Happiness
I recently read the following anecdote and thought it was worth sharing as it often could apply to me.

Early this morning, my son bounced into the kitchen, then stopped to look hard at me.

“Mummy you look so sad, aren’t you well?”

I assured him that I was well and that I wasn’t sick.

“Well you’d better tell your face about it.”

he called as he ran out the door to play!

DR TIM MCDONALD
The Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia has attached a welcome letter to all families attending Catholic Schools throughout Western Australia. Please read the attached letter from our Executive Director Dr Tim McDonald.

JUNIOR SCHOOL OVAL MAINTENANCE
Utilising the likely rain in the next few days the school will be aerating and fertilising the Junior School Oval to revive the grass and ensure the oval does not become too muddy throughout winter. Therefore for the next fortnight there will be no parking on the junior oval. Please be patient and as always the priority is the safety of all students.

P&F FAMILY BBQ
Please place in your diaries Friday 17 February from 5.30pm as the whole school community will come together to have a Welcome Picnic and BBQ. It would be pleasing to see many families attend this community event.

HEALTH CARE CARD
If you are a holder of a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you are entitled to a discount on your tuition fees. An application form must be completed and a copy of your current card supplied. Further information and application forms are available from the school office. Please supply this information by Friday 17 February 2017.

SCHOOL BANKING
It was pleasing to see this morning many students take advantage of our school banking. Any new families wishing to open an account please see our volunteers on Wednesday morning from 8.00am. Thanks to Lucia, Nancy and Cathy for volunteering their time to develop good financial literacy skills for our students.
PUPIL FREE DAYS
The school will have a number of professional development days throughout 2017. Our pupil free days will be: April 7 and 24; June 2 and 19; July 28.

SACRAMENTAL DATES
All dates for the Sacrament will be attached with today’s newsletter.

SAMUEL CARBONE SPEECH
We were fortunate to listen to Samuel Carbone about his experiences at St Lawrence Primary School at last week’s assembly. Samuel achieved the highest score possible in his Year 12 ATAR results in 2016. It was amazing to hear about his dedication and commitment to his studies. We wish Samuel all the best in his future endeavours.

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

Beginning of School Assembly

COMING UP

Tuesday 7 February
EDUDANCE

Thursday 9 February
Parent Meetings
Year 4 - 5.30pm
Year 5 - 6.15pm
Year 6 - 7.00pm

Monday 13 February
Parent Meeting
Pre Primary – 5.30pm

Welcome to New Students

Samuel Carbone

Sienna Anderson, Laurie Award Winner
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

P&F WELCOME BBQ
Please support our P&F by bringing your families along to enjoy a delicious BBQ from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Friday 17th February.

EDU DANCE
It has been great to see all of our students enjoying and participating in this high energy and fun programme on Tuesdays. The concert will be held on the 4th April. Please put the date in your diary. Specific performance times will be sent out closer to the date.

YEAR FOUR CLASS MASS
The Year Four class will be celebrating Mass on Friday 17th February in the Church. It would be lovely to see lots of Year Four families in attendance.

MAKING JESUS REAL (MJR)
The MJR program can be incorporated into our everyday life at school and at home through the use of basic manners, a positive attitude, showing a tolerance towards others, giving time for reflection and using encouraging language to highlight the “behaviours, values and attitudes that we want to ‘see’ in our students”.
Encourage your child to start their day with a smile and a ‘good morning’ to family members, classmates and staff. Try it! You will be surprised how good it makes you feel as well as making someone else feel special, noticed and welcome.
How we GREET, TREAT and SPEAK to people is a good place to start with MJR.

“Religion is easy. Every time you smile, say please, thanks or sorry, help someone by picking up pencils when they fall on the floor, open a door for someone, give a compliment, etc – you are LIVING your religion. It’s part of your life – it’s part of who you are. In other words, you are living out being WEST”. (Every Day is an MJR Day – p83)

Mrs Jacki Tucker and Mrs Gabrielle Brennan

Our Rainbows Programme is shortly due to commence this year at St Lawrence School. Rainbows is a peer support programme for children who have suffered a significant change or loss in their lives. It provides children with an opportunity to express their feelings in a safe and confidential setting. Grief is a normal reaction to a significant loss or change. Frequently children do not express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, schoolwork, as a physical ailment or it affects their emotional development. The programme consists of thirteen weekly sessions where the children meet in small groups. The adults and the children within the programme are bound by confidentiality. I am a fully trained Rainbows facilitator and look forward to working with you and your children. If you feel the Rainbows Programme may be helpful for your child/children, please collect the Rainbows information letter from the school office.

Mrs Adelaida Baker, Rainbows Facilitator
CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
Pre Kindy children had an enjoyable start to their year with two groups coming in during the day to try to become acquainted with some new friends and staff. This week we will have all our children joining us for the whole day. Our focus is *Marvellous Me* and we will look at the exciting things we can do as well as the special things we can learn especially starting off with *Colours.*

A reminder that if your child is absent, or late or unwell you will need to send me an email - bozich.kaylene@cathednet.wa.edu.au for the purposes of staff keeping our class roll up to date and accurate. Please cc the admin into your emails, admin@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

Sincere thanks for your cooperation with this.

*Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

KINDERGARTEN
The children have had a wonderful start to their first full week at Kindy. They are beginning to settle in and learn the rules and routine.

Our focus this week is learning to be good friends - sharing, taking turns, co-operating and using our manners. Next week we start to focus on the theme of ‘Wonderful Me’. We will be discussing names of body parts, what our bodies can do and how we care for our bodies. In coming weeks we will look at our feelings and health and nutrition and sun safety.

This term in literacy our focus is learning about ‘Syllables’, which is the beats in words. For example circle has 2 beats and octopus has 3 beats. They will learn to clap out the syllables in the words. We will also be doing lots of fine motor activities to develop their finger strength for holding pencils and for cutting.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how your child is going please do not hesitate to email or make a time for a chat.

*Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher*

PRE PRIMARY
Our first week in Pre-Primary was amazing. We love our new learning environment and we are eager to keep exploring and learning. This term we are learning about what makes each of us special and unique. Every single Pre-Primary student has so many wonderful quality and they are all really enjoying discovering what makes them unique in comparison to their friends.

We hope all students and families have settled back into the school year.
Pre-Primary parents please remember that we have the Parent evening next Monday 13th February at 5.30pm.

*Miss Laura Byrne, Pre Primary Teacher*

YEAR ONE
The students are settling well into the routines of Year One. They are working hard on listening when someone is speaking. A big thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Meeting on Monday night. It was lovely to meet many parents for the first time. A big thank you also to the parents who have already been in to help with reading in the morning. The children are settling well into this morning routine where they need to complete an activity and do their reading to an adult. A reminder that Homework Journals and Reading Folders need to come back to school each day. In class we are working on using capital letters, spaces and full stops when writing. The children have brought home their Mathletics passwords tonight. Only half of the class have had a chance to explore Mathletics and the other half will do this tomorrow. Mathletics can be accessed on the iPad or computer. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great week.

*Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher*
YEAR TWO
It has been a busy week in Year Two as our class members get into the routines of a new school term. We have been delighted by the enthusiasm that each child has shown towards their learning and know it is going to be a fabulous year. This week, the Year 2s have been working on being good listeners by having quiet hands and looking at the speaker without talking. They have been exploring number patterns and have had fun making our Number of the Day using addition and subtraction. On Tuesday, the Year 2s went for a walk around our school and took photos of our beautiful world with their shoulder buddies. They also had a wonderful time dancing at Edu Dance and have learned a few new moves and songs in class.

We would like to commence our Morning Reading Roster next week. Please record your name on the chart outside our room if you are able to listen to reading between 8.30am and 8.50am. We send regular emails home using the email addresses listed on SEQTA. If you have not been receiving these messages, please check with the office to ensure your contact details are correct.

Thanks for your support.
Mrs Jacki Tucker and Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Year Two Teachers

PARISH CHILDREN’S LITURGY
On behalf of the Parish, welcome to the new school year and hope you all had a well deserved break. It was lovely to see so many children at mass on Sunday. Children’s liturgy resumes this Sunday and we look forward to a great turn out. The first children’s mass will be on Sunday the 26 February at 5.30pm. Please keep this date in mind and encourage your children to attend and participate in reading or singing. All children are welcome, it adds so much to our celebration. Thank you for your co-operation in the past and look forward to a great 2017.

Mrs Toni Mattiaccio  Mattiaccio.toni@cathednet.wa.edu.au  Contact : 0416309483

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

EARLY CHILDHOOD T-SHIRT
The Early Childhood T-Shirt is now available for purchase in the colour Red for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary students to wear at a cost of $17.00 each. Sizes 2,4,6 and 8 are only available. Please note that the Early Childhood T-Shirt is NOT compulsory for students to wear.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
Second hand clothing is available for sale at various prices and are on display each week. If you have any unwanted uniform items in GOOD saleable condition, (please NO TIES, HATS OR SOCKS), these can be donated to the Uniform Shop directly or uniform items can be left at the school office. A BIG thank you to parents who have already kindly donated.

LOST PROPERTY BOX
The lost property box is located outside the Year 6 classroom, if you have any missing uniform items please look for items in lost property. Please ensure that all hats, jumpers and track jackets are clearly labelled with student’s name.

***  OPENING HOURS Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thurs 2.30 - 3.30pm  ****

Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager
Welcome to the 2017 school year! It promises to be another wonderful year in the library. We are so excited to have some bright new couches in the library for children to use when browsing through their library books. I am sure they are going to love using them.

Children’s library sessions for this year are as follows:
- Tuesday: Kindy, Years, 2,3 and 5 – Lesson and Book Change
  Pre-Primary – Lesson only
- Wednesday: Years 1,4 and 6 – Lesson and Book Change
  Pre-Primary – Book Change

**All children must bring their library bags on their book change day.** This is most important, as our books need to be protected on their journey to and from school.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**
The first issue of Book Club pamphlets has been sent home today. There will be two issues in each term. Last year, Book Club received tremendous support from the school community and as a result, we were able to get many new resources for the library. When ordering from Book Club, please note the following:

**Book Club LOOP**

- Parents can now use the Book Club LOOP to do ordering and payment of Book Club orders. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for instructions on how to do this. If ordering this way, please have orders completed by **Tuesday 14th February** as there will be a cut-off date for ordering in each issue.

- Alternatively, completed order forms and cash or cheque payments can be handed in to class teachers. Cheque payments should be made out to **Scholastic Book Club**. 
  **Completed order forms for this first issue need to be returned to class teachers by next Tuesday, 14th February.**

*Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian*

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hope everyone is back to their normal routine.

**CANTEEN MENU**
Just to let you know I have ordered **Mr Mac’s Pies $4.00** and **Sausage Rolls $3.50**. These will be available on a Friday.

Our Pasta Bolognese Sauce is made in the canteen with hidden zucchini and carrot.

Master’s Milk is now available in the canteen for sale. Flavours are chocolate, strawberry, and choc mint. The cost is $2.00

**CANTEEN HELP**
If you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen, please see myself, Nancy Donatelli or Christina Russo.

*Have a fantastic week - Mrs Amanda Xigas, Canteen Manager*

*Nancy Donatelli and Christina Russo Canteen Assistant*
Family Welcome Picnic – Friday 17 February 2017 – Commencing at 5:30pm
There is a flyer attached and a hard copy has been sent home this week. Can you please return the RSVP form to the office by Friday 10th February to assist with catering.

P&F Meeting - Friday 24 February 2017 – 2.00pm
This will be our first P&F meeting for the year. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see many people as possible. It is a relaxed and informal meeting. Agenda items will be discussed and the Principal, John Rose will also provide a report. Your thoughts, ideas and comments are important. For those unable to attend, the minutes of all meetings will be emailed electronically with the school newsletter.

Cadbury Chocolate Easter Fundraiser
With Easter fast approaching, we are excited to launch our first fundraiser for the year. The Cadbury Chocolate Easter Boxes are great to buy for yourself for Easter or to sell to relatives, neighbours or colleagues. The boxes cost $80 with a profit of $30 per box sold. The profits from this fundraiser will go towards the Nature Play. More information to follow.

Class Representatives
A Parent Information Welcome letter has been distributed to all families. To nominate for a Class Representative, please fill out the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

**NOMINATION FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2017**

I __________________________________ would like to nominate for the position of

Class Representative for Year ________________

My mobile phone number is ________________

My email address is ________________________________________

Signed ________________________________

Mrs Caterina Di Carlantonio
P&F President - pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au
2017
Annual Family Welcome Night

The P&F, in conjunction with the School Board, would like to invite the school community to celebrate the beginning of the new school year

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY
5.30pm-7.30pm

We will provide:

- Spit roasted meat (Beef, Lamb and Pork) in a fresh roll
- Condiments
- Cool Drinks and Water to for purchase for $2
- Plastic plates, napkins, forks

To help make this a community night please bring a plate to share:

- A-L are asked to bring in a dessert to share
- M-Z are asked to bring in a salad (coleslaw, potato etc) to share

Please bring Salads/Sweets in a disposable container and with disposable serving utensils if needed

Entertainment:

- Children can dance along in the Silent Disco and win some prizes
- Everyone can take some photos in the Photo Booth

As we are having the event catered, please complete the R.S.V.P slip below and return to the office by Friday 10th February

We will be attending the Annual Family Welcome Night: Friday 17 February 2017

Family Name

Adults
Children
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the App from the App Store or Google Play.

Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS. Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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