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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

Annual General Meetings

Parents are invited to attend the **School Advisory Council AGM**, immediately followed by the **Parents & Friends AGM** on **Tuesday 22 November 2022 commencing at 7pm**.

We are currently working on the 2023 School Budget, finances, staffing, forward planning and the 2023 school year in general. If finalised staffing for the coming year is announced at the AGM. Reports from the School Advisory Council Chair, Treasurer, P&F President, Principal and Parish are presented at the AGM.

The Catholic Schools Advisory Council

FUNCTIONS:

3.1 The Advisory Council is established to support the Principal to fulfil their responsibilities in leading the Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship functions of the Catholic School in pursuit of CEWA's vision to be Christ-centred and child-focused.

3.2 The Advisory Council must carry out the following functions:

(a) support planning for the present and future operation of the Catholic school;

(b) provide membership, at the Principal's request, on selection panels for the employment of staff to the Catholic School in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policies and Executive Directives;

(c) provide membership on the panel that recommends the appointment of a principal in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policy and Executive Directives;

(d) in consultation with the Principal, communicate about the Catholic School and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the School Community;

(e) endorse the Catholic School's annual budget before submission to CECWA for approval; and

(f) advise the Principal on school financial matters such as performance against budget, sustainability, and capital and recurrent planning.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

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. Last week was quite a large week at our school. We had our interschool sports carnival. I wish to thank all those involved in this event. Our boys and girls did us very proud indeed. We can be very excited about our achievements on this day, and we certainly did well. However most importantly was to see the outstanding sportsmanship of our students. To see them encourage their team members and fellow students and to also reach out to the boys and girls from the other schools and congratulate them. This is a wonderful reflection on our community.

I wish to thank all the staff involved and the parents who came along to help and support our school. A big shout out to Mrs Major, who has done an outstanding job not only in training up our students, but in coordinating these events, and building such wonderful sportsmanship in our children.



Hot on the heels of our sports carnival was our Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. Our teachers take children outdoors to play and learn. All year round, the Outdoor Classroom Day community campaigns for more time outdoors every day. We know the benefits of play and being outdoors and the positive impact this has on learning. Our staff plan their learning around using the outdoors as the classroom.

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 church. They can be given with the collection, to the Parish Priest or at most parish offices.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable.

Please be aware that the City of Stirling will be undertaking repair work to the bore main along Albert Street on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November.

Crews will aim to work between 9.30am and 2.30pm to reduce the impact as much as possible.

Traffic management will be in place throughout these repairs, with a likely lane closure to ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians.

During the work you may notice an increase in noise, dust and vibration in the area. Please be aware of this and take extra care at drop off and pick up and expect delays.

God bless each and every one of you.



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." - CCC 1032

Prayer for Eternal Rest

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

~Amen~

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

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.cathodnet.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 in Semester 1. 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 and children who are leaving St Lawrence at the end of this year will need to either print off their child's reports or save them as, as reports will not be able to be accessed once children leave the school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Each year, on 11th November, we pause to reflect on the end of World War One when an Armistice was signed ending four years of continuous warfare. In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11:00 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

The red poppy is the most popular flower to wear for Remembrance Day because it grows wild in many fields in Northern France and Belgium, these were some of the heaviest and deadliest battles during WW1. Poppies are tough flowers and usually can grow anywhere, but they are also delicate, which some believe makes them a fitting tribute to those who have departed.

On Friday 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 6 students. Thank you to Mr Haydon for organising this special tribute.

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY

Our Year 5 students will lead the assembly on Friday. Parents are welcome to attend. Merit Awards will be distributed during this assembly.



Mrs Gabrielle Brennan, Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Library High Morning Tea

Over the year students from Years 1-6 have been given the opportunity to receive a raffle entry for every time they return their library books on time, (children who were absent due to illness were automatically given a ticket for that time period).

The raffle tickets have gone into a draw to attend a special High Morning Tea in the library in week six (Thursday 17th November). Four students from each class have been drawn to attend.

Congratulations to our following winners:

<u>Year 1</u> Harper L Teresa T Tristan S Mia C	<u>Year 2</u> Alessandra F Sofia B Brooklyn TW Aaron L	<u>Year 3</u> Lucas N Marcos N Amelie C Caoimhe C
<u>Year 4</u> Katia S Tim H Julian G Matthew C	<u>Year 5</u> Alessio P Sukhmani S Flynn Z Isabel B	<u>Year 6</u> Angela DT Lia DB Makayla M Joshua B

The above winners will come to the Library at 10.30am Thursday 17th November to take part in the High Tea. All drinks and snacks will be provided for the above students.

****Children with allergies will be catered for separately and have their food served on their own plate to avoid any cross contamination.**



Mrs Louise Frenzel, Library Officer

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

GIRLS RED SKORTS

Girls Red Skorts have been discontinued by the manufacturers, unfortunately out of our control. Girls have the option to continue wearing girls red skorts until the end of 2023 or Red Sport Shorts are available to purchase from the uniform shop.

Currently we have limited stock of Skorts.

Girls Skorts are available for parents who have already placed orders for their child commencing in Pre-primary 2023. If you have not placed an order for Pre-primary, please place order as soon as possible, as stock is limited.

KINDY STUDENTS 2022

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

Please place your uniform orders as soon as possible.

Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection by Week 7, 23 November 2022.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2022

A compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Year one 2023.

Please place uniform orders as soon as possible.

Orders are then packed and payment is required at collection by Week 6, 16th November 2022

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS 2023

Students commencing Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten in 2023 are not required to wear a compulsory school uniform but are encouraged to wear a Red Early Childhood T-Shirt and a Red Early Childhood Track Top.

Library Bags are compulsory to purchase for Kindergarten.

Stock is available to purchase directly from Uniform Shop. Order forms/price lists are available from school office or uniform shop.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any enquiries or to place an order on Angie.Miola@cewa.edu.au or come to the Uniform Shop.

Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am

Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to my helper last week: Jess on Friday for her help with serving the Pre primary children.

Swimming lessons commence in week 7 & 8. As we have three different lunch times, we have a reduced menu.

We have added sushi as an option on both Fridays, please see menu below.

Canteen Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale from the canteen - 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The raffle will be drawn Friday 9th December at line up.

- 1st Prize \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher - donated kindly by David Michael MLA
- 2nd Prize 4 x Silver GA tickets to Perth Glory 10th March, Perth Glory soccer ball and wallet - kindly donated by Perth Glory
- 3rd Prize Event Cinemas Family Pass - kindly donated by Event Cinemas Innaloo
- 4th Prize Warwick Supabowl Family Pass - kindly donated by Warwick Supabowl
- 5th prize \$50 Wish gift card and 6th Prize \$50 Wish Gift Card - kindly donated by Woolworths Roselea
- 7th prize Pancake Maker Gift pack - kindly donated by Mrs Frenzel
- 8th Prize Wine gift pack - kindly donated by Radich Family

Thanks so much to all our donors for your generosity!

If you are unable to call into the Canteen to purchase a ticket, you may send money in an envelope and tickets will be sent home via your child.

SWIMMING LUNCH MENU	
Wednesday Chicken Burger \$5 Beef Burger \$5 + Cheese \$0.50	AVAILABLE DAILY Toasted sandwiches Ham & Cheese, Ham, cheese, tomato \$4 Tuna, cheese & mayo \$4.50 Vegemite and cheese \$3.50 Cheese \$3.50 Tomato & cheese \$3.50 Chicken Strips x2 \$4 Nuggets (5) \$4 Add sauce \$0.50 Chicken Strip Wrap \$4.50 Spinach & Ricotta sausage roll \$4
Friday Sausage sizzle \$4 Pie \$4 Add sauce \$0.50 Sushi (preorder by Wednesday prior) Tuna, Chicken or veg 5 piece \$5.50 6 piece \$6.50	Thursday Sausage sizzle \$4 Sausage roll \$3.50 Pie \$4 Add sauce \$0.50 Lasagna \$4.50
Ice creams 50c - \$3	DRINKS Juice \$2 Glee, Chill J, choc or strawberry milk, Up & Go All \$2.50 Water \$1

Sushi Special
Friday 25th
November &
Friday 2nd
December
5 piece \$5.50
6 piece \$6.50
Tuna, Chicken
Teriyaki or
Vegetarian
Please preorder
by Wednesday
prior



PIC•COLLAGE

Mrs Christina Russo and Canteen Staff

St Lawrence Canteen **Christmas Raffle!**



1st Prize: \$300 Scooter Hut Voucher

2nd Prize: Perth Glory Pack (4 x silver general admission tickets 7th March, soccer ball, wallet)

3rd Prize: Event Cinema Family Pass

4th Prize : Warwick Supabowl Family Pass

5th Prize: \$50 Wish Gift Card

6th prize : \$50 Wish Gift Card

7th Prize: Pancake Maker Gift Pack

8th Prize: 2 Bottles of Red Wine

1 ticket for \$ 5

Or

3 tickets for \$10

**Tickets on Sale Now Raffle drawn: Friday 9th
December**