On the way home from Church a little boy asked his mother:

“Is it true, mummy, that we are made from dust?
Yes darling.
And do we go back to dust again when we die?
Well the outside of us does anyway.

Then in that case the little boy said earnestly, I think there is someone under my bed, but I am not sure whether they are coming or going”.

Sometimes our lives are so busy that we do not know whether we are coming or going.
In this Season of Lent, we are reminded of our own mortality and the need to remain focused on sharing God’s love with one another.

ASH WEDNESDAY
All students from Year 1 to Year 6 celebrated Mass for Ash Wednesday. Fr Emil, our new Parish Priest, spoke about the importance of treating everyone with greater compassion and love during the Season of Lent. May we strive to be more like Jesus throughout this Lenten Season.

P&F BBQ
A reminder on Friday 19 February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm there will be a Family Welcome Night which would be pleasing to see many families attend this community building event. Please return the slip to the office by Friday 12 February for catering purposes. The P&F have organised a disco in the school hall for all students. Hope to see you there!

BUSH FIRES
A reminder on Friday 4 March all students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be participating in our Bush Fire Fundraising Appeal from 1.40pm to 2.40pm. Students are asked to bring in 20cents, 50cents and $1.00 coins to participate in the many fundraising activities throughout the school. Parents are most welcome to attend this fundraising event.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I would like to thank and commend all families for ensuring all students have their correct school uniform. The students look fantastic in their new school socks.
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Kindy in 2017 are currently being processed.
Even if you have siblings at the school you still need to fill out relevant application forms for your child.
If you have a child ready to commence Kindy in 2017, please contact the school office immediately for an enrolment form. If you know of other families within the community that would like to enrol their child into our Kindergarten programme for 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2017 are currently being processed.
If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2017, please contact the school office immediately for an application form. If you know of other families within the community that would like to enrol their child into our Pre-Kindergarten programme for 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

HEALTH CARE CARD
If you are a holder of a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you are entitled to a discount on your tuition fees. An application form must be completed and a copy of your current card supplied. Further information and application forms are available from the school office. Please supply this information by Friday 19 February 2016.

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

At a glance……

- Thursday 11 February: Years 4, 5 & 6 Parent Meetings
- Friday 12 February: 8.45am Year 3 Liturgy of the Word
- Tuesday 16 February: - 8.45am P&F Meeting
- - Edudance
- - 7.00pm Netball Registration Meeting

TERM ONE 2016
Monday 1 February to Wednesday 6 April (Pupil Free Days: 7 & 8 April)
ASH WEDNESDAY
Children in Years 1 to 6 attended Mass this morning for Ash Wednesday. Kindy and Pre Primary children received the ashes in their classrooms. Project Compassion boxes have been sent home to every family today. Please keep these boxes at home during the season of Lent and return them to the church during Holy Week. Please donate to Project Compassion to help empower communities to learn more and create change.

PARENT MEETINGS
The Year 4 to Year 6 classes will be having a Parent Meeting in their classroom. At least one parent should attend this meeting.

Year 4- Thursday 11 February 5:30pm
Year 5- Thursday 11 February 6:15pm
Year 6- Thursday 11 February 7:00pm

EDU DANCE
Children from Kindy to Year 6 commenced EDU Dance lessons on Tuesday.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Year 3 class will be celebrating the Liturgy of the Word on Friday 12 February in the hall at 8:45am. It would be wonderful to see many parents there.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

MJR
(Making Jesus Real)

Year 3’s showing MJR by working together
Miss Angela Leddin
**CLASS NEWS**

**PRE KINDY**
Pre Kindy children had an enjoyable start to their year with two groups coming in during the day to try to become acquainted with some new friends and staff. This week we will have all our children joining us for the whole day. Our focus is Marvellous Me and we will look at the exciting things we can do as well as the special things we can learn especially starting off with Colours.

A reminder that if your child is absent, or late or unwell you will need to send me an email - bozich.kaylene@catthednet.wa.edu.au for the purposes of staff keeping our class roll up to date and accurate. Please cc the admin into your emails to admin@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

Sincere thanks for your cooperation with this.

_Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher_

**KINDERGARTEN**
What a hot one for our first full week! I'm sure the children are feeling tired as they adjust to their new routine but it won't take long and they will settle. They are a gorgeous group of children. It has been fantastic to see the healthy lunches the children are eating. We ensure they eat the sandwiches and healthy foods before eating any treats. Please remember a hat everyday and please remember to apply sunscreen before coming to Kindy especially in this hot weather.

We will begin having parents on roster in a couple of weeks as soon as all the children settle. A roster will go up on the pin up board outside.

For literacy this term we will focus on learning syllables in words. These are the beats we hear in words. The children will also be encouraged to develop their speaking skills by describing objects from our news bag. This helps to develop confidence and speaking in full sentences. In Maths we will be counting and learning numbers and shapes. Have a wonderful weekend.

_Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher_

**PRE PRIMARY**
What a hot week we have had to start off the term! Mrs Baker and I have been reminding the children to drink water although some of them are still managing to drink very little. Please re-enforce that they must have drank one full bottle by home time. We do allow them to fill their bottle during the day if they run out.

On Monday I sent home a letter explaining the start of the year assessments that I will be carrying out. This is for me to inform my programming for your child. Please do not feel that there is a standard that they need to be at, this is the first formal year of education for your child and we simply wish to find out our starting point. Please send me an email if you have any concerns.

Once we get settled into our routines I will pop up a parent help roster. This may be in Week 5 or so as at the start of the year it takes a little while to settle in.

This week we have been talking about Ash Wednesday and Lent and we have spoken about what we may give up or take up for lent to show our love for Jesus. This would be a lovely conversation to have at home. You may like to take up something simple such as saying a prayer together every night or perhaps giving a coin to charity each week. We have also been practicing our sounds s, a, t, p, i and n and also practicing backwards counting from 15!

_Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher_

**YEAR ONE**
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Night on Monday evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents. The children have settled in well and are getting used to the routines of Year One. This is especially so in the morning with our morning activities and morning reading. Please ensure all Music books are contacted and returned by Monday. There are also some Library books that need to be contacted and returned. The children met their buddies yesterday. We look forward to working with them during the year. Reading Eggs and Mathletics passwords have been sent home today. These have been glued into the children's Homework Journals to allow them to be used at home and at school.

Have a great week.

_Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher_
YEAR TWO
Thank you to those parents that attended the Parent Meeting on Monday night. If you didn’t attend, please make an appointment to see me if you haven’t already done so. A reminder that next Thursday, 18th February is the Year 2 excursion. Please make sure you sign and return your child’s permission slip by Friday. Morning Reading has started, if you can remain for 15 minutes in the morning to listen to children read, we would love to have you! If your child’s home reader is too difficult please let me know so we can find a more appropriate level. Finally, on the 4th of March the school will be holding a fundraiser for the recent bushfires. The Year 2 students will be running a ‘Chocolate Throw’ stall. If each child could donate one or two chocolates it would be greatly appreciated. It could be anything from a freddo frog to a block of chocolate. Many Thanks!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Library lessons are now in full swing and it is great to see the enthusiasm with which children are borrowing and reading their library books.

Children’s library sessions for this year are as follows:

- **Tuesday**: Kindy, Years 3,4 and 5 – Lesson and Book Change
  Pre-Primary – Lesson only
- **Wednesday**: Years 1,2 and 6 – Lesson and Book Change
  Pre-Primary – Book Change

All children must bring their library bags on their book change day. This is most important as our books need to be protected on their journey to and from school.

Help Needed: We are always in need of help in the library, especially with shelving and book covering. It really helps children to find the resources for which they are looking if they are shelved promptly. If you are able to spare the occasional hour or so on a Tuesday or a Wednesday, please come and see us in the library. We will gladly train any interested volunteers!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The first issue of Book Club pamphlets was sent home yesterday. For each issue, students will now receive only one larger pamphlet appropriate to their year group. There will be two issues in Terms 1, 2 and 4. Last year, Book Club received tremendous support from the school community and as a result, we were able to get many new resources for the library. When ordering from Book Club, please note the following:

- Pamphlets will usually be sent home on a Tuesday and order forms need to be returned to class teachers on the following Tuesday.
- Place order form and correct money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class on both the order form and the envelope.
- **Credit Card payments can be made online but the order form and credit card payment receipt still need to be returned to class teachers in a labelled envelope.**
- Cheque payments should be made out to Scholastic Book Club.

Completed order forms for the current issue need to be returned to class teachers by next Tuesday, 16th February.

LITERACY PRO

Students can access the Literacy Pro website at home to complete Book Quizzes and also to search for lexile books they would like to borrow. They will need to remember their User Name and Password to do this. The website address is as follows: https://slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/intl/Login/AUS433G

This is the only address from which they will be able to access the programme.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

SUSHI
On Thursday the 25th of February we will have Sushi. Varieties include chicken, vege, tuna and combo. Cost: $6.50. Please PRE ORDER by Friday the 19th of February.

iPOD up for Grabs
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost : $2.00 for 3 tickets. The winner will be announced on the last day of term.

Volunteer
If you would like to volunteer to help in the Canteen, please see myself, Nancy or Samantha.

Have a fantastic week.
Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Manager’s and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant.

“The Laurie Award”
Family Welcome Night - Friday 19th February 2016 commencing at 5.30pm
There is a flyer attached and a hardcopy has been sent home this week. To assist with catering, please ensure to RSVP by Friday 12 February.

Cadbury Chocolate Egg Fundraiser
The P&F are excited to announce the launch of its Cadbury chocolate Easter egg fundraiser for Term 1. With Easter fast approaching now is the perfect time to buy your eggs without the hassle of shopping. The box will contain 20 pre-mixed bags of the following: 125g Dairy Milk Chocolate Eggs, 125g Caramello Eggs, 125g Crunchie Eggs. We are able to offer these Easter chocolates at $4.00 per bag. These bags retail for $4.50 each at major supermarkets. The cost of the box will be $80, of which we will profit $30.00.
You may wish to buy them yourself or sell them to relatives, workmates or neighbors. All profits will go towards the purchase a new Springboard reading series with a range of guided reading books across year levels. For each box sold you are entered in a raffle to win a Easter Home Baking Hamper contains a quality baker’s apron, three packets of Cadbury Chocolate Melts and two silicon Easter baking moulds, all in a wicker basket. The more boxes sold, the more chances to win. The family who sells the most amount of boxes will also win a hamper. We understand that all families are busy, and sometimes selling 20 bags of chocolates is a bit much. We also understand that some of us eat all 20 bags! Keeping this in mind this year we have the added the option to donate $30 rather than sell the chocolates. Forms to advise your preference are due back on Friday 19th February 2016.

Next P&F Meeting
Our first P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February 2016. We would love to see as many people as possible. It is a relaxed and informal meeting that will last approximately 30 minutes. Agenda items will be discussed and the Principal, John Rose will also provide a detailed report. Your thoughts, ideas and comments are important. For those unable to attend minutes of all meetings will be emailed electronically with newsletters.

Class Representatives
To nominate please fill out the slip below and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Narelle Zacknich, P&F President and Executive Committee

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The P&F in conjunction with the School Board would like to invite the school
community to help celebrate the beginning of the new school year on:

**FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016  5.30pm-7.30pm**

We will provide dinner:

**Spit roasted meat** (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll  & condiments

Cold Cool drinks will be available to purchase for $2 each

For convenience plastic plates, napkins and forks will be provided

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

**A-L** are asked to bring in a **Salad** (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

**M-Z** are asked to bring in a small plate of **Sweets** to share

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

There will be entertainment for the children provided by

**Bop Till You Drop Disco 5.45-7.15pm**

On the night there will be a raffle for a meat pack

As we are having the event catered, please complete the R.S.V.P slip below and return
to the school office by **Friday 12th February 2016**

**Hope to see you all there!**

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We will be attending the Annual Family welcome night : Friday 19 February 2016

Family Name __________________________________________________________

Adults _______________  Children ____________________________
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Friday 19th February  Please ensure all extra boxes or opt out slips have been returned to the office.
Monday 29th February  Fundraising boxes will be sent home.
Thursday 24th March  All money for sold boxes to be returned to the office

If you have any queries see one of the P&F committee at school or email pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

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CADBURY EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER

OLDEST CHILD FULL NAME: __________________________ YEAR ___________

☐ I request a total of _________ fundraising boxes

☐ I am a bit busy to sell chocolates, but would still love to help. I would like to donate $30 instead

☐ We are unable to participate in this fundraiser

PLEASE NOTE: IF THIS SLIP HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
A FUNDRAISER BOX WILL BE SENT HOME TO YOUR FAMILY
SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK FOR 2016

ACCOUNT OPENING DAY—WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016

St Lawrence Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program for the 4th year running to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day at St Lawrence Primary School on Wednesday 2 March 2016 from 8:00am in the Learning Centre. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification (passport) and the application form attached. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. Application for Youthsaver account is attached.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our School Banking Co-ordinators by leaving your contact details with the staff in the front office.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

UPDATE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING TEAM

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

WIN A WILDLIFE FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY TO AUSTRALIA ZOO!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TERM 1

Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Flying Snake Tail  Wildlife Writer Set

WEEKLY BANKING PROCEDURE

School banking will take place each Wednesday in the Learning Centre from 8.00 a.m.
The following steps will help with school banking:

- Please complete the deposit slip by inserting the students name, account number and student number, (the account number is located on the left side of the deposit book and student number should be between 1 – 250). If you don’t have any of these numbers, please leave blank.
- Go to Learning Centre with your Deposit Book
- Give money to the school co-ordinator (There is no minimum deposit required)
- A silver token will be given to you to qualify for a gift after collecting 10 tokens

We will help you every step of the way.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently the School Banking day is every Wednesday. If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return to the school office marked for the attention of Nancy Donatelli.

Banking Coordinators Lucia Ewen and Nancy Donatelli

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Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Availability: _______________________________________
St Lawrence Netball Club 2016

The season is fast approaching and it is time to get organised.

Netball registration meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7.00pm in the school hall. One parent from each player must be present at this meeting to register your child. (I would prefer no children at the meeting if possible). Registration fees (payable on the night) will be advised.

We will need a new team for our Year 3’s, and a team manager and coach. Hopefully the existing teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 will have sufficient players. Any new players interested in joining the teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 are most welcome.

We would also welcome players from outside the school. If you have family or friends who may be interested, please ask them to come along to the meeting.

All new players will need to bring a copy of their Birth Certificate for the club’s records. Without this your child cannot be registered.

More information will follow. Should you have any questions please call me on 0403 317 850 or email pbulich@bigpond.com

Just a reminder, we have a new netball committee:

- President: Paula Bulich
- Vice-President: Lucia Ewen
- Treasurer: Mary Mucciarone
- Secretary: Sandra Caccamo

Looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead of netball.

Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence Netball Club President
ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are coming to your school for your free AFL skills clinics............

Please join us on

**Wednesday 10th February**
**and Wednesday 17th February 2016**
**from**
**3.30pm to 4.15pm**

Please bring your hat, sunscreen, a friend and your sense of sporty fun!!!!!

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