



## Newsletter No. 18

**16 June 2022**

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,

The school this week has staffing shortages affected by COVID and general sickness, so we have a modified newsletter for you this week. Many thanks to our Office Administrator, Lina Armstrong, for being able to prepare our information to the community this week.

The readings for this coming Sunday are about storms at sea. I don't have regular contact with the sea but having lived in Karratha, I know something about storms.

I've nervously waited out cyclones, moving from one side of the house to the next side of the house, as the eye passes over the top of us, wondering what all those loud bangs and crashes I can hear have been about. We've had flooding, trees collapse and parts of the roof lift. Luckily no one was ever injured, and damage was repaired quickly.

In the readings, the storms are calmed by the power of the Lord. Jesus tells his disciples that they should have faith, that they are not alone. When the storms arise, Jesus will be there to help them. He calmed the waves and quietened the wind.

Bad weather is not the only storm we encounter in life. We must weather all kinds of storms in our lives. There's illness, loss of loved ones, and actual storm damage. Things don't always go the way we would like them to, but Jesus is there with us, through the good and the bad, calming the winds and helping us through.

I ask to remember to also pray to Jesus for our own storms and for those that we know that are also experiencing a storm.

## **Food Sharing Reminder**

This week I've reminded students about not sharing food with others. Unfortunately, sharing food has the potential to make some unwell as well as cause friendship and other social difficulties when students are left out. Students are permitted to share cupcakes for their birthday at school and at other planned classroom events. Please remind your child not to share food and direct children who may not have food to see the duty or classroom teacher.

## **Parents and Friends Committee**

As you are aware, I have been calling for parent volunteers to commit to one of the four roles of the School P&F as all roles are currently vacant.

The following parents have kindly volunteered their time and knowledge to form the P&F Committee and I accept their nomination until the next Annual Community Meeting which will be held at the conclusion of this year. Thank you very much to:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Natasha Raso</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Penny Godfrey/Adele Cirillo</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Nicolas and Charlotte Wirtz</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Sandra Mesiha</b>
<b>P&amp;F Class Representative Co-Ordinator:</b>	<b>Laura Siciliano</b>

I also wish to thank the families of Natasha, Penny, Adele, Nicolas, Charlotte, Sandra and Laura, as I know that behind the scenes their spouses would be supporting them to attend meetings and also assisting.

I know these parents can count on the support of many, many other parents within the school as they begin their call to action in the areas of fund and friend raising in our school.

## **Winter Carnival**

Well done to our Senior Team of Students who participated in the Winter School Carnival yesterday in Netball, Football or Soccer. Your bright red and yellow sports uniforms were highly distinguishable across the sporting arena, and I was very proud of your effort and sportspersonship shown towards other students, staff and umpires. A special congratulations to our Netball Team who were awarded Champions.

Thank you to Claire Major, our Sports Teacher, for organising our participation in the event and all the preparation. Thank you also to parents who assisted with coaching and came down to cheer us on from the sidelines.

### **Scheduled Power Outage – Wednesday 22 June.**

Western Power will be upgrading one of their poles in the area next Wednesday 22 June. There is a scheduled power outage on this day from 7.30 am until 3.30 pm. Western Power are supplying the school with a generator to allow us to continue to operate for the day. The generator will be placed in our School Car Park along the fence line that our Drive Through operates. There may be a disruption to usual Drive Through Procedures on this day. Families will be advised early on Wednesday of any changes.

***God Bless***

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

## **PLAY GROUP**



The St Lawrence Play Group will recommence in Term 3.

Our first session will be held on Monday 18 July, 2022. Sessions run from 8.40am – 10.30am in the Kindy classroom and anyone is welcome to join us.

For all enquiries or to receive a link to our online bookings, please email me at [gillian.austin@cewa.edu.au](mailto:gillian.austin@cewa.edu.au)

***Mrs Gillian Austin***  
***Play Group Facilitator***

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

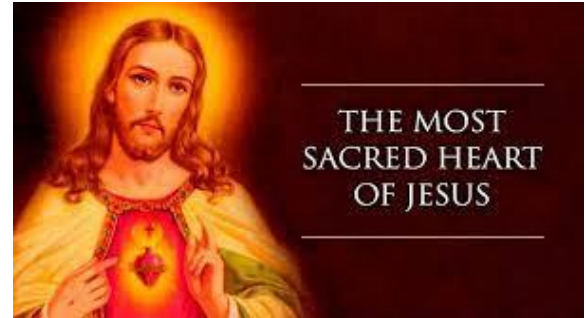
### Winter Carnival

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Winter Carnival yesterday. They had a fantastic time and displayed good sportsmanship and respect towards their competitors and team mates. Congratulations!

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart, also known as The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, is one of the most widely practised and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind".

The whole school will be attending mass on Friday 24th June, to celebrate this feast day.



### School Reports

Semester one reports will be available on SEQTA on Friday 1 July at 4pm.

Most families should have access to their electronic reports via SEQTA at: <https://stlawbal.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au>. Please bookmark this website to your favourites.

All Pre-Primary families who do not have an older child in the school and new families to the school should have received a 'Welcome Email' this week to register for a SEQTA Engage account.

Existing families with a current account should check their log in. If you cannot log in, please follow the process below to create a new password:

1. Click on the "Forgot your password?" link
2. Enter your email address into the relevant box and click on "Reset my password"
3. Go to your Email Inbox and reset your password according to the instructions in the email.

Please contact the school office if you have any issues or queries 9344 4944.

### Safe Sneezing

With the winter season upon us, it is timely to remind your children to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze, to blow their noses and throw the tissues straight into the bin and also to wash their hands regularly. A good tip to stop the spread of germs is to teach your child to sneeze into the inside part of their elbow rather than into their hands. Thank you for keeping your child home if they are unwell.

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan*  
*Assistant Principals*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks to my helpers last week Lucia and Anna M. Your help was very much appreciated.

Due to staffing shortages, our canteen had to be closed, some days, over the past week but will be open again tomorrow Friday 17/6/22. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. Normal days resume next week.

Pre-orders now open for the last day of term - 1/7/22. Please order by Wednesday 29/6/22.

*Christina, Frances & Antonella*  
*2022 Canteen Staff*



## UNIFORM NEWS

### PRE-KINDY & KINDERGARTEN

A Red Fleecy Track Top with the "Early Childhood" white logo, is now available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Sizes available are Size 4, 6 and 8 and cost is \$40.00.

Stock is available to purchase and collect from Uniform Shop.

Uniform is not compulsory for students in PK & Kindy but are encouraged to wear.

Please note that early childhood track tops are not to be worn for Pre-Primary students.

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

*Mrs Angie Miola*  
*Uniform Shop Manager*





# NETBALL NEWS

## Winter Netball 2022

Our first game in the rain this season. Well done to all our teams on their wins in Round 6. Some of our aspiring West Coast Fever players were also seen out and about at the game on the weekend.

Best of luck going into Round 7!



*Year 2/3 (U8) Team*



*Year 5/6 (U11) Team*



*Year 4 (U9) Team*



*Year 6 (U12) Team*



*West Coast Fever vs Adelaide Thunderbirds game*

*Cheryl & Nicole  
St Lawrence Netball Club*