



## Newsletter No. 24

**5 September 2023**

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.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena  
Dominus tecum  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,  
Jesus.  
Sancta Maria 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. Usually, 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-centred Leaders.***

Schools are mandated to teach "Protective Behaviours" as part of the national curriculum.

The Protective Behaviours Program teaches children, young people and adults a range of skills and strategies to help prevent and reduce child abuse and violence in our communities.

Whilst the task of preventing child abuse appears daunting for most parents, teachers and service providers, Protective Behaviours provides a framework that can be easily adapted to home, school and community environments.

*Children who have been taught Protective Behaviours are more able to discern threats to their safety and are more likely to suggest using personal safety strategies than comparison children (Johnson, 1985)*

Some of the content includes that “we all have the right to feel safe at all times”, early warning signs, problem solving, who we can talk to, building safety networks, body awareness and ownership. Please speak with your child’s teacher if you would like more information on Protective Behaviours and how the programme is taught here at St Lawrence.

### ***Catholic Schools of Excellence.***

#### **Students not returning in 2024**

We have basically finalised enrolments for 2024. 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 2024, please inform the office immediately so we can offer the place to other families who are seeking positions at St Lawrence. Thank you for your support of our school.

A reminder that we have a uniform procedure, and it is part of the ongoing enrolment process that we abide by the requirements. This includes wearing the correct uniform on all occasions, being well groomed and presented and ensuring hair styles fit within the parameters, at all times. I have issued a number of uniform infringement notices of late. I ask all families to please ensure they are always following the correct procedures and wearing the school uniform, including hair styles, appropriately. Thank you all for supporting St Lawrence and maintaining our high standards.

### ***Catholic Pastoral Communities.***

**A reminder:** Our teachers work hard and spend a lot of time out of hours preparing for lessons, marking, moderating, and programming. As you can imagine, at any given time, numerous emails are sent to our teachers requiring a response. If the matter is not urgent, then I believe a 72 hour turn around is reasonable to expect, given the exceptional workloads placed upon our teachers. I also believe that it is not appropriate to expect a reply outside of working hours eg after 5:00pm and before 8:00am or over the weekend and holiday periods. Our staff have the right to their own down time and time with their families and to maintain strong mental health and agility, rest and recuperation is required. Thank you for understanding this matter, and I feel sure you totally understand the importance of respecting our staff’s out of hours’ time.

#### **Code of Conduct**

CEWA Ltd policies are available on our website under the “Our School” tab. 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.***

As we approach the busyness of the final few weeks of school for Term III, let us all reflect on the many Bible verses that remind us to seek calmness and tranquillity in our lives. Scripture is rich with many examples of the need for us all to be still, to slow our pace, to focus on what truly matters in life. Jesus calming the storm certainly presents us with the need to rely on our faith at these times and be still.

#### *Jesus Stills a Storm*

*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*



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

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### ***Congratulations to our new bundles of joy:***

***Scibilia family – a new baby brother – Lorenzo to Sienna in Pre Primary & Luca in Pre Kindy.***



***A new baby sister to love for Bailey in Year 2. Welcome to the world baby, Gia.***

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### SCHOOL DISCO

The School Disco will be held this Friday 8 September. The theme for this event is 'Neon Bright Colours'. The children will be allowed to dress up in appropriate outfits in-line with this theme. After each session, children will be able to be picked up outside the hall. Parents will need to find their child's teacher to sign them out before taking them home.

PP- Year 2            5.30-6.30pm

Year 3- 6            7.00-8.15pm

Disco tickets are on sale before school and at lunchtime in the Undercroft. Tickets cost \$3. The ticket will entitle your child to a juice box and a packet of chips on the night. This is a child only event.

Teachers will be supervising each session.

The Year 6 students will perform their dance routine to the Year 3-6 students at the Disco and their parents at the Graduation Dinner.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Last week the Parent Teacher Interview Link was emailed to all parents. Over the coming weeks, classroom teachers will be meeting parents to discuss their child's progress over the term. These interviews form an important part of our Reporting procedures and are an essential component in developing open communication between home and school.

### RECONCILIATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

All children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be participating in a Family Workshop on Thursday 14 September at 6.30pm. This workshop is for parents and the Reconciliation candidate. The workshop will help the children learn more about this Sacrament in preparation for them receiving their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 25 October. Please keep the children in your prayers.

### ST LAWRENCE SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Friday 15 September, weather permitting, we will have our Sports Carnival. The carnival is deliberately designed to have running events and team games occurring concurrently to ensure maximum engagement of all students. It is a great day for families and friends to come together and celebrate community and watch our wonderful students enjoy participating in the many and varied events. The Balcatta Soccer Club carpark on Albert Street, will be open on that day for parents wishing to park their car.

### YEAR 5 CAMP

On Wednesday 20 September our Year 5 students head off to a one night camp at AQWA. This camp will be something these students will remember forever. We know they will have a marvellous time and make some very special memories with their friends. We wish them well.

We sincerely thank Miss Fogliani, Mrs Caruso, Mrs Major, Mrs Seragusana, Mrs Pizzino, Mrs Freeman and Mr Tonge for giving up their time, so that our students have this memorable experience.

**Reminder - PUPIL FREE DAY on Friday 22 September**

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan & Ms Kathleen Tranquille  
Assistant Principals*



## LIBRARY NEWS

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We received a Book Club order that had no name on either the snap lock bag or the order form. The order was for two items totalling \$39 and was written in black Artline text. If this order belongs to your child, please come and see me in the library or email me at [louise.frenzel@cewa.edu.au](mailto:louise.frenzel@cewa.edu.au) so that I can ensure the order reaches your child when we receive the order from Scholastic.

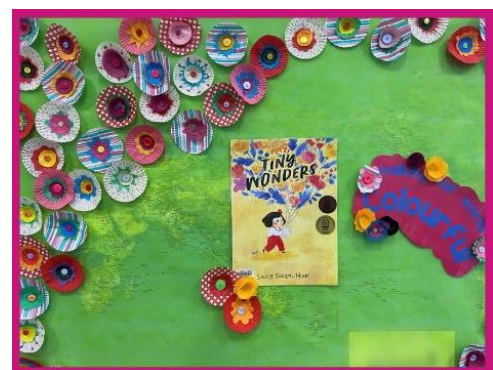
### BOOK WEEK WITH PRE KINDY

On Thursday 24 August we had some very special visitors join us in the library. We welcomed Pre Kindy to celebrate Book Week where we shared the story Zoo House, by Heath McKenzie, and the Pre Kindies brought the library to life with their wonderful animal impersonations. At the conclusion of the story, they completed a Zoo House activity.



### BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Children have had the opportunity to continue with Book Week activities during both lunchtimes and library sessions. We have had many students, along with our Kindy class, make a field of flowers to help make our library a more colourful place to be in, just like April from the book Tiny Wonders, that won the 2024 Children's Book Council of Australia award for new illustrator.





Children in all classes have also been making Garden Wish Flags wishing for things for mankind such as clean drinking water, food, shelter or access to medical care for everyone in the world, for the environment or things such as happiness, joy or peace. The idea is that the flags are then placed in the garden and the wishes are carried away with the wind or the rain in hope the wish comes true. Wouldn't it be a lovely world if the wishes did come true!

### DESIGN A BOOKMARK

We received some fantastic entries for our Book Week competition, Design a Bookmark. The bookmarks were anonymously submitted to our independent panel of judges who voted on their favourites. Winners will be announced at this Friday's assembly and their bookmarks will be available for all students from the library circulation desk as from Tuesday 12 September. Well done to our two winners and the runner ups!

*Ms Louise Frenzel  
Library Officer*

## SPORTS NEWS

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2023

I am sure you are all aware the **St Lawrence Athletics Faction Carnival** is due to take place this year on **Friday 15 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. The students have been training very hard during lessons and at lunchtime with the year 6 students and are all very excited.

Prior to the carnival, some events will take place during sport lessons. If your child is absent on Tuesdays or Thursdays, they may unfortunately miss these events, even if they are meant to be participating. Unfortunately, in this situation, another student will be selected to compete.

At present, the plan is for the 800m event to take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and the Long Jump on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. These may need to change due to the weather.

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](mailto: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.



## CROSS COUNTRY

### Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in the carnival last Friday. I was very proud of everyone's performance and above all the enormous effort that our students put in. We had some excellent individual performances and we placed second overall out of the five schools.

Well done to everyone!!



*Mrs Claire Major  
Physical Education Teacher*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### SPORTS FACTION CARNIVAL

The sports faction carnival will be held on Friday 15 September.

Faction T-shirts are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop and are compulsory for students in Pre-primary to Year 6 to wear on sports days for training and on sports faction carnival day.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

Students commence Term 4 in Summer Uniform. Please purchase summer uniforms required before end of this term. The last day for the Uniform shop to be open this term is Thursday 21 September from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The uniform shop is closed over the school holidays.

### GIRLS SKORTS

Girls Red SKORTS are discontinued and are no longer available to purchase. They have been replaced with the Red Microfibre Sport Shorts. Skorts may be worn for the rest of this year, however, commencing Term 1, 2024, it will be compulsory for all girls to wear red Microfibre sport shorts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) for any uniform enquiries. Order forms are available on the school's website and from the school office.

### Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am & Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

*Mrs Angie Miola  
Uniform Shop Manager*

## CANTEEN NEWS

### SPORTS CARNIVAL

Sports Carnival will be held on Friday 15 September. All orders to be placed no later than this Friday 8 September. Please see the attached flyer for lunch options on the day. This is available for students and spectators.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist on Sports Carnival Day, especially at lunchtime around 11am, for an hour. Please let us know if you can help. It would be greatly appreciated.

### NEW MENU ITEMS

Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets (x5) \$4.00  
Butter Chicken GF \$5.00  
Vegetarian Fried Rice GF \$5.00  
Spinach & Ricotta Roll \$4.00

Thanks for your continued support.

*Christina and Fran - Canteen Staff*



**Sports Carnival  
15th September**

 5 piece Sushi and juice \$7  
Katsu Chicken  
Teriyaki Chicken (gluten free)  
Cooked Tuna (gluten free)  
Vegetarian (gluten free)

 Or  
Sausage sizzle & Juice \$5

**Please preorder  
by Friday 8th  
September**

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## P&F NEWS

### FATHER'S DAY

The P&F Committee hopes that all families enjoyed their Father's Day celebrations over the weekend.

Thank you to those families who generously donated items for the Father's Day raffle. A special thank you to Audio Power Visual / Western Sounds for their generous donation to the raffle.

We would also like to thank Holy Cannoli and Umberto's for supporting our breakfast with their delicious food.

### P&F FUNDS

The P&F previously asked the Leadership Team for a Teacher's Wish List to purchase items with the P&F funds to benefit their classrooms. We are so excited to announce that the P&F are purchasing the following items for the school:

- Launch, Explore Summarise resources for the teachers
- Decodable reading books Year 2-6
- Godly Play Resources
- Early Years Loose Parts Lab items

*We are also excited to announce that we are raising funds to replace the playground on the junior oval.*



### CAN YOU HELP!

The P&F are holding a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta on 21 October. We are in desperate need of helpers. Please contact Laura Siciliano to nominate your time (only 1.5 hours on the day). We are also in need of donations of soft drink cans and water bottles to sell on the day. If you would like to donate a carton of soft drink or water bottles, please bring them to Lina at the front office.



*Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President*

## **\*\*IMPORTANT NEWS\*\***

### **Canteen – online ordering now available**

From Wednesday **11 October**, our School Canteen will be accepting an alternative method of ordering.

We can now offer **online ordering for lunch orders and special orders**, to compliment our existing class Canteen basket, cash ordering system.

Using the online system, canteen ordering, is fast, easy to use, no cash is required, and orders can be lodged in advance.

To register for this online ordering, follow the link, <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

Details and instructions on how to set up this service is at the end of this newsletter.

Orders will need to be placed **online by 7.45am** on day of request.

### **P&F Committee – Special ordering - Term 4 -Mondays & Tuesdays**

Our P&F Committee have arranged for special lunch order availability from **Umberto's of Gwelup**, of **rolls and sandwiches** for **Monday's & Tuesday's** for Term 4.

Your order for these rolls and sandwiches, can only be done online <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

Orders will need to be placed **online by 7.45am** on day of request.

This menu is available commencing **Monday 9 October 2023**.

A sample of goods for Monday and Tuesday lunches are:





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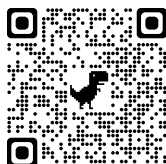
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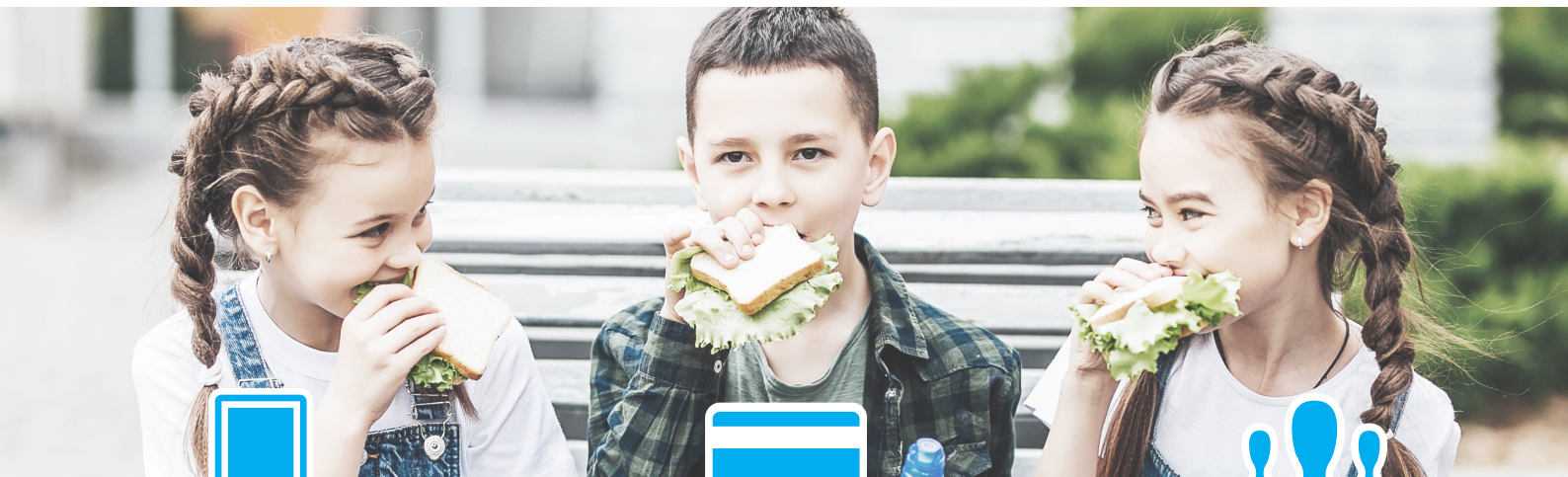
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- Select **MEAL ORDER** & you're good to go.

*Orders can be placed up to 28 days in advance. You can view your completed orders via the Active Orders or Transaction History tabs in your account.*

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- ✓ QuickCliq is designed with mobile access in mind. Simply login to add credit to your online wallet, or pay as you go using your credit or debit card. All from the convenience of your smartphone or tablet.
- ✓ To top up your account you have three options; Direct Debit / Credit Card / PayPal.



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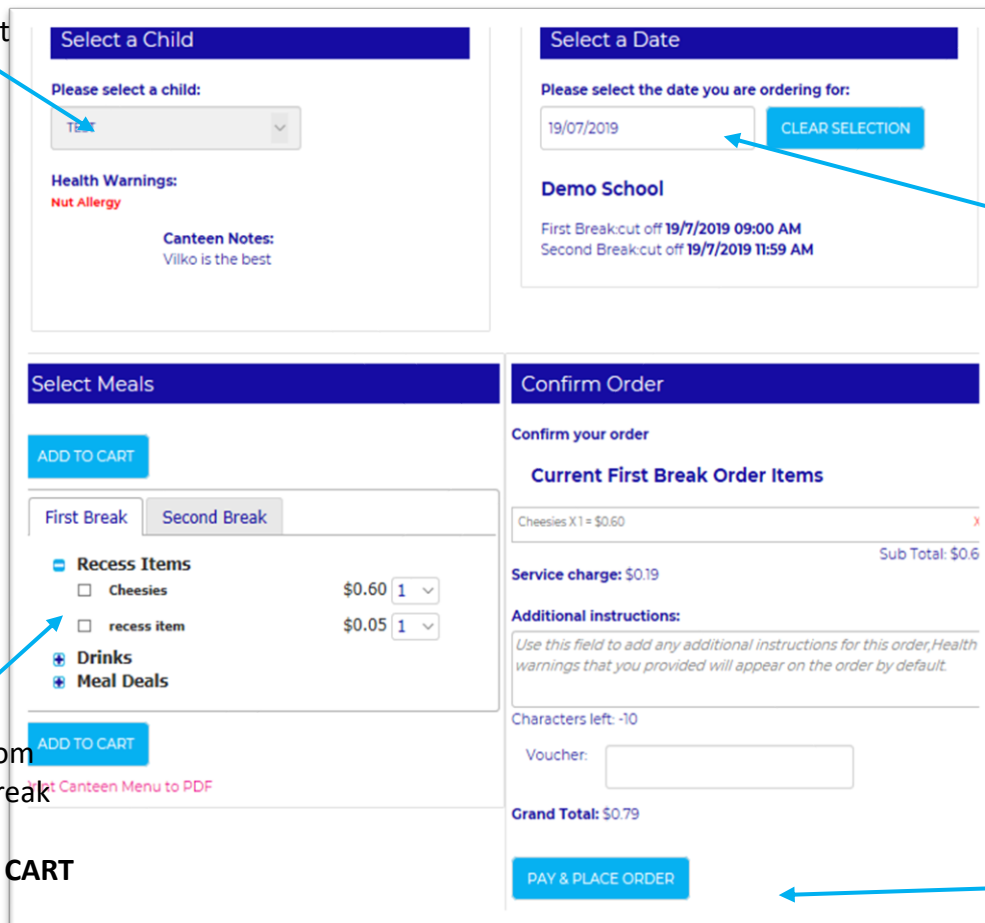
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Select **SIGN UP** and fill out your details to register

Once you have an account, log in & select **ADD STUDENT** and enter in your child's details: Name, School, Year, Class & Teacher.

**TO ORDER:** Select **MEAL ORDER** from your account homepage.

**Step 1 - Select Child**



The screenshot shows the QuickCliq meal ordering interface. It is divided into four main sections: 'Select a Child', 'Select a Date', 'Select Meals', and 'Confirm Order'. Step 1 points to the 'Select a Child' section, which includes a dropdown menu for selecting a child, health warnings (e.g., 'Nut Allergy'), and canteen notes. Step 2 points to the 'Select a Date' section, which includes a date picker and a 'CLEAR SELECTION' button. Step 3 points to the 'Select Meals' section, which includes an 'ADD TO CART' button and a list of items (e.g., 'Recess Items', 'Drinks', 'Meal Deals') with their prices and quantities. Step 4 points to the 'Confirm Order' section, which includes a 'Confirm your order' button, a list of current order items, a service charge, additional instructions, and a 'PAY & PLACE ORDER' button.

**Step 2 - Select Date** from drop down calendar

**Step 3 -** Select your items from the various break options  
Click **ADD TO CART**

**Step 4 - Click PAY & PLACE ORDER**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE THE CUT OFF TIME**

If you need any assistance ordering online, please contact QuickCliq - 1300 11 66 37 or [support@quickcliq.com.au](mailto:support@quickcliq.com.au)