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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.



Dear St Lawrence School Community,

We get excited and fanatical about a lot of things in our lives. Sometimes we follow sports teams, celebrities, or people on social media. Maybe even the odd one or two channels of cleaning hacks.

But we don't always find the same level of excitement or commitment when it comes to Jesus, when He should be at the forefront of our lives and attention.

It is easy to consider ourselves "followers" of Christ, if we know about Him, and we might have knowledge of His life or characteristics. However, truly loving and serving Jesus requires willingness to abandon all other commitments in order to obey His commandments and serve Him wholeheartedly.

Jesus talked about what it means to follow Him. He wants followers. If we really want to love and serve the Lord, it involves being more than just a "fan". Jesus said that if we want to follow Him, we need to be willing to put aside everything else. Even things we really like.

That does not mean we need to give up everything we love. The problem is when we let those things or people get in the way of how we serve God. We don't want anything to come between our lives and His love.

He has a love and a plan for us that is better than anything else we could try to put our hope in.

Cold & Flu Season and Covid

As we continue into Cold & Flu Season and Covid, please remember to keep up good hygiene practices of hand washing, physical distancing and staying home when unwell. A reminder the Government is providing the Flu Vaccine Free until the end of June.

Punctuality

This week I have reminded students of the importance of punctuality every day. The school day commences at 8.40 am and this is when teachers commence instruction. Therefore, it is best your child arrives several minutes earlier to be ready to learn. Please see below for some reminders for the beginning of the day:

8.15 am Supervision of students begins in the Undercroft Area. If you need care prior to 8.15 am, please call Courtney at A Club for Kids on 0401 739 629.

8.30 am Classroom doors open for students to get ready.

8.40 am Instructional time commences.

Students who arrive past 8.45 am, are required to sign in at the front office with a parent. The classroom register has already been completed by this time, so it is important you sign your child in manually with Mrs Armstrong.

Traffic Warden Update

On 2 June and 13 June, the first morning and afternoon survey was conducted to assess the community's needs for a Traffic Warden on Beryl Street. On both days the weather was cloudy. The assessment detected over the minimum requirement of 200 cars travelling in the area but only six pedestrians were seen to cross in this area. At least 20 pedestrians would be needed to qualify for a Traffic Warden. I encourage all families who would like to see a traffic warden installed in this area to utilise this location so that a true picture of the school community's needs may be gathered.

Parent Feedback

For the last couple of weeks, I have conducted Kindy and Pre Kindy Interviews. During this time, I gathered wonderful feedback about the school from new and existing families. Many commented on the close community and link to Parish. A lot of parents are previous students at the school and speak fondly of their time here and want their children to have the same enjoyable experience. Parents are also recommending our school to others. Thank you to all parents for being an advocate for your child's school.

End of Semester One

This week I have had the privilege of reading reports for students in Pre Primary to Year 6. The teaching and learning that has taken place in such a disruptive semester is a credit to all teachers and students. Congratulations to all staff and students for continuing to learn and grow during all circumstances.

Time certainly flies when you are having fun! Next week is the final week of Term 2. The final day for students is Friday 1 July and then we all look forward to a well deserved holiday.

Next week, we will farewell Year 6 Teacher, Mrs Angela Carnevali and Pre Primary Teacher, Ms Erin Healy. Mr Phil Haydon will return as Year 6 Teacher for Semester Two and Mrs Gloria Edwards will return as Pre Primary Teacher, Monday to Thursday.

I have been extended as Short Term Principal for the remainder of the term and look forward to concluding the semester with you.

God Bless

Gina Burns

Short Term Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) from the week commencing Monday 1 August in Term Three. Students will also complete practice tests the week before.

The assessment will be accessible to students online. Students enrolled in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate. The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in Religious Education. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the Religious Education curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA compliments the school-based assessment programs in Religious Education.

Reports

St Lawrence Primary School uses the SEQTA parent portal for parents to access student reports for students in Pre-primary to Year 6 at the end of each semester. If you have not already done so, please log in to SEQTA to ensure you are able to access your children's report. To do this you need to go to the following site: <https://stlawbal.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au> and use your current username and password.

If you know your username but have 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 an hour. If you have forgotten your username and password, please contact the school office and we can remind you of your username.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

In 2022, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred heart of Jesus on Friday 24 June. On Friday we will join the parish community to celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart. The feast of the Sacred Heart is about the heart of Jesus filled with love for humanity that always seeks to reach out to us in solidarity and love. The heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for mankind and is celebrated on the third Friday after Pentecost.



NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week 2022 will be held from Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A NAIDOC prayer service will be held on Friday 1 July in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend the Prayer service but must wear masks.

Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan
Assistant Principals



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club brochures went home last week and orders have now been processed. Please be advised that it is highly likely that Scholastic Book Club orders will not be delivered before the school holidays start. As soon as they are received, they will be delivered to the classroom.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Mrs Louise Frenzel
Library Officer

CANTEEN NEWS



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Helpers needed for Thursday and Friday next week. As it is the last day of term, I need at least 3 helpers to assist in the canteen. If you can spare a couple of hours, please message me on 0408834774. Thanks so much.

Last day of term -1/7/22 - **Sausage Sizzle & Juice Box Special \$5.**
Children can add sauce to their sausage sizzle on the day.
There will be no other lunch items available on this day.
Recess will be as per normal.
Please order by Wednesday 29/6/22

Wednesday 29/6/22 - Please Note - there will be no burgers available on this day, however, Arancini will be available - plain cheese or meat & cheese + 2 pieces garlic bread for \$5



Christina, Frances & Antonella
2022 Canteen Staff

UNIFORM NEWS

PRE-KINDY & KINDERGARTEN

A Red Fleecy Track Top with the "Early Childhood" white logo, is now available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Sizes available are Size 4, 6 and 8 and cost is \$40.00.

Stock is available to purchase and collect from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform is not compulsory for students in PK & Kindy but is encouraged.

Please note that early childhood track tops are not to be worn by Pre-Primary students.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am

Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm



Mrs Angie Miola
Uniform Shop Manager

P&F NEWS

Class Representatives

If you are a current nominated Class Rep for your class, please email me with your details. If your class does not have a current Class Rep and you would like to volunteer, please email me.

A Class Rep is a great channel to share important information about school events and activities with the parents in your class. You will be fully supported in your role, and it can be shared between more than one parent.

We encourage every class to have a Class Rep and it would be great to have this in place by the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions about what is involved, please feel free to contact me.

Laura Siciliano
P&F Class Rep Co-Ordinator
laurasiciliano22@gmail.com

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all student who represented St Lawrence last week in the NECPSA Winter Carnival. The staff who attended were so proud of the beautiful behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by our students. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to the staff who came along and helped out and to Sue Del Borrello for all her support.



Netball champions
in action





Mrs Claire Major
Physical Education Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mercedes College | A College for every girl in the heart of your city!

We have limited places available in all year groups for 2023 and are currently interviewing for 2024 & 2025. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College, please visit our website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au to request a prospectus, to enrol online or to book a tour of our campus. Please contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Nicole Kirk on 9323 1323 if you require further information.

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