

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018



## Upcoming events:

- 16 Nov 9am: 4L class liturgy**
- 19 Nov 4.30pm: Parish Mass**
- 23 Nov: 9am 3A class liturgy; 11.30am G4&5 Intrascchool sports; 2.50pm Assembly in hall**
- 27 Nov 7pm: School Advisory Board meeting**
- THURSDAY 29 NOV—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 30 Nov 9am: Advent Liturgy—all welcome**
- 4 Dec: Orientation morning**
- 5 Dec: G2 excursion; 9am Advent liturgy**



*"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
we will remember them."*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 29 November—school closed for staff professional learning
- Tuesday 4 December—Orientation morning
- Thursday 13 December 7pm—Christmas Carols
- Monday 17 December 7pm—Graduation Mass & Ceremony
- Wednesday 19 December 1pm—last day of school
- Wednesday 30 January to Monday 4 February—testing appointments
- Tuesday 5 February—classes begin

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST LAWRENCE

This year we are hosting a special community event at St Lawrence. Christmas Carols will be held on the new oval at 7pm on Thursday 13 December. We hope that all families will come along to join in the Christmas spirit. Each grade level will lead us in a different song. Families are asked to bring picnic rugs or camp chairs to sit on. Glow candles will be available for sale. More details in the coming weeks so please put this date in your family calendar.



## SORTING GRADES FOR NEXT YEAR

The staff have recently worked on sorting the children into new class groupings for 2019. To do this they have considered many important criteria including:

- The children each child has identified as good learning partners
- The friendships of each child as well as any children who have difficulty interacting with each other
- Requests from families
- Recommendations from teachers and leaders
- Getting a balance of gender, abilities and needs

Many hours have been spent by each team of teachers as well as school leaders to ensure that we have achieved the best outcome we can. The children will meet their new classmates and teacher on Tuesday 4 December. We ask you to trust that we have done this important job well and encourage you and your child to accept the choices we have made.

## SCHOOL FEES

We ask all families to ensure that you have finalized your school fees by the end of the school year. If you have a payment plan please make sure it will cover the outstanding balance. If you have any concerns about school fees please contact Kris Pepi.

We would also like to hear from any families who have received a new Health Care Card during the year. This will entitle you to a discount on fees in 2019.

## 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.

## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## IMAGINE ART COMPETITION AT CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invited St Lawrence and other primary schools in the area to take part in an annual art competition. The art competition is called IMAGINE and the theme for this year's competition is to 'create a vision of a sustainable future'. The grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have worked on this theme to produce an artwork to enter into the competition. Because of the amount of primary schools entering this competition, not all students were guaranteed a position in the competition. After we submitted all artworks as entries, we are very pleased that 80 artworks from our school were selected to go on show at the competition.

Congratulations to the students whose artworks were selected, and well done to all students who created an entry. It was wonderful to see so many people try their best and give it a go. Please know that all students will have many artworks on display at the 2019 St Lawrence Art Show.



## 'KIDS TEACHING KIDS' WATER CONFERENCE

The students in the Environment team recently attended two 'Kids Teaching Kids' conferences focused on water conservation. Following are comments from a student and a staff member:

*It was a really fun experience and we learned a lot from it. I hope in the future we change and make the world a cleaner place. The activities really lifted up my spirits to do something about the problems and it was really fun and I loved the activities. Something I learned was that cardboard cannot be recycled into a different product only into cardboard (Monica—student).*

*I love the enthusiasm, the commitment and the passion of our youth. It certainly left me feeling that there are kids who will lead the way in helping this planet, to change attitudes and to make a difference. I really love this quote that was*

*read out at the event—"Change can only happen when the Head (knowledge, understanding), the Heart (passion, desire, empathy) and the Hands (do, action) all work together. You can't have one without the other." (Ms Maria—staff).*

## ALLERGY AWARENESS AT ST LAWRENCE



Recently, the focus for school wide positive behaviour was "DON'T SHARE FOOD". During this week, students participated in learning about food allergies. They also shared their knowledge about how to help avoid someone having an allergic reaction, the signs and symptoms and what to look out for, so that they can 'be a mate' and help keep students with allergies safe at school. Staff will also participate in an Anaphylaxis refresher course which will highlight all school policies and procedures in this area as well as EpiPen Administration.

## OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

**BE SAFE**  
**BE READY**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE RESILIENT**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are fast approaching the season of Advent. Classes will soon be displaying their Advent wreaths in their learning spaces. We strongly encourage all families to create your own Advent wreaths for your homes so that your family can share this important Catholic tradition of WAITING and PREPARING for the birth of Jesus. This Advent season, the school community will be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society with our annual Social Justice Christmas Drive. The needs of the community are varied at this time of year and so we will be asking year levels to donate particular items in order to target the most important requirements at this time. A flyer detailing items for donation will be sent home soon. We thank our families for your continued support of our Social Justice initiatives. Thank you for the way in which you engage your children in action to live out the teachings of Jesus and follow the example of St Lawrence, by providing for those in need.



## BAHASA INDONESIA

We will be learning the following phrases in Indonesian over the next two weeks.

**Boleh saya ke kamar kecil?** May I go to the toilet?

**Boleh saya minum?** May I have a drink?

Ask your child if she or he can show you the gestures that accompany each word!

