

# NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018



## Upcoming events:

**26 Oct: WORLD TEACHERS' DAY;**  
9am 5G class liturgy  
**30 Oct 2.15pm:**  
Community Singing  
**2 Nov 9am: School Mass**  
**5&6 Nov: SCHOOL CLOSED**  
  
**9 Nov 9am: 3DF class**  
liturgy  
**13 Nov: Grade 3**  
excursion  
**16 Nov 9am: 4L class**  
liturgy  
**18 Nov 4.30pm: Parish**  
Mass

## 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.

During the month of October we are praying the Rosary.

*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Please put these dates into your family calendar:

- Mon 5 Nov & Tues 6 Nov—SCHOOL CLOSED for staff professional practice day & public holiday
- Thurs 29 Nov—SCHOOL CLOSED for staff planning for 2019
- Mon 17 Dec 6.30pm—Grade 6 Graduation Mass
- Wed 19 Dec 1pm—end of school year

## WORLD TEACHERS' DAY—26 OCTOBER

On Friday we are acknowledging the important contribution that all of our staff make to the lives of our students. We encourage families and students to make a small gesture to show your appreciation—a word of thanks, a letter, a flower...



## CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2019

The teachers are currently working on sorting the students into class groups for next year. If you have a request please see your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please be mindful that we can't always give you what you request but will consider it. We consider many different criteria in sorting grades and spend a lot of time trying to get the best outcomes for all of the students.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the board was held on Tuesday evening. We thank Sisay Dinku, Jeremy Nicks and Susan Pajar who will be retiring from the board after 4 years as members. We welcome Samantha Richardson and Millencie Ballesteros to the board. The following positions on the board were also decided:

CHAIRPERSON—Lisa Turner

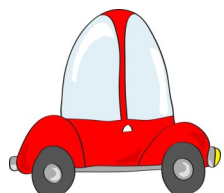
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON—Vicki Oki

SECRETARY—Samantha Richardson

On behalf of the school community we thank all of the board members for their service to the school. The Annual Report of the School Advisory Board is included in this newsletter.

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## PEDESTRIAN GATE ON WINDSOR BLVD



From next week this gate will be opened before and after school to allow access to the school site from Windsor Blvd. We encourage families to park on Windsor Blvd and not on the nature strip.



## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

October is traditionally the month of Our Lady in the Catholic church. This month the students have been learning about how to pray the Rosary using rosary beads from The Legion of Mary. This month and beyond, please pray prayers to Mary with your child, to support this important Catholic faith tradition.

Our next whole school Mass will be the commemoration of All Souls Day on Friday 2 November. Mass will commence at 9am in the Community Centre hall. During a special reflection, students who have an adult family member in attendance at Mass will be invited to light a candle (with the support of their adult family member) if they wish to honour the memory of a loved one who has passed away. Please contact Karen Dodemaide at school on 8390 5326 or email [kdodemaide@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kdodemaide@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to be involved in this reflection at Mass on 2 November. Thank you



## UPDATE FROM BELLA'S FAMILY

A message from Bella's mum, Vanie:

*I just wanted to share some wonderful news to let the school know that Bella has finished her treatment. I know our school community has followed Bella's journey & prayed for her recovery since she was first diagnosed. It would be wonderful to let them know she has finished her treatment and our family just wanted to express our deepest gratitude to the school community for their love, prayers & support! It definitely made such a difference for Bella & our family. To know that we always had so many people behind us - keeping us motivated in our cancer fight. We never felt alone. Our family is forever grateful to the Royal Children's Hospital. The amazing doctors & nurses who have cared for Bella throughout her cancer journey & given our warrior another fighting chance at life. Thank you to our incredible Team Bella support crew - our family and friends, her school & the wider community.*

*Warmest regards, Vanie Nagashima.*



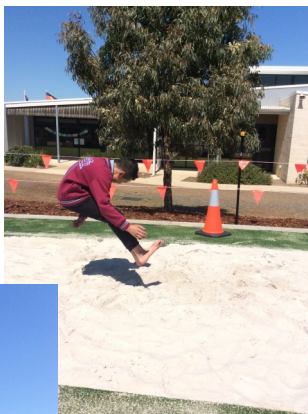
## HEALTHY EATING AT SCHOOL

A reminder to all families that we promote healthy eating at school. If you bring your child's lunch into the office, please don't bring fast food or soft drinks. This isn't promoting healthy eating and causes problems amongst the students who question why some children are allowed to ignore this policy.

## OUR NEW OVAL &amp; RUNNING CLUB

The children have been using the sporting facilities on our new oval and

thoroughly enjoying themselves! Students who are interested in joining the Running Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30-8.45am should meet Mrs McGrath on the oval.



## OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

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



## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CINDERELLA & ROCKERFELLA**

In the final week of term three, all of our grade 4, 5 & 6 students performed the pantomime 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' for our school community. The pantomime, written by Sue Langwade with music by Mark and Helen Johnson, was a lot of fun with plenty of audience interaction and jokes for younger children and adults alike. Each class group choreographed their own dance, with the main roles being performed by grade 6 students who earned their roles after a very thorough audition process.

The grade 6 students, along with the Performing Arts teachers, Sarah Mildner and Elissa Gault, rehearsed throughout many lunchtimes during terms 2 & 3 to get the show ready to perform. Solo singers included Katherine (Cinderella), Daniel (Rockerfella), Mathias (Augustina), Edryll (Anastacia), Amania (Dan Deeny), Leon (Buttons), Danielle (Monsieur Le Bunn), Cameron (Fairy Godmother), Monica, Anvy, Adhel, Jotthe and Kayla (the Fairy Brigade). These students did a lot of extra rehearsing both at home and at school to make sure their vocals were high quality and their choreography was engaging. We enjoyed the over-the-top theatrics of the fussy Offstage Inspectors (Aidan and Bennet), the terrifying Fairy Nastyboots and scary Naughty Kitty (Alesha and Keoni), Teaser the dog (Miguel), the Town Crier (Hudson) and Warm Up Persons 1 and 2 (Dylan and Melina).

Many thanks to Sarah Camilleri who did a fantastic job choreographing the dance for 'A Friend Like You,' the Arts Team and our Visual Arts teacher, Steve Pettenon, who worked hard to design and paint our backdrops and make other props. Backstage support was provided by Melissa Diaz with Annaeya and Paloma, while Gaby and Charity made sure the sound effects and backing tracks were played on time. Angela and Jade provided administrative assistance throughout. Well done to the whole team on an amazing performance!

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

On Tuesday 16 October the grade 5 and 6 classes participated in our first Resilience Project session with Emmanuel College. Our focus was stress and identifying different strategies to use when feeling this way. The boys from Emmanuel College spoke with us about identifying stress and ways we can help ourselves and others. We then had the opportunity to make our own stress balls using rice and balloons. We really enjoyed working with Emmanuel College and have now been able to add to our bank of mindfulness strategies.

"Stress is very common and now we can use the stress balls to relax" - Eric, 5S

**AUTHOR VISIT FROM VALANGA KHOZA** Written by 3A

On the first Wednesday of Term 4, we had a visit from the author named Valanga Khoza. He grew up in South Africa. He told us stories about his childhood. He told us a really funny story about the first time he rode in a car. He was scared because the trees, the buildings and all the people were moving backwards really fast.



Valanga also told us a story about how he moved to the city to get a job so that he could afford to get a school uniform. He bought his first pair of shoes and two boys tricked him into telling them his shoe size. When he took his shoe off and gave it to them, they rode away with the shoe! Valanga told us that the message of the story was "don't ask me for my shoe size!"

We liked listening to Valanga's stories because they were interesting and funny. We also liked listening to him because he used funny voices to tell his stories.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Help Needed in the Discovery Centre as we have several hundred books that need to be contacted. Any help would be appreciated. Please see Maria or Jodie in the Discovery Centre if you are able to help.

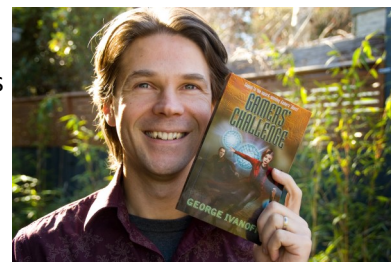
**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**GRATITUDE  
EMPATHY  
MINDFULNESS**

## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**AUTHOR VISIT - GEORGE IVANOFF**

George Ivanoff visited the grades 4 - 6 at St Lawrence over Tuesday and Wednesday. Students spent an hour with George, focusing on generating ideas for captivating the students' audiences. The students participated in multiple activities centred around their reading interests and learned that they could take their own lives and turn them into an enjoyable narrative.

**OSHCLUB NEWS**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN! Before and After School Care is so popular there are now more places available. Book online at [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au) or come into the Community Room and talk to us.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2017 AGM was held on Tuesday 11th October 2017 at 7pm. The constitution was ratified and the following appointments were made: Stephen Crawford (Chair); Sisay Dinku (Dep Chair); Lisa Turner (Secretary); Maryanne Said (Staff Rep).

Julie Corsaletti (Principal) was joined by Tashil Mungur, Vicki Oki, Susan Pajar and Jeremy Nicks to complete the 2018 board. Michael Siccita and Nelissa Diaz chose to leave the board and were thanked for their service.

Tuesday 28th November 2017

The last meeting of the year is normally a casual, social affair, but this year, the success of the Community Day and other forms of a similar event were covered. These included Harmony Day.

Tuesday 20th February 2018

It was decided that Harmony Day and Cultural Diversity Week would be incorporated into the school curriculum during March to align with nationwide promotions. The SAB agreed to host a Multicultural Family Night on 20th March 2018 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Positive feedback was given from those who attended the Resilience Project evening. A new fee structure and the biannual sex education sessions were also discussed.

Tuesday 20th March 2018

No meeting was held due to the Multicultural supper family night.

Tuesday 24th April 2018

Multicultural supper family night was declared a success and would be built upon for 2019. The 2017 Annual report was presented to the group. An oval construction contractor had been chosen and it was agreed that the side gate would move to near the North West corner once construction was complete to better distribute parking and traffic. Apple Distinguished School accreditation discussion was lead by Julie.

Tuesday 29th May 2018

There were updates on a number of topics including the oval. The pros, cons and practicalities of various locations and programs for grade 6 camp were debated. Lisa lead a discussion about parental expectations on teachers' time versus teacher workload.

Tuesday 24th July 2018

A discussion was held around learning conversations. It was agreed that currently allowed times are sufficient and parents of children with special requirements met the teachers regularly in other programs. Other topics included Mary McKillop Statue to be ready for the Bishop's visit on our feast day and the fundraising disco.

Tuesday 28th August 2018

Disappointment at poor attendance at Cyber Safety Workshop was the main item of this meeting and strategies to prevent re-occurrence. The Board discussed ways to build our community and how to engage elders of some of the school's cultural groups, including regular coffee gatherings in term four with next year's prep families and others.

This report was presented Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at the AGM.  
Stephen Crawford (Chairperson)