Today's Gospel from Mark is about Jesus healing the Blind Man.  
May we continue to ask for forgiveness and healing from our God.

P&F FAMILY BBQ  
Will be held this **Friday 17 February from 5.30pm** as the whole school community will come together to have a Welcome Picnic and BBQ. It would be pleasing to see many families attend this community event. I would like to thank our P&F Executive who have put many hours of preparation to ensure this event will be a success. Thanks to Caterina, Anja, Frances and Laura.

P&F MEETING  
The P&F will hold their first meeting for 2017 on **Friday 24 February at 2.00pm** in the school hall. It would be pleasing to see many parents attend this informative meeting.

EDUDANCE  
All students have started Edudance on Tuesdays. It is pleasing to see the students get actively involved in learning their dance.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS  
Our first whole school Mass for 2017 will be held at St Lawrence Church at 9.00am on Wednesday 1 March. This Mass will be for Ash Wednesday and the commencement of our Lenten program. We welcome all families to attend.

RESILIENCY TALK  
Our school Psychologist Mrs Kristy McAvan will be running two talks for parents to assist in developing resiliency in our students. Kristy will talk to parents at 8.40am to 9.40am on Thursday 23 March and also on Tuesday 28 March at 6.00pm to 7.00pm. The Thursday morning talk will focus on students from Kindy to Year Two and the Thursday evening talk will focus on students from Year Three to Year Six. Both talks will benefit all parents and it will be pleasing to see many parents attend these sessions.
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2018
Applications for Kindy in 2018 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 2018, 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 2018 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 10 March 2017

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2018
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2018 are currently being processed.
If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2018, 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 2018 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 10 March 2017

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

COMING UP

Friday 17 February
- Year 4 Mass
- P&F Welcome Family BBQ

Monday 20 February
7.00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday 21 February
Edudance

‘Edudance’
FATHERING PROJECT CAMPING TRIP

Message from Patrick King for camp at Moore River on weekend 17, 18 March.

1) Please where possible bring small tents (3-4 man) or if you only have large tents (8-10). Suggest to try and double up with another family.

2) FOOD: BBQ facilities are available next to our campsite and with fridge access.
   - There is a shop next to the campsite that provides food, does great fish and chips.
   - Golf Club is walking distance. The Club also provides meals, so we may be looking at doing something there on the Saturday night.

3) TRANSPORT: If we can share transport with another family, this will put less pressure on parking facilities.

4) THINGS TO BRING: Fishing rods, bikes, scooters, balls and cricket gear, all good, please no Quad Bikes.

5) There is power on the site, so if you need to use power it is available. I suggest to bring long extension cord if you want to go that way.

Please note:

- We have a section of the campsite to ourselves and due to this we have a few issues in terms of available area. Therefore we need to maximise space, if we can keep what we bring down to a manageable level, this will help with utilising that space.
  If we are looking to bringing BBQs, let us communicate and only bring a few. I have mentioned above a few options to buy dinner.

- We will have a meeting a week before camp on Thursday 9 March at 6.30pm in the Learning Centre to finalise all of the above. The above information will give you an idea so that you can organise now for the weekend.

Patrick King
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

P&F WELCOME BARBECUE
A reminder that the P&F welcome barbecue is on Friday. It commences at 5.30pm near the school hall. Thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising this community building event.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday. This day signifies the beginning of Lent. All students from Years 1-6 will attend the Parish Mass at 9.00am and parents are welcome to join us. The Kindy and Pre Primary classes will receive ashes in their classrooms.

PROJECT COMPASSION
As we head towards the commencement of Lent, we are reminded to consider those in the world who are less fortunate than us. Each family was given a Project Compassion box this week and there are also boxes in each classroom. Further information about Caritas and the projects they support can be found at: [http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT DATES
If you have a child in Year 3, 4 or 6, please ensure you add these dates to your diary:
ENROLMENT WEEKEND FOR ALL SACRAMENTS TO BE HELD on the weekend of the 11th and 12th March. Please bring your child to the Mass which best suits your family, Mass times are Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday at 8.30am or 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

MAKING JESUS REAL (MJR)
MJR has a simple message - Jesus is part of our lives and can change the way we live and we can make Jesus live through our actions and words. An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognise God Moments in encounters with others, a cheerful greeting using a person's name, a smile, a wink of encouragement, an offer of a helping hand, or an unexpected compliment. MJR leads us to be 'winners and grinners' rather than 'moaners and groaners', to look for the positives in each day and to be sure to let others know how much we appreciate them in our lives. Each term students are chosen to receive the Making Jesus Real Award. The recipient of the award is someone who reflects the values listed above. They are given our special bear Lawry to take home as a reward for demonstrating such worthy values.

PARENTING IDEAS
Do you ever ask your children, “How was your day at school?” and get a limited or standard response that gives little detail? The Parenting Ideas article below provides a way of opening up this conversation to enable your child to share more about their day. We hope you find it useful.

God Bless
Mrs Jacki Tucker and
Mrs Gabrielle Brennan
Moving beyond asking, “What did you do at school?”

By Michael Grose

Ever found yourself asking your child the same bland question about school? “So, how was your day? What did you do at school today? What did you learn?”

If these are your default questions, the chances are that you’ll get a one or two word reply along the lines, “Fine!” “Good!” “Okay!” “Nothing much.”

These answers don’t really tell you a lot. On the other hand, these types of questions don’t ask a great deal.

So how can you move beyond the mundane when you talk with kids about their school days?

Set the atmosphere
It helps to create the right atmosphere for conversations. A quick “How was your day?” as you pick a child up from after-school is a rapport-builder or mood checker, but little more. If you drive you may earn a bit on the trip home, particularly if you keep the radio off and are able to keep some distance between kids and mobile devices. Alternatively, walking home together may loosen up your child’s tongue and put them in the mood for talking.

Give kids a chance
Most kids need some time and space to unwind before expecting them to talk about their day, particularly if you are going to launch and ask them questions. This makes sense as most adults would feel annoyed if they were assaulted as soon as they walked in the door about their day. “How was your day? What did you do? Who did you see?” Ahh! Stop!

Create conversations rather than ask questions
The dinner table makes a great place to talk, if all televisions are off, mobile devices are left behind and you take the time to make it more than a pit stop. One way to kick off a conversation is to ask kids if they’d like to hear about your day. From my experience kids are often interested in the most mundane things that go on in an adult’s day so don’t think you have to make it sound grander than what it is. This gives kids permission to talk about their own days, your story can stimulate conversations which provides openings for kids to ask questions and share a little or in some cases a lot about their own day at school.

Interesting questions lead to interesting conversations
The questions you ask to prompt a conversation will often say a great deal about you and what you value. If you focus only on academic or learning questions then it indicates that’s what you value.
YEARS THREE
Thank you to all parents for attending our Year 3 Information Evening last week. Last week we also started our Spelling words. The children will have these words for two weeks. They will be tested on 10 words every second Friday. Our first test will be this Friday. It is important that children understand the spelling patterns in the words such as the vowel patterns: ar, air, ur, aw for example. The children are getting into routine in the morning to come in and read the board for their morning work. This is the time for the children to change their reading books and settled down to begin their work. They will have a list of activities to complete depending on what they need to finish as I will be listening to children read. Thank you to all our fabulous parent helpers for coming in on reading roster. Please keep coming in!
I look forward to seeing many of you at our P&F BBQ this Friday 17 February.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
In Year Four we have been learning about the Continent of Europe. We have discussed countries in Europe and have been using the atlas to locate these countries. In Math’s we have been developing our Place Value knowledge into the thousands and looking at number patterns. This week we have also been preparing for our class Mass on Friday 17th February.

Miss Emma Reid, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
The Year Five students are going to the Perth Mint on Tuesday 28 February and will see a bar of gold poured. Our Assembly will be on Friday 10 March and the students will come dressed in 19th century Australia outfits; more details will follow as we get closer to the date. Next week we will begin our work about parliament and it would be helpful to discuss with your son or daughter the upcoming elections and point out the many posters that politicians have put up.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
The Year 6s have continued to do a great job in their new leadership roles. We have been talking about setting an example for younger students by following the rules and demonstrating the Spirit of Jesus. They have completed a number of assessments and I will be making myself available in the coming weeks for before and after-school meetings, if you would like to view and discuss these results. Regular homework started this week with daily activities for reading, spelling and Maths. Please make sure you sign your child’s diary each day. The Year 6s have been working hard developing skits and presentations for their class assembly next week, we look forward to performing them for you.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Six Teacher
ST LAWRENCE NETBALL REGISTRATION NIGHT

The 2017 Netball Winter season is fast approaching. Netball registration night will be:

Date: Thursday 23 February
Time: 7.00pm
Location: School Hall

Players in Year 2 through to Year 6 are eligible to play, and this includes boys. Children not attending St Lawrence are also welcome, so if you have friends or relatives interested please invite them to the registration night. At least one parent or guardian must attend.

Registration cost is $200.00 payable by cheque (to St Lawrence Netball Club) or cash. This fee covers the cost of registration for your child, the end of season windup, trophies and paying umpires. Players with eligible concession cards may be eligible for a kidsport voucher from their local council to assist in the cost of registration valued up to $200.00. Registration must be finalised by Wednesday 15th March.

All NEW players must bring along a copy of their birth certificate in order to register. Each team requires a coach and a team manager, so please consider putting your hand up for these roles. Each team requires a minimum of 7 players, but 8 or 9 would be ideal.

The teams train at the school, commencing after school pickup (3.30pm to 4.30pm) and games are played at Kingsway netball centre on Saturday mornings.

According to information provided by the WDNA at Kingsway, the game times may change this year:

Year 2/3 team and Year 4 playing at 8.30am.
Year 5 and Year 6 teams will play at 9.45am
The times will be confirmed later in March.

The season commences on Saturday 29th April and ends on Saturday 26th August.

If you have any queries please contact me on 0403 317 850 or email: pbulich@bigpond.com

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our registration night.

Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence NC President
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

EARLY CHILDHOOD T-SHIRT
The Early Childhood T-Shirt is now available for purchase in the color Red for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary students to wear at a cost of $17.00 each. Sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 are only available. Please note that the Early Childhood T-Shirt is NOT compulsory for students to wear.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
Second Hand Clothing is available for sale at various prices and are on display each week. If you have any unwanted uniform items in GOOD saleable condition, (please NO TIES, HATS AND SOCKS), items can be donated direct to the Uniform Shop or uniform items can be left in the school office. A BIG thank you to parents who have already kindly donated.

LOST PROPERTY BOX
The Lost Property Box is located outside the Year 6 classroom, if you have any missing uniform items please look for items in Lost Property. Please ensure all Hats, Jumpers and Track Jackets are clearly labelled with students name.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN HELP
To Sue Del Borrello and Leah Ferolla for their help in the canteen.

If you are able to help in the canteen, please see myself, Nancy or Christina.

Have a fantastic week - Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager
Nancy Donatelli and Christina Russo Canteen Assistant
Family Welcome Picnic – Friday 17th February 2017 – Commencing 5:30pm
Our Welcome Picnic is this Friday. Thank you to all those families who have returned their RSVP slips. There will be a silent disco for the kids, a photo booth and a raffle on the night with the prizes including a Seasonal Fruit Hamper (Kindly donated by The Herdsman’s Inspiring Foods) and a bottle of MOET! A reminder that A-L are asked to bring a dessert and M-Z a salad to share. Please package all food in disposable containers with disposable tongs etc if required. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

P&F Meeting - Friday 24th February 2017 – 2.00pm
This will be our first P&F meeting for the year. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see many people as possible. It is a relaxed and informal meeting. Agenda items will be discussed and the Principal, John Rose will also provide a report. Your thoughts, ideas and comments are important. For those unable to attend minutes of all meetings will be emailed electronically with newsletters.

Cadbury Chocolate Easter Fundraiser
With Easter fast approaching, we are excited to launch our first fundraising for the year. The Cadbury Chocolate Easter Boxes are great to buy for yourself for Easter or to sell to relatives, neighbours or colleagues. The boxes cost $80 with a profit of $30 per box sold. The profits from this fundraising will go towards the Nature Play. Notes were sent home. Please be aware that if the RSVP slip has not been returned to the office by Friday 17th February, a Fundraising box will be sent home to your family.

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

Mrs Caterina Di Carlantonio
P&F President

NOMINATION FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2017

I ___________________________ would like to nominate for the position of

Class Representative for Year ______________________

My mobile phone number is _________________

My email address is ________________________________

Signed ________________________________
2017
Annual Family Welcome Night

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

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY
5.30pm-7.30pm

We will provide:

- Spit roasted meat (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll
- Condiments
- Cool Drinks and Water to for purchase for $2
- Plastic plates, napkins, forks

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

- A-L are asked to bring in a dessert to share
- M-Z are asked to bring in a salad (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

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

Entertainment:

- Children can dance along in the Silent Disco and win some prizes
- Everyone can take some photos in the Photo Booth
With Easter fast approaching, the P&F are excited to launch our first fundraising for the year. The Cadbury Chocolate Easter Egg Boxes are great to buy for yourself for Easter or to sell to relatives, neighbours or colleagues.

The boxes contain 20 pre-mixed bags of mini Easter Eggs. The boxes cost $80 with a profit of $30 per box sold. The profits from this fundraising will go straight back into purchasing resources for the students and towards the Nature Play.

For each box sold, you will be entered into a raffle to win an Easter Hamper. The more boxes you sell the more chances you have to win. The family who sells the most amount of boxes will also win a prize.

We understand that your time is precious and that you might not be able to sell a box of chocolates, so we have included an option to donate the $30 profit instead.

All children will automatically be given a box to sell, unless the form below is returned to opt out. If you would like more than ONE box to sell, please fill in and return the slip below by **Friday 17th February**.

All money from the sale of boxes and any leftover chocolates **MUST be returned to the office by Friday 31st March**.

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

Kind Regards,
Caterina Di Carlantonio
P&F President

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**CADBURY EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER**

**OLDEST CHILD FULL NAME:** ____________________________________________ **YEAR**______

☐ I request ___ fundraising boxes

☐ I will prefer to donate the $30 profit instead of selling a box

☐ I am unable to participate in this fundraiser

**Please Note**

IF THIS SLIP HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY A FUNDRAISER BOX WILL BE SENT HOME TO YOUR FAMILY
COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:
A Weekend of Discovery...a lifetime of love. A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the sparks you felt on your wedding day! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, children, chores and phones – and focus only on each other. You’ll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. It can help you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Take a weekend out of the busyness of your lifestyle, where there is just the two of you.

We invite you to join us on one of our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. 31 March – 2nd April 2017 or 11 – 13 August 2017

For information or booking contact: 0424 220 625 – George & Monica or Email: WAbookings@wwme.org.au Website – www.wwme.org.au