



St. Lawrence State School

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community members,

I can hardly believe we are already in term 3 – please have a read of all the wonderful things that we got up to in term 2! I have also included some important dates to note on your calendar for this term. Last term we had plenty to keep us busy and I think that the weeks just flew by!

We had 3 students participate in NAPLAN testing this year. Khloe, Alex and William did a marvellous job in adapting to the new online testing format and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

We made our way to Marlborough State School and participated in Cluster Athletics. Each student tried their absolute best in shot put, long jump, high jump and sprints. Our students came away with plenty of colourful ribbons and always finished an event with a smile on their face. A very special mention to Khloe Brotherton who took out age champion – super effort Khloe!

The most recent update is that we are encouraged to wear face masks in places we cannot social distance – as this is not a mandate and only encouraged it is a personal choice. Please have a look at the following website <https://qed.qld.gov.au/covid19> for further information and remember to be vigilant on recognising symptoms and keeping your child home if needed. We are all still strongly following health guidelines to ensure that we are keeping our staff and students safe – as always, we are here to answer questions if you have them.

Last term, in conjunction with Isaac Regional Council we celebrated Ride to School Day. It was a fantastic morning with students bringing in their bikes / scooters and helmets – ready for a safety talk with Officer Olly and further a bike ride around the township of St Lawrence. It was great getting out and peddling around the town safely, followed by a BBQ lunch!



Upcoming Term 3 Events

Week 1

- First day of school Monday 11th July
- Whitsunday Voices Friday 15th July

Week 2

- Newsletter distributed Wednesday 20th July

Week 3

- P&C Meeting Wednesday 27th July

Week 4

- Miss Bendle participating in Take the Lead in Mt Isa 1st – 5th August.
- Mr Bull and Mrs Elletson Replacing

Week 5

- WPHS Meeting and Drills Wednesday 10th August

Week 6

- NSW Variety Bash Visit
- Guidance Officer Visit Wednesday 17th August

Week 7

- Mrs Counsell away on conference 22nd – 26th August
- SDK Regional Office School Visit Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th August

Week 8

- Miss Bendle away on QLD Variety Bash Monday 29th August – 2nd September
- Mrs Gaye Lovelock Replacing
- Student Free Day Friday 2nd of September

A BIG thanks to our helpers on the day – our wonderful staff, Karen Armstrong and Officer Olly – we are super lucky to be able to have days like this (check out the photos!)

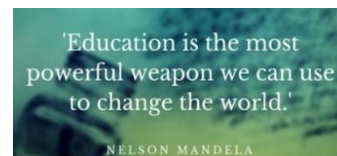
Following on from ride to school day, we also celebrated Chaplaincy Week. Our Chappy Kari put together a fun day of team building games (some got very competitive – mainly the adults!) and a colouring competition. We always love days like this and its important to build upon our respectful relationships.

Last term we also had a very important art project. Officer Olly asked us if we could bring back to life the old cast iron police placard sign (it is over 100 years old!). When we got it, it was just black and you could not see any of the details of the sign. We did some research and discovered that these signs are a bit of a limited addition, they were used to help the public identify police stations. Each and every student helped to restore the sign – Miss Stacey and I did the finer details, we are super impressed with our results! Our hard work was also noticed by Mackay Whitsunday Police District and we had a very special unveiling of our sign last term. The students were presented with certificates by Superintendent Tom Armitt for their efforts. It was a very special day, and we loved being part of revamping the sign for the community!

Our last week of term was certainly packed with excitement! We had our annual pyjama and pancakes day, always a fun day! We participated in a cluster social day at Marlborough and spent the day playing boardgames, practicing our origami skills, dancing and rock painting – whilst the teachers completed unit planning. We also snuck out to Clairview Bara Crab for a lovely lunch and play on the beach and finally we participated in another athletics day with Carmila State School! We do really enjoy getting out and visiting our local area and we are incredibly lucky to have our own bus!

Term 3 will be just as busy – we have already had an excursion to Mackay and participated in Whitsunday Voices Literacy Festival thanks to the Winchester Foundation. Please check the calendar for all the other upcoming events we have!

☺ Miss Bendle



Week 9

- Miss Bendle away on QLD Variety Bash Monday 5th – Friday 9th September
- Mrs Gaye Lovelock Replacing
- Funky Chicken Chris Collin Author Visit Monday 5th September
- Milman NRL Clinic and Gala Day Friday 9th September

Week 10

- Cluster Social day at St Lawrence Wednesday 14th September
- Last Day of School Friday 16th of September

KINDNESS
is a gift
everyone can
afford to give.



Miss Bendle's Classroom

In term 2 our focus in English was comprehending and retelling traditional stories. We learnt about different cultures and beliefs and in particular traditional stories from Indigenous Australian's and also stories from Japan and China. It was great exploring different points of view with the students and discovering the important moral of each story. The students had great understanding of the elements of a story and created their own wonderful stories with characters that faced a problem and learnt a lesson – the main theme in all their stories was being kind, please come in and have a read we certainly have some budding writers at our school! In the junior class a favourite story that was read was 'How the Birds Got Their Colours' everyone loved getting the paint out and created a retell by painting stories!



The latest from Mr Bull

During PE across the last semester, students concentrated on honing their throwing skills. They became aware of the correct skills to throw, pass and roll small and larger balls with accuracy while stationary and running. They practiced across a variety of games.

In science we explored growth of plants and animals with a focus on the stages of life of living things. We also investigated the use of earth's resources and how these resources help produce things we use in everyday life. The older students explored changes in the Earth's surface, in particular erosion. They became aware of the various strategies currently being used to reduce erosion.

In Hass, we explored special events and how they are celebrated and the upper students looked into our county's history and compared it to our current society.

Every day counts.



Every day counts! Children do better when they go to school all day, every day. They learn better, they make friends, they are happier and they have a brighter future! Just a reminder that if your child is away please contact the office (either a text or call) so that the school can be notified. The school mobile is **0436 944 948** or **49569134**

Milman Footy Gala Day

Our Cluster Sports Day is at **Milman on Friday 9th of September**. We will have an NRL Gala day and learn skills of the game! We will also have a few coaching days leading up – so watch out for notices!



Parent Teacher Interviews!

Thank-you to all parents and carers who came in for a parent teacher interview. It was wonderful discussing the progress of all the children and sharing our learning journey! Please remember that if you ever have any concerns or questions, please just ring the office and we can schedule a time to meet 😊

ALL THINGS KINDY

English

Today the Kindy's joined in with our Prep / 1 English lesson! We are establishing our skills in story retelling – we learnt about the 5 finger retell – characters, setting, problem, events and resolution. These are such big words for our Kindy's however they both did really well! We listened to and sang the nursery rhyme of *Incy Wincy Spider* – a well known rhyme that all children were able to sing along to. The kindy's were able to answer questions and identify the character in the story (*Incy, rain and sun*) and further were able to sequence events so that the story made sense. We then recorded our retell on the ipads and sounded like a famous person when we listened back to our own voices! Retelling is such an important skill – we use it all the time. I started the day with asking students to retell something from their weekend. Brennan told me about a trip to the beach and Lilly told me about watching an interesting movie!



QKLG Development Areas
Identity - **Connectedness** - Wellbeing - Active Learning
Communicating

National Volunteer Week!

This week we celebrate our volunteers for National Volunteer Week. The kindy kids were unsure of what a volunteer was, so we took the time to explain who these wonderful people are and things they do in our communities. We discussed how a volunteer will help others in many different ways, giving their time and efforts for the better of others. We all decided that volunteers are very special people! We asked a questionhow could you volunteer?...the answers were beautiful, we could help old and sick people, help to tidy up litter and help fight fires! We then got creative and made posters to display in the classroom, the kids had a ball as they formed hand print leaves in the colourful paints, it felt awesome on their hands and they didn't want to stop!

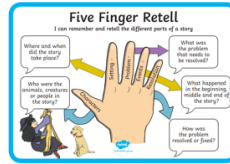
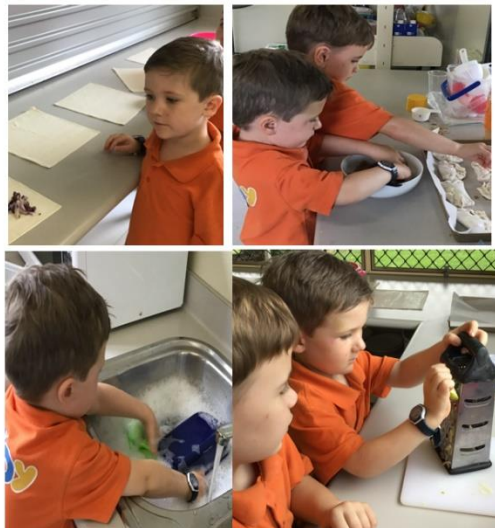


Cooking

Blueberry and Apple Strudels. A sweet and crunchy delight, warm straight out the oven. Both our Kindy Kids found great pleasure in sprinkling the sugar over the top before they went into the oven to bake. We watched them puff up and ooze blueberry syrup. Cleaning up the kitchen was just as much fun for Brennan today. Bubbles always make doing the dishes fun.

What I enjoyed...
 Sprinkling the sugar on top of the strudels. Plus a little bit for tasting.

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Look at us!



What are we learning in classroom – from the students!

Cyrus – I really love to do my maths work. I like numbers and counting and making patterns. I loved playing the games during Chappy Day, my favourite was the worm game!

Sophie – I was not at school last term because I was living and traveling in my caravan. My favourite part of my trip was seeing and feeding the different animals.

Scarlett – I liked reading the traditional stories, my favourite was 'How the Koala got its Stumpy Tail' because it was funny. I really liked coming to school for pyjama day too!

Micheal – I really like learning about living things in science. We learnt that plants need food like water to survive. I liked ride to school day because I like riding my bike, we also had a yummy ice-cream after.

Sydney – I liked English this term, we read lots of traditional stories and I learnt about different cultures and beliefs. I really enjoyed Camila Sports Day, it was good with all the field games, being a good sport and catching up with friends.

William – I really enjoyed when Officer Olly came to school and completed maths problems with me (I can't wait for him to visit again!). I loved that Miss Bendle took us to Clairview for lunch, the food was delicious and we got to have a play at the beach – I even found a whiting fish hook!

Kinley – I really liked creating and writing my own traditional story because I like being creative. My favourite event from last term was Ride to School Day, I loved riding to different places – I hope we get to do it again this term!

Khloe – I really enjoyed English because the traditional stories were interesting to read and I liked figuring out the moral of each story. I really liked Ride to School Day because we got to have Office Olly drive the car behind us – he even put the lights on!

Alex – I liked writing story about Sonic the Echidna, it was fun. I really enjoyed pyjama day because Miss Bendle made a yummy breakfast and we had a really fun day!



Chappy Chatter

Term 3, Week 2, 2022

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Hi Everyone

Well after a chilly start to the term, we're beginning to settle into a nice routine during our weekly Chappy Sessions. These happen on a Wednesday and this term the Kindy kids get to join in on some of the sessions too. Their presence means that everyone in the group has to slow down and be mindful of how difficult things are for the younger ones – especially as they are now doing their three-day weeks and are probably quite tired by Wednesday.

During the Junior sessions we generally read a book with a message of kindness, tolerance, empathy or self-control. We engage in some rhymes and song which are great to get the group listening, following directions and having fun with their peers. Then we use games (indoor or outdoor) to learn about taking turns, disappointment, understanding rules, following directions and developing skills of having fun without technology.

The Senior group (years 2-5) are continuing their understanding of the Zones of Regulation through games, stories and activities. This week we commenced work on a Toolbox of Coping Strategies to assist them when they need to alter their thinking or behaviour. We are also embarking on some mindfulness activities as well as a tool for regulation.

During the holidays I attended an annual Chaplaincy Conference which provides professional development on a range of topics. This year I elected to participate in electives on Handling Conflict and Supporting Students and Families after Traumatic Events. As well as the electives offered, we are fortunate to hear and see what other Chaplains do in their schools which is both inspirational and affirming. My role in the school forms part of the Well-being Framework and so professional development is a vital part of all chaplains' responsibility. This term I am also helping out a little more in the classroom which gives me an excellent opportunity to get to know the younger children better as I observe them in their daily activities.


I'm looking forward to an exciting term. If you have any questions about Chaplaincy in general, how it works in our school setting or how I can assist your child or your family, please get in touch.

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 myPolice Mackay Whitsunday ✓
9 June · 🌐

The cast iron Queensland Police placard on display at the front of the St Lawrence Police station in Macartney Street (approximately 160 kilometres from Mackay) is thought to be about 100 years old!

Senior Constable Oliver Gordon is currently working from the St Lawrence police station. He believed the cast iron placard needed rejuvenating and an updated look.

He approached students from the St Lawrence State School to see if they were interested in helping achieve this.

The help he received as a result was incredible - Senior Constable Gordon and all police officers from the Mackay police district are very grateful for the time and effort students and teachers provided.

The final outcome is something special. We wanted to share it with you, and also take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of the students and teachers who offered their time on this project.

In fact, some police officers from Mackay are planning to come to your school and thank you in person in the very near future.

St Lawrence State School P&C News

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready to power through the term.

St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend was held on the first weekend of holidays, and it was a fantastic weekend. Usually you would have found us in the canteen for the weekend catering for breakfast and lunch over the weekend. However, this year being a bit different we had the opportunity to assist Matt Golinski with his Long Table Luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity to watch Matt in all his glory for this event. We assisted with peeling prawns and crab (something we have become professionals at now!!) as well as helping prep some of his amazing food for the luncheon. Unfortunately, with all this prepping and eating of the lunch came the daunting task of washing up but we powered through all the dishes!!! Wetlands is one of our major fundraising events for the year and we would like to thank all our helpers for the weekend. We are excited to see what our contribution will be for next year.

Monday the 15th of August (4 weeks away!) the NSW Variety Bash are paying us a visit on their final leg of their tour. The Variety Bash has been very generous in donating many items to our school, including our cubby house, sports equipment, printer, mud kitchen and many other items. We are very excited to welcome the Variety Bash to our school. Our P&C will be catering lunch for around 230 of these wonderful people and we would love some volunteers to help us in preparations for this event. We would appreciate some help in setting up tables and chairs, making baked items as well as salads for the day. If you think you would be able to assist with any of this please come and see either Stacey or Wendy.

We will also be holding a raffle on this day consisting of 3 prizes and the Variety Bash requires that all prizes need to be donated. If you think you might have something you think would be a great prize to be part of this we would appreciate your donation. Please be aware that these need to be something they are able to take with them as they are limited for space.

Our P&C work hard to provide opportunities and resources for our school and students and we are always looking for new members. We welcome you to attend our meetings which are to be one per term and held at the school around 2:45pm. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

St Lawrence State School P&C Association Members

