

# NEWSLETTER

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL, BLUFF POINT

*Love and Serve the Lord*



6 March 2020

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**Sat 14 Mar @ 6pm—Yr 5 Family Mass**

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**SCHOOL FETE**  
**29 March 2020**

**3 WEEKS TO GO!**

*Further details on pages 7-10*

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Leaders' Forum

On Monday 24 February our Leadership Team attended a Leaders' Forum in Perth with 500 other Catholic School Leaders from our 166 schools across the state. The facilitators were Professor Michael Fullan and Brendan Spillane. In the context of St Lawrence's, our Geraldton region and our whole WA sector we worked through Context and Process, Collaborative Cultures, Deep Learning and Nuanced Leadership. This work relates to the previous work we have done with Lyn Sharratt in transforming Catholic Schools of Excellence. Thank you to Elaine Battilana who looked after the school as 'teacher in charge' in our absence.

### Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

Thank you to Kelly Ministry for leading the school in our Ash Wednesday celebration last week. Thank you to Bishop Michael for coming out to celebrate mass with us, and our parents and parishioners who attended. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent as we prepare and wait for 40 days until our Easter celebrations. Each class had their Lenten promises burnt to ash, cooled and distributed on our foreheads to remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

### Swimming Carnival

What a great afternoon we had last Thursday at the Aquarena for our annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to Thomas Faction in winning the shield and to our champions and runner ups. Thank you to all staff and parents who assisted during the carnival. Thanks also to our sports teachers Mrs Burro and Mr Gaby for organising this event. There are more details about the results inside our newsletter.



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The school leadership team met with our head boy and head girl as well as the Semester 1 Ministry Leaders over a shared lunch. Thank you to the canteen for providing us with delicious food.

Happy Days

David Tunchon

Principal



## RELIGIOUS NEWS

**St Lawrence's Primary School**  
**We are aiming to**  
**raise \$700**  
**for Project Compassion**  
**this Lent**

**Wednesday 18 March 2020**

**Bring some spare change to school to**  
**fill your class bee. The class bees will**  
**be placed in the undercover area**  
**around a beehive.**



Did you know that \$700 can provide beekeeping training to over 200 young people in Malawi giving them a source of income.

It also benefits the environment as without bees many plants could not exist which would affect the survival of plants, animals and people.

**PROJECT**  
**COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



Please find below Bishop Michael's Lenten Message for 2020 and the Holy Father's Papal Lenten Message.

They are inspirational and reflective readings, conveying the meaning of Easter.

[Bishop Michael Morrissey's Lenten Message for 2020](#)

[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2020](#)

They are also available on the Diocesan Website <https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/> as well as Diocesan News and Events





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## PROJECT COMPASSION

# GIVE IT UP *For Lent*

### WHAT WILL YOU GIVE UP?

Take on the challenge to create lasting change. Give something up for 40 days. Get your friends and family to donate.

**Help end poverty, give back today. Lives change when you give 100%.**



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

[lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



Join us at the  
**St John's School  
P & F Market Day**  
**SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020**  
**10am to 2pm**  
FOOD STALLS | MARKET STALLS | GAMES  
ENTERTAINMENT | RIDES | BOUNCY CASTLE  
SECONDHAND BOOKS | PRE-LOVED CLOTHING  
**ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, 12 Tamar Street Raneway**



MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS  
**HARMONY  
FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY 14 MARCH** **1PM - 6PM**  
**STOW GARDENS**  
**GERALDTON FORESHORE**  
**ORQUESTA YAMBEQUE** **FEATURING**  
**PERTH'S PREMIER LATIN BAND**  
ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD STALLS | ACTIVITY STALLS  
GIFT STALLS | PARADE OF NATIONS | FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT  
**ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE EVENT**  
FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ MIDWESTMULTICULTURALASSOCIATION  
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## ADMINISTRATION

**Let's stay healthy and keep each other safe!**

To keep ourselves and our students safe during this health crisis, parents and carers are asked to support us at school by adhering to the following recommendations sent by the Department of Health and Catholic Education Office, WA.

1. DO NOT send children to school if they are sick.
2. Teach and encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before & after eating, after visiting the toilet as well as after they blow their nose.
3. Avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Teach children to cough or sneeze into their elbows or use a tissue and discard it immediately after use.
5. Children are advised to not shake hands, hug and as far as possible refrain from touching other children at school.

### 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.

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 4:** Katelyn O, Amelia H, Charlie O, Hunter R, Michael McL, Makai U, Aaliyah F, Charlee J, Yasmin W, Charlee M

**March Week 5:** Jake D, Joby H, Lucas S, Mostyn W, James F, Neekiya CJ, Diezel B, Malayah B, Odin B

- The Great Northern Junior Football League will be holding their annual registration day for junior players of all ages on Sunday 8 March from 1pm – 2.30pm @ Towns Football Club.
- If they are unable to attend the registration day but would like more information, contact Grady Tomelty
- D: 0439 674 378
- M: 0439 674 378
- E: [gtomelty@wafc.com.au](mailto:gtomelty@wafc.com.au)

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

(FRIDAYS @ 2.30 pm)

**Week 6—13th Mar 3B**

**Week 8—27th Mar 2S**

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

*Certificates will be presented at Assembly on **Friday 13 March** at **2.30pm***

1I  
Lucy H, Makai U  
1K  
Ilana A, Jake D  
1S  
Rebekah McL, Layla O  
2J  
Koa M, Gabe M  
2K  
Koa P, Brax P  
2S  
Matilda W, Hudson C  
3B  
Bryson M, Katelyn O  
3C  
Isla C, Cohen D  
3K  
Cassidy M, Wesley O'M  
4A  
Charlee M, Edith T  
4B  
Makayla H, Ben H  
4W  
Alice H, Miguel C  
5B  
Opal P, Kerby M  
5C  
Jack McC, Miley DSM  
5M  
Rahni T, Anumi A  
6J  
Alex S, Maddy M  
6K  
Jenny B, Madison C  
6Z  
Oliver S, Sianna J

**French:** Jensen W 4W

**Music:** Oliver S 4W

**Drama:** Harlin B 6J

**Visual Art:** Sian DL 1S

**Enrichment:** Emmanuel I 6K



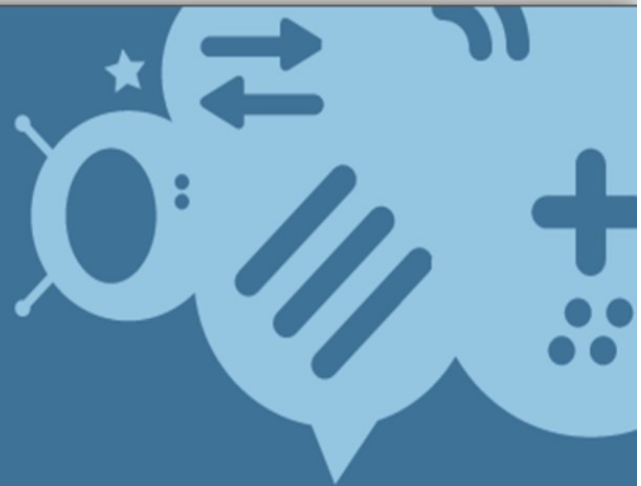


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## ADMINISTRATION



## 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.



## Swimming Carnival Thursday 27 February 2020

Last Thursday was another successful swimming carnival for our Year Four to Six students. After inclement weather threatened to postpone the day, it ended up being perfect weather for a swim (even for the teachers!). Amazing sportsmanship and encouragement was shown by all students on the day and we are so proud of each and every one of their efforts.

The individual champions on the day were Hudson W, Gaia S, Maveric H, Opal P, Emmanuel I and Elora D. Runner up champions were Lochie H, Bianca B, Tyson O, Rahni T, Laird M and Tessa O.

The results for champion faction were as follows.

4th: O'Collins 379    3rd: Gummer 457    2nd: Kelly 550    1st: Thomas 563

Karen Burro and I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work on the day, as well as our amazing parents who offered their time to support the school and allow the day to run smoothly.

Stuart Gaby







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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**

### **1. Donate a Raffle Prize** **COORDINATOR: DEANNE WATTS**

The raffles are a big drawcard for the fete and also the stall which makes us the biggest profit.

This is because the majority of prizes are donated and money received goes directly to profit. Each family is asked to donate one prize. Use the year themes as a guideline. Businesses are also welcome to donate a service or prize.

Yr1: Kitchen and Household

Yr2: Laundry and Bathroom

Yr3: Boys and Girls Toys

Yr 4: Gardening and Outdoors

Yr 5: Pets, Car Cleaning and Accessories, Beach and Outdoor fun

Yr6: Choc Luck

TUBS WILL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOMS AND ALL DONATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 20 MARCH.

Remember the tubs and themes are only a suggestion - we welcome your donation in any shape! Email [slpfraffles@gmail.com](mailto:slpfraffles@gmail.com) if you would like to donate something :)



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## 2. Fill and bring in a mystery jar

**COORDINATOR: CLARE BICKERS**

The mystery jars are one of the popular stalls at the Fete and we know this has a lot to do with the fact the kids get to create and donate their own mystery jar before the day. Plus it's a great money maker and they often sell out within a few hours.

**NOW** is the best time to start planning your mystery jar.

Year 1 - 6 are asked to donate a mystery jar

Pre Primary - please donate a bag of prizes to include or a number of items.

The mystery jars are completely covered in contact, wrapping paper, or your kids drawing but the lid must be able to be opened by our team to check for safety.

You can donate a jar suitable either for a boy, a girl or both. If you want you can bring in more than one jar :)

Please:

NO money

NO food or lollies

NO secondhand items

We will let you know the day to bring in your mystery jars. Your child will receive a raffle entry for each jar they donate.

Ideas of what you can include:

Pencils

Bubbles

Stickers

Hair lackeys

Toys

Stamps

Matchies

Jars and donations are due around 20 March (details to be confirmed)

**WIN** - For your chance to win write your name and year level on a piece of paper, fold it up and put in top of the jar. Every jar donated goes in the draw to win!!





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## 3. Bake a cake/slice/biscuits

CAKE STALL COORDINATOR: TEGAN PHILLIPS

MORNING TEA COORDINATOR: JAN ESPERES

Everyone loves our cake stall but we can't do it without you!

Each family will receive a cake box sent home and you are encouraged to decorate it and then return it with a cake/slice/biscuits on Saturday afternoon or first thing on Sunday.

Each cake box will have a raffle ticket attached - complete your name before you drop it in and you go in the draw to win a prize.

AND we also create some yummy morning teas to sell on the day from the canteen so if you have anything you can donate for this it will also be appreciated.

Thank you!

## 4. Donate a carton of cool drink

DRINKS COORDINATOR: ANNETTE TOMLINS & BEC CRAWFORD

Each family is asked to donate one carton of cool drink or water to the Fete. This stall makes a 100% profit so we appreciate every donation. These are just suggestions - anything you are able to donate will be fantastic.

KIndy/Pre-Primary - Juice Boxes

Year 1 - Fanta

Year 2 - Lemonade

Year 3 - Coke Zero or Pepsi Max

Year 4 - Coke

Year 5 - Water

Year 6 - Club Lemon or Solo

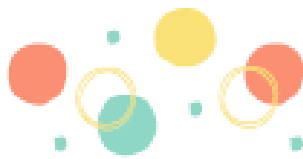
Donations can be left near the stage in the undercover area - you can drop them off anytime from now up to the Friday before fete.



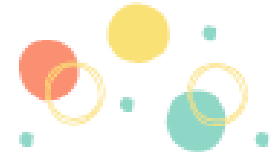
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## 5. Volunteer your time EVERY STALL!



Each stall or activity at Fete has a coordinator who oversees the organisation but they each need a group of helpers to make things run smoothly.

If you are able to donate one hour on the day - it means everyone can enjoy fete and we have the opportunity to make more money for our school.

Watch the School FB group for call out for volunteers or if you are keen to get involved and not sure where to start send us a message to [slpfete@gmail.com](mailto:slpfete@gmail.com) and we can pass your details on.

We also need volunteers before the Fete - so even if you can't help on the day you may be able to do so in a different way.

## Seeking Performers!

Is your child talented as a singer or playing an instrument?

We want to showcase our fantastic they are - we have 5 minute slots available on the day of the fete to perform on stage.

Please send an email to [slpfete@gmail.com](mailto:slpfete@gmail.com) and let us know their name, year at school and what they plan to perform. We will confirm details via email.

## Will you be at Fete?

These are just some of the fun things you can do: Haunted House, Dunking Machine, Slime Stall, Geraldtons Worst Artist, Pony Rides, Water Slide, Circus Workshop, Fire Engine, Ninja Course, Rope Bridge, Bouncy Castles, Handball Comp, Face Painting, Crazy Hair, Wildlife Display, Tshirt Fun, Yummy Food & So Much More!