WELCOME BACK
Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. I hope all families had a refreshing and relaxing break over the Christmas holidays. Looking forward to an exciting and rewarding 2016.

BUSH FIRES
In January devastating fires destroyed many areas of the south west particularly the town of Yarloop. In an endeavour to develop social justice issues in our students and raise some badly needed funds, on Friday 4 March all classes will have fundraising activities from 1.40pm to 2.40pm. This is an opportunity for the St Lawrence school community to come together and assist those badly affected by these fires.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WA
A letter from Dr Tim McDonald has been attached to today’s newsletter about the 2016 school year. I would encourage all parents to read this letter.

PRAYERS
Please keep Miss Anna Brenkley and her family in your prayers and thoughts in the coming weeks. Anna’s father passed away last Sunday night and is now at peace.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Our school canteen operates every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is important that families support the canteen to ensure its on going viability.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
The following days will be pupil free days for all students in 2016:
Thursday 7 April and Friday 8 April
Tuesday 7 June
Monday 8 August
Friday 23 September
Monday 10 October
FR IREK CZECH
During the Christmas break Fr Irek was notified that he has a new post as Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Parish Highgate. I would like to thank Fr Irek for his friendship, confidentiality and support for St Lawrence School Community. We wish him all the best at Highgate.

ST LAWRENCE PARISH
We welcome two priests to our parish at St Lawrence. Fr Emil Ciccierega SDS as Parish Priest and Fr Chris Gasperowicz SDS as Assistant Priest. I am sure you will make both priests feel very welcome at our church and school.

RAINBOWS
With the departure of Sister Chitra to Servite College at the end of 2015, St Lawrence Primary School has trained Mrs Adelaida Baker to co-ordinate and run our Rainbows Program which will commence on Friday 19 February. Mrs Baker will do a tremendous job with students who need a bit of extra support and will commence the Rainbow Programs for Year 3 to Year 6 students. Please read the attached Rainbows Program letter if your child is interested in participating in the Rainbows Program.

NEW STAFF
St Lawrence Primary School would like to welcome Mrs Pina Fiorenza who will be commencing as Educational Assistant in our Pre Kindy classroom. Pina has vast experience and is currently working at St Kierans Primary School. We also welcome Mrs Samantha Verzini who will commence in the School Canteen. We wish both ladies all the best at St Lawrence Primary School.

TERM PLANNER
Attached to today’s newsletter is the 2016 Term Planner.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal

At a glance…….

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TERM ONE 2016
Monday 1 February to Wednesday 6 April (Pupil Free Days: 7 & 8 April)
ASSEMBLY
There will be a Principal Assembly this Friday 5 February. All are welcome to attend.

PARENT MEETINGS
Year 1 to Year 6 classes will be having a Parent Meeting in their classroom. At least one parent should attend this meeting.
Year 1- Monday 8 February 5:30pm
Year 2- Monday 8 February 6:15pm
Year 3- Monday 8 February 7:00pm
Year 4- Thursday 11 February 5:30pm
Year 5- Thursday 11 February 6:15pm
Year 6- Thursday 11 February 7:00pm

EDU DANCE
Children from Kindy to Year 6 will be commencing EDU Dance lessons each Tuesday this term. Therefore children in Years 1-6 will need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday and Thursday this term.

MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS
All children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who are receiving a sacrament should have a Mass Attendance Booklet and are expected to attend mass at least once a month.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 10 February is Ash Wednesday. This day signifies the beginning of Lent. All students from Years 1-6 will attend the Parish Mass at 9am. All parents are welcome to join us. The Kindy and Pre Primary classes will receive ashes in their class.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Year 3 class will be celebrating the Liturgy of the Word on Friday 12 February in the hall at 8:45am. It would be wonderful to see many parents there.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

MJR
(Making Jesus Real)

On Monday morning around 8.10am outside the office I was speaking to a new family whose child was commencing in Year 4. The new student had spent a day at St Lawrence in 2015 to familiarise himself with the school. Santiago (a current Year 4 student) walked passed the student and said good morning and greeted the new student by name. I was extremely impressed that a student would welcome a new student and remember his name. These incidences are the small things that are ‘Making Jesus Real’ in our school. John Jose, Principal
Protective Behaviours Professional Development

On Friday 29 January St Lawrence and Our Lady of Lourdes staff attended a Professional Development day on Protective Behaviours. I found this day to be extremely interesting and also a little bit shocking about the realities of keeping our children safe in today’s world. The parents who attended the parent night on Protective Behaviours in Term 4 2015 will remember how important it is to have open communication with their children and to use the correct names for the parts of the body. As a teacher I can use the Protective Behaviours Program to teach children how to be safe and to encourage children to have a network of people they trust and can turn to if they want to talk about anything.

Miss Angela Leddin, Assistant Principal

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
Hello to everyone in Pre Kindy. It is so very exciting to begin a year with our new little children. Welcome to all new families to our school community. I also am thrilled to be working with a new staff member to St Lawrence, Mrs Pina Fiorenza and look forward to all the nice things we will be doing together. For the next few weeks we will complete our activities around the theme of MARVELLOUS ME. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to share in your child’s learning journey.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
Welcome everyone to the school year. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break and feel refreshed for the year. The children have had a great start this week and it has been wonderful for us to start to get to know them. I am sure they are very tired and there might be tears. This is all normal. Some children settle quickly and others may take a little longer. If you have any concerns please come and see me.

This term is all about settling in, learning rules and routines, developing their social skills and of course having fun. Next week we begin our three full days. The children will also start Library on Tuesdays and will need their library bag in order to bring a book home for the week. We also begin Sport on Tuesday which will be the Edu Dance program the whole school does in Term 1. This is a fun dance based program for kids. On Fridays the children will participate in a Drama based program which will be lots of fun. My main form of communication is via email so please make sure we have your current email address. Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
A big welcome to all the Pre-Primary students. What a great start to Pre-Primary 2016! It is so wonderful starting to get to know you all. The pre-primary pupils have all settled in so beautifully already. Mrs Baker and I are really looking forward to the rest of the year. Over the coming weeks we will be settling into our routines and learning about the class rules as well as having lots of fun learning. We are very blessed to have Mr Tonge working so tirelessly over the holidays throughout the school as well as taking time to reconstruct our tree house and build our dolls house. Thank you Mr Tonge. We would like to give a big St Lawrence welcome to Gemma Brandwood to our class. I hope that you learn to love and enjoy your time here in St Lawrence.

Looking forward to a wonderful year! Mrs Edel Waldron and Mrs Adelaida Baker

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YEARS ONE
Welcome to Year One for 2016. We are looking forward to lots of learning and fun times this year. Thank you to all the parents for their support and assistance. It has made the first few days run smoothly. The children have settled in well and are keen to learn. They are getting used to the routines of Year One and it is wonderful to see their smiling faces each morning. Thank you to all parents for covering books and making sure they were returned to school on the first day of school. The correct Handwriting books have been handed out today to those families who handed in the incorrect book. Could you please cover these and send them to school by Friday. We started morning reading on Tuesday and the children enjoyed it. Please ensure that the children bring their reading folder and reading book to school each day. If you are able to assist, a morning reading roster (8.30 - 8.50am) has been placed outside the classroom for you to fill in. The Year One parent meeting will be held on Monday the 8 February at 5.30pm in the Year One classroom. I look forward to meeting you all. If you have any queries please come and see me or via email pizzino.roelyn@cathednet.wa.edu.au. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher

YEARS TWO
Welcome to Year 2 for 2016. Well done to all of the class for working together so collaboratively and co-operatively to allow us to have a smooth start to the year. We look forward to what the year brings as we learn and grow together.
The Year Two Parent Meeting will be held on Monday 8 February at 6.15pm.

Mrs Laura Krikoria

YEARS THREE
Welcome to Year 3 2016! The children have started the year off positively and I thank parents for covering and labelling books and stationery on the holidays. One item was missed off the booklist. If you could please bring in a packet of coloured pencils, sorry for the inconvenience. Homework has already commenced. Please see your child’s homework folder for their homework which needs to be signed and is due each Friday.
Year 3 Parent Meeting is Monday 8 February at 7.00pm in the classroom. Mrs Bozich and I look forward to seeing you there.
Please come and see me or email me any queries. My email address is: leddin.angela@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

Year 3 Team Cheers

Hi to all children and families in Year 3. I am excited to be working with Miss Leddin and you all for 2016. I am sure it is going to be a very fulfilling and exciting year. We have much work ahead of us – but I am looking forward to the enthusiasm and hard work that I know the children are capable of. Our Wednesdays are going to be great, just like the rest of the school week!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year Three Teacher (Wednesdays)
YEAR FOUR
Welcome to Year 4 for 2016! It has been a most positive start to the year with all children being prepared and organized to start work on Monday. Thank you for covering books and labelling all stationary in the holidays. If you have not labelled everything please do so on the weekend. Please send in any spare exercise books from the booklist as I will store them until the children need to use them later in the year.

Homework this week is just Reading and Times tables. Next week we will begin Spelling and Mathletics homework as well. I will explain the Spelling homework to the children and then explain it to the parents at the Parent meeting next Thursday evening. The Year 4 parent meeting is on Thursday the 11th February at 5.30pm in the Year 4 classroom.

We have morning reading on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30-8.45am. If you can come in and listen to a group of 8 children read just a couple of paragraphs from their lexile book that would be great. Please just come in and take a file from the back ledge.

We welcome Dimitri Xanthis into our Year 4 class. We look forward to getting to know you Dimitri.

We wish the following children a very happy 9th birthday for their special day in January: Isabel, Daniel, Mario, Monique and Selena. Parents if you need to email me, my email address is: heavey.marie@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
Year Five have had a great start to the year! I have been most impressed to see the students encouraging others and showing enthusiasm in all tasks. This week we have enjoyed some team building activities and writing a letter to our future self to see how much we grow and change throughout the year. This term in Year Five our writing focus will begin with Narratives and we look forward to using our new eBooks on our iPads during our Literature Circles. In maths our focus will begin with Place Value and move towards addition and subtraction strategies. Problem solving will remain a focus throughout the term. Our Geography topic will begin with learning about Bushfires. With this topic being so relevant in our community at the moment you may like to discuss any relevant news articles with your child at home. Our Year Five Parent Night will be held in the Year Five Classroom on Thursday 11th February at 6:15pm. Have a great week!

Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
Thank you for preparing your children for the start of Year 6, their final year at St Lawrence Primary School. The Parent Meeting on Thursday, 11th February, will begin at 7.00pm in the Year 6 classroom. It would be useful to bring your child’s iPad to the meeting. It would be helpful if all books and pads could be covered by Monday. I have spoken to the students about the importance of acquiring touch typing skills on a full sized keyboard; additional opportunities to practise at home would be very helpful. We are using http://www.freetypinggame.net/ at school and are aiming to achieve 30 words per minute.

Year 6 will be preparing the Assembly on Friday 26th February, beginning at 8.45am in the hall.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Just a friendly reminder for parents to please keep the school informed of any changes or new medical condition/s we should be aware of regarding your children. It is vital that all medical records are current and we have the necessary medications at the school at all times. St Lawrence Primary School is a nut friendly school, so please keep this in mind. Parents note the School’s Policy of NO HAT NO PLAY. With the hot weather still with us, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child prior to school.

Mrs Lynette Staltari, Safety & Health Officer
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Welcome back to Term One in Summer Uniform.

School Socks
School socks are compulsory to wear and are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Price Lists
Order forms and price lists are available in the school office.

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UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

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CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome
Hello everyone and welcome back to a brand new year.

Nova Gibbons has sadly resigned as Canteen Manager. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your hard work. You were a fantastic Manager and we will miss working with you.

Nancy Donatelli and I would like to welcome Samantha Verzini to the Canteen family. Samantha and I will be working together as your new Canteen Managers.

Canteen Menu
Please check the School website for the updated Canteen Menu.

iPOD up for Grabs
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost of the ticket will be $2.00. The winner will be announced last day of Term One.

Volunteers Need
If you would like to volunteer please see myself Nancy or Samantha.

Have a fantastic week
Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Managers
and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant
St Lawrence Netball Club 2016

The season is fast approaching and it is time to get organised.

**Netball registration meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7.00pm** in the school hall. One parent from each player must be present at this meeting to register your child. (I would prefer no children at the meeting if possible). Registration fees (payable on the night) will be advised.

We will need a new team for our Year 3’s, and a team manager and coach. Hopefully the existing teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 will have sufficient players. Any new players interested in joining the teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 are most welcome.

We would also welcome players from outside the school. If you have family or friends who may be interested, please ask them to come along to the meeting.

**All new players** will need to bring a **copy of their Birth Certificate** for the club’s records. Without this your child cannot be registered.

More information will follow. Should you have any questions please call me on 0403 317 850 or email pbulich@bigpond.com

Just a reminder, we have a new netball committee:

- **President:** Paula Bulich
- **Vice-President:** Lucia Ewen
- **Treasurer:** Mary Mucciarone
- **Secretary:** Sandra Caccamo

Looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead of netball.

*Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence Netball Club President*
On behalf of the P&F Executive Committee:

Narelle Zacknich (President)
Rebecca Rzemek (Vice President)
Lucia Ewen (Secretary) and
Sue Del Borrello (Treasurer)

we would like to welcome you to the 2016 school year.

The aim of the Parents and Friends (P&F) is not just to fundraise for resources for our children, but also to promote a strong community spirit. We will be co-ordinating community functions throughout the year. These are a great way to meet other families within the school. The first of these events is the Family Welcome Night on Friday 19th February 2016.

Our other planned events and fundraisers are:

Term 1 : Family Welcome Night, Chocolate Easter Egg fundraiser
Term 2 : Bogan Bingo (Friday 27/5/16), Mother’s Day morning tea, Mother’s Day Stall, Fun Run
Term 3 : Feast Day morning tea and lunch, Bunnings sausage sizzle, Raffle (holiday as major prize)
Term 4 : Movie on the green, Billy G cookie dough

Each of our fundraisers for 2016 will be for a targeted project / wish list item.

Whilst your financial support is greatly appreciated we understand this is not always possible. By volunteering to assists with events or school functions you can provide something just as valuable - your time. Currently the P&F are looking for class representatives. We would like at least one volunteer from each class group from Kindergarten to Year 5 and three class representatives from Year 6 for this position. You will provide an invaluable link between the P&F and your class. Class representatives for 2015 did a great job and we thank them for their contribution.

Our first P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February 2016
We would love to see as many people as possible. It is a relaxed and informal meeting that will last approximately 30 minutes. Agenda items will be discussed and the Principal, John Rose, will also provide a detailed report. Your thoughts, ideas and comments are important. For those unable to attend minutes of all meetings will be emailed electronically with newsletters.

We look forward to making 2016 a successfully year.

Mrs Narelle Zacknich, President
The P&F in conjunction with the School Board would like to invite the school community to help celebrate the beginning of the new school year on:

**FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016  5.30pm-7.30pm**

We will provide dinner:

**Spit roasted meat** (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll & condiments

Cold Cool drinks will be available to purchase for $2 each

For convenience plastic plates, napkins and forks will be provided

To help make this a community night please bring a plate to share

**A-L** are asked to bring in a **Salad** (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

**M-Z** are asked to bring in a small plate of **Sweets** to share

Please bring Salads/Sweets in a disposable container and with serving utensils if needed

There will be entertainment for the children provided by

**Bop Till You Drop Disco 5.45-7.15pm**

On the night there will be raffle for a meat pack

⇒ As we are having the event catered, please complete the R.S.V.P slip below and return to the school office by **Friday 12th February 2016**

**Hope to see you all there!**

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**We will be attending the Annual Family welcome night : Friday 19 February 2016**

Family Name ____________________________________________

Adults _________________  Children _________________________
**Stirling Saints – Your Local Junior Football Club**

Want to play Australian Rules Football? The Stirling Saints are here with their new name, new colours and are looking to attract new members for the upcoming season in 2016. Auskick program caters for Pre-Primary to Year 3 with Years 4-7 playing Modified Rules Football. Registration Day will be held on **Sunday the 21st February 2016 from 10am to 1pm @ Richard Guelfi Reserve, Delawney Street, Balcatta.** Come down and register your child to begin their football journey with us.

You can also register online or download the registration form from [stirlingjfc.com](http://stirlingjfc.com) for more information. Registrar - Tammy Mottolini 0409 997 988

**ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are coming to your school for your free AFL skills clinics.

Please join us on:

**Wednesday 10th February and Wednesday 17th February 2016**

**from**

3.30pm to 4.15pm

Please bring your hat, sunscreen, a friend and your sense of sporty fun!!!!!