Most of us can afford to take a lesson from the oyster. The most extraordinary thing about the oyster is this: Irritations get into his shell. He does not like them. But when he cannot get rid of them, he settles down to make of them one of the most beautiful things in the word: he makes his irritation into a lovely pearl. There are irritations in our lives today, and there is only one prescription: make a pearl. It may have to be a pearl of patience, but, anyhow, make a pearl. And it takes faith and love to do it.

Last weekend we celebrated All Saints Day – a day when we give thanks for the lives of those many saintly people who have gone before us. No doubt many of them managed to turn their irritations into pearls!

SCHOOL DISCO
Thanks to our Year Six students and Mr Phil Haydon for organising this enjoyable event last Friday evening. All students from Pre Primary to Year Six enjoyed the dancing and friendly atmosphere throughout the evening.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS
With today’s newsletter will be an electronic copy of the Nomination Form for any parents who wish to nominate themselves for the School Board. We have two positions to fill for 2016. If you require a paper copy, please call into the school office. It would be fantastic to have many parents at our AGM on Tuesday 17 November 2015 commencing at 7pm in the School Hall. It is planned to announce the staffing of all classes for 2016 at the AGM. The P&F will kindly provide wine and cheese after both AGMs.

P&F NOMINATIONS
I encourage interested parents to consider joining the P&F Executive to become actively involved in the school community. With today’s newsletter will be an electronic copy of the Nomination Form to join the P&F Executive Committee for 2016. A paper copy is also available from the school office.
PRE KINDY, KINDERGARTEN AND PRE PRIMARY ORIENTATION NIGHT
Tonight parents of students entering Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary in 2016 will have an orientation night outlining daily routines. The school has organised for Mr Griffin Longley to talk to all parents from 7.00pm to 8.00pm about the benefits of natural play. All parents from the school community are welcome to attend this informative session.

Pre Kindy: 6.30 – 8.00pm  Kindergarten: 7.00-8.30pm  Pre Primary 7.00-8.30pm

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose  
Principal
At a glance:

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SWIMMING ENROLMENT FORMS
Swimming lessons will take place from Monday 23rd November to Friday 4th December. Swimming enrolment forms have been sent home today. Please complete the bottom section of the form and return it to school by Wednesday the 11th November.

COMMunicatATON BOOKS
This week English and Mathematics Learning Area books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Monday morning.

BOOK LISTS 2016 will be distributed this week to all students. Please read instructions carefully in order to purchase the book lists for 2016.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal helps families to experience a happy Christmas through the generous donations received as part of their Christmas Appeal. Starting on Monday 2 November each classroom will have a box and a list of items to bring in. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

PASTORAL CARE
Congratulations to Arianna (Year 2) and Marco (Year 4) on the birth of their baby brother Alessio.
Christmas Appeal

Christmas Hamper Ideas

- Christmas pudding
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Bon bons
- Tea
- Coffee
- Milo
- Long life milk
- Cereal
- Dried fruit
- Fruit mince pies
- Sweet biscuits
- Savory biscuits
- Candy canes
- Jelly
- Jams
- Long life juice
- Christmas cake
- Christmas napkins
- Christmas tablecloth

Extras
- Pancake mix
- Tinned vegetables
- Confectionery
- Muesli bars
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Vegemite
- Soft drink
- Cordial

An easy way to organise the hampers is to allocate families to different homerooms and/or class groups. The list of items above is suggested only, it would be fantastic if the students look at the needs of the family and adjust the hamper accordingly. Other items to consider could be; rappies, cleaning products, washing powder, and toiletries. It is imperative that all goods are in date and in good condition. Please do not include any chocolate items in your hampers as we do not have refrigeration facilities to store them.

What about the Ham?
It’s important to remember your hamper must contain non perishable food items, but what’s Christmas without the ham? If you would like the hamper you donate to be complete with ham you can have a one-off fundraiser and donate the proceeds to your local conference (adult Vinnies group) to purchase hams on your behalf closer to Christmas! This way the family you are reaching out to has all the Christmas goodies you enjoy, not just the non perishable ones. You may also want to donate a food voucher to assist a family in purchasing a roast dinner for their Christmas celebrations.

Where do the Hampers go?
The hampers are given out to families in YOUR local area who have called upon the St Vincent de Paul Society recently.

Hampers MUST be ready for pickup NO LATER THAN Friday November 27th

To reserve dates for pickups and assembly visits, please contact
Vinnies Youth by Friday 13th of November.
Phone: 9475 5497   Email: belinda.norris@svdpwa.org.au
PRE KINDERGARTEN
Pre Kindy children learn about being nice to one another and helping each other. We try to play nicely too!
PRE KINDY
We complete our focus of ALL ABOUT FUN this week – and we have had lots of fun with all our activities. Next week we begin our final focus for the year – CHRISTMAS! During the final weeks of Pre Kindy we will be talking about the magical time of Christmas. Our plan is to highlight the very special time that this is due to the birth of the baby Jesus. I am sure you will be very excited to come to our Parent Night this evening and your child’s Orientation morning in Kindy with Mrs Covich next week. Next year will be a very exciting time for all the children. I hope that you will enjoy tonight’s presentation.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
We have finished the theme of Minibeasts and the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at and learning about them. Now our focus is 'The Sea' which will be exciting especially our excursion to AQWA on Friday 13th November. Our sounds for this week are z and x followed by w and v next week. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
This week we have been focusing on reading our sight words more fluently in our literacy activities. We have been practicing our letter formation with our parent helpers. Thank you to all of our parent helpers. The Pre-Primary’s have been making great progress in their writing and I am very impressed with their hard work. It is great to see them begin to add their sight words into their writing. In numeracy we have been learning the names of our 3D shapes and looking for them around the classroom. We have also been looking at different ways we can break up numbers. We have received new reading books and these are now being used by our class! Thank you to the parents who have helped cover our new resources! Hopefully we will receive some more books in the coming weeks.

Please send me an email if you have any questions or book a time if you wish to see me,

Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
It was fantastic to see so many Year Ones at the disco on Friday night. The children looked great and had a wonderful time dancing the night away. On Thursday we will be making a guitar in class during Art to complement our Science topic about Light and Sound. If you have any empty tissue boxes could you please send them in as the children need one to make their guitar. As part of our Science topic we will also be visiting Scitech on Monday 16th November. More information and permission slips will follow soon.

Thank you to all parents who have returned the swimming forms. If you have not yet done so, could you please do so before Wednesday 11th November. Next Friday 13th November the Year One class will be presenting a Liturgy of the Word in the school hall. It would be wonderful to see you all there.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s did a fantastic job at the assembly last Friday – they should be very proud of themselves! Thank you for all your support, with practising readings, costumes, etc. In English we are working on persuasive letters, the students have written me some very entertaining letters asking for a class pet. Later in the term we will be looking at the persuasive power of advertisements. In Mathematics we have just about finished our unit on Time, the students have a test tomorrow.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher
PRE KINDY
Pre Kindy mums please come on down to Waldecks in Stirling (Karrinyup Road) for a coffee after school drop off approximately 9.00am on Friday 4th December 2015.

YEAR ONE
Year 1 Mums and Dads, to wrap up a busy year, please come on down for dinner to the Soda Sun Lounge, 1 North Beach Road, North Beach on **Friday 27th November at 7.00pm**.
Please RSVP to Leanna 0417 176 045, Jenny 0418 917 606 or Leah 0419 960 663.

YEAR TWO
Year Two Mums Dinner: Please join us on **Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm** for dinner at Ponchos Mexican Restaurant, 550 Beaufort Street Mt Lawley.
Please RSVP by 29th October to either Cayley 0418913031 or Edge 0423606404

YEAR THREE
Year 3 Mums Breakfast: Please join us on **Sunday 15 November at 9.00am** for a Sunday Breakfast at Jetty’s Restaurant, Hillarys Boat Harbour. Please rsvp by 7 November 2015 to Anja 0419 918 804 or anja@mojas.net

YEAR SIX – Graduation Dinner and Supper

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner for Parent/s and Graduating Child (only)**
7:00pm Friday 13 November 2015 - ‘Jetty’s Restaurant’ Hillarys Boat Harbour Sorrento
If you have not RSVP could you please do this ASAP even if you do not intend on coming, could you please let Mrs Lina Armstrong at the school office know, as we need to give final numbers to Jetty’s.

**Year 6 Graduation Celebration Supper**
Thursday 10 December 2015 - Yr 6 Graduating Students and IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY are invited to a light supper in the school hall following the Graduation Mass.
So we can pay a catering deposit and confirm numbers please leave your money in an envelope clearly marked
“Year 6 Graduation Supper, your child’s name and number attending”
by Friday 6 November and the 2 litre bottle by Friday 4 December with Mrs Lina Armstrong at the school office
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either:
Lucia – 0420 974 661, Teresa – 0419 245 628 or Angela – 0421 274 439
YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Raffle tickets will be on sale for the iPad and Fitbit until the 4th of December. The cost is $5 for 2 tickets for the iPad and $2 for 1 ticket for the Fitbit. Tickets can be purchased at the canteen.

Sushi lunch is being held on November 12th, sushi must be pre ordered by November 6th. Varieties available: tuna, teriyaki chicken and combo. Cost is $5 each.

Thank you to Samantha Verzini for volunteering in the canteen on Friday 30th of October. We appreciate your help!
If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the canteen staff to make the arrangements.

Year 5 parents: We will have our final catch up for the year on Friday December 4th at the Subiaco hotel at 7:00pm for dinner. Please RSVP to me by the 20th of November if you would like to join us. I have to let the restaurant know exact numbers by this date, so if you would like to come along please let me know. A late RSVP may not be able to be accepted.

Thank you, Nova Gibbons, Canteen Manager
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

PRE-PRIMARY ORDERS FOR YEAR 1 2016
Pre-Primary Parents, orders which you have placed for your child for commencement of Year 1, 2016 are now ready for pick up from 11 November, Week 5 until 17 December, Week 10. Please note cash or cheques are to be made payable to 'St Lawrence Primary School'. NO EFTPOS facilities available.

SCHOOL SOCKS
New Boy's Grey Socks, Girl's White Socks and Boy's/Girl's Sport Socks are compulsory for students in Year 1 to Year 6. Boy's Gold/Red stripe and Girl's White and Boy's/Girl's White Sport Socks are discontinued and should not be worn.
Please place an order if you are not able to come in to the Uniform Shop to purchase socks. Orders will be sent home with your child.
Order Forms and Price Lists are available from the school office. Please enclose full and correct payment with your order in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Uniform Shop Order' and leave it with Mrs Armstrong in the school office.

The following sizes are available:
- Shoe Size 9-12 - Age 5 - 8 years
- Shoe Size 13-3 - Age 8-10 years
- Shoe Size 2 - 8 - Age 10 years and over
- Shoe Size 8-11 - Adult

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am & Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

P&F NEWS

A Night on the Green
A flyer with all of the information is included below. Tickets go on sale MONDAY 9th November.

A Night on the Green Cake Stall
The P&F would like to make “A night on the Green” extra sweet and is organizing a Cake Stall. We need volunteers to donate some baked goods to be sold on the night - anything from cupcakes and slices to wonderful biscuits would be very much appreciated. If some of you great cooks out there are willing to donate some time and effort in baking, or if you can help on the night with setting up and sales, please give Anja a call on 0419 918 804 or drop her a line on anja@mojas.net. Let us sweeten our profits. Thank you!

Mrs Narelle Zaknich, P&F President and Executive
Tickets
Please complete the attached order form and return with correct monies prior to Tuesday 17th November. Tickets will be sent home with children. Tickets are also available for the office. No ticket, no entry on the night, so please ensure you keep tickets safe.
Child : $3  Adult : $ 5  Family : $ 15 (STRICTLY 2 adults and 3 children)

Seating
Families can watch a movie under the stairs on a picnic blankets only. To ensure that all movie goers can see we requested that NO chairs or stools ect are used on the night. Any prams must be on the side corridor of the seating areas. There is no seating allocation, first in best dressed.

Food and Drinks
All families are able to BYO food and drink to the event. This includes alcohol. However this is a family friendly evening and we must ask that you drink responsible and ensure you have a skipper for the night. Strictly no smoking on school grounds. P&F will be selling popcorn, ice creams, cool drinks, tea and coffee on the night.

Earnest and Celestine
Animated/Family, Rated PG, 79 Minutes
Featuring Voices Of: Forest Whitaker, Lauren Bacall, William H Macy, Paul Giamatti

The story of an unlikely friendship between a bear and a mouse. From meeting each other a beautiful friendship grows, fought by the world of mice (the upper world) and the world of bears (the underworld) but in vain: together Earnest and Célestine will conquer all prejudices.