

St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School



WEEK 3

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter



Monday 13th February 2022

St Lawrence's SRC 2023



Year 2 - Edward Thompson, Olivia Henley

Year 3 - John Neal, Bronte Leedham

Year 4 - Henley Flood, Millie McDonough

Year 5 - Liam Karavas, Kyra Stanton

Year 6 - Charlotte Roberts, Charlie Wilson, Lilly Hunter, Cheyenne Wark, Callen Morris,
Alera Park

A very big congratulations to our SRC for 2023. These students nominated themselves to become a part of the SRC and were voted into the position by their classmates. We are looking forward to the wonderful ideas they have and the events and initiatives they organise for our student body during 2023 under the guidance of Mrs Nicole Goard. All school leaders will be involved in the Grip Leadership Day in Dubbo on 7th April.

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.

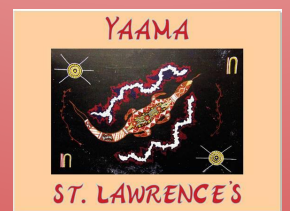
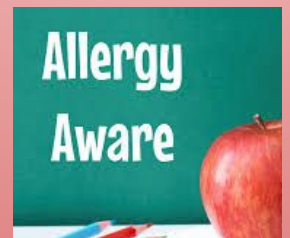
UPCOMING EVENTS

**15th Feb Years 5/6
Connected Program
Baradine**

**20th Feb P&F Meet
and Greet Meeting
5:30pm Staff Room**

**21st Feb
Year 5/6 Binnaway
Junior Judging**

**22nd Feb Ash
Wednesday Mass
9:30am**



School Uniform Reminder

Wearing uniforms enhances school pride, unity, and community spirit!

Sports Uniform – Girls & Boys

Navy Blue Sports shorts with **SLS emblem NOT Canterbury**

Maroon polo top with emblem

(Year 6 may wear their Year 6 shirt or the maroon polo)

White socks (not anklets)

Joggers (Not high tops or boots)

School tracksuit (maroon and navy)

Ribbons/scrunchies (maroon/blue) for girls



Girls Formal SUMMER Uniform

Pink & White checked dress with emblem

Ribbons/scrunchies (maroon/pink/white)

White socks (not anklets)

**Black leather laced school shoes -
NOT black joggers or riding boots**

Boys Formal SUMMER Uniform

Grey regulation style shorts

Pale blue short sleeve shirt with emblem

Grey socks (not anklets)

**Black leather laced school shoes -
NOT black joggers or riding boots**

The school hat is compulsory all year round for all students Kindergarten – Year 6.

The school tie is compulsory for all students Years 3 - 6, optional Kindergarten - Year 2 with the Winter uniform.

HAIRCUTS

Girls

A suitable hairstyle is required.

Girls with long hair must have it tied back at all times.

No coloured hair.

Boys

Boys are expected to have a neat hairstyle, no longer than chin length.

Bare shaven heads are banned due to Sun-Smart Policy (no less than a number four haircut).

Rats' tails, colours, dreadlocks, mullets and long fringes are not permitted.

Jewellery – small stud earrings or sleepers, signet rings and a small cross pendant are acceptable.

No nail polish.

- A note is required from a parent/guardian if a student is wearing the incorrect uniform. This is to be presented to an executive member of staff, who will sign the note, which will then be delivered to the class teacher.
- All class teachers will promote the correct school uniform. It is their responsibility to follow up on any issues relating to incorrect uniform.
- If uniform issues persist, the student will be referred to the Assistant Principal and a letter will be sent home to parents/guardians.

Please remember that by signing the enrolment form, parents are agreeing to support the School Uniform Policy.



Thank you to Fr Francis, students, staff and parents/carers for your attendance at Mass today. It was lovely to see so many families in attendance and our students did a wonderful job of leading our Mass. Parish Mass is on Sundays at 9:30 in the Church for anyone wishing to attend.

Information around Baptism or Sacraments can be obtained from the school or the Church office 6842 1043.

Mass on Sunday 19th will be a welcome Mass for Fr Tao Van Nguyen who will be working with Coonamble, Baradine and Coonabarabran and will be followed by morning tea in the Church gardens. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share



Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 22nd Feb

9:30 am

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Church season - Lent. We receive ashes on our forehead to remind us to be sorry for our wrong doings and repair our relationships with others and God.

Altar Servers:

**19th Feb - Jemma Wilkinson
26th Feb - Keithah Buchan
5th March - Noah Brouff**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Callen Wilkin!



Merit Awards



Each Friday, all classes attend our weekly assembly in the hall. Assemblies are an important place for us to come together as a whole school to disseminate important information, celebrate student achievements with merit awards, pray together, and of course our SRC GAMES!

Assemblies will begin this Friday so watch this space for our award winners for Week 3!

School Hats



Please be reminded that students must wear their school hat at school everyday in order to be able to play. Hats not only provide protection from the sun, they are a part of our school uniform. Students without a hat at break times will not be permitted to play. Please ensure your child has their hat each day. School hats are available from the school office for \$15. Office staff have a white pen to write student names on their hat. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Attendance

Parents and carers are reminded that students are legally required to be at school every day that the school is open unless there is a genuine need either through illness, unavoidable appointment or necessary travel. All absences must be explained - full day and part. Parents/carers have 7 days to explain absences before they are marked as unexplained. Absences can be explained through the Compass app or with a written note, email to the school or phone call. Acceptance of explanation of absences is at the discretion of the school Principal.

If families are looking to travel for more than 10 days, an application for leave with evidence needs to occur in advance of the proposed travel dates.

If you require any further information regarding attendance, please contact the school.

Compass App



Access to our school communication app Compass is of vital importance for all families. All notes and communications will come through this method of communication. If you require assistance with setting up your account, please contact our office staff.

Acceptable Use of Technology

Acceptable use of Technology forms were sent home to families via Compass. This information needs to be discussed and signed off before students are able to access any IT at school. If you have not completed this form via Compass please do so or contact the school office if require assistance.

Family Information Sheets



Please return any outstanding family information sheets to the school office as soon as possible so we can ensure we have the correct details for our students and their families. Thank you.

School Fee Accounts

School fee accounts are sent out three times per year and the accounts cover the full year. School fee accounts for Term One will be sent home in early March. Should you need to discuss anything regarding school fees at any time, please contact the school office. Thank you.

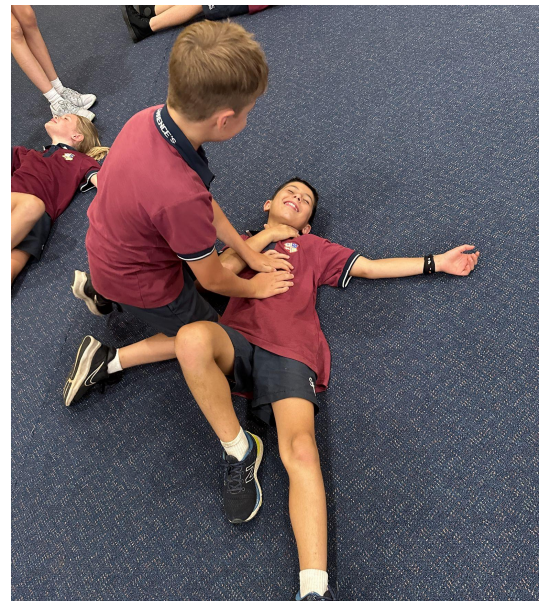
New Staff Members



This year at St Lawrence's we welcome Mrs Melissa Wright to Year 5 and Miss Meg Walton, Teacher's Aide assisting across grades. Both ladies have settled in well and are getting to know our students and school routines. Thank you Mrs Wright and Miss Walton and welcome to our school!

Senior Students First Aid

Last Friday Years 5 & 6 participated in basic first aid training with a special presenter. Students were involved in checking for vital signs and administering CPR. These basic skills are a must and give our students the confidence to look for and do in an emergency situation. Thank you Mrs Redden for organising.



Thank you P&F!



A very big thank you to our P&F for organising and preparing our bbq lunch today to accompany our Opening School Mass. It was a lovely way to start the year and we are looking forward to many more gathering opportunities throughout the year.

P&F Meet and Greet



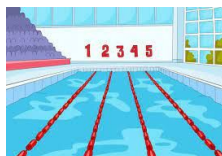
Monday 20th February at 5:30pm will be our first Parents and Friends (P&F) meeting for the year. This meeting will take the form of a 'meet and greet' in the school staff room to enable any new people interested in joining the P&F, an opportunity to get to know the committee, the meeting format and what our wonderful P&F do. Light refreshments will be provided. Come along and see how you can support our school.

P&F Race Meet Fund Raiser



Our first fundraiser for the year will be operating the bar at the Summer Race Meet at the Coonabarabran Race Course on Saturday 18th February. If you have a current RSA and are able to give an hour or two that would be appreciated. Please leave your name at the school office.

Swimming Carnival



Best of luck to our students who are competing in either or both swimming carnivals this week. Our school carnival is Tuesday 14th Feb for students who have nominated and for those students who make it to the next level, this will be held in Coonamble on Thursday 16th Feb. Swim your hardest and have fun!

All students - those participating in the swimming carnival and students attending school may wear their sports house colours in support of their sports house.

Arrivals & Departures

Student Arrivals and Departures

For safety reasons, students arriving to school via bus will be dropped off in the Namoi Street dedicated bus zone and collected from there of an afternoon. All other students, walkers, car pick up and those riding scooters or bikes are to enter and leave via the main front entrance in Dalgarno Street. A reminder also that students are not to arrive at school until 8:40am. The playground is not actively supervised until that time. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feb	13 Opening School Mass 12pm	14 Swimming Carnival	15 Years 5/6 Community Connect Baradine	16 Western Region Swimming Carnival Coonamble	17	18 P&F Bar at Races	19
Feb	20 P&F Meet & Greet 5:30pm	21 Binnaway Junior Judging Yrs 5/6	22 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am	23	24	25 Binnaway Show	26 First Sunday of Lent
Feb/ Mar	27	28	1	2	3	4	5
Mar	6	7	8 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Dubbo	9	10	11 Coona Show	12
Mar	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Baradine Show	19
Mar	20	21	22	23	24	25 The Annunciation	26
Mar /Apr	27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Holy Week Begins
Mar /Apr	3	4	5	6 Holy Thursday Last Day of Term	7 Good Friday	8 Easter Saturday	9 Easter Sunday

* Dates may change with notice ~ please keep up to date with Compass and the newsletter.

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