

St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter



Monday 19th June 2023

Bishop Michael McKenna's Visit



Last week Bishop Michael McKenna visited St Lawrence's as a part of his annual visit to our Parish. Bishop Michael visited some classrooms before enjoying lunch with the staff. The whole school then attended Mass that was celebrated by Bishop Michael and Fr Francis together. Students got to see Bishop Michael in his vestments including his mitre (headdress) and cosier (pastoral staff).

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

**20th June - Year 1
Mass 12pm**

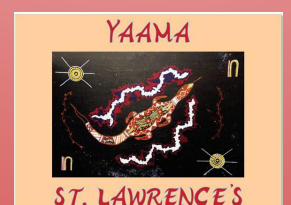
**23rd June - Term
Assembly & Biggest
Morning Tea**

**26th-29th June -
Years 5/6 Canberra
Excursion**

**30th June - Reports
Home**

**30th June - Year 6
CHS NAIDOC**

**30th June - Last Day
Term**



Year 2 Visited Healthy Harold!

Year Two were extremely excited to visit Healthy Harold in the Life Education Van with smiling faces all 'round! We completed the unit 'Growing Good Friends: Nurturing our Bodies and Friendships.' Life Ed taught us about:

- Identifying the qualities and attributes of a good friend.
- People in our network who can support and help us.
- Exploring health messages and advertising influences.
- Recognising how nutrition contributes to health.



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



St LAWRENCE'S CONFIRMATION
30TH JULY 2023

PLEASE KEEP OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES IN
YOUR PRAYERS

LINCOLN COOK
LAILAH OLIVER
JEMMA WILKINSON
CHARLOTTE ROBERTS
ELLA ROBERTS
JED FESTER



Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the
Hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look
kindly on all Candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to
Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we
prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach
us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You
will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

**PARISH NAIDOC MASS SUNDAY 2nd
July 9:30AM all welcome!**



Year One Class Mass
Tuesday 20th June
12pm
All Welcome to Attend

Altar Servers:

25th June ~ Jemma
2nd July ~ Noah

Congratulations to Our Award Winners

Kindergarten

Grace Doyle-Being so interested in learning new things.
Lucas Harrison-Great answers and involvement on our Teddy Bears Picnic.
Wyatt Hasted-Fabulous behaviour at our Teddy Bears Picnic.
Theo Wykes-Being so excited to learn at our Teddy Bears Picnic.

Year One

Colbie Crawley-Super spelling with the Year One Sight Words and the phonics words.
Eleanor Giovas-Excellent work breaking two digit numbers into smaller parts.
Toby Bonham-Great effort with using descriptive language when writing a narrative.
Darcy Phillips-Excellent effort with spelling the phonics words.

Year Two

Mya Watton-Reading so well during our school Mass.
Edward Thompson-Reading so well during our school Mass.
Olivia Henley-Reading so well during our school Mass.
Savannah Swanson-Writing a wonderfully creative narrative.

Year Three

Bronte Leedham-Excellent independent writing on the Mountain Pygmy Possum.
Huntah Stonham-Improved confidence in all areas of Mathematics.
Matilda Varty-For your happy and enthusiastic attitude towards your learning.
Alba Morrissey-Displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards all areas of school life.

Year Four

Noah Brouff-For sensible participation in PDH discussions.
Keith Gray-For your consistent positive attitude in all aspects of school life.
Addilese Neal-For your wonderful writing skills.
Henley Flood-For your perseverance and resilience in your learning.
Charli Wright-Pen Licence.

Year Five

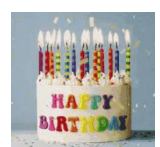
Demi Parnell-For always demonstrating great behaviour inside and outside of the classroom.
Henry Thompson-For his engagement in maths and a setting a great example of good behaviour in the classroom.
Rubi Soussa-For a wonderful approach to learning and always doing her best.
Jack Stewart-For his great results in cross country running and having a positive work ethic.

Year Six

Lillian Hunter-For great participation and lovely manners in the SRC Meeting.
Charlotte Roberts-For great participation and lovely manners in the SRC Meeting.
Callen Morris-For being a responsible leader and class member in Year 6.
Jemma Wilkinson-For always having excellent manners and engaging more in whole class discussions.

Happy birthday this week to: ~

Emma Johnston, Kelly Jamieson!



Radio Stars

We were back in the recording studio last week with our radio stars ~ Jemma Wilkinson, Jorgia Maiden, Callen Morris and Lincoln Cook from Year 6. These student's program will air on Thursday 22nd June and Sunday 25th at 6pm. We are so grateful to Rob and Belinda for their commitment to recording and producing our program each week. We have one more Year 6 group to record next week and then we will be focussing on Year 5 students who are yet to record their programs.



PUPIL FREE DAYS: 12TH & 13TH OCTOBER, 2023 ~ STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFF CAMPUS. PLEASE MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS.

Next P&F
Meeting 24th
July 5pm in the
staff room. All
welcome.

End of Term Reminders

- **Last day of Term 2 = Friday 30th June**
- **School Reports will be sent home on Friday 30th or if students are absent they will be sent home Term 3.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

All day. Every day.

It adds up... **EVERY** tardy + **EVERY** early check-out + **EVERY** absence

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS towards reading on grade level



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAMME

DATES 2023

INFO SESSION & TOUR OF SCHOOL
Thursday, 20 July 2:30pm

TRANSITION DATES

Tuesday, 1 August	9am-11am
Tuesday, 8 August	9am-11am
Tuesday, 15 August	9am-1:45pm
Tuesday, 22 August	9am-1:45pm
Tuesday, 29 August	9am-3pm
Tuesday, 5 September	Parent Meetings - times TBA

Where: Music Room, St Lawrence's
Teacher: Mrs Megan Redden
Wear: Sensible, sun-safe clothing
Bring: A hat, water bottle, fruit for Crunch & Sip AND On 29 August, don't forget a packed lunch as well!
Remember: Sign students IN & OUT
Indicate pick-up arrangements
Notify us if your child has any special needs dietary requirements or allergies!



Enrolments Due: Tuesday, 1 August 2023

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2023 7th & 8th Sept
2023

HORSE SPORTS

Entries via Nominate - opening date TBA



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TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

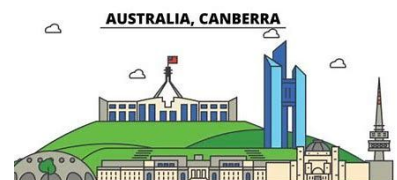
Kindergarten is learning to code!

Kindergarten have been learning to program BeeBots using directional language, commands, sequencing and problem solving. The students have been entering directions to get from one place to another on mats. Kindergarten enjoy the hands on nature of the Beebots. They have also used the ipad app to program them. Next up, coding BlueBots which can be controlled via Bluetooth from the ipad!

Mrs Osmond



Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion



Next Monday 23rd June, Yeas 5 & 6 will depart for an excursion to Canberra. Students will meet this week to go over any final preparations and note will be sent home with last minute organisational information. We are looking forward to this exciting excursion and the learning that will take place and the fun we will have!

Year 6 NAIDOC Visit to the High School



Year 6 students have been invited to Coonabarabran High's NAIDOC activities on Friday 30th June. This visit is a part of the Year 7 2024 transition program. Students are to arrive at school as usual and will walk to the High School with staff at 10:45am. Students will leave from the High School either by their usual bus or parent pick up. The day will end at 2:33pm as per the High School bell times.

Allergy Aware

This is a reminder that St Lawrence's is an allergy aware school. This means that we are aware that we have students in our school who have severe allergies (anaphylaxis) to certain foods and allergens – eg. bee stings. Whilst we do not ban certain foods from our school, we do ask families to be mindful when packing lunches, we ask students to remain seated whilst eating, not to share food and to ensure they have washed their hands before playing. Staff undergo annual training in dealing with anaphylactic situations and we have school epipens available. We thank you for your support with creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

School resumes for Term 3 on Monday 17th July ~ Winter Uniform

School Rules

Staff have recently been reviewing and refreshing playground rules in terms of staff and student roles and responsibilities. Our overall aim is to keep students, staff and visitors to our school safe and to take care of our school environment. Staff take a proactive approach with playground behaviour in order to prevent risk. Students were reminded at assembly last week of why we have rules and a few of our rules were reiterated with students. Students will be reminded of rules at assembly from time to time as the need arises.

Elders Ball

Our P&F have volunteered their services to operate the bar at the Elders Ball that is coming up on 8th July. If you have a current RSA and are able to give a few hours of the evening, please contact Natasha Milford via the school office. It is anticipated the evening will run from 6pm – 12am, and will be an extra fundraiser for our P&F.



Late?

Our morning school bell is at 8:55am. Students arriving after that time need to be escorted to the office and signed in by a parent/carer to justify the late arrival. Failure to do this results in an unjustified or unexplained absence being recorded.



It sure was freezing on St Lawrence's playground this morning! Mrs Harris captured this photo of a tap in the garden on our main playground.



**St Lawrence's Cancer Council Biggest Morning
Tea,
Class Performances and Personal Best Awards**



**Cancer
Council
Australia**

Join us for our end of Term 2 class performances, Personal Best Awards and our Cancer Council Biggest Morning tea.

When = Friday 23rd June

Time = 10am – Performance

11am – Morning Tea

Where = School Hall

Please bring a plate of food to share. Donations will be collected at morning tea. SRC students will be selling raffle tickets for our Biggest Morning Tea Raffle with the winner drawn on the day. All money raised will go towards the Australian Cancer Council.

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