

NEWSLETTER MAY 2018 No. 2



Upcoming events:

Mon 28 May 7pm: G6 families Confirmation workshop

Tues 29 May 7pm: School Advisory Board

Fri 1 Jun 9am: G1 Maths learning walk & 4M class liturgy

Fri 1 Jun 2.50pm: assembly in hall

Fri 8 Jun 9am: 4R class liturgy

Mon 11 Jun: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thurs 14 Jun: Boys soccer tournament

Fri 15 Jun 9am: 4L class liturgy

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.

Father, enable us to see and love ourselves and others as you see and love us, and so may we grow in the image and likeness of Jesus your Son and our Brother. Amen.



THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supported our celebrations for Mothers' Day by joining us for a 'Cuppa & Cake' or attending the Mass or helping with the gift stall. Thank you also to all the families who donated money for our Fun Run/Walk. We raised \$4954.05 which will be used for playground projects.

We would also like to thank all the children and families who donated a gold coin for "A Day in May" fundraiser to support children living with cancer. Please keep Bella in your prayers as she continues to grow stronger. Also please pray for Tristan and Suzie who are currently receiving treatment.

'SAY NO TO BULLYING' POSTER COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY (By Ms Olympia Tomkiw)

On Friday 11 May Angelique Zarkos, the family and myself attended the 'Say No To Bullying' awards ceremony. It was held at Government House in Sydney NSW. Over 48,000 students from across Australia took part in this competition, to create awareness for this important national issue. Angelique was thrilled to receive the award and prize for being one of the finalists. I was proud and honoured to represent St Lawrence Primary School, accepting their award for having 100% student participation. Other primary school finalists from across the country were also present. The ceremony was a wonderful occasion, followed by morning tea with the Governor of NSW Mr David Hurley, his wife

Mrs Linda Hurley and other distinguished guests. We enjoyed this memorable experience. We look forward to the students at St Lawrence competing again next year.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ibu Ningsih recently received an award from the Komunitas Ibu Cerdas Indonesia network. "Ibu Cerdas" translates to "smart mother" and is a network which promotes the deepening of culture, education and entrepreneurship in Indonesia, as well as overseas, in the belief that we all have the responsibility to educate each other. We are very proud of Ibu Ningsih.

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INDONESIAN PHRASES TO PRACTISE AT HOME

The following phrases are from our Functional Language Clips which are used in class three times per week. The children use gestures to support their ability to remember the phrases:

Apa yang terjadi? What happened?

Apakah kamu baik-baik saja? Are you okay?

You may also like to practise the Sign of the Cross:

Atas nama Bapak (In the name of the Father) *dan Putra* (and the Son)

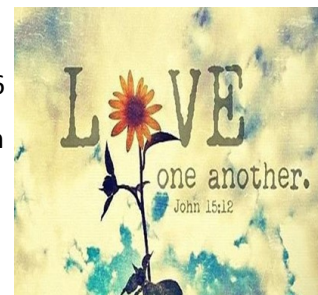
dan Roh Kudus (& the Holy Spirit)

Amin (Amen)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Grade 4 students will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 16 June. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Please help us to prepare for our WINTER APPEAL MASS in the Community Centre Hall on Friday 22 June. Please send along to school, donations of non-perishable food items and warm blankets.



GRADE 1 EXCURSION



The grade 1 students have recently had great fun participating in two excursions to support our Inquiry learning about Australia. The first excursion was to Ballarat Wildlife Park, where the students got to learn about a variety of native animals including kangaroos, dingos and reptiles. The students were lucky enough to pat and feed some of the animals and to learn how they live in the wild. The second excursion was to the Arts Centre to watch a play called Creature, which was about a girl lost in the Australian bush. The students were terrific audience members and thoroughly enjoyed the play, as well as the opportunity to explore Melbourne. The children are to be commended for the positive choices they made on both excursions and we thank the families for their continued support.

STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOP for Grade 6

In May, all our grade 6 students participated in a full day workshop with stop motion expert, Alex Machin from Animachin. The workshops were originally booked as a prize for the

winners of our 2017 Indonesian Short Film Competition but were altered to include all grade 6 students. Alex demonstrated techniques for using and adapting plasticine figures to show movement and emotions. Next, the students planned a storyboard, created a plasticine figure and used the stop motion technology on their iPads to tell their stories.

The students will now go on to use their newly acquired stop motion skills in Visual Arts. They will create a stop motion video clip to accompany an Indonesian song they have written and performed in Performing Arts classes this semester.

We hope to include some of the students' short films on the school website soon! If you are interested in sending your children to a three-day school holiday workshop with Alex, please view his website www.animachin.com for further details.

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

BE SAFE

BE READY

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESILIENT



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SOIREE

We enjoyed a lovely evening of music this week at our 'Soiree'. Children from grades 2 to 6 performed for each other and their families. We are very fortunate to have a number of talented singers, pianists, violinists, guitarists and even a songwriter! Thank you to the students, families and staff who attended.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING & THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

For the last two years we have been working on an approach to behaviour support which focuses on helping children to learn about behaviour—just as they learn about reading, writing, etc. Alongside this we are working on The Resilience Project to help children learn how to respond to challenging situations. When there is an incident of inappropriate behaviour we work with both parties to:

- 1) address this behaviour and complete consequences
- 2) to help build strategies for responding to the situation if it happens again

Many teachers give up their lunch break to spend time with the children to support them in this learning. The space we use for this learning activity is in the admin building so that children are clearly visible and feel safe. It is also an opportunity to have a conversation away from the rest of the class to protect each child's dignity.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPORTING OVAL

Contractors have recently begun digging for the oval. During construction we have closed the pedestrian gate on Windsor Blvd. Once the oval is complete a new higher boundary fence will be installed with another pedestrian gate further away from the intersection.

**PLAYGROUP**

We are hoping to start a playgroup for children who will be starting Prep next year. It will be held on Thursdays at 9-10am. If you are interested please contact the school office.

HEALTH CARE CARD

If you have a Health Care Card you are entitled to government support for camp, sports and excursions. You will also qualify for a discount on school fees. Please contact the school office.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

GRATITUDE
EMPATHY
MINDFULNESS

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UNIFORMS

Thank you to all families for ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that sports uniforms are worn on the following days:

MONDAYS = 3A, 3D/F, 2T, 2M/I, 4M

TUESDAYS = 4L, 4R, 1F, 1L, 5S

WEDNESDAYS = PREP M, PREP G, 3P, 5G, 5H

THURSDAYS = 1K, 2O, PREP S, 6T, 6D

FRIDAYS—6D, 6T during interschool sports



UNIFORM SALES

**Top School Wear
Mid-Year Sale.
15% off storewide
Saturday 30 June
to Monday 16 July**

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

We are about to finalize Prep enrolments for next year. If you know anyone in our area who has a child who will turn 5 years old by 30 April next year and they are Catholic, please let them know to complete an application form as soon as possible.

TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL FOR HOLIDAYS

If you will be taking your child out of school for a holiday, please contact the school office to advise them of the dates. From the beginning of term 3 we will be sending a text message to families each morning for unexplained absences.

*Children dressed up for
A DAY IN MAY*



**Great news!
Teeth On Wheels
are coming to
your school**



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Teeth On Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

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