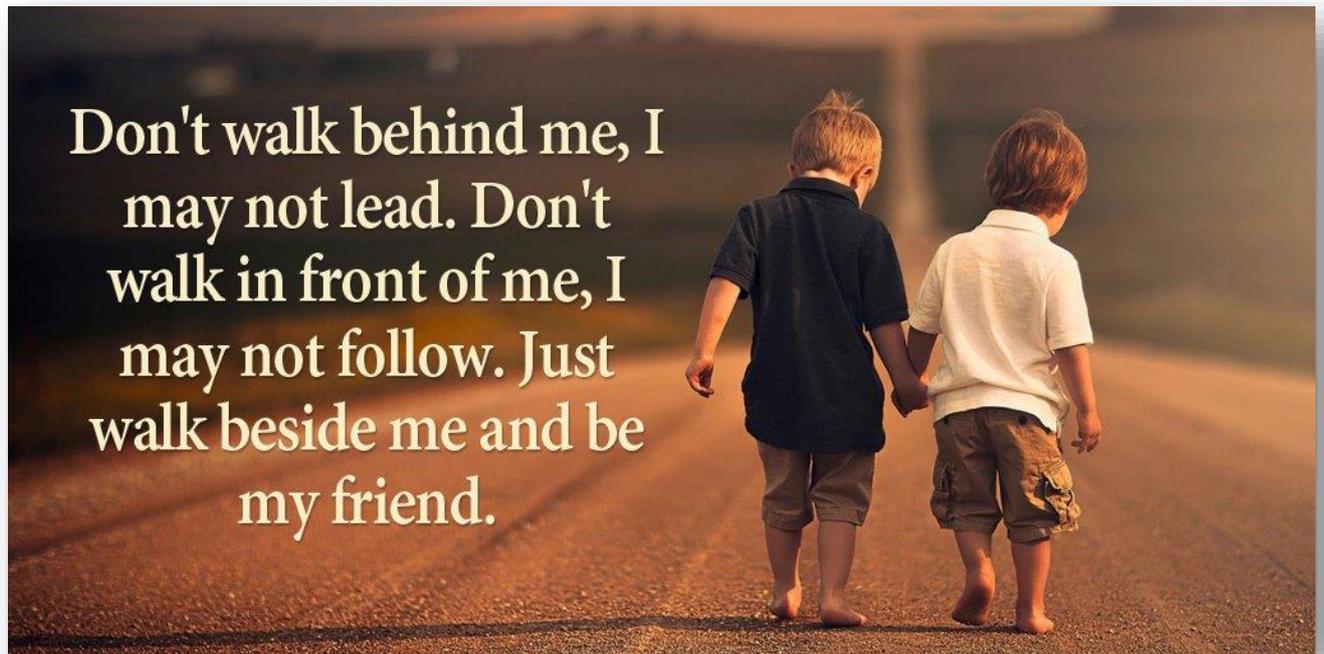




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The vision of St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, Balcatta is to share the message of God's love and friendship in a community of learners, developing the full potential of each child.



Don't walk behind me, I  
may not lead. Don't  
walk in front of me, I  
may not follow. Just  
walk beside me and be  
my friend.

*"....Just because the message may never be received, does not mean it was not worth sending. I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realise that what you heard is not what I meant.*

*A coincidence is a small miracle where God chose to remain anonymous.*

*When everything that can go wrong has gone wrong, it becomes apparent that it wouldn't have worked anyway...."*

### **Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders**

#### **Welcome to Week Five**

I was very impressed with so many wonderful things I saw last week happening at our very lovely school...I would like to share my little observations with you all...

- *Children attending Mass for the Assumption.*
- *Children engaging in a retreat day for Holy Communion.*
- *Children applauding the attempts of other to complete daily fitness and sports lessons.*
- *Teachers in other teachers' classrooms providing performance appraisal and feedback to enhance pedagogical practice.*
- *Catholic Education Inc staff attending St Lawrence to work with our staff and help build the learning opportunities for our students.*
- *Feedback from Catholic Education Inc staff that our school is an outstanding and exceptional educational institution and undertaking so many wonderful initiatives for our students and community.*
- *Father Emil coming in to judge the St Lawrence Art competition.*
- *All the wonderful activities and monies raised for those in need as part of our St Lawrence Day activities.*
- *A child showing me their work they completed in class with such pride and joy and with great articulation for the learning intentions and success criteria of their lesson! Now that's pure joy for a School Principal.*
- *Buddy classes sharing reading time with each other.*
- *Brollies over children's heads so they don't get wet as they get out of their cars...while the staff member was getting a right royal soaking, and not a single complaint was offered about that.... ☺☺*
- *The sound of pure joy coming from classrooms as children were learning.*
- *It really is a delight to walk around this school. Well done to you all.*
- *Mr Lu removing spent flowers from garden beds and planting new plants along the Main Street garden beds...while smiling! in the rain!*
- *The richness of care and dedication I hear in conversations in the staffroom about our wonderful children.*

These are just a few examples of so much that goes on unseen around St Lawrence on a daily basis.

A huge shout out to all involved in our very special St Lawrence Feast Day. The children attended a lovely mass in the morning, Father judged the St Lawrence Art Competition, children enjoyed a special tabloid sports event, a lovely lunch was provided by our fabulous P&F and then classes ran their mini-fate activities. An amazing total of **\$1320.25** was raised and will be forwarded to Sr Chitra in support of her marvellous pastoral care work in providing for others through the Kora Child Care Centre. I can't help but think how St Lawrence must look down on us from heaven above, and have a tear in his eye to see the good works continuing in his name, and the support of those in need, through our efforts and undertakings.

This is truly living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Again, a huge thank you to all involved and who donated their time, effort and martial assets and money.

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

This week our wonderful school leaders from Year Six will be attending camp at Forest Edge Recreation Camp in Waroona. This is a marvellous opportunity for our boys and girls to experience their education in a different setting and to give them opportunities and experiences they would not normally be undertaking.

I wish to acknowledge all the staff who will be attending and their families for graciously letting them leave their families, home duties and obligations for such an extended period of time. Please keep our children and staff in your prayers as they enjoy this fantastic experience.



## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

Wellness Week for this Term is Week 6. We had embedded this wonderful initiative into our school term in an effort to support the wellness of our children and community members.

Wellness Week this term falls in Week Six. Students and families have a break from homework and instead focus on using that time to play some games, go for a walk, read together or watch a movie. Staff too share in this week by limiting the number of meetings and making sure that they also spend quality time with family and friends. We aim to generally support the emotional and mental health of all our community members.

During this week there are no meetings for teachers after school, and no homework for the children (reading shouldn't be seen as homework – just what we do for enjoyment). Please continue to read with your child each night. It is an opportunity for families to spend the time they would have dedicated to homework and other school centred activities and spend time with each other.

It provides a great opportunity to introduce “Reading Night” to your families - a night where the TV and other electronic devices get switched off and the family comes together to read, discuss books and share the joy of literature. Have a “screen free pledge night” with your children where you all pledge a night free of screen time, that so encroaches our lives, perhaps go for a family walk or midweek picnic, visit other family members like grand mum and dad that you don't normally catch up with midweek. Have a family cooking night! Maybe walk or ride your bike to school with the children. Plan healthy recess and lunches and prepare them with the children. It's all about our wellness and finding time to take care of our own health and wellbeing.

## **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

A reminder that we are bound by the local council parking regulations and restrictions. The council sends parking inspectors on a regular basis, and they do issue infringement notices and fines with regularity. These restrictions particularly apply to parking on the footpaths and paved area in front of the Church Car Parking and stopping in no-stopping zones. A reminder that all road laws apply to Albert Street including speed restrictions, using mobile phones while operating a vehicle etc. Regulations also apply to the land owned by the Church and School and as caretaker/custodian for those lands, I as principal, can apply added legal restrictions accordingly, as the land is privately owned. I ask that all users of the school lands abide by all road use laws and adhere to the added restrictions on parking and safety on this land. All these undertakings are in place for the safety and wellbeing of all community members and particularly the small children.

From time to time, I witness behaviour that certainly is not reflective of what I would hope from adults. These includes using a mobile phone while driving and speaking aggressively or disrespectfully to other road users. I ask you all to consider the appropriateness of all our reactions and behaviours and particularly the messages our choices as adults send to our children when they witness inappropriate actions. A huge note of gratitude and thanks you to the majority of families that always do the right things and set such good examples for us all to follow. Thank you all.

God bless each and every one of you



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

***“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”***

***John 16:33***

## **PASTORAL CARE**



***We keep in our prayers our Year Four students who will receive Jesus for the first time. May they and their families be blessed with God’s love and grace on their special day.***

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A Prayer For You On Your  
*First Communion*

Jesus, Gentle Shepherd,  
Bless your little one,  
Walk beside him, Jesus  
Until the day is done.  
And when night falls, Dear Jesus,  
Hold your child’s hand,  
And keep him safe, Good Shepherd,  
He is your little lamb.



# Home Learning Tip

## Active listening

Active listening is an important part of talking with your child and can encourage them to express how they are feeling. It helps them to feel that you understand what they are going through. Active listening involves the following steps:

**Stop** and give your child your full attention. This may involve moving away from a busy place where there are lots of other people. At a time when you cannot give your child your full attention (e.g. when caring for another child), let your child know that you want to listen and will give them your full attention after you finish. Prioritising time to listen actively to your child will help to show them that their feelings are important.

**Look** at your child. If possible, get down to their level to show them you are ready to listen.

**Listen** carefully to what is being said in words and through your child's body language without interrupting. Listening involves eye contact and nodding where appropriate.

**Reflect** the feeling. Use the opportunity to respond and gently describe what you think your child is feeling and why. This allows you to check if you have understood what your child is feeling.



# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

## YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY

The Year 5 students will be leading our assembly on Friday. Only parents/guardians of Year 5 students will be able to attend the assembly due to COVID restrictions continuing to be in place.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend is a very special one for children in Year 4. On Saturday students in Year 4 will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist after many hours of preparation. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers. May they know Christ's love and joy every day of their lives and may the light of Christ always shine upon them and their families.

Many thanks to Miss Kayla Fogliani, Ms Kathleen Tranquille and Father Emil and Father Adam for preparing the students. This weekend is a very special one in the lives of many of our Year Four students and their families.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children in Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 23 October. Please note important dates below. The meetings and workshops help to prepare the children to receive this Sacrament. Please note all children in Year 6 will now receive the Sacrament at the same time.

## CONFIRMATION

EVENT	DATE	TIME/LOCATION/PRESENTER
Parent Meeting	Wednesday 22 September 2021	7.00pm
Family Workshop	Wednesday 13 October 2021	5.30pm or 7.00pm
Retreat	Friday 15 October 2021	8.30am – 3.00pm
<b>CONFIRMATION DAY</b>	Saturday 23 October 2021	4.00pm

## YEAR 6 CAMP

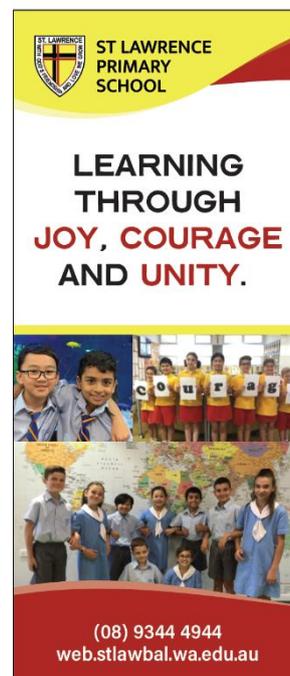
The Year Six students and staff were very excited as they left for camp on Tuesday morning. We know that they will have a fabulous time, as they take part in all the exciting activities at Camp. The Year 6 children will explore and challenge themselves and each other, developing problem solving and leadership skills. We hope that they all have a wonderful time. A special note of thanks to all the staff who give up their time to attend Camp each year.

## CORE VALUES

Each term we focus on one of our core values, last term it was Courage. This term our focus is on Unity – Working in harmony with one another. The MJR awards will be given to a child who demonstrates this value in the classroom and in the playground. Our slogan to help us remember these values is JESUS CHRIST UNITES (joy, courage, unity).

## SPORTS CARNIVAL

Please note that the school Sports Carnival will now take place on **Friday 10 September**.



please note

**Monday 23 August is a PUPIL FREE DAY**

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan  
Assistant Principals*

# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR THREE

The Year 3 students have been playing multiplication and division games during our Maths lessons to improve the speed and accuracy of our timetables. During our Religion lessons, we have been exploring the Church sanctuary and identifying objects used during the celebration of the Eucharist. There will be no homework during Wellness week which is scheduled for next week (week 6). The children will receive their new homework grid in week 7.

It is encouraged that children continue to read and retell stories to help improve their comprehension skills. Book Week will also be celebrated next week. On Wednesday 25th August children are permitted to dress up in their favourite book character.

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher*

## YEAR FOUR

The Year Four class have been working hard preparing themselves for their First Holy Communion. A reminder that mass is on Saturday at 4pm. The professional photographer will be in the Alverna Centre from 3pm for professional photos if you would like them and will stay for a short period of time after mass. We have had lots of fun creating our Communion banners and cannot wait for you to see them!

During our literacy rotations, we have been working on the comprehension strategy inferring and how we can apply this strategy when we are reading our own texts. We have also been completing fluency challenges to help us identify punctuation when we read and to use expression. These are some strategies that you can also be implementing at home when listening to your child read,

As next week is Wellness Week, no homework will be handed out however, it is an expectation that children still continue to read and fill in their reading journals. During Wellness Week, I encourage the children and their families to spend time taking care of themselves and their wellbeing. This could be done through simple activities such as going for walks, playing outside, playing board games or watching a movie.

*Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher*

## YEAR FIVE

The Year Five students continue to work hard in class. Congratulations and well done to all the Year Five Cross Country competitors who did their very best on Friday and represented St Lawrence with great pride. We are all very proud of your efforts and achievements.



## YEAR FIVE (Cont.)

As we come to the end of our Religion unit on Eucharist, we keep all the Year Four students in our prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time this weekend. In Maths we have been using the language of chance and probability and how we can express the outcomes of different events. The students have begun writing their Warning Tale Narratives and I can't wait to read their finished product.

We have several students who do not have any scissors in the classroom. This makes completing tasks challenging. Please ensure your child has all the necessary materials to complete their learning in Year Five.

The Year Fives are looking forward to leading the Assembly on Friday.

The students need to wear colourful clothing underneath, a dark jacket or jumper with some dark pants, skirt or leggings. Please do not go out and buy anything new. We have discussed in class that the students who do not have these items can wear their sport jackets and faction t-shirts.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your week.

*Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year Five Class Teacher*

# Our 'Year Six's' Fun at Camp



# CLASS REP NEWS

## Kindy Class Catch Up

Please join us for a family kindy class catch up at Tassels Bar and Bistro on the 28th of August at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Anna Speranza 0430382855 or Amanda Murabito on 0417182731

# LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK WEEK** is fast approaching. We will be celebrating and recognising good quality Australian children's books, and their authors and illustrators.

As part of our special week, the children will have the opportunity to dress up as a character from a book. The theme this year "**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**" is quite broad.

Some character suggestions include:

**Old Worlds** – fiction books set in the past, historical non-fiction books or prehistoric people and animals, or ancient cultures.

**New Worlds** – any characters from the modern world or future characters

**Other worlds** – anything mystical and magical. Themes from outer space, witches, monsters, unicorns, or fairies.



**Our Book Character Parade** will be held in the hall next **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 8:45am**. **Due to COVID restrictions, unfortunately parents will not be able to attend.** We will, however, record the event for the school community to see.

*Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian*

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## SECONDHAND CLOTHING

If you have any unwanted uniforms in good, saleable condition, you may donate them to the school. Please place the uniforms in a bag and leave them at the school office.

Please ensure that all items are WASHED and IRONED.

Please...\*\*NO old school socks, school hats and school ties\*\*

We thank the parents who have kindly donated to the uniform shop.

Second hand uniforms are sorted and placed on clothes rack in the Uniform Shop.

Items are available for sale at reasonable prices.

***\*\*The uniform shop has received numerous summer and winter second-hand uniforms that are available for sale now\*\****

**OPENING HOURS:** Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

## P&F NEWS

# EVENTS

The St. Lawrence P&F are excited to announce that our *QUIZ NIGHT* has been booked and we are looking forward to a fantastic night!

Date: Saturday 11 September 2021  
Time: Doors Open 6:30PM  
Quiz Starts 7PM SHARP  
Price: \$15 per ticket or purchase a table of 8 for \$105 (ticket price includes assorted snacks on each table!)  
Details: 18+ Only Event  
Pizza and Alcohol available for purchase on the night. Strictly no BYO Drinks.  
Door prizes, Quiz Prizes & Raffles on the night!

**\*\*TICKETS ON SALE FROM TUESDAY 24 AUGUST, AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE DIRECT FROM THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE – CASH ONLY\*\***

If you have any further questions, please email us at [pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au) or feel free to catch myself or Tara O'Leary around the school.

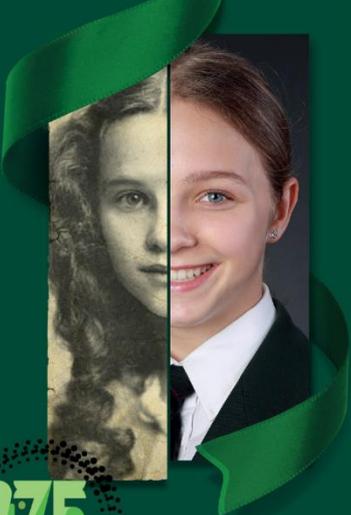
*Adele Cirillo and the P&F Team*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

 Mercedes College

# OPEN DAY

7 September  
8.30 - 1pm  
PLEASE REGISTER ON-LINE



**175**  
ANNIVERSARY  
Celebrating  
175 years  
of Mercy education

# CANTEEN NEWS

**THANK YOU** to my helpers last week, Leah F and Tatiana, your help was very much appreciated.

**Year 4** it is your rostered week next week, if you can please help on Thursday or Friday from 9am to 11am, please let me know.

**Helpers** are needed on the Sports Carnival Day to help prepare lunch (any year group). Please let me know via text on 0408834774.

**FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE - Tickets** are now on sale. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

**Thank you** to our generous donors to date: Ross and Linda Russo and Barbagallos!

Please pre order **now** for the Sports Carnival Day Lunch.



**Sports Carnival  
Day 10th  
September  
Sausage Sizzle &  
Juice or Water \$5**

**Sushi - Chicken  
Teriyaki, Tuna or  
Veg**

**5 piece \$5.50**

**6 piece \$6.50**

**Add a juice or  
water for \$1 extra**

**Preorder for  
Students &  
Spectators by  
3/9**



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