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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.

St Lawrence & Mary Immaculate Parish Balcatta:
Parish Priest: Fr Emil Ciecierega SDS  Assistant Priest: Fr Chris Gasperowicz SDS

All Saints
Next Tuesday 1 November we will celebrate All Saints Day
This is the day to reflect and be inspired by the variety of saints
and their devotion to our God.
May we strive to be as devoted as the saints were.

PARENT SURVEY
I would like to thank all 73 parents who completed the School Board’s survey over recent weeks.
Last night at our School Board meeting we analysed the data and the school will act on suggestions.
Overall responses were positive. Please click on the link below to view the data collected from the
parent’s survey. I would like to thank Mrs Michelle Millard who was instrumental in collating and
analysing this data.

KAGAN COACHING
On Monday 24 October Yvonne from Kagan Australia spent the day
upskilling and supporting staff in implementing new Kagan structures
learnt on our Pupil Free Day at the beginning of this term.
Yvonne was extremely impressed with the continued growth of all
students and the capacity for staff to implement new structures into their
teaching repertoire.

FATHERING PROJECT
Tomorrow afternoon from 4.30pm many students and dads are joining together for a Fathering Project
activity at Bunnings Balcatta. This is an opportunity for dads to continue to be actively involved in the
parenting of their children. It should be a beneficial, relaxing and enjoyable afternoon.

BUSY BEE
St Lawrence Primary School will hold a busy bee this Saturday morning 29 October from 8.00am to
10.00am. It is planned to beautify the front section of the school and support Mr Tonge with many
helpers. It would be great to see many families support this initiative for the betterment of the students
of St Lawrence. Looking forward to seeing you at this productive activity.
INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Today our cross country athletes from Years 3 to 6 competed in the Interschool Cross Country held at Yokine Reserve. Well done to all competitors. It was pleasing to see the effort of all students as they competed at this higher level. Congratulations to St Lawrence School who finished second overall. Thanks to Mrs Major for co-ordinating this day. Thank you also to all staff who supported the running club initiative this year, as I am sure this was influential in the fantastic result.

ROSARY
On each Friday after lunch through the months of May and October all students from Year One to Year Six say a decade of the Rosary to our Mother Mary. It is pleasing to see the students embrace this ritual and each student has been given a set of rosary beads. This Friday at 1.25pm our Year Four class will lead the school in a decade of the Rosary. Any parents are most welcome to join with us.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow

John Rose
Principal

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AWARD WINNERS

**Pre Primary:** Emily Phan, Ethan Carroll, Myah Cottone, Nikolina Pushnick
**Year One:** Vince Lubieri, Adam Clarke, Theodore Hutani
**Year Two:** Oscar Millard, Sienna Verzini,
**Year Three:** Spencer Faulkner, Tina Makuaj, Eliza Vu
**Year Four:** Bianca Casella, Tennyson Dragicevich
**Year Five:** Madison Pizzino, John Narbey, Ivana Bulich, Charlotte Zaknich,
Jeffrey Carbone
**Year Six:** Daniel Cicchini, Mackenzie Dragicevich, Natalya Fazzari

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

**FREE DRESS DAY**
On **Friday 28 October** there will be a Free Dress Day for a gold coin donation to raise money for Wheelchair For Kids.

**ASSEMBLY**
Year 3 assembly will be on **Friday 28 October** in the Learning Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**COMMUNICATION BOOKS**
This week English Learning Area books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Monday morning.

**YEAR 4 IPADS INFORMATION EVENING**
Next Tuesday evening at 6pm there will be a parent meeting in the Year 4 classroom to discuss the roll out of Year 4 1:1 iPads. The meeting should take about 30 minutes. At least one parent must attend this meeting.

**WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – Tuesday 1 November**
Pre Primary to Year 6 will be attending the Parish mass at 9am for **All Saints Day Mass**.

**SWIMMING LESSONS IN TERM 2016**
Information regarding swimming lessons in Weeks 7 and 8 has today been distributed to each child. **Bus permission slip and enrolment form must be returned by Friday 11 November 2016.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**
Christmas hampers filled with non-perishable food items are a great way to provide families with dignity and joy during the Christmas season. Starting today, each classroom has a box for families to donate food items. This is a lovely message to pass onto children about giving and social justice issues in our society. Attached to this newsletter is a list of food items suitable to bring in, as they need to be non-perishable only. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting this cause.

*Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey*

The Power to change a life is within us all...

**PASTORAL CARE**

To the Strati family on the passing of their dear Grandmother to Jasmine Year 2. **May she rest in peace.**
Making Jesus Real in Year 3
One of the nicest parts of my day in Year 3 on Wednesdays is when I am warmly greeted by one of the children – who comes specially to say “Good Morning” to me at my desk. I so enjoy the respectful way another child uses his manners to say thank you when I compliment him on his lovely work. I am also happy when I see the children quietly keep themselves busy whilst waiting for our formal learning to begin. I really see Jesus in Year 3.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year Three Teacher

Making Jesus Real each morning
Every morning Mr Rose, our Principal, does the school rounds. He greets parents, teachers and students alike, acknowledging all and making Jesus real.

Signora Fiona Cole, Italian Teacher
YEAR THREE
On Monday the Year 3 class went to Braithwaite Park to enjoy our class prize. The class has to work together to earn points on our Class Thermometer. It is a celebration of teamwork and recognition of everyone’s effort to work quietly.
This Friday 28 October will be the Year 3 Assembly in the Learning Centre commencing at 8:40am. Next Tuesday we are continuing to work on Procedures and we need empty, clean and labels removed from 1.25L soft drink bottles with the lid. Thank you for continuing to support our morning reading program.

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
Next Tuesday evening at 6.00pm there will be a parent meeting in the Year 4 classroom to discuss the roll out of Year 4 1:1 iPads. The meeting should take about 30 minutes. At least one parent must attend this meeting.
Our class assembly is on Friday 11 November. For this assembly the children are required to dress as one of the following: a convict in 1787, a sailor on board one of the First Fleet ships or a captain of the ship. Any olden day style clothes will do. The children may wear this to school and then change back into their uniform after assembly.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
Over the past few weeks Year Five have been learning about Figurative Language and 3D shapes. The students have also enjoyed publishing their own stories online and look forward to sharing them with you. In History the students have been learning about the Gold Rush and the impact this had on colonies in Australia. Next week the Year Five students will be going on an excursion to Naturescape in Kings Park. Please let me know if you would like to join us on this excursion and return your child’s permission slip as soon as possible.

Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
It is wonderful to have Gizane, Francesca, Matthew Latour and Angela back from their extended holidays and eager to catch up on work missed. Our Year Six Graduation photo will be tomorrow 27 October at 9.00am. Leavers’ shirts should be worn. This Friday 28 October is a free dress day with a gold coin donation going to support ‘Wheelchair for Kids’. On Friday 4 November Year Six will be joining the parish for our Class Mass at 9.00am. We will continue ballroom dancing instructions each Friday this term with the students from Balcatta Primary School commencing at 11.00am.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
CLASS REP NEWS

PRE KINDY
Please come and join us for a class catch up on Friday 4th November at Waldeck’s Kingsley, 173 Wanneroo Road at 10:00am. Can you please rsvp by Monday 31st of October. Hope to see you there! Natalie - 0408807467

KINDERGARTEN
Please come and join us for a class Christmas catch-up on Sunday 27th November at Toscanini’s Hillary’s at 9:30am. Hope to see you all there. Please RSVP as soon as you can to Caterina 0421648887 or Amanda 0417182731.

PRE PRIMARY
Please join us for Breakfast at Wild Fig, 190 The Esplanade, Scarborough on Friday 25 November at 9.30am. RSVP essential by no later than Friday 11 November 2016. Looking forward to our final catch-up for 2016. Melissa Cumace 0419 859 634

YEAR ONE
Please come and join us for a class Christmas catch-up on Sunday 13th November at Mia Cucina Hillary’s at 9:00am. Hope to see you all there. Please RSVP as soon as you can to Caterina 0421648887 or Amanda 0417182731.

YEAR FOUR
The last event for the year will be at the Merrywell on the 25 November for dinner at 8.00pm. A $10 deposit to secure the booking needs to be paid before 4 November. Please pass this onto Nicole or Michelle. Hope to see you all there. Michelle Germano 0409 294 630

P&F NEWS

MOVIE ON THE GREEN - 18 November 2016

The P&F asked children to vote for the movie they would most like to see.

The resounding winner was Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chip!

Tickets will be available from Wednesday 2 November from the school office.

Child: $3  Adult: $5  Family: $15 (2 adults and 3 children)

Gates Open 6.15pm
Movie Start 7.00pm
Canteen News

Sushi day Wednesday 9 November.
All orders must be in by Friday 4 November.
Cost $6.50

Pizza : $4.00 and Hot Dog : $4.00.
‘Off’ the menu for Term Four : Satay chicken, Shepherd’s pie and Hot chicken rolls.
Lasagna and meat pies may still be ordered for Term Four.

A big thank you to Tanya Bertilone for volunteering in the canteen the last three Wednesdays and to Caterina De Carlantonio for her help in the canteen last Friday.

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen on a Wednesday or on a Friday please come see us.

- 12 pack of mixed soft drinks $6.00 still available for sale in the Canteen.

Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager, Nancy Donatelli and Christina Russo

Community News

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expense and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It is fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream.
Contact: Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au
SCHOOL GALLERY

Progress photo of the Kindy and Pre Primary building

Students enjoying Nature Play
CHRISTMAS HAMPER IDEAS

Hamper necessities
- Christmas pudding
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Bonbons
- Tea
- Coffee
- Milo
- Long Pepper milk
- Sweet biscuits
- Candy canes
- Jelly
- Jams
- Long life juice
- Christmas cake
- Pancake mix
- Cordial
- Lollies
- Vegemite
- Confectionery
- Mural bars
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Vegemite

An easy way to organise the hampers is to allocate families to different homebases and/or class groups. The list of items above is suggested only. It would be fantastic if the students look at the needs of the family and adjust the hamper accordingly.

To uphold the dignity of those receiving the hampers, please ensure that all food items are not due to expire for another 6 months. Please avoid wrapping the goods as they will need to be packaged into hampers once received.

What about chocolates, ham and toys?
It's important to remember your hamper must only contain non-perishable food items. If you would like to donate perishable food items such as chocolates or ham or a considering offering toys this Christmas, it is best to do so by donating a gift voucher so that families can select what they would like during the holidays.

Where do the hampers go?
The hampers are received by families in the community who have called upon the St Vincent de Paul Society recently.

Hampers MUST be ready for pickup between the 21st of November and the 2nd of December

We will try to accommodate a pick up after this period but in most cases, it will be the school's responsibility to deliver the hampers to Ozanam house in Belmont (76 Abernethy Road).

Reserve dates for pickups and assembly
Contact Youth Development Officer: Dr. Daniel Lombardo by 23 October 2018.
P 0427 446 129 | E Daniel.Lombardo@vdpwa.org.au

Vinnies Christmas Appeal
ALL YOU NEED IS CONFIDENCE

SurfBabies and SurfKids are fun, interactive 6 week programs aimed at children from 2-7 years of age and their parents to increase awareness, confidence and safety at the beach.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent at all times and classes are altered to suit all abilities. If you’re a parent who is unsure of the beach environment then you and your child will benefit immensely. All classes are instructed by fully qualified Surf Lifesavers. This is a great way to ensure everyone feels safer at the beach coming into the summer months.

Program & Times (6 x 30min lessons)

| SurfBabies Level 1  | 2 yrs  | 8:30 – 9:00am |
| SurfBabies Level 2  | 3 yrs  | 9:10 – 9:40am |
| SurfBabies Level 3  | 4 yrs  | 9:50 – 10:20am |
| SurfKids Level 1    | 5 yrs  | 10:30 – 11:00am |
| SurfKids Level 2    | 6-7 yrs | 11:10 – 11:40am |

Series 1: 5 November – 10 December 2016
Series 2: 4 February – 11 March 2017

Locations: Coogee, Fremantle, Cottesloe, North Beach, Sorrento, Mullaloo, Quinns-Mindarie and Alkimos.

Cost: $100 per child

For more information contact:
Keta Lemmon, Community Programs Officer
9207 6666 or klemmon@slswa.com.au
To enrol visit siswa.com.au/surfbabies
This exciting six day school holiday program teaches participants 7 to 15 years vital coastal recreation skills ranging from awareness of the beach environment and safety right through to obtaining an accredited Surf Rescue Certificate.

Learning to swim is a primary skill for safe aquatic recreation; however the coast is a dynamic environment with constant changing risks that even the most competent swimmer may find challenging without additional surf knowledge and skills.

Adapted from Surf Life Saving WA’s Nipper Program, participants will get a taste of what being a Nipper is all about including gaining confidence in the surf and using nipper boards and rescue tubes.

Surf Survival offers participants four skill based levels of learning:

- **Level 1: Surf Aware** 8.30 – 9.30am
- **Level 2: Surf Skill** 9.45 – 10.45am
- **Level 3: Surf Wise** 11.00am – 12.00pm
- **Level 4: Surf Rescue** 12.30 – 2.00pm

*Participants must be 13 years of age by January 11, 2017*

**Dates** Weekdays from: 11 – 18 January 2017

**Locations** Alkimos, Sorrento, Mullaloo and Leighton Beach

**Cost** $100 per person

(Level 4: Surf Rescue $50 extra per person)

For more information contact:
Keta Lemmon, Community Programs Officer

9207 6666  
klemmon@slswa.com.au

To enrol visit: slswa.com.au/childrensprograms
NOVEMBER SCHOENSTATT EVENTS
9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon in Armadale;
9399 2349; www.schoenstattwa.org.au

FAIR SUNDAY, 6th November 2016
from 10am – 2 pm
Family fun” Bouncy castle, Christmas shop,
International food and more......

...So that they may
have life....

A special invite
expecting a
consecrate their
Please contact
do so or if
who would like
child to Our
234 910)

for Mothers who are
baby are invited to
unborn child to Our Lady.
Sr. M. Lisette if you wish
you know of a mother
consecrate her unborn
Lady. (mob phone: 0400

25th SHRINE JUBILEE
Sunday, 27th November 2016
3 pm Holy Mass
celebrant Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton.
We warmly invite you to join the Sisters and the
Schoenstatt Family to celebrate and give thanks
for 25 Years of Blessing from the Shine.
We are looking forward to see some from each
school who has come to the Shine since.
You're invited to celebrate over 170 Years of history, friendship and memories made at Victoria Square for the inaugural

**Mercedes College All Year's Reunion**

Saturday 11 February, 2017
2pm - 5pm
Mercedes College Hall
Victoria Square, Perth

RSVP to Joanna Creighton at mca@mercedes.wa.edu.au or 9323 1366