

St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter



Monday 27th February 2023

Binnaway Junior Judging



Kyra, Rubi and Mia at the Binnaway Junior Judging Day. Thank you Mrs McGoldrick and Mrs Prugger for a wonderful day. The students participated in many wonderful activities - they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you Binnaway Junior Judging!

VISION STATEMENT

'AD ALTA VIRTUTE' - To the Highest Virtue. St Lawrence's Primary School is Christ-centred. Our school aims to create a safe and caring community, fostering an educational environment that promotes high levels of learning for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**9th Mar K/1/2
Reading Hour Town
Library**

**10/11th Mar Coona
Show**

15-27th Mar NAPLAN

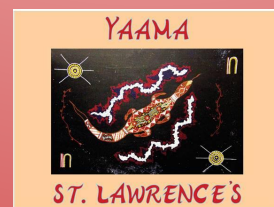
**17th Mar St Patrick's
Day**

**18th Mar Baradine
Show**

**25th Mar The
Annunciation**

**4th Apr Peachey
Coonamble**

6th Apr Easter

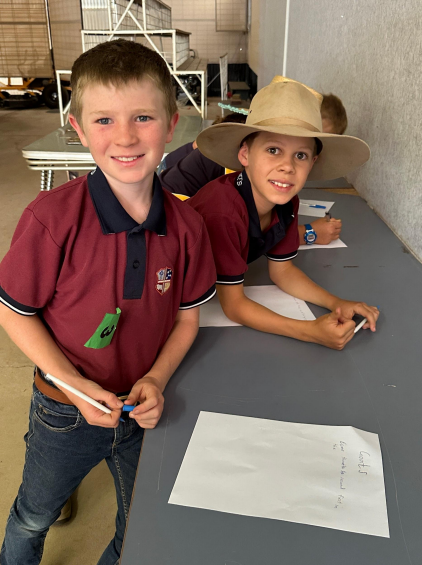


Year 6 enjoying time with their buddies



"We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay respects to the elders and deceased members of the Gamilaraay people."





Binnaway Junior Judging Day

Favourite Part of the Binnaway Judging Day

Phoebe - Shearing because I learnt interesting things and I liked looking at the different types of wool.

Lilly - I liked the cow horse activity because I like horses and they asked lots of horse trivia questions.

Callen - Auctioneering because I got to have a go and I also got to pretend to bid on a cow.

Jed - Angus bulls because it was interesting learning how big they are at a certain age.

Charlie - Soil testing because it was fun talking about it and it was interesting.

Demi - I enjoyed the goats because they were nice and we got to stand in the shade.

Memphis - I loved the goats because they are cute and I learnt how to talk really fast.

Ethan - I liked learning more about the police because you got to dress up as one and I heard the siren.

Jack - I liked auctioneering because it was fun.



Charity Calendar

Each class group at St Lawrence's nominates a charity or awareness activity that they will devote time to either sharing their knowledge to create awareness or to raise funds for a particular cause. Some of the past activities have been a blanket and warm clothing drive for Vinnies, an easter raffle for Caritas, Bandanna Day for Canteen.

Our school also sponsors a Smith Family child named Kahysie who will be 10 years old this year. We raise money through St Patrick's Day and other events to help us support Kahysie on his schooling journey.

Classes are also responsible for promoting their organisation or charity through making announcements at assembly, displaying information on the school noticeboards and running events and collecting monies.

"WE CAN'T HELP
EVERYONE,
but...
EVERYONE
CAN HELP
SOMEONE."
- DR. LORETTA SCOTT

Student Prayer

At St Lawrence's we have a prayer scope and sequence where the prayers students learn each year are built upon.

Kinder - In Kinder, students are learning the correct way to make the sign of the cross, the Hail Mary, thanksgiving prayers such as Grace before and after meals.

Kinder are also learning the responses at Mass each time we attend Masses.

Altar Servers:

5th March - Noah Brouff

12th March - Jemma Wilkinson

19th March - Keithah Buchan

Congratulations to Our Award Winners

Kindergarten

Jett Birrell-Great behaviour and listening in Church.

Reeva Flood-Always completing her work so neatly and fabulous listening.

Lucas Harrison-Learning how to work calmly at his desk.

Violet McCaw-Learning to ask great questions during news.

Eleanor Ross-Having lovely manners at all times.

Emelia Tabib-Always being ready to complete her work carefully.

Year One

Ruby Large-Excellent typing on the iPad.

Chloe Mowatt-Good work with skip counting by 2's and 5's.

Colbie Crawley-Beautiful bird drawings in Art.

Ben McDonough-Wonderful work in all subjects.

Darcy Phillips-Terrific netball skills.

Natasha Maynard-Working hard with her reading and using her reading strategies.

Year Two

Savannah Swanson-Always taking the time to help others.

Emmett Wykes-Your amazing effort and fielding skills playing 4-wicket cricket.

Daley Flood-Your consistent focus during phonics and when practising your sight words.

Milleita Cook-For always offering to help others and using beautiful manners.

Perrie Morrissey-Being so studious and focussing on her class work.

Elsie Row-being a conscientious worker.

Year Three

Max Henley-For returning your Project Compassion box so quickly.

Sophie He-Being an excellent teacher during reading fluency.

Henley Parnell-Fantastic coordination during P.E.

Alba Morrissey-For fluent and expressive reading.

Huntah Stonham-Becoming a confident contributor to discussions in class.

Arianah Rutland-Threadgate-Being an excellent teacher during reading fluency.

Callen Wilkin-Helping others with their work in class.

Year Four

Keith Gray-For your creativity in art.

Laicy Harris-For your creativity in art.

Benjamin Birrell-For hard work in place value maths.

Camilla Antaw-For hard work in ordering 4 digit numbers.

Ivy Thompson-For helping others without being asked.

Amarnii Stanton-For asking help when needed.

Arian-Grace Bendeich-For giving 100% all day.

Year Five

Amelia Morris-For being an exceptional role model to her peers.

Mya Molloy-For her eagerness to learn.

Henry Thompson-For showing great reasoning skills in History.

Kelly Jamieson-For her positive attitude to school life.

Jack Stewart-For great work in History.

Year Six

Lincoln Cook-For being an excellent buddy and a great helper in class.

Phoebe Toynton-For always being organised and ready to learn.

Charlie Wilson-Actively engaging and participating in class discussions and activities.

Jed Fester-For a great understanding of negative and positive numbers.

Happy birthday this week to: ~

Ben McDonough, Maddison Staples, Callen Morris!





Western Region Swimming

We had a wonderful day on Thursday 16th February at the Western Region carnival that was held in Coonamble.

Our school had 15 students participating in the carnival ranging from 8-12 year olds.

Congratulations to all students on your great performances in the pool we are very proud of you. Special mention to Henley Flood who was Junior Boy champion and to Ava Milford who was runner up Junior Girl champion. This is a fantastic achievement and a great reward for your persistent training.

The Junior Girls relay team was also successful in coming first!

A very exciting race to watch!!

We will now have a team of students eligible to participate at the Diocesan level of competition in Dubbo on Wednesday 8th March.

We also appreciate the parents who helped transport students to Coonamble and those that gave their time to be timekeepers on the day. Thanks also for the great cheering from parents and grandparents!!



Long Sleeve School T-shirts

After discussions at a P&F Meeting last year, the proposal of adding a long sleeve t-shirt to our school uniform was given the go ahead. This long sleeve t-shirt may be worn on its own or under the usual sports t-shirt for warmth during the cooler weather. Stock has now been ordered and it is hoped that it will arrive in time for the cooler months of the year and provide another choice to our families. Remember that the back to school vouchers are able to be used at the school office to go towards the payment for uniforms.

The school sells school hats, school tracksuits, school t-shirts and soon to be the long sleeve t-shirts.



CLAIM THE DATE: MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023 - PUPIL FREE DAY



Let The SRC Aventures For 2023 Begin!!



Meetings

Tomorrow, SRC members will meet for the first time for 2023. Members will elect a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Students will see for the first time how an SRC meeting runs and what is required of them. Meetings will take place once every three / four weeks. As part of the meetings the SRC members will be exploring and working through a leadership booklet that focuses on such skills as being a role model, confidence, creativity, integrity, listening and resilience to name a few.

Students will explore these topics by watching a short clip on the focus area then they will reflect upon themselves within the booklet. Mrs Goard and Mrs Milford will guide students understanding through this process.

SRC Recess Toys/Activities

Members will take turns getting activities out of the music room each recess for all students to play with, such as lego and blocks. It will be their responsibility to set up, supervise along with the playground teacher and then pack up.

SRC Games

Friday afternoons are our weekly assemblies. SRC members take it in turns running the 'SRC Games'. They come on stage, explain the rules of the game, select players and run the game along with the guidance of Mrs Goard. This is a fun and exciting part of the week that all students look forward to.

Congratulations again to our 2023 SRC members. We look forward to seeing these students grow, take on challenging roles and come up with fun activities for the whole school to participate in.



Working With Children Check (WWCC)

All parents/carers who plan on volunteering their assistance throughout the year either with excursions, sporting events or the canteen will need to have a valid voluntary Working with Children Check. This then needs to be verified by the Catholic Education Office. Please collect a verification form from the school office to have this process completed. Thank you for your assistance!



Good Start!

We have noticed a few of our students are experiencing some difficulties in settling back into school routines after the holidays. This may be happening every day or just occasionally. We all know as adults that we have good days and bad days and find it hard to adapt to routines again, so our little people are no different, especially when the weather is hot! Here are a few tips on how to make the mornings run smoother.

Strategies for helping students who are having difficulties going to school

- Ensure children have adequate sleep, healthy lunch box, breakfast and water.
- Get someone else to drop your child at school, if you can or have them catch the bus. Children often cope better with separation at home rather than at the school gate.
- Make separation at the gate clear eg. goodbye, I love you have a good day and leave - don't linger.
- Praise your child for being brave and going to school.
- Consider rewarding them. For example, if your child goes to school bravely all week, reward them with a special outing with a parent to their favourite park, or their favourite meal for dinner.
- If a problem persists, seek support from school staff who are more than happy to walk your child into their classroom.

Students Achievements Shine At Assemblies

Last week saw the return of our weekly Friday assembly. There were many students who were awarded a class award. Awards ranged from picking up rubbish in the playground WITHOUT being asked, to great work with odds and even numbers, to displaying the skills of a respectful learner. Well done students for a great week.



Binnaway Show



A big congratulations to all students who represented St Lawrence's at the Binnaway Show on the weekend showing sheep. The Binnaway Show is the first show in our show season, leading up to the the Royal Easter Show in Sydney later this term. There were many ribbons received and wonderful experiences and results which will be detailed in next week's newsletter. Thank you to Mrs McGoldrick for the time put into preparing for the show and the actual show day and to all of our parents for your commitment to getting students to the show and supporting them during this busy show season.

Week Three Cricket Clinic

Students in all grades were lucky enough to attend a cricket clinic for sport on Friday last week. Students had fun running between wickets, fielding the ball, batting and teamwork.





SIGN UP TODAY

COONABARABRAN POP UP BLAST

- Location: Coonabarabran No.1 Oval
- Dates: 21/2, 28/2, 7/3 & 14/3
- Time: 4pm-5pm
- Participants Receive – Shoulder Bag, Drink Bottle & Stress Ball
- Contact: melissa.norup@cricketnsw.com.au



REGISTER HERE



Parents & Friends (P&F)

Thank you to the parents and friends who made it to our P&F Meet and Greet on Monday night. It was lovely to see some new faces and to welcome back some of our regular members. Thank you to our committee who were present to talk about the P&F, their roles on the committee, the role the P&F plays in the school, some of the projects completed and some the fund raiser ideas - new and old. For those who were unable to attend the meeting our committee are as follows:

President: Emmah Watton

Vice President: Vanessa Swanson

Treasurer: Jenna Freebairn

Secretary: Larissa Wilkin

Our committee members are supported by many other members in their roles and we thank our new people as well as our regular members.

What is the aim of the P&F?

The P&F recognises and values the role that parents and carers play in the education of their children and in the school and parish community generally and aims to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community for the benefit of their children's overall development and learning.

Our next meeting will be our AGM, all positions will be declared vacant and will be held on Monday 27th March at 5:30pm in the school staff room. All welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday Mass



*Thank
you
Year 2
and Mrs
Henley.*



School Fee Update

Dear Parents/Guardians

Head Office is currently working on generating school fees and we will soon send out invoices for Term 1.

CONCESSION: Are you aware if you are the holder of one of the Government cards shown below, you are eligible for a 30% discount of your school fees? To be eligible you are required to commit to a regular direct deposit payment plan which we can set up with you. If you are eligible, please pop into the office so we can take a copy of your card and complete the paperwork.

YOU MUST REAPPLY for 2023, if you received this concession in 2022.



CENTREPAY: We are now registered to accept payments through Centrepay. If you would prefer to use this option, once again, please pop into the office so we can complete the paperwork.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the ladies in the office.

Year 5/6 'Connects' Day Baradine





Student Centered Conferences

Student Centred Conferences will take place twice a year, Term 1 and Term 3. The aim is to empower our students as learners to take an increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning as they develop into independent life-long learners.

When: *Infants (K-2) Monday 6th March, 2023 (during the school day) - 8:30-4:30*

Primary (Yr 3-6) Monday 20th March, 2023 (during the school day) - 8:30-4:30

Where: St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School Hall

Who will participate?: The student, parents/carers and the classroom teacher

It is crucial that every family participate to support your child's learning

At St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School, we aim to empower our students as learners to take increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning so they can develop into independent life-long learners.

At St Lawrence's we want our students to develop a 'growth mind-set', that is, that their learning is not fixed and that they have the 'power' to take charge of their learning, never give up and achieve the goals that they set for themselves.

A 'Student-Centred Conference' focuses on the child and is a way of encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. It also demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

Roles and Responsibilities

Students:

- ★ Students plan and prepare their work for discussion with the support of their teacher. During the conference students demonstrate their learning goals with evidence of their learning. This enables students to share their work in a confident and articulate manner.

Parents/Carers:

- ★ Parents/carers are expected to attend the conference with their child. Parents can offer support, encouragement, be active listeners and praise their efforts.

Teachers:

- ★ Teachers support students to develop their confidence to share their work and understandings effectively. They play a crucial role in supporting students to plan and prepare the work they choose to present as evidence of their learning. Teachers support students in selecting effective presentation skills. Teachers will also assist with other information for parents/carers regarding their child's learning.

The conference will take strictly 15 minutes. If more time is required, parents/carers are asked to make an additional meeting time. This opportunity allows for students, parents/carers and teachers to meet and continue the partnership that will produce the best possible learning environment for your child and to celebrate their achievements. Bookings are available via the Compass App. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with families.

Thank you,

Natasha Milford
Principal

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