



## Newsletter No. 38

**8 December 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.



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,  
because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were  
terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the  
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

***"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."***

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,  
"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,  
and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen,  
which were just as they had been told.

**I take this opportunity to wish each and every member of our community a heartfelt blessing for Christmas and the New Year. May the knowledge that Our Saviour Jesus Christ was born in the small town of Bethlehem, bring much joy and comfort to us all as we await His second glorious coming.**

**God bless you all and keep you safe during the New Year and holidays.**

## **Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders**

### **Welcome Back Picnic - Friday 18 February 2022**

This event will commence at 5:30pm. I am looking forward to seeing as many families as possible at this special event. Please be reminded that families are responsible for the supervision of their own children. Please ensure you keep the safety of your children and others paramount throughout the evening.

### **2022 Parents & Friends**

We are seeking members 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.

### **2022 DATES**

Important school event dates will be added to the school's website. As calendar dates can be subject to change, please always confirm events by checking the website calendar.

<http://stlawbal.wa.edu.au/>

## **Catholic Pastoral Communities**

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and farewell a number of our community members. Our wonderful Year Six children will leave our school this year and take on the challenges of High School. I thank them all for their wonderful years here at St Lawrence, I pray they will carry with them the many lessons they have learned and always be mindful of embodying Gospel Values and Christian principles in all they do.

We also farewell a number of school families. Your time here has been a blessing to our community, and we are grateful for your support of our school. I wish you all every happiness in your new journeys and may God's blessing be with you all.

We also farewell Mr Patrick King, Mrs Melinda Italiano and Mrs Johanna Carbone from the School Advisory Council. A sincere and heartfelt thank you for your dedication and support of St Lawrence Primary School.

Our 2021 P&F Committee have also come to the end of their term. We thank Adele Cirillo, Renee Femia, Franzl Shannon, Lisa-Marie Fay and Tara O'Leary. With much gratitude and appreciation, I thank all the P&F for their wonderful efforts over the last year or more. We are very grateful for all the joy and support you have given to St Lawrence.

A number of staff also leave our school family this year or are taking Long Service Leave (LSL). Mrs Gloria Edwards and Mr Phil Haydon will both be on LSL for Semester One. I wish them a restful break from their service at St Lawrence and pray they remain healthy, happy and return renewed and rekindled. We also farewell Mrs Jane Stanton. Jane has been on staff for four years and worked in our library during this time and was a member of our School Improvement Team. I wish Jane all God's blessings in her new undertaking.

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sunshine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

## Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable

# THE **END** OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Here we are at the end of the school year. What does this mean to us?

Let's take a look at some of the words that say end.

**MEND.** This is a good time of the year to mend things before we finish up. We might need to mend some friendships that are broken, by saying sorry and parting on a friendly note.

**SPEND.** How are we going to spend the holidays? How can we use all the lovely time so that we enjoy the sunshine, get lots of exercise, have fun playing, spend time with friends and family, refresh our souls and our bodies?

**ASCEND.** Next year we all move up a class and some will ascend into a new school. It's an exciting time and part of a good life – that we keep moving on and upwards.

**FRIEND.** We all have good friends here at school. How will we keep in touch over the holidays? How we will keep in touch if we are in different schools next year?

**SEND.** The end of the year is a good time to send a message of thanks to people who have made a difference in your life. It is also a good time to send a card or letter to someone special you haven't seen for a while.

**DEPEND.** Who and what do you really depend on to make your life happy and useful? Make sure you keep the people and things you depend on part of your holidays too.

**RECOMMEND.** Find out what your teachers recommend you read over the holidays or how they think you can prepare for next year's work.

**SPLENDID.** Congratulations to you all for a splendid year. Let's wish everyone a splendid holiday, full of all the good things that holidays, and the summer bring



*One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess  
created in the living room on Christmas day.*

*Don't clean it up too quickly.*

*Andy Rooney*

*God bless you with peace joy and love.*



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



## PASTORAL CARE



Thank you to the wonderful people who have taken a tag from our Christmas Tree and arranged for gifts for those in need of support at this time of the year. I am so very touched by the magnitude of the response from our community members.

May we keep those who find this time of the year difficult or who rely on the kindness of others to be able to have a special time. *May our prayers be for those who have to share with those who do not.*

## HOLIDAY READING TIP



It comes as no surprise that children love school holidays! Being free of the restraints of going to school every day and being able to relax is a valuable part of growing up. The regular reading that is a part of many children's school day suddenly comes to an end as there are far more interesting things to do on holiday than read a book, right?

Research clearly shows that when kids put down schoolbooks on their break, their reading ability also drops with it. The term "summer slide" is well established in the United States and refers to children dropping in their reading ability following a lack of reading over the summer break. Teachers in Australia also frequently report that students return to school after their break with a lower reading level and interest in books, than when they left previously. Therefore, it's vital that we continue to encourage our children to read widely and often whilst they are on holidays.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6 students began their Graduation celebrations yesterday by celebrating Mass. The Graduation Liturgy, Presentation Night and dinner will be held today at 6pm, at the Servite Auditorium. The St Lawrence medals will be presented at the Christmas Nativity on Thursday 9th December. The end of a school year always comes with mixed emotions as we farewell our graduating Year Six students. All our Year Six students are to be congratulated on the mature way they have conducted themselves as leaders this year, they fulfilled their roles with great diligence and purpose. To those families leaving our school this year, we wish you God's blessings and thank you for your support throughout the years.



## WHOLE SCHOOL NATIVITY

A reminder that the Whole School Nativity is taking place tomorrow on at **6pm**. The production will take place in front of the church. Children will need to gather in their classrooms no later than 5.30pm. Family groups will be seated on the Junior Oval. Please bring either blankets or low folding chairs. Cars will be able to park in the Balcatta Soccer oval carpark, entering on Albert Street. The St Lawrence Medal winners and Students Leaders for 2021 will be announced at this event.

## REPORTS

Reports will be accessible to parents via SEQTA on **Friday 10 December at 4pm**, using your current username and password. All parents are encouraged to log on and try their passwords before this date. Please note that access to SEQTA will be revoked for students not returning to St Lawrence in 2022 (either graduating Year 6 students or students attending another school next year). Please make it a priority to ensure you have downloaded and saved or printed copies of all reports by this date.

Parents have the opportunity to meet with staff on Monday 13 December if they have any queries or points of clarification. These time slots are not compulsory. Parents are reminded that any concerns would have already been explained to parents prior to reports being sent out.

## TERM DATES 2022

### SEMESTER ONE 2022

Term One: Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April  
Term Two: Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July

### SEMESTER TWO 2022

Term Three: Monday 18 July to Thursday 22 September  
Term Four: Monday 10 October to Friday 9 December

### PUPIL FREE DAYS 2022 (dates are subject to change)

Friday 4 March  
Tuesday 7 June  
Monday 22 August  
Friday 23 September  
Tuesday 11 October

## Sacramental Dates for 2022 (dates and times are subject to change)

### RECONCILIATION

EVENT	DATE	TIME/
Enrolment Mass	Saturday 19 March/Sunday 20 March	Saturday 6.00pm <b>OR</b> Sunday 5.00pm Mass (Candidates and Family)
Parent Meeting	Wednesday 4 May	7.00pm –School Hall (Parents/Carers )
Family Workshop	Wednesday 11 May	5.30pm <b>or</b> 7.00pm School Hall (Parents/Carers and Candidates)
Retreat	Friday 27 May	8.30am – 3.00pm (Candidates)
<b>RECONCILIATION NIGHT</b>	Wednesday 1 June	6.30pm St Lawrence Church

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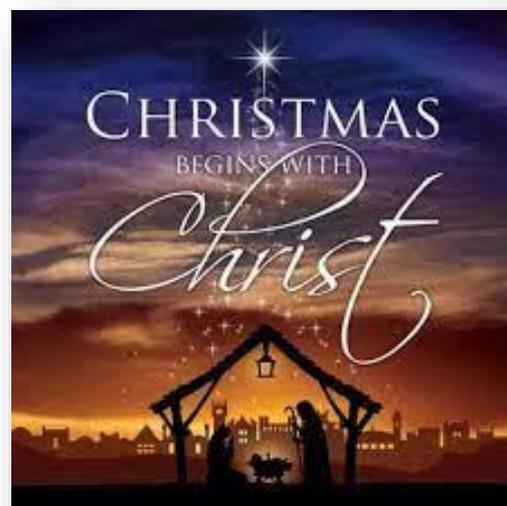
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Family Workshop	Wednesday 27 July	5.30pm <b>or</b> 7.00pm School Hall (Parents/Carers and Candidates)
Retreat	Wednesday 10 August	8.30am – 3.00pm (Candidates)
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS</b>	Saturday 20 August	4.00pm St Lawrence Church

### CONFIRMATION

EVENT	DATE	TIME/
Enrolment Mass	Saturday 19 March/Sunday 20 March	Saturday 6.00pm <b>OR</b> Sunday 5.00pm Mass (Candidates and Family)
Parent Meeting	Thursday 8 September	7.00pm –School Hall (Parents/Carers)
Family Workshop	Thursday 15 September	5.30pm <b>or</b> 7.00pm School Hall (Parents/Carers and Candidates)
Retreat	Wednesday 19 October	8.30am – 3.00pm (Candidates)
<b>CONFIRMATION DAY</b>	Wednesday 22 October	4.00pm St Lawrence Church

*We wish you all a happy and safe holiday. May the joy and peace that were present at the birth of Christ be present in your home this season.*

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



## PRE KINDY

WOW – where did the year go. We have witnessed your children grow up so much and take great joy in watching friendships and confidence develop. The knowledge they have gained and their ability to adapt to routines has been amazing. I am sure you would have to agree and should be so very proud of their progress.

To all our parents – we are so thankful for the support you have given us. Your interest in our programme as well as encouragement of your children goes a long way to assist us to offer the very best opportunities in our sessions.

I am so very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Mrs Seragusana who always shows such care and love to the children. Our sessions run so smoothly due to her organisation and attention to detail. Thanks to Mrs Austin and Mrs Thompson who share our lunch times with us. To our very supportive Leadership Team in Mr Carey, Mrs Brennan and Miss Tranquille I am very grateful for all they did this year.

It has been fabulous teaching such gorgeous, happy children and I know that their year in Kindy will be enthralling with such wonderful staff to care and guide their learning.

Thursdays are always an exciting, wonderful and a very rewarding and special day in my week.

May you have a Happy and Holy Christmas with your family and loved ones and the very best of wishes for a wonderful New Year.

Finally, a thought to share – so very true for us “big people”.

**The soul is healed by being with children.**

**— FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY**

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

## KINDERGARTEN

I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the school year! We will be completing our 'Christmas' theme this week. The children have made some beautiful arts and crafts to take home in their special Christmas box this week. Children's portfolio folders with snapshots of their learning across the year go home this week also. Last week we enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts with our Year Three Buddy Class. We made gingerbread houses together and had so much fun! Our buddies have been a great support to us this year and the children have loved building friendships and learning from them.

Please remember to come dressed in Christmas colours for our final day of school together on Friday. There is no need to pack lunch for your child on Friday as we would like to provide the children with a special lunch at school. Could I ask Kindy parents to please check their child's red folder this afternoon or Friday morning as there is work to go home. We look forward to seeing everyone here at school this Thursday evening for the Christmas Nativity Concert. All information about the concert has been sent out via Seesaw.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all the parents for their help and support this year. It means a lot to me but more importantly to the children, helping them to grow and learn so much this year. Thank you also to Mrs Howley and Mrs Seragusana and for all of their hard work this year in providing a learning environment where the children can be nurtured and flourish.

Walt Disney once said;

*'You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful ideas in the world,  
but it requires people to make the dream a reality'.*

*Buddy time Gingerbread houses*



*Mrs Rachel Wake, Kindergarten Teacher*

## **PRE PRIMARY**

I can't believe the year is over! What a year it has been. You should all be so very proud of your amazing children- they each have had many shining moments. It has been so rewarding to witness their growth over the year- socially, emotionally and academically. I feel so privileged to continue on their journey with them in Year One, we are all so excited!

I was overwhelmed by the children's performance of our Wiggly Nativity last Friday- they exceeded my expectations! It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and extended family members join us for morning tea afterwards!



I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Staltari for all her hard work this year, it has been a great team effort! A shout out to Teagan Armstrong who has been a great asset to our team over the past year! I would also like to thank you all for your support you have given us throughout the year.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you next year. Stay safe!

*Mrs Tania Preston, Pre Primary Teacher*

## YEAR ONE

The year is just about at an end. The Year Ones have worked hard all year and it has been a pleasure to watch the children grow and learn throughout the year. They should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to all Year One parents your support has been very much appreciated and valued. I thank Mrs Bozich for all her hard work with the children on Monday, thank you also to Mrs Mattioli for all her assistance in the classroom and working with the children.

The children have started to bring home workbooks and today they will bring home some of their books for Year 2 that require covering over the holidays.



*Wishing everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas and a fabulous 2022.*

*Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher*

## YEAR ONE

Term 4 has come to an end and now we are able to celebrate the very busy year we shared together. I am so thrilled that the children have worked so very hard and come such a long way since they first walked through the Year One door in February – so much smaller and younger. I have loved seeing the children's enthusiasm for learning as they have grown and hope they take this with them into Year 2.

I am so very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Mrs Edwards, Mrs Mattioli and a supportive Leadership Team in Mr Carey, Mrs Brennan and Miss Tranquille. I have really enjoyed my time in Year One with everyone.

As I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy new year, shared with all your loved ones I would like to leave this thought with you –

***All we need is each other – our families are the greatest gift  
God has given us.***

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year One Teacher (Mondays)*

## YEAR TWO

The Year Two children have finished off with a blast!

A visit to Latitude was just the thing to let down their hair and have so much fun. The children rock climbed, went on the flying fox, jumped on trampolines and lots more. The venue was excellent, so well organised, and safe, not to mention the amazing staff that assisted and encouraged the children throughout their session.

As I reflect on my three terms in a new school and class, I can honestly say it has been an absolute pleasure. Your children really are amazing, their kindness, enthusiasm for learning and life must reflect their parents.

I would also like to thank the Year Two parents for welcoming me into the school community and providing support throughout the year.



A gentle reminder that the children will need to be dressed in their costumes and at the classroom by 5:30pm Thursday evening.

*Many thanks and Merry Christmas  
Mrs Paula Christensen, Year Two Teacher*

### YEAR THREE

The Year 3 students had a wonderful end of term celebration at Latitude. The children were so well behaved and played cooperatively with each other. Just a reminder that on Thursday the children will be performing the Christmas Nativity. Children are to come dressed in their costumes on the night of the concert and meet in the classroom between 5.30pm-5.45pm. We will walk to the Junior Oval prior to the concert commencing and they will stay with the class for the entirety of the concert.

Angels	White Clothing (Dress; Shorts & T-shirt; Skirt & T-shirt) Halo and/or Wings (optional)
Star, Mary, Joseph, Three Wise Men	Plain clothing Costume to be supplied by School
Sheep/Shepherds	White/Stone Clothing (Dress; Shorts & T-shirt; Skirt & T-shirt) Costumes/Accessories to be supplied by School

It is hard to believe the school year has come to an end.

I would like to sincerely thank all students and parents for a terrific year. Thank you for all your support and guidance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure and a privilege teaching your children and watching them grow and I cannot wait to do it again next year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Miss Kathleen Tranquille,  
Year Three Teacher*



It is hard to believe the year has come to an end! The children have worked so hard all year and I have been extremely proud of all their efforts. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your beautiful children and I will miss their warm smiles and the happiness they have brought to my working days. Thank you for all your help and support throughout the year. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with the wonderful Miss Tranquille this year. A big thank you to her and the students for such an enjoyable year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for the new year!

*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year 3 Teacher (Wednesdays)*

## YEAR FOUR

Mamma Mia! What a fabulous time the Year 4 students had on their final excursion to Pasta in the Valley. It was a great way to end our year and all the success we have had.



It is hard to believe that Term Four has come to an end. I would like to congratulate all the students on their efforts and achievements this year. It has been fantastic to witness their growth. I have appreciated all your support this year and am excited to be working with the children again next year. It has been a pleasure teaching your children. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Miss Kayla Fogliani, Year Four Teacher*

It has come to the end of a wonderful school year and the students should be very proud of all their hard work, as I certainly have been. A big thank you to Miss Fogliani and the students for the most enjoyable year. It is a privilege to work with your beautiful children again next year and I look forward to continuing their learning journey with them. Thank you to all the parents for all your support throughout the year it has been much appreciated. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the very best for the new year!

*Mrs Frances Caruso, Year 4 Teacher (Thursdays)*

## YEAR FIVE

The Year Fives had a fantastic time on our end of year excursion to Hyde Park today. It was great to spend some time with our buddies and enjoy the sunshine and water! A big thank you to all parents for your support, kindness and friendship this year.

Thank you for the privilege of being part of your child's learning journey again! Boys and girls, thank you for a fabulous year. I am so very proud of the beautiful people that you are. It makes me smile to see how far you have all come. We have made some special memories this year, done lots of learning and shared lots of laughs. Thank you for making me proud to be your teacher. I can't wait to see you all shine as our leaders in 2022.



*Wishing you all a safe, holy and Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holidays together, remember to read every day and stay safe.*

*Mrs Roselyn Pizzino,  
Year Five Class Teacher*



## YEAR SIX

We are looking forward to the Graduation Awards Night at Servite tonight and enjoying the parent supplied supper, before showing off our disco dances.

On Thursday after recess, Year Six students will be going around the classes for signing and farewelling staff and students. They need to return to school and be back at our classroom by 5:45pm and then walk to our starting positions for the whole school Christmas celebration, beginning at 6pm – drinks bottles will definitely be needed!

Our final day of Primary school will be tidying up, giving our Year One buddies the Christmas bookmark we have made them, and then off to Lazer Blaze. We return in time to enjoy an icy pole as we make our final farewells.

Thank you for putting in hours of listening to your child, assisting them with homework and nurturing them to be ready for the next big step – high school! Please remember to print off a copy of your son/daughter's Semester Two report as the electronic report will be permanently archived in a couple of weeks.



*Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher*

# Play Group

We have had another wonderful year at playgroup with so much fun and laughter. It's such a blessing to be able to watch the children grow each week as they spend time with their friends. Wishing all of our play group families and the wider school community a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. If you're interested in joining our play group for 2022, please email me [gillian.austin@cewa.edu.au](mailto:gillian.austin@cewa.edu.au). Everyone is welcome!



*Mrs Gillian Austin*  
Play Group Facilitator



## LIBRARY NEWS



As I reflect on my time at St Lawrence, I am thinking about all the beautiful children I have met here over the last four years. My days have been a complete joy as I have had the privilege to get to know each child during these years.

We have had the challenge of keeping the library running during the pandemic, and the thrill of promoting literature to the children in a variety of ways. We have had drama performances, book character parades and National Simultaneous Storytime, all wonderful ways of showing the children the joys of reading and listening to good books.

I have also had the pleasure of running a philosophy club with the children each week this year. We have had some discussion full of insight and deep thinking. During our last meeting, I asked the question “What would you wish for?” Besides an ice cream machine and the ability to fly, we also had answers like ‘a shelter for everyone’ and that sickness didn’t exist – such great responses.

My wish for all the children and families of St Lawrence is that you all have a wonderful, blessed Christmas and a new year full of promise. From my family to yours, I wish you all well.

*Mrs Jane Stanton, Teacher Librarian*

## MUSIC NEWS



It has brought me an abundance of joy to see Pre Primary to Year 6 prepare for this year’s End of Year Christmas Concert. Students have been actively involved in choreography to complement their singing and I know they are excited about sharing their items with the St Lawrence community on Thursday evening.

Thank you to the Kindy staff who have also taken the time to prepare the Kindy’s for their involvement in the evening. A massive thank you to all staff for your support in a short and busy term in preparing your students for the event. And THANK YOU to each amazing individual student for your hard work, ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning the items chosen for your class.

I am thoroughly looking forward to it all coming together as we celebrate the meaning of Christmas and end the year with some Christmas Cheer.

*Have a Safe Holiday*

*And I look forward to continuing our St Lawrence Musical Journey in 2022*

# Final Concert Reminder

**Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6pm start**

Students are to be in their classrooms by 5.45pm.

Please refer to previous communication through SeeSaw/Email/Newsletter regarding Concert Dress for each class.

*With musical thanks, Mrs Stephanie Freeman, Music Teacher*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is open tomorrow afternoon for the last day this is on:  
THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

### COLLECTION OF UNIFORM ORDERS

Pre-Primary and Year 1 students commencing in 2022 who have placed uniform orders must be collected the orders by tomorrow afternoon.

Families who do not require any uniforms and have not placed an order, can you please advise me as soon as possible please. Payment is required by EFTPOS or cash.

Please contact me as soon as possible on [Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Angie.miola@cewa.edu.au) if you are not available to collect from Uniform Shop direct. Arrangements can be made to collect from front office, if needed.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

All students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence Term 1, 2022 in Full Summer Uniform.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS

Pre-Kindy & Kindergarten students may purchase a Red Early Childhood T- Shirt, available from Uniform Shop, please note it is not compulsory.

A St Lawrence School Library Bag for Kindergarten students is compulsory and available from Uniform Shop.

### BOYS RED RUGBY SHORTS

Please note that the boy red rugby shorts were discontinued at beginning of this year.

Red Sport Shorts (Microfibre with gold "St Lawrence Primary School" printed on shorts) are available and are compulsory to wear in Pre-primary to Year 6 for commencement of school in February 2022. RED RUGBY SHORTS (old style) are NOT allowed to be worn in 2022.

### JANUARY OPENING TIMES

Parents, please note the Uniform Shop will be opened before school commences in 2022, on

Thursday 27 January 2022 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Thereafter, the Uniform Shop will be open as normal on WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

*Wishing all families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and Holidays.*

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**  
**Wednesday 8.30 am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

# CANTEEN NEWS

**THANK YOU** to my helpers last week Renee F & Rebecca R - we really appreciate you giving up your spare time to help us.

And thanks to my helpers for this week Corrina B, Adele C, Daniela F and Laura R

## **LAST DAY OF TERM SPECIAL**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - please note this is the only item available.

Pizza supplied by a new local Balcatta business Bytes Pizza

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** are now on sale at the canteen for \$5 each.

Fabulous prizes up for grabs

- \$300 Scooter Hub Voucher kindly donated by David Michael MLA
- A gorgeous Almond and Mint Hamper donated by Renee Femia and Family
- 2 \$50 Wish Gift Cards donated by Woolworths Roselea
- White wine and a wine traveller donated by Mrs Frenzel

If anyone would like to buy tickets and can't make it in, please send money in an envelope with your details and pop in the lunch order basket and I will send the tickets home



Wishing our wonderful Year 6 students all the best at their graduation tonight, we will miss you all!



*Wishing you a safe and happy festive season,  
thank you for your support this year.*

2021 Canteen Staff

# INSTRUMENTAL TUITION IN 2022

## *A fun, fast and modern approach to learning music*

### – Parent Information Letter –

Dear Parents,

Matt Millington is now inviting applications for students who would like to be a part of the instrumental tuition program at St Lawrence Primary School in 2022.

There have been many research studies conducted all over the world and over many years that have shown that learning a musical instrument enhances brain development and promotes a sense of well-being. It can also help develop responsibility and self-discipline, build self-confidence and cultivate a creativity and the ability to work with others. Many St. Lawrence students play in the school bands, ensembles and orchestras when they go on to high school.

#### **30 minute one-on-one lessons:**

Piano, Electric Keyboard and Guitar.

#### **30 minute group lessons:**

Available only for guitar at this time.

For the guitar groups to be successful, students numbering 2-4 need to be at a similar level and committed to moving forward in a team-like fashion.

During the year, groups may be reshuffled to keep the children's learning levels optimal.

All lessons are on a rotating schedule in an effort to minimise classroom disruption.

**\$20.00 per 30 minute group lesson.**

**\$34.00 per 30 minute one-on-one lesson.**

Term payments are to be made two weeks prior to the first week of each term.

If a lesson time clashes with a school excursion, a time change or make up lesson will be attempted. Otherwise that lesson will be made up in the following term.

#### **Please note:**

A commitment to tuition for the full year is expected. This is necessary for these important reasons:

- It helps establish for the students an important principle in life: When you take something on, you commit yourself to it and don't give up at the first sign of difficulty.
- Playing a musical instrument is a skill and it does take time and practice to develop. At least a year is necessary to discover potential and to allow students to experience the joy of personal achievement through application and effort.

Parents, your encouragement and support are necessary to help your child develop good practice routines as it is 'practise that makes progress'.

Matt Millington has been teaching music to children and adults in a relaxed, fun and friendly manner for more than 28 years, and with excellent results!

Matt is now inviting applications for students who would like to learn one of the above instruments at St. Lawrence Primary School next year.

**To enrol for term 1 next year**, please email or text Matt as soon as possible and before the end of this term with your child's name and year: [millingtonsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:millingtonsmusic@gmail.com) or **0403 376 249**  
**(Please note that places are limited)**