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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.



Every sunrise is a present, a gift from God above, gift-wrapped with scarlet ribbons and tied with bows of love. Each is a new beginning, a time to start anew, while all the stars are sleeping, and the rose is fresh with dew. Each day's a new creation, too lovely to ignore, and we may not find a blessing, just outside our door. We cannot keep the past, like fireflies in a jar, nor journey to the future by wishing on a star. Every sunrise is a blessing, a gift for just today, Rejoice, my friend, embrace it...before it fades away!

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

As you are all aware our school operates under a number of mandated policies and procedures. In many cases, as I'm sure you know, enrolment is dependent upon adhering to these policies and procedures. Recently I have noticed a number of "hair cut" that are not compliant with our policies. I ask you all to ensure that you adhere to the correct policies and ensure our children are presented in accordance with requirements. I appreciate that styles of fashion come and go...however that does not negate our responsibilities to adhere to the requirements of our enrolment obligations. Thank you to all who are well presented and do adhere to these agreements.

Partnerships between parents and teachers are very important as together we support children through the many activities and experiences at school as well as at home – the following advice support this important partnership ensuring happy students doing well at school and at home.

- ◆ Start each day smoothly and peacefully with kind words, smiles and a hug. A child leaving a happy home starts the day in a happy frame of mind, the best pre-condition for good learning.
- ◆ Set aside time every day after school to spend with your children, hearing about their day, listening to what they are saying and paying them your full attention with no interruptions.
- ◆ Send your children to school with a nutritious breakfast inside them – one that includes protein, fruit and good carbohydrates. Pack nutritious, healthy and tasty food in their lunch so that they eat it all.
- ◆ Make sure they get plenty of sleep every night so their brains and bodies can grow.
- ◆ Use non-aggressive conflict resolution strategies so your children learn by example how to deal effectively with their anger and frustration with others. Help them learn to share and take their turn.
- ◆ Place a high value on good manners and respect for others and their property.
- ◆ Model and teach time management and organisational skills. Use calendars and planners for school and family life.
- ◆ Show your love of learning by going with them to the library, to concerts and art galleries. Fill your home with books.
- ◆ Talk with respect about teachers. Deal with any issues in private, not in front of your child.
- ◆ Encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning.

Catholic Schools of Excellence

Our last term of the year always seems to speed swiftly to a close. Our dedicated staff are busy ensuring our students are being well prepared and supported as they complete their school year and begin the transition into the next stage of their learning and development. It is certainly a demanding time of the year, especially as teachers begin the reporting process and as students finalise their 2021 learning opportunities. It is wonderful that we have such a supportive and nurturing community to assist during these challenging periods of the year. I thank all the children for directing their energies towards their studies, the staff for their dedication and hard work and all community members for assisting our students and school at this very busy time.

I was very privileged and honoured to do a school tour recently for a group of fine young men and woman who were celebrating their 20th class reunion. These lovely people graduated from St Lawrence as the Class of 2001. It was so lovely to speak with these young adults and to hear them reminisce about their days at St Lawrence. They recalled starting out here at St Lawrence and remaining friends all these years later. They wanted to return to St Lawrence and remember their years here.

I have included their Pre-Primary Class photo and their group photo on the play equipment taken recently. As a principal it is very rewarding to see young adult who are so lovely and recall their schools' days with such fondness. I wish them all God's blessings.



Catholic Pastoral Communities

Annual General Meetings

Parents are invited to attend the **School Advisory Council AGM**, immediately followed by the **Parents & Friends AGM** on **Tuesday 23 November 2021 commencing at 7pm.**

2022 Parents & Friends

We are seeking nominations for our 2022 P&F Executive Committee. The P&F is a wonderful part of our school community. They work to support the School Advisory Council and I strongly encourage all families to consider joining this great team.

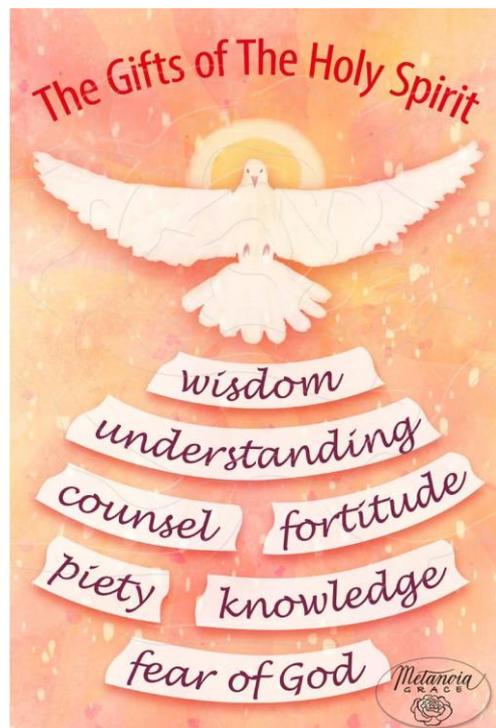
Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

Students not returning in 2022

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



Sheldon Carey
M Ed, B Ed, Grad Dip
Principal



PASTORAL CARE



CONFIRMATION

We wish every blessings on our Year 6 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

We thank Bishop Bianchini, who will be the main Celebrant and Father Adam. I ask you all to keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

Home Learning Tip



Talk! Talk! Talk! • Talk about everyday things as you do them at home – sorting the washing, setting the dinner table, writing the shopping list. Point out things you see when out in the car, shopping or walking in the park. Talk about street signs, patterns, numbers on houses or cars, plants and animals. Play ‘I Spy’ together • It doesn’t matter if children don’t talk back at first, eventually they will! You can also start to ask questions like ‘which sock goes with this one?’ and ‘how many plates do we need on the table?’ Older children can then get involved in activities like sorting the washing or writing and reading the shopping list.

Help your child develop social skills. Children learn social skills by mixing with different people and trying new things with encouragement and praise. Talk to children about things they need to learn, ways they should act in different circumstances and what is expected of them when they are at home or outside of home (e.g., at the shops, at school). Help build independence, responsibility and skills for teamwork by involving them in shared family activities like preparing meals, setting the table, unpacking the shopping. Play team games helping them in taking turns in a game, understanding rules for a game, and resolving arguments without fighting. Provide encouragement and praise. Tell them what they are good at. Tell them when you are proud of them. Thank them for their helpfulness.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

LOST PROPERTY

Please check that your child's clothing is clearly labelled and can be identified if lost. There is an assortment of items in Lost Property and most items are unnamed and therefore cannot be returned to their owners.

ROSARY

This Friday during line up the Year 6 students will be leading the school in a decade of the Rosary to honour Our Mother Mary.

EARLY YEARS INFORMATION

On **Tuesday 26th October** there will be an information evening for **2022 Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary** parents at 6.00pm in the classrooms. Please ensure that at least one family member attends this important information session.

Pre Kindy orientation morning will be on **Thursday 28th October** from 9.30 and **Kindy** Orientation will be on the **29th October** at 9am.

CONFIRMATION

Our Year Six students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 23 October at 4pm. Please keep the candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers during this special time. A photographer will be available to take photographs an hour before the Celebration and afterwards if required. The photographer will take photographs in the Alverna Parish Centre, located next to the Church. Confirmation Candidates will sit with their Sponsors. Family members and friends will need to sit in the pews that do not have a reserve sign on.



CORE VALUES ASSEMBLY

There will be an Assembly on Friday 22nd October at 8:45am. Merit awards will be handed out during this assembly.

SWIMMING LESSONS

School swimming lessons this year will take place at Stirling Leisure Centre, Balga. The lessons will run every day through weeks 3 and 4 apart from Wednesday 3rd November due to the Interschool Athletics Carnival. Swimming lessons will commence on Monday 25th October and conclude on Friday 5th November. During swimming lessons many items of clothing are misplaced, we strongly encourage that parents label all their children's belonging such as towels, bathers, undergarments, goggles and school uniform.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan, Assistant Principals

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY

Our days at Pre Kindy will now be very busy with many fun activities to complete inside and outside of the classroom.

A reminder that next Tuesday 26th October is the Kindergarten Parent Night at 6pm, with Mrs Rachel Wake.

Parent Interviews are continuing during this term so rest assured if you have not already met with me, I will make a time to see you over the coming weeks.

As your child is growing and more familiar with their classmates and teachers, I encourage you to discuss with them about speaking up and telling their teachers if they are not happy, if they need something or if other children may be upsetting them. It is important that they know they can trust their teachers to listen to them and to help sort out any worries in the classroom in a positive manner. It is so important to build their resilience in this way also. Next year they will be spending more time in school, and they need to have more independence as well as control in a satisfactory way. By having a good relationship with teachers, they will grow in confidence when difficulties may arise. Speaking up for themselves is an important life skill. We appreciate your support with this.

We hope you continue to enjoy seeing the shared Seesaw photos of our day in Pre Kindy.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN

This week we are continuing to focus on the blue letter sounds 'floubg'. We will also be moving on to blending three letter words (zipping the sounds together) by playing games such as a guess the word. I say "C (1 sec pause) a (1 sec pause) t" the child should respond "Cat!". This takes time and will not always happen straight away. If your child is having trouble zipping the sounds together to make the word, then use less than 1 second pause to make it easier for them to guess the word. Slowly you want to make the pause longer, so they are really learning to blend the sounds together to make the word on their own.

Some important dates I know of so far include:

- Excursion to Aqwa Tuesday 9th November at 10am (please return permission slips by the end of this week)
- Kindy Nativity concert 26th November at 9am – Whole School Christmas Concert 9th December 6pm

Take Home Story Books went home yesterday, I hope you're enjoying reading with your child each night. Please ensure books are returned each fortnight so we can continue this program for our final term together. In Talk for Writing, we have been learning to orally retell the story Who Sank the Boat by Pamela Allen. The children have been amazing at thinking of new actions we could do to remind us of the way the story flows and are really enjoying this process! Have a wonderful week everyone!

Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY

We had some beautiful sunshine on Monday and the children made the most of it during outdoor play!

This week we have been hearing all about how we were given our names. This is part of our Religion program and the children have had so much fun hearing all about each other's names!

In Numeracy, we have been practicing counting forwards and backwards to 20 from any starting point. We will be introducing addition and using concrete materials to discuss 'how many altogether'! We will also look at how to write a number sentence. We have been practicing how to write our numbers and are getting so good at this! We are counting way past 100 now as we count how many days we have been at school - can you believe we have been learning for 148 days!

For shared reading this week, we are reading *The Fun Bus* by Jill Eccleston. It is a great story, and the children are engaging in many enjoyable literacy activities.

Don't forget to put your name down on the parent roster - we love having the extra set of hands in the classroom!



Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE

The Year Ones have been working hard to produce some beautiful artwork using oil pastels and charcoal - our focus is on using line and different textures to create koala art.



In Maths we are looking at the language of chance, for example possible, impossible, likely, unlikely when describing the outcome of familiar events

In Religion we have been learning that people with a disability learn to use their bodies in different ways. Some people use sign language, crutches, a wheelchair or a guide dog to assist them. We are learning a song using Auslan or sign language called One Song.

The children are excited about beginning swimming lessons next week. The children will be required to come to school in their sport uniform during this time. Please check Seesaw for further information.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO



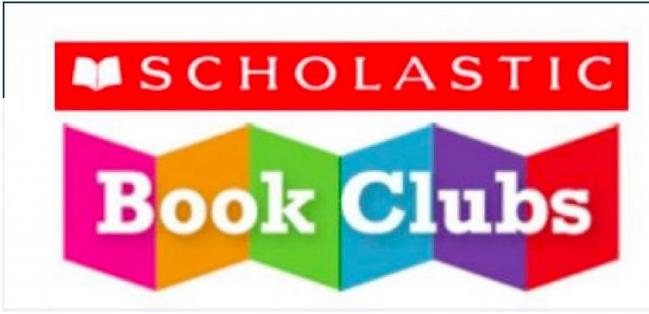
This Term in Science the children are studying about water. We will explore how they and others use water. Investigate where it comes from, how it is collected, transported, and accessed at school, at home, in the community and how to use it responsibly. They will observe, investigate and gather information to describe how water is an essential resource for life.

With the commencement of swimming next week and the talk of water, I have used this topic to launch our visual art program and asked the children to draw themselves floating in water.

We have spent a good bit of time thinking about how our hair and body look different when submerged under water. The children loved creating the look of weightlessness in their self-portraits.

Mrs Paula Christensen, Year Two Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS



Issue 7 brochures for the Scholastic Book Club will be handed out this week. Orders need to be back at school by **Tuesday 26th October**. You can order books using the online LOOP system, or by sending cash into school with your order form. Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the form. Due to turn around times, this will be our last Book Club for the year.

If you would like to order any books as Christmas presents, please mark this on your order form. We are happy to keep any orders in the office to be picked up at your convenience.

Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Welcome back to Term 4 in full summer uniform. Students in Year 1 to Year 6 remain in summer uniform also in Term 1, 2022.

Uniforms can be purchased directly at the uniform shop.

Please contact me for any enquiries on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au. Order forms are available from the school office and school website.

KINDY STUDENTS 2021

Please note that a compulsory uniform is required for commencement to Pre-primary 2022.

Details will soon be emailed to all Kindy 2021 families with full uniform requirements.

PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS 2021

Pre-primary 2021 families were sent an email on Thursday 2nd September, regarding uniform requirements for students commencing Year 1, 2022.

Please place your uniform orders as soon as possible. Any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au or come into the Uniform Shop to arrange sizes for your child.

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

BOYS RED RUGBY SHORTS

Please note that 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

FUN RUN



St Lawrence School **Fun Run** will be held on Friday **12 November**.

A Fun Run sponsorship will soon be distributed to all families.

2022 P&F COMMITTEE

The 2021 P&F Executive Committee will not be renominating for 2022. The current team are all stepping down and a new team is needed to see all the wonderful events continued for 2022!

If this is something you are interested to be a part of, please see the school office to collect a nomination form for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Other members are welcome to join in a less formal capacity.

The school community appreciates and values the work of the P&F and the students are always a priority. It is so important and a need for a P&F Committee.

It has been an absolute pleasure serving the school and the children for the past three years. We sincerely thank you, the school community, for all your support.

Mrs Adele Cirillo, P&F President

COMMUNITY NEWS

A recruitment banner for Mercedes College. The background shows a city skyline. The text reads: 'A COLLEGE FOR EVERY GIRL in the heart of your city', 'LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2022. WE ARE NOW INTERVIEWING FOR 2023 & 2024'. The Mercedes College logo and website 'www.mercedescollege.wa.edu.au' are visible. A circular emblem on the right says '175 ANNIVERSARY'. At the bottom, it says 'CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MERCY EDUCATION'. On the right side of the banner is a portrait of a smiling young girl in a school uniform.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to my helper last week Lucia and to Mrs Staltari for her help on Thursday!

Canteen help roster see below. If you can help at all in the canteen at any time this term (doesn't have to be your year group week) please text me 0408834774. Help is always appreciated!

I still urgently need a helper for tomorrow please!

Term 4 Roster

Week 2 – Pre Primary (Thursday)

Week 3 - year 1

Week 4 - year 2 (Friday)

Week 5 - year 3

Week 6 - year 4 (Thursday)

Week 7 - year 5

Week 8 - year 6

Week 9 - PP (Thursday)

During **Swimming Lessons** (Pre Primary and Kindy excluded) the students will have their lunch at 12noon. **Normal menu** will be available, with the only change - pizza will be on Friday.

See **Sushi Special flyer** below. Please note Arancini is no longer available as this was a Term 3 special.

The **Canteen will be Closed** for the Interschool Sports Carnival on Wednesday 3 November. The canteen **will be open** Tuesday 2 November.,

Sushi Special
Friday 29th
October &
Friday 5th
November
5 piece \$5.50
6 piece \$6.50
Tuna, Chicken
Teriyaki or
Vegetarian
Please preorder
by Wednesday
prior



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Thanks for your support, Christina, Fran and Antonella