

# NEWSLETTER

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL, BLUFF POINT



*Love and Serve the Lord*



21 February 2020

## IN THIS ISSUE

Student Leadership election  
Staff Network meeting  
2020 Board & P&F members  
Verge side parking

## Yr3 Reconciliation Commitment Mass this weekend:

- 6.00 pm Sat 22 Feb
- 9.00 am Sun 23 Feb

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

## SCHOOL FETE

29 March 2020

5 WEEKS TO GO!

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### SPELLING MASTERY

Spelling Mastery is a six-level Direct Instruction series that teaches students dependable spelling skills by blending three approaches: the phonemic approach, the whole word approach and the morphemic approach. Each approach has advantages and possible disadvantages. Spelling Mastery is designed to maximize the advantages of each approach and minimize the disadvantages.

In 2018 St Lawrence's introduced Spelling Mastery to Year 4 and 2019 to Year 5. School data has indicated that the program has been a huge success with 94% of students in Year 5 now above the national minimum standard.

In 2020 we are extending the program to all students from Years 2-5. The program will run 4 days a week from 8.45am - 9.05am. For this program to be successful it is vital that children are at school ready to start on time. We eagerly anticipate seeing the success and improvements in student results in the coming years.

### AGM

Thank you to those who attended the school's annual AGM on Tuesday evening. From the School Board Executive we say goodbye and thank you to Natasha Sellei and Danielle Henderson. From the P&F Executive we say goodbye and thank you to Gemma Moore. I look forward to working closely with both groups throughout the coming year.

### STAFF NETWORK MEETING

On Tuesday the staff from St John's Rangeway and St Mary's Northampton joined with the St Lawrence's staff for the first networking meeting of the year. The network meeting aims to share common practices and ideas with teachers from other Catholic Schools as well as continuing the learning we started back in 2016 with Lyn Sharratt - working towards making a good school a great school – STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE.



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### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all Year 4-6 students who came down to the Aquarena last week for swimming trials. Thank you to the many teacher and parent volunteers who gave up their early mornings to help out. We are looking forward to our annual swimming carnival on Thursday 27 Feb starting at 11.30am. Please note the change of venue is the outside pool at the Aquarena. Don't forget to Slip, Slop, Slap.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

I was delighted and very impressed last week at the calibre of our student leadership speeches for head boy and head girl and Semester 1 ministry positions. Congratulations to:

**2020 Head Girl – Meg P**

**2020 Head Boy – Lewis O**

### SEMESTER ONE MINISTRY LEADERS

**Gummer – Cruz H, Elora D**

**Thomas – Sass M, Mielah T**

**Kelly – Zac G, Indie S**

**O'Collins - Sam M, Macey H**

WHAT OUR  
YEAR 6  
LEADERS  
PROMISED

enthusiasm  
difference  
better  
optimistic  
model  
confident  
lead  
responsibility  
example  
loyalty  
encourage  
role  
spirit  
team  
collaborative  
courteous  
communication  
respectful  
patience  
challenges  
approachable  
trust  
safe  
enrich  
school  
give  
delegation  
kindness  
pride  
accountable  
person

Happy Days  
David Tunchon  
Principal







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## Catholic Diocese of Geraldton

Bishop of Geraldton W.A.

18 February 2020

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

During the course of this year I will be sharing the fullness of the Holy Spirit with you in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I will be using the Oil of Chrism, which is essential or vital for the Sacrament. Each year before Easter, together with our Priests, I bless this special oil, as well as the Oil for Baptism and the Oil of the Sick.

I invite you and your families to this year's Mass of the Oils at which the Chrism will be blessed. The Mass this year will be-

**Wednesday 1 April at 5.00pm  
in St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Being with God's people and with Jesus at this Mass will be a special way of preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit to you in Confirmation later on this year.

Over this time of preparation I will be keeping all the Confirmation Candidates in my prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to become more alive in you and me and in all our families.

My kindest regards

Yours sincerely in Christ

The Most Rev. Michael H. Morrissey  
Bishop of Geraldton



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## RELIGIOUS NEWS

### Ash Wednesday – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Ash Wednesday Mass: 9:30am Wed Feb 26th: Undercover Area:

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via our website at [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

Let's Go Further, Together!



### First Week of Lent

Around 2.8 million children in the Philippines do not go to school.\*

We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Watch a short film about Shirley's story: [Primary school film](#)  
[General film](#)

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion:  
[lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



*\*UNICEF Philip-  
pines*



### Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes will be sent home on Friday Feb 21st to all families. Please place your spare change into these boxes and return them to school when they are full or by the end of term. All money raised for Missions this term supports Caritas Australia.

Website: <https://www.caritas.org.au>



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## ADMINISTRATION



### 2020 STLPS School Board and P&F Members

#### Board Members

(Positions to be advised):

Clare Venturini  
Leigh Jones  
Christine Silvester  
Tom Tomlins  
Nicola Tropiano (P&F Rep to the Board)

#### P&F members:

President – Julie O'Malley  
Vice President – TBA  
Treasurer – Shannon Wegert  
Secretary – Melissa Smith

### Important Notice

We request parents and carers to inform the school office at the very

earliest of **any changes** that would assist us in contacting you 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.
- Also don't forget to mention your name, your child's name and class when responding to text messages sent from school.



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

**February Week 2:** Allistah J, Hudson W, Teah F, Julian G, Luca Q, Sasha W, Coco S

**February Week 3:** Maddy M, Halle C, Troy G, Nate J, Sanumi A, Jacob O, Tyson O, Digby W

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

(FRIDAYS @ 2.30 pm)

**Week 4— 28th Feb 4W**

**Week 6—13th Mar 3B**

**Week 8—27th Mar 2S**

### After school student pickups

Parents and carers are requested not to park your cars on the verge at the front of the school to avoid obstructing the view of drivers exiting the kiss and drop area.

If you are picking up your child from the side oval area, we request that you park your vehicle away from the bus stop, allowing easy access for buses during that busy time.

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

*Certificates will be presented at Assembly on Friday 28 February at 2.30pm*

1I

Harrison B, Tilly C

1K

Luke S, Lucy H

1S

Jax H, Yshanella V

2J

Luca Q, Flynn G

2K

Maverick C, Ruby B

2S

Josie D, Nate J

3B

Digby W, Tess S

3C

Digby K, Tilly K

3K

Amelia H, Michael M

4A

Isla C, Lochie H

4B

Ella C, Shaylan S

4W

Ava O, Connor P

5B

Taylahni C, Patrick V K

5C

Esmae O, Nathaniel L

5M

Rowan M, Zeke G

6J

Harlin B, Laird M

6K

Shae B, Macey H

6Z

Matilda H, Tessa O

**French:** Kaden W 6Z

**Music:** Elarnee H 6J

**Dance:** Lewis R PPO

**Visual Art:** Lincoln P 1K

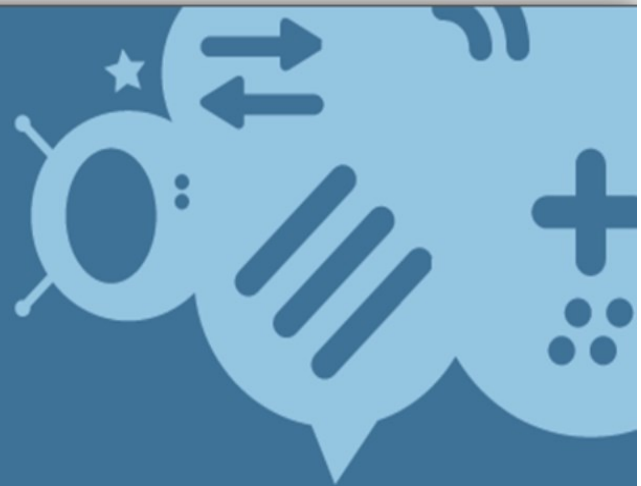


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## THINK YOU KNOW...

- › HOW **YOUNG PEOPLE** USE TECHNOLOGY?
- › HOW TO HELP THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES ONLINE?
- › HOW TO **REPORT** IF THINGS GO WRONG?

**All parents and  
carers welcome!**

**DO YOU KNOW?**

Find out at the cyber safety and security presentation

When: 5.30 pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Where: Staffroom, St Lawrence's Primary School



or go to [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) to find out more.





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## Year Five Caring for Others



Our Year Five's are very excited to be helping our community by setting up St Lawrence's Soup Kitchen every Monday.



Showing the Fruit of the Spirit, Love and Kindness.



We are aiming to complete 100 acts of kindness within our community.



## Caring for the Environment

Being sustainable by recycling our school's left over recess and lunch to feed our worms.



We collect scrap paper to shred and make new products.



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