REFLECTION
In last Sunday’s Gospel we heard when Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. This Gospel struck a cord with me, if Jesus can be vulnerable to the devil, how vulnerable am I?

It is important to live in a Christ like manner to ensure that we are not tempted by the devil.

P&F BBQ
The P&F BBQ will be held this 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.

SMOOTH START TO THE YEAR
I would like to thank all staff and students for making such a smooth and excellent start to the 2013 school year. All staff appreciate the ongoing support of our families for the betterment of our students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Unfortunately last week the school was broken into and some Scholastic Book Club Orders were stolen. If you had returned your envelope before Thursday 14 February please see Mrs Armstrong in the office as soon as possible in order for the school to organise your orders correctly. We apologise for this inconvenience.

YEAR SIX ASSEMBLY
This Friday the first of our class assemblies will take place in the school hall at 8.45am. It would be pleasing to see many families attend this assembly.

STATE ELECTION 2013
The Catholic Education Office of Western Australia has requested all Catholic Schools to circulate information that is relevant to the State Election to be held on 9 March 2013. In today’s and future newsletters there will be information regarding issues that the Catholic Education Office would like to raise.

John Rose
Principal
Week at a glance……

Thursday 21 February: Year 6 Reconciliation
Friday 22 February: Year 6 Assembly
                                 P&F Family BBQ
Sunday 24 February: 6pm Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Monday 25 February: Year 2 Excursion
Tuesday 26 February: 6.30pm Netball Meeting

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
The theme for this year is “Open doors into the Future.” With the support of Caritas children in Mozambique are receiving healthcare, food and education. Please continue to give generously to your family Project Compassion boxes, as well as the boxes in each classroom and office administration.

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.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS
This Sunday 24 February all children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the enrolment mass at 6pm.

PARISH NEWS
The children’s commitment mass is on this Sunday at 6pm. Thank you to those who volunteered to sing. All children singing in the choir should be in church by 5pm for rehearsal. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.
Toni Mattiaccio    Mattiaccio.toni@cathednet.wa.edu.au    ph: 0416309483

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six teacher, on the birth of his beautiful granddaughter - Bridgid Ann Mary - this morning.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Pre Primary: Spencer Faulkner, Nicholas Bullo, Eliza Vu, Jacob King
Year One: Selena Versini, Sienna Anderson, Jake Versace, Olivio Fazzari
Year Two: Tiana Zito, Chiara Caccamo, Gabriel Ienco, Simon Messina
Year Three: Alexia Femia, Matthew Dimasi, Natalya Fazzari, Adrian Versace
Year Four: Karlo Jelaska, Pitia Lado, Nadia Mattioli, Danica Germano
Year Five: Clyde-Dave Apal, Declan Gentry, Ella Pearson, Tiahna Zaekis
Year Six: Jordano Vivona, Alaa Albrikabi, Michael Lombardo, Monique Veletta
PLAYGROUND SAFETY – PRE KINDY/KINDY/PREPRIMARY PLAYGROUND AREA
We urge all parents and guardians not to allow children – including siblings to play on any equipment before or after school hours. The children are only allowed to play whilst under the supervision of school staff. This is a duty of care issue and your cooperation would be appreciated as accidents can happen and the safety of all children is our primary concern.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich

CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE
Year 3 students have made a very successful start to the term, learning routines and completing their work. Could all books please be covered by Monday 25 February, thank you. The Year 3 Paraliturgy will be on Friday 1 March, please come along.

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Meeting last Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see you all. Thank you also for covering and returning books to class. Could any uncovered books please be covered and returned to class by Monday 25 February. Please continue to sign the homework diary, spelling folder and reading journal every night. The children have made a positive start to the year and I hope this continues.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
We have been busy in class with our first Maths Assessments and reading our class novel. Thank you to all the parents who used our shared Google document to book a meeting time with me. This organisational tool is something we will be using more of and so far it has been a great success. The students have been using Edmodo well and this has proven very effective. Please ask your child to check Edmodo every few days for updates and news. We have also asked for a gold coin donation to our ‘Class bank’, ask your child about what this means!

Have a lovely week, Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Class Teacher

YEAR SIX
The Year 6 Assembly will this Friday at 8.45am in the Hall. I am pleased with the mature way your children have begun this year as leaders in our school. Flexibility and responsibility are key requirements to meet all the demands placed upon them. With our focus on Government, it would be useful to discuss with your child the various aspects involved in the election process to reinforce what is happening in the classroom; advertising, propaganda, reasons for choosing candidates and parties, etc. This will help make the real world connections for them that are so valuable to assist learning. We will be visiting the Governor’s house on March 13 and the WA Parliament on March 22. All children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend the Confirmation Enrolment Mass on Sunday at 6pm. The Parent Meeting for Confirmation will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 7.15pm in the Hall.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

IMPORTANT BOOK CLUB NOTICE: There has been a problem with Book Club orders that were handed in on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. If this applies to you, could you please see Mrs Armstrong at the front office and get a new Book Club pamphlet and resubmit the order. You have already paid for the order so no additional money is needed. If you paid by Credit Card, you will need to include the receipt number as per your original order. Thanks for your co-operation in dealing with this issue.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to a new week. A reminder that the canteen is now open four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I would like to thank my volunteers who have placed their name on the canteen roster. If you would like to volunteer, please come and see me. Thank you to Janine Vivona for her help in the canteen each morning before school. Help is always greatly appreciated. Next month we will begin our Easter treats. You will be informed as time goes on. Enjoy fresh homemade food. Hope everyone has a lovely week.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress

NETBALL NEWS

St Lawrence Netball Registration Evening

Date: Tuesday 26th February 2013
Time: 6.30pm
Place: School Learning Centre
Bring: Copy of child’s birth certificate if playing for the first time and registration fee (can be paid by cash or cheque)

Please note this is open to all girls from Years 3 to 6. Also if you would like to get involved in the St Lawrence Netball Club we are looking for new committee members, coaches, team managers and umpires.

Any queries please call Marina Veletta on mobile 0433 682 000.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Parents, please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 February and will be open on Friday 1 March from 8.30am to 9.30am. The Uniform Shop will be re-open back to normal times on 6 March, opening times as below:

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

Thank you, Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manageress
P & F Meeting
Thank you all that attended our meeting on Monday night, fantastic to see some dads there. It certainly was a positive night with lots of excited discussions on events to come and hear people’s view. Hope you enjoyed the barista service!

Easter Fundraiser
Well as you all know, it’s here already!! So our first one for 2013 is the Malteser Bunny and it sells for $1.50 each in a carton of 32. The whole carton is $48.00. Do you know a chocolate freak who doesn’t love maltesers……they are addictable!!
Whilst some of us love chocolate, please do not feel that you have to eat them all or buy them……we all work for someone, put them on the counter, have you done your Easter shopping? Consider NOT buying big expensive Easter eggs, why not use these?
Your support to the P&F and St Lawrence Primary in Fund raising is greatly appreciated and all in the interest of our children’s education requirements at this fantastic school.

School BBQ
Have you forgotten to RSVP – there’s still time and don’t forget the entertainment we have organised for the children. As mentioned at the meeting we will have a separate smaller bouncy castle/slide for the Kindy/Pre-Primary children.

Class Reps
Where are you? We still need nominations for Class Representatives for 2013 – once again we urge to please consider this timeless effort.
Have a fantastic week everyone, we look forward to seeing/meeting you on Friday night and best of luck with the raffle.

Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda.

Photo Gallery

Year Two students busy at work

Kindy Students in the sandpit

Kindy Students doing water play
Fact Sheet 1: Challenges posed by population growth

Perth has been the fastest growing capital city in Australia over the past 10 years. Since 2001 Perth has grown by 346,000 people, or 25%. Catholic Education has experienced strong demand over this same period with enrolments growing from 59,974 in 2001 to 71,774 in 2011, an increase of 20%.

The Catholic system’s ability to expand existing schools and build new schools is restricted by:

- levels of Capital funding
- local government planning processes
- increasing requirements for contributions to local infrastructure

The population growth in Western Australia is expected to continue for some time.

The chart shows the projected increase in the 5–19 yr old age group.

It is estimated that an additional 100,000 students will need to be accommodated over the next 13 years with approximately 18,000 to be in Catholic schools or a 25% increase on current numbers.

This is the equivalent of 20 new primary schools and 10 new secondary schools.

The need for a collaborative approach with the State Government is strongly endorsed by Catholic Education and this needs to occur now.