KAGAN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Yesterday the school staff came together to work on improving writing throughout the school.
Robyn from KAGAN Australia facilitated this day, that allows us to use the co-operative structures to implement an improvement in writing throughout the school. Throughout today and tomorrow Robyn will be coaching all teachers and assisting them as they continue to implement KAGAN structures to increase engagement and learning in our classrooms.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
Tonight one parent from each family of Year 6 students whose child is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is expected to attend this informative session by Fr Tim Deeter. This will commence at 7.15pm in the school hall.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS
Parents are reminded that children are not permitted in the corridors until after the first bell at 8:30am. Children are to promptly place their bags in their pigeon holes and move to the undercroft area where there will be teacher supervision provided. The children must remain seated on the benches in the undercroft. Parents we ask that you wait in the undercroft area as well.

QCS SURVEY
From 11 to 22 March all Catholic Schools in Western Australia will once again participate in the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) surveys that will give the school an indication of the culture that exists at St Lawrence. All staff, 60 random families and 50 students will participate in this survey. If you receive an envelope next week to participate please complete the survey as it is imperative that your voice and opinions are heard. Please be aware that all surveys are confidential. Under no circumstances would any information about responses to the survey or their survey responses be divulged to any party. The strength of the QCS survey lies in its accuracy and reliability. There were no breaches in security in over 9,000 surveys distributed in 2012.
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY
In 2008 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) began in Australian schools. Every year, all students 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests are overseen by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). NAPLAN tests provide information for parents, teachers and schools on individual student performance. Teachers and schools use this information, in conjunction with other information, to determine how well their Students are performing and to identify any areas of need requiring assistance. The introduction of ten achievement bands from Year 3 to Year 9 means that as a student advances through schooling, it is possible to see how much progress in literacy and numeracy he or she has made. There are many different points of view with regard to the purpose and academic relevance of NAPLAN. It is important to keep in mind that this is just one test that contributes to the overall picture of a student’s progress. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 have been given a leaflet for parents/carers containing information about the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN 2013 Timetable

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John Rose
Principal

Statement from Dr Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education in WA
The Royal Commission is an opportunity for Australia as a nation to address the atrocities of child sexual abuse and find ways to eliminate it. I want to assure you and every member of our education community that the Catholic Education Office of WA fully supports the endorsement of the objectives of the Royal Commission given by Bishops around Australia. Any action that can be taken to prevent child abuse, to reach out with compassion to those who have suffered abuse, and to identify and learn from the past, must be a priority. As in all education sectors, comprehensive checks and processes have been developed and implemented in our schools and education institutions to protect students in our care. Our policy is unambiguous - child sexual abuse must be promptly reported to the authorities. Training is provided to ensure that every person employed in schools and the Catholic Education Office knows and accepts the moral and legal imperatives of their work. The history of Catholic Education in Australia stretches back many years. There have been wrongs done in its name during that time but there have also been, and continue to be, many more rights. The Royal Commission will be an ordeal for the survivors of abuse whose lives were permanently and profoundly damaged by the abuse they suffered. Let us pray that it will lead to greater community compassion and understanding of what they have endured, to justice and to strengthened resolve that such abominations are never repeated.

Week at a glance......

Wednesday 6 March 7.15pm Confirmation Parent Meeting
KAGAN Coaching – Wednesday and Thursday
Friday 8 March Year 5 Assembly
Wednesday 13 March Yr 6 Excursion Governor’s House
MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Pre Primary: Ivanna Gutierrez, Christina Bertilone, Sofia Trimboli, Mia Russo
Year One: Jazelle Femia, Max Millard, Grace Gentry
Year Two: Michael Xigas, Marco Hadzic, Nicholas Multari, Jesse Nyersh
Year Three: Gizane Micallef, Daniel Cicchini, Ava Leahy, Noah Pizzino,
Year Four: Joshua Svilicich, Casey Castro, Isabella Leahy, Oliver Hutani
Year Five: Serena Cicchini, Madeline Dawson, Jared Lee, Tony Bruno
Year Six: Lado Lado, Chantelle Graziani, Alexandra Trimboli, Riley Smith

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
This week’s story comes from Cambodia. Vannak and his friends work hard to make sure that their crops grow because they rely on them for food and to stay healthy. Please continue to donate to your own family Project Compassion box or donate to the boxes in the classrooms.

LEARNING AREA BOOKS
This week Mathematics Learning area books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books promptly on Monday morning.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
St Lawrence Primary School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 22 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave their car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.
We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.
Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising a healthy breakfast for you to enjoy once you have arrived at school.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
Tonight, Wednesday 6 March, all Year 6 parents whose child is receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year please attend a Confirmation parent meeting commencing at 7:15 pm in the Learning Centre.

A moment with Sister Chitra

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY
In the book of Jeremiah the prophet Jeremiah was asked to go to the potter’s house by God. Jeremiah went to the potter’s house and he saw him working at the wheel. He noticed that whenever an object which a potter was making turned out badly, he tried again, making the clay another object according to his design. And God said to Jeremiah that he could do to the house of Israel what the potter had done to the clay, i.e., that he could refashion the house of Israel according to his own design.
The picture of Yahweh presented through Jeremiah is brief, simple yet rich. Once we have accepted the fact that He is the potter and we are the clay, then we learn to accept all the events of our life with calm and equanimity. We are the clay in the hands of the Divine Potter.

So during Lent, let us try our best to become flexible, sensitive and cooperate with God’s graces.
**CLASS NEWS**

**YEAR THREE**
As it is a short school week the children only have reading and math worksheets to complete, due on Friday. They also have a PATHS worksheet to be completed by tomorrow ready for Sr Chitra’s lesson. Some children have already lost their rubber, lead pencil etc, please check your child’s pencil case this weekend. Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend our Paraliturgy last Friday, it was wonderful to see you all there.

*Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher*

**YEAR FOUR**
It is important that you make time to look at the Learning Area books when they are sent home each weekend. This gives you an opportunity to see how your child is progressing and coping with the work. Please remember to sign the sheet on the inside cover and make a comment if you wish. It would be a great idea to discuss with your child two things you thought they were doing really well and get them to think about one thing they could try to improve on before the book/s go home again next term. If you wrote this in the signature box, then it could become the start of your discussion next term. Next Thursday the 14th March the Year 4 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during school hours.

*Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher*

**YEAR FIVE**
We have been busily preparing for our class assembly on Friday and have been putting the final touches on all our presentations and work. We are very much looking forward to showing our work to our parents this Friday. A big thank you to Dr Phillip Cox, Principal of Servite College, who came to our class and answered all our questions about High School. It was fantastic to have this opportunity to talk to him and it was great fun! Just a quick note on App purchases for the iPads. I will not send messages through Edmodo to download apps that cost money. I will only send links to suggested free apps available on iTunes. If there is a specific app that needs to be purchased an official letter will be sent home signed by myself. If the school has purchased an app for the class, (when many copies are purchased we receive them cheaper), then a confirmation email will be sent through your child’s iPad email account. This means all you need to do is click the link in the email and it will automatically download the pre-purchased app for you. You will still be required to put in your iTunes password to complete the download. Any questions regarding this please don’t hesitate to email or see me.

*Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Teacher*

**YEAR SIX**
We will be visiting the Governor’s house on Wednesday, March 13 and the WA Parliament on Friday, March 22. A permission to travel slip has come home for both of these excursions. In preparation for Confirmation, the Years Six students are investigating different saints. They will be reading a book about a saint this week and choosing a saint’s name for Confirmation. The Parent Meeting for Confirmation will be tonight, Wednesday March 6 at 7.15pm in the Hall.

*Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher*

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Welcome everyone to a new week. Sushi will be available next Thursday 14 March – vegetarian, chicken, tuna, Californian, smoked salmon or combo. Cost is $4.50 for 5. **Please pre-order by Wednesday 13 March, or you will miss out.**

We are selling Easter Raffle tickets at the canteen. There are four prizes to be won. Cost is $2 each or 3 for $4. The raffle will be drawn on Holy Thursday March 28. Good luck to everyone.

Reminder that the canteen is now open 4 days a week – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Parents, please note that the prices on the menu have increased since last year. Please check the menu on the website. Hope everyone will enjoy the remainder of the week.

*Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress*
WESTMINSTER DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

- It has been noted that your child may NOT have attended the Dental Therapy Centre for sometime.
- If you wish to continue or re-enrol your child please contact the Westminster Dental Therapy Centre on 93453331.
- Your child is eligible for FREE dental care from Pre-Primary to Year 11.
- If your child attends High School the appointments are mailed home therefore please ensure we have your current address.

NETBALL NEWS

PLAYERS WANTED

We are looking for boys or girls who were born in the Year 2004 and are interested in joining the team. They do not need to have played before and would not need to purchase a new uniform as we use the school uniform (except for the girls red pleated skirts). **If you are interested and would like further information please feel free to call me on 0433 682 000** Thank you, Marina Veletta

Photo Gallery

Years 4 and 6 Students
taking part in a KAGAN Structure
Hi Everyone

Hope you all had a fantastic long weekend and enjoyed the pupil free day. We will have to look on the bright side and say what a delight, to have our little angels spend more time with us. One day hopefully, there might be a Parent Free Day!!

**Easter Fundraiser**

Well didn’t we tell you those bunnies were the best tasting chocolate!! Those chocolate freaks are definitely out there!!

Some of you have asked for extra cartons, so can you please leave your name at the office as soon as possible as they will be arriving next Wednesday the 13\(^{th}\) March.

For those of you who are finding it difficult, please hand back sooner rather than later and we can help you out.

*Your efforts so far have been fantastic - Thank you!* 

**Class Representatives**

Where are all the leaders of Years 3 & 5, *we really need you.* Here’s a thought, change your direction one morning, go past the canteen and grab a magnificent coffee from Frances and have a chat about it.

The rest of your day may change considerably and just think how many more you can enjoy for the rest of the year.

We will announce our class reps for 2013, once we are finalised.

Well that’s it from us this week, short and sweet just like the week!!

*Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda*
Key Issue 2: Australian Government Review of Schooling Funding

The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements. At present, there are concerns that Catholic schools will not obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping school fees as low as possible.

The chart highlights that students in Catholic schools, on average, receive less government funding than that provided to students in government schools and consequently operate with less total resources even when private income is added on.

This will be a significant issue leading up to the Federal election in September this year as any change to current funding arrangements which reduces government funding to the Catholic sector will have a significant impact on Catholic schools and in turn school fees.

Catholic education seeks to ensure that the crucial role of Catholic schools in the Australian education landscape, as a low fee provider of quality education, will continue to be recognised with appropriate funding.

Catholic Education seeks a commitment from the next state government that the implications for Catholic schools will also be considered in forming a state position on whether to sign up to the Federal Government’s funding reforms