IMPLEMENTATION OF KAGAN
Last week after our Professional Development Day on Tuesday Robyn from KAGAN Australia stayed and coached the staff throughout Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday I had an opportunity to debrief and discuss how St Lawrence Primary School was implementing this KAGAN initiative. I am proud to say that Robyn was full of praise for the staff in how advanced they are in implementing these KAGAN structures. She was truly amazed considering the staff have only completed days 1 and 2 of a 5 day course. The staff will be completing days 3 and 4 in Term Three this year. I would like to thank all staff for embracing this initiative as it is always challenging to change and alter your traditional teaching style.

QCS SURVEY
On Monday 11 March 60 families were randomly chosen to participate in the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) surveys that will give the school an indication of the culture that exists at St Lawrence. If you received an envelope this week please complete the survey as it is imperative that your voice and opinions are heard. Please be aware that all surveys are confidential. Under no circumstances would any information about responses to the survey or their survey responses be divulged to any party. The strength of the QCS survey lies in its accuracy and reliability. There were no breaches in security in over 9,000 surveys distributed in 2012.

CANTEEN MONDAY ORDERS
In 2013 the school canteen is trialling being operational for four days compared to previous years when the canteen was only operational for three days. Through a parent survey towards the end of 2012, the school has decided to open an additional day on each Monday. To begin this year Monday’s trade has been significantly less than the other three days. If parents would like the canteen to continue to operate on Mondays they would need to support the canteen on this day.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE 2013
Schools across Australia are encouraged to register to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, on this Friday 15 March 2013. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. St Lawrence Primary School will be holding a whole school assembly on Friday 15 March at 10.20am in the hall to focus on this important message. All parents are most welcome to attend. This year St Lawrence will focus on the key role of the Bystander in minimising bullying.
GARDEN PARENT HELPERS
I would like to thank a number of parents who have been supporting Mr Ken Tonge in planting a range of crops in our garden. The following parents have been assisting on a Thursday morning and tomorrow will assist the Pre Primary and Year Five buddies plant as well as students in our Pre Kindy students. Thanks to Donna Euphemie, Frances Zito, Stuart Sloss, Antonella Crupi and Palmira Trimboli. We appreciate the support of these parents in maximising the benefits from our vegie garden.

MORNING DROP OFF
This year the morning carpark has been extremely busy. If parents of older age students are able to drop their student off rather than parking this can reduce some of the carpark congestion. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

ST LAWRENCE PARISH SOCCER CUP
To endeavour to get more children and families involved with the parish, St Lawrence Parish has organised a soccer match for families on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. Families are requested to bring a picnic, a sausage sizzle will also be available. The emphasis will be on participation and enjoyment, so parents and children are all actively invited to participate. Please assemble in front of the church at 2pm and games will be held on the Balcatta School Soccer Oval. I will be bringing my family and it will be great to see many other families at this community initiative run by the Parish.

SCHOOL FEES
Under instructions from the Catholic Education Office (CEO), St Lawrence changed their office administration software. As with any change, this has been a time of great learning. We have encountered some set up issues which has resulted in a major delay with school fees. We continue to work through these problems with the guidance of the software manufacturer and CEO. We will endeavour to get these out to families as soon as possible. Thankyou for your patience at this busy time.

ENROLMENTS
St Lawrence Primary School is trying to finalise their 2014 enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. If you are interested in enrolling your child at the school for either of these classes, please ensure you have your enrolment form completed by Wednesday 27 March 2013. If you have siblings in this age bracket, it is essential you enrol for those students as sometimes this can be forgotten in our busy lives.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2014
Applications for Kindy in 2014 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 2014, 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 2014 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Wednesday 27th March

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2014
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2014 are currently being processed. **If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2014, 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 2014 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Wednesday 27th March

*John Rose*
*Principal*
Week at a glance......

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
This week’s story is from Papua New Guinea. Rollen in PNG has an education and wants to begin a business; however, she does not have the support or resources to go any further. Mercy Works has given her a helping hand with business and management skills. Business studies classes can involve students and teachers to learn about the issues faced by all people in the Project Compassion stories and raise money at the same time- the profits could make a considerable difference to the lives of people like Rollen.

LEARNING AREA BOOKS
This week Religion and Society and Environment/ History books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books by Monday morning.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
St Lawrence Primary School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 22 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave their car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.
We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.
Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising a healthy breakfast for you to enjoy once you have arrived at school.

HOLY WEEK PARALITURGIES
The Holy Week paralituriges will be held at **8.50am in the church** on :
Monday 25th March - Yr 3
Tuesday 26th March - Yr 4
Wednesday 27th March – Yr 5
Thursday 28th March- Yr 6
BENEFITS OF KAGAN
KAGAN enables the children to interact with each other and share their ideas more freely. Through the use of the different structures the children are focusing on their social skills, they are actively listening to each other and taking turns. Children have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn from each other. Children who are reluctant to share are engaging in conversation with others. The Year ones have used cooperative learning structures for example mix pair share and quiz quiz trade, that have enabled them to focus and improve on their literacy skills spelling, rhyming and story retells. The children are always engaged and motivated to learn. Mrs Gloria Edwards

Using KAGAN in the classroom helps to structure discussion. Structuring discussion helps facilitate the construction of knowledge by every student.
As teachers we want to encourage students to build their own understanding of the curriculum. But that doesn’t mean we abdicate our role as facilitators of the construction of knowledge.
We are the engineers of students’ learning experiences, and our use of structures and the basic principles of cooperative learning are powerful tools to ensure that all students engage in the process of constructing knowledge.
By using these structures we are preparing children to learn collaboratively as well as independently, which is essential as a life skill. Mrs Marie Heavey

PARISH CHILDREN’S LITURGY
Children’s liturgy continues to be well attended. Thank you parents for bringing your children along. There will be no children’s mass this month as the 4th Sunday of the month falls on Palm Sunday.
There will however, be a children’s liturgy that Sunday evening at 6pm as well as an extra session during the Sunday morning mass. The morning mass will commence outside the church with the blessing of the palms at 8.15am. There will be a donkey which will lead the children to the Alverna centre hall for children’s liturgy. During Holy week there will be children’s liturgy during the 3pm service on Good Friday and also at the 7.30pm Easter vigil on Saturday 30th March.
Thank you to all those who sang at our last children’s mass, it was great to get such a good response. I am keen to continue with the children’s choir and although the next official date for a children’s mass is on May 28th, children are welcome to join us in singing on April 28th which falls during the holidays. Please contact me if your children are available to sing and I will send you details of rehearsal etc.
Thank you all again for your support wishing you a happy and holy Easter season
Blessings Toni Mattiaccio mattiaccio.toni@cathednet.wa.edu.au

A moment with Sister Chitra

THE CONCLAVE
This week is another great moment in the Church History. The 115 Cardinals are gathered in the Sistine Chapel for the Conclave to elect a new Pope for the Catholic Church. This is a great and solemn moment for them. Behind the locked doors they will be in prayer and total silence to pick a cardinal to be a Pope.
As the members of the Catholic Church we too can take part in this great event by our thoughts and prayers. May the Cardinals be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to choose a right leader. Let us wait in hope for the white smoke.
PRE KINDY
This week’s theme is the colour BLUE so come dressed in blue. We had fun with RED last week so this week is sure to be good too. We have the opportunity this Thursday to visit the school vegetable garden and see what grows in there so that will be fun.

Last week we had a few teary children. I know this can be upsetting for all but we just need to ride the wave and hopefully these children will start to feel better about coming to Pre-Kindy. Stay positive with your children.

The main focus at the moment is our social skills, in particular sharing and taking turns. I have found that many of the children find this hard at the moment. I am helping them to learn to ask nicely for what they want instead of screaming or snatching and to understand that they may need to wait for a turn.

Next week we start the theme of Easter. We will talk in basic terms about Jesus and the Easter story as well as the Easter bunny and Easter eggs.

Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
Our days at Kindergarten have been busy and the children are enjoying all our wonderful activities. Our new theme is Easter. We will talk about how Jesus died on the cross for us on Good Friday then rose again on Easter Sunday. This is the New Life Jesus gave us just like a chicken hatches from an egg which is why the egg is one of the symbols of Easter.

Many children also enjoy playing on the computers in the afternoon during quiet time and also enjoy using the ipads. Also, please remember that if your child is absent you must send a letter to explain your child’s absence. It is a legal requirement that the school must be able to account for all absences recorded in class rolls.

On Friday 22nd March at 2pm parents are invited into our classroom to listen to Kelly Clarke from Osborne Park Library talk about the Better Beginnings Program. Please refer to Mrs Archer’s notice about this. Parents will be free to take the children home once the talk is over.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindy Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Please remember to check emails daily as I use email quite often as a form of quick communication. If you are not receiving my emails please let me know. I send one at least once a week.

Reminder: Each day the children will need to bring their ‘Activities Folder’ (the one with the smiley face sticker on it) and their ‘Note Folder’ to school. It is very important we have these each day. Please also remember that the children’s News Plans should be kept in the ‘Activities Folder’ after use each night and brought back to school. We need to get into a good habit early on as this is the folder that the children will be taking their homework in very soon. I will email more information about this once the children are ready for these.

Please remember news is every Friday from now on. The children will share in a group of three or four. Please help your child practice news using the news plans provided. Try to avoid writing words but instead encouraging children to draw pictures to remind them about what they need to speak about. For example you may use a hand to represent our class greeting “Good afternoon Pre Primary’s”.

I understand that you may have other commitments or unexpected things that happen but generally if you start news over the weekend it gives children enough practice for Friday and it only takes 1-2mins a night.

On Monday we will be having the ‘U Can Hatch Us’ programme come out to the school to deliver our chicken eggs. We will watch the eggs hatch baby chicks in our classroom. We are very excited because our focus this week has been ‘New Life and Easter’

Have a great week everyone! Miss Rachael Keast Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you to all parents who have helped out on morning reading roster. Your assistance helps our mornings to run smoothly and all the children have the opportunity to read to an adult.

Just a reminder that homework books and spelling books need to come back to school on Friday mornings.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher
YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students are looking forward to celebrating their paraliturgy this Friday. We will be in the Hall and hope to begin by 8:50am. Thanks to those parents that have been assisting with morning reading. It would be fantastic to see a few new faces. Interviews are also currently under way. If you haven't gotten back to me regarding an interview time, please let me know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year 2 Teacher

YEAR SIX NEWS
Year Six will be co-ordinating a 'Silver Coin Snake Trail’ in the Learning Centre to raise money for Project Compassion. On Thursday 21 March the Year Six students will make a silver snake from the silver coins and see how long this measures. This will take the place of our usual missions box collection for one week. Could each student please bring a silver coin or two to make this long silver coin snake. During this time, one Year Six student will give a few words of encouragement at each lunch line-up.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Better Beginnings Kindy and Pre-Primary Family Literacy Programme
This programme is designed to support parents with children entering Kindergarten and Pre-Primary, providing books, information and activities about the importance and enjoyment of reading together and how this helps to give children a good start at school.
In order to introduce this programme, Kelly Clarke from the Osborne Public Library will be visiting and talking to both the Kindy and Pre-Primary Classes on Friday, 22nd March. Parents are invited to join us for this presentation. Kelly will be talking to Pre-Primary from 1.15 – 1.45pm; and Kindy from 2.00-2.30pm. After their presentation, parents of Pre-Primary children are also invited to join us for coffee and cake and a tour of our own library.

Book Sale There will be a sale of discarded library books in the library, next Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March. All books will be 20cents and proceeds will go into our Project Compassion Boxes. Books can be purchased before and after school, and at lunchtime. There will be many bargains to be had!

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Parents please note that students return in Term 2 and 3 in their Winter Uniform. Year One students and any new families who have commenced this year are reminded to purchase the Winter Uniform before the end of this term (last day open will be 18 April). Winter price lists and order forms are available from the school office.
Please ensure that when purchasing Track Jackets that they are clearly labelled with student’s name.
- With the Netball Season approaching, the Girls Red Sport Skirts are available to purchase, please ensure that “Black Sports Briefs” are worn under skirts. (Briefs available at any department store).
- Second Hand Clearance Sale will be held in Term 2 details to follow. The Uniform Shop would appreciate donations of any unwanted uniform clothing that are in good condition. (No hats, ties or socks). A BIG thank you to the parents who have already kindly donated. Please leave clothing items in the school office or directly to the Uniform Shop.

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

LOST PROPERTY BOX
The Lost Property Box which is located outside the Year Six classroom has a number of items which have not been claimed. Please come and see if you recognise your child’s uniform. If a name is printed on the uniform we can usually return it to the owner, other than that, if the items are not claimed, we clean them and sell them as second hand items in the Uniform Shop.

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager
Hi everyone, welcome to a new week.

**Easter Raffle:** We are selling Easter raffle tickets at the canteen. $2 each or 3 for $5. There are 4 prizes to be won. It will be drawn on Holy Thursday 28 March.

**St Patrick’s Day:** On Monday 18 March, in honour of St Patrick’s Day, we will be selling green cupcakes for $2.00.

**Thank You:** I would like to say a big thank you to all my volunteers. Your help is very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to Marina Veletta, especially lately for always being there for me and helping me out when I really needed her. Thank you to my girls in Year 6, Renae, Monique Veletta and Rebecca Svilicich for all your help on Monday.

**Canteen open 4 days:** The canteen is now open 4 days a week. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Menu on Website:** Please check the new menu on our website as the prices have increased since last year. A reminder that all the food we cook in the canteen is fresh, homemade, healthy and canteen approved. So please come on down and see us for a healthy and tasty morning tea or lunch.

**Ride 2 School:** Speaking of healthy and tasty, do not forget next Friday 22 March is ride to school day so come on down to the canteen for a healthy breakfast. A reminder to parents that we are selling freshly brewed coffee for $2 after 8.30am – visit us in the canteen, catch up with friends with a coffee.

**Canteen roster:**
- Wednesday 13/3: Karen Hall
- Thursday 14/3: Pam Winton
- Friday 15/3: Michelle Millard

*Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress*

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**COACH AND 2 PLAYERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ST LAWRENCE YEAR 3 NETBALL TEAM**

**COACH:** We are in desperate need of a coach for the Year 3 netball team. It is open to anyone who loves netball and would like to dedicate two hours (in total) per week of their time. Parents, family members or an older sibling who may be interested in coaching as part of their hours towards community service for high school. There are free coaching clinics conducted by the Wanneroo Districts Netball Association at Kingsway which would help with the coaching preparation. Please refer to the attached form.

Coaches usually train the team for one hour, once a week after school and then on game day which is a Saturday morning at 8.30am.

**PLAYERS:** We are looking for two more players, boys or girls who were born in 2005 or the second half of 2004 and are interested in joining the team. They don't need to have played before and would not need to purchase a new uniform as we use the school uniform. (except for the girls red pleated skirts).

If you are interested and would like further information please feel free to call me on mobile 0433 682 000. The St Lawrence Netball Club is run by school community volunteers and in order for it to continue we need people to support the club.

*Marina Veletta*

*St Lawrence Netball Committee*
Year Three Students in ‘Art’
Hi Everyone

Whilst we are bursting to tell you about our big year ahead, we have to slow ourselves down a little and start with the following:

**Quick Cash for Schools**
This is too easy!!
Our school has a chance to win a share in $10,000.00. St Lawrence is registered and we want to do our best possible.
On Saturday March 16 and 23 a coupon will appear in The Weekend West. We need to collect as many of the coupons as possible. Please cut them out and hand them in. Tell all your family to keep them for you.
We, your P&F, are so excited, we are organising to get extra papers….only a few hundred. Feel free to join us over a coffee while we cut them out. OOOHHH the things we do huh??

**Easter Fundraiser**
The last of our chocolates will be available from the school office on Monday. You are then asked to please come to the office, put down your name and take the cartons you require. Once these are gone there will be no more, so get in quick!!
As mentioned last week for those of you who are finding it difficult please hand back sooner rather than later and we can help you out

**Class Reps**
We are pleased to announce these fantastic people who have kindly volunteered to be your class representatives for 2013.

- **Kindy** Fiona Femia & Michelle Millard
- **Year 1** Samantha Verzini
- **Year 2** Jennifer Mannion & Maria Bullo
- **Year 3** Jodi Tholon
- **Year 4** Frances Svilich
- **Year 5** Julie Dawson
- **Year 6** Trish Pracillio & Lucy Colaizzi

Thank you to you all for putting your hands up and hope to see you all at our **next P & F Meeting at 8.45am on the 5th April 2013.**

To all Parents, we hope you can please support your class reps and make the time to get together occasionally, as we all have such busy lives.

Enjoy the rest of the week and look forward to giving you more exciting news on upcoming events at St Lawrence Primary School.

*Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda*
**SPORTS NEWS**

**KidSport** is an initiative introduced by the Department of Sport and the City of Stirling to promote children's participation in sport.

Any family or child who holds a health care card or pension concession card may be eligible to receive funding from the City of Stirling. This will cover the cost of fees or membership to a club up to $200. Applicants must live within the local government area that they are applying to.

Please see Mrs Major or Mrs Armstrong if you would like further information.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME
www.studentexchange.org.au

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**Aranmore Catholic College**

warmly invites families to view the College and meet staff and students at our

Open Morning
Tuesday 26 March 2013
9am – 11am

Please register your attendance by calling 9444 9355 or visiting www.aranmore.wa.edu.au
BEGINNER COACHES CLINIC

All 7/8, 8/9 & 10&U coaches within our Association are being given the opportunity to attend a hands-on coaching session designed specifically for our new coaches. Coaches are required to participate so please wear appropriate clothing. There are three options – you must attend one of the sessions – details are provided below.

PROGRAM – ONE SESSION COVERING BASIC SKILLS

- Development of Sub Junior Players
- Organising and Running a Training Session
- Ball Skills
- Game Sense

Based on the Foundation Program

COURSE REGISTRATION FEE – No charge for WDNA 2013 affiliated coaches

OPTION 1
WED 13TH MARCH
TIME – 9AM TO 12PM
VENUE FOR BOTH SESSIONS IS WDNA CLUBROOMS/COURTS

OPTION 2
SAT 16TH MARCH
TIME – 8AM TO 11AM

OPTION 3
SAT 6TH APRIL
TIME – 3PM TO 6PM

BEGINNER COACHES CLINIC REGISTRATION

NAME : ____________________________________________

ADDRESS : ____________________________________________

_________________________________________P/C__________

MOBILE : ________________________________

EMAIL : ________________________________

CLUB 2013 : _______________________________________

COACHING : 7/8 or 8/9 ☐ 10 & U ☐

Please forward registration form by either fax or email (as above) by the day prior to session you want to attend.
Saint Lawrence Parish Cup
Put on your soccer boots!
Pack a picnic!
Fathers Mothers Children
Do you have what it takes to win?
Sunday April 7 at 2:00pm
Balcatta Primary School Oval
Form a team!

To confirm your interest please call:
Nancy Bonfiglio via the Parish Secretaries
or
John Rose at St Lawrence Primary School