REFLECTION

During Lent, we look for ways to make acts of self denial. These may be very specific like sugarless coffee or abstinence from meat on Fridays. But a greater challenge, I believe, is to remain aware throughout the day that “you are a blessing from the Father to everyone you meet today”.

May He bless us all as we strive to live Christ-like lives.

P&F BBQ
Thank you to all families who attended this very relaxed and enjoyable evening. It was great to see many families socialising and welcoming new families to our school community. I thank all families who adapted in the wet weather and appreciate the flexibility shown by everybody. Thanks in particular to our P&F Executive who organised such a wonderful but challenging (weather) night. Thanks to the School Board who funded this community building activity.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – PUPIL FREE DAY
On Tuesday 5 March the St Lawrence staff will be working with our KAGAN coaches on developing new structures and methods to improve writing throughout the school. Following this professional development day Robyn from KAGAN Australia will be coaching the staff on Wednesday and Thursday in implementing these new structures into our teaching.

QCS SURVEY
From 11 to 22 March all Catholic Schools in Western Australia will once again participate in the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) surveys that will give the school an indication of the culture that exists at St Lawrence. All staff, 60 random families and 50 students will participate in this survey. If you receive an envelope next week to participate please complete the survey as it is imperative that your voice and opinions are heard. Please be aware that all surveys are confidential. Under no circumstances would any information about responses to the survey or their survey responses be divulged to any party. The strength of the QCS survey lies in its accuracy and reliability. There were no breaches in security in over 9,000 surveys distributed in 2012.

CONFIRMATION
On Thursday 28 February outside the Year 6 class a list will be posted of which Mass your child will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am pleased to announce that all families have received their first choice. A reminder that the parent meeting for Confirmation will be held in the Learning Centre at 7.15pm on Wednesday 6 March. A parent from each family is expected to attend this session.

John Rose
Principal
Week at a glance……

Thursday 28 February:  Year 5 Reconciliation
Friday 1 March:  Year 3 Paraliturgy
Monday 4 March:  Public Holiday
Tuesday 5 March:  Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 6 March:  7.15pm Confirmation parent Meeting
Friday 8 March:  Year 5 Assembly

Public Holiday – Monday 4 March - Labour Day
Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 5 March

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
This week’s story comes from Bolivia. Caritas is providing education and circus skills training for young children battling a life on the streets in Bolivia. Please continue to donate to your own family Project Compassion box or donate to the boxes in the classrooms.

LEARNING AREA BOOKS
Each Friday this term certain Learning Area Books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please remember to return all books promptly after the weekend. This is the order of books which will be sent home for the remainder of this term.

WEEK 4 - English
WEEK 5 - Maths
WEEK 6 – Religion and Society and Environment
WEEK 7 - Science, Health, Paths
WEEK 8 - Italian, Art

By viewing the work your child has completed thus far in a particular Learning Area you are able to see:
1. Content being covered at a particular year level
2. Your child’s work habits- standards and presentation
3. Your child’s understanding of concepts being taught

This is an opportune time for you to discuss what they have been doing at school and areas they need to work on to improve in this Learning Area such as- making sure all work is being completed, reading instructions more carefully, presentation, spelling, grammar etc. (depending on Learning Area)

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
St Lawrence Primary School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 22 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave their car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising a healthy breakfast for you to enjoy once you have arrived at school.

YEAR 3 PARALITURGY
All parents are welcome to the Year 3 Paraliturgy to be held in the School Hall on Friday 1 March starting at 9:00am.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
Wednesday 6 March all Year 6 parents whose child is receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year please attend a Confirmation parent meeting commencing at 7:15 pm in the Learning Centre.
DADDY DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY WITH ME

Once there was a little boy who wanted his dad to teach him how to play catch. One sunny day the little boy's father was sitting on the couch, drinking a beer, while watching a baseball game. The boy rushed into the house exclaiming, "Daddy, daddy, daddy, show me how to play catch!" The father, blankly staring at the television screen, replied, "In a little while son, let me finish watching this inning, come back in five minutes."

"Okay daddy", said the boy and ran out of the room. Five minutes later the boy returned screaming, "Daddy, let's go let's play some catch now!"

The father turned to the boy and said, "hold on son, the inning is not quite over come back in five more minutes."

"Okay, daddy", said the boy as he shuffled out the room. Five minutes later the boy returned ball and glove in hand eagerly awaiting for his father to play some catch. “Daddy let’s go, I want to be Ken Griffey Jr.!” shouted the boy. By this time, the father had cracked open another cold one and another inning was taking place. Frustrated by the boy's constant hindrances, the dad scanned the room. While scanning the room the father notice a magazine underneath the coffee table. On the cover of the magazine was a large picture of the world. The father, who was angered and annoyed, began tearing the magazine cover in to small pieces. After a few moments, of shredding up the magazine cover, the father placed the torn pieces on the magazine. Then, the father turned to his boy and said, "Son, once you put this picture of the world back together we can play catch, but do not interrupt me again until you are done!" Apprehensively, the boy took the magazine and sulked into his room. As he sobbed, "Okay, daddy I won’t". A few moments later the boy returned and said, "I'm done daddy can we play catch now?" Stunned, the father glanced towards his child, and there in his small hands laid the magazine with the world pieced perfectly together. Amazed, the dad asked his child how he put the world together so quickly. "It was simple" stated the boy "On the back of the world was a picture of a person, and once I put the person together that's when their world came together."

Reflections

Do we try to fix the world before fixing our self?
When was the last time we turned inward to take a look at our self?

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
Can you believe we are now in to week 4! The children are settling well. Our focus for the past few weeks has been "Marvellous Me". Our discussions and activities have been about our body and what it can do. Next week we start our theme of "Colours". We will start with RED followed by BLUE. It would be wonderful if the children could come wearing some clothing to match the colour we are doing each week. This helps to consolidate the learning and makes it fun. Thank you so much for the fantastic response to the washing roster. The parent helper roster will be up in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that the children must have a hat to be able to play outside.

Take care. Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDY
We have had a great start to our first four weeks at Kindy. The children have done very well in the mornings coming straight to the mat. We sincerely thank parents for leaving so promptly and allowing us to settle our little ones. The children have been kept very busy and while we have such hot weather we try to keep our time for Outdoor Play to a minimum. In the past two weeks we had our Library lesson, visiting Mrs Archer and Mrs Frenzel in the Library. Our Library books need to be returned every Tuesday for the lesson that day in order for the children to borrow a book. We also had our first Italian lessons with Signorina Anna Maria who teaches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We really appreciate the lovely, healthy lunches you are packing and hope this continues. We ask parents to please unpack your child’s bag in the morning – taking out their lunch box and water bottle and leaving them in the cubby holes. We remind parent and guardians doing pickups in the afternoons to please wait under the sails in our playground to enable us to keep the children settled while we distribute important notes and work at the end of our day.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher
PRE PRIMARY
I am pleased to report that the children have settled in well to their new classroom. We are all playing well, learning to interact appropriately and are getting used to the routine. I am particularly happy with their manners and the way they greet the teachers in the morning. Term One is always a busy one, with children settling into their new classroom and Adelaida and myself trying to remember names and new faces. On Friday evening the P & F put on a lovely bbq for the St Lawrence families. It was lovely to catch up and chat with not only past students and parents but also new families at the school. The children had so much fun and the bouncy castle was a hit! Thank you for your efforts on the day to everyone involved.

News
This week I will be sending home the children’s News Plans in a new folder we call their ‘Activities Folder’. Once again this will need to come to and from school in their school bag each day as I will be checking children have completed set activities.

Assembly
This will take place fortnightly on a Friday morning. It is extremely important that children are at school no later than 8:30am as I will be taking them over to be seated at this time and any late children will need to be taken over by a parent. Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance throughout the year. Have a great week everyone!

Reminder: Please make sure children are wearing sport shoes that are closed in such as runners on Mondays and Thursday as it is much more appropriate for sport activities and they enable the children move freely.

Miss Rachel Keast, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you for sending in family photos for our Religion discussion and display. The children enjoy presenting and discussing these photos with the class. I will be putting up a roster for literacy block outside the Year One classroom if you can stay and assist with group activities following morning reading. Literacy block runs from 9.00am -10.40am Monday through to Thursday if you can stay and assist even for a short time it would be most helpful.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students had a terrific time exploring the House of Dreaming on Monday. They are now making plans to create their own ‘dream objects’. We did, however, have a mix up with sports shoes – please try and have all your child’s belongings clearly labelled to prevent items being lost or misplaced.

Thanks also to those parents who have been assisting with Morning Reading, I really appreciate it! Homework reading should happen every weeknight for a minimum of 10 minutes per night. It is really vital as the students need to consolidate skills learnt in class. If you are having problems with homework reading, please don’t hesitate to come and see me. Many Thanks!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher
Hello everyone. A reminder that the canteen is now open four days a week – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Parents please be aware that the new menu is on our website. Please come and see me if you have any queries. A big thank you to Lyndon Smith and Marina Veletta for their help on Friday. Very much appreciated. On Thursday 14 March we will have sushi to order. Vegetarian, chicken or tuna, the cost is $4.50. There has been a slight increase since last time. Please pre-order by Wednesday March 13 or you will miss out.

Roster: Wednesday 27 March: Sonia Piccirilli Thursday 28 March: Pam Winton
Thank you to everyone for all your support. Very much appreciated. Have a great few days and keep coming and enjoying the fresh and homemade food.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress

School BBQ
Well if there was ever a time one would think, let’s put these women to the test and throw every obstacle in front of them – THIS WAS IT!!
With the rain we had to move bbq’s and make a decision to move food to the hall. The cooking, was delayed and you had to wait a little longer, P & F ladies running all over the place and thanks to Angela Leddin and Lina Armstrong the food got served.
The Board and P&F would like to extend our sincere gratitude to a number of people who sponsored the event alongside the School Board who paid for most of the food:
Angie Paseretto - What a professional!! The Magnificent Hamper for our raffle which had it all, the Good and the Bad to satisfy all our temptations - after Lent!! Congratulations to Sam and Natalie Multari who won the raffle.
Del Basso Family – support with the meat.
Donatelli Family – your generous support for the onions and lettuce.
George Zito and Gwelup FruitsnMore – George is a great supporter to the P&F. Thank you to George Zito and Gwelup FruitsnMore for supply the tomatoes.
We would also like to help these great people for stepping up to the plate and becoming our big helpers for the night:
Georgie and Frances – Thank you, for all your help in the kitchen and no matter what, you were there.
Maria Orifici – For those of you who had a laugh with us, Maria was bursting to vacuum the hall and wasn’t satisfied until she carried it on her shoulders and wizzed around until it was all done.
Sincere thanks to the great men on the bbq’s, ie. The ones we knew were going to be there and the ones who just stood up and offered. A BIG THANKS to all of YOU.
Thanks to the mums and dads who without hesitation, grabbed a towel and wiped tables, moved bbq’s and other items to dodge the rainfall.
To all of you who came, despite the rain, we thank you for coming and supporting, we are sure some of you may have been quite entertained by us running around but we have to tell you, we all enjoyed it and are so pleased you were there to share a great night. Thank you for welcoming our new families and we trust you had a great time as many of you stayed.
We certainly noticed that the spirit of the school community is strong and everyone should be proud to be part of the family.
To the well behaved children who unfortunately didn’t get the most out of the bouncy castles, somehow the coffee machine was a hit with all the little baristas making baby cinos, hot chocolates and milos.

Easter Fundraiser
The bunnies are arriving today and will be bouncing home with your child after school. As mentioned previously they sell $1.50ea in a carton of 32. The whole carton is $48.00. Please have the collected monies returned by Wednesday 27 March 2013. This gives us plenty of time. Don’t forget the tips, put them on your work counter, lunch rooms and of course use them as gifts for Easter. If you do not want to purchase the bunnies, please return them to the school office.
Once again, thank you all for supporting the students of St Lawrence Primary School.
Class Reps
We are nearly there and are just on the lookout for Years 3 and 5. Maybe you know a parent in that class who is suitable for this role. Speak to them, they just might need a little encouragement. Or is it you, just still thinking about it…..stop it and just do it.
Well that’s it from us this week, have a fantastic week everyone, sure you are all pleased a long weekend is coming.

Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantell, Belinda

Merit Award Winners
“Junior Primary”

Merit Award Winners
“Upper Primary”

Fr Irek leading us at Liturgical Singing
Key Issue 1: Increased capital funding for new & existing schools

The Low Interest Loan Scheme (LILS) has operated since the early 1990’s. It provides $25 million to non-government schools with $15 million going to the Catholic system. Loans are provided at a rate of 1% for new schools and 3.5% for upgrades of existing schools.

- The quantum available to the non-government sector has not increased since 1995
- The rate of interest has not changed despite the current unprecedented low interest rate environment

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Catholic Education seeks,

- an increase of the total LIL pool to $50 million with $30 million available to the Catholic system
- this amount be indexed annually in line with increases in the Building Cost Index (BCI)
- a commitment to finding long term funding solutions to meet the demands of population growth. These might include grants, subsidies for contributions to LGA infrastructure, collaborative planning or public/private partnerships
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