**REFLECTION**

The Gospel Reading on Holy Thursday is the one story that has had a great affect on my life. During the Last Supper Jesus invited his friends for a meal and celebrated our first Mass. What particularly strikes a chord with me is how Jesus was able to invite Judas to the table knowing he was about to betray him. In my own personal and professional life I am not as forgiving as Jesus was at the Last Supper. May we continue to learn from His example.

**HOLY WEEK**

Each morning this week all students from Pre Primary to Year Six have been attending Lenten Paraliturgies at 8.50am in the Church. Each Paraliturgy has enhanced the Holy Week story in our students. By having these Paraliturgies in the Church it has been a good link with the Parish and many parishioners have commented on the students’ excellent performances and reverence whilst at Church. I thank all families who have supported their children by attending these Paraliturgies.

**SILVER SNAKE COIN DONATION**

Congratulations to all students who donated silver coins to Caritas last Thursday. It was pleasing to see the students were genuinely excited about giving to others. I am proud to announce that students raised $179.30 with this initiative. Thanks to Mr Haydon and the Year Six students for co-ordinating this alms giving activity.

**P&F MEETING**

Next Thursday 4 April at 8.45am in the school hall there will be our second P&F meeting for 2013. I would encourage many parents to attend this important parent body meeting.

**MATHLETICS**

Currently the Mathletics app on the iPad does not have access to all the activities in the Mathletics online program. The company is not able to give a timeframe for the completion of the roll out of activities through the app. This being the case, the only successful activity in Mathletics for the students to do on an iPad is the Live Mathletics. For the student to access all the set tasks by the teacher, and for the teacher to see the tasks the students have completed the activities need to be completed on a desktop or laptop. When the Mathletics app on the iPad is fully functional you will be informed.
WEBSITE
Unfortunately our Website has been hacked and is currently down for repairs. We are hopeful it will be operational and running by tomorrow afternoon. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

John Rose
Principal

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Happy Easter

Term Dates

**Tuesday 2 April** Easter Tuesday – Pupil Free Day

Term One concludes on **Friday 19 April**

Term Two commences for students on **Tuesday 7 May**

and concludes on **Friday 5 July**
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
Thank you for your generous donations. It is now time to hand your Project Compassion boxes to the church.

LEARNING AREA BOOKS
This week the Learning Area books for Italian and Art will be sent home. Some classes will have their art work displayed in the classroom. If this is the case then you may view their work in class but there may not be a sheet for you to sign.

CONFIRMATION PARENT WORKSHOP
A reminder that the Year 6 Confirmation Parent Workshop is on Wednesday the 3rd April. Your child in Year 6 is expected to attend this workshop with you. Can all children please bring a pencil case. There are 2 workshops on this evening, so you can either attend the 5.30pm or 7pm session.

Mrs Marie Heavey and Miss Angela Leddin, Assistant Principals

A moment with Sister Chitra

We are an Easter people!
The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said”. (Mt 28:5-6)
This was an awesome message for the women and the disciples. The message of the Risen Christ “Peace be with you” gives joy and hope for all of us. Easter is a time of joy. We are made to experience the great love of our Father for us and his great power in raising Jesus from the dead. Through this great event we are made to experience hope; with Jesus who conquered sin and death and in his power we too can conquer sin in our life. In partnership with Christ, we can open God’s saving message and share its joy with the world. With one mind, heart and love together we can be kingdom builders. Let us share the joy of Christ with everyone and experience the true meaning of Easter.

Happy Easter to every one of you.
May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and home.

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
The children have enjoyed the Easter theme and we have spoken in simple terms about Jesus and New Life, as well as the Easter Bunny and eggs! This Thursday the Easter Bunny is planning to stop by to say hello and give the children a little Easter treat.
When we return after Easter we will continue the theme of "Colours" with green, yellow and finish with rainbow colours. Just a reminder that the children must have a hat to play outside. Please also check that your child has a spare set of clothing in their bag for those little accidents!
Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy this special time with your family. Take care.
Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher
KINDERGARTEN
The children have enjoyed completing their Easter activities and some of the children tried hard boiled eggs for a snack as well as Hot Cross Buns. We also made some bunny biscuits.
We would like to ask parents to bring in small boxes – like the size of Barbecue Shape boxes or Muesli Bars. This is for an activity we have in a couple of weeks. Please also remember that our cubby holes are very small and the children should not bring backpacks to school.
We also wish to thank Miss Keast for letting us keep an eye on the chickens that the Pre Primary children have in their class that have hatched from eggs – this is just like the new life we have talked about on Easter Sunday – when Jesus rose from the dead. This is why we receive eggs from the Easter Bunny to remind us of this.

Have a happy and holy Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for next week on Wednesday 3rd April.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher

KINDY CLASS REP NEWS
Kindy Catch Up at Stirling Civic Gardens at 10am on Monday 22 April. Siblings welcome.

Michelle Millard and Fiona Femia

PRE PRIMARY
A reminder that if your child is absent from school, we need a note with an explanation. This is a legal document so please ensure that you either email myself or send a written note to me in the children’s folders.
This Thursday 28th March the children will be taking their yellow scrapbooks home for contacting. Please make sure the contact is clear as their names have been attached to the cover of the books. During this time you may also like to sit down with your child and chat about the learning that is taking place in the classroom. Please return the books by Wednesday morning as we will need them next week.

On Tuesday the 9th of April I will be holding an information session on a ‘Learning File’ that the children will be using at home this term. It will be held in the School Hall at 8:30am. I will also be discussing the reading books the children will be taking home as of term 2. I strongly encourage all parents that were unable to attend the Better Beginnings workshop on Friday the 22nd March to come along. Valuable information about the reading and literacy skills will be discussed during the session.
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Have a safe Easter with your families and we look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

Miss Rachel Keast, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
The children will be spending some time with their Year 6 buddies tomorrow and wishing them a Happy Easter.
I hope you all have a happy, holy and safe Easter break with your families. I will see you all next Wednesday. I would also like to remind everyone that the Year One paraliturgy will take place in the hall on Friday the 12th of April. It would be lovely to see you all there if you can make it.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year Two students have been very busy this week finishing off various art projects. We have also been discussing the events of Holy Week and completed a chart. We will be seeing our Year 4 buddies tomorrow to complete some Easter activities. This week we have put on hold Morning Reading because of the Holy Week paraliturgies, but we will start again next week. Have a safe and Happy Easter.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The Year 4 assembly will be held in the hall next Friday the 5th April. All parents are welcome.
I wish all children and their families a very Happy and Holy Easter. See you all back at school next Wednesday the 3rd April.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher
NETBALL NEWS

YEAR 5 and 6 NETBALL GIRLS
Netball training will commence on Wednesday 3 April at 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please could you remember to bring your sports clothes and sneakers to school on Wednesdays to change into for netball training. See you all happy and jumpy next Wednesday.  

Nancy and Claire

LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to all of the families who supported our Book Sale last week. The children were really excited about being able to go shopping for bargain priced books. Through your generous support we were able to raise $90 which will be added to our school’s Lenten Alms Giving. Please feel free to pop into the library either before or after school to see all of our wonderful Easter displays and to see children’s work on display.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please note that on Thursday 28 March the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED in the afternoon (2.30pm to 3.30pm), but will be OPEN on Thursday morning 8.30am – 9.30am instead.

All students return in Term 2 and 3 in their Winter Uniform.

Year One students and any new families who have commenced this year are reminded to purchase the winter uniform before the end of this term. Last day open will be 18 April. Winter price lists and order forms are available from the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to Holy Week. A BIG thank you to my helpers on Friday at the Breakfast, especially Donna Euphemie and Lynette Staltari, also to my two special young helpers Sophie and Ashton Euphemie. It was a great turn out and everyone had a fantastic time. I do appreciate all your help.

Tomorrow, Holy Thursday, we will be selling Easter cupcakes for $2. The cupcakes will be individually wrapped to enable the children to take them home or for a special gift.

This is your last chance to buy raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow after lunch. $2 each or 3 for $5.

Please check the canteen menu as the prices have increased since last year. The menu has been very popular especially ‘Nonna’s pastas’. All food in the canteen is freshly homemade and canteen approved. So come on down and enjoy the beautiful food available.

Hope everyone has a beautiful and safe Easter. God bless you all.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress
Quick Cash for Schools
Thank you everyone for participating in this event, and a very big thank you to Mary Mucciarone who gave up some of her spare time and helped us cut and stamp the forms from the 400 extra newspapers we ordered. YES you have to be in it to win it!!

Easter Fundraiser
A reminder to return the envelopes with carefully checked monies and return any unsold bunnies.

Saint Lawrence Parish Cup
We hope you are thinking of joining us on this big day out for St Lawrence Parish. Please return your RSVP slips. Bring a blanket, chairs and your family and come and enjoy the big soccer game at 2pm. A reminder that the P&F Kiosk will be open and bouncy castles will be there for the little ones. Come and enjoy a great coffee and cake after the morning mass at 8.30 and 10am. Help will be needed in the afternoon to cook the BBQ from 1.30pm. We would love to see you there and more importantly support Father Irek, so please try and make it.

Aussie Farmers Direct
THE MILKMAN IS BACK!
Aussie Farmers Direct is a free home delivery service providing fresh products that are 100% Australian owned and produced.
The goal is to help the Australian farmer win the battle against the large multinationals and by supporting Australian products, you are supporting the Australian economy, creating jobs and securing a positive future for our children. 2% of anything you spend on having your fruit, vegies, milk, bread, meat and other fresh items delivered will come back to St Lawrence P&F as fundraising income and ultimately back to the school community.
If you are already an AFD customer, you can log onto the website and link St Lawrence up to your account so your school can receive the funds. Many families are already using AFD and are very happy with their products and services.
For more information please see the attached flyer or log onto www.aussiefarmers.com.au or you can contact your local Milko's Michael or Sacha Schmidt on 0420523595 if you have any further questions.

We know some families in our school are already using Aussie Farmers Direct. This is how we were introduced to it and this is how we get things done. In doing so we also found out other schools are already do this…..so we thought it was about time St Lawrence got with the programme.
All you online shoppers give this a go, you may be quite impressed with the service and quality you get. Please speak up, we do actually listen and love your input. Hope you can join us at our next meeting on April 4th (next Thurs) at 8.45am.

Well this week is Easter and most of us are thinking how did it get here so quickly?
Enjoy this special time with your families, stay safe and best wishes from all of us.

Happy Easter!

Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda.
Year Four Lenten Paraliturgyc

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Year Five & Pre Primary Buddies
**YMCA Morley Sport and Recreation Centre**
School Holiday Clinics Mon 22 April to Thurs 2 May 2013 for ages 2 - 12yrs. Clinics available are Netball, Crafty Kids and Young Master Chef, Multisports, Gym Irish Dancing, Fun n Games (4-6yrs), Dance/ Cheer and Drama. Family Friendly prices between $10 and $35!
For more information and enrolment please call YMCA Morley’s Front Reception on 93753529 or visit our website at [www.ymca.morley.org.au](http://www.ymca.morley.org.au).

**ST KIERAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**
St Kieran Catholic Primary is holding a Fete on **Sunday, April 14th from 11am to 4pm** and would love to invite the wonderful St Lawrence Community to attend and enjoy the day's many activities, stalls and entertainment. We are located at the corner of Cape and Tyler Streets, Tuart Hill. We welcome your company and thank you for your support of this important event. Hope to see you there!
All enquiries to Tania Cleverly - 0497 185 562.

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**SERVITE COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

All parents, friends and prospective parents and their children are invited to our annual

**Open Day**
**Friday 5 April**

This is a great opportunity to see our children at work and to see the facilities available to all students

Tours are held three times a day
9:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm

Bookings are essential
Please call 9444 6333 to book your tour