

NEWSLETTER MAY 2018



Upcoming events:

Fri 4 May & Wed 9 May
G1 excursions.

Fri 4 May 9am 3A class
liturgy.

Fri 11 May:
8am Mothers' Day
Coffee & Cake, 9am
Mass, 10am Gift Stall.

Tues 15—Thurs 17 May
NAPLAN testing G3&5.

Fri 18 May 9am 1L class
liturgy.

Sun 20 May 4.30pm
Parish Mass.

Tues 22 May 9am Prep
families learning walk,
6.30pm 'Soiree'.

Wed 23 May "Day in
May" fundraiser.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL PRAYER.

Loving God,

Help us to follow St
Lawrence's example

By GIVING care to the
poor,

By LOVING you with all
our hearts,

And by LEARNING to be
the best we can.

Amen.

Loving God, bless mothers all over the world with good health, with the support of their families, with joy and laughter, and with love. May all who have nurtured life in others be themselves nurtured one day in your strong embrace, there, for all eternity, to rejoice with their families and friends. Amen.



STATUE OF SAINT LAWRENCE



We are very proud of the statue of our patron saint which has been installed in the 'Piazza' at the front of the school. We encourage families to approach the statue, to place flowers at his feet or leave mementos.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

A flyer has been sent home inviting mums, aunts & grandmas to 'Coffee & Cake' on Friday 11 May at 8am. We will also be celebrating Mass for mothers at 9am and selling \$5 gifts from 10am. If you are going to attend the 'Coffee & Cake' please send back the reply. If anyone is available to assist with counting the money from the gift stall please see Maryanne in the office.



FUN RUN/WALK

Thanks to all the families who joined us for this event and to the many who have made a donation. Thanks also to the parents who counted the donations. Please make sure your child returns their sponsorship money as soon as possible.

APPLE TEACHERS

We are very proud that our teachers and school leaders have recently been accredited as 'Apple teachers'. This training will help us to continue using the iPads as effective learning tools. We have also submitted an application to be accredited as an 'Apple Distinguished School' and hope to also receive this accreditation.

USE THIS QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD OUR FREE 'SKOOLBAG' APP—



ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Thanks to the grade 2 families who recently attended the learning walk about The Resilience Project. They were able to see the children engaging in a lesson. All students have a weekly lesson. The principal is also meeting with the grade 6 students for 'Lunch with the Principal' to have conversations related to this project.



Grade 2 families discussing The Resilience Project learning walk.



Lunch with the Principal

CLASSROOM HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Literacy Classroom Helper Training sessions. Your interest and eagerness in supporting learning at St Lawrence is greatly appreciated. We look forward to our continued work with you over the course of the year.

STUDENT WELLBEING



On Friday 20 April the whole school participated in Personal Safety talks to continue the journey in empowering our students to speak up for themselves and to feel safe both at school and at home. All students participated well and have been encouraged to talk with their families about their 5 trusted friends.

BAHASA INDONESIA

Below are some Indonesian phrases to use with your child. These are taken from Unit Two of our Languages Video that the children do at school three times per week.

- Ayo bermain!** - Let's play!
- Santai** - Relax
- Bantulah saya** - Help me

GRADE 2 EXCURSION TO TASKWORKS

Last week Grade 2 enjoyed an excursion to Taskworks. This excursion linked to our learning in Inquiry and the Resilience Project. The students were able to participate in lots of team activities that allowed them to develop their communication and teamwork skills. They demonstrated persistence and resilience by bouncing back when their team came second or third. The students were given the opportunity to participate in activities that challenged them and were able to show gratitude and empathy throughout the day, which are two of the core principles of the Resilience Project. All of the students and adults had a really fun day out!



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT:

GRATITUDE

EMPATHY

MINDFULNESS

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NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY REPORT FROM STUDENT LEADERS

On 26 March ten student leaders went to the Melbourne Exhibition Center to attend the National Young Leaders Day. We learnt all about the qualities of a good leader. We listened to four speakers, Cosentino, Harrison Craig, John Coutis and Gemma Tiscari, talk about their experiences. They had all been through very difficult times during their lives and they talked about how they made it through. The moral of their stories was to be strong and lead by example. They also talked about all the qualities you need to become a good leader like being confident, being responsible and being a role model. The day has helped to inspire us to become good leaders. We enjoyed participating in this event a lot and we will utilise this information to help us succeed in being good leaders.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Students at St. Lawrence had the opportunity to take part in AFL footy clinics during their usual sport sessions. We had players come out from the Western Bulldogs who taught the students handball, kicking and marking skills. The students really enjoyed getting to meet the players and improving their football technique.

**WINTER UNIFORM**

All students should now be wearing their winter uniform. A reminder that large bows and leggings are not part of our uniform. Runners can only be worn on Sport days.

COMMUNITY DAY NEWS

After consultation with the School Advisory Board we have decided to celebrate Community Day in Cultural Diversity Week in March. Therefore, we won't hold it in November this year.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The St Lawrence community gathered in the hall during Cultural Diversity Week at a supper organised by the School Advisory Board. Many nationalities were represented and we were all able to sample food from different places in the world. The children were able to play games that families had brought in especially for the night and we saw some great skills developing on the Japanese kendama. There were biscuits, curries, meat and other delicious treats to eat and wonderful company. Thank you to the teachers and other community members who made it such a great experience.

**OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:**

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

ENROLMENT IN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR 2019

Families of grade 6 students are reminded that enrolments for government secondary schools close on Friday 11 May. Application forms have been sent home with students and should be returned to us by 11 May. If you need a form please contact the school office.

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Please join us for
Mothers' Day
Mass
 in the Community
 Centre Hall on Friday
 11 May at 9am



As our Grade 4 students
 prepare to receive the
 Sacrament of First Holy
 Communion, please
 keep them in your
 prayers.



Our next **Parish Mass** at St.
 Lawrence School will be on
Sunday 20 May at 4.30pm.

All parishioners and school
 community members are
 warmly invited to attend.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS LIVING WITH CANCER

We have three students who have been touched by sickness due to cancer. In an effort to show our support we have organised the following events:

- ◆ A DAY IN MAY—on Wednesday 23 May students are asked to come to school dressed as a POPSTAR or in the colour YELLOW and bring a gold coin donation. The money will be raised for "Challenge" an organisation who provide support to children and families living with cancer (they have given Bella and her family a great deal of support)
- ◆ CAMP QUALITY SHOW—on Friday 25 May. This puppet show will help to educate the children about what it's like for a child who is living with cancer.

More details will be sent home soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE has an Open Day on Sunday 20 May 11am—3pm. Families of students in grades 4 & 5 are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ THE MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM at 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open Day on Saturday, 5 May, from 10am-4pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11am and a special morning or afternoon tea available between 11am & 3pm.
- ◆ CRC ST ALBANS is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Federation of Catholic Regional College. They would like to connect with past students and families to preserve the stories and memories from your time spent at the College. If you would like to share your stories or memorabilia please contact Jill on 9366 2544 or email: 40years@crcstalbans.com.au
- ◆ PRESENTATION COLLEGE WINDSOR is celebrating 145 years, making it the second oldest Catholic Girls' School in Melbourne and we would like to welcome you to the College to join in the celebrations. We are holding a High Tea for our community of past, current and prospective families. We will also honour the mothers of PCW, past and present, by celebrating Mothers' Day on Sunday 20 May 2-4pm at Presentation College Windsor, 187 Dandenong Road, Windsor, VIC 3181 \$25 per head. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/UVKD