“Christmas is not only the commemoration of an historical event that occurred 2000 years ago, it is a spiritual event to be lived within each of us. Our mission is to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas and we do this by being holy people – kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people no matter how maddening the Christmas rush around us.”

“Even though all around us are signs that are rushing us to a Christmas of celebration that equates spending with love, we need to feel a strong undercurrent of authentic meaning.”

“Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the wise men journey home, Jesus remains. The infant babe, in whom we rediscover God’s great love for humanity, becomes the adult who challenges us to imitate His selflessness and compassion, to recreate our lives, to make the peace, justice and hope of Christians a reality throughout the seasons of the year.”

REFURBISHMENTS
On Saturday the school was fortunate to have both Michael and Jason Fazari who modified computer desks in the Library and installed new stand-up desks in the Learning Centre. These additions allow more space and are beneficial to students learning. On behalf of the school I would like to say thank you to Michael and Jason who donated their time for the betterment of the students of St Lawrence.

FATHERING PROJECT
Last Friday night some dads came together for a relaxing and enjoyable evening at Gloucester Park. It was an opportunity to further develop relationships amongst fathers from St Lawrence. During the evening we discussed our next function with children which will be camping at Moore River Caravan Park on Friday and Saturday 17/18 March 2017. To guarantee your spot as there is limited lots, all families who are interested in attending must pay a $20 non-refundable deposit by the end of the 2016 school year. This will give an indication of how many families will be camping during this weekend. Please pay at the front office.
PARISH CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
At our Parish 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass children have the opportunity to be involved in the Nativity Play during the homily. If your child is interested in participating please email me:
rose.john@cathetnet.wa.edu.au

Nativity Play Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve 6.00pm Mass will be on the following days:
Tuesday 13, Thursday 15, Tuesday 20 and Friday 23 December from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in St Lawrence Church

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

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
This week Italian and Art books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Monday morning.

ADVENT LITURGY
On Monday 5 December at 2.15pm all Year One and Year Two parents are invited to attend our Advent Liturgy as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At this Advent Liturgy, which will be held in the Church, students from Year One and Year Two will be presented with the St Lawrence Medal award. All families are welcome to attend these celebrations.

MASS FOR GRADUATION
Mass for Graduation for our Year Six students will be on Thursday 8 December at 6.00pm. All students receiving the St Lawrence Medal Award in Years Three to Six will be presented following this Mass. All students from Year Three to Year Six are expected to attend this important school event and are required to wear their summer uniform.

REPORTS
Pre Primary to Year Six Reports will be electronically distributed on Friday 9th December in the afternoon. Teachers are available for interviews on Monday 12th December. All parents are encouraged to log on and try their password before Friday. The link to the website is https://stlawbal.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/ Please see Mrs Armstrong if you have any problems logging on.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

PARISH CHILDREN’S MASS
A big thank you to all who participated in our children’s Mass on Sunday. The singers and readers were sensational. Our “New Year” party afterwards was a success and enjoyed by all. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Mr Rose for his constant support and to all the parents for allowing your children to participate in children’s liturgies and Masses throughout the year. It has been a wonderful year and I look forward to next year. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday. Mrs Toni Mattiaccio
MJR IN KINDY IS WELL AND TRULY ALIVE. The children have been using their words and making fabulous choices. Sharing with their friends, helping each other and looking after one another especially if someone has been hurt. Every morning as the children arrive we are greeted with big smiles and an eagerness to start the day. Coming to work each day is a blessing, SPIRIT OF JESUS!

Michelle Seragusana and Kayli Thompson

CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
Well only two more Pre Kindy days and then it is time for a break before Kindy begins for all our children. We are having fabulous days with our friends, learning so much and becoming so grown up. This week we will watch the story of the birth of Jesus and we will make a Nativity scene. Thanks to the wonderful mums and dads who have been coming on roster to share time with us. Please return all Take Home Reading Books NEXT week.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
Not long to go! We are busy preparing for our Kindy concert on the 7th December and our Christmas activities are in full swing. Our last day is Friday 9th December. The children can come dressed in Christmas clothing and colours. We will be having a shared party lunch so please bring a small plate of food to share. There is a list up so each parent can write down what they will bring so we can have a balance of savoury and sweet foods. Fruit to share as usual for morning tea. We have heard from a good source that Santa might be visiting us around 2pm on our last day!

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all the parents for their help and support this year. It means a lot to me but more importantly to the children, helping them to grow and learn so much this year. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher
PRE PRIMARY

We are looking forward to our nativity on Friday morning and hope you can make it! We have been practicing and working hard on our songs and speaking parts. The children have been doing a great job and I know that they will do a great job on the day! Please ensure they come in their costumes on the morning of our nativity.

If any parents are free next Monday or Tuesday to help clean, we would really appreciate some help to disinfect and clean our tables, chairs and toys.

Please make sure all reading books are returned next week. We will be sending home the children’s sample book, scrap books and writing books over the coming days. You can keep these at home as they come back.

We had such a wonderful time at Cicerello’s and enjoyed going to the beach and make sandcastles. We also were able to interact with some of the sea creatures from their aquarium. We met some starfish, sea cucumbers and a lobster. Thanks Fiona for the lovely pictures and to all our parent helpers!

Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre-Primary Teacher
YEAR ONE
The children had a fantastic time on our excursion to Naturescape at Kings Park this morning. The weather was lovely and the children enjoyed playing in the creek and having a sausage sizzle lunch. A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who were able to help on the excursion.

Tomorrow St John Ambulance will visit the Year One Class to talk about First Aid. A reminder that the Year One and Two Advent Assembly is on Monday 4th December at 2.15pm in the Church. Costumes need to be simple. Please do not go out and buy anything. If you are having trouble with costumes please come and see me. It would be great to see many parents supporting this special event. The St Lawrence Medals will be presented at the Assembly.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Class Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s have been working very hard to complete their final assessments. We were very sad to say goodbye to Miss Burke, the children really enjoyed learning from and with her. We are furiously working away on our Advent Assembly, which will be in the church on Monday at 2:15pm. If you are having problems with costume ideas please let me know as soon as possible. We are looking forward to our final excursion next Thursday to Kings Park.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

CLASS REP NEWS

YEAR TWO
Please come and join us for our class Christmas catch-up on Friday 2 December at 6.45pm at the Tamarind The Mezz Mount Hawthorn 148 Scarborough Beach Road. Hope to see you all there.
LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing during Library Sessions has now finished for this year as we need to use the next few weeks to do collection maintenance and chase up outstanding loans. However, as a new initiative this year, children from Years 2-5 are invited to borrow up to 5 fiction books for the Christmas School Holidays. This invitation is only available to students from these years who have been careful and reliable borrowers throughout the entire year.

As there will be no library lessons in the last week of term, those children wishing to borrow can come to the library, in the last week of term, either before school or at lunchtime, on Tuesday or Wednesday. Parents are most welcome to accompany their children when they borrow.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

PRE-PRIMARY PARENTS
Please note that next week Thursday 8th December will be the last day that the Uniform Shop will be open for uniform orders placed for students commencing Year 1 in February 2017. Payment is required by cash or cheque only on collection. Thank you.

EARLY CHILDHOOD T-SHIRT
Commencing in February 2017, St Lawrence Primary School is introducing an Early Childhood t-shirt in the color RED for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary students. This t-shirt will be available for purchase from the Uniform Shop at a cost of $17.00 each. Sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8 will only be available. Please note that this t-shirt is not a compulsory uniform item to wear.

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

P&F NEWS

ATTACHMENTS WITH THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

- Minutes of P&F Meeting held: 11 November 2016
- Minutes of P&F AGM – P&F held: 22 November 2016
3 tickets for $5.00 / 1 ticket for $2.00

- Children may still order lunch during swimming lessons.

- **Please place your order asap for**
- **Sausage sizzle – Friday 9 December**

A treat for the children on the last day of school.
Hot Dog $4.00; Combo $5.00 – hotdog, juice box or water.
Orders must be in by Friday 2 December

- LOL will still be available for $2.00

**Thank You** to the volunteers this year, however it would be great to see new faces in the canteen in 2017. If you would like to **volunteer in the canteen** on a Wednesday or on a Friday please come see us.

- 12 pack of mixed soft drinks $6.00 still available for sale in the Canteen.

Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager, Nancy Donatelli
and Christina Russo