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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.

Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon of St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory,
all honour and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your
Name.



Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister,
Mother Earth who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,
And serve Him with great humility.

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Our AGM will be held on November 23, in the School Hall at 7:00pm

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS and THE P&F AGM are held together. The dot points below are from the Catholic Education Constitution and outline the meetings purpose.

9.1 The Board shall conduct a meeting to be called “the St Lawrence Primary School Annual School Community Meeting” each year between the months of November in one year and February of the following year inclusive.

The Board shall, at least 14 days prior to the meeting, by such written published notice as it considers reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances (e.g. advertise in the School and Parish newsletters).

9.2 The sole purposes of the meeting shall be:

- (a) the election in the manner provided for in this clause of persons as members of the Board for the ensuing two-year period;
- (b) the presentation of a report by the Board chairman as provided for in this Section 9.4; and
- (c) the presentation of a budget for the ensuing year.

If finalised I will also present the staffing for the following year, however this is currently not confirmed.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

I have been reflecting on our Year Two assembly since last Friday. I was blown away by our Year Two boys and girls, their outstanding presentation, their learning and their smiles. To see the hall full of children and their families, the smiles abounded in all directions. Mrs Nyersh’ s words have come back to me so many times. “The boys and girls and all their different nationalities really reflect what a wonderful world we live in.”

Another parent also said to me how professional our student leaders are at running our assemblies and how wonderfully they read and present. Our school values of Courage, Joy and Unity were in full display. Our journey as a school to build our Learning Vision, introduce our CORE values and reflect our growth as a community is outstanding and I truly commend and thank all involved in this noble work. In the end it is all for our children and all to help build a better tomorrow. When I see our children sing and enjoy and show love and compassion, I feel so inspired about our future. It is in good hands!

I am able to reflect on just what a special and beautiful place St Lawrence Primary School is. Sometimes we as humans forget to stop and smell the roses. Our school, our parish and our community are just the most amazing places, filled with so many wonderful and vibrant people. I wish to take the opportunity to remind you all of the words of Catherine McAuley. The foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, who founded our school.

“God does not bestow all His choicest blessings on one person. He did not give to St. Peter what He gave to St. Paul nor to either what He gave to St. John.”

Each one of us is a gift from God and He in His infinite wisdom has bestowed great blessings and talents on us all. These talents are different from one person to the next person, but that is the beauty of this wonderful world. May we use our talents to care for others, to see the good, not the fault, in the people with whom we share our journey of life.

May we encourage others, may we see opportunities for making a real difference, may we always remember the good that is in our lives, and when times are troubling may we be patient with the troubles... may we always strive to make others feel good about themselves, may every opportunity we have to interact with others be an opportunity to show Jesus' love to another person through us.

Another wonderful story to share with you all is the recent appearance of some new St Lawrence family members. We believe, but cannot confirm, but do have it from a rather reliable source...the children in Pre-Primary....that a family of fairies have moved into the old tree stump. There have been several confirmed sightings of said fairy family members by the children.

This comes hot on the tails of Year Two children confirming that reindeers have moved into the orchard! Carrots, antlers, and a red nose were also found in the orchard. This has led to much speculation regarding why reindeer are in our orchard. I'll keep you all posted if any more information comes to hand!



Catholic Pastoral Communities

You may have noticed our Christmas Tree has been placed in the Learning Centre, yes this is a little early, but it will allow us all time to collect a gift card from the tree. The card will state a person's age and gender. It is hoped you will then purchase and wrap a gift with this card attached to it and place under the tree. The staff will then ensure the gifts are forwarded to those in need. Christmas brings out the best in people I believe, and in recent years I have been so moved at the number of gifts this kind community provide.

You could turn this into a family event, or even ask your children to donate their own pocket money or exchange chores around the house for the gift. I think if you make this a meaningful chance to come together as a family, plan your gift and how to pay for it and then purchase it together as a family much learning can come from this act of service.

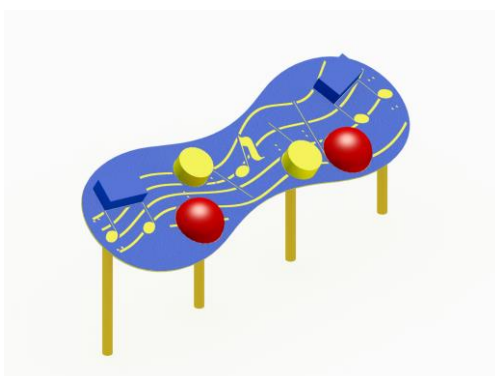
I am very aware that many of us find it difficult at Christmas to make ends meet but if you can, then this might be a great opportunity to support those far less fortunate than ourselves.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, is a special time to pray for the faithful departed. During November throughout most parishes Daily Mass is offered up for the Holy Souls. November Mass Offerings envelopes are available in most churches. They can be given with the collection, to the Parish Priest or at most parish offices.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

We have been busy preparing for the installation of our new playground in the Early Years. Mrs Preston has done all the research, sourced quotes and basically finalised all the groundwork. These images are the final selection that will, if all goes to plan be installed over the Christmas break. I thank all involved in the process and particularly our wonderful P&F who has donated funds towards the completion of this project.



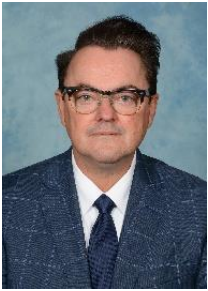
Mr Lu and I have also met with a team of landscape gardeners who are currently drawing up plans for our Orchard, which again if all goes to plan, will have a significant facelift over the Christmas holidays as well.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have finalised their fees for 2021.

A friendly reminder that all school fee balances need to be finalised by 30 November 2021. Please see Lina Armstrong, in the office, if you need a copy of your current statement or have any issues or concerns. Thank you.

God bless each and every one of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



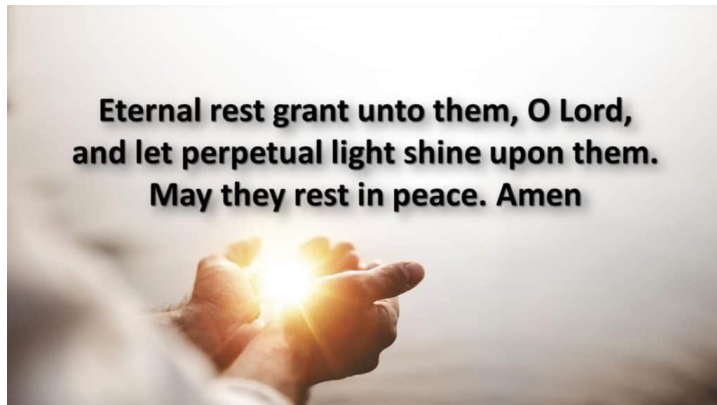
*"Here comes Edward Bear now, down the stairs behind Christopher Robin. **Bump! Bump! Bump!** on the back of his head. It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming down stairs. He is sure that **there must be a better way**, if only he could **stop bumping for a moment to think of it**"*

A. A. Milne, Winnie-the Pooh, Chapter 1

PASTORAL CARE



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



Condolences to the FAZARI family on the passing of their great-grandfather to Joshua (Year 6), Christian (Year 5) and Isabel (Year 2). *May he rest in peace.*

Home Learning Tip



Most kids love to cook, it's hands on, it's messy and there's plenty of room for creativity, not to mention a sense of achievement at the end. Teach your kids this life skill and you really will set them up for life, combine it with making their meal and you've set them up for the day too. Why not cook together and enjoy the food together!

MERIT AWARD WINNERS – Congratulations!



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Thursday at 11am the students and staff at St Lawrence will take part in a ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day and to acknowledge and remember all who serve and have served for our country. The ceremony will be led by our Year 5 students. Thank you to Mrs Pizzino for organising this special tribute.



FUN RUN

Our School Fun Run will take place on Friday on the Senior Oval at the following times. Our Pre-Kindy children's fun run will take place on Thursday at 2pm. Please ensure any sponsor money is sent into school by Friday. Parents are welcome to attend the Fun Run. We would appreciate parent volunteers when required to assist with stamping the children when they complete each lap of the oval. Icy Poles will be given to children after the fun run.

Kindy -Year 2	2.00 – 2.20pm
Y3 – Y6	2.20 – 2.40pm

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

St Lawrence Catholic Primary School utilises SEQTA for parents to access student reports for children in Pre-Primary to Year 6. If you have not already done so, please log in to SEQTA to ensure you are able to access your child's report. To do this you need to go to the following site:

<https://stlawbal.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au>

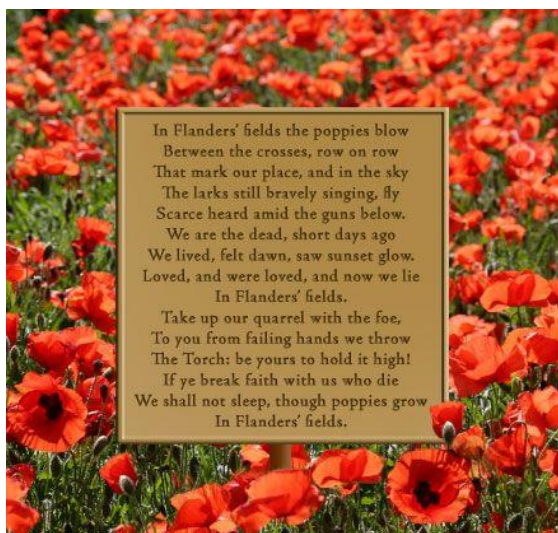
If you have remembered your username but forgotten your password, please click on the 'Forgot your Password' link and an email will be sent to you. Please note the password reset link in the email will expire within one hour. If you do not know your username, please contact the school. New families to the school and children in Pre-Primary who do not have an older sibling were sent welcome emails. If you did not follow the instructions in the Welcome Email, the link expired within 7 days. Please contact the school if you need the email to be resent.

YEAR 6 REPORTS

Parents of students in Year 6 will need to either print off their child's reports or save them as soon as possible, as reports will not be able to be accessed once children leave the school.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND P & F AGM

Our School Advisory Council and P & F AGM will take place on Tuesday 23 November at 7pm in the School Hall. All Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.



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

CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE

In English this term we have been learning how to write and read well-structured procedures and in Maths we are learning how to add and subtract money. To consolidate these two concepts the Year 3 students will be participating in a mini group project which involves researching food catalogues to find ingredients to make Christmas snowballs. We will be going shopping at Coles to purchase these products. After we will follow the procedure (recipe) to make the snowballs. Our shopping excursion will take place on Tuesday 16th November. Weather permitting the Year 3 class will walk to Coles at 12pm. After lunch the children will use their purchased products to make the snowballs. If any parents are available to help with either shopping or cooking or both, please let me know.

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.

On Monday 15th November we will participate in Outdoor Classroom Day. The Year 3 students will be asked to bring in one piece of fruit to help create fruit kebabs.

Just a reminder that the Fun Run is on Friday 12th November, children are urged to bring their sponsorship forms with the money back to school as soon as possible.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR

After a very busy two weeks with swimming and the Interschool Athletics Carnival, we started off Week Five with a trip to Scitech!

We learnt all about how to create Wind Turbines using sustainable materials. We trialled different prototypes to see which one powered the most wind energy. If that wasn't cool enough... we then became detectives! We used our Science Inquiry Skills to solve an investigation mystery and figure out who stole the computer chip!

It required lots of code-breaking, clue finding, active listening and cooperating with our group members.



In Maths we have been learning all about Fractions. This week, we have focused our understanding on equivalent fractions and plotting fractions on a number line. Fractions can often be a difficult concept for children to grasp. I encourage you to use fractions at home in real-life contexts; for example, in cooking, cutting up vegetables, pizza or a cake!

Our School Fun Run is on Friday. Children will need to wear their sports uniform to school. Please ensure sponsorship money is sent to school by Friday. The Years 3-6 classes will run from 2:20pm - 2:40pm. Parents are welcome to attend the Fun Run.

As the year is coming to an end, each week is getting filled with more events and important dates. Please ensure you are keeping a look out for our weekly Seesaw Snapshots for dates coming up.

Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher

YEAR SIX

Although St Lawrence did not get any trophies at the Interschool Carnival, the Year Six students performed admirably both on and off the track. The highlight was the final event for the day which saw the 4 x 100m boys storm home many metres in front, to the shouts and screams of our fantastic supporting parents and students.

Our senior students are racing towards graduation with a bag full of chores still to complete. They were wonderful buddies during swimming with the Year Ones and are now busy arranging disco dances, posters and tickets for the theme: TV-Movie Characters. They will be selling tickets each morning before school and again at lunchtime next week.

We have made poppies with our buddies to help us think and pray for our brave Service Men and Women on Remembrance Day, 11th November.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher



InterSchool Carnival



FATHERING PROJECT

CAMP 2022 – Moore River - Date: TBA

Previous camps have been enjoyable and a wonderful success, especially for new families. This is a great opportunity for earlier years to join and make new friends. The 'early years' families hopefully will drive this project in the future!

No need to be campers; there will be many helping hands! Both girls and boys are welcome.

DEPOSIT of \$50 is required by the end of this term. We have restrictive lots next year, so it will be first in gets the site.

Any queries, please contact : *Patrick King, Co-ordinator* 0409296036

2022 BYOD iPad Program

As of Term 1, 2022 your child is required to participate in the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. All year 3 students at St Lawrence need access to an iPad.

Below is the link you require to purchase iPads from JB HiFi for the BYOD iPad Program. It is not essential for you to purchase through JB Hi Fi, you have the option to purchase from wherever you choose. Please be aware that the iPad needs to be enrolled in Zulu Desk before it can be used at school. Please ensure there is no passcode on the iPad and no Apple ID connected. Any photos or important documents on the iPad will need to be backed up first as it will need to be wiped before Zulu Desk is installed. Our IT providers will help with the installation process next year.

ST LAWRENCE JB Hi Fi PORTAL

LINK: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/?code=STLAWBAL22>

Below are the **minimum** requirements for the BYOD iPad Program in 2022:

- 128GB iPad – *this should allow students with enough storage until Year 6.* (There is **no** 128GB iPad available for purchase on the JB Hi Fi portal).
- Regular iPad size is preferable (9.7 inch screen)
- Own insurance if you wish
- Apple Care – personal choice*
- Other accessories are not a requirement for you to purchase, however, are available in the portal if you wish.

*Please note – if you are wanting to purchase Apple Care, it is currently unavailable Australia wide.

A reminder that iPads that support the NAPLAN online application are encouraged. iPads from the 6th Generation onwards support this application.

Miss Kayla Fogliani & Miss Kathleen Tranquille

I.T. Co-ordinators

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

2022 PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Pre-primary children in 2022. Please have your child's uniform ordered by 12 November, so they can be packed and ready for payment. Samples of sizes are available at the Uniform Shop.

COLLECTION OF UNIFORM ORDERS

Parents who have placed uniform orders are now available to collect for Pre-Primary Students commencing in 2022. Payment is required by EFTPOS or cash.

2022 YEAR 1 STUDENTS

Thank you to the parents who have placed orders.

Any families who have not placed uniform orders or if you do not require any items, please advise me as soon as possible on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au or come into the Uniform Shop to directly purchase from Uniform Shop.

COLLECTION OF UNIFORM ORDERS

Parents, uniform orders are now available to collect for Year 1 students commencing in 2022. Payment is required by eftpos or cash.

BOYS RED RUGBY SHORTS

Please note that the boys red rugby shorts were discontinued at the beginning of this year. Red Microfibre Sport Shorts are available and are compulsory to wear in Pre-primary to Year 6 for commencement of school in February 2022. RED RUGBY SHORTS are NOT allowed to be worn in 2022.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

P&F NEWS



FUN RUN – This Friday 12 November

Sponsorship forms have been distributed to all families; extra forms available from the school office

Forms, along with the money raised, needs to be returned to the school before the day of the Fun Run.

2022 P&F COMMITTEE

A reminder that the 2021 P&F will not be renominating for 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for a new team to continue the work in 2022. If this is something you have been considering, now is the time to nominate.

Mrs Adele Cirillo President & Committee

pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

THANK YOU to my helpers last week Tara O and Carolina N.

YEAR FOUR - help is needed for next week on Thursday please.

WEEK 7 We will be having an Arancini Special on Wednesday 24th November.
Plain cheese or Meat and Cheese Arancini plus 2 pieces of garlic bread for \$4.50.
Please pre order by Wednesday 17th November.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale from next week with some fabulous prizes;
including a \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher. Tickets will be \$5 each.



Thank you, 2021 Canteen Staff



2021 Christmas Concert

Thursday December 9, 2021 6pm

Students have enthusiastically hit the ground running this term preparing for our 2021 Christmas Concert. I am proud to share that students from Pre Primary to Year 6, have been actively involved in practising their Christmas concert items each Friday in Music, planning dance moves, stage positions and acting cues.

Information regarding date, time and dress requirements for the evening will be sent home by the end of Week 6 via your child's classroom teacher. Updates and reminders of the night will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Once you have received the information relevant to your child/children please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher/s with any further questions or queries you may have.

The students, staff and I excitedly look forward to sharing the concert night with you our school community!

Mrs Stephanie Freeman, Music & Drama Teacher