



Newsletter No. 2

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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 Angelus (Latin for "angel") is a Catholic devotion commemorating the Incarnation. As with many Catholic prayers, the name Angelus is derived from its opening words: Angelus Domini Nuntiavit Mariæ ("The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary") and is practised by reciting as versicle and response, three Biblical verses narrating the mystery, alternating with the prayer "Hail Mary".

The devotion was traditionally recited in Roman Catholic churches, convents, and monasteries three times daily: 6:00am, noon, and 6:00pm (many churches still follow the devotion, and some families continue the practice at home). The Angelus is usually accompanied by the ringing of the Angelus bell, which is a call to prayer and to spread goodwill to everyone. In our own Parish, the Angelus bell sounds every day at 12:00pm.



**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, etc...

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary, etc...

**V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, etc...

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

**Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Inspiring Christ-Centre Leaders.

The Leadership structure of St Lawrence is a simple model but one that works exceptionally well. A Principal is appointed by The Bishops of the Diocesan after Catholic Education Western Australia Ltd follows a recruitment and appointment process. Consultation with the school community, parish, and CEWA leads to a round of applications, interviews, and selection for recommendation to the Bishop for appointment. This model applies to all diocesan accountable schools. The Principal works closely with the Parish Priest to build community and support the families in the Faith education of their children. Generally, two Assistant Principals are appointed to share the leadership and support and assist the Principal.

In this task, I am ably supported by Gaby Brennan and Kathleen Tranquille. Both experienced and well-regarded leaders within our Catholic system. Together we work closely to ensure the school is a flourishing environment and meeting the compliance obligations of Federal, State, and Local Government and The Bishops' Mandate.

If you have any questions or seek clarification on any matters or wish to make a complaint or share a good news story, please feel free to make contact with a member of the leadership team.

Catholic Schools of Excellence.

CODE OF CONDUCT

I invite everyone to view our Codes of Conduct (students and parents). These documents pertain to all who enter our school, they govern our behaviours whilst on school grounds. They are an ongoing document that will be reviewed and updated as the years progress. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to provide students and staff with the right to work in a secure and orderly environment and parents the right to expect that their children will be educated in an environment in which the principles of care, courtesy, and respect for the rights of others are valued. Please refer to the Codes of Conduct which can be accessed via the school website or from the signs located around the school with a QR Code link and hard copies are available at administration.

Catholic Pastoral Communities.

We know that successful schools do certain things...This is well-researched and supported by a significant wealth of rigorous studies. Lyn Sharratt summaries these as...

The 14 Parameters:

1. *Shared Beliefs and Understandings (Adapted from Hill & Crevola, 1999)*
 - a. *Each student can achieve high standards given the right time and the right support.*
 - b. *Each teacher can teach to high standards given the right assistance.*
 - c. *High expectations and early and ongoing intervention are essential.*
 - d. *Teachers and administrators need to be able to articulate what they do and why they teach the way they do.*
2. *Embedded Literacy/Instructional Coaches*
3. *Daily, Sustained Focus on Literacy Instruction*
4. *Principal Leadership*
5. *Early and Ongoing Intervention*
6. *Case Management Approach: (a) Data Walls (b) Case by Case Meetings*
7. *Professional Learning at School Staff Meetings*
8. *In-School Grade/Subject Meetings*
9. *Centralized Resources*
10. *Commitment of District and School Budgets for Literacy Learning and Resources*
11. *Action Research/Collaborative Inquiry*

12. *Parental and Community Involvement*
13. *Cross-Curricular Connections*
14. *Shared Responsibility and Accountability*
(Sharratt & Fullan, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012)

Here at St Lawrence, we strive to embed all 14 of these practices into our general school practices. This ensures our students have the best opportunities to flourish. Our school data continues to support the outstanding achievements of our students. May I commend our boys and girls, our staff, and all community members for supporting St Lawrence to be an outstanding school of choice in the Balcatta and Stirling regions of Perth.

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable.

ENROLMENTS

We will be commencing interviews for the 2025 School Year very soon. If you are aware of any families with children eligible for Pre-kindy or Kindy, please remind them and make sure all paperwork has been presented to the office. We have limited vacancies in other year levels. Please see Lina in the front office or download an application form, if you are interested. Our positions tend to go very quickly, and we have waitlists for certain year levels.

HEALTH CARE CARD

If you are a holder of a **Health Care Card** or **Pensioner Concession Card**, you are entitled to a discount on your school fees. An application form must be completed, and a copy of your current card supplied. A new form is required for completion each new school year. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Please supply this information to the school office by 28 February 2024.

SCHOOL FEES

School Tuition Statements for 2024 will be issued to all families this week.

Please review your Statement. If you have any queries, please contact Alica Mayo on 93444944 or finance@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

It is a requirement that the Payment Advice form (final page of your Statement) is completed and returned by all families. Your payment options are provided – please select the option that best suits your requirements.

Many thanks to all families.

God bless each and every one of you.



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

2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information, Collection Notice for parents/guardians – please see attachment.

PASTORAL CARE

Please keep the Wilson family, Raymond in Year 6, in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their Grandmother in Ghana.

**Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon Her.
May Her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.**



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL UNIFORM - ACCESSORIES

It is recommended that no jewellery be worn at school for safety and security reasons. Children are permitted to wear:

- A watch, including smart watches, is permitted. Nonetheless, parents are requested to disable any functions on the watch that enable its use for purposes other than timekeeping while the student is at school. If a student uses it for any other purpose, it is treated the same as a mobile phone and must be surrendered to the front office in accordance with the Mobile Phone Procedure. **Smart watches must have School Mode activated before entering the school premises.**
- A cross or Christian medal tucked under the shirt/blouse/dress is acceptable.
- Only one pair of sleepers (small plain) or studs (small gold or silver) is permitted.
- A Medic Alert bracelet.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each family received a pamphlet and poster this week.

Further information about Caritas and the projects they support can be found at <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

REMINDER

CHILDREN MUST NOT BE ON THE SCHOOL SITE PRIOR TO 8.15AM.

Classroom teacher supervision begins at 8.30am when classrooms are opened. Children should arrive at school in good time so that they have ten minutes to prepare for the day, order lunches, and unpack bags. Children should go immediately to their classroom when they arrive at school after 8.30am and not leave the classroom without the teacher's permission. Teacher supervision concludes at 3.15pm each day.

Children must not play games, use sport equipment, use iPads, or be on playground equipment before or after school.

MORNING DROP OFF (Driver must stay in the car)

1. Vehicles are to enter the netball courts near the church and exit the netball courts near the school.
2. **Drop Off:**
 - a. Enter via **IN** ramp.
 - b. Continue driving on the netball court to the far end outside Year 1 classroom.
 - c. **Drop off** passengers to lawn area in front of the Administration Block.
 - d. Depart via **OUT** ramp onto Albert Street.

AFTERNOON PICKUP (Driver must stay in the car)

1. Pickup area for Families whose surname starts with A-K (Administration Pick Up)

- Enter via **IN** ramp – **KEEP RIGHT**.
- Continue driving on the netball court to the far end outside Year 1 classroom.
- **Pick up** passengers from in front of the Administration Block.
- Depart via **OUT** ramp onto Albert Street.

2. Pickup area for Families whose surname starts with L– Z (Church Pick Up)

- Enter via **IN** ramp – **KEEP LEFT**.
- Continue **UP** the ramp to the oval level.
- Proceed to the front of the church.
- **Pick up** passengers from the lawn area.
- Exit via driveway between the Church and the Alverna Centre.

The speed limit within the carpark is 5-10km/hour.

3. Parents wishing to park or leave their vehicle:

- Enter via **IN** ramp.
- Park either against fence near church or in **TWO** rows in the middle of the Netball Courts. (Please minimise gaps in between cars so maximum number of cars can park).
- The netball area near the fence outside the Year 1 classroom must be left free for traffic flow.
- The driver must leave the vehicle as **NO** child is allowed onto the Netball court between 2.55pm – 3.30pm unless accompanied by an adult.

4. People who arrive early at St Lawrence (before 2.45pm) need to park their cars in the designated parking areas **AND NOT WAIT IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANE**. This causes an unnecessary bank up of traffic, which then restricts access to the school grounds, blocks traffic on Albert Street, and creates a “grid-lock” situation.

5. Avoid illegal acts such as double parking, parking on footpaths, or unsafe practices such as stopping in the traffic flow areas, which will endanger your child/children. Father has asked that parents refrain from parking near the front of the Church as parishioners who attend morning Mass need clear access.

6. Be on the alert for children who may not be looking for moving vehicles.

7. If your child is going home with another family, they are to wait with the children from that family.

BICYCLES



It is great to see more and more children riding their bicycles to school. On the recommendation of safety authorities, we have a policy that only children 10 years and above are permitted to ride to school without a supervising adult. Riders must wear an approved safety helmet and keep to the bike paths.

Bikes should be parked in the bike racks and chained for security and helmets secured to bikes. Children must walk bicycles in the school grounds.

STUDENT IPAD AGREEMENT

The school's One-to-One iPad Program affords the opportunity for our students to enter a new world of curriculum possibilities, allowing engagement and involvement in their learning.

All parents and students from year 3 to year 6 involved in the One-to-One program must read the student iPad Agreement carefully with their child. After your child has a thorough understanding of the school's expectations, with regard to iPad usage at St Lawrence, please sign the document and bring it back to school. By signing, you are indicating that you have read, understood and accept the student/parent participation agreement.



Labour Day Public Holiday - 4th March
Grandparents' Afternoon - 8th March
Sacramental Enrolment Masses - 9th and 10th March

Ms Kathleen Tranquille & Mrs Gabrielle Brennan
Assistant Principals

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Please note – Grandparents' Celebration has changed from Thursday 7/3/24, as advertised on the Term Planner, to Friday 8/3/24, in the afternoon.

If your child does not have a grandparent, they are more than welcome to invite a significant person in their life, to this celebration.

The bond between a Grandparent and their Grandchild is a very special one. All Grandparents are invited to please join us at our fun filled activity afternoon creating new memories with your Grandchildren at the:

St Lawrence Primary Grandparents Afternoon

Friday 8th March, 2024

1.45-1.55 Grandparents meet in the Learning Centre for Student Leader welcome and run down of the afternoon's activities

1.55-2.50 Grandparents collect students from classrooms and rotate through the fun activity stations set up around the school

2.50 - Grandparents say goodbye and students return to their classrooms

3.00 - Students are dismissed from the classrooms

Please RSVP by Friday 1st March by scanning the QR code below:



****Please Note: Due to classroom capacity limits, unfortunately, Parents will be unable to attend this event****



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

YELLOW POLO SHIRTS

The order for yellow polo shirts has arrived and all backorders will be filled tomorrow. They will be handed to your child to bring home.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Orders can be emailed to me at michelle.seragusana@cewa.edu.au and can also be placed with Mrs Armstrong in the Administration Office.

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

*Mrs Michelle Seragusana
Uniform Shop*

P&F NEWS

WELCOME BACK FESTIVITIES.

As the Welcome Back Picnic was cancelled, we organised some festivities to go ahead during the day for the kids instead. A special thank you to That Little Gelato Cart and Freedom Fairies for adjusting to the new times. The kids enjoyed some delicious gelato and face painting during the afternoon of the 9th of February. Congratulations to Oisín who guessed correctly and won a jar of Jelly Beans.



EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those who completed the form for our Easter Egg Chocolate Fundraiser. This is such a great fundraiser for the P&F. Boxes will be going home with your eldest child on Friday.



Mrs Natasha Raso, P&F President

NETBALL NEWS

WINTER NETBALL 2024

The 2024 Winter Netball season is fast approaching. The season will commence on 26th April and conclude on the 23rd August.

Register your interest or a team to play by Friday 8th March to stlawnetball@gmail.com

Please include your child's full name, year level, DOB, contact phone number as well as if you are able to volunteer to manage or coach a team. Please note that parent involvement is **essential** and that without nominations for both a coach & manager, we cannot allocate teams.

Eligibility for teams are as follows:

NSG Set - Year 2 & 3

NSG Go - Year 4 & 5

Junior - 12U - Year 6

Fees for NSG is \$230.

Fees for Junior is \$260.

Fees are also subject to a PlayHQ surcharge of 2.03%.

Teams will train one day a week (day/time/location TBC)

Games will be held on a Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning. Times are subject to change due to the number of registrations.

Friday Timeslots:

NSG SET (Y2 & Y3) – 4.30pm

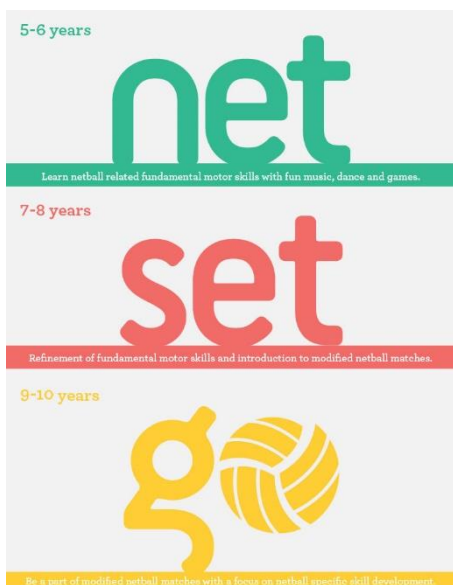
NSG GO (Y4 & Y5) - 5.30pm

Saturday Timeslots:

JUNIOR (Y6) – 8.30am

If you require any additional information, please contact a member of the committee.

Cheryl & Renee - St Lawrence Netball Club



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



COMMUNITY NEWS



TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024

OPEN DAY