REFLECTION

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism.
In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

LENT
Throughout Lent God asks us to focus on three major things. To pray more and to continue to deepen our relationship with God. Prayer is often described as the ‘raising up of the mind and heart to God’. This Lent make sure that whatever else you do you raise up your mind and your heart to God.
Fasting is also an important element during Lent. Self denial is not depriving ourselves of what we truly are but a way of affirming our real selves. Lent also invites us to give alms. Lent is asking us to think of ways in which we do not just give to others, but in some ways put others first. With your families, please use Lent as a spring board to deepening your relationship with God.

FATHER MARIUSZ
Today as we celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass the students were able to meet Father Mariusz who is the new Assistant Priest in our Parish. Father is extremely interested in getting to know all of the students and we welcome Father Mariusz to our school.

P&F MEETING
In 2013 the new P&F Executive have decided to have one meeting a term in the evening and one meeting a term during the school day. The first meeting for 2013 will be held on Monday 18 February at 7pm in the school hall. By having this evening meeting all families have an opportunity to attend and have input to this important parent body. I hope to see many parents at next week’s meeting.

P&F BBQ
The P&F BBQ will be held on Friday 22 February at 5.30pm. I would strongly encourage all families to attend this community building activity that is organised by our P&F. Thanks to the School Board who donate all the sausages, hamburgers and buns for all the families. I remind all families that they are responsible for their children as this is an opportunity for staff to meet many families in this relaxed setting. This is a great opportunity to develop friendships with families that your children will spend many hours throughout the day.
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
I would like to thank all families who attended the parent information sessions over the last two nights to inform of the various structures and procedures that occur in each classroom. With your support we can make a positive difference to the outcomes of your children.

COMMISSIONING MASS
On Thursday 14 February all St Lawrence School Staff will be joined by other schools to celebrate a Commissioning Mass for all new staff to the Archdiocese of Perth.

John Rose
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
In preparation for Lent which commenced today with Ash Wednesday, all families will receive a project compassion box to raise money for Caritas Australia. Project Compassion is an opportunity to open our hearts with love and hope to the needs in our world, it enables us to share what we have with those who lack basic human rights - food, water, shelter, healthcare and education. During the six weeks of Lent each class will be participating in various Lenten activities and will also be reading the six stories from Caritas programs around the world. The students will learn about participation, dedication, resilience and hope within communities. They will also learn about the inter relationship of all peoples and what we can accomplish when we work together. Please donate generously to Project Compassion. When Lent has concluded could all donations please be left at the Church and or at the school office.

SACRAMENTAL MASS ATTENDANCE 2013
Parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who will be receiving a sacrament in 2013 will need to fill in a mass attendance booklet as part of their preparation for this sacrament. These booklets, along with a letter outlining this process, were sent home with your child at the end of last year. Father will need to sign or put a sticker in each child’s booklet after they have attended a weekend mass. It is an expectation your child attends Mass once a month in preparation of their Sacrament. These dates began from 1st January 2013. The booklet also highlights when the Children’s Masses occur. If you do not have a booklet please come to the office to get one.

PARISH NEWS
Welcome to the new school year! Children’s Liturgy resumed last week at the 6pm Sunday evening mass and was well attended. Thank you for bringing your children. On the 24th of February is the children’s mass which coincides with the commitment mass. I am looking for children to sing in the choir, please let me know if your children are available contact me a.s.a.p (preferably via email) information regarding choir.
Toni Mattiaccio   Mattiaccio.toni@cathednet.wa.edu.au or ph. 93448409

MESSAGE FROM SISTER CHITRA
This week I am beginning PATHS lessons for Year 3 & 4 class. We will have PATHS once a week and will cover a number of different areas. Your child will be bringing home PATHS Home Activity every now and then to complete it. I will encourage your child to talk about PATHS lessons with you at home, so I will try to keep you up-to-date as we go along.
A moment with SISTER CHITRA

THE SEASON OF LENT
Today having been blessed by the priest with the words “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” we have entered into the season of lent. The season of lent is the season of grace. It is a time of conversion. It is also a time for surrendering our lives to God. But these goals cannot be achieved without struggle and without sacrifice. The primary purpose of lent is that God may have his way with us.

King George V once wrote on the flyleaf of the Bible of one of his friends these words –“the secret of happiness is not to do what you like but to like what you have to do”. If we are looking for spiritual growth and renewal we cannot achieve this goal by doing what we like but by learning what have to do.

Let us seek the will of God during this Lenten season by regular prayer and fasting.
Let us remember the less fortunate and reach out to them as much as we can.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION
During the week you will receive a letter regarding Asthma. If relevant for your child/children, please return this note to school as soon as possible as these records need to be updated every year. If your child needs to have an asthma plan we will forward you the appropriate forms to be completed and returned to school. This enables the school to keep all records up to date and fulfil duty of care for all our students.

Some children require Medical Plans. Please make sure that these are in order and visit your doctor if they are to be updated. Thank you for your co-operation

FOOD AND SAFETY
As we gather together to share food, whether it is after a paraliturgy, parent meeting, sharing treats for children’s birthdays, P&F functions or simply lunchtime eating for the children, we need to be aware of our school’s “allergy friendly” policy. We ask that when buying or preparing food that will be sent to school for any reason, sweet or savoury, you do not include nuts, nut products, legumes and eggs.

There are children in our school that suffer from one of the most severe forms of allergic symptoms, which is Anaphylaxis. These reactions can be serious and life threatening. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Kaylene Bozich, Safety and Health Officer

HEALTH NEWS
Welcome back to the new School Year. I hope you all enjoyed a safe restful holiday. My name is Sally Steffanoni and I am St Lawrence Primary School’s Community Nurse. The School Health Service aims to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. All children are offered a health assessment before the end of their first year of Primary School but preferably during their Kindergarten Year. This includes a vision and hearing screen and if needed speech, language and a general developmental assessment. I am also able to do health assessments, vision and hearing on any other student that parents are concerned about. Parents will need to fill in a consent form available from administration.

I also work with teachers to support health education sessions. I am available to provide information and support to students (and their families) to help them make informed decisions about their health, wellbeing and development and if required refer students to another health professional.

As I am the Community Nurse for several Schools I don’t have a consistent day I will be on site at St Lawrence Primary School. However I can be contacted on 93457132 or email on Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au. I am available on Tuesday, Wednesday and alternate Thursdays. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any request for information or concerns.

Sally Steffanoni, Community Health Nurse
class news

pre kindy

Our first day last week went really well and all children seemed to enjoy themselves. This week will be our first as a whole class so I'm sure there may be a few children who find it a little different and it might take them longer to settle in to our routine. This is perfectly normal. To help the children settle in, it is important that parents leave as soon as the morning bell goes so the children learn that it is time to say "Goodbye" and start our day.

I have put up a "Washing" roster outside the classroom on our Pre-Kindy notice board. It would be much appreciated if parents could put their name down for a turn. As I said at our parent meeting, I will wait until the children have settled in before we start having parent helpers. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to seeing everyone this week.

Mrs Simone Covitch, Pre Kindy Teacher

kindergarten

The children enjoyed their second week at Kindy and are handling the routine of Kindergarten very well. Our next big test will be next week when we come for our three full days altogether as a full class. We will begin Library and Italian lessons next week also.

As of week 3, when the children come into class, I would ask that all parents assist by leaving immediately after helping your child unpack, as we are going to endeavour to have all children sitting on the mat in readiness for the first part of our session (this means the children will not come in to play at the tables as we did in the first couple of weeks) We will put out some books on the mat to share with each other while we wait for all children to gather between 8.30 – 8.45am. When our session begins formally at 8.45am we will have our morning greetings then I will explain our special activity for the morning.

Each afternoon we clear all items from the children’s cubby holes and place them in their bag to go home. We share our classroom with the Pre Kindy children who come in on Thursdays.

A reminder that the children must have a hat in their bag – the school has a NO HAT NO PLAY policy.

Mrs Kaylene Bozic, Kindergarten Teacher

pre primary

The children have settled in really well and we are so happy with their positive outlook in Pre Primary. We have been learning about ‘Our Body’ this week and discussing why we are special. Have a look at the fantastic work we have going up around the classroom!

At the moment we are encouraging the children’s independence therefore we would appreciate if parents leave goodbyes for at the door and allow their children to take their lunchbox, hat and drink bottle to the cubby holes on their own now. This independence is very important in getting your child ready for Year One. At the end of the day we would also appreciate if parents made sure they are not waiting where the children keep their bags as the children often get distracted or preoccupied.

Just a quick reminder, please ensure your child has a healthy morning tea and lunch packed each day. Try to avoid when possible sending pre-packaged, highly processed convenience foods. If you are sending them, please take note of the content in these foods. If sugar/syrup/glucose etc. is one of the first few ingredients then you will know it is not a healthy option. Fresh fruit and vegetables are ideal for children’s morning tea. Learning is so much easier for children who are properly nourished. Also remember that St Lawrence is an allergy friendly school so no nuts, please.

As of this week we will have a folder for each child in which all classroom notes will be placed in for collection by parents. These will be taken home each night but need to be returned the next morning (it is very important they come to school for further notes. Please ensure you keep up to date with the Newsletter as there is always important information regarding your children. If your child is absent from school I will keep a plastic sleeve with left over notes on the parent table outside of Pre Primary, please help yourselves to missed notes there.

The Reading Eggs passwords were distributed this week. Please let me know if you have any problems with them. As a guide children should be doing Reading Eggs at least three times a week for half an hour. If children are keen to use it more I do not have any issues with this, as long as they are not sitting in front of the computer for very long periods of time. Reading Eggs is a great way to boost your child’s literacy skills in a fun and interactive way.
REMEMBER: Due to the children’s safety and the liability of the school please ensure children and siblings are not playing on the outdoor equipment before or after school. We thank you for you co-operation. Have a great week everyone!

Miss Rachel Keast, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you to all parents who attended the Year One parent night on Monday evening. I hope you found the information helpful. It was good to see so many parents. Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder that homework books need to come back to class each Friday morning. Every Monday the children will receive their new homework for the week. If you experience any difficulty with Mathletics or Reading Eggs please let me know.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
Thank you so much to all the parents who came to the Year 2 Information Night on Monday. If you have any questions regarding anything that was discussed please let me know. We have an excursion coming up on Monday, the 25th of February. A note is going home today. Please sign and return as soon as possible. You can find out more information on the two venues at http://www.perthfestival.com.au/

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

All children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 have had their first library sessions for this year and it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading and borrowing.

Students from Year 1 to 6 have either brought home, or will be bringing home, a scrapbook for covering in clear contact and a cover sheet to go on the front cover of their scrapbook. Covered library scrapbooks need to be returned as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB NEWS
The first issue of Book Club pamphlets was sent home yesterday. There will be two issues each term. 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, 19th February.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to a new week. A reminder that the canteen is now open four days a week Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is all fresh and homemade. So come and enjoy!

Tomorrow Thursday 14 February, we will be selling Valentine cupcakes for $2, as a treat for Valentine’s Day.

If you would like to volunteer at the canteen, please come and see me. Have a great week.

Reminder also that coffee is on sale every morning from 8.30am.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress
Welcome back to Term One in Summer Uniform. Price Lists and Order Forms are available from the School Office. If you are not able to directly purchase your uniform requirements from the Uniform Shop you can complete an Order Form. All orders must be accompanied with FULL PAYMENT and placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the School Office. Orders will not be distributed unless Full Payment is received by cash or cheque (NO EFTPOS). Orders can then be collected during Uniform Shop hours or alternatively they can be handed to your child for them to bring home.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am  Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

School BBQ
- We hope you are all looking forward to our school BBQ on Friday 22nd February at 5.30pm. Don’t forget, lots of entertainment to keep our children happy and occupied whilst we all get to enjoy a great night. We urge and hope many new families attend this great event.
- Please note all we want you to bring are yourselves and beverages, as we will be supplying all items/condiments to complete the burgers and Sausage sizzle.
- We will be selling tickets for a great raffle on the evening, so get your tickets from us on arrival as this will be drawn later on the night. Goodluck to all!!
- If you could please RSVP by the 18th February for catering purposes (see below).

Class Representatives
We still need nominations for Class Representatives for 2013 – please consider this timeless effort to help us all get together during the school year. There is no pressure and always a great help to the P&F.

P & F Meeting
We have our first meeting for the year on Monday 18th February at 7pm in the school hall.
The meeting forms an important aspect to the School and addresses events and other fundraising activities the Committee have planned. We ask that you will come along, listen and add to these exciting ideas. Hope to see many of you there.

Until next week, its bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda

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FAMILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE....... We will be attending the Family Sausage Sizzle:

FAMILY NAME: ______________________________
ADULTS: _____________ CHILDREN _________________
I am willing to assist with cooking the BBQ on the night: YES/NO
CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER _______________________

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Year Six and Year One Buddies in the school vegie garden

Planting in the vegie garden

Last week’s Merit Award Winners

Year Four Students working in the Learning Centre
REGISTERATION & OPEN DAY

KARRINYP SANTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB ARE HAVING THEIR REGISTERATION & OPEN DAY. BRING YOUR CHILD DOWN, HAVE A KICK AND TRY OUT THE GAME.

RICHARD GUELF RESERVE (DELAWNEY STREET BACUTA)
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