

St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3 Newsletter



Monday 23rd October 2023

CONGRATULATIONS HARVEY!!! Touch Football Trials

The Diocese of Bathurst conducted touch football trials in Dubbo last Thursday and St. Lawrence's had four students attend. Congratulations to Jack Stewart, Liam Karavas, Henley Flood and Harvey Jaeger on your wonderful performance against so many other amazing players. Liam and Harvey were selected in the possibles and probables and then played again where Harvey was successful in being selected into the Polding team. Well done Harvey on your success it is a wonderful achievement to be selected into a Polding team. Harvey will now compete next May 2024 in the PSSA Championships.



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.

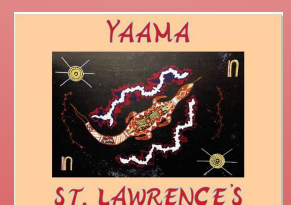
UPCOMING EVENTS

24th Oct Public Speaking Finalists to Cooinda

25th Oct Kinder Possum Magic

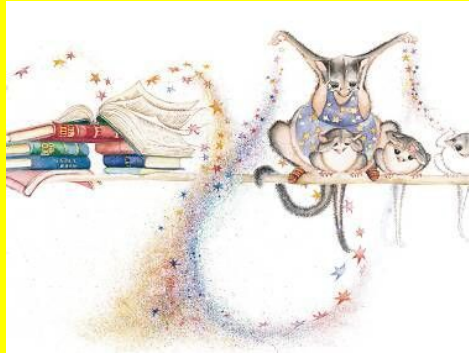
27th Oct Bandanna Day

27th-29th Oct Scome Beef Bonanza



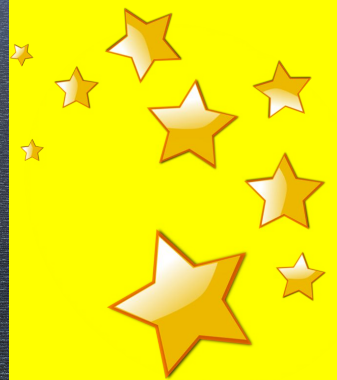
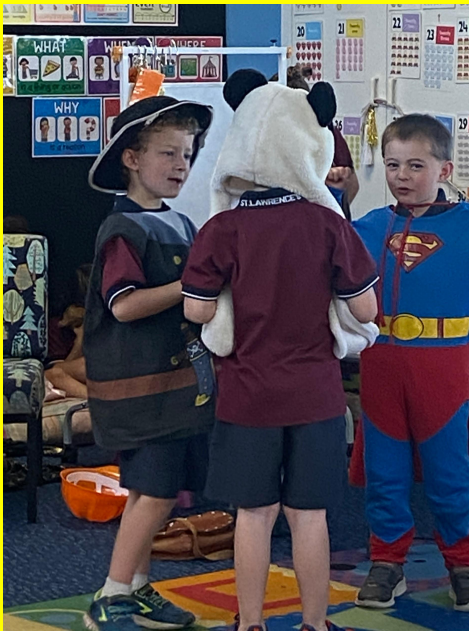
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Students in Kinder have been making wonderful progress with their reading and writing skills and are enjoying learning all about the book **Possum Magic** this term. We are so excited to be going to the theatre in Dubbo this coming Wednesday to see Possum Magic.



BIG TALK

We have been enjoying dressing up and performing in small groups to encourage our **BIG TALK** in writing lessons. Big talk is important in Kinder for students to be able to verbalise their ideas before they can write them down.



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



Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

St Lawrence's will be once again collecting items for our annual Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each class will aim to fill a complete hamper which will be distributed to local families by Vinnies closer to Christmas. Each student will be assigned a non-perishable item to donate towards their class hamper. A note will be sent home with students advising of their item. Hampers will be handed over to Vinnies on 8th December. Your generosity to assist those in need is appreciated.

Term 4 School Masses

1st Nov - All Saints Mass 9:15
14th Nov - St Lawrence's Feast Day Mass 12pm (Kinder Mass)
12th Dec - End of Year Mass 9:15



Reconciliation

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 16th November 2023

- Skylar Berry
- Milleita Cook
- Daley Flood
- Scarlett Fox
- Ava Harley
- Olivia Henley
- Savannah Swanson
- Edward Thompson
- Mya Watton

Altar Servers -

29th Oct - Noah
5th Nov - Jemma
12th Nov - Keithah

Congratulations to Our Award Winners

Kindergarten

Lucas Harrison-Taking such care to complete his work well.
Georgie Keeler-Reading with such great expression.
Amelia Korff-Always being ready to help others.
Theo Wykes-Trying so hard to sound out words.

Year One

Taylor Wilkinson-Great improvement in maths.
Ruby Large-Using technology to create an informative poster about recycling.
Liam McDonough-Brilliant work with making arrays and forming equal groups in maths.
Colbie Crawley-Excellent effort with inference questions when reading.

Year Two

Eadie Watton-Excellent partitioning work in Mathematics.
Savannah Swanson-Representing our school so elegantly at Horse Sports.
Skylar Berry-Wonderful use of adverbs in your writing.
Maddison Staples-Focus and positive enthusiasm towards your class work.

Year Three

Emma Johnston, John Neal, Arianah Rutland-Threadgate and Matilda Varty - For starting Term Four with an enthusiastic and determined attitude towards your learning.

Year Four

Maggie Rehwinkle-For your positive and happy attitude at school.
Kyson Knight-Chatfield-For your kind and caring attitude each and every day.
Laicy Harris-For always being ready to learn.
Camilla Antaw-For your kind and thoughtful actions on the excursion.

Year Five

Keithah Buchan-Good knowledge of digraphs and trigraphs.
Mia Freebairn-An excellent pencil grip.
Demi Parnell- Excellent manners all day.
Kyra Stanton- Independently writing a great first draft Captain's Speech.
Corey Rutland Threadgate-Displaying beautiful manners.

Year Six

Jorgia Maiden-Great work with evaluative, emotive and modal language.
Isla Volkofsky-A beautifully illustrated dreaming story.
Charlie Wilson-Being a cricket champion!
Phoebe Toynton-Showing more confidence in her Mathematics ability.

Happy birthday this week to: ~

**Savannah Swanson,
Perrie Morrissey,
Ruby Large!**





SWIMMING CLUB HAS STARTED

Coonabarabran Swimming Club has started for the 2023/2024 season if you or a friend are interested in joining please be at the pool at 5:45pm Monday to Thursday to find out how to sign up.

PLACE: COONABARABARN SWIMMING POOL
WHEN: MONDAY TO THURSDAY
TIME: 6-7PM

CLUB CONTACTS:

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P&F Fundraiser

Thank you to our P&F and volunteers who assisted in the operation of the bar at the Coona Cup Race Meet on the weekend. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our P&F and it is an annual event. Monies raised are currently marked to go towards the purchase of a refrigerated bubbler that will benefit all students.

Thanks again.



Radio Stars



Last week some Kinder and Year 6 Buddies teamed up to record a session at the radio station. This has been a huge process of preparation and practise with our Year 6 Buddies interviewing their Kinder Buddies and compiling a script and then rehearsing the scripts ready for recording. Thank you to our Year 6 Buddies for taking this task on with such enthusiasm and our Kinder Buddies and Mrs Redden for allowing us the time to work together. We will be recording a program each week until the end of term to try and ensure all students in Kinder and Year 6 have the opportunity to participate. The program recorded last week will air on Thursday at 6pm this week and is repeated again on the Sunday at 6pm.



St Lawrence's School Choir Meets Sydney Men's & Coonabarabran Men's Choirs



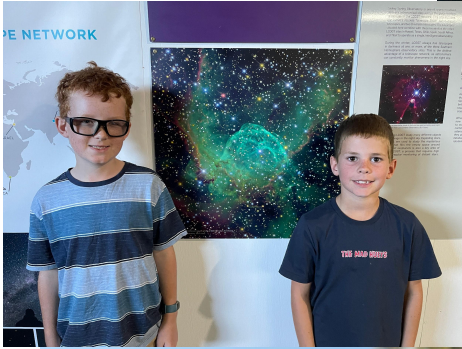
Last Wednesday evening the Sydney Men's Choir held a concert in our school hall. During the day our St Lawrence's School Choir was incredibly lucky to have been involved in a workshop with the Sydney Men's Choir and then invited to perform as part of their concert. The students learnt breathing techniques, a variety of warm up and voice training activities, how to sing a descant, as well as the song "I Still Call Australia Home" to then perform in the evening. Their music director James Paul was particularly impressed by our students' ability to hold higher notes and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, young and old. For the evening performance we first joined to sing with the Coonabarabran Men's Choir and then sung some of our own pieces, thank you to Isla Volkofsky for playing the ukulele for accompaniment for one of those. We then combined all three choirs together for the finale. Our students performed amazingly well and it was such a rewarding and inspiring experience for all involved.

Thank you to Di Suthons for her coordination in the lead up to the event, as well as the Coonabarabran Men's Choir. Thank you to all parents who made the extra effort to bring their children to and from the concert in the evening. Thank you to Mrs Natasha Milford for her ongoing support. And thank you to the Sydney Men's Choir for visiting us and providing our students with this phenomenal opportunity. Well done to our choir students, we are so proud of you!

Mrs Sarah Henley



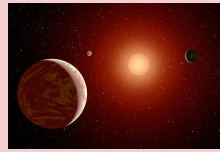
Stage 2 Siding Spring Observatory Excursion



Stage 2 Siding Spring Observatory Excursion Continued...

Year 3 and 4 students participated in an excursion to Siding Spring Observatory last week. Here is what they experienced:

- Tour of the large telescope including a walk around the skywalk
- 2 km walking tour around the top of the mountain to see all the different telescopes
- Yarning circle
- Visit with a Canadian Scientist - Blake, and his 15 telescopes (including a NASA telescope)
- Lunch at the newly built lodges
- Visit to the education center



From Year 3

Sensational, spectacular, staggering! This is how Year 3 would describe their day at the Siding Spring Observatory. We learnt about the power of the telescope and observing the sun was very interesting. We were given the amazing opportunity to walk the 'cat walk'. This is the walking section halfway up the outside of the main telescope. Year 3 and Year 4 also went on a bush walk and we saw the beautiful view of the Warrumbungles area. We talked about the connection the Warrumbungles has with the Gamilaraay people and learnt some very interesting facts about our universe.

Year 3 had a fun and exciting day (written by Year 3)

From Year 4

We liked walking around the big telescope on the skywalk. It was very high and exciting. We also really enjoyed interacting with the educational centre exhibits, especially the starbug game. Thank you Mr Watton for your Yarning Circle, especially finding out what the local Aboriginal people understand the Warrumbungles to represent. At the end of the day we were lucky enough to come across a mother and joey kangaroo relaxing in the shade. We learnt a lot about space, telescopes, the sun, nebulae, stars and galaxies.


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