

# NEWSLETTER

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL, BLUFF POINT



*Love and Serve the Lord*



7 February 2020

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**7 WEEKS TO GO**

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of another wonderful year at St Lawrence's. I hope you and your families had a enjoyable break over the Christmas and New Year period and are ready for an eventful year ahead of us.

I am very excited about the prospect of being your Principal for this year and the years ahead as we journey together through your child's primary education. We welcome returning and new staff to St Lawrence's as well as the new Kindy families and numerous other new families that have joined our wonderful school community. Congratulations to our Year 1 students who have proudly worn their school uniform for the first time this week.

Last week the staff spent 2 days on professional learning. We welcomed back John Coleman to the community who facilitated a day on refreshing the "Fruit of the Spirit" program with all staff. We also engaged the expertise of our school psychologist Fiona Currans in revisiting our Behaviour Management Policy – Restorative Practice. I also had the opportunity to speak to staff, to share stories with one another, to create our St Lawrence's Island of Excellence and to outline my vision for the school. You can read my vision on the Principal's Welcome page on the school website.

As you are aware Stage 18 building works has commenced which will include a new administration block. Over the next 10 weeks the office will be located on the side oval. To access the office, parents are requested to park on Chapman Rd and use the new gate that has been connected with concrete steps to a new foot path. For safety reasons, please keep well clear of the construction area which will be fenced off at all times.

It was a wonderful sight to come back to school and know and see the scope of work that has been going on whilst most of us relax. Thank you to our Groundsman Grant and Office Manager Sharon for coordination of these works which included the external painting of rooms 1, 2, 5, 6, annual general clean and pest control, removal of the old interior fence and upgrade to the sandpit in preprimary, oval maintenance, installation of a community defibrillator on the outside of the church, new flooring in Larmenier, maintenance to the adventure playground, new four square courts and a new shade sails for the Kindy.



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Continued:

Last weekend I attended and spoke at all Masses at St Lawrence's to introduce myself to the community as Principal and to talk to Parishioners about our school and the amazing programs we have to offer. As Father Gerard is on study leave for 6 months, I would like to thank Bishop Michael for this opportunity.

Don't forget: Our fortnightly newsletter has very important information for our parents. Our school webpage is also regularly updated and has a wealth of information including important dates, school events and notes. Also, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Ask to join the closed parent Facebook page and secondhand uniform page to stay in touch.

Happy Days  
David Tunchon  
Principal

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

### **Fruit of the Spirit**

*Love – Joy – Peace – Patience –  
Kindness – Gentleness – Faithfulness – Self-Control – Goodness*

The fruit of the Spirit is a long-standing tradition at St Lawrence's. This whole school approach offers clear values (fruit) to assist and enrich the lives of our school community. The fruit of the Spirit help us grow and strive to become 'better people'. These values link strongly with behaviour expectations and 'Restorative Practices'. It is encouraged that all students understand and appreciate the fruit of the Spirit and show these in their interactions with others. The students will be given many opportunities to reflect on which fruit they demonstrate regularly and also which fruit they require further development in.

Galatians: 5:22

### **Baptism: Easter (Term One)**

Non-Catholic families who wish to be baptised as Catholics will need to meet with Father Robert O'Bryan at the beginning of the school year.

### **Reconciliation: Term One 2020: Year Three**

**Parent /Child Meetings:  
Wednesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 or  
6:30pm at St Lawrence's  
Church**

**Reconciliation Retreat Day:  
Thursday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Reconciliation Commitment  
Masses: Saturday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
6pm/Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
ALL STUDENTS: Saturday  
March 28<sup>th</sup> (3:30 – 5:00pm)**

*Parents will select a time to  
take their child to church to re-  
ceive their first confession.*

### **Eucharist: (First Holy Communion) Term Two 2020: Year Four**

**Parent /Child Meeting Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm or 6:30pm  
at St Lawrence's Church  
Eucharist Retreat Day: Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Eucharist Commitment Masses:**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm/Sunday  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 9am**

### **Second Rite of Reconciliation: Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am**

### **Sacrament of Eucharist:**

**Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm 4A  
Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm 4B  
Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:am 4W**

### **Confirmation: Term Three 2020: Year Six**

**Term One: Mass of Oils: All Confirmation Candidates: Wednesday  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm**

### **St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

**Parent/Child Meeting Wednesday  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm or 6:30 pm at St  
Lawrence's Church**

**Confirmation Retreat Day Thursday  
August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation Commitment Masses:  
Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm/  
Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> 9am**

### **Second Rite of Reconciliation: Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am**

### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

**Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
6J**

**Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at  
6pm 6K**

**Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
6Z**



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## ADMINISTRATION



It is very important that you inform the school office at the very earliest of **any changes** that would assist us in helping your child in case of an emergency.

- Current residential address (street address in addition to PO Box address, if applicable)
- Current email address
- Parent/Guardian Contact details
- Emergency contact details
- Medical information-allergies or other medical conditions and health care plans
- Any new/recent assessments and/or follow up information Educational, hearing, sight, OT, etc.

### Responding to School SMS Messages

Parents and carers are requested to kindly mention their name, their child's name and class when responding to text messages sent from school.

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

(FRIDAYS @ 2.30 pm)

**Week 2** — 14th Feb **6K**

**Week 4** — 28th Feb **4W**

**Week 6** — 13th Mar **3B**

**Week 8** — 27th Mar **2S**



**Happy birthday** to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in January & February:

**January:** Blake R, Memphis W, Tessa S, Abigail M, Tess C, Lucy H, Eamon C, Elaine T, Harper R, Henley F, Chloe W, Oscar H, Max I, Flynn L, Max T, Max S, Will H, Danielle M, Paige H, Ella-Sandra F-M, Lyra W, Charlie J, Esmae O, Jack W, Jorja R, Marlon M, Livinia H, Sianna J, Mackenzie Y, Charlotte E, Alexandra T, Lylah W, Eva C, Myla H, Prada P, Elora D, Alijah A, Ilana A, Roisin L, Cassidy M, Cruz M, Isaiah C-B, Lyla-Rose M, Miley K, Hudson C, Miley C, Josie M, Parker R and Jax H.

**February Week 1:** Ashanti C, Tess A, Mason K, Danielle E, Hugh L, Isaac W, Dylan B, Koven H and Carter B.

## 2020 Term Dates

### Term One:

Mon 3 Feb — Thurs 9 Apr

### Term Two:

Tues 28 Apr — Fri 3 Jul

### Term Three:

Tues 21 Jul — Thurs 24 Sept

### Term Four:

Tues 13 Oct — Fri 11 Dec

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

*Certificates will be presented at Assembly on **Friday 14 February** at **2.30pm***

**1I**

Thomas S, Macee V

**1K**

Skyla G, Hunter J

**1S**

Gus L, Mason L

**2J**

Alayna J, Koby G

**2K**

Austin H, Jorja R

**2S**

Tully W, Asha H

**3B**

Aston H, Lacey KD

**3C**

Erica F, Brayden F

**3K**

Ned S, Annabelle T

**4A**

Bella McK, Cruz Mac

**4B**

Hudson W, Chloe O

**4W**

Oliver S, Stella R

**5B**

Mille B, Colby B

**5C**

Ella-Sandra M, Kohen W

**5M**

Marli S, Darcy E

**6J**

Sam M, Cruz H

**6K**

Sass M, Amara G



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### UNIFORMS AND HAIRCUTS

It was great to see most students return to school with the correct summer uniforms. Our **Uniform Policy** is as follows:

#### **BOYS** - Summer

- School grey shirt with school emblem on pocket and grey shorts. Plain all black school shoes or dark brown sandals. School hat.

#### **GIRLS** - Summer

- School dress with emblem. Plain all black school shoes with white school socks or dark brown sandals. School hat.

#### **SPORTS UNIFORM** - Summer

- School sports top and sports shorts. Plain all black sandshoes with white school socks. School hat.

**HAIR:** Gold, white or dark green scrunchies. Hair touching the shoulder is to be tied back. Hair should be of a natural colour. No extreme cuts or designs.

*Parents and carers, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's uniform, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.*

### EXCURSION CONSENT FORMS

This week, your child also received an excursion consent form stating that all incursions and excursions, regardless of who delivers them or where they are delivered, are a part of your child's compulsory education programme and therefore participation is expected.

You will always be notified of excursions and incursions in advance. A written note will include enough information for you to prepare your child and inform their teacher of any issues relevant to their safe and full participation. But, you will not receive a permission slip prior to each incursion or excursion.

Please bear in mind that it is your obligation to inform the school of any changes to your emergency contact and your child's allergy information.

### PARKING AT SCHOOL

Parents and Carers, we request your support in keeping our students safe...



**Side Oval Pick up** – children are not allowed to walk across the road on their own – parents/carers must walk across to the gate to collect children.

Please keep the double gates clear at the bottom of the oval so that staff can access the car park at all times.

**Kiss and Drop at Mary** – Please bear in mind that you are no longer allowed to make a **right turn** to school. Police are picking up offenders; if your child is not at the kiss and drop area, please go around the block and try again.

Parents who have not picked their children up by 3.25pm, please arrange to use the OSHC facilities. Other children will need to be picked up from the school office.

**Parking behind the church** – there is no parking available behind the church. That area is reserved for staff parking only.

**ACROD** parking during Admin area renovations is unavailable – Please access the Fitzgerald Hall car park for pick up and drop-offs.



### ICT USE BY STUDENTS

This week, your child received a copy of the ICT Guidelines and Consent Form.

We encourage you to review the document and discuss the agreements and understandings with your child, before **returning the Signed Consent Form to his/her Class teacher.**

Parents/Carers of each student must sign an Acceptable Use Policy every year if they wish the student to use



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### Are you ready to do the Fete Five?

1. Donate a raffle prize
2. Fill and bring in a mystery jar
3. Bake a cake/slice
4. Donate a carton of cool drink
5. Volunteer on the day

**More Info in coming weeks**  
**Fete Coordinators – Gemma & Shannon**  
**[slpfete@gmail.com](mailto:slpfete@gmail.com)**



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## SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY  
18 FEBRUARY 2020  
STAFF LOUNGE  
AT 5.30PM

RSVP TO  
ADMIN@STLPS.WA.EDU.AU

ALL WELCOME!

## GET ON BOARD!

What makes a great school board  
member?

- Enthusiasm for and willingness to promote Catholic Education
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the St Lawrence's community
- An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters
- The possession of special skills which will be an asset to the Board



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## SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the school community, the School Board and Parents and Friends will be held at **5.30pm on Tuesday 18 February**, in the staff lounge. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [admin@stlps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stlps.wa.edu.au) by Monday 17 February 2020.

If you feel you are able to contribute to the school by becoming a member of the School Board or Parents & Friends, we welcome your nomination by completing the form below by Monday 17 February, and returning to the school office or [click here](#) to complete our easy online form.

### NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE P&F

**The Parents and Friends** one Monday per month at 4.30pm and are responsible for fund raising and promoting the social interaction of the school community. We'd love to see you there and hear your great ideas, so we can continue the promotion of our wonderful School community.

*Applications should be returned to the school office by Monday 17 February 2020.*

If you would like any further information, please contact the school office on 9968 2000.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name) wish to nominate for the position circled below:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

P & F SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The **School Board** is responsible for the future planning and financial management of the school. The Board meet one Monday per month at 6pm.

Criteria for membership of the Board include:

- ◆ Possession of special skills such as financial or bookkeeping that will be an asset to the Board
- ◆ A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- ◆ A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community
- ◆ A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
- ◆ An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- ◆ A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

*Applications should be returned to the school office by Monday 17 February 2020.*

If you would like any further information, please contact the school office on 9968 2000.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name) hereby nominate for membership of the St Lawrence's Primary School Board

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## OUR FIRST WEEK OF YEAR ONE WAS SO MUCH FUN!

Year One had a great week transitioning to the big school. We are having so much fun learning new routines, playing on the big playground and making new friends.

