Jesus opened the eyes of the blind men.  
He knew that their hearts and minds were opened to all that  
He had in store for them.  

As we open this school up to all in 2017  
may we open our hearts and mind too.

WELCOME BACK  
On behalf of the St Lawrence School Community I welcome everyone back for the 2017 school year.  
I hope you all enjoyed an opportunity to spend some quality time with your children over the Christmas  
break and all are refreshed for the new year.

NEW STAFF  
St Lawrence Primary School would like to welcome both Mrs Jacki Tucker and Miss Laura Byrne to  
our school community.

Mrs Jacki Tucker comes with a wealth of experience and  
knowledge and will be our Assistant Principal and Year Two  
Teacher.  
Miss Laura Byrne has been working at Mercy College and we will  
benefit from her expertise and enthusiasm. Miss Laura Byrne will be  
our Pre Primary teacher.

We wish them both all the best for 2017.

FATHERING PROJECT  
Our next function with children will be camping at Moore River Caravan Park on Friday and Saturday  
17/18 March 2017. To guarantee your spot as there is limited lots, all families who are interested in  
attending must pay a $20 non-refundable deposit. This will give an indication of how many families  
will be camping during this weekend. Please pay at the front office by Thursday 9 February.

PRINCIPAL ASSEMBLY  
On Friday at 8.45am there will be Principal’s Assembly. At this assembly Samuel Carbone will be a  
guest speaker who is a student who completed Year 12 last year and received the maximum mark of  
99.95%. Samuel will talk to all students about his experiences at St Lawrence and the dedication and  
commitment he had for his studies. All parents are welcome to all assemblies throughout the school  
year.
P&F FAMILY BBQ
Please place in your diaries Friday 17 February from 5.30pm as the whole school community will come together to have a Welcome Picnic and BBQ. It would be pleasing to see many families attend this community event.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE
I am pleased to announce that students have commenced learning in our newly renovated Early Childhood Centre today. The building looks fantastic and it was great to see the excitement on students and parents faces this morning. I would like to thank all staff but particularly Kindergarten and Pre Primary who have had to make sacrifices in the short term whilst this new building was being completed. Thanks to all staff for ensuring we are operational for students this morning.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal

COMING UP

Friday 3 February
Principal’s Assembly

Monday 6 February
Parent Meetings
Year 1 - 5.30pm
Year 2 - 6.15pm
Year 3 - 7.00pm

Tuesday 7 February
EDUDANCE

Thursday 9 February
Parent Meetings
Year 4 - 5.30pm
Year 5 - 6.15pm
Year 6 - 7.00pm
Welcome to the new school year. We are looking forward to meeting you and supporting you and your child at St Lawrence.

**ASSEMBLY**
There will be a Principal’s Assembly this Friday 3 February and Mr Rose will be welcoming our new students. Please come along if you are able to.

**PARENT MEETINGS**
Pre Primary – Year 6 classes will be having a Parent Meeting in their classroom. It is expected that at least one parent from each family should attend this meeting. The Pre Primary meeting will be held on Monday 13 February at 5.30pm.

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**EDUDANCE**
Children from Kindy to Year 6 will be commencing Edudance lessons each Tuesday this term. Please send your child in their sports uniform on Tuesdays and on their regular class sports day.

**MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS**
All children in Years 3,4 and 6 who are receiving a sacrament should have a mass attendance booklet and are expected to attend Mass at least once a month.

**P&F WELCOME BBQ**
Please join our P&F for a welcome BBQ on Friday 17 February. Further information can be found in the P&F section of the newsletter.

Mrs Jacki Tucker and Mrs Gabrielle Brennan
FOOD AND SAFETY

We have students in our school, who suffer from one of the most severe forms of allergic symptoms which is anaphylaxis triggered by nuts, nut products, fish and eggs.

Attacks of anaphylaxis usually occur either immediately or very soon after exposure to the trigger. These reactions can be serious and life threatening. For some children the reaction can occur even from the touch of another child who has been eating these foods or from residue. It is essential that we work towards ensuring that our school is ‘allergy friendly’. Therefore we ask parents to be extremely mindful of what they send to school for their children’s lunches or for birthday celebrations, or for class parties.

Thanking you for your support and co-operation.

Mrs Lynette Staltari Health and Safety Officer

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
Hello to everyone in Pre Kindy. It is so very exciting to begin a year with our new little children especially in our beautiful new Early Childhood Centre. Welcome to all new families to our school community. I also am thrilled to be working with a wonderful staff member - Mrs Pina Fiorenza and look forward to all the nice things we will be doing together. For the next few weeks, we will complete our activities around the theme of MARVELLOUS ME. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to share in your child's learning journey.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
Welcome to Kindy 2017 and to our wonderful new classroom. The children had a fabulous day playing, making new friends and settling in. They met “Snowy” the bear and sang a song with him. They did their first painting and we took photos for their portfolios.
It was great to see all the smiling faces having fun. Even the children who were a little upset to start with all settled and had a good time. We look forward to Friday when they come for a longer session before our full days next week. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Welcome to the 2017 school year. I would like to welcome all the Pre-Primary students and their families to a wonderful year of learning and fun. I am extremely excited to be part of a supportive and caring school and I look forward to getting to know everyone throughout the coming weeks.
I hope everyone had a lovely time celebrating Christmas and spending time together as a family over the school holidays.
Day one of Pre-Primary has gone extremely well and all the students are beginning to settle in.

Miss Laura Byrne, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Welcome to Year One 2017! Welcome also to our new student Italia. It was great to see lots of smiling faces this morning as the children came into class. The children have been working hard and are getting used to the way Year One works. Thank you to the parents for your support this morning. Some of the children do not have all of their books and thank you to those parents who spoke to me about this. If you could get everything in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated. Tonight the children have brought home their reading books and Homework Journal. Please check the Journal for notes. Reading is to be done every night and needs to be filled in on their Reading Sheet. A reminder that the Year One Parent Night will be held on Monday 6th February at 5.30pm in the Year One classroom. I look forward to meeting you all and to a great year. Have a great week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher
YEAR TWO
A big welcome to all our Year Two families. Mrs Bozich and I are excited to be working together to make your child’s year a happy and beneficial one. It was wonderful to meet our students this week and we are looking forward to getting to know them better as the term progresses. I am delighted to be part of the St Lawrence community and am thankful to be part of such a dynamic and positive team.

Mrs Jacki Tucker, Year Two Teacher

Hi to all children and families in Year Two. I am excited to be working with Mrs Tucker and you all for 2017. I am sure it is going to be a very fulfilling and exciting year. We have much work ahead of us – but I am looking forward to the enthusiasm and hard work that I am sure the children are capable of. Our Wednesdays are going to be great, just like the rest of the school week!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year Two Wednesdays

YEAR THREE
Welcome all Year 3 parents and families. I trust this will be a year of many blessings for your child. I am looking forward to getting to know each of your wonderful children. We will begin morning reading next Monday morning. Parents who are able to help and listen to a small group of children read, please do so from 8.30am to 8.50am Monday to Thursday. Our parent teacher information night for Year 3 is next Monday at 7.00pm in the classroom. Looking forward to meeting you all then. If you have not covered all the books please do so by next Monday.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
Year Four has had a wonderful start to the school year! The students have enjoyed their STEM challenge, Maths games and class building activities. It has been lovely to see the MJR Spirit in our Year Four classroom as the students have eagerly welcomed our new student Juan Diego. Our EDU Dance lessons will commence on Tuesday next week and will continue throughout the term. Our Year Four parent information evening will be held on Thursday 9th February at 5:30pm.

Year Four Specialist Days
Monday – Italian & Music
Tuesday – Sport
Wednesday – Library
Thursday - Sport

Miss Emma Reid, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
It is wonderful to be back with this fabulous group of Year Five students! Thank you for getting cover sheets glued on to all books and pads. Each student has notes in their diary about what they are missing or need to add to their iPad. Sports uniform is to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students have a reading schedule to complete each night and Maths homework which is due Friday. No Mathletics or spelling homework has been given this week. Our Year Five Parent Meeting will be in the classroom from 6:15pm to 6:45pm next Thursday 9th February - I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
It was fantastic to see all the Year 6’s looking so enthusiastic and excited to see each other again. Today we spoke about leadership and discussed their roles at school. We also talked about developing a Growth Mindset and the students have a homework assignment on this theme. This assignment will be due at the end of Week 2 (Friday 10 February). We will make some time in class to work on ideas and sort out any problems students may have completing this assignment. Regular homework will start in Week 3 and I will discuss this at the Parent Information Night next week. Over the next two weeks we will also be completing various numeracy and literacy tests so I can see where you student is at and what areas they need to work on.
I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your children, please come and see me if you have any concerns or queries.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year 6 Teacher
SUMMER UNIFORM
Welcome back to Term 1, students in Year 1 - 6 return back to school in Summer Uniform. Sports Uniform for Year 1 to 3 is worn on Mondays and Thursdays and Year 4 to 6 is worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

EARLY CHILDHOOD T-SHIRT
The early childhood t-shirt is now available for purchase in the color Red for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary students at a cost of $17.00 each. Sizes 2,4,6 and 8 are available. Please note that the Early Childhood T-Shirt is NOT compulsory for students to wear.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
Second Hand Clothing is available for sale and are on display. If you have any unwanted uniform clothing items in GOOD saleable condition, (please NO TIES, HATS AND SOCKS), these items can be donated to Uniform Shop, items can be left in school office or directly to Uniform Shop. BIG thank you to parents who have kindly donated.

*** OPENING HOURS Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thurs 2.30 - 3.30pm ****

Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome
Hello everyone and welcome back to a brand new year. We are looking forward to another year of good healthy food for your children.

Canteen Menu
There have been a number of changes to the Canteen Menu. Attached to this newsletter is the updated menu.

Have a fantastic week
Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager
Nancy Donatelli and Christina Russo Canteen Assistant

P&F NEWS

WELCOME
On behalf of the new P&F Committee for 2017 (Anja Mojas, Frances Caccamo and Laura Russo), I would like to welcome you to the new school year.

On Friday 17th February, there will be a Welcome Picnic which every family is invited to attend. Come along and enjoy dinner and entertainment whilst catching up with families and friends.

Term 1 P&F Meeting: Friday 24th February at 2.00pm. Everyone invited to come along.

Mrs Caterina Di Carlantonio
P&F President - pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au
The P&F, in conjunction with the School Board, would like to invite the school community to celebrate the beginning of the new school year

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY
5.30pm-7.30pm

We will provide:

- Spit roasted meat (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll
- Condiments
- Cool Drinks and Water to for purchase for $2
- Plastic plates, napkins, forks

To help make this a community night please bring a plate to share:

- A-L are asked to bring in a dessert to share
- M-Z are asked to bring in a salad (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

Please bring Salads/Sweets in a disposable container and with disposable serving utensils if needed

Entertainment:

- Children can dance along in the Silent Disco and win some prizes
- Everyone can take some photos in the Photo Booth

As we are having the event catered, please complete the R.S.V.P slip below and return to the office by Friday 10th February

We will be attending the Annual Family Welcome Night : Friday 17 February 2017

Family Name __________________________________________

Adults _________________      Children _________________________