

NEWSLETTER MAY 2019 No. 2



Upcoming events:

- 31 May 9am—4R liturgy
- 3 Jun—SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 4 Jun 7.30pm—School Advisory Board
- 6 Jun—Girls' soccer tournament
- 7 Jun—G1 excursion
- 7 Jun 9am—4T liturgy
- 10 Jun—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 12 Jun—Boys' soccer tournament
- 14 Jun 9am—School Mass: Winter Appeal
- 16 Jun 4.30pm—Parish Mass
- 18 Jun—G5&6 excursion

*God of our past and of our present, God of our future,
We know that we do not travel alone, for you are with us and within us.
You are the God of seasons and sojourns, of passage and pilgrimage, of Exodus and Emmaus.
Be compassionate with us all the days of our lives.
Direct our steps along the path of goodness and growth.
Be gentle with us through the seasons and the years.
Give us power to serve others in compassion, gentleness and love. Amen.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note these dates in your calendar:

- Monday 10 June—the school is closed for the public holiday
- Friday 21 June—Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 27 June—last day of classes. School finishes at 3.15pm
- Friday 28 June—no classes for students. Learning Conversations with families
- Monday 15 July—school begins for term 3

A BIG THANK YOU!

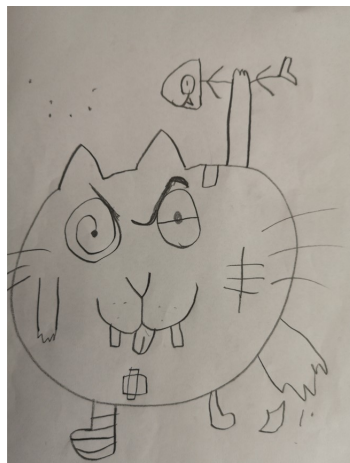
Many thanks to families for supporting our recent fundraisers. We raised the following:

- Fun Run/Walk = \$4057
- Mothers' Day gift stall = \$710
- Day in May = \$746

The money raised for the Fun Run/Walk and Mothers' Day gift stall will be put towards continuing to develop the play spaces. The Day in May funds have been forwarded to 'Challenge' to support children with cancer.

AUTHOR VISIT—LEIGH HOBBS

On Thursday 16 May we had a special visit from author Leigh Hobbs. Students in grades prep, 1 and 2 participated in a workshop where they learned to draw some of the characters from his stories. Please feel welcome to wander through the 'Exploration Centre' gathering space to see some of our wonderful drawings.

**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

PREP EXCURSION

On Monday 13 May the grade prep students attended their very first school excursion. As part of our sustainability unit, we visited CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick East. Throughout the day, the children participated in a number of activities that included a walk along the Merri Creek, creating and learning about animal habitats and the impact of humans on the natural environment as well as a rubbish sort activity and game. The children had a very positive experience and will continue to build upon the knowledge gained during the experience throughout the rest of our Inquiry unit in term 2.

HELP NEEDED

The Environment Team are looking for help in:

- * Watering the garden - this can be done in the morning or afternoon
- * Pruning our fruit trees - if anybody has any experience or knowledge we would be most grateful

Discovery Centre/Library are looking for help with:

- * Contacting classroom and library books (happy to teach you if you have never done this before)
- * Creating display walls in the library
- * Organise Book Club twice a term (you will be guided in this process).

Please contact Maria or Jodie at the school.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 21 JUNE**

Throughout this term the learning focus in Physical Education has been Athletics. Students across all grades are learning the different skills involved in the various track and field events such as running, hurdles, long jump, high jump, discus, shot put and relay events. Grade Prep, 1 and 2 students have also been learning different novelty events including tunnel ball and sack races.

Students have showed great improvement and enthusiasm each week as they learn and develop these skills.

A reminder that later this term, students will participate in our first St Lawrence Primary School Athletics Carnival.

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 21 June with students from all grades participating throughout the day using the school oval and running track. The focus of this event is for students to participate in the various athletic track and field events that they have been learning this term. Students in Grade Prep, 1 and 2 will participate in various running and novelty events.

To create a fun and competitive day, students have been placed into House colours—Blue, Red, Yellow and Green. This will allow students to compete in House teams and is a tradition we hope to grow over time.

A letter will be sent home to families with further details including your child's allocated House colour.

Building on the success of our recent Fun Run/Walk held at the start of this term, we would like to invite families to watch and support their child on the day. If you have questions or would like to know more about this event, please contact Monique McGrath at the school.

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

**INDONESIAN WORD OF THE WEEK**

Week 4: SAYA means me. 'Saya' is pronounced 'sigh-ya'
 Week 5: SEMUA means everyone. 'Semua' is pronounced 'sem-oo-ah'

Week 6: DUDUK means sit. The vowel sounds in 'duduk' are pronounced with a short 'oo' sound as in 'book.'

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN INDONESIAN

Atas nama Bapak (In the name of the Father)
 Dan Putra (And the Son)
 Dan Roh Kudus (And the Holy Spirit)
 Amin. (Amen)

All our Indonesian words and phrases can be found on See Saw.

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GRADE 2 EXCURSION

The Grade 2 children visited CERES where they learned about reducing and recycling waste. We went on a Merri Creek walk where we learned about filters that can be used to catch waste that is in the creek and we completed a bin sort where we learned about how we can reuse and rethink the way we use objects. We also made our own paper using scraps of paper.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please note the following:

- Parents are reminded that our Family-School Code of Conduct (available on the school website) states that, *"Under no circumstance should a parent approach another child in the care of the school to discuss or chastise them because of actions towards their own child. Please refer the matter directly to their child's teacher for follow up and investigation by the school."*
- We encourage healthy eating at St Lawrence and we ask that parents don't bring in takeaway food for their children at lunchtime
- We ask all adults to use the pedestrian crossing when crossing Windsor Blvd to teach the children the safe way to cross



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The school's 2018 annual report is now available on the school website.



ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 7 2021 ONWARDS

Tuesday 18 June at 7pm

For bookings go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BCCYD>
or phone 9363 1711

Enrolments for Year 7 2021 close
23 August 2019






MARIAN COLLEGE SUNSHINE WEST

A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic school for girls in the Brigidine tradition

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FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT

Ever thought about fostering children or young people?

2019/01


Anglicare Victoria is looking for people who have a place in their heart for a child in need of a safe home. Care can be short term or long term.

INFORMATION SESSION:
Thursday 11th July | 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Anglicare North West Region

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.
To book or to receive an information package please contact
The Volunteer and Recruitment Worker on 9396 7400
or carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au

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ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WASTE AND SUSTAINABILITY AT ST LAWRENCE

This term the students from grades Prep-6 have been learning about our environment and how to be sustainable in their Inquiry units. Part of this learning involved taking part in a whole school bin sort to determine the types of waste we produce at St Lawrence, and how much of each type we produce.

The environment team conducted the sort and organised the waste from two bins into the following groups: Organics, Paper/Cardboard, Co-Mingled Recycling, Soft Plastics and Landfill. After the waste was sorted, each year level viewed how the waste was grouped and were involved in a discussion where they responded to the key question, 'What surprises you about the waste at St Lawrence?'.

Each grade conducted their own bin sort in their classrooms following the same structure. This allowed the students to see the types of waste that were being produced in their own classrooms.

The students have been highly engaged throughout these activities and it has been great to hear the passion they have about the effect that waste has on our environment. Our next step is to begin looking at how we can reduce the amount of waste our school sends to landfill.

Stay tuned to hear more about our investigation into waste at our school!



CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE is hosting the JOSE DE PIRO BATAAN ORCHESTRA. This talented youth orchestra from Bataan Philippines founded by Father Joe Cremona in 2005 will perform a series of concerts in June across Melbourne. Please join us for the FREE concert on Friday 14 June at 7pm in the Quin Auditorium, 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook. Book your tickets online: www.trybooking.com.BBSWU

THE MUSIC BUS is operating at St Lawrence Primary School on Friday afternoons after school. Lessons are available for guitar, keyboard, drums, ukulele, singing and rockband. Lessons are \$16 per week (Drums \$18). For more information visit www.themusicbus.com.au or phone 1300 168 742.