

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019



Upcoming events:

18-22 Feb: WELCOME CONVERSATIONS

Fri 22 Feb 9am: 2TI class liturgy

27 Feb-1 Mar: Grade 6 camp

Fri 1 Mar: 2H class liturgy

Mon 4 Mar 2.15pm: Camp conversation for Grade 5 families

Wed 6 Mar: ASH WEDNESDAY

Fri 8 Mar 9am: School Mass—all welcome

Mon 11 Mar—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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,
We thank you for our school.
We thank you that we are back together.
We thank you for the new students & staff.
We thank you for this new start
We thank you for our future.
Amen.*

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome new students, staff and families to St Lawrence Primary School this year. We look forward to learning together and doing the best we can for each student in our school.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 27 February to 1 March—Grade 6 students on camp
- Monday 4 March 2.15pm—Grade 5 families Camp Conversation
- **Monday 11 March—public holiday. School will be closed**
- Wednesday 13 March 7pm—Soiree
- Friday 15 March—National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
- 18 to 20 March—Grade 5 students on camp
- Friday 22 March 7pm—Cultural Diversity Week family event
- Friday 5 April 1pm—school finishes for term 1 holidays

STUDENT WELLBEING

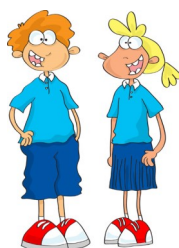
The wellbeing of each student is very important to us at St Lawrence. We have recently employed a school psychologist, Bradley Drysdale, who is working Mondays to Wednesdays. He is providing counselling as well as behavioural and social skills support for students. If you feel your child would benefit from counselling please contact your child's teacher for a referral. There is no cost for this service.

We have also installed a **SENSORY SPACE** in the grade 2 portables. The grade 2 students are enjoying this new space.



SCHOOL ROUTINES

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.30am. Children should not be dropped off at school before this time. Children are able to play in the courtyard or the oval before school. Families are welcome to go and see their child's teacher between 8.30 & 8.45am. The bell rings at 8.45am for the students to enter the learning spaces and get organised for the day. The second bell rings at 8.55am for learning to begin. In the afternoon the students exit the learning spaces at 3.15pm and all children should have left the school grounds by 3.30pm. If you are not able to pick up your child by 3.30pm they should be enrolled in After School Care. Teachers have regular meetings from 3.30pm so families are asked to see them between 3.15 & 3.30pm. If you need more time with your child's teacher please make an appointment.



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NEW PREP STUDENTS

Congratulations to our new Preps who have made such a wonderful start to the school year! It has been a delight to see how quickly the children have settled and are becoming familiar with their new learning environment. So far we have enjoyed lots of stories, craft and construction activities and we cannot wait to continue learning together. We look forward to working together with you all to make this first year of school a special time for everyone.



PREP 2020 ENROLMENTS

We have opened enrolments for Prep next year. If your child turns 5 years old by 30 April 2020 they are eligible for Prep. Please fill in an enrolment form as soon as possible.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK EVENTS



We will be celebrating Cultural Diversity Week on Friday 22 March. There will be a school event at 2pm followed by a family event at 7pm. Flyers for these events will be sent home later this week. We encourage all families to get involved to celebrate our rich multicultural community.

Knowing what to do if your child talks to you about bullying can be difficult. Find helpful tips for parents and carers at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au #BullyingNoWay

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

On Friday 15 March we will be participating in Australia's National Day Against Bullying and Violence (NDA). At St Lawrence School, we explicitly teach positive behaviours through our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons, which focus on equipping all students to Be Safe, Ready, Respectful and Resilient in everyday interactions within our school community. We will be participating in classroom and whole school NDA activities to help prevent bullying in our community.

VOLUNTEERS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in the school, we have a couple of areas you may be interested in:

The Environment Team

- Would appreciate some help on Tuesday between 1:15 - 2:15pm to work with students in the garden.
- People to appreciate the garden in the morning or afternoon especially in hot and dry weather - once a week.
- If anybody has experience in pruning our fruit trees, we would be grateful for your help.

Discovery Centre/Library

- Help with contacting classroom and library books (happy to teach you if you have never done this before)
- If you are creative help with wall displays
- Organise Book Club twice a term (you will be guided in this process)

Please contact Maria or Jodie in the Discovery Centre if you are interested.



STAY CONNECTED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, newsletters and school communications. Follow the link on the school website to download the free app then, once you have created an account, search for St Lawrence Derrimut and subscribe to the class groups you would like to hear from.



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GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

Grade 6 students participated in a Leadership Day on 8 February. The day's activities enabled the students to identify the leadership qualities they felt were important and the ones which they possessed or needed to develop further.

Each student had applied for positions in a Leadership Team at the end of last year and these teams were announced with much anticipation. Students were given the opportunity to speak to the group explaining why they were the right leader for the team they were in. Although this was a potentially daunting task many students put themselves forward as candidates, speaking with clarity, confidence and an understanding of the qualities required. Each team voted for their leader and these leaders were announced later in the day.

Much fun was had along the way with teamwork activities such as the Feet Passing Challenge Tournament.

Congratulations to the Library team who won this competition, beating all opponents with their great teamwork. We would especially like to congratulate our elected Leaders and wish them and their teams a fantastic year as they work towards enriching our time at St Lawrence this year.

**GRADE 5 ART COMPETITION SUCCESSES!**

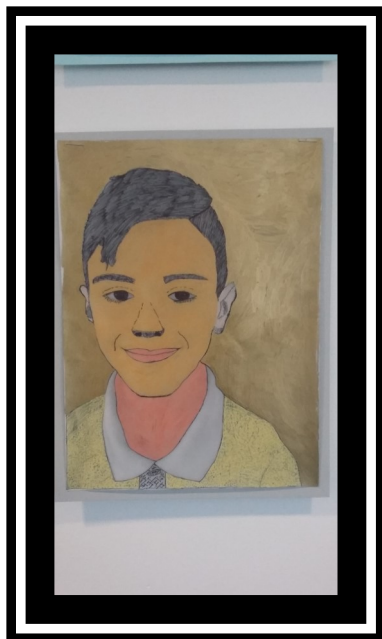
We would like to congratulate Emmanuel Asu, Jake Grima, and Anay Loung on being selected as finalists in Catholic Education Melbourne's 'Visual Arts Exhibition 2019'.

Their works will be on display, amongst the works of many other Catholic School students, at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne from Tuesday 12 March - Thursday 15 March. They will also be invited to attend the award ceremony on the Sunday 17 March.

The 2018 Environment Team has also had a video piece accepted into the competition which informed the public of the local endangered species, the Eastern Barred Bandicoot. Congratulations to Lyhn Vu, Kayla Evangelio, Adhel Kon, Mia Deverala, Monica Gangash, Caitlyn Tran and Cameron Crawford, who are all now in Year 7.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

**GRATITUDE
EMPATHY
MINDFULNESS**



'Jake' - Jake Grima



'Dark' - Emmanuel Asu



'Stay Positive' - Anay Loung

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BAPAK STEVE FLIES TO SYDNEY

Dear families,

I would like to take a moment to share with you a personal achievement of my own.

Before Christmas I submitted one of my artworks into a competition named the 'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing'. It is one of Australia's biggest drawing prizes and is considered as being quite prestigious within the art community. I found out recently that out of the 470 applicants, my drawing was selected as one of the 44 finalists and will be displayed in this year's Adelaide Perry exhibition (...ironically, the Art Prize is held in Sydney!). I'm looking forward to flying to Sydney at the start of March to attend the awards ceremony. Wish me luck!! (Steven Pettenon—Visual Arts teacher).

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The School Advisory Board met on 12 February, the first meeting of 2019. A summary of the matters discussed include:

- Christmas Carols 2018 evaluation - Although the inclement weather on the planned evening meant that the Carols were held in the hall, the Board felt that the build up and excitement we saw in the families and particularly the children, show that it is something we could look to do again on the oval. The Board has recommended to the school leadership team to host this event again in 2019
- Multicultural Dinner 22 March 2019 - To celebrate Cultural Diversity week, this year the multicultural dinner will take place on Friday 22 March starting at 6.30pm. The Board discussed preparation of this event and will be preparing further information to provide families soon. Mark the date in your calendar.
- Parish Contribution request from Fr Rowan - Julie informed the Board that Fr Rowan would like to request contributions from the St Lawrence families to further support the St Peter Chanel parish, of which we are a part. This will be discussed further during Term 2 and more information will be provided to families at that time.
- Board's focus for 2019 - Our school has grown over the last few years with a number of new families and the Board would like to focus on building family community by looking at opportunities for gathering that offers support and friendship. If you have any ideas, or would like to be involved in this please contact one of the Board members or email schoolboard@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au

Board Members: Lisa Turner, Samantha Richardson, Vicki Oki, Faustina Carron, Stephen Crawford, Tashil Mungur, Millencie Ballesteros, Julie Corsaletti, Charlotte O'Hegarty.

TELSTRA KIDS GRANT

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids helps kids thrive in their connected world. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to help the grade 6 eLearning team to run the Creation Club again this year.

Huge thanks to Phuong Le from Telstra, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to a digital future.

NDIS/EXTERNAL PROVIDERS IN-SCHOOL DELIVERY OF SUPPORT

Due to increased requests from families to have external providers come into the school to provide services for their child, we have developed an approval process for these requests. If you would like to request that a private provider works with your child during school time (eg. Physiotherapist, occupational therapist), please see Angela Ryan and complete a 'Request for In-School Delivery of Support' form and a 'Therapist Information Request' form. These forms will be submitted to the principal with certified documentation for approval.



St Lawrence Primary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing & inclusion of all children