

NEWSLETTER

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL, BLUFF POINT

Love and Serve the Lord



28 May 2020

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**PUPIL FREE
DAY**

Friday 29 May

Dear Parents and Guardians,

2021 Enrolments

This week we welcome some new families and returning families to St Lawrence's. It is great to have you join our welcoming community. Last week we also started interviewing families for our 3YO and 4YO 2021 programs. If there is someone in your family, relation, a friend or neighbour who has a child turning 3 or 4 next year please get them to call the school office to arrange a personalised tour and enrolment information pack. There are still some limited places available in all year levels for 2021.

3 Year Old Program

Our 3 Year Old program will resume on Thursday 4 June and Friday 5 June. We are asking parents to park in the block south of Fitzgerald Hall and walk to the back gate next to Fitzgerald Hall where the class teachers will meet you. Drop off time will be 9.00 am and Pick up time will be 2.45 pm. It will be great to have our 3YO Kindy students back at school again.

Year 6 Camp

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, Year 6 camp has been cancelled for 2020. However, we have set aside an exciting week of daily activities in Week 2 Term 4 for our Year 6 students. Our teachers are already thinking about the various possibilities for this week. Money that was set aside for school camp and not used for this fun week of activities will be credited back to families.

RCIA Program

Congratulations to Michelle Agi (Librarian) and Georgia Stribley (1S) who on Saturday night will complete their RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program and become Catholics during a special mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. A huge commitment as the course started last October with Father Gerard. Five candidates met every Sunday morning, attending Mass, retreats and some night sessions to complete the course. Originally this ceremony is held during the Easter Vigil Mass, but unfortunately this year the churches across Australia were shut. Please pray for Michelle and Georgia as they become a part of the worldwide and Geraldton Catholic community.

God Bless,

David Tunchon
Principal



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RELIGIOUS

Sacramental Programs 2020:

Year Three Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our year three students were prepared to make their first Reconciliation at the end of term one just as our churches and schools were closed. This week Priests have been allowed to return to school sites so we have organised for our Year Three Reconciliation Candidates to complete their first reconciliation at school during class time. Father Robert will take individual children out at appropriate social distance spacing and they will make their 'first confession'. Students will then receive their Reconciliation certificates in class.



Year Four Sacrament of Eucharist

At this stage Father Gerard will be back with us by the end of July, once he returns we will work out a suitable time for our Year Four students to make their 'First Holy Communion', this will happen during term four. The program will be adjusted to meet COVID 19 restrictions whatever they may be moving forward.



Year Six Sacrament of Confirmation

We are planning for our Year Six Sacraments of Confirmation to go ahead at the nominated September dates in Term Three — Mon Sept 14—6J, Wed Sept 16—6k & Thurs Sept 17—6Z, once again there will be adjustments made to the Sacramental program format according to COVID 19 restrictions.



Pentecost Sunday

When the day of Pentecost came, the believers were gathered together. Suddenly they heard a powerful wind and it filled the whole house. They saw tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages. People from every nation were amazed to hear them speak in their own language.

Acts 2: 1-21

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season and is called the birthday of the Church as it was from this event that the disciples went forth to spread the good news and establish the Church.

Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with your gifts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen





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ADMINISTRATION



What if my child is unwell?



We request parents to keep their children at home if they present with a runny nose, itch throat, cough or other cold/flu like symptoms.

Parents are asked to seek medical advice if their child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. Normal processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply for any parent who keeps their child home.

For more information, please visit <https://covid19.cewa.edu.au/covid-19-response/>

School uniform during winter

Parents and carers please encourage your children to wear their jumpers to school daily as the days are getting cooler with winter months around the corner. Please remind students to wear their teal woolen jumper with their dress uniform and turquoise sports jumper with their sports/leavers uniform.

Don't forget to clearly label these jumpers and check the lost property for jumpers misplaced by students.



Happy birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in...

Term 2 Week 4: Summer H, Minty Mc, Michael V, Lyla P, Sophie L, Sophie V, Pia W, Koa PB, Ruby W, Ainsley S, Billie L, Isla C, Isla R, Harper Q, Baylee H

Term 2, Week 5: Reef F, Carson S, Rennley C, Harli K, Patrick VK, Mia A, Annabelle T, Ethan S, Kaylee H, McKayla H, William J, Jobe D, Amarah Q

Pick up and Drop off

Years 4—6: Side Oval Bottom Gate

8.30 am—8.45 am

3.00 pm—3.10 pm

Years 1—3: Mary's Kiss & Drop

8.30 am—8.45 am

3.10 pm—3.20 pm

Kindy & PP: Davis St back car park

8.50 am—9.00 am

K/PP: 3.10 pm—3.20 pm

Once again, we would like to congratulate all students on their independence and resilience while getting in and out of their vehicles. We request parents and carers to display your family name card clearly on the passenger side visor and if you require more copies or a replacement copy please call the school office on 99682000. Parents are urged to stay in your cars at all times, and to drive slowly and carefully when entering and exiting the drop off and pick up zones.

Please be mindful of the traffic congestion on Chapman Road and Smith Street. If you are early during pick up time please drive around the block and refrain from parking outside the pickup locations.

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MERIT CERTIFICATES

*Certificates will be presented in class on
Friday 5 June*

PPB

Isabelle O, Hudson A

PPD

Myles D, Matilda P

PPO

Ivee H, Max I

1I

Olivia F, Diesel C

1K

Lily S, Lincoln P

1S

Alexander S, Felicity B

2J

Jesse M, Eloise V

2K

Tran H, Kianah P

2S

Axel G, Alyssa G

3B

Malayah B, Emmerson B

3C

Imogen S, Asta M

3K

Sasha W, Aiden H

4A

Blake G, Evan W

4B

Layna K, Max S

4W

Will H, Gaia S

5C

Maveric H, Coco S

5M

Darcy K, Eden C

6J

Marlon M, James F

6K

Rhein O, Poet B

6Z

Makenzie G Aidan S

French: Sass M 6K

Music: Matilda W 2S

Dance: Reece P 1S

Visual Art: Mitchell T 1K

Enrichment: Zachary G 6Z

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ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS (AOS)

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has committed to a new Administration software platform that has been a work in progress for the last couple of years.

As the demands of modern schools increase, the services required to support schools increase faster still. AoS (Admin of Schools) is a comprehensive engine designed to integrate all of these services and unite them in one central management system. St Lawrence's have been working with staff from CEWA in preparation for the installation of AoS, to replace our current Administration system.

Please be aware that this will occur as of 01 June 2020. There will be several changes such as a new BPAY reference number and SEQTA logins.

BPAY REFERENCE NUMBER

We will send you a Fee Statement showing your current balance and updated payment details in the coming weeks. Please take note of your new BPAY reference number on the attached Fee Statement. Prior to making any BPAY payments, please update your bank account details to the new BPAY reference number.

SEQTA ENGAGE

We will send Parents/Carers a link to setup their accounts. All families are required to setup their new account within a week of receiving the link in order to access past reports. Please ensure you keep your username and password, in order to use this again at the end of the year.

We appreciate your patience during the transition period.



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ENROLMENTS OPEN

2021 KINDY SIBLING ENROLMENTS OPEN



Do you have a child born between
01.07.2016 and 30.06.2017?

We are currently accepting Kindy enrolments
for 2021.



Children already enrolled in
the 3YO Kindy program for
2020 are automatically
accepted and do not need
an interview.

Places are filling fast! Call or
email the office to organise
your enrolment forms and
arrange an interview today.

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RAILWAY STREET

Safe Active Streets

PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you for making a submission on the Railway Street Safe Active Street Project. The City received a number of submissions, with the majority in favour of progressing with the project which will provide safe cycling connection to the bike facilities in Spalding park and cycling paths to the north.

As part of a 30km/h pilot program, some elements of the designs are considered innovative. The alternating of on-street parking is included in the designs to visually narrow the width of the carriageway to 4.5metres which helps slow vehicles down without the loss of on-street parking, should it be required by residents in the future. Alternating which side of the road the parking is situated on reduces the 'forward visibility' which inevitably leads to a lower speed as drivers become more cautious as their view is obstructed

Some other queries were raised as to school consultation, carriageway lane width impacting buses, parking and trees being planted along Railway Street.

We have taken these queries on board and will make some changes to reflect some of the items raised by residents and the broader community.

These include:

- The City has been in discussions with St Lawrence Primary and has identified some changes which will greatly assist the school at peak pick up and drop off times and also improve safety for students;
- The carriageway width will be increased slightly on Railway Street between Smith and Mitchell Streets from 4.5m to 4.8m to accommodate bus movements;
- On-street parking between Smith Street and the NWCH access road will be located on the east side of Railway Street only. This will enable parents to safely park their vehicles and accompany their children into St Lawrence's Primary School;
- Trees planted will be selected by the City's Environmental department and in line with the Million Trees strategy which promotes greening the City. The location and placement of trees will take into account the feedback received.
- The raised plateaus have been proven to reduce the speed of vehicles and are fully trafficable by commercial vehicles including buses.

If you still have any concerns related to parking, trees and buses please contact

Janell Kopplhuber on 9956 6945 no later than 4pm on Friday 29 May 2020.



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Larmenier

The children are so happy to be back at school playing with their friends. We are all so proud of the way each child has adapted to the changes this term.

The children have been working hard to practice their cutting, drawing and name writing skills. They have enjoyed exploring their learning environments both indoors and outdoors too.

Some favourite songs we have learnt are: Goldilocks Went to the House of the Bears, 5 Little Ducks and Friends are like Flowers.

