What I admire most about St Lawrence was when he was ordered by the authorities to bring the riches of the Church, St Lawrence bought the poor people of Rome and said ‘these people are the riches of our Church’

Have a Happy St Lawrence Day!

St Lawrence FEAST DAY
Will be celebrated this Friday 7 August. The day will commence with a whole school Mass at 9.00am. Mass will be followed by morning tea for the parents and activities will be in and around the school from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend during the activities throughout the day. I would like to thank the P&F who are kindly providing lunch for each student from Kindy to Year Six. Parents wishing to take their child home after lunch are most welcome. School will continue as normal for the remaining students. All students should wear their sports uniform because of the activities throughout the day. At the end of today’s newsletter is a schedule for all of the St Lawrence Feastday activities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Last Friday all staff had an opportunity to visit another school and investigate and learn the various pedagogy different schools incorporate. Staff were enthused by the teaching and resources of the different schools they visited.

YEAR SIX CAMP MEETING
Tomorrow at 2.20pm in the school hall there will be a Year Six Camp Meeting for all parents. It is important that a representative from each family attends for clarity of information. The Year Six students will be attending camp on Tuesday 18 August until Friday 21 August at Forest Edge in Dwellingup.

RUNNING CLUB
It is pleasing to see the number of students continue to attend Running Club each Tuesday and Thursday morning. A reminder on Thursday 13 August there will be the St Lawrence Cross Country for Year Two to Six students on the senior oval from 1.30pm.
NATURE PLAY
Today our Year One students have been rewarded for their good behavior by being taken to the new Braithwaite Park Nature Play Area in Mt Hawthorn. It was fantastic to see the students playing and enjoying these facilities.

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

At a glance:

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| Thursday 6 August: | - 8.10am Running Club  
                   | - 2.20pm Year 6 Camp Meeting School Hall |
| Friday 7 August:  | St Lawrence Feast Day:  
                   | 9.00am Whole School Mass followed by  
                   | Morning Tea                                      |
| Monday 10 August: | 9am Parish Mass St Lawrence Feast  
                    | Year 1 to Year 6 attend                         |
| Tuesday 11 August: | Michael Mangan Incursion                        |
| Wednesday 12 August: | - School Photos - Kindy to Year 6  
                      | - Reconciliation Meeting 7.15pm  
                      | School Hall                                      |
| Thursday 13 August: | School Photos- Pre Kindy                          |

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
On Friday during our Professional Development day I visited St Simon Peter Catholic Primary School in Ocean Reef. I was given the opportunity to observe teachers working with small groups of children, who had been selected to do Levelled Literacy Intervention. Levelled Literacy Intervention is a small group, supplementary intervention program, designed to support students who are struggling to meet their year-level achievement goals in Literacy. I learnt a great deal from the teachers there and have subsequently made some changes to my own lessons that will enhance the teaching and learning of the students I work with. Mrs Gabrielle Brennan

Each school has its own unique culture and priorities. I had the great fortune of visiting Bold Park Community School and working with Sarah and Brooke in a Year 1/2 classroom. Bold Park has a strong focus on the arts, play based learning and inquiry. It was fantastic to learn about the different projects happening within the school and take a few practical ideas for my own classroom practice. I was very jealous of their 'Wild Space'. I look forward to hosting Brooke and Sarah in Year 2 later this year. Miss Anna Brenkley
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos for Kindy to Year 6 and family photos will be held on Wednesday 12 August. Pre Kindy photos will be on Thursday 13 August. The correct photo envelopes were resent on Monday. Please return ALL envelopes whether you are purchasing photos or not on photo day. Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office.

FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPE: If you have collected a family photo envelope, please leave your name at the school office.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
This Friday is St Lawrence Feastday so the English Learning Area books will be coming home in Week 4 with the Mathematics Learning Area.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
St Lawrence Primary School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program to earn educational resources for our school. Please support our school by placing your sticker card in the box in the Learning Centre. If you order your groceries online please nominate St Lawrence as your school as the stickers will not be sent out with your order.

RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
If your child is receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation this year parents are expected to attend the Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Wednesday 12 August starting at 7:15pm in the school hall.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Our School Choir and Year 5 Class will be entering the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and performing a musical entitled Jonah - A Fishy Tale

Please diarize this event.

Date: Wednesday 26th August
Venue: Wellington Room Morley Rec Centre
Time: 10am-12.00pm

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

Braithwaite Park Nature Play Area
St. Lawrence Feast Reflection

Saint Lawrence was one of the well-known saints for charity, love for God and love for the poor people. He loved His Church and he was killed for what he believed in. He lived the values of Jesus and saw the Kingdom of God among the poorest of the poor. He declared to the prefect, “The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor.” He considered the poor and disadvantaged people of his time and place were the treasures for God.

Pope Francis invites his Church to have solidarity with the poor wherever they may be and whatever poverty they are in. We are also called to be aware of our own poverty – perhaps lack of emotional, spiritual and physical health.

“When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them—some food, a place in our homes, our time—not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched. I am well aware that when someone needing food knocks at your door, you always find a way of sharing food; as the proverb says, one can always ‘add more water to the beans’! Is it possible to add more water to the beans? Always? And you do so with love, demonstrating that true riches consist not in materials things, but in the heart!” (Pope Francis, Address during Visit to the Community at Varginha, 7/25/13)

As we celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence let us be mindful of people who we come across in the shopping centre, our homes, parish, and school and welcome them and be a W.E.S.T. person to bring God’s kingdom on earth.

May you all have a blessed feast of St. Lawrence.
CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE
The Year 3’s are preparing the mass for St Lawrence Feast Day on Friday 7 August. Please come along and join in. We have been working very hard in class earning lots of class points. On Tuesday we made chocolates with Miss Mackay as our class reward. In Health we are learning about Healthy Teeth. On Thursday children will bring home their own supply kit with a toothbrush and toothpaste. Children will need to fill in the chart to show when they have brushed their teeth.
We had an addition test on Monday, assessment scrapbooks will be coming home next week to show you our results. We have now started subtraction with borrowing. Thank you for all the support for our morning reading, we love having your help. Please come and look at all our excursion photos on display outside our classroom.

Ms Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The Year Four children have been researching a famous explorer. They will present this information as a booklet and a keynote presentation. They will be presenting their keynote as an oral report to the class. We are looking forward to St Lawrence Feast Day on Friday and especially having parents visit our classroom.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
Year Five has been very busy with our European Research Project. We have learnt about many European countries and are busy preparing our Keynote presentations and look forward to creating our poster project. It has been very interesting seeing the student’s detailed research. Year Five are excited about our Athletics Carnival this term. We will be training hard during our morning fitness and our sports lesson to prepare for this exciting day! In maths our focus has been Fractions and percentages. The Year five class are working hard to create a domino game using equivalent fractions and percentages. We look forward to using our new domino games to challenge each other and other classes.

Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
The camp at Forest Edge is fast approaching and we have all been busy preparing for this wonderful event. Our meeting with Year 6 students and their parents is in the School Hall at 2.20pm tomorrow (Thursday). Medical forms and other details about the camp will be provided at this meeting. Faction shirts are being worn to indicate the school community is preparing for the Faction Carnival in September. The Year 6 students are giving up part of their lunchtime to help the younger classes prepare for the carnival. This is a further opportunity for them to showcase leadership and organisational talents as we move toward selecting Faction Captains.
The students have been working solidly to ensure there is plenty of work on display to show you this Friday, as we celebrate the feast of St Lawrence, our school patron. The day will commence with Mass in the church at 9am with morning tea provided for parents in the Hall after Mass. At 11am you are invited to tour the school with your child and go to the Book Fair in the Library. At 11.25am the Year 6 students will show you some iPad activities and a Kagan structure in their classroom. At 11.55am there will be tabloid sports on the Senior Oval, followed by lunch with parents and school. You are welcome to take your child home after this.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
PRE KINDY
Hi Pre Kindy Mums! Let’s catch up at the Beach House, 4-6 Halley Road Balcatta on Friday 11th September 2015 at 10.00am.
Just a little informal get together now our class is full of friendly faces. No need to RSVP, just head on down if you have a spare hour!
See you all soon! Leanna (Alessio’s Mum) & Jenny (Sofia M’s Mum)

KINDERGARTEN
Kindy parents ‘catch-up’ on Friday 21 August from 5.30pm at the Herdsman Tavern. Children are also welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all there. RSVP : Jacqui Tana 0411 98592

YEAR FOUR
Please join us for a coffee and catch up after the Year 4 Assembly on Friday 14 August at Waldeck Nursery Café, Stirling. Ang Messina 0429 372776.

LIBRARY NEWS
Our Book Fair is now up and running and we have had many excited students coming in to the library to see what is available. Purchases can continue to be made before and after school, and at lunchtime, on Thursday and on the following Monday; and any time on Friday.
A summary of our Book Week Celebrations is as follows:
• Weeks 3 and 4, Wednesday 5th – Monday 10th August : Book Fair in the library.
• Week 5, Monday 17th August, 9.00am: School Incursion for Years PP – 6 “Shine a Light” – a Book Week Musical presented by Perform Educational Musicals.
• Week 6, Tuesday 25th August: Book Character Dress Up Day for Years K – 6.
Children are invited to come dressed up as a book character or as something connected with this year’s Book Week slogan. There will be a grand parade in the School Hall commencing at 8.40am. All are welcome to come and join us for this event.
Please Note: To fit in with the theme of Books Light Up Our World, we would like children to bring in a special book that has lit up their world, either recently or when they were much younger, to their library sessions next week. We will be taking photos of them with their books and placing the photos on decorated candles as part of our Book Week displays.
Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS
The new menu is now officially up and running, if you would like a copy of the new menu it is available in the office and on the school Website www.stlawbal.wa.edu.au
If your child orders a lunch item that is not available on that day they will be asked to choose an item that is available.

If your child would like homemade lasagne on Wednesday 12th of August please pre order by Friday 7 August. Cost is $4.00. Please note normal menu is also available.

The canteen is having a special morning for the children on Friday 7th August for St Lawrence Feast Day. Tasty treats will be available for purchase.

Remember, volunteers are always welcome in the canteen. Please see us if you would like to help.
Ms Nova Gibbons, Canteen Manager
ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY FRIDAY 7 AUGUST

➢ Morning Tea
A light morning tea will be provided by the P&F after mass in the School Hall.

➢ Lunch
Lunch will be provided by the P&F for all children at school on the day, a hamburger and a juice box (fresh rolls, hamburger patties, lettuce, tomato and sauce). It will be a “production line” style make your own hamburger so children will not have anything they don’t want in their burger.

For any adults or siblings attending on the day hamburgers will be pre sold for $4.00. For catering purposes please ensure full payment to the canteen by Thursday morning 6 August. At the canteen you will receive a ticket to redeem your hamburger on the day. Drinks will be available to purchase on the day from $2.00.

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P&F MEETING
The next P&F meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 18th August at 8.45am.

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BUNNING’S SAUSAGE SIZZLE 15 AUGUST 2015
Thank you to everyone that has offered to help with shifts during our Bunning’s BBQ. We now have staffed the day easily.
Also a big thank you for the drink donations we have received so far. We are still in need of water bottles (600ml). If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated.
Families have been so generous with both donations and their time. We truly appreciate it.

Mrs Narelle Zaknich, P&F President & Executive

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BALCATTA CRICKET CLUB Registration Day will be held at Jones Paskin Reserve on 8 and 9 August 2015 from 11am to 1pm. Please contact balcattacc@hotmail.com with any queries.

VacSWIM HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS
Enrolments for October programs opened on 3 August and close on 30 August 2015. VacSwm’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
St Lawrence Feast Day
Activities for Friday 7 August

9.00-10.00am   Mass in the Church
10.00-10.30am  Students back to classroom and prepare for next session
10.30-10.55am  Recess

Morning tea will be provided for the parents in the hall following mass.

Session 1
11.00-11.50am  Kindy, PP, Yr 1 & 2 – Tabloid Sports – Senior oval
11.00-11.25am  Yr 3 & 4 – Kagan structures /iPad demonstrations in classroom
11.00-11.25am  Yr 5 & 6 – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
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5 min transition time

Session 2
11.55-12.45pm  Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Tabloid Sports – Senior Oval
11.55-12.20pm  Kindy & PP – Kagan structures /iPad demonstrations in classroom
11.55-12.20pm  Yr 1 & 2 – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
12.20-12.45pm  Kindy & PP – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
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Lunch will be provided by the Parents & Friends (P & F) for the students and will be eaten in the undercroft. The school community appreciate the ongoing support of our vibrant P & F.

John Rose
Principal