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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 Parents and Friends

*Ave María, gratia plena
Dominus tecum
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus
ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta María mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis
nostrae.
Amen."*



The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on the eighth of September. It is the custom of the church to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death as this is truly their "die natalis", the day remembered as their birth into everlasting happiness. Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception and is the firstborn of the redeemed. Her nativity is a cause for great joy as it is considered the "dawn of our salvation" as Pope Paul VI wrote in the document, Marialis Cultus in 1972.

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

What a wonderful couple of celebrations we had last week. Our Mathematics Night had well of 65 attendees and what a night it was. Ben Saulsman, presenter from The Catholic Education Office, articulated some interesting insights into the Alpha Generation, **Generation Alpha** (or **Gen Alpha** for short) as the demographic cohort succeeding Generation Z. Researchers and popular media use the early to mid 2010s as starting birth years and the mid 2020s as ending birth years. Named after the first letter in the Greek alphabet, Generation Alpha is the first to be born entirely in the 21st century. Most members of Generation Alpha are the children of Millennials.

Generation theories can and do greatly impact the direction of education and the pedagogies that will be required to teach children of this cohort. Ben also walked us through the judging standards. *Judging standards* is a tool to support teachers when reporting against the achievement standards for each year of schooling; when giving assessment feedback; and when explaining the differences between one student's achievement and another's. The achievement standard describes an expected level that the majority of students are achieving or working towards by the end of that year of schooling. Some students will have progressed beyond the achievement standard; others will need additional support. The expected standard for each year is described as 'C' or Satisfactory.

As reporting student achievement in terms of grades is a broad classification of performance, each grade represents a wide range of student ability. Many students will be given the same grade in semester 1 and semester 2, even though their teachers will have observed growth in learning. Bearing in mind that work in Semester 2 builds on Semester 1, maintaining a grade indicates students have held their own in the face of more advanced material and in this way have grown in their learning'

I think all who attended would agree it was an exceptional learning experience and certainly provides us with a lot of information to digest.

Close on the heels of the Mathematics Night was The Father's Day Breakfast. What a huge turnout we had for this celebration. It was so joyous to see so many people back in the school and celebrating our wonderful community.

May I extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful P&F, who organised the catering for both events. Their enthusiasm and dedication ensured the success of these events. Well done to all who helped and a huge thank you to those who generously donated to support these events.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

Change of Contact Details

Please notify the school of any changes to contact details including changes to emergency details and medication conditions.

Nut Awareness

We would like to remind our school community that we encourage our parents and caregivers to consider our students with allergies when organising recess and lunch, and please avoid sending food containing nuts to school with your child.



Catholic Pastoral Communities

Code of Conduct

CEWA Ltd policies are available on our website under the “Our School” tab where scrolling down will take you to policies. This will enable you to select CEWA Policies as well as our St Lawrence specific procedures. Our school Code of Conduct defines behaviours that keep our students safe at school, and elsewhere. It communicates a set of minimum standards and obligations to ensure that students are at the centre of our school and community decisions and operations. Children and young people supported by adult and peer behaviours as outlined in the Code are more likely to recognise and choose healthy relationships for themselves. For staff, the Code of Conduct is a lawful direction and for community members, compliance is a condition of school entry. We are fortunate at St Lawrence that all members of our school advocate for healthy, supportive relationships where we collaborate for the benefit of our youngest members.

I thought I might also remind our community that it is officially “Magpie Nesting Season”. This means they start to protect their nesting areas. Swooping is a common occurrence during this time. Please take care when out and about and be mindful of the magpies. Large brimmed hats and glasses are recommended when walking and always take note of the warning signage around parklands. The following link provides some extra information you might find useful.



<https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/magpies>

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

Students not returning to St Lawrence in 2023

We have basically finalised enrolments for 2023. If you know of anyone looking for places at St Lawrence our school is close to capacity. If you are looking at not returning to St Lawrence in 2023 please inform the office immediately so we can offer the placement to other families who are seeking positions at St Lawrence. Thank you for your support of our school.

God bless each and every one of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE

SERVITE COLLEGE HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY 2023



Head Girl: Chiara Caccamo

Head Boy: Domenic Crupi

We congratulate **our past students Chiara and Domenic**, and wish them both all of the very best in their leadership roles for 2023.

HOME LEARNING TIP

Philosophical Questions



There is significant evidence that engaging in philosophical debate can have significant cognitive benefits for children, encouraging open-mindedness, rational thinking and developing the ability to articulate an argument. Here are a few questions you might like to discuss as a family to get you started:

- Can happiness exist without sadness?
- Why do we treat some animals better than others?
- Why is it so difficult to imagine a brand new colour that does not already exist?
- If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what would it be?
- Can a person 'think' themselves happy?

These deeper philosophical questions can lead to very meaningful conversations within our families and certainly provide opportunity for the family to come together and talk, spend time together and enjoying the blessing of family time.

Numeracy Parent Night



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CONFIRMATION

Our Year Six students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 29 October** at 4.00pm. Confirmation Parent meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th September at 7pm** (only parents need to attend this meeting). The Confirmation family workshops are scheduled for **Thursday 15th September at 5.30pm or 7pm** in the School hall. Parents and their child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend one of these workshops. Please keep the candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers during this special time.

ASSEMBLY

The Year 6 students will be leading their last primary school assembly on Friday 9th September. Parents are welcome to attend. Merit Awards will be distributed during this assembly.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

We are all looking forward to a wonderful day at our Sports Carnival on Friday 16th September. A reminder that children need to wear their faction shirts, school hats and shorts or skorts. Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen and bring along your cheers and pom poms to support your child's team.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are being held in weeks 8 and 9.

Just a reminder to book your face to face parent teacher interviews on PTO.

First Holy Communion Photos are now available to be viewed and ordered.

The photos taken
at this event can be
viewed and purchased
online from:

**Friday 2
September
2022**

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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www.photohendriks.com.au
enter your password:
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www.photohendriks.com.au

Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Assistant Principals

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school in Term Four in their full summer uniform.

- The last day the uniform shop is open this term is Thursday 22 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
- The uniform shop is closed during the school holidays and opens Wednesday 12 October.

School uniforms may be purchased directly at the uniform shop.

Please contact me if you are not able to come in to purchase uniforms before the end of term.

on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au to arrange uniform order for collection.

Orders forms are available from the school office and website.

KINDY STUDENTS 2022

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement in Pre-primary 2023.

Details will be sent by email in late October to all Kindy families with all uniform requirements.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2022

Pre-primary families were sent an email on Wednesday 31st August, regarding uniform requirements of students commencing Year 1, 2023.

Please place your uniform orders by 26th October. For any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au or come to the uniform shop to arrange sizes for your child.

Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection by mid November.

CLEARANCE sale of WINTER second hand uniforms will be available for purchase commencing Wednesday 31st August.

Please note that NO exchanges or refunds are available on second hand uniforms.

***Uniform Shop Opening Hours**
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*



'Springtime' in our orchard!



Sunday 2nd October - 12.45pm
Grand Cinemas Warwick

Flyer & ticket purchase information has been sent
to all families through your class representative.
For further information please contact Natasha Raso



Saturday 8 October, Bunnings Balcatta.

Parents, we are still in need of volunteers for the afternoon shift.
please contact Natasha on 0422 043 716

*Natasha Raso,
P&F President 2022*

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to Lyan J and Adele C for their help last Friday. Your help was very much appreciated. Parents, if you can spare a couple of hours at anytime this term, please message me on [0408834774](tel:0408834774)

- Sports Carnival Day - Friday 16th September
Sausage Sizzle and Juice Box/water \$5.00
Sushi - Tuna, Chicken teriyaki or Veg
5 piece \$6.50 or 6 piece \$7.50 with a Juice Box or Water,
Available for Students, Staff and Spectators- please preorder now by Wednesday 14th September
- Please specify child's name, year and FACTION

Kindergarten students may also place an order. Students orders will be delivered to the classroom.

- Last day of term Thursday 22nd September
Lasagne- Arancini (Cheese only) or Chicken Strips or Nuggets
All with a juice box \$5 add sauce 50c extra

Please note that there will be no other lunch items on the above days. Parents, please pre-order by Wednesday 14 September.



**Sports Carnival
Day 16th
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
14/9**



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**Menu for last
day of term
22/9/22**

Lasagne
Cheese
Arancini
Dino Nuggets
Chicken strips

**All with a juice
box for \$5
Add sauce 50 c**

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022



As I am sure that you are all aware the **St Lawrence Athletics Faction Carnival** is due to take place this year on **Friday 16th September**. All students from Kindy to Year 6 will participate in this event.

The children will be expected to wear their faction coloured T – shirt, hats and their red sports shorts or skorts on this day. (Kindy – any shorts) The students have been training very hard during lessons and at lunchtime with the year 6 students and are all very excited.

In the next few days each child will bring home a programme of events for the day with their events highlighted.

It is impossible to accurately predict what time events will take place but hopefully this will help as a rough guide. Races start at 9.00am and lunch is at 11.30am.

At the conclusion of the carnival students will gather in faction bays for trophy presentations.

Parental support and assistance is vital to the smooth and efficient running of the day and it is only with your help that we are able to run such events for your children.

I would be most grateful if parents could be prepared to help out where required on the day.

To assist with planning please contact me on claire.major@cewa.edu.au if you are in a position to help out on the day or before school with set up. Please include your mobile number and I will call you to confirm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher




Servite
College

**OPEN
DAY**

13 September
9.30am-11am
Bookings at servite.wa.edu.au

We are enrolling now for 2023 and 2024
enrolment@servite.wa.edu.au 9208 0900



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Limited places available for Year 7 2023. Interest welcome for other year levels for 2023.

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