School Vision Statement
The vision of St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, Balcatta is to share the message of God's love and friendship in a community of learners, developing the full potential of each child.

Gifts

Christ was never in a hurry.
There was no rushing forward, no anticipating, no fretting over what might be.
Each day's duties are done as each day brought them and the rest was left with God.

What a challenge for all of us!
We need to remember that yesterday is gone, we cannot change it.
Tomorrow is yet to come, we cannot control it.
But today is a gift – that is why it is called the present!

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
On Friday 2 September the school will celebrate Father’s Day Breakfast from 8.00am to recognise and thank all the dads for supporting their children. Father’s Day Breakfast will be an opportunity for dads to renew and develop new friendships. All dads will be provided with a cooked breakfast and there will be a little activity around 8.30am. It would be pleasing to see many dads and grandfathers attend this breakfast.

NAPLAN
At our Year Six assembly on Friday I will give an overview of our excellent Naplan results for 2016. It is pleasing to see that since 2011 St Lawrence Primary School has performed at our above the national average in 48 out of the 60 categories. In 2016 all 10 categories were well above the national average. I would like to thank the whole staff of St Lawrence for the continued development of all students.

FACTION CARNIVAL
Students are starting to prepare themselves for the Faction Carnival to be held on Friday 9 September. I would like to thank Mrs Claire Major who is preparing all students for the carnival.
YEAR SIX CAMP
Last week the Year Six students went to Fairbridge Farm and had an excellent camp. It was pleasing to see students push and extend themselves in activities and challenges that tested their physical and mental capabilities. Thanks to Mrs Claire Major, Mr Ken Tonge for staying throughout the camp. Particular thanks to Mr Haydon who organised and co-ordinated this wonderful experience.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow

John Rose
Principal

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AWARD WINNERS
Pre Primary: Alexis Cumace, Kristijan Bilic, Mikayla Tana, Stella Femia
Year One: Sanaa Hamer, Callum Cirillo, Daniel Russo-Battagliolo, Jayden Macri
Year Two: Luciano Mannino, Chris Cabanyan, Paul Femia, Gianluca Di Pietro
Year Three: Bianca Vaccari, Antonio Farah, Isabella Orifici
Year Four: Isabel Coniglio, Mia Germano, Max Millard, Selena Verzini
Year Five: Chiara Caccamo, Benjamin Kuzmicich, Paris Vivona, Simon Messina
Year Six: Ira Cuerdo, Eloisse Tholon, Julian Di Pietro

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
The Science, Health/Friendly Schools and MJR Learning Area books will be sent home this Friday. Please go through your child’s work, sign and return all books on Monday.

RECONCILIATION RETREAT
All children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be participating in the Reconciliation Retreat on Tuesday 30 August in the school hall. This day will be run by Sr Chitra. All children may wear free dress clothes on this day.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey
PARISH CHILDREN’S MASS

This Sunday is the children’s Mass. The parish is looking forward to having many children participate, by singing reading the Prayers of the Faithful or taking up the Offertory. Singers are to arrive early for practise. Mr Rose will distribute to the Readers the Prayers of the Faithful. Children’s Liturgy will continue as usual for the remainder of the term.

Children who have the colouring competitions that were distributed over the last two weeks, are asked to please return them on Sunday at the children’s Mass, or beforehand to the parish office. There are copies at the back of the church and in the school office, if your child requires a copy before Sunday. The competition is to raise awareness of Child Protection Week – 4 to 11 September. The Parish winning entries will be sent to the Archbishop who will choose an overall winner from the Archdiocese. The winning child and one parent will be invited to the Child Protection Week breakfast (free of charge) to be held on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30am and presented with $100 voucher and age appropriate Child protection books. A flyer with the details of the breakfast is displayed inside of the back door of the church. Parish winners will be awarded a small prize on Sunday 11th September at the conclusion of Mass. We all support the right of every child to emotional, physical and psychological safety at all times. This is the motto of the Safeguarding Children Project and raising awareness is always the first step. Thank you for your support always.  Mrs Mattiaccio

The Year Six students learned to laugh at team disappointments while at Fairbridge. The Christian life is not always easy, but with friends to share the load, we are prepared to celebrate team successes.

It is all part of Making Jesus Real each day.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
PRE KINDY
Last week the children had so much fun at Pre Kindy with the new toys for our Terrific Transport theme. There is always so much fun that they have outside too – especially when we have nice sunny days.

The children are always happy and cope very well with all our routines. Mrs Fiorenza and I enjoy our Thursdays with them.

Thanks also to the parents for coming on roster as well as supplying and preparing lovely snacks for us to eat. We do ask that parents come on roster after 12.00pm for the afternoon session. This allows us to settle the children in the mornings and get through the busiest part of our day.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
We had another busy but exciting week finishing with the Water Police boat coming on Friday. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Armstrong for organising her husband Gary for bringing the boat the school. The children are really excited about our upcoming excursion, the count down is on!

This week our focus is 'transport' in particular road and sea transport. Next week the focus will be our Dads as Father's Day is fast approaching. Keep Friday morning 2nd September free. The school will have a Father’s Breakfast in the morning and then we invite Dads to come into Kindy to spend a little while with their children and have a cuppa with the other Dads. We understand it can be hard for Dads to make it so it is only for a short time.

The sounds we are learning this week are h and e. Next week is d and c. This week is the week to return books in the green bags. I hope you have found these books useful in encouraging your child's oral language by re-telling the story or making up a story for the picture books. Getting children to speak in full sentences is an area we are working on.

In numeracy we are recognising and writing 1-10 and sorting objects by colour, size or shape. Have a fabulous week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Thank you to those parents who were able to join us this morning for our reading information morning. Anyone who was unable to attend I will send home any handouts that you missed. Please feel free to send an email with any questions and Mrs Brennan has kindly offered to call in some Wednesday mornings to have a chat and support you if you have any questions. We are working on the first 3 reading strategies in class – Eagle Eye, Lips the fish and Stretchy Snake. Take your time and have fun when you read.

In Mathematics we are continuing to work on adding and we are using abacus this week and last week to practice our addition. We have also being using dice and sticky dots to help us solve some sums! Next Thursday 1 September we will be having our Liturgy of The Word in the Hall at 8.40am. You are all welcome to attend. I will be sending home little parts to practice this week.

Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher
YEAR ONE
The children enjoyed listening to the story teller on Monday as part of Book Week. It was great to hear some of the Aboriginal stories that we have been looking at in class. We are continuing to talk about the importance of self-correcting when reading, especially now that we are focusing more on understanding what we are reading (comprehension). Please encourage your child to do this when you are listening to them read.

The best way to correct mistakes is to have students correct themselves. Ideally a student will realize a mistake has been made and fix it automatically but that is not always the case. If a student reads incorrectly you can gently prompt them to revisit their answer. One of the ways to do this is to repeat what the student said placing emphasis on the incorrect portion, for instance “I have play baseball.” and saying it in a questioning way. At this point the student has an opportunity to think about and revise his initial response. You may have your own method of prompting students with a facial expression or phrase which they associate with being incorrect but avoid saying words such as wrong, incorrect, or no in response to mistakes. They are negative and will have ill effects on your students’ confidence.

Source: busyteacher.org

Have a great week. Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher.

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s have been reading different stories from the Dreaming and enjoyed the visit from the storyteller on Monday. In Art we are also looking at Aboriginal symbols and art. In Science we are still working on developing our knowledge of the water cycle and yesterday we enjoyed a visit from a scientist, Mr Brooke. We are looking forward to doing more experiments with Mr Brooke during the year. The Year 2’s are also looking forward to our excursion next Tuesday. They will need to be at school on time as we are leaving school at 8:30am sharp!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

YEAR 3 EXCURSION – Kalamunda History Village

CLASS REPS NEWS

YEAR THREE
Please come and join us for a nice dinner at Kingsway Tavern on Thursday 22 September at 7.00pm. Hope to see you there. RSVP by Monday 19 September to Natalie 0408 807 467
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

FACTION SPORTS CARNIVAL
Please note that the Sports Carnival will be held in Week 8, Friday 9th September. Training has already commenced for Pre Primary to Year Six students. Faction T-Shirts should be worn on your child's sport days and on the day of the Sports Carnival.

Pre-Primary students can also purchase Faction T-Shirts directly from the Uniform Shop. Boys Red Shorts or Girls Red Skorts are available and can be purchased (not compulsory) to buy. All sizes are available. (Cash or cheque only).

FITTINGS FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 1 2017
The fitting roster for Pre-Primary students is available outside the classroom. Parents please ensure you put your name down in a suitable time slot. Fittings will commence in Week 8 (Monday 5th September) to Week 9 (Friday 16th September). Please refer to the recent email sent to families on the 10th August with all the details.

LOST PROPERTY
There are numerous Track Jackets, School Jumpers and various items in the Lost Property Box which is located outside the Year Six classroom. Please come and see if you can recognize your child's uniform and other items. If a name is printed on the items we can return it to the owner. If the items are not claimed, the clothing items will be cleared out and placed in the Second Hand uniforms to be sold in the Uniform Shop. The Lost Property will be cleared out on Week 10 of this term. Thank You.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

LIBRARY NEWS

On Monday children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 were entertained by storyteller Glenn Swift. Glenn told a range of stories including Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, stories with ghosts and unexplained happenings; and stories with a twist in the tail.
Our children loved being involved in the stories and were very keen to talk about the stories they liked best. I was really impressed with the way in which the children were such good listeners.

Our final Book Week activity will be the High Morning Tea in the library this Friday. Those children whose names were drawn out are really excited and looking forward to joining us in the library to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Children’s Book Council’s Annual Book Awards.

Library Scrapbooks
Children from Years 1 – 6 will be bringing their Library Scrapbooks home this week. Please view and sign the scrapbooks and ensure children return their books ready for next week’s library sessions.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian
Father’s Day Breakfast
Thanks to the P & F for funding the Father’s Day Breakfast which will be held on **Friday 2 September at 8.00am**. We will be serving a hot breakfast for all the dads and grandfathers.
Parents, please note that this breakfast is for dads only.
Children will need to have their breakfast at home as usual.
Nespresso coffee will be available at the canteen - cost is $3.00.

Father’s Day Raffle
The canteen will be holding a raffle.
The cost will be $2 per ticket or 3 for $5.00.
The prize is a BBQ. The winner will be announced on the morning of the Father’s Day Breakfast.

Sports Carnival Day
We will be taking pre orders for the sports carnival.
Hot dog and a juice box/water combo - cost $5.00
Hot dog only - $4.00
**All orders must be in by Friday 2nd of September**
Drinks will be available to be purchased on the day for $2.00
The children will receive their lunch in their faction bay.
Parents and siblings will be able to purchase hot dogs on the day.

Donations for the Sports Carnival Day
If you would like to donate a sweet for morning tea, please see myself, Nancy or Christina. Thank you in advance.

Sushi Day
Our next sushi day will be on Wednesday 7 September.
Cost - $6.50.
**All orders must be in by Friday 2nd of September**
A big thank you to Jasenka Mannino for volunteering in the canteen.

*Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager*
*Nancy Donatelli and Christina Russo*
The season is coming to an end with the final regular season game this Saturday. Thank you to everyone for making this a wonderful year for St Lawrence netball. I hope you all enjoy this weekend and that the weather is kind to us all.

Once again our teams have done well since my last update:

**Year 3:** Well done on a great effort once again.
**Year 4:** More amazing wins. There is no stopping this team.
**Year 5:** After a loss the week prior, our Year 5’s bounced back this week and played their first draw of the season. Keep the goals coming.
**Year 6:** After a win the week earlier, the Year 6 team had to forfeit this week due to illness and injury. They are still third on the ladder and will play in the semi-finals on Saturday 3rd September at 11.15am at Kingsway.

Remember:
- **Trophy Presentation Day** is Sunday 18th September at 2pm in the school hall.
- Anyone with netball photos from the games or training, please send them through to me on 0403 317 850 or email: pbulich@bigpond.com

Thank you to:
- **Maria Orifici** and **Tanya Bertilone**, for joining me at the volunteer BBQ roster last Saturday. You did a great job and looked resplendent in your hair nets and aprons.
- **Mrs Claire Major**, who gave up the chance to sleep in, and came down to watch our teams play after coming back from Year 6 camp on Friday afternoon.
- **Leanne Sloss** (Year 3 Coach) and **Maria Lubieri** (Year 6 team manager). Unfortunately, they will not be with us for the trophy presentation day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication. You have been absolutely wonderful ladies.

Well done to all our players and officials.

*Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence NC President*
Father’s Day Stall
Due to requests from the children, the P&F have organised a Father’s Day stall.
Gifts will range from $1.00 to $6.00.
The stall will run on Thursday 1st September and each class will come out with their teacher.
There will also be items available on Friday 2nd September at lunch time for those who missed out, or forgot an item.
There will be no limit on the number of items children may purchase.

Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle - THANK YOU
Thank you all for a fantastic day at Bunnings. The weather was not particularly good in the morning but this did not stop the customers coming at lunch and later in the day.

Mr Ken Tonge and Mr John Rose did a great job on the BBQ throughout the morning, especially as they had both spent the last four days camping with the Year 6 students. Both were still up at 6.00am to collect/deliver bread rolls and get the sausages started.

The boys set up the lunch time shift beautifully. Our 'Dream Team' of St Lawrence dads taking on the busiest lunchtime shift. The dads have been brilliant for the last three years working this shift and doing a great job. You are indeed the Dream Team! Pete, you helped so much behind the scenes with organising a suitable vehicle, setting up all the equipment, collecting sausages and onions.
Thank you to Rosalinda, your expertise was truly valued during our busiest shift. We really appreciate you coming on board.

Our final shift included our lovely P & F ladies Lucia and Rebecca, our P & F President-to-be Cat and Tonya. Thank you for your help it was much appreciated.

Finally to the wonderful Mrs Narbey. Caroline thank you for your support and assistance for the last four years. I could not imagine organising a sausage sizzle without your help. Thank you for managing the drinks/eskies/ice and working a double shift for both the morning and lunchtime sessions.

The money we raised will be put to good use by the school. All our students ultimately benefit from every dollar raised, and it can only happen with the support that you have all shown.

Mrs Narelle Zaknich, P&F President and Executive
TRINITY COLLEGE CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year. Visit www.trinity.wa.edu.au or contact 9223 8121 to book a guided tour.

Reminder: VacSwim October enrolments close on Monday 29 August.
It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

To enrol or find out more, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
FATHER’S DAY

BREAKFAST

Fathers and Grandfathers

come along and join us
with your St Lawrence children on:
Friday 2 September
from 8.00am
in the undercroft

for a scrumptious breakfast
of bacon eggs and sausages

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!