Last Sunday whilst listening to Emeritus Archbishop Hickey about the gifts of the Holy Spirit it made me think:

_Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting._

**CONFIRMATION**

Last Sunday it was warming to see all students from the parish become Confirmed Catholics. In a beautiful Mass led by Emeritus Archbishop Hickey, the students received the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. I would like to thank Mr Phil Haydon, Mrs Marie Heavey and Mrs Melinda Italiano for the preparation and co-ordination for this Sacrament.

**BEPPIE de KUYER**

St Lawrence Primary School would like to thank Miss Beppie de Kuyer for volunteering and assisting many students at St Lawrence over the last 4 years. Beppie has always been willing to offer her time to support and develop literacy in our younger students. I thank Beppie for her many hours of tireless work and wish her all the best in the future.
P&F FUN RUN
On Thursday 28 May students will participate in the P&F Fun Run to increase fitness and to raise funds for our P&F.

Times are:
- Years 4 – 6 9.30am
- Pre-Primary - Year 3 9:55am
- Pre-Kindy 2:30pm (Junior School Oval)
- Kindy Wednesday 27th May 2:30pm (Junior School Oval)

Parents are most welcome to attend. The P&F are currently trying to fundraise for football posts that will be placed on the senior school oval.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
This Friday all staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day focusing on Critical Conversations. All nine Catholic schools from the North East Region will be participating on this day at Aranmore Catholic Primary School. A reminder that Monday is WA Day and a Public Holiday.

REPORTING
At the end of today’s newsletter is the new reporting information for 2015. In 2015 all Pre Primary students now must receive a formal report in Semester One and Semester Two. St Lawrence Primary School will be trialling reports being sent home electronically in Semester One. Please read the attached notes for further information. Thanks to Miss Angela Leddin for preparing all this information.

At a glance:

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With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

EUCHARIST FAMILY WORKSHOP
The Eucharist Family Workshop will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 5.30pm and 7.00pm in the school hall. You may attend either of these times. At least one parent and the child receiving Communion needs to attend this workshop.

LIFELINK
As part of Lifelink Day on the 3rd June each class will be linking chains on the junior oval. Also students may wear free dress on this day and bring a gold coin or note to help raise money for this wonderful Catholic agency.

COMMUNICATION POLICY
The Library learning area will be sent home this Thursday as Friday is a Pupil Free Day. Please go through your child’s work with them, sign and return all books on Tuesday (Monday is a Public Holiday).

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

Confirmation Retreat with Sister Chitra
PRE KINDY
FABULOUS FURRY FRIENDS – looking at creatures that are nice and furry or soft with feathers has been great with some fabulous toys and activities to keep our little ones occupied. We welcome to our class Miles O’Leary who has joined us and is a new friend. The children seem to especially like to sing along with all our songs on our interactive white board – they are always very happy to join in. The children continue to follow all routines very well and are almost ready to welcome parents to join us in class, starting in Week 8. The roster will be on the board tomorrow. We welcome you to place your name down. Tomorrow we invite you to join us at 2.30pm on the oval near the church, to see us participate in the P&F Fun Run. It will be fun!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
We have finished our focus on 'Family'. Thank you for bringing in the family photos for the children to share. They enjoyed talking about their family. Our focus for the rest of the term is on 'Animals'. We start with pets, followed by jungle/zoo animals, farm animals and finally Australian animals. Our sounds focus this week is on the long sounds w and v. On Tuesday I attended a Professional Learning Day on 'Developing Oral Language in the Early Years'. This was very informative and provided a lot of practical ideas for developing oral language for Kindy children. Towards the end of term (Week 8 onwards) I will be offering Parent Teacher Interviews to give us the opportunity to touch base on how your child is going in Kindy. A timetable will go up on the pin-up board offering 15 minute time slots. It is important that we stick to the timetable. If you would like to talk for longer please make a double booking or we can make an alternative time afterwards to meet again. It would be wonderful to see everyone. Please book a time that is suitable for you. Have a fabulous week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Pre-primary went on their first excursion this year and were so excited. We visited Kings Park where we explored and investigated the Naturescape as well as attended an educational program called Bushland explorers! If any parent has time in the mornings to stay until approximately 9.00am we would love some help practicing our letter sounds as well as reading and writing some simple words. Your help is always greatly appreciated and the children and I really enjoy your presence in the classroom. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Edel Murray, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Last week we enjoyed picking and eating the mandarins in the orchard. They were delicious! We used the information about our experience to write a recount. We read the story Where Is The Green Sheep by Mem Fox and this week the green sheep came to visit our class. He left clues for us to find him all over the school. It was lots of fun. On the 8th June we will be going on an excursion to the Western Australian Museum to link in with our History theme. I will be sending out more information next week. This week we are looking at the Skippy Frog strategy to decode words – skip it! Skip it! – read to the end and come back. Please encourage your child to use these strategies when reading at home. A big thank you to Miss de Kuyer for all the wonderful work she has done with the children. We are very blessed to have had her help us in class and wish her all the best.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Teacher
YEARE TWO
The Year 2’s enjoyed their ‘fashion show’ on Friday – showing off their Pop Art inspired t-shirt designs. This week we are creating collages. If students want to bring in pictures from home to cut up and add to their collage they are welcome to, but it is not compulsory. We have also just starting working on information reports for writing and will be having a go at writing our own in the next couple of weeks. Thank you again to those parents that continue to help with morning reading. Your assistance is much appreciated. It would also be great to see a few dads from time to time. I know my own dad was hugely influential in my progression as a reader. Have a great long weekend.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year 2 Teacher

CLASS REP NEWS

KINDY
Kindy parents please join us for a coffee or breakfast on Wednesday 3 June from 9am at Waldeck’s Café Cnr Karrinyup Road and Hamilton Street Osborne Park. RSVP Jacqui 0411 988 592

PRE-PRIMARY
Pre-primary mums please join us for dinner and drinks at the Kingsway Tavern on Friday 12th June at 7pm. We would love to see you all there.
Please RSVP by Friday the 05th June to Laura 0410 302 435 or Fran 0407 471 825.

YEAR ONE
Parents please join us for a casual dinner and drinks at the Botanica Bar & Bistro in Innaloo on Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm. We would love to see you all there!
Please RSVP by 15th June to Leanna 0417 176 045/ Leah 0419 960 663/ Jenny 0418 917 606

YEAR TWO
We are having a Mums get together at il Pasto in Mt Hawthorn on Friday the 29th May at 7.30pm.
If you would like to join us please rsvp by 24th May to Cayley 0418 913 031/ Edge 0423 606 404

SPORT NEWS

There is no Sacred Saints fixture this Friday. Our next matches are against St Denis on Friday 12th June and then the Winter Carnival at Kingsway on Wednesday 1st July.

Over the next four weeks our Year 6 students will be participating in a Perth Glory soccer clinic during their physical education lessons. I was very proud of the effort they put in yesterday and how they conducted themselves as the leaders of our school.

Good luck to everyone for the Fun Run tomorrow. We have been working hard in lessons to improve our endurance and perseverance. The Cross Country team is not decided based upon tomorrow’s performance, but it obviously gives a good indicator as to the students who show promise in distance running. Later this term we are planning to start a running club open to interested students. I will keep you posted as to the days and times of this club. Thank you.

Mrs Major, Physical Education Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

This morning at 11.00am, our Year Ones, together with over 200,000 other children around Australia, participated in National Simultaneous Storytime.

The children were enthralled with Mr Rose’s animated reading of *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey and they really looked the part wearing their *Spalding Quibble* head gear.

I would like to thank both Mr Rose for being part of our event, and Mrs Frenzel who once again did an outstanding job with her displays. I would also like to thank the parents who were able to join us in the library for this event. The children loved having you there to share in the storytime and were really excited to be able to show you around our library. It was a fun morning that was enjoyed by all. We look forward to being able to participate in this event again next year!

**Library Scrapbooks**

Children from Years 1 to 6 will be bringing home their library scrapbooks this week. Please take the time to look through their scrapbooks, sign them and have them returned to school ready for next Tuesday’s library sessions.

*Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian*
Thank you
A huge thank you to Michelle Millard for helping us all day in the canteen on Thursday. Thank you also to Lidia Fazzari for helping me clean the canteen on Friday afternoon. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Year 6 girls, the girls always offer to help on a Friday. We would not have time to serve everyone at recess if it wasn't for the help these girls give. If you would like to volunteer to help on a Friday please come and see me.

Fun Run
We will have coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits for sale for parents to purchase on Thursday morning before, during and after the fun run. Please come along and enjoy a hot drink and a sweet treat.

Menu
Sausage rolls and nuggets are available this Thursday 28th May, as Friday is a pupil free day.

Guess the Number Competition
We have a guess the number of lollies in the jar competition currently in the canteen, guesses are 50c and all proceeds will be donated to LifeLink. The winner will be announced after lunch on the free dress day, June 3rd. Please support this good cause.

Presales of cheesies and pizzas for recess are going well. Please continue to support this service if you would like it to continue.

Thank you, Ms Nova Gibbons, Canteen Manager

SCHOOL BANKING

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

During the end of Term 2—Wednesday, 17, 24 June and 1 July 2015 we require a volunteer to assist our school banking coordinators. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. Currently, School Banking day is Wednesday.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to Lina Armstrong, school office. Thank you, Lucia Ewen.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking.

Name: _______________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________

Email: _______________________________________ 

Availability: _________________________________
The Western Australian Minister for Education has approved the implementation of Phase 1 of the Australian Curriculum for Pre-Primary to Year 10, with implementation to be completed by the start of 2015 and reporting by mid-2015.

Schools will be teaching some learning areas from the Western Australian Curriculum (English, Mathematics, Science, History/Geography) and some learning areas described in the Curriculum Framework (all other learning areas). As the Western Australian Curriculum is developed, it will replace the Curriculum Framework. For those learning areas for which the Australian Curriculum is not yet available or has not been implemented, schools should continue to report student achievement against the Curriculum Framework using the five levels of achievement defined below.

In Western Australia, student achievement in the learning areas taught is reported on a five-point scale for all years from Pre-primary to Year 10. In Years 3 – 10 the following table of letter grades and achievement descriptors must be used but flexibility is provided for systems or schools in Pre-Primary to Year 2 reporting as detailed below.

**Pre-Primary to Year 2**

In the Pre-Primary year, schools are required to report in English and Mathematics. Catholic schools will also need to report in Religion. Schools will report using achievement descriptors but without letter grades. In Years 1 – 2 schools must report in all the learning areas taught. Schools may use report achievement descriptors rather than letter grades. At St Lawrence the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 reports will have the achievement descriptors listed below:

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**Years 3-6**

Years 3-6 are required to report in grades A-E

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<th>A Excellent</th>
<th>The student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level.</th>
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<td>The student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.</td>
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<td>E Very low</td>
<td>The student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.</td>
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It is important for parents to remember that your child’s report descriptor or grade is a result of all Semester One assessments and in class work samples.

All reports will also include an Effort mark. These marks are important for parents to look at to see how your child is applying themselves in class.

**Effort Scale**

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**Management and Awareness**

Year 1-6 reports will also contain Management and Awareness marks to show parents how their child is performing tasks in class.

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<td>Shows initiative</td>
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<td>Completes set tasks</td>
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<td>Demonstrates effective organisational skills</td>
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**Social Management and Awareness**

Year 1-6 reports will also contain Social Management and Awareness marks to show parents how their child is demonstrating social skills and working with others.

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<td>Deals with and solves problems appropriately</td>
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<td>Contributes to groups and works collaboratively with others</td>
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<td>Listens to other's ideas and work collaboratively with others to solve problems</td>
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Electronic Distribution of Reports

This year St Lawrence Primary School is trialling the electronic distribution of reports. The reporting system links up with our attendance records through the software suit SEQTA.

An extra component of this system is known as Coneqt.p. This is an online parent portal, which is able to provide you with a range of information about your child’s schooling.

This year we are trialling Coneqt for the provision of your child’s report through paperless means.

Once you have logged in using the username and password that will be provided to you at a later date you will see a menu on the left hand side. The Reports label is the way you can access this semester’s report. Reports will be made available on line for you to see and print if you wish.

More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.