



## Newsletter No. 6

8 May 2024

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.

Traditionally in the Church, each month has a special devotional focus. May and October are thought of as Marian months, where we spend extra time in prayer and strengthening our relationship with Jesus through Our Lady.

We are blessed in many ways here at St Lawrence. One such blessing is the lovely bell that chimes daily at 12:00 noon. This bell reminds us all to stop and ponder the love and devotion Mary had towards her most cherished Son, Jesus. This is a great opportunity for us all to spend a few moments in prayer, to stop, retreat from the hustle and bustle of the world, and be at peace. The bell historically was a sign to say the Angelus, in fact, the bell is often called "The Angelus Bell". A call to prayer and accordingly a call to spread goodwill to everyone.

One of our most beloved and often recited devotional prayers is the Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*



We are thrilled to unveil the latest addition to our school grounds - a vibrant, exciting playground that promises endless hours of joy and play for our students. This wonderful new space wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our Parents and Friends (P&F) Association.

The journey to bring this playground to life has been a true testament to the strength and generosity of our school community. From fundraising events to countless hours of planning and coordination, our P&F members have worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality. Their passion and commitment to enhancing the educational experience of our students shine through in every detail of this playground.

As we see our students' faces light up with excitement as they explore the colourful slides, climb the towering structures, and engage in imaginative play, we are reminded of the profound impact that community collaboration can have. This playground not only provides a space for physical activity but also fosters creativity, social interaction, and a sense of belonging among our students.

We extend our deepest gratitude to every member of our P&F Association, as well as to all the parents, teachers, staff and volunteers who supported this project in various ways. Your dedication to our school community is truly inspiring, and we are immensely grateful for your generosity and hard work.

With the new playground in place, we look forward to seeing our students thrive and grow as they continue to learn, play, and make cherished memories together. Thank you for your invaluable contribution to our school's mission of providing a nurturing and enriching environment for all our students.





# Thank You So Much

Our many thanks for your donations of time, resources, and equipment. We are truly grateful.

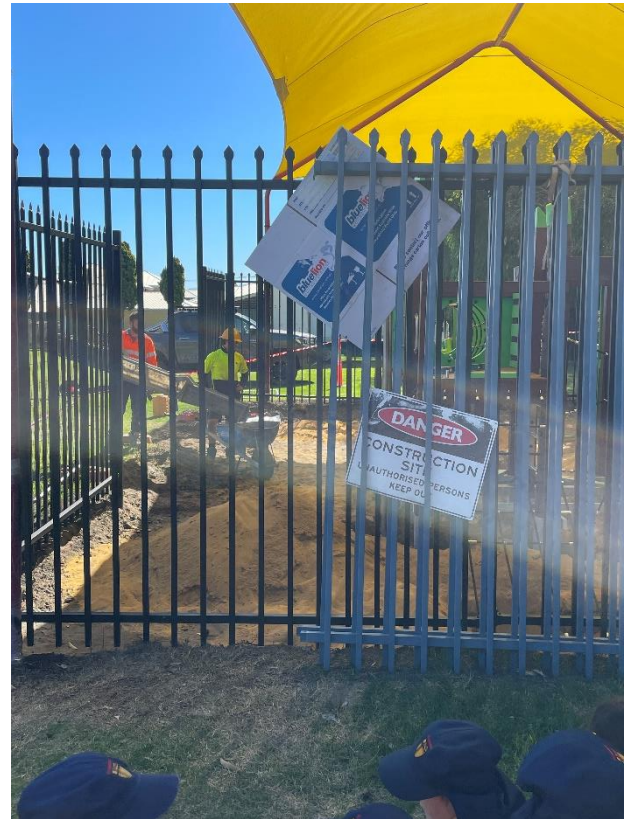
P&F Members

Thomas Raso – skip bins & fence painting

Joe Raschella

Joe Siciliano

Daniel Mammoliti - Bobcat







God bless each and every one of you.



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

The following quote articulates the importance of getting things wrong if we are to move forward and learn. If students are getting everything correct all the time, then we are not stretching them to maximise their potential.

*“If the students are answering every one of the teacher’s questions correctly, the teacher is surely wasting the students’ time. If the questions are not causing students to struggle and think, they are probably not worth asking. Mistakes are evidence that the questions I asked are tough enough to make you smarter. Research indicates that long-term learning improves when students make mistakes and correct their answers.”*

“The Right Questions, The Right Way” by Dylan William in *Educational Leadership*, March 2014

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

## MONTH of MAY

During the month of May, we dedicate our prayers to Our Spiritual Mother Mary. To celebrate our Mother Mary, every Friday in May, at Line-Up, students will lead the school in a decade of the Rosary.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Just a reminder that children who have ordered items from the P&F Mother's Day stall will need to bring in their \$5 or \$10 on Friday 10 May to purchase their gift.

## WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that it is an expectation that all students are wearing their full winter uniform.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is one of the initiation Sacraments of the Catholic Church and helps the candidates be united more fully with Christ. Year Six students and their parents/carers participated in a Family Workshop recently in the Alverna Centre and will take part in a Retreat Day on Thursday 9 May. The candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 18 May at 6pm. Please keep the candidates, and their families, in your prayers.



## ASCENSION

Ascension Day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. We will celebrate this day on Thursday 9 May. The children from Pre-primary to Year 6 will attend mass at 9am. Parents are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

## ASSEMBLY

The Year 5 assembly is scheduled for Friday 17 May. All parents are welcome to attend.

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday 22 May at 9am, the Year 1 class will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops, and many other places around the country. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

*Ms Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan  
Assistant Principals*



# PLAYGROUP



**Mondays**

**8:40am - 10:30am**

**St Lawrence Primary School**

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*Mrs Gillian Austin  
Playgroup Facilitator*



# MOTHER'S DAY IN YEAR ONE

Year One celebrated their Mums on Monday afternoon with a special Paint and Sip event. Mums, Nans, Nonnas, and Grandmas were treated to an afternoon of painting, a drink, and a sweet snack. It was beautiful to see the smiles and hear the cheerful chatter of the children with their loved ones. The beautiful creations proved that we have a very talented bunch!! Wishing all Mothers and Mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday!

*Mrs Carnevali, Mrs Hogg and Mrs Mattioli*



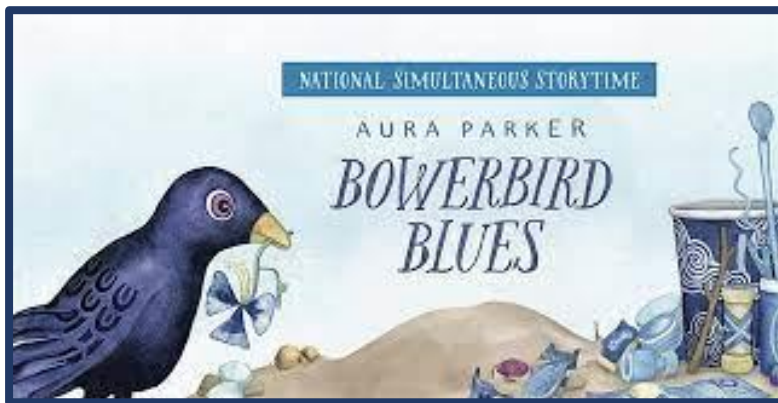
# LIBRARY NEWS

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

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We invite parents and caregivers of our Year One students to join us in the library for this special event on Wednesday 22 May commencing at 9am.

A special guest reader will share this year's story, *Bowerbird Blues*, by author Aura Parker. At the conclusion of the story, parents and caregivers are invited to stay and join in some fun activities with our Year One students.

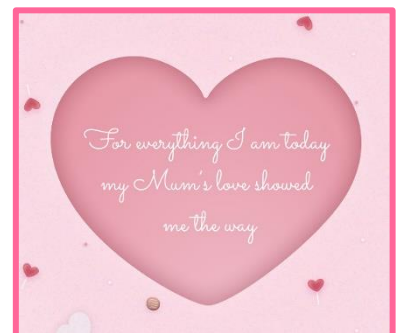


*(For students in other classes a link will be forwarded to class teachers should they choose to take part in the event).*

## MOTHER'S DAY

The library is currently full of sparkle and glitter. In the lead up to Mother's Day this Sunday, students from Year 1 to Year 6 had the opportunity during lunchtime to have some fun crafting a special gift for our Mums and special Mother figures in our lives. Our Kindy and Pre Primary students enjoyed sharing a special story about Mums.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Mothers and Mother figures a very happy and relaxing Mother's Day. I hope everyone is spoilt with lots of extra special hugs!



*Ms Louise Frenzel  
Library Officer*



# ITALIAN NEWS

Buongiorno a tutti! Hello everyone!

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 are working on their Italian entry for The Italian Festival 2024 Primary School Student Competition, which is organised by the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc. The theme for this year's competition is "L' Oliva in Italia e in Australia 2024" (The Olive in Italy and in Australia 2024).



Each year level has a different activity to complete. We look forward to completing the activity and submitting some entries from each year group at the end of Term 2 Week 5. If your child brings home a permission form, please return the form to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Grazie

Finally, Buona Festa della Mamma to all Mothers and Grandmothers for 2024. Italy celebrates Mother's Day on 12 May also.

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*Signora Jenny Acquarola  
Italian Specialist Teacher*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED

The uniform shop will be closed in Week 6 - Thursday 23 May, 2024. Sorry for any inconvenience. If you need to purchase uniforms for your child that week, please leave an order with Lina in the office, where you will also be able to make payment.

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:  
Thursday 8.00am to 10.00am**

**Enquiries:** [michelle.seragusana@cewa.edu.au](mailto:michelle.seragusana@cewa.edu.au)

*Mrs Michelle Seragusana  
Uniform Shop*

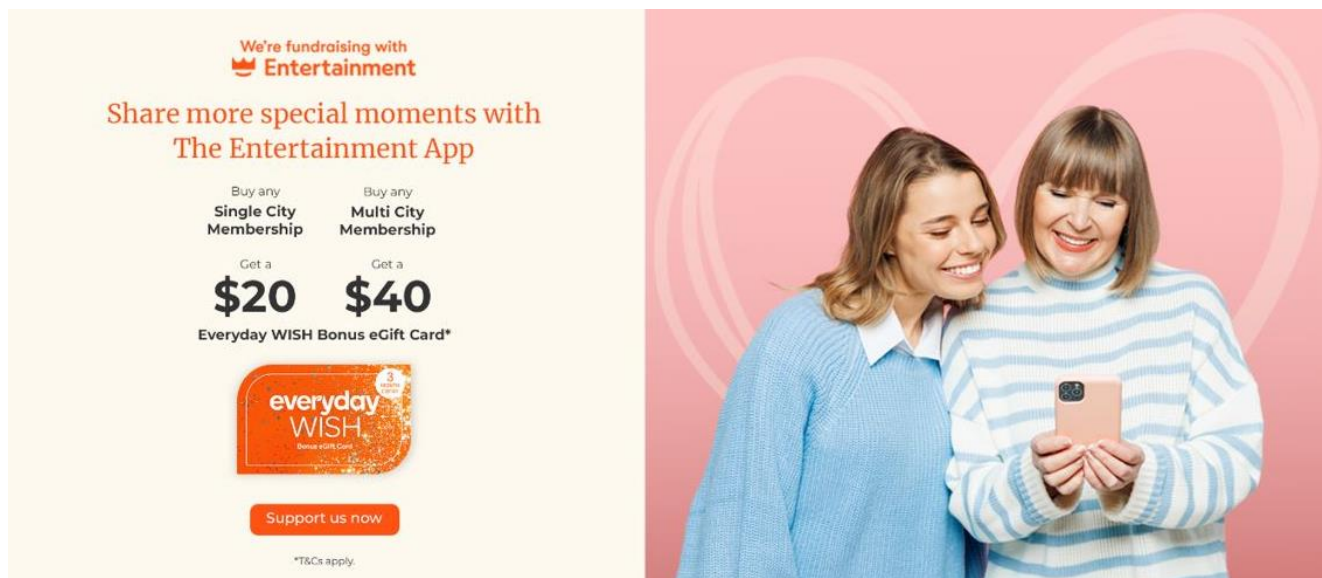
## CANTEEN NEWS

Are you still looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift? Give the gift of endless experiences with an Entertainment Membership, filled with thousands of exclusive offers perfect for spending quality time with loved ones.

For a limited time, receive additional value with a bonus e-Gift Card of up to \$40 when you purchase a Membership. Not only will you be supporting our fundraising cause with 20% of your Membership cost, but Mum will also receive a bonus \$40 e-gift card with your purchase! Join today and create more cherished memories together whilst contributing to our cause.

Thank you for your on-going support!

Order Here – <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/861i18>



The graphic is split into two sections. The left section has a light yellow background and contains promotional text for the Entertainment App. It features the Entertainment logo at the top, followed by the headline 'Share more special moments with The Entertainment App'. Below this, it lists two membership options: 'Buy any Single City Membership' and 'Buy any Multi City Membership'. For each, it states 'Get a \$20' and 'Get a \$40' respectively, with 'Everyday WISH Bonus eGift Card\*' written below the prices. An image of the eGift card is shown below the prices. At the bottom of the left section is a red button that says 'Support us now' and the text '\*T&Cs apply.' The right section of the graphic has a pink background with a large, faint heart shape. It features a photograph of two women, Christina and Fran, smiling and looking at a smartphone held by one of them. They are both wearing light blue sweaters.

*Christina and Fran - Canteen Staff*



# P&F NEWS

## **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

This will be held **THIS FRIDAY - 10 May**. Please ensure your child has \$5 on that day to pay for their pre-selected gift.

## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST & RAFFLE**

Thank you to those who came to the Mother's Day Breakfast and also a massive thank you to those who donated prizes towards the raffle. We would love to wish all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures, a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday 🌸



## **FACEBOOK GROUP**

You should have been informed by your class rep that we have a private Facebook group for P&F News. Please ensure you join this group to avoid missing out on any important information.



## **BBQ NEEDED**

We are looking at upgrading the school BBQ. If you know of someone who is upgrading their own BBQ and the old one is in good condition, please let us know.

*Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President*