True Faith
Have you ever noticed how easy it is to have strong faith when things are going well. When life is difficult and we cannot see light at the end of the tunnel, our faith is really challenged. However, it is at these times that we really need to put all our trust in God.
A quote, attributed to one A B Simpson seems appropriate:
*True faith drops its letter in the post office box and lets it go.*
*Distrust holds on to a corner of it and wonders that the answer never comes.*
May God bless us all with the gift of true faith – especially when we face our greatest challenges.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
National Volunteer Week occurs from 11 to 17 May throughout Australia. I would like to thank the many parents who volunteer and support in a variety of roles to improve the education for our students. Each morning I see a number of parents assisting with reading, library and excursions. We are fortunate with the community involvement of everyone. More than 6 million Australian volunteers give happiness to others each year, and research says that those volunteers are happier as a result. Help us make Australia the happiest place on earth, by giving as much of your time as you can. Give Happy. Live Happy.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all Year Three and Year Five students who are currently completing their NAPLAN assessments throughout this week. Thanks to Miss Angela Leddin and Miss Emma Reid for the preparation of the students.

CONFIRMATION
On Tuesday 19 May Emeritus Archbishop Hickey will be visiting the school and talking to all the Year Six students in preparation for their Confirmation on Sunday 24 May. Please pray for these students who will be receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to Mr Phil Haydon for preparing each student.

MOTHER’S DAY
Thanks to all the mothers who attended last Friday’s Mass and morning tea. It was a large turnout and a great opportunity to say thanks to our wonderful mothers. Thank you to the P&F who organised an excellent morning tea.
At a glance:

Wednesday 13 May: Eucharist Meeting 7.15pm Alverna Centre

Friday 15 May: - Assembly Year 2
- Rosary Year 3
- Sacred Saints Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 19 May: - 8.45am P&F
- 7.00pm School Board

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

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Pre Primary: Julian Carbone, Carlo Deluca, Sanaa Hamer, Anthony Russo
Year One: Max McKenzie, Sia Ellie, Stella Ferolla, Vincent Tholon
Year Two: Jamie Abraham, Amy Sloss, Victoria Narbey, Antonio Farah
Year Three: Sienna Anderson, Grace Gentry, Marlyn Lado, Ebony Rzemek
Year Four: Alexander Kuzmicich, Tyrese Malual, Luc Del Borello, Madison Pizzino
Year Five: Aiden Shanks, Emily Gibbons, Julian Di Pietro, Celeste Cardoso
Year Six: Casey Castro, Joel Frenzel, Luke Passeretto, Gemma Vivona

Year Two Excursion on the School Bus
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

EUCHARIST MEETING
The parent meeting will be held tonight in the Alverna Centre at 7.15pm. At least one parent needs to attend this meeting.

EUCHARIST FAMILY WORKSHOP
The Eucharist Family Workshop will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 5.30pm and 7.00pm in the school hall. You may attend either of these times. At least one parent and the child receiving Communion needs to attend this workshop.

LIFELINK
As part of Lifelink Day on the 3rd June each class will be linking chains on the junior oval. Also students may wear free dress on this day and bring a gold coin or note to help raise money for this wonderful Catholic agency.

MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS
All children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who are receiving a Sacrament this year should be attending Mass regularly and getting their Mass Attendance Booklets signed or a sticker. By the end of May everyone should have a minimum of 5 signatures/stickers.

COMMUNICATION POLICY
The Mathematics Learning Area will be sent home this Friday. Please go through your child’s work with them, sign and return all books on Monday.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

SISTER CHITRA’S REFLECTION

ROLE MODEL
As our Year 6 students are getting themselves ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they researched many saints and chose a particular saint as their role model to follow and pray to. Based on that I planned my MJR lesson on learning and reflecting more about their personal, community and religious role models. Students were asked to choose someone who is a good role model in their life and reflect on their qualities and characteristics and write a letter to that person expressing their thankfulness and specialness.

This would enable the students to learn, to see the goodness of others and begin to appreciate them in their life. They will be bringing their letter home this week.

I wish and pray that their retreat will be a reflective and fun filled one for them.

God Bless

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome.

Booker T. Washington

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CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
We welcome to our class Marcus Caruso and Sam Chakiath – new friends for us to play with and get to know. Next week we will begin a new focus – FABULOUS FURRY FRIENDS – looking at creatures that are nice and furry or soft with feathers. Our new talking (vocabulary bag) will have some animals that are furry and we will talk about them during our mat session.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
I hope all the Mums had a lovely Mother’s Day. It was wonderful to see so many Mums at our afternoon tea last week. This week we continue our focus on 'Family' with talking about Dads. Next week we will talk about Siblings and Grandparents.
In Literacy we have started looking at long initial sounds. This week we focus on m, l and s. Next week we focus on n, r and f. We are using the family photos the children have brought in for oral language by using it for news time. To help develop the children's gross motor skills, we have been working collaboratively with the Pre Primary children rotating through outside activities on Wednesday and Friday mornings for around 20 minutes. This has been a lot of fun.
With the weather changing at this time of the year, a lot of children are suffering from coughs and runny noses. If your child is unwell it is best for them to rest and recover before they return to Kindy.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
We have been listening to lots of stories written by Julia Donaldson. This week we are reading the Gruffalo! They are such beautiful stories. I think the Gruffalo is one of my favourite story books.
In Science we have been exploring what different objects are made of. We went on a treasure hunt around the school looking at the poles, benches, the sinks and anything else we could spot. We have been looking for things that are made from plastic, metal, rubber and wood.
Please keep practicing letter sounds and formation at home, as we are working hard on writing our simple three letter words.

Miss Edel Murray, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
A big thank you again to all the wonderful parents who have been helping with morning reading. If you are able to spare some time in the morning we look forward to your help. We discussed the Chunky Monkey word attack strategy today – look for chunks you know. Please take time to discuss this with your child so they can use it when reading along with Eagle Eye, Lips the Fish and Stretchy Snake.
Have a great week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Teacher.

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s had a great day on Monday at their excursion! We have written about all the places we found and are in the process of writing a recount about our day. A huge thank you to all the parents that helped out on the day, we couldn’t do it without you. A final reminder about the assembly on Friday. Students need to come dressed in their colour in the morning with their sports uniform in their bag. The Year Two students have been working hard and are excited to perform for you.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher
CLASS REP NEWS

YEAR ONE
Parents please join us for a casual dinner and drinks at the Botanica Bar & Bistro in Innaloo on Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm. We would love to see you all there!
Please RSVP by 15th June to Leanna 0417 176 045/ Leah 0419 960 663/ Jenny 0418 917 606

SACRED SAINTS NEWS

This Friday 15th May, the Year 5 and 6 students will be representing St Lawrence in our netball, soccer and football matches against Our Lady of Lourdes.
We had a clean sweep last week against St Gerard's and I received some very positive feedback regarding the attitude and behaviour of our students. Great to hear! Well done to all involved.
Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Lost Property
Parents are reminded to clearly label Track Jackets and Woollen Jumpers. These items, without a name label, regularly end up in the Lost Property Box. The Lost Property Box is located outside the Year 6 classroom.

School Ties
Please note that School Ties are available in two lengths ‘Medium Length’ for Years 1 to 3 and 'Long Length' for Years 4 - 6.

Pre Primary Parents
The Sport Uniform (which is not compulsory for Pre Primary students) if required may be purchased from the Uniform Shop. The Yellow Polo Shirt, Red Rugby Shorts and Girls Skort are available in Size 4.

Order Forms
If you are not able to purchase directly through the Uniform Shop, order forms are available at the School Office. Orders are to be placed in a sealed envelope accompanied with full payment and handed to the School Secretary, orders will not be distributed unless FULL payment is received by cash or cheque. Cheques to be made payable to ‘St Lawrence Primary School' (NO CREDIT CARD OR EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE). 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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Manager
Thank You
Thank to everyone for supporting our cupcake sale for Mother’s Day. The children loved buying their mum something special. The cupcakes sold out very fast, apologies to those who missed out.

Sushi Day Reminder
Please **pre order your Sushi by Friday 22nd of May. Sushi day is Wednesday 27th May** - cost is $5.00 and varieties are tuna, teriyaki chicken, vegetarian and combo.

Incentive for Volunteers
We would like to offer an incentive for parents to volunteer in the canteen. If you volunteer for a full day you will be given a $5 canteen voucher. If you work part of a day you will be given an ice cream voucher. These vouchers are redeemable by your child in the canteen. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please contact me or feel free to put your name on the calendar on the canteen door, even an hour or two would be appreciated. We would love to have some helpers and your children would love to see you in the canteen.

Recess Ordering
In response to concerns that some children may be missing out ordering at recess, a new service for recess is being trialled. If you would like to pre order a cheesie or pizza for your child for recess, please put your child’s name, preference (cheesie or pizza) and grade on a lunch bag and place it in the basket outside the classroom or hand it to the canteen staff before school. The cost of a cheesie or pizza for recess is $1. At recess the children who have pre ordered will line up at the Year 7 area of the canteen window and they will be provided with their pre ordered item. These items are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only. Please note this pre ordering service for recess is on trial for 4 weeks only at this stage. We will review the service after 4 weeks and notify in the newsletter if it will continue.

*Ms Nova Gibbons, Canteen Manager*

*Year Two Excursion*
Fun Run
It is that time of the year again, the annual St Lawrence Fun Run:

Pre-Kindy, PP & Years 1 to 6: Thursday 28 May
Kindergarten: Wednesday 27 May

The times are set out below:
Years 4 – 6 9.30am
Pre-Primary - Year 3 9:55am
Pre-Kindy 2:30pm
Kindy Wednesday 27th May 2:30pm

Please come and support the children.

Fun Run Sponsorship Forms
• The sponsorship forms for the fun run are attached. Please collect as many donations as possible for each child.
• You can visit relatives, ask neighbors and take sponsorship forms to work. The child with the highest sponsorship wins a prize.
• All forms and money is due back on THURSDAY 28TH MAY.

Entertainment Books
• Entertainment books hard copies will be available for collection next week. You can order online at www.entbook.com.au/861i18.
• Order forms will be sent home this week with your child, extra copies will be available from the office next week.
• The digital copies are a great option. They can be loaded onto 5 different devices and are updated regularly with new offers. It is very user friendly and is always on hand to use.
• Digital copies are only available online at www.entbook.com.au/861i18.

Narelle Zaknich, P&F President
St Lawrence Primary School 2015 Fun Run will be held for Pre-Kindy, PP & Years 1 - 6 on Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} May, Kindy on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} May.

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Please return the sponsorship form to school with funds raised by Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} May.

The Family with the highest amount raised will win a prize.

Spare forms are available from the school office.

We would love to see you all there to help cheer on the kids.

Thank you for your co-operation.
The P&F Executive Team.
MOTHER’S DAY AT ST LAWRENCE