REFLECTION
Some inspirational quotes to keep you positive:
“One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day”
“Smile, there are seven billion people in this world, don’t let one ruin your day”
“The happiest people do not have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything”
“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you are right”
“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be”

30 YEARS SERVICE
Last Friday morning at the Catholic Schools Breakfast Mrs Kaylene Bozich was recognised for her 30 Years of Service to Catholic Education in Western Australia and particularly at St Lawrence Primary School. This is a significant achievement that Mrs Bozich should be very proud of and the positive influence she has had over many students during these 30 years of teaching. Congratulations.

PARISH SOCCER MATCH
Last Sunday afternoon a number of families from the parish came together and played a game of soccer in a relaxed atmosphere in an effort to build relationships and connections with the parish. I would like to thank all families who participated in this activity. Thanks to our wonderful P&F who organised food, refreshments and bouncy castles to entertain the children.
Fr Irek has requested all participants from the soccer match to attend the 6pm Mass on Sunday 14 April as he will be distributing various awards for the players.
COFFEE AND CAKESTALL
Thanks once again to our busy P&F who co-ordinated a coffee and cake stall after the morning parish masses on Sunday. The funds raised are greatly appreciated.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
On Monday 6 May eight local Catholic Schools will be joining together at Mercy College to look at how to assess using the Australian Curriculum. The staff will have key note presenters as well as an opportunity to continue to develop relationships with other teachers of the same year level with schools across our region. This is a great opportunity to network and learn what works at other schools. Please be aware this will be pupil free day and students will return to school in Term Two on Tuesday 7 May.

STARTSMART INSERVICE
Last week all classes from Year 3 to Year 6 were taught good money saving techniques which will allow them to be more financially independent in the future.

John Rose
Principal

Week at a glance.......  
| Thursday 11 April: | Perth Glory Soccer Clinic |
| Friday 12 April:  | Year One Paraliturgy |
| Sunday 14 April   | 6pm Reconciliation Enrolment Mass |

Term Dates
Term One concludes on Friday 19 April
Monday 6 May Pupil Free Day
Term Two commences for students on Tuesday 7 May
and concludes on Friday 5 July

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
When you shop at Woolworths collect Earn and Learn points from the checkout and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Points sheet. One point for every $10. When the sheet is completed please place in the collection box located in the Learning Centre.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
There are no books to be sent home for the remainder of term 1 as all learning areas have been covered for this term.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT MASS
All Year 3 students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation need to attend the Enrolment Mass this Sunday 14 April at 6:00pm with at least one parent.

YEAR 1 PARALITURGY
Year 1 paraliturgy will be held this Friday 12 April.

ASSEMBLY
The final assembly for term 1 will be an Assistant Principal assembly held on Friday 19 April.

Mrs Marie Heavey and Miss Angela Leddin, Assistant Principals
A moment with Sister Chitra

Our Rainbows Programme is shortly due to commence this year at St Lawrence School. Rainbows is a peer support programme for children living in a single parent or step family or who have suffered a significant loss in their life. It provides children with an opportunity to express their feelings in a safe and confidential setting. Grief is a normal reaction to a significant loss. Frequently children do not express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, school work, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development. The programme consists of fourteen weekly sessions where the children meet in small groups. The adults and the children within the programme are bound by confidentiality. I am a fully trained Rainbows facilitator and look forward to working with you and your children. If you feel the Rainbows Programme may be helpful for your child/children, please see the attached Rainbows information letter along with this week’s newsletter and complete the form and return it to the school.

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
Relationships Australia (WA) is a community-based, not-for-profit organization with no religious affiliation. Their services are for people from all walks of life, regardless of age, race and gender. They are committed to enhancing the lives of communities, families and individuals and supporting positive and respectful relationships. Promoting healthy relationships in all areas and all stages of life are their priority. They offer counseling for couples, families and individuals; family dispute resolution; education courses and one day seminars; professional development and employee assistance programs. For more information go to http://www.wa.relationships.com.au or call 9489 6300

LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to Jessica Ferguson who has generously offered to fund the purchase of six book return trolleys to be used by Kindy, Pre-Primary and Years 1 and 2. This will make it so much easier for our library helpers, in these classes, to return the many books that are borrowed each week.

The City of Stirling is once again providing a range of holiday activities in its public libraries. On Monday 22nd April, Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April, there will be information sessions running to teach children how to look after their pets. U Can Hatch Us Chicken Hatching Programme will also be running from April 22nd to May 3rd. We all enjoyed looking at the baby chicks in Pre-Primary earlier this term, so this will give children another opportunity to see baby chicks hatching. For more details, visit The City of Stirling Libraries website.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
The children have been enjoying the activities we have been doing for the "Colour" theme, especially the green jelly last week! This weeks colour is yellow and we have something else for them to taste. The last week of term will be "Rainbow" colours. Remember to come dressed in these colours. Our parent roster will start next term. This is a great opportunity for you to come and see what we do and to have some fun with your child. The roster is for the morning from 8.45 to about 11.30. If this time doesn't suit, please come and see me and we can arrange a time that's more suitable. Our preference is for one parent per session but again we can make arrangements to suit all. Both the parent and washing rosters will go up this week on the outside pin up board.
I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support over the term. I know it has been difficult at times for some children and their parents! It is a big change for many children especially if this is their first time away from Mum and Dad. We just need to stay positive and let them settle at their own pace.
Please keep working on helping the children to become independent when going to the toilet. Encourage them to pull up their clothing or put their clothes back on by themselves.
We welcome Isabel to our class this week. Next term we will have three new children to complete our group.

Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher
KINDERGARTEN
The children are working very hard in class with the Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales focus. They are also learning how to recognise and write the numbers 1-5 as well as the letters a-g. It would help if you could talk about this at home. Earlier in the term we looked at shapes – Triangles, Circles, Squares and Rectangles.

For our Mums – we have a special celebration for Mother’s Day in Term Two, the very first week back. We ask you to come into the classroom on Friday 10th May where we will be having a Mother’s Day afternoon tea especially for you. It will be approximately 1.45 pm in the Kindy class and as we will be serving hot refreshments we ask that no toddlers be brought in for this special occasion. It is really an occasion for you to spend some time with other Kindy mums and then some time with your child. The children will join us later for some songs. Hopefully also knowing this date in advance may give our working mums time to make arrangements to be able to join us on this special day.

Only one week of Term One left and how very busy we have been!!!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY NEWS
Thank you to the parents that were able to attend the information session on the children’s Learning File. It was lovely to see such a large number of parents attending. Please ensure that the Learning File comes to school each day. I am happy to say that most of class used theirs last night and are very much enjoying learning about letters. A reminder that the yellow scrap books were due back to school after the Easter long weekend and there are still a few missing. Please contact the books and return to school as soon as possible.

At the moment we are learning about ‘Our Family’. Please take the time to discuss your family with your child and how all families are different. This week we designed our own home and created a family tree.

Miss Rachel Keast, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help with Reading roster and Literacy block roster. Your assistance is always appreciated.

You are all welcome to join us in the school hall this Friday to celebrate our paraliturgy at 9am.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students have been working very hard this week, they have all been putting in a great effort! We have just started working on recounts, so over the holidays it would be helpful to discuss with them some of the things they have been doing, as they will be writing a recount about their holiday early next term. The students have also finished painting their mini sculptures and they are on display in the learning centre. Thanks again to those parents who have been helping with morning reading. I know it is difficult, but please try to ensure your child is here at 8:30 so we can complete morning reading promptly. A few people have mentioned they have had issues with Mathletics – unfortunately I am not always available to help in this area, but I will do my best to look into any issues.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

YEAR THREE
A reminder that the Reconciliation Enrolment Mass is this Sunday 14 April at 6:00pm, all children must attend with at least one parent. Please try to come 10 minutes before the mass as we need to give students and parents name tags, enrolment forms and mass booklets to use during the mass. During the mass parents will be asked to put their child’s name on a banner and children will be asked to bring their enrolment form up to Father and they will read a prayer together on the altar. I will practise this with the children in class. Parents please make sure that your child is attending mass regularly as it is a requirement that children must attend mass at least once a month. It is important that your child’s Sacramental Attendance Book is signed or has a sticker from Father each time. Thank you everyone for your support.

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher
KINDERGARTEN
Kindy Catch Up at Stirling Civic Gardens at 10am on Monday 22 April. Siblings welcome. Please add your details to the form at the front of the Kindy room. This is the easiest way to keep in touch.

Many thanks, Michelle Millard and Fiona Femia

YEAR FOUR
Parents we are having a get together on Tuesday 16 April at 10am at Siderno Café, Osborne Park. Please RSVP by Friday 12 April to Frances 0407 354 420. Would love to see as many parents as we can for a catch up before end of term.

Frances Svilicich, Year Four Class Rep

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Please take note that the Uniform shop will be closed as of Friday 19 April. The Uniform Shop will re-open on Wednesday 8 May as per normal trading times. Winter price lists and order forms are available from the school office

Uniform Shop Hours
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome to a new week. I would like to thank Pam Winton for your help last week, very much appreciated.
Reminder that we are having a sausage sizzle next Friday 19 April. No other food will be available on this day. Cost of the sausage sizzle is $3.50. Please pre-order by Thursday 18 April. Anyone who orders a sausage sizzle will go into a raffle draw to win a hamper.
Sausage Sizzle is available from Kindy to Year Six.
Reminder to parents to please check the menu on our website as the prices have slightly increased since last year. Parents a reminder that freshly brewed coffee is on sale after 8.30am for $2.
Thank you again to everyone for all your help this term.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress

Coffee and Cake Morning at the Parish on Sunday
THE COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM IS HERE!

Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! The good news is St Lawrence Primary School is now participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop these important savings skills. The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

Existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver accounts:

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

New Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver accounts:

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account you can do the following:
1. Open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in!
2. Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online.
3. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. (Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school).
4. Or on the first day of school banking just bring along with you the paper-based application with your driver’s licence or passport and the Commonwealth Bank representative will complete your application on the spot.

Our school banking day and coordinators:

Our school banking day will be Wednesday’s before and after school, at this stage 8:00 am through to 9:00am, and 2:30pm through to 3:30pm in the St Lawrence Primary school hall.
First day of school banking will be: Wednesday 8 May 2013.
School banking coordinators: If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Nancy Donatelli 0421 339 915 or Lucia Ewen 0419 042 335. We hope we have a high number participating in this program as it is a great pathway for our children to learn about savings and monies, and parents you can start finding some jobs for them around the house.
Thanks to all who attended the last P & F meeting for the term. You have all contributed to the purchase of two cafe blinds, in particular, one for the protection of Pre-Primary. Thank you to Amanda Xigas for sourcing these for the School.

A BIG thank you to Jessica Ferguson for donating money to go towards trolley carts for the Library. Jessica has saved the backs of our school students when moving Library items about the School.

**Malteaster Fundraiser .........**
Thank you to all contributed towards this fundraiser. We are pleased to announce that we raised over $4000 for the school and because St Lawrence went crazy for the Bunnies, Mars included sports equipment with their goodies. The students are now enjoying this equipment. There are some families still yet to return chocolates or money to the school. Please ensure this is done promptly.

**Aussie Farmers Direct............**
St Lawrence is linked in with Aussie Farmers Direct. When you choose to buy your meat, poultry, seafood, fruit, vegies, and dairy products from Aussie Farmers Direct online, you can also choose to support St Lawrence Primary School in our fundraising efforts through your profile.

**St Lawrence Mass Cake Stall & Parish Cup**
What a beautiful day and a big shame so many of you couldn’t make it.
Thank you to Kim Leahy who supplied so many items, Caroline Narby, Sue Del Borrello, Maria Orifici, Joanne & Chantelle who baked in the kitchen for the coffee n cake stall on Sunday. Big thanks again to Caroline, Kim, and Maria who assisted Joanne, Belinda and Chantelle with the stall. Not only did the Parishioners from the morning masses (8.30am, 10am & 12noon) enjoy the treat, so did the attendees for a Baptism shortly after.
Also in the afternoon, was the Parish Cup. It was very entertaining to watch Father Irek and Mr Rose enjoy a game with everyone.
Thank you to Maria Orifici & Dan Mammoliti for assisting Chantelle and Joanne all day. Well done to all.
Father Irek will be pleased to announce his winning side but he had a little help from some young pros. Congratulations, it was a good afternoon.

**MOTHER’S DAY - BRUMBYS GWELOP**
As some people may have misunderstood, we feel we need to clarify that this event is for Term 2. We thought it would be helpful to put the order forms out early to enable you all to take orders from friends, family and work colleagues. We also have school holidays and didn’t want to rush on the first week back at school.
Brumby’s Gwelup have put this deal together just for St Lawrence as we are SPECIAL and so is every MUM!!

*Order Forms* to be back at school office by Friday **19th April** (last day of school).
*Pick up* at school on **Thursday 9th May 2013**. Just in time for the special weekend.
Please fill out the revised order forms, available at the office and attached to this week’s newsletter, in case your child missed out on bringing one home.

Attention: All Class Representatives and anyone interested in being a part of the **2013 St Lawrence Quiz Night**
We need to put our creative and motivated heads together for the 2013 Quiz Night to be held in September. **Can we please meet in the School Hall next Thursday 18th April at 6.45pm.**
It doesn’t matter how little you think it may be – ALL ideas and help will be appreciated to help make this a successful night.

**What a great week, enjoy everyone!**
*Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda*
**ST LAWRENCE MOTHER’S DAY BRUMBY’S ORDER FORM**

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All items can be frozen for Mother’s day or any other occasion you like.

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Year 3 – Year 6 Merit Award Winners

Pre Primary to Year Two Merit Award Winners

Mr Haydon and Mrs Heavey involved in a Professional Development Day focussing on integrating iPADS into our learning.

Parish Soccer Game Afternoon