The Beauty of Christmas

Christmas is the Spirit of Giving with the Thought of Getting
May we be inspired by the Birth of Our Saviour and
Remember the True Beauty of Christmas

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES
Over the last week students in Kindergarten, Pre Primary, Year One and Year Two have performed Nativity, Advent and Christmas Concerts as well as our Guitarist and Choir performed Christmas Carols for the whole school. All students were fantastic in bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our lives. I would like to thank all staff who ensured these assemblies were so meaningful and relevant to our students.

YEAR SIX DANCE
On Monday evening students from Balcatta Primary and St Lawrence joined together to perform a range of dances. In the spirit of Christmas it was great to see all students interact so positively with each other. Thank you to Mr Haydon and Balcatta Primary who organised this community event.
YEAR BOOK
The eldest student in each family will receive the 2016 St Lawrence Yearbook. The Yearbook is a great opportunity to reflect and celebrate the many achievements and events throughout the school year.
I would like to thank Mrs Marie Boyle and Mrs Marie Heavey for co-ordinating and organising this excellent publication. I hope you enjoy it for many years to come.

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

SACRAMENTAL DATES
Please refer to the Sacrament Dates for 2017 included in this newsletter.

FATHERING PROJECT
Our next function with children 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@cathednet.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 the St Lawrence Church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
St Lawrence Parish will be holding a Carols Evening on Friday 16 December at 7.00pm. All children are welcome at this community event.

2017 TERM DATES
All parents should be aware that Wednesday 1 February is the first day of school for all students. Term One concludes on Friday 7 April.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

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REPORTS
Pre Primary to Year Six Reports will be electronically distributed on Friday 9 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 call Mrs Armstrong if you have any problems logging on.

MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS
If your child is in receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3), Communion (Year 4) or Confirmation (Year 6) in 2017 they will receive a Mass Attendance Booklet today. Please read the accompanying letter from Fr Emil. Thank you for your support.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey
**PRE KINDY**

We are finally at the end of a very exciting and wonderful year for all Pre Kindy children where we have grown up so very much and learnt lots. It has been fabulous teaching such gorgeous, happy children and I know that their year in Kindy will be enthralling with such wonderful staff to care and guide their learning.

I thank all parents for their support and interest in our programme, Mr Rose for always dropping in to say hi and have a chat and Mrs Fiorenza for the passion, hard work and friendship she has given to me as we work together as a team in Pre Kindy. I find it to be very rewarding and a very special day in my week.

Let me share an old proverb with you:

*Parents hold their children’s hands for a while … and their hearts forever.*

May you all enjoy a very Holy, happy and safe Christmas with your loved ones.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

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**KINDERGARTEN**

Kindy is nearly over for the year. Just our party lunch and a visit from Santa to go! I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children grow over the year. They have learnt so much and developed many skills. They have grown in confidence and independence and developed wonderful friendships. They are a gorgeous group of children and I wish them all the best for next year.

Thank you again Parents for your help and support this year to make it a very successful year. I would like to say a huge ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Michelle Seragusana and Mrs Kayli Thompson for all their hard work, caring attitude and the dedication they show every day. They are a wonderful help to me and the children.

Congratulations to the Speranza family on the arrival of a little boy, Oliver, a brother for Tyler. We wish them all the best.

*I wish all families a happy and Holy Christmas and all the best for the New Year*

*Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher*

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**PRE PRIMARY**

Happy Christmas everybody! Thank you all for a wonderful year. Mrs Baker and I wish the Pre-Primary’s a fantastic and restful holiday. We would like to thank all the parents for their generous gifts and for your support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all and I will miss being part of the St Lawrence community. As a thank you for a wonderful year please join us at drop off for morning tea at 9.00am on Friday, siblings are also welcome.

*Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher*
YEAR ONE
It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the year already. It has been a busy year but a very successful and enjoyable one. Yesterday we had a great time making Christmas Crafts with the Year Twos. The children have come so far and I am very proud of the hard work they have put into their learning. They are making good choices and it is wonderful to see them showing the Spirit of Jesus every day. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working together with you and your children this year. Remember to read every day during the holidays boys and girls.

Wishing everyone a relaxing holiday break and a safe, happy and Holy Christmas

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s did a fantastic job at the Advent Assembly on Monday. Yesterday we had lots of fun making Christmas craft with the Year 1’s. We are also looking forward to our excursion to Kings Park tomorrow. This excursion caps off a very busy year full of fun, hard work and learning. The Year 2’s should be very proud of themselves, they have worked very hard and demonstrated some fantastic progress. Finally I would like to say a huge thank you for all the support and assistance that I have had from parents, it makes my job so much easier!

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

YEAR THREE
Thank you for a wonderful year together in Year 3. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the children and families. It has been wonderful to work with Mrs Bozich and we have been fortunate to receive assistance from Mrs Staltari, Miss Leigh and Mrs Austin.

A few final reminders: Mass for Graduation is this Thursday 8 December at 6pm. All Year 3 students are expected to attend with at least one parent. Children are wear their summer uniform. Children will be receiving their new Mass Attendance Booklet today to prepare for the sacrament of Communion in 2017. Please read the accompanying letter from Fr Emil.

We are cleaning desks tomorrow morning. Please stay and assist us if you are able. Thanks again for all your support throughout the year. Below are some extra photos from our excursion to Decadance yesterday.

Have a very Holy and relaxing Christmas. Stay safe and God bless.

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
We have come to the end of a very busy and rewarding year. To continue with all the hard work your child has been doing, I encourage them during the holidays to read and complete quizzes on Literacy Pro, complete any set Mathletics tasks and create projects on apps of their choice. Thank you to all the parents who have helped this year listening to morning reading, assisting on excursions and coming in to clean desks. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you and best wishes to Mrs Krikorian for all her hard work this year. Thank you to the students who have been an absolute delight to teach. They continue to amaze me each day with their positive attitude and eagerness to learn.

I wish all the children and their families a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Enjoy your holidays, have lots of fun and see you in 2017.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher
YEAR FIVE
What a year it has been! Each and every Year Five student has amazed me with their enthusiasm and progress throughout this year. I am very proud of the effort they have given to all learning areas and the determination they have to achieve their personal best. We had a fabulous time at HBF stadium yesterday with the students challenging themselves to cross the 85 metre giant inflatable and jump off the 3 metre and 5 metre diving boards! This week the student have enjoyed making Christmas crafts, experimenting with the 3D printer and making iMovies of highlights throughout the year. I look forward to seeing our current Year Five class as the Leaders of our school in 2017!

Wishing you all a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
Thank you for the food, drink and most particularly your attendance at the ballroom dancing finale. It was a wonderful evening. The Graduation ceremonies follow on from Mass which commences at 6pm tomorrow; Thursday.
Our final day on Friday 9th December will include a picnic lunch at Mawson Park, Whitfords. I hope you will be able to come and join us there. Lunch will be around 12:00 pm. The Year Six students will leave the park at 12.50pm and travel to Lazer Blaze, returning to school for normal pick up.

May your family enjoy the holidays and have a Blessed Christmas!

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS
Children from Pre-Primary to Year 4 will be bringing home a cover sheet which is to be glued on the cover of one of the scrapbooks on their booklists. Please ensure your child’s name is written on the sheet and then cover with clear contact. Children currently in Year 5 can design their own front cover and then have their library scrapbook covered ready for the beginning of term.

Many thanks to all of the parents who have helped in some way in the library this year. Your assistance in shelving, book covering, distributing book club orders and helping out with special events in the library is invaluable. We hope to see you all back with us in the library next year and as always, we would welcome any additional parent helpers.
Thanks also to the many children who volunteer to do jobs at in the library at lunchtimes. We really appreciate your help.

Together with Mrs Frenzel, we would like to wish all St Lawrence families a joyous Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian
CHRISTMAS MUSIC NEWS

Dear all, congratulation on the completion of the 2016 year!
This semester our students from Years Four, Five and Six enjoyed an incredible challenge of listening, researching and presenting in class Classical composers and their pieces of music. We embraced so many concepts and music history facts including - Eras, Genres, Instrumentation, Composers and their masterpieces!
Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Chopin are now our good and recognisable friends!
Bravo to the leaders of the groups who co-ordinated the research process and also the presentations.
Amongst our experts on Classical music, Liam Gearon was the brightest star, who surprised even me with his 100% result of the difficult listening test!
The Year Three students successfully and co-operatively learnt how to read a Music Notation and practiced their first tunes using xylophones and glockenspiels.
Our class performances consisting of Massimo Saliszewski, Lorenzo Mannino and others shared their talents with us and received their class mates’ recognition and appreciation.
We are now ready for a Festive season and relaxing break!

I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy exciting holidays!

Mrs Svetlana Zenkina. Music Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

PRE-PRIMARY PARENTS
Please note that Thursday 8th December will be the last day the Uniform Shop will be open for uniform orders placed for students commencing Year 1 February 2017. Payment is required by cash or cheque 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. The 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 be available.
Please note the Early Childhood T-Shirt is NOT a compulsory uniform item to wear.

OPENING TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 27 January 2017 from 8.00am to 10.00am.

Also, on the first day of Term 1, Wednesday 1st February the Uniform Shop will be open at **8.00am**

SUMMER UNIFORM
All students in Year 1 to Year 6 return back to school in their Summer Uniform commencing in Term 1 2017.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager
P&F NEWS

P&F Committee for 2017 includes:
Caterina Di Carlantonio
Anja Mojas
Frances Caccamo
Laura Russo

Below are some P&F events for 2017:

Term 1: Welcome Picnic – Friday 17th February 2017 – 5:30pm
P&F Meeting – Friday 24th February 2017 – 2pm

Term 2: P&F Meeting – Friday 19th May 2017 – 2pm

Term 3: P&F Meeting – Friday 18th August 2017 - 2pm

Term 4: P&F Meeting – Friday 3rd November 2017 – 2pm

Caterina Di Carlantonio, P&F President 2017

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the canteen this year. Your ongoing support keeps the canteen alive for the school community. Wishing you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas. Looking forward to 2017 and serving the student healthy food.

Last chance to buy a raffle ticket – the draw will be on Friday, the raffle is valued at $150! Good luck to all.

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

Wishing you a stylish & creative holiday season!