

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018



Upcoming events:

- Wed 12 Dec 9am:**
Advent Liturgy in hall
- Thurs 13 Dec 7pm:**
Christmas Carols on the oval
- Fri 14 Dec:** Grades 5 & 6 excursions
- Mon 17 Dec 7pm:** Grade 6 Graduation Mass
- Tues 18 Dec:** Grade 3 excursion
- Wed 19 Dec 9am:**
Advent liturgy
- WED 19 DEC 1pm:**
SCHOOL FINISHES
- TUES 5 FEB: CLASSES BEGIN FOR 2019**

As the school year draws to a close and we approach the holy days of Christmas, let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, praying for God's protection and blessing—

May each of us help to make our home a place of joy, love, peace & safety.

May we be generous and considerate, helping others to enjoy the blessings of Christmas.

May we and all our families and friends, find relaxation, refreshment and enjoyment in the coming summer holidays. Amen.



IMPORTANT DATES

School finishes for 2018 on Wednesday 19 December at 1pm. Families are welcome to join us at 12.45pm to form a guard of honour to farewell students and staff who are leaving our school.

Classes begin for students on Tuesday 5 February for 2019. Students have appointments for testing from Wednesday 30 January to Monday 4 February. Families who need care for their children during January and the testing days are encouraged to contact OSHClub.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE OVAL

All families are welcome to join us to sing Christmas Carols on Thursday 13 December at 7pm on the school oval. Please bring camp chairs or picnic rugs to sit on. Glow candles will be on sale. We ask that you don't bring food or drink. Everyone is encouraged to wear Christmas clothing and join in the spirit of Christmas.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT DEVELOPING THE PLAYGROUND?

Any family members who have ideas about what else is needed on our playground is welcome to come to a conversation with our landscape gardener on Thursday 13 December at 9-9.30am.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Families who are leaving the school are asked to consider donating uniforms which are in good condition. We are then able to pass these on to families in need.

DO YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THE MUSIC BUS?

We are seeking feedback regarding the Music Bus so we can make a decision about whether to continue working with them next year. Please send your comments to info@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au by Monday 10 December.

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2019

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| Family school fee \$1370 | Camp \$320/child (G5&6 only) |
| Technology levy \$320/family | Swimming \$110 per child (P-G3 only) |
| Curriculum levy \$270/child | Inter-school sports \$60/child (G6 only) |
| Excursion & Incursion levy \$65/child | |

Families who hold a valid Health Care Card may be eligible for the Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) payment of \$125 per child from the Victorian government. Any family who qualifies for the CSEF will also be offered a discount equivalent to the remaining amount owing on Swimming, Camp, interschool sports and excursion fees. Please finalize your 2018 account before school finishes.

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

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2019

We will be saying goodbye and thank you to the following staff who are leaving us:

- Lorraine Morrison will be Deputy Principal at Emmaus Primary School in Sydenham
- Frances Ardern, Daniel Kiernan, Sara Graham & Maryanne Said are moving to other schools
- Michelle Pietrapertosa is preparing for the birth of her first child
- Irene Tang is not returning

We are also very pleased to be welcoming the following staff for 2019:

- Alison Marshall is returning to St Lawrence
- John Heenan, Andrew Azarnikow, Le Tran and Lilia Severo are joining us as classroom teachers
- Kathy Blythe & Rebecca Alexander will be returning from parental leave
- Bradley Drysdale will be joining us as the school psychologist
- Lingga Gunawan will join our learning assistant team

AUTONOMOUS LANGUAGE LEARNERS PROJECT

Did you know that just 100 words will give you enough language for basic interactions? This year, we joined the Autonomous Language Learners (ALL) project run by the Languages team at Catholic Education Melbourne. The project aims to help students to be able to communicate in a second language by teaching 100 high frequency words accompanied by gestures.

In Performing Arts and Indonesian, the students in grades 5&6 have been learning vocabulary that will help us to talk about music and dance. Our vocabulary includes pronouns, verbs, nouns, adjectives and conjunctions. Some of these are: penonton (the audience), pemain (the performer), dia (he/she), mereka (they/them), membuat (to make), bicara (to speak), bermain (to play), menyanyi (to sing), menari (to dance), bisa (to be able to), coba (to try), koreografi (choreography), tarian (a dance), musik (music), kunci (chord) and senar (string).

Each word we speak is accompanied by a gesture, which might be based on signs from the Auslan sign bank, or can be a gesture that simply 'makes sense.' The students are encouraged to always use gestures when speaking.

Research shows that gesturing supports working memory and also helps the learner to access previously learned vocabulary (Ozcelik, E, & Sengul, G., 2012, in Facchinetti, 2019).

The Language/Arts Team are all using gesture when speaking Indonesian in Visual Arts and Performing Arts. Additionally, all teachers at St Lawrence are learning how to give instructions in Indonesian accompanied by gestures so that our students are exposed to Indonesian daily. If you would like to visit a Performing Arts and Indonesian class, please contact our Languages Leader, Elissa Gault.

TRANSITION DAY FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS

On Friday 16 November, grade 6 students participated in a transition day with the students from St Peter Chanel School. This day encourages the students to mix with new people and build relationships that can be carried on into their secondary schooling. Each of the leadership teams worked hard to prepare for the day, organising sports activities, giving presentations and preparing gifts for each of the students attending. Daniel Sammut who works for AFL Victoria in their Community and Engagement areas also visited the students. He discussed some of the challenges he has overcome in his career and provided some advice on leadership, describing how resilience can help with overcoming challenges. The grade 6 students had an amazing day. They built a number of positive new relationships and learned a lot about resilience, preparing them for their challenges ahead.

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:**BE SAFE****BE READY****BE RESPECTFUL****BE RESILIENT**