Reflection:

“Good and gracious God, guide our hearts, that we may see you in one another and walk in your light as we travel through our lifetime. Take our hands in yours and set them to the work of making our prayers for love, reconciliation, and justice realities in our time and place.”

(Daily Reflections for Lent, Not by Bread Alone 2015)

RENOVATIONS
During the school holidays the Learning Centre and the School Library have been refreshed with artwork that is student friendly. It has been pleasing to see many students looking at and utilising the large world map in the Learning Centre.

PARALITURGY
This Friday will be the first Paraliturgy of the school year. The Year Three students will commence the Paraliturgy in the school hall at 8.45am. Paraliturgies are a shortened liturgy focusing on the Liturgy of the Word and not celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our younger students from Pre Primary to Year Three participate in Paraliturgies throughout the year.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Next week from Tuesday to Thursday I will be attending the 2015 CPPA Conference focusing on leadership and the initiatives that improve classroom practice. Please see the Assistant Principals for any major concerns.
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2016
Applications for Kindy in 2016 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 2016, 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 2016 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
Applications close Friday 13 March

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2016
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2016 are currently being processed. If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2016, 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 2016 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.
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With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow

John Rose
Principal

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

PROJECT COMPASSION
This week we meet Eric and Ma from Fiji. Eric and Ma are married and had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre. Caritas Australia supported them and now they have a profitable farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

UNIFORMS - Jewellery
- Plain small sleepers or small gold, silver or small stone studs, only one per ear in the ear lobe only. One cross or Christian religious medal on a chain tucked under the shirt/blouse may be worn. No rings or bracelets to be worn.
- No other body or face piercing or tattoos is permitted.

NAPLAN
Parents with a child in Year 3 or Year 5 this year will receive an information pamphlet today. NAPLAN testing will take place from 12 to 14 May 2015.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

PARISH CHILDREN'S MASS

On behalf of the parish I would like to thank all who attended the children’s mass on Sunday. It was great to see so many children. Particular thanks go to the singers and readers, it always makes our Sunday night mass special and more enjoyable having you participate. Children’s liturgy has also been well attended and continues as usual during the Sunday evening masses. I look forward to the next children’s mass on the 22 March.  Mrs Toni Mattiaccio- Coordinator

A moment with Sr Chitra

“Look today I am offering you life or death, blessing or curse Death. Choose life and you may live”. Deu 30:15

God has made us in His image – part of which is the volitional or the capacity to make choices. Making a choice can be tough and/or uncomfortable. It is important to remember that not making a choice is also a choice. Choices have consequences and one needs courage to own a decision and live with the consequences thereof. The Serenity prayer is a great prayer to pray at this time.

Prayer
Father God, Life is made up of choices. We choose to do something and in doing that we automatically choose to leave something else undone. There are so many demands on my time and talents. I know I can make wise decisions if I allow you to guide me. I do pray that your word will be my guiding light and show me the path I need to take. AMEN

Thought for the day
- I am aware of my choices today.
- I choose things that are pleasing to God and which are good for myself and others.
LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Sale**
There will be a sale of discarded library and classroom books in the library, next Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March. All books will be 20 cents and all proceeds will go to Project Compassion. Books can be purchased before and after school, and at lunchtime. There will be many bargains to be had!

**Healthy Eating**
As part of our literature focus on eating fruit and vegetables, we have received a number of copies of recipe books from LiveLighter. There are two different books, *Back to Basics Recipe Book* and *Back to Basics Recipe Book 2*. These are free and have some great healthy recipes in them. Pop into the library if you want to grab a copy of either or both.

**Book Covering**
We would love to have some more volunteers to help with covering library books. If you could spare an hour or so every now and then, we would be very appreciative. It just speeds up the process in getting all of our lovely new resources on to the shelves.

*Mrs Lyn Archer Teacher Librarian*

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CLASS NEWS

**PRE KINDY**
It is Week 4 already and we are enjoying our days at Pre Kindy - even if they are a little hot. Thanks so much to our parents who have been so supportive with our start to school. The children are doing very well with our routine and seem to be quite settled.

Our activities vary during our three main sessions of the day and we have the chance to play with some wonderful toys and equipment.

Later in the term we will have some new friends turning three years of age who will join us so we look forward to meeting them.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

**KINDERGATEN**
The children are beginning to settle into the Kindy routine which is fabulous to see. Our parent roster has started and the children love having their mum or dad coming to spend some time with them.

Just a few housekeeping reminders:
- Please remember to update your email address if it changes as I often use email as a quick way to communicate to everyone.
- Please bring in a piece of fruit, dried fruit, cheese or crackers to share EVERY DAY. This is to be placed in the green fruit container outside each morning.
- Children must have a hat each day to play outside and a hand towel to lay on at rest time. These items are to be brought inside each morning and put into their cubby hole with their lunch and drink bottle.

We are working on pencil grip and cutting skills at the moment. If you see that your child is not holding their pencil correctly when drawing or colouring in or not holding scissors correctly, please show them the correct grip. It is important to get them into good habits as soon as possible. Giving children the opportunity to cut regularly is very important so let them cut up magazines or shopping catalogues for fun.

Our theme this week is 'Feelings'. We look at the types of feelings we can have and how to respond to those feelings. For the whole term we will be focusing on colours, numbers and shapes. In literacy we are learning what syllables are and how to count the syllables in words (beats in a word). We will focus on two and three syllable words. Thank you for all your support so far this term.

Have a wonderful week.

*Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher*
PRE PRIMARY
I can’t believe we are coming to the end of week 4 already! Time is really flying by! In Pre Primary we have been focusing on learning our letter sounds: satpin. We are also practicing how to write these letters by using our “froggy legs” to pick up our pencils properly! During play time we are trying to expand our friendship circles by playing with new friends or people we don’t usually play with. It’s great to see and hear the children talking about the new people they are going to play with today!

Wishing you all a safe and restful long weekend!

Miss Edel Murray, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
This morning Mr Tonge picked a big green watermelon from the garden this morning. We cut it up in class and ate it. It was juicy and delicious. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support with morning reading. It is very much appreciated. Have a great week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students have been working on their writers passports they received at the Writers Festival last week. In Art we have been making ‘Picasso Faces’. These will be on display in the Learning Centre once we have completed them next week. Many thanks to the parents who have been helping out with Morning Reading and spelling groups, your assistance is much appreciated!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher
How are all our outer space savers going? We are loving your smiley faces every Wednesday. Keep up the good work. To help you all on your savings mission, Commonwealth Bank are giving students a chance to win a family trip to Disneyland California. See link below.

HELP
Can all our bankers please check your deposit book. We are missing a $20 deposit slip. If you do have it, can you please drop it off at the office. Thanks heaps!

SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE
FOR TERM: 1  E.T. DVD & PLANET HANDBALL

NEW ACCOUNT OPENING DAY
Wednesday, 11 March 2015

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. Get your child started with School Banking:-

Apply online
Apply online if you’re an existing customer and have NetBank  Open in NetBank
Apply in a branch or over the phone
Visit your closest branch or call us on 13 2221 at any time. Find a branch
Complete and return this form to your child’s school.
Youthsaver account application (PDF)

Lucia Ewen and Nancy Donatelli
School Banking Coordinators
ST LAWRENCE NETBALL CLUB SEASON 2015

Netball Registration Meeting will be held on **Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm** in the School Hall. One parent from each player **must be present** at this meeting to register. (I would prefer that you do not bring your child to this meeting if possible).

Any child who is 7 and turning 8 this year up to 12 years of age can register. We will need a new team for our Year 3’s with a minimum of 7 players (prefer at least 8-9 players) as well as a new Coach and Manager to register a team. I am also quite happy to accept outsiders to join our club so if you know anyone who might be interested please let them know and attend our Registration night.

All **New Players** will need to bring in a **Copy of their Birth Certificate**. (Without this I am unable to register your child at the WDNA).

Fee applicable is **$200.00 per child** which can be paid by either **Cheque** (to St Lawrence Netball Club) or **Cash**. This fee includes registration of your child, umpire fees and trophy presentation at the end of season. Completion of Registration forms and payment of $200.00 will be done at this meeting as well as discussions with volunteering positions such as Coaches, Managers and Umpires.

Parents please consider volunteering for these roles as this club is run by parents. Without Coaches and Managers I will not be able to register a team. I am also looking for a sponsor to purchase new bibs for our 4 teams to compliment our new netball uniform this year. If you know anyone or as a parent you are willing to sponsor, please give me a call to discuss.

Should you wish to discuss anything prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to call me on 0421 274 439.

Angela Mattioli, St Lawrence Netball President

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CANTEEN NEWS

Hi everyone and welcome to a sunny week.

**SUSHI**
Thank you to everyone who bought sushi today. The children loved it.

**EASTER RAFFLE**
We are selling Easter Raffle tickets at the canteen. Two great hampers to be won. Tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Come on down and support the canteen.

**MENU**
Reminder that chicken nuggets and sausage rolls are only available on Fridays.

**COLOURING IN COMPETITION**
We have a colouring in competition at the canteen for Year 5 to Year 6. Please come and see me in the canteen for the picture form. Good luck everyone.

Hope you all have a lovely week.

Mrs Frances Svilichich, Canteen Manager
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to everyone for who has nominated for class representatives this year. We had numerous nominations for most year groups. Please co-ordinate to share the role for the year.

Class representatives are still required for Pre Kindy, Kindy and Year Two.

Pre Kindy
Kindy
Pre Primary Laura Russo / Frances Caccamo
Year 1 Laura Rigoli / Jenny Mucciarone /Leah Ferolla
Year 2
Year 3 Anja Mojas
Year 4 Angela Messina
Year 5 Nova Gibbons
Year 6 Lucia Lizzi / Teresa Bianco / Angela Mattioli

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who opted in for the fundraiser. Chocolates will be sent home this FRIDAY with your child.

- **Friday 27th March** All money and any unsold chocolates (hopefully none!) be returned to the office
- **Thursday April 2nd** Winner of raffle drawn for Hamper at assembly.

*Narelle Zaknich, P&F President and Executive*

CLASS REP NEWS

YEAR THREE

To all the Year 3 parents. There will be a morning tea in the school hall on Friday 27 February 2015, after the Year 3 paraliturgy. It would be great if you could stay so we can catch up and get to know new parents. It would be appreciated if you could bring a small plate of sweets to share, and remember our school has a NO NUT policy.

*Thank you, Anja Mojas (Year Three Class Representative)*