



## Newsletter No. 33

**3 November 2021**

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.



Our culture is sometimes very centred on belongings, on the material matters of this world, on acquiring and accumulating. Jesus certainly dispels the myths that society says will bring happiness.

The general attitude of society is that being wealthy will solve every problem and that if every problem is solved, we will be happy. Just listen to a conversation in the average lunchroom of a workplace: "How are you today?" "I'll be great if I win gold lotto." "Is everything ok? You look troubled." "Nothing that a million dollars wouldn't fix!"

Jesus dispels this thinking and says,  
"A person's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."  
*Luke 12:13-21.*

*Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."  
But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."  
Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So, he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then those will those things which you have provided?'  
"So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."*

The man in this story felt that material possessions equalled peace and happiness. He felt that he had 'arrived'. The problem was that his focus on wealth and possessions had blinded him to eternal and spiritual realities. Jesus also said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." His heart was in the things he had accumulated, his earthly treasures.

## Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders

Our Student Leadership model is well under way for the 2022 School Leaders. I am aware that many parents have varied thoughts regarding School Leaders. Some schools have removed school leaders' models altogether and others have placed significant importance on the model they employ and work through a myriad of processes. For me and to be clear and transparent, student leadership is important for students, it provides experience and leadership opportunities during students' schooling years, they help students to learn the art of building relationships within teams, defining identities, and achieving tasks effectively. They also provide an opportunity to learn to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Leadership is a skill for life, and we endeavour to provide all students with regular opportunities to be involved and strengthen their skills. Being involved in the process also provides opportunities to build reliance, which research identifies as lacking in many of our nation's younger generations. We know that in our youth we learn how to cope with failure, with not achieving our goals, with coming second. These building blocks and life skills must be strengthened and enhanced in our youth, if not we are not setting ourselves up for success as we navigate the many ups and downs of life.

Our boys and girls are busy preparing for their speeches and the election process. I include the following information taken from the Student Leadership Policy.

### The Election Process:

- Each applicant must make a 2-minute maximum speech in the school hall to the Years 4 and 5 students and class teachers, Education Assistants and the Leadership Team.
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### Conditions of Applying:

- The maximum number of leadership roles any student can apply for is **two**.
- A student can only be appointed **one** leadership role.
- SEQTA data and records will also be considered when judging the suitability of a candidate. (These may be bound by privacy and confidentiality laws.)
- **The Principal** will have the final say and the right to appoint all school leaders in accordance with his or her mandate as Principal.
- If leaders lose their badge the cost of the replacement badge will be at their own cost.

## **Catholic Schools of Excellence**

### **Annual General Meetings**

Parents are invited to attend the **School Advisory Council and the Parents & Friends AGM on Tuesday 23 November 2021 commencing at 7pm in the school hall.**

### **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.

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

Here at St Lawrence Primary School, we provide many wonderful occasions for our children to continue to come to know our Lord. Our Religious Education program includes many opportunities for children to strengthen their understandings of God and to ponder life's questions. Often formed in the mode of "wonder questions", where children are encouraged to ask questions and articulate their own wonderings about God. All our Gatherings, Assemblies, Masses and Prayers also lead our children to come closer to God. Visits by Father Emil and Father Adam offer the children that deeper connection to God. As we develop a personal relationship with God, we are able to become more attuned to the working of the Lord in our own lives.

It is my personal long held belief that children are in fact masterful theologians, if we follow the definitions below of theology:

**Theology** (from Greek Θεός meaning "god" and λογία, -logy, meaning "study of") is the systematic and rational study of concepts of deity and of the nature of religious truths, or the learned profession acquired by completing specialised training in religious studies.

Augustine of Hippo defined the Latin equivalent, *theologia*, as "reasoning or discussion concerning the Deity"; Richard Hooker defined "theology" in English as "the science of things divine"

When our children are talking about God, wondering in awe about God, articulating in their own words their understandings of the Divine. Then to my mind of thinking our children are in fact being theologians. It is the most special thing for me to listen to our little children tell me about God. You would be surprised what I have learnt from our students over the 35 plus years I have been employed in Catholic Education. I have been told firmly and clear exactly where He resides and how he is thinking and feeling. I was in our Three-Year-Old Kindy once when one of our children told me, and I quote. "God sits on my shoulder." Now I ask you, how precious is that inspired line of thinking.

## **Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable**

A reminder that schools generally only archive certain mandate legal documents on students. These are generally held only until a child has turned 21 and then destroyed. Such documents are held in case a school is subpoenaed to provide data on children for a court case or the like. Archived data includes but is not limited to attendance records, absentee notes if collected, psychological reports, teacher/school staff observations if concerns have been raised, etc.

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~**

## Home Learning Tip

**During reading sessions these are the types of questions your child might be asked at school. You can include some of these questions when you talk about reading at home too.**

The following questions require your child to get clues from the text to answer:

1. How do you think the character was feeling?
2. How would you change the ending?
3. How would you describe the changes in the character/setting?

These questions require your child to refer back to the text:

4. What were the characters' names?
5. What was the setting?
6. What did each character do?
7. What happened at the beginning, middle and end of the text?

The following questions require your child to think about the main messages:

8. What do you think is the main message in the story or text?
9. Can you relate it to another event or issue?
10. Do you agree with the views of the author?
11. What is your opinion about the message in the story?
12. How could other people see it differently?



*Fun at the Interschool Sports Carnival! Teachers, helpers and our students!*



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Interschool Sports Carnival today.

To all the children who participated, well done we are very proud of you for the way you gave your very best and for your amazing sportsmanship.

A special thank you to Mrs Major for training the children not only in Physical Education lessons but before school and to parents who assisted Mrs Major.



We will begin collecting food for the St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal next week.

St Vinnie's are planning to make food hampers to share with the less fortunate containing items that may be used for a Christmas meal. Some suggested items are plum puddings, Christmas cakes, tinned hams, tinned fruits, jellies, lollies, boxes of chocolates cool drinks Christmas crackers, custards (pre-made), fruit juices, biscuits.

All donations will be gratefully received and will be used to bring joy to others in our community.

Please leave your items on the ledge in the Learning Centre. Donations will be collected by St Vinnie on **Wednesday 8 December 2021.**



Over the next few weeks, you will notice our Christmas Giving Tree set up in the Learning Centre. I would like to extend sincere thanks to Mrs Howley for co-ordinating this worthwhile project.

If your family would like to participate, please have your child select a gift tag and purchase a gift for the child outlined on the tag. We suggest that you take your child to the shops and give them the opportunity to use their own money to buy their gift which will be donated to a child in need.

Please wrap your gift, attach the gift tag and leave it under the Giving Tree. Gifts will be collected on **Wednesday 8 December 2021.**



The **Year Twos** will be leading our Assembly on Friday. Merit awards will be handed out during this assembly.

The **Year Five** students will lead us in a Remembrance Service on Thursday 11th November at 11am in the undercroft.

The **Fun Run** will be held on Friday **12th November.**

The whole school will celebrate **Outdoor Classroom Day on Monday 15th November.**

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Year 5 students have commenced the student leadership process. In week 7 the candidates will make their speeches and the new leaders will be voted in by their peers and teachers. Mr Carey will have the final decision. Below is the outline of the Student Leadership procedure.

### Student Leader expectations at St Lawrence

Student leadership role at St Lawrence is a position of responsibility. As a leader of the school, you will be expected to:

- *Be an example of living like Jesus*
- *Be a role model at all times to the children at St Lawrence*
- *Be safe, respectful and responsible*
- *Represent the school with pride when out in the community*
- *Provide student voice to the leadership team*

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>FAITH LEADERS- 4 Leaders</b> <b>Co-ordinator: Phil Haydon (2022)</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS- 4 Leaders</b> <b>Co-ordinator: Roselyn Pizzino (2022)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the Catholic Identity of the School.</li> </ul> <p>Example: Lifelink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At assembly, lead us in the school prayer</li> <li>• Present the MJR award</li> <li>• Angelus/Rosary – during the month of May and October lead over the speaker</li> <li>• Collect mission boxes</li> <li>• Present the award of the missions</li> <li>• Help coordinate food drives – St Vinnies</li> <li>• Explain the core values of the school at assemblies and write in newsletters</li> <li>• Oversee the Making Jesus Real announcements and hand out stickers</li> <li>• Assist during masses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the sustainability coordinator of the school</li> <li>• Place environmental tips in the school newsletter and address tips at the assemblies</li> <li>• Be responsible for the classroom recycling program</li> <li>• Hand out the environmental awards for the cleanest classroom and lunch areas</li> <li>• Present mini trophy for these awards at assembly</li> </ul>
<b>STUDENT LEADERS- 4 Leaders</b> <b>Co-ordinator: Assistant Principals (2022)</b>	<b>SPORT LEADERS- 8 Leaders</b> <b>Co-ordinator: Claire Major (2022)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate and run school assemblies/ Liturgical singing slides</li> <li>• Become tour guides for visitors</li> <li>• Read out Merit Certificates/ Athletics Award</li> <li>• Organise fundraising events (footy colours, Jeans 4 Genes, crazy hair, free dress)</li> <li>• Announce the great effort award and birthdays</li> <li>• Become the voice of the school</li> <li>• Attend some School Improvement Team meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come around to each class and ask for sport equipment</li> <li>• Help Sports Teacher tidy up the sport shed</li> <li>• Assist on carnival and cross-country days</li> <li>• Create chants and songs to promote sportsmanship</li> <li>• Responsible for your faction – lining up, presentations, cheering</li> <li>• Coordinate during carnivals</li> <li>• Present a speech if team wins and collect trophy</li> <li>• Coordinate faction training at lunch times</li> </ul>

## **MEETINGS**

Leaders will meet with co-ordinators during Liturgical Singing at least twice a month or at the coordinators' preferred time.

Minutes of all meetings must be taken and stored on St Lawrence Student Leadership Team.

## **VOTING AND ELECTION PROCESS**

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After receiving the badges, the student leaders will recite a Leadership Pledge.

## **THE VOTING PROCESS**

Voting will commence in Term 4.

Year 3, 4 and 5 students and class teachers, Education Assistants and the Leadership Team will have the opportunity to vote.

The Principal will have the final say.

A digital voting slip will be created using Google Forms for each Leadership Role.

An email will need to be sent to the co-ordinators with the list of candidates for each role.

A link will be created and sent to the year 3, 4 and 5 class teachers and the Leadership team.

It is a requirement that the year 3, 4 and 5 class teachers post this onto Teams so students can access the link. Students and staff will click on the link, tick the boxes of three candidates they would like to vote for, and press submit.

The responses will be calculated by Google Forms and submitted to the Leadership team.

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*Miss Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan, Assistant Principals*



# CLASS NEWS

## PRE KINDY

I hope you and your children enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the Parent Night and then Kindergarten Orientation last week. It was a great opportunity to meet Mrs Wake and get a feel for next year, which I am sure was very exciting.

We complete our focus of **ALL ABOUT FUN** this week – and we have had lots of fun with all our activities.

**Tomorrow is Outdoor Education Day** which is a global movement to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play! The rest of the school will celebrate this day on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Pre Kindy will be completing some special outdoor activities tomorrow. As usual we will post photos on Seesaw so you can share in what we did.

Next week we begin our final focus for the year – **CHRISTMAS!** During the final weeks of Pre Kindy we will be talking about the **magical time of Christmas**. Our plan is to highlight the very special time that this is celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

## KINDERGARTEN

We are so proud of the children's learning this year! It is great to see the improvement in the children writing their names. Keep going and remember to use a capital then all lower case letters.

Just a reminder that the children can access a website program called Reading Eggs throughout the year. Username and password details were handed out at the start of the year and I encourage all parents to take advantage of this great resource for your children.

This week we continue our focus on 'Under the Sea'. We used food to create jellyfish this week, played under the sea number games, measured our own feet using cubes and focused on forming the letter 'Ee'.

During God's time we listened to our class shells and wondered what God must be like? He created such amazing living and nonliving things and we have been listening to the Creation story from the Bible.

Next Friday 12th November at 2pm Kindergarten will be participating in a **fun run**. The children are very excited in our upcoming excursion to Hilary's Boat Harbour. The information including the permission slip need to be returned by this Friday please.

It is also important now that the weather is warming up to remember to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. Have a great week everyone!



Congratulations to the **Smoje** family on the arrival of their new baby girl, Noa, sister to Amelia.



*Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher*

## PRE PRIMARY

Our Religion program this week has had us reflect upon how we are all a part of God's family. We have discussed and looked at photos of the sacrament of Baptism. We will explore how people grow as part of God's family by loving God and others and discuss how people can show their love to God when they pray or go to Church.

In Literacy, we have been creating story maps of 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' and soon we will be innovating this story by changing the characters and creating a new ending to the story. We continue to practice writing sentences with correct letter formation and we love reading books in class when we come to school in the mornings!

In Maths, we have been learning to add numbers to ten using concrete materials. This week we will learn to build with ten to make teen numbers. We will also be looking at number words and matching them with numerals.

This term is flying past! Here are a few reminders for your diary:

- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Excursion to Constable Care Safety School
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Pre Primary Assembly- The Nativity



*Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher*

## YEAR ONE

We have set up a little mini shop in Year One so that during numeracy time the children can continue learning about money and have a chance to practise adding coins together.

During our Religion lessons we have listened to the story of Pentecost and we have discussed ways that the Holy Spirit can help us. We also learnt about the symbols of the Holy Spirit wind, fire (flame) and a dove.

We are learning about animal habitats and in our Design and Technology lessons, the children have used the Perth Zoo website to look around at the animals. The children have decided which animal they would like to investigate. We will use this information to create our animal habitat dioramas. Eventually the children will write a report on their chosen animal.

The children are all looking forward to our excursion to the **Perth Zoo next Thursday**. Please return permission slips by **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

*Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher*



## YEAR TWO

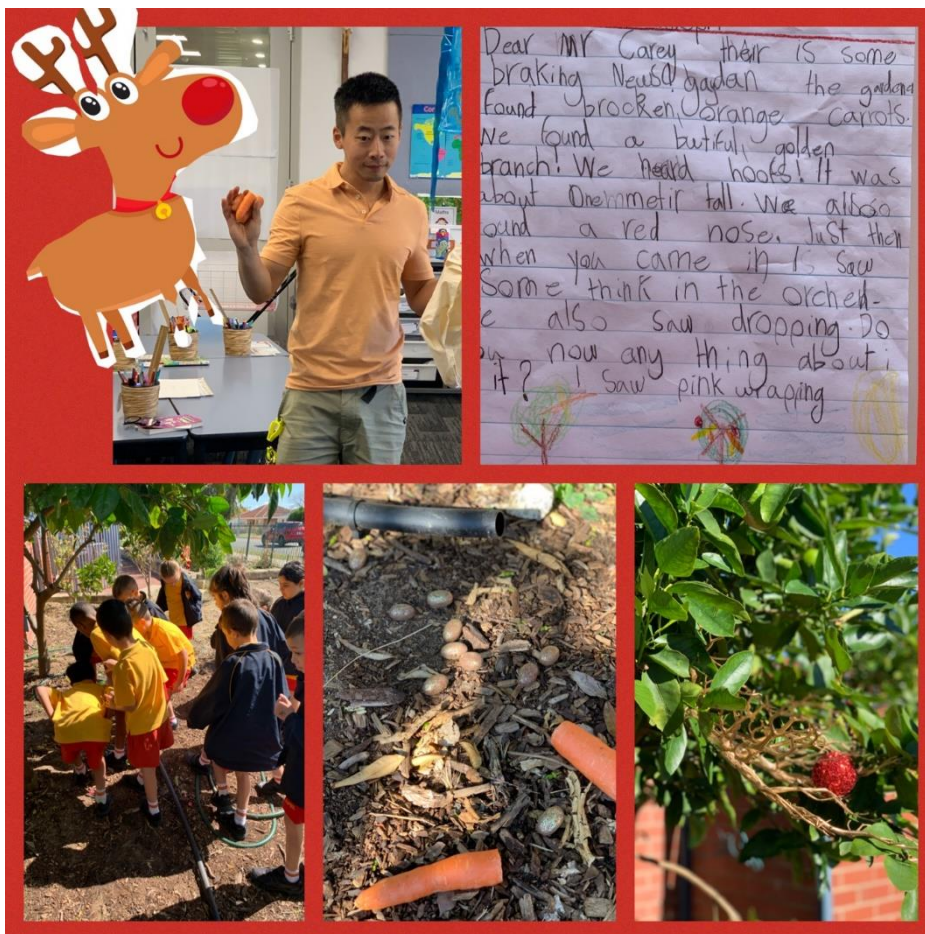
The Year Two children have been extremely busy in the classroom as well as swimming every afternoon and practicing their Assembly item for this **Friday 5 November**.

*A friendly reminder that the children will need to wear their costumes to school and have their sports uniform in their bags to get changed into.*

Last Thursday we were surprised by a visit from our lovely school groundsman who was making enquiries as to why there were eaten carrots in the school orchard.

Of course, the Year Two class thought this needed further investigation. We found some very interesting clues and came up with the conclusion that a reindeer had visited.

Now this is where our persuasive writing skills are going to be put to good use, as we will learn all about the features of a good argument to put forward to Mr Carey, so we can keep a reindeer as a St Lawrence pet!



*Mrs Paula Christensen, Year Two Teacher*

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## 2022 PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS

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

Please have your child's uniform ordered by 12 November, so they can be packed and ready for payment and collection by late November, in readiness for commencement of the school in 2022. Samples of sizes are available at the Uniform Shop.

## 2022 YEAR 1 STUDENTS

**Year 1 children in 2022** will be wearing a compulsory school uniform. Please refer to the email sent on 2 September for all uniform requirements.

For families who have not placed uniform orders or if you do not require any items, please advise me as soon as possible on [Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) or come into the Uniform Shop.

## COLLECTION OF UNIFORM ORDERS

Parents, uniform orders are now available to collect for Year 1 students commencing in 2022. Payment is required by eftpos or cash.

## BOYS RED RUGBY SHORTS

Please note that the 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*

# P&F NEWS



## FUN RUN – Friday 12 November

Sponsorship forms have been distributed to all families. If you have not received a form, forms are available from the school office.

**‘Our Table to Yours’ RECIPE BOOK** now available at the school office for viewing. To secure your copy as there will be limited copies available, please hand in your order form and money to the school office as soon as possible. Cost of the recipe book will be \$15 each.

The order form is an attachment to this newsletter and available from the school office.

## 2022 P&F COMMITTEE

A reminder that the 2021 P&F will not be renominating for 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for a new team to continue the work in 2022. If this is something you have been considering, now is the time to nominate.

*Mrs Adele Cirillo President & Committee*

[pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au)

## CANTEEN NEWS

**THANK** you to my helper last week, Cheryl C much appreciated! If anyone is available to help in Week 5 on Thursday and Friday (Year 3 roster date) please come and see me or message me 0408834774.

**SUSHI** orders for Friday - please order by Thursday 4 November.

Please use swimming menu for the remainder of the week. Thanking all for their support.

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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*Thanking all for their support, 2021 Canteen Staff*

# Swimming Menu Week 3 & 4

## AVAILABLE DAILY

Sandwiches - Salad \$3.50 Add Chicken, Tuna Cheese, Ham or Egg 50c  
Add Roll or Wrap 50c  
Toastie - Vegemite & Cheese, Cheese & Tomato, Cheese \$3.50,  
Ham & Cheese, Ham Cheese & Tomato \$4  
or Tuna, Cheese and Mayo \$4.50  
Chicken Strips (x2) \$4 add sauce 50c  
Chicken Nuggets (x5) \$4 add sauce 50c  
Chicken Strip Wrap \$4.50

## TUESDAY

Chicken Burger or Beef Burger \$5 plus cheese 50c

## THURSDAY

Sausage Roll \$3.50 add sauce 50c  
Pie \$4 add sauce 50c  
Lasagne \$4.50

## FRIDAY

Hot dog \$4  
Sausage Roll \$3.50 add sauce 50c  
Pie \$4 add sauce 50c  
Sushi – Tuna, Chicken or Veg 5piece \$5.50 or 6 pce \$6.50  
By pre order only (by Wednesday)

## DRINKS

Water \$1  
Juice, Glee, Chill J, Oak Choc or Strawberry, Up & Go \$2

## ICECREAMS

Icy pole ½ 50c full \$1, Calippo \$1  
Icy Twist \$1.50  
Vanilla Cup \$1.50  
Paddle Pop \$2  
Froyo \$2.20 – Cracker Jack, Tropicana, Fairy Floss, Bubblegum,  
Cookies and Cream or Caramel Cheesecake  
Cyclone \$2.50