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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.

The Memorare

Remember O most loving Virgin Mary that it is a thing unheard of,
that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,
implored your help or sought your intercession and was left unaided.
Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you O Mother, Virgin of virgins,
to you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen



Dear St Lawrence School Community

This week we have commenced our new operating guidelines for baseline settings on Monday.

I wish to highlight the below important points:

MASK WEARING

The mask mandate no longer applies to staff and students in school. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask should they wish.

Masks are encouraged where physical distancing is not possible.

PARENTS ON SITE

Parents and caregivers are permitted on school sites and in classrooms. We look forward to welcoming parents back to volunteer in classrooms and at regular assemblies and community events, such as our upcoming Dance Concert.

Please follow recommended health and hygiene protocols as listed further on.

HYGEINE

Good hygiene principles and practices continue to be promoted:

- Staff, students and parents must stay home when sick or symptomatic;
- Adults maintain physical distancing from other adults, where possible. Where not possible, masks should be worn.
- Avoiding unnecessary physical contact and physical greetings;
- Washing hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitiser, including prior to meal breaks.

CAR PARK THANK YOU

Many thanks for your patience and understanding when using our car parks and drive thru systems, particularly this past week when adjustments have been made to accommodate funerals.

Your support helps ensure the safety of our children.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

It is appropriate that Mother's Day should be celebrated in May, the month of Mary. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour. All our classrooms dedicate time at 12.00 pm to say Mary's Prayer, the Hail Mary. The Rosary or the Angelus is also said in each classroom on Friday.

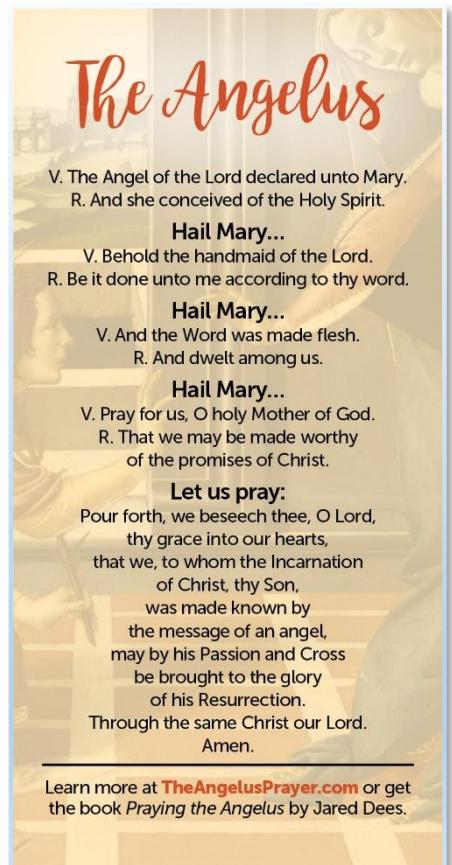
Sending my wishes to all our Mums, Grandmothers and anyone who is like a mother to us, a Happy Mother's Day this coming weekend.

They work tirelessly for us. Here are some tips to make their weekend an extra special one:

1. Help her recharge with a day/night away.
2. Tell mum how thankful you are for something you could not do without her.
3. Look after her mental health by helping her get more sleep, journal time or meditation.
4. Ask Mum what she needs to do this weekend that you can handle for her and get it ticked off her to do list
5. Help her find balance by supporting her personal interests e.g. a new pair of joggers for her run, a new scent for her oil burner, a new Spotify play list to sing or dance along to.

God Bless

Gina Burns
Short Term Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

DANCE CONCERT

On **Friday 13th May** your child will be participating in the St Lawrence Dance Concert for 2022. Our theme for this year will be ‘At the Movies’. You will be wowed with dances inspired by everything from Trolls to Footloose and many other famous movie tunes.

Please read the costume table below:

- Each class has a simple costume for their dance. Feel free to use items of clothing that you already have at home that are as close as possible to the description below. You are NOT required to buy any new items.
- Leggings/shorts must be worn under any skirts.
- Comfortable footwear needs to be worn when performing.

Please collect these items in a bag, label the bag, and bring it to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 11 May.

Students will change into their costumes after lunch on Performance Day. To make it a little easier on the day of the Dance Concert, children will be allowed to come to school in their **sports uniform**.

Year	Song Inspiration	Costume
K	“I Like To Move It” Madagascar	Animal print clothing if possible. Think earthy colours – browns, yellows, or black and white.
P	Medley inspired by the Sing! movies	Bright colours and patterns. Items of clothing with stars or sparkles/glittery look/shimmer if available.
1	Medley inspired by the Trolls movies	Bright colours (think block colours & colours from the rainbow) Crazy hair – feel free to accessorise with hairclips & headbands (think Trolls)
2	Medley inspired by The Lion King & Jungle Book	Animal print clothing if possible. Think earthy or jungle colours – browns, yellows, greens, camouflage etc.
3	Medley inspired by movie Dance scenes	1970s style costume. Think bright colours and patterns, flairs, peace signs and accessories or denim *”Boogie Wonderland” meets “Footloose”
4	Medley inspired by movie songs about Friendship	White top and denim bottoms with blue accessories (optional) *as close to white & denim if needed
5	Medley inspired by the theme of Identity	Student choice – needs to be appropriate for school and dance/movement
6	Student Choice Group Medley	Group choices – need to be appropriate for school and dance/movement

The concert begins at 2pm on the Junior Oval and family and friends are welcome to attend. Please bring either blankets or low folding chairs. Due to COVID family groups will need to sit together and be mindful of social distancing to other families. When you are around others, it is important you practice [physical distancing](#) and [good hygiene](#). If you are unwell, please do not attend.

YEAR 4s ASSEMBLY

With the restrictions being lifted with large gathering on Friday 20 May the Year 4s will be leading our first whole school assembly. Parents who attend must wear masks as our school hall does not allow for the social distancing requirements.

MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May we dedicate our prayers to Our Spiritual Mother Mary. Each year level will take turn leading the school in a decade of the Rosary on Friday afternoons at line-up. This week Year 5s will be leading us in the Rosary.

Year Six will be attending the Parish Mass on Friday 6 May. Parents are welcome to attend.

RECONCILIATION

The Parent Information evening for those children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in the Hall this evening commencing at 7pm. We look forward to seeing at least one parent from each family in attendance.

The Reconciliation Family Workshops will be held on Wednesday 11th May. This workshop is for at least one parent/carer and the Reconciliation candidate. Families may choose to attend the 5.30pm or 7pm workshop.

WINTER UNIFORM

Just a reminder that it is an expectation that all students be in their full winter uniform by the start of next week.

Our uniform is a sign of our community.

- Hair must be neat and tidy and tied back if shoulder length or longer or if hair falls about the face. Hair should be checked regularly by families to prevent lice infestation. Hair styles should be of a conservative nature (no tracks, no hawks, no undercuts etc). Only natural hair colour permitted (no tints, streaks, tips etc). Minimal gel may only be used on the fringe, no other part of the hair.
- Hair ribbons should be in school colours only:
 - blue or white with summer and winter uniform
 - gold, white, red with sport uniform
- Jewellery: Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear in the ear lobe. One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.
- Parents must be aware that watches/fitbits may be worn at the owner's risk.
- Nail polish and make-up is not permitted.
- If some accident or problem prevents children from wearing their full uniform on any particular day, parents need to send a note of explanation.
- Hats are part of the uniform and need to be worn every day. **"No hat, no play"**.

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

GIRLS	BOYS
Regulation blue skirt	Dark grey long trousers
White blouse	Blue short sleeve shirt
School tie	School tie
School jumper	School jumper
White school socks	Grey school socks
Navy tights	Black school shoes
Black school shoes	School hat
School hat	St Lawrence school bag
St Lawrence school bag	

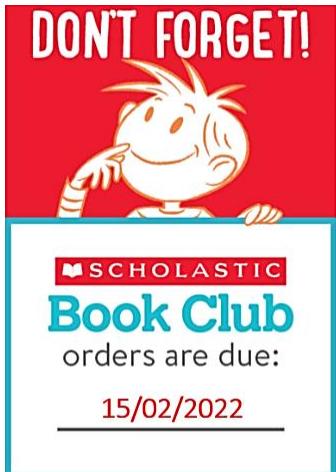
NAPLAN

The next couple of weeks the Year 3 and 5 students are participating in national testing in Literacy and Numeracy. Please ensure your children get a good night's sleep and eat their breakfast before coming to school. It is important that children do not feel extra pressure placed on them during this time.

All Year 3 and Year 5 students will be assessed between Tuesday 10th May and Tuesday 17th May. Catch up tests will be completed in week 4. Results will be forwarded to the school later in the year and will be issued to parents in Term 4.



LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club brochures have gone home this week. Should you wish to place an order, please make sure it is submitted by the following Tuesday, **(due back at school Tuesday 10th May. Loop orders must be submitted by 3.30pm on this day)**. Parents can pay by credit card, via the LOOP online ordering system, or by cash. If you are paying by cash, please return the completed form with the correct money, in an envelope to your class teacher. Please make sure that the envelope is clearly marked Book Club, along with your child's name and year level on the front of the envelope.

Book Club is always due the Tuesday of the following it from when the brochures go home. Unfortunately, we are unable to process late orders

Please also keep in mind that there are still many delays in receiving orders due to Covid 19 implications and recent flood damage in the Eastern States. We do apologise, but unfortunately, this is out of control.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

Finally, and after many weeks, the lifting of Covid restrictions means that we are now able to open the library up at lunchtimes. We are so excited to welcome the children back. The library will be open from 1pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children are able to read, play board games, play with the puppets, do some colouring in or drawing.

Craft Club will commence later in the term. When craft Club does return, the children will be advised during the library sessions and notification will also be placed in the newsletter.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

May 4th is Star Wars Day, and this week in the library children have been given the opportunity to borrow one of our many Star Wars books. At lunchtime, on Tuesday and Wednesday, they were also given the opportunity to make an origami Yoda finger puppet.

*Mrs Louise Frenzel
Library Officer*



YEAR FIVE NEWS

Leavers Jackets 2023 - \$74.80 inc GST

Parents, If you would like a leavers jacket for your child ready to wear for Year Six 2023, please hand in the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, to the school office.

The cut-off date to put your order in is the last date of Term 2, July 1, as I will be ordering and paying for the jackets in Term 3, week 1.

Please note you do not have to purchase a jacket, it is not compulsory 😊

Any questions, please contact me.

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WINTER NETBALL 2022

The Winter Netball Season commenced last week. Congratulations to our Year 2/3 (U8), Year 4 (U9) & Year 5/6 (U11) teams on their first win for the season.



Year 2/3 (U8) Team



Year 4 (U9) Team



Year 5/6 (U11) Team

Best of luck to all our teams going into Round 2.
Cheryl & Nicole - St Lawrence Netball Club

CANTEEN NEWS

RECESS AND LUNCH TIME

Recess and lunch times are back to normal. Recess can still be pre-ordered if necessary. Children are welcome to come to the canteen as there will be a range of items.

MENU SPECIAL

For the next few weeks, we have a special offer - add a Nippys juice box to your lunch order for only \$1 extra. We have apple, orange, tropical and apple and black currant flavours.

Nippys frozen juice cups (black currant) and Lasagne are back in stock. We have many Froyo flavours available.

BIRTHDAY ORDERS

Brownies or Icy poles \$15
Cupcakes or M & M cookies \$20
Or kindy - mini cupcakes \$12
Please pre-order a few days in advance via text - 0408834774

Note: Parents, if you need to cancel a lunch order due to sickness etc, the latest time is 10.40. Thank you for your support.

Christina, Fran and Antonella, 2022 Canteen Staff

