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Love and Serve the Lord

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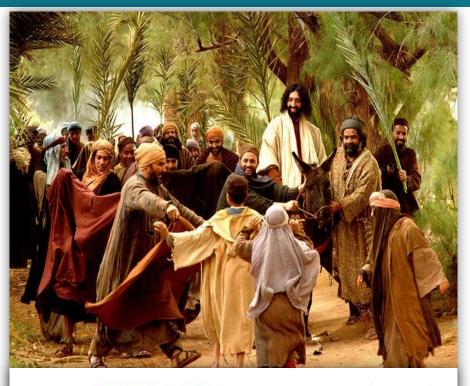
Year 4 Students with their Posters on the Positives and Negatives of Online Learning.



Easter Egg Hunt with the Kindy / Year 1 students

Thank you to Miss Ryan who has been supervising the K-Yr 1 class this week, for organizing the Easter egg hunt for the students.





Palm Sunday

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! we crv. Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us. Hosanna! Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.

> We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hosanna!





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Today is the last day of Term 1 for all Catholic Schools across Western Australia. Thank you for your support and understanding over the past few weeks as we have had to navigate through the start of the COVID - 19 crisis. We have had had approximately 38 children continue here at school whilst almost 550 students from K-6 experimented on various platforms for Remote Learning.

I must say, I am so proud of all of our staff and the work they have put in to get this up and running so quickly. Every single one of them have come out of their comfort zone to help deliver learning platforms to all of their students. They are superstars. Thank you for the invaluable feedback that you as parents have shared with us, this has enabled us to simplify and refine remote learning practices, these will be placed on the website in readiness for term two.

Likewise, I have been so impressed with our children and their parents who have struggled but who have been persistent in ensuring that the learning continues at home.

There will be no remote learning for the next 3 weeks. In line with the West Australian Government, Week 10 (April 6th – 9th April) has been scheduled as a pupil free week. Teachers will be using the time to refine current processes to support learning from home and develop new ways of improving communication and engagement between school and home. Supervision of children whose parents are currently working in essential services will continue to be provided through the help of the Kids Hub staff.

Thank you to all who completed the device loan survey, those who haven't please do so today. Devices will be allocated in the coming weeks and families will be contacted when they are available for collection.

A reminder that: St Lawrence's would like to assure our families of a very important and simple message: the ongoing enrolment of every child is guaranteed irrespective of a family's financial situation. If you need assistance, please contact our Office Manager, Mrs Sharon MacDonald, on 9968 2000 or Sharon.MacDonald@cewa.edu.au, so that we can put in place financial support arrangements to enable your child's ongoing education at St Lawrence's.

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday – the start of Holy Week and the beginning of Easter Celebrations. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week, which commences with the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

'Hosanna in the Highest! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' - Matthew 21:9

God Bless

David Tunchon

Principal





Communio 2020:

Humble, Healing, Merciful

Congratulations to Jada J in 5B for receiving an equal 2nd place in the Communio Poster Competition.

Jada received an Apple Voucher for \$20.00.



PASTORAL CARE & WELL BEING OVER THE HOLIDAYS



St Lawrence's Primary School will be on holidays for the next three weeks.

During this tricky COVID-19 time we want to ensure that **you are safe and supported.**

If you need some additional support for yourselves or your children please look up the following links:

https://beyou.edu.au/learn/family-partnerships https://headtohealth.gov.au/

https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/

https://kidshelpline.com.au/

https://helpingminds.org.au/covid-19/