



## Newsletter No. 26

**1 September 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, developing the full potential of each child.

*"GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FATHERS  
YOUNG AND OLD, NEW AND EXPERINCED.*

*WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING THEIR VOCATION;  
MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK,  
FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE.*

*WE PRAY FOR FATHERS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE ALL GROWN UP;  
MAY THEY SEE THE FRUITS OF THEIR HARD WORK AND SACRIFC BORNE IN  
THE FACES OF THEIR CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN.*

*WE PRAY FOR FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHILDREN ARE LOST  
OR SUFFERING;*

*MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM  
IN THEIR SORROW.*

*WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS BUT STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH  
FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE.*

*WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO  
LONGER WITH US BUT WHO LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY  
AND NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE.*

*AMEN"*



## Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Our Year Five children have been hard at work in our Orchard, and this has been a super outcome of their Teacher Mrs Roselyn Pizzino and her hard work. Mrs Pizzino drives the environmental push at St Lawrence and is always working diligently to keep this high on our agenda. Her class secured a donation of 40 native plants which, with the help of Mr Lu, have been successfully planting around the school. Huge shout out to Year Five and Mrs Pizzino for all their super work. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff and students here at St Lawrence.

As part of our Wellness Week activities our staff participated in a painting class. This event was organised by Mrs Nyers, Mrs Mattioli, Mrs Bozich, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Christensen. It was a wonderful experience for the staff to come together, celebrate the Arts and focus on our inner artists...and what a talented bunch of people we have! All staff who attended created a wonderful painting of a sunflower in a field. Next time you are in school, pop into the front office to see some of the completed products. They really are something to behold!

Personal wellness is always the responsibility of the individual, but as a school we try to support all community members on their journey and provide opportunities for us all to develop skills and techniques to manage our wellness.



## *Catholic Schools of Excellence*

Thank you to all the children and staff who dressed up for our Book Week parade this year. Reading is alive and well at St Lawrence's! Thank you to Mrs Stanton and Mrs Frenzel for coordinating the parade. It brings me great joy to see books being brought to life and the smiles on all the children's faces as they delight in the joys found within books and reading. Reading opens many doors and holds the keys for success in life in many ways. But reading is also a source of great joy and pleasure. The celebrations of readings, books and literature is just a wonderful and joyous occasions. Well done to all our parents, who did an incredible job with the children's costumes.

## **Parish Celebration**

### *Parish and School Community Picnic*

Date: Sunday 17 October 2021  
10.00am 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Multicultural Mass  
11.30am Family Picnic at Stirling Civic Gardens

*Let us come together as a parish school community for a family fun day!*

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

### **Father's Day**

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Father's Day Gift Stalls. It was such a joyous occasion to see the smiles on the children's faces as they contemplated the perfect gift for their dads.

Our P&F are a hard-working group within our school. Their focus is on community events and helping support the children through their kind donations of funds which will go back to the school. The P&F are currently raising monies to support the replacement of play equipment in the early years. A huge thank you to the P&F team and do make sure you support their up and coming events.

### **Afternoon Tea**

At the Father's Day afternoon on Friday, dads will need to sign their children out at their child's classroom when they arrive at approximately 2pm. Children can be taken home early if they have already been signed out. Any dads who are not taking their child home early will need to take their child back to their classroom. The event concludes at 2.40pm. We would appreciate all Dads/Grandads leaving promptly at this time so that drive through can operate safely.

## **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

A huge shout out to all the community members who use the drop off and pick up facilities respectfully and with due consideration for all community members. I really appreciate the families who bring their cars to the spaces at the front of the cue when stopping and not just stopping at the entry gate. This helps move more cars through the drop off and facilitates a speedier movement through the entire process.

Kudos to those who always wait patiently and understand that small children will always take a certain amount of time to complete the disembarkation from cars. Some cars may well have four small children in them, and this process does take time...as we all know. Thank you to all who are doing the right thing and supporting all members of our community. At the end of the day all these undertakings are put into place for the safety of the children and for supporting families to drop their children off at school and collect them with ease. We have responded to community requests to keep the drop off and pick up staffed as a result of changes made during lockdowns and COVID restrictions. It obviously puts a lot of pressure on staff, but we are trying to maintain this level of service. We really appreciate it when people support us and follow the safe, logical and requested procedures. Thank you.

### **Students not returning in 2022**

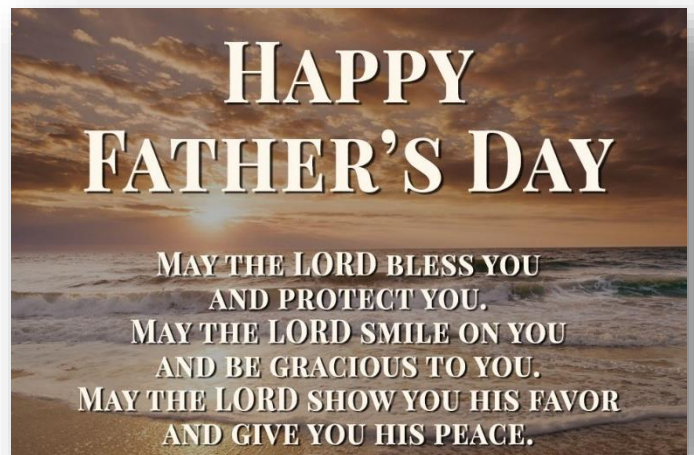
Student positions at St Lawrence's are highly sought after in the community. If you are not returning to St Lawrence Primary School in 2022, please notify the office as soon as possible. This allows us the chance to offer positions to families on our wait lists.

*"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the Earth a beautiful garden for the human family."  
Pope Francis*

God bless each and every one of you



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



## *PASTORAL CARE*



*Let us pray for all our children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, their families and teachers. May they too be renewed by the enkindling of the Holy Spirit in their hearts as they walk this exciting journey.*  
*Amen*

## **Home Learning Tip**

### **Things to remember when reading with your child:**

- The goal of reading is always to make sense of what is read.
- When your child is reading and encounters words that are difficult for them, use the Three Ps technique '[Pause, Prompt, Praise](#)' to support them.
- Try to be interested, supportive and enjoy the time together.
- Read with your child anywhere and at any time; don't forget that many everyday experiences provide opportunities to put reading and writing into action.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as for your child.
- Start a family book club it really is a great opportunity to share quality time together.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

This year we are celebrating Father's Day with an afternoon tea on Friday 3rd September at 2.00pm to 2.40pm. Our students are looking forward to a delicious pizza snack with the special men in their lives. We also invite dads to visit their child's/children's classroom to see all the wonderful work that they have been doing this term. Children will need to be signed out of their classrooms. The event concludes at 2.40pm. We would appreciate all Dads/Grandads leaving promptly at this time so that drive through can operate safely.

### YEAR ONE LITURGY

The Year One Liturgy will be held in the Hall on Thursday 2 September commencing at 9am. Parents are invited to attend the Liturgy but will need to adhere to social distancing requirements.



### SPORTS CARNIVAL

A reminder that the school Sports Carnival will now take place on Friday 10 September.

### TEACHER PARENT INTERVIEWS

Over the next few weeks, classroom teachers will be inviting parents to meet with them to discuss their child's progress over the term. These interviews form an important part of our reporting procedures and are essential component in developing open communication between home and school.



Please make sure your child's school clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles and containers are clearly labelled. Each day different items are found and brought to the office or placed in the Lost Property Box in the Learning Centre. It is very difficult to return these items when they are not labelled. Please remind your child/children to look through the lost property box located in the Learning Centre.

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan &  
Miss Kathleen Tranquille  
Assistant Principal*



# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR THREE

After a relaxing Wellness Week with no homework children received their week 7 and 8 homework grid on Tuesday. Please ensure your child reads all the activities carefully and completes all the tasks before the due date, 14th September. In Literacy we are learning how to write paragraphs using the hamburger model with an introduction sentence, supporting sentences and a conclusion. During Maths we are investigating numbers patterns and simple fractions. The children have created beautiful James Rizzi inspired artwork. You will be amazed with their effort. My parent interviews are scheduled for week 8, 9 and 10. If you would like a meeting, please book on the PTO link. A reminder that on Friday all fathers are welcome to the Father's Day afternoon tea from 2-2.40pm. Hope to see you there.

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher*

In Year 3 this week we have been working hard at investigating Heat Energy and how it is produced through different types of materials. Students were broken up into their science investigating groups, who then watched a detailed video on describing the different types of heat energy conductors. We love exploring and investigating in Year 3! Students have been encouraged to group heat energy makers up, whilst out of the classroom. So don't worry if you child suddenly starts walking around house labelling all your appliances that create heat as "Electrical Heat Conductors" or they start rubbing their hands vigorously to create heat.



*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year Three Teacher (Wednesdays)*

## YEAR FOUR

The Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion a few weeks ago.

A big thank you to all parents and families for attending the special celebration and preparing your child for this Sacrament.

The children looked amazing and did a spectacular job.





## YEAR FOUR (Cont.)

In Religion we have been learning about all the different ways that people learn best. Examples of these are learning by doing, reading, watching and listening. We reflected on how we learn best in different subject areas at school.

We have been using different mathematical language in our Numeracy lessons when we have been learning about location. We are learning how we can describe directions on a map using cardinal points and compass points.

We have our excursion next Wednesday to the **Perth Mint**. A reminder that children should be in their full school uniform. Please pack a light lunch and drink bottle for your child. This can be put into a small bag. Permission slips need to be returned by **Friday 3rd September**.

A reminder the P & F Father's Day Afternoon Tea is this Friday from 2:00pm.

*Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher*

## YEAR FIVE

It was wonderful to see the students dressed as their favourite book characters last week during Book Week. Thank you to all parents for your support.

A big thank you to Mr Lu who helped us to plant the natives that the City of Stirling generously gave our school. The children had so much fun out in the fresh air and sunshine that we stayed out longer and did some weeding. We have lots of budding gardeners in Year Five!

The students have brought home two permission notes for our excursions to the RAC Imagine Program on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Servite College on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure permission slips are returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September the Year Five Parent Zoo Camp meeting will take place in the school hall at 2.15pm. We will discuss our upcoming Zoo Camp. It is important that there is at least one representative from each family present as important information will be distributed about Zoo Camp.

On Friday we have the Father's Day Afternoon Tea commencing at 2.00pm. We hope that all dads, grandads and significant male figures in our lives have a wonderful day on Sunday.



*Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year Five Teacher*

## YEAR SIX

You would have been proud to see the enthusiasm of students to tackle the many challenges offered to them at the Forest Edge Camp. Just as impressive was the support given by students to their teammates who needed a little extra help along the way. I was privileged to see the value of this back at school with efforts to include and encourage others. This has flowed over in the fantastic way the Year Six students have cooperated and worked to prepare for the Sports Carnival next week. Training the juniors can be quite a handful, yet the patience and guidance on display has been wonderful.

Thank you for assisting your son/daughter to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is pleasing to see so many students attending Mass on a more regular basis. They have commenced a project about their chosen saint which is due for presentation on September 17. It would be timely to decide on a sponsor for your child. The sponsor needs to be 16 years or older and a suitable Catholic role model. Other than a parent, a family member can be a sponsor. The Parent Meeting for all Confirmation Candidates will be at 7pm September 22 in the School Hall.

English and Assessment books will come home for viewing this weekend. I will be available for a parent interview to discuss the progress your child has made from Monday September 6 to Friday September 17. I wish all fathers a wonderful Fathers' Day with their family on Sunday – to be a father is a special gift and an awesome responsibility – well done Dads!



*Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher*



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Book Club

Book Club brochures for Issue 6 were sent home with your child yesterday.

Book orders must be back at school by next **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Orders can be made through the LOOP system online, or by sending cash with orders back to school. Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the order form.

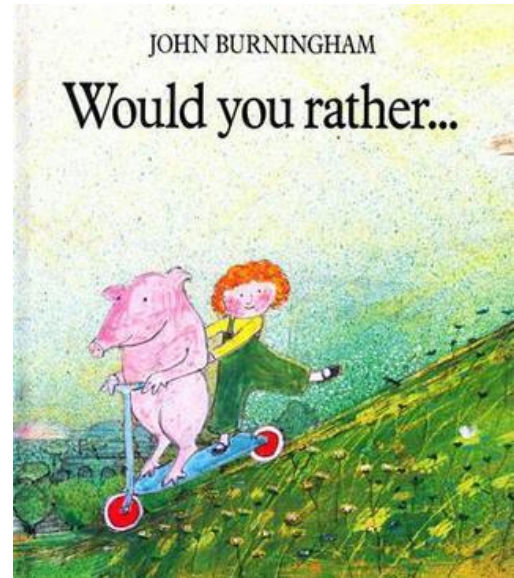
Due to COVID lockdowns in New South Wales, orders may take a while to be returned to school from Scholastic.

## Philosophy Club

Today in Philosophy Club we read the story "Would you Rather" by John Burningham.

I asked the question '*Would you rather be lost in the fog, in the desert, in a forest, in a crowd, at sea, or in a desert?*'

There was general agreement that it would be better to be lost in a crowd, because you can always ask for help. The worst place to be lost would be at sea, or in a desert. Carlo suggested he would like to be lost in a forest, because it is peaceful, and you could send up a flare in a clearing to get help. Blake said that getting lost in the fog could be bad, because you can get disoriented, and not find your way out.



*Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian*

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Year 1 to Year 6 students return next term in summer uniform. Last day the Uniform Shop will be open for this term is Thursday 23 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays and re -opens in Term 4.

Uniforms can be purchased directly at the Uniform Shop.

Please contact me if you are not able to visit the Uniform Shop before the end of this term by email:

[Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) I will then be able to arrange uniform orders for collection. Orders forms are available at the school office and website. Thank you.

## FACTION CARNIVAL

Faction carnival will be held on Friday 10th September.

Faction T- Shirts are compulsory to wear on carnival day and on sport days for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Faction T-Shirts are available from the Uniform Shop in Sizes 4 to 16 in gold, red, green and blue colours at \$12.00 each.

### *Uniform Shop Opening Hours*

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

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

## Father's Day Stall

We are delighted to report that the stall was a HUGE success, we almost completely sold out.

We have an incredible community here at St. Lawrence and it is always such a pleasure seeing the children so excited to buy something independently. A Very BIG THANK YOU for your support!

## Father's Day Afternoon Tea

This Friday we will be holding a Father's Day Afternoon Tea at 2pm in the school hall.

We are so excited to report that we have over 300 guests attending!

In order for the afternoon to run smoothly, we ask that upon arrival you head to your child's class and sign them out with the teacher before joining us in the school hall for pizza and a drink.

If you are not taking the children home from the hall, children must return to their classroom prior to 2.40pm. Parents are welcome to visit the classrooms between 2.00 – 2.40pm.

Please be respectful when entering classrooms as the children may still be working.

We look forward to seeing you all.

The Father's Day Afternoon Tea has been completely sponsored by Penny Godfrey and Family. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for their generosity.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Our major fundraiser for the year is our Quiz Night to be held on Saturday 11 September at 6:30pm, in the school hall. The tickets are \$15 each or you can buy a table for \$105. Limited tickets available so please get in quick!

Please be sure to bring cash on the night as there are no EFTPOS facilities available. Come prepared to support raffles and games with some excellent prizes to be won!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and ask that any donations be delivered to the school front office by Friday 3 September.

**THANK YOU** to the following people, families and businesses who have donated:

- Dolci Saponi (Chantelle Mammolitti - donating her delicious cannoli to sell on the night!)
- Metro Glass (donating the pizza for sale on the night)
- Tara O'Leary
- Almond & Mint
- Lisa-Marie Faye & Family
- Felicia Terriaca
- Patrick & Cayley King
- Le Courte Beauty
- Coles, Northlands
- Tassels Place Bar & Bistro



# CANTEEN NEWS

**Thank you** to my help last week Tara O, you really saved the day on a very busy Thursday and also thanks for the whisk!

**Helpers are needed** for this Friday 3 September. Even if just for a couple of hours as recess is very busy. It is difficult with a few staff to attend to the children on time.

Last week, with few helpers, the children had to wait in line longer than usual, which caused frustration amongst them. We do endeavour and aim to attend to the children as quickly as possible.

**Sports Carnival** - see flyer below. This Friday is the last day orders will be received for students and spectators. Further **three helpers** will be required for lunchtime. Please see me if you are able to help. *Thank you!*



**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**

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



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**Father's Day Raffle Tickets on sale now from the Canteen \$2 each or 3 for \$5!**

Some fantastic to be won. **Thank You** to the generosity of the following donors:

Russo Family (R&L), Del Borello Family, Jones Family, Barbagallo, Rupalia Family- K n K Kraft and the Yutani Family. Raffle drawn Friday so hurry and get your tickets!







Servite  
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# OPEN DAY

10 September  
9.30am-11am

Bookings at [servite.wa.edu.au](https://servite.wa.edu.au)

We are enrolling now for 2022, 2023 and 2024  
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