The next couple of weeks the Year 3 and 5 students are participating in NAPLAN testing. These are national tests to track the progress of Year 3 and 5 students. Some students become anxious around these tests by the attention placed on them by the media. These tests are a snapshot of how your child has performed on a particular day and should not cause any stress for your child or family. It is important that routines are maintained as per a regular school week and that children, as expected each week, attend, are well rested, well fed and happy to come to school. We utilise these tests for school planning and monitoring along with many other sources of data and your child just needs to know to try their best.

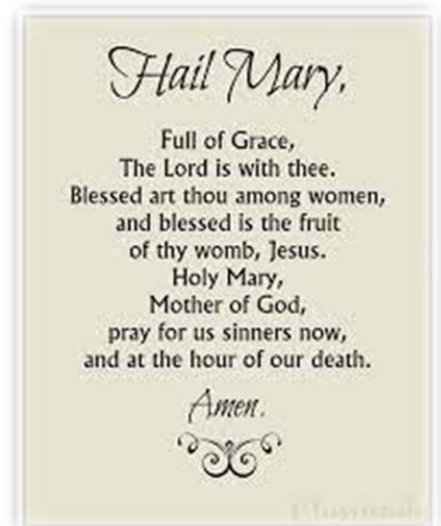
MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May we dedicate our prayers to Our Spiritual Mother Mary. Each year level will take turn leading the school in a decade of the Rosary on Friday afternoons at line-up. This week our Year 4 students will be leading us in the Rosary.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

2022 Sacrament dates are attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Miss Kathleen Tranquille
Assistant Principals



LIBRARY NEWS

St Lawrence Primary will be joining in this year's **Premier's Reading Challenge** and we are excited for all of our students from Kindy to Year 6 to take part.

By taking part in the challenge and recording the books you've read, you will be in the running to win some fantastic prizes, including family holidays and experiences across Western Australia.

No matter where you are from, you can uncover great mysteries, adventures and explore thousands of amazing stories through the world of books.

It would be fantastic to have as many St Lawrence students as possible join the challenge!



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Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge

Primary

Join the adventure!

We encourage you to join us in unlocking the wonderful world of reading for your children. Help them to join the Premier's Reading Challenge. Will they fly above the clouds, dive into the ocean or jump into a rocket ship? All students from Kindergarten to Year 10 are challenged to read 12 books by 9 September 2022.

You can help your children sign up via the website, choose their own avatar and log all the books they read over the course of the Challenge. Weekly prizes will be awarded to students who log a book that week, with major prizes drawn when the challenge ends.

Books don't have to be in English – children are encouraged to read books in their first language.

There are extraordinary tourism prizes to be won each week.

[Sign up](https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/the-challenge) your children on the website to begin their magical journey.

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Mrs Louise Frenzel
Library Officer





Walk Safely to School Day Friday 20 May 2022

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues, and diabetes.

It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

*Students may wear their sport
uniform on this day.*



YEAR FIVE NEWS

Leavers Jackets 2023

Dear Year Five Parents

I will be at the school this Friday (13 May) from 2.45pm to 3.15pm around the school hall, for the sizing of your child's 2023 Leavers Jackets.

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UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti. Hello everyone,

2022 is the International Year of Glass - “2022 L’Anno Internazionale del Vetro”.

Some students in each year level have been selected to possibly submit an entry into the annual Italian Festival 2022 Primary School student Competition organised by The Italo- Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc.

Entries close Friday May 13th 2022. The work of only three students per each year level may be submitted. If your child has a permission slip to enter the competition,

Please return completed slips to Signora Acquarola or the classroom teacher no later than Friday morning.

I wish to thank all students (grazie mille a tutti gli studenti) for participating and wish the fortunate finalists all the best for their entries.



Happy Wednesday (Buon Mercoledì),

Signora Jenny Acquarol
Italian Specialist Teacher



Our Kindy 'Moments'

What a beautiful afternoon in our school orchard 🍌🍊 I witnessed some lovely moments between children connecting with their friends and with nature 🍁🍃🍎



Kind regards,
Rachel Wake



