We strive, in our religious education program, to help children integrate their faith and life. But how do we make God ‘real’ in our commercial filled world?

- God is like Coke, He’s the real thing
- God is like Qantas, He’s the spirit of Australia
- God is like Panadol, He relieves your pain
- God is like Omo, He brightens and whitens
- God is like Rexono, He won’t let you down
- God is alike Allbran, He keeps you healthy on the inside
- God is like Toyota, Oh what a feeling!
- God is like Australia post, He delivers.

P&F WELCOME NIGHT
On Friday 19 February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm all families are welcome to attend the P&F Welcome Night. This is a great opportunity to develop and renew friendships. A reminder parents please remember your children are your responsibility during this evening. I would like to thank the P&F Executive who have co-ordinated and organised this community building event.

BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISER
On Friday 4 March all students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be participating in our Bush Fire Fundraising Appeal from 1.40pm to 2.40pm. Students are asked to bring in 20cents, 50cents and $1.00 coins to participate in the many fundraising activities throughout the school. Parents are most welcome to attend this fundraising event.

HEALTH CARE CARD
If you are a holder of a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you are entitled to a discount on your tuition fees. An application form must be completed and a copy of your current card supplied. Further information and application forms are available from the school office. Please supply this information by Friday 19 February 2016.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Kindy in 2017 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 2017, 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 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.

Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.
PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2017 are currently being processed.
If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2017, 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 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

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

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

PROJECT COMPASSION
Doney is a quietly and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she’s creating big changes – in her life and in her village. Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have gone months without enough food to eat.
Please continue to support Project Compassion by donating money to the class box or your family box that went home last week.

CLASS MASS
The Year 4 class will be reading at the Parish Mass on Friday 19 February commencing at 9:00am. All parents are welcome to attend.

MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS
All children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who are receiving a sacrament should have a Mass Attendance Booklet and are expected to attend mass at least once a month.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

PARISH CHILDREN LITURGY for 2016 recommenced on Sunday 7 February and has been well attended. Thank you parents for bringing your children along. The first children’s mass of the year will be on Sunday 28 February. We would love as many children as possible to participate by singing in the choir, reading prayers of the faithful and taking up the offertory. So keep this date in mind and encourage your children to take part. John Rose will be distributing prayers of the faithful next week and organising a practise for singing. It is always a highlight of our Sunday celebration to have the children involved.
I thank you for your cooperation in the past and look forward to a great 2016. Toni Mattiaccio
In Year Five we have been reflecting on how WEST is about being Sacramental people. We Welcome others by living our Baptism every day. As people of God’s church we are Encouraged by the spirit of Confirmation. Through reconciliation we say Sorry and confess our sins. We are Thankful in Eucharist to God and each other as the people of God. The Spirit of Jesus is present to us all in these sacramental signs. Miss Emma Reid

Remember... Ask the Big Question – Where Was Jesus In My Life Today?

We work together in the classroom, to help each other learn. Miss Courtney Leigh
YEAR THREE
Thank you to the many parents and grandparents for attending our Liturgy of the Word last Friday morning. We were fortunate to have Fr Chris lead us in this celebration.
This week we have started Spelling words. The children will have these words for two weeks. They will be tested on 10 words every second 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 jobs. This is the time for the children to change their reading books and get settled down to begin their work. They will have an activity to complete on paper or iPad and they are learning to work quietly as I will be listening to children read. Thank you to all our fabulous parent helpers for reading roster. Please keep coming in!
I look forward to seeing many of you at our P&F BBQ this Friday 19 February.

Year 3 Liturgy of the Word

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Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year Four Information evening last week. You should have all received your Eucharist information booklet which outlines important information and dates leading up to First Communion in May. Please email me if you need a copy of this information. I have registered the children to another Maths site which helps them with learning basic Maths facts and improving their speed and accuracy. The website is XtraMath.com. I have given each child a parent note to take home which includes their enrolment code. Please follow the instructions. If you have any problems please email me. On Friday morning we will be attending mass with the parish and some of the Year 4’s will be reading. Please come and join us.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
Year Five have had a busy start to the school year! We are continuing to learn about Praying, Fasting and Alms Giving during Lent. In science we have been learning about different natural environments and their features. In Geography we have continued to learn about the impact of bushfires and started a class discussion about how we can support our school Bushfire Fundraiser on the 4th March. During Maths we have been focussing on building our Place Value knowledge. Today the students have brought home a card game based on Place Value to challenge you at home! Please remember to download your new apps as soon as possible as the students are eager to begin using them!

Have a great week! Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher
YEAR SIX
Our three weekly spelling, vocabulary and maths tests are this week; extra practise using Spelling Free and Quizlet would be helpful in preparing your son/daughter. We are vigorously brushing up on our tables, so further practise both orally and using Math Drills are a good way to support your child. Year 6 will be preparing the Assembly on Friday 26th February beginning at 8.45am in the hall.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS
In library this term we are focusing on the fiction collection and reading for enjoyment. Children from lower and middle primary are looking at important parts of the fiction book and how to locate books by specific authors. Much of this term’s work with these children will be within the context of stories about dragons which has been reflected in our first major library display this term. Children from upper primary are looking at a range of fiction sub-genres with the aim of introducing them to different authors and exposing them to a wider variety of writing styles.

PIAF PERTH WRITERS FESTIVAL
On Sunday 21st February as part of the Writers Festival at the University of WA, there will be a number of family sessions which are free. Amongst the authors who will be presenting sessions are: Sally Rippin, Emily Rodda, Andy Griffiths and Lucy Cousins. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen to authors as well as be involved in a number of interactive literary sessions. There is a copy of the programme on the library door. You can also visit the website: perthfestival.com.au to get more information.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
School Socks Delivery
School and Sports socks delivery has now arrived. Parents who were not able to purchase socks in the last two weeks, are now available to purchase. If you are not able to come into the Uniform Shop, order forms are available in the school office. Please leave the correct money in an envelope with your order and pass on to Mrs Armstrong. I will give the order to your child to bring home.

Red Rugby Shorts and Skort
Girls may choose to wear Red Rugby Shorts or Skorts and these are available to purchase. Parents please note that Size 4 Red Rugby Shorts have arrived.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager
**CANTEEN NEWS**

SUSHI
On Thursday the 25th of February we will have Sushi. Varieties include chicken, vege, tuna and combo. Cost: $6.50. Please **PRE ORDER by Friday the 19th of February**.

iPOD up for Grabs
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost: $2.00 for 3 tickets. The winner will be announced on the last day of term.

Volunteer
If you would like to volunteer to help in the Canteen, please see myself, Nancy or Samantha.

*Have a fantastic week.*
*Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Managers*
*and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant*

**ST LAWRENCE NETBALL CLUB NEWS**

**Attention Parents, we URGENTLY need your help with:**

1. **More players** for the Year 3 and Year 4 teams or there may be no team.
2. **Coaches required** for Year 6: Remember - no coach means we cannot register a team. Coaches may be mums, dads, older siblings or anyone happy to volunteer their time and energy.
3. **Year 2 players** Children born between 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2008 are eligible to play in the Year 3 team.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who came along last night to register their children. Several parents have contacted me keen to register their children who could not attend the meeting. Registration forms are available at the school office.

Registration fees ($200.00 cash or cheque only) may be handed in at the school office in an envelope.

All new players require a copy of their birth certificate.

Teams need to be finalised by Friday 11th March.

Any questions, please call me on 0403 317 850 or email, [pbulich@bigpond.com](mailto:pbulich@bigpond.com)

*Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence Netball Club President*
It has been an extremely hot start to the term but I have been really pleased with the students attitudes in sport lessons so far. All year groups have been working hard as we begin our striking and fielding programme. It is also great to observe students embracing the very popular EduDance programme.

Please ensure that your child has their hat and a drink bottle for their lessons. It is very easy for them to overheat on these hot days and it is very disruptive to allow them to go to the drink fountain.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Claire Major, Physical Education Teacher
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
We still require representatives for Years 3, 4 and 5. Nomination Form is attached below.

FAMILY WELCOME NIGHT FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY – STARTS AT 5.30PM
If you have not sent in your RSVP form yet please do so TODAY. We are having the event catered so these forms are very important.

Reminder:
A-L are asked to bring in a Salad (coleslaw, potato ect) to share
M-Z are asked to bring in a small plate of Sweets to share

CADBURY CHOCOLATE EGG FUNDRAISER
The P&F are excited to announce the launch of its Cadbury chocolate Easter egg fundraiser for Term 1. With Easter fast approaching now is the perfect time to buy your eggs without the hassle of shopping.

The box will contain 20 pre-mixed bags of the following: 125g Dairy Milk Chocolate Eggs, 125g Caramello Eggs, 125g Crunchie Eggs. We are able to offer these Easter chocolates at $4.00 per bag. These bags retail for $4.50 each at major supermarkets. The cost of the box will be $80, of which we will profit $30.00.

You may wish to buy them yourself or sell them to relatives, workmates or neighbours. All profits will go towards the purchase of a new Springboard reading series with a range of guided reading books across year levels. For each box sold you are entered in a raffle to win an Easter Home Baking Hamper containing a quality baker’s apron, three packets of Cadbury Chocolate Melts and two silicon Easter baking moulds, all in a wicker basket. The more boxes sold, the more chances to win. The family who sells the most amount of boxes will also win a hamper. We understand that all families are busy and sometimes selling 20 bags of chocolates is a bit much. We also understand that some of us eat all 20 bags! Keeping this in mind, this year we have added the option to donate $30 rather than sell the chocolates. Forms to advise your preference are due back on Friday 19th February 2016.

If you are taking the option to donate the $30 please include this money with your form to office.

P&F MEETING
Our first P&F meeting was held on Tuesday 16th February 2016. Thank you to all those who attended. A copy of the minutes is attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Narelle Zacknich, P&F President and Executive Committee

NOMINATION FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2016
I ___________________________ would like to nominate for the position of Class Representative for Year ________________

My mobile phone number is _______________
My email address is ________________________________

Signed ________________________________
The P&F in conjunction with the School Board would like to invite the school community to help celebrate the beginning of the new school year on:

**FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016  5.30pm-7.30pm**

We will provide dinner:

Spit roasted meat (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll & condiments

Cold Cool drinks will be available to purchase for $2 each

For convenience plastic plates, napkins and forks will be provided

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

A-L are asked to bring in a Salad (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

M-Z are asked to bring in a small plate of Sweets to share

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

There will be entertainment for the children provided by

**Bop Till You Drop Disco 5.45pm - 7.15pm**

On the night there will be a raffle for a meat pack

As we are having the event catered, please complete the R.S.V.P slip below and return to the school office.  **Hope to see you all there!**

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**We will be attending the Annual Family welcome night : Friday 19 February 2016**

Family Name _________________________________________________

Adults _________________  Children ____________________________
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Friday 19th February  Please ensure all extra boxes or opt out slips have been returned to the office.
Monday 29th February  Fundraising boxes will be sent home.
Thursday 24th March  All money for sold boxes to be returned to the office

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

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CADBURY EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER

OLDEST CHILD FULL NAME: ___________________________ YEAR ____________

☐ I request a total of _______ fundraising boxes

☐ I am a bit busy to sell chocolates, but would still love to help. I would like to donate $30 instead

☐ We are unable to participate in this fundraiser

PLEASE NOTE: IF THIS SLIP HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
A FUNDRAISER BOX WILL BE SENT HOME TO YOUR FAMILY
We look forward to presenting to Parents/Guardians and children the exciting newly created Resource Centre at Servite representing an innovative and progressive learning environment for students.

This is a great opportunity for you as a family, to be provided with information on the Educational Opportunities at Servite College for your children’s future.

Please contact the College on 9444 6333 or email to: admin@servite.wa.edu.au to register your interest, so that we can welcome you on the day.

Jeff Allen, Principal