Easter

If you tell a person that there are 300 billion stars in the universe, they will believe you. But if you tell he/she that a bench has just been painted, he has to touch it to be sure! Our faith can be a bit like that. While it is far away and out of mind, we can accept anything. But when it comes close, as it did for Thomas the apostle, we want proof.

_In this Easter Season, may we accept the challenge to face the reality of the Resurrection and make that belief come alive in our lives._

**BUSHFIRES FUNDRAISER**
This _Friday 4 March_ all students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be participating in our Bush Fire Fundraising Appeal from 1.40pm to 2.40pm. Students are asked to bring in 20cents, 50cents and $1.00 coins to participate in the many fundraising activities throughout the school. Parents are most welcome to attend this fundraising event. This is an active way that students can demonstrate their awareness of social justice issues by fundraising for those affected by these fires. Students can wear free dress for a gold coin donation.

**KAYLENE BOZICH**
Please keep Mrs Kaylene Bozich and her family in your prayers. This week her dear mother passed away and is now at peace.

**SCHOOL FEES**
On Friday school fees will be distributed to the eldest student in each family. Please ensure you check the school bags to receive this information.

**FAMILY UPDATE FORM**
Attached to the school fees will be a family update form that has your family information on our data base. Should any of the addresses or numbers have changed, please edit the form and return to the school office.

**NEWSLETTER**
Mrs Marie Boyle will be taking a well deserved long service leave starting next week. The school newsletter will be distributed each Thursday for the remainder of Term One. We hope Mrs Boyle has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

**PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE**
Next week from 8 to 10 March I will be attending the Catholic Primary Principals Conference in Geraldton. This Conference is focusing on improving mental health and wellbeing for staff and students. Should any issues arise please see our Assistant Principals Mrs Marie Heavey and Miss Angela Leddin.
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
I would like to thank the following parents who have nominated to be class representatives in 2016. I appreciate these representatives who volunteer their time and act as a conduit between school and home.

Pre Kindy  Natalie Multari
Kindy      Amanda Muranito / Caterina Di Carlanziono
Pre Primary Melissa Cumace
Year One   Amanda Muranito
Year Two   Jasenka Mannino / Amanda Phan
Year Three Natalie Multari
Year Four  Nicole Tramburri / Michelle Germano
Year Five  Natalie Multari
Year Six   Gloria Corica / Lidia Fazzari / Maria Lubieri

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
I would like to hold a class representative meeting on Monday 14 March at 8.45am in the school hall.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Kindy in 2017 are currently being processed. Even if you have siblings at the school you still need to fill out relevant application forms for your child.

If you have a child ready to commence Kindy in 2017, please contact the school office immediately for an enrolment form. If you know of other families within the community that would like to enrol their child into our Kindergarten programme for 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.

Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3yr old) APPLICATION FOR 2017
Applications for Pre-Kindy in 2017 are currently being processed.

If you have a child ready to commence Pre-Kindy in 2017, please contact the school office immediately for an application form. If you know of other families within the community that would like to enrol their child into our Pre-Kindergarten programme for 2017 please let them know that they need to contact the school for an application form.

Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

John Rose
Principal

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow

At a glance……

Friday 4 March: Year 5 Assembly
Bushfire Fundraiser

Monday 7 March: Public Holiday

Tuesday 8 March: EDU Dance

Saturday 12 March: Confirmation & Communion Enrolment Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 13 March: Confirmation & Communion Enrolment Mass 5.30pm
**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

**Pre Primary:** Charly Bland, Alessia Siciliano, Rita Farah, Reece Sabatino  
**Year One:** Sanaa Hamer, Jayden Macri, Tiana Sgro, Theodore Hutani  
**Year Two:** Ben Martinovich, Stella Ferolla, Max McKenzie, Lukas Vivian  
**Year Three:** Ivanna Gutierrez, Isabella Orifici, Jacob King, Victoria Narbey  
**Year Four:** Tennyson Dragicevich, Olivio Fazzari, Julia Lee, Jazelle Femia  
**Year Five:** Gabriel Ienco, Rosleen Makuaj, Simon Messina, Isabella Mucciarone  
**Year Six:** Eloisse Tholon, Mackenzie Dragicevich, Max Coniglio, Oliver Dowling

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**
Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges. Dominic admits that he too faced many challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change.

“I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions,” Dominic explains. Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village.

By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic’s village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse.

Now, Dominic’s community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

“When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated,” says Dominic. “I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia.”

**ASSEMBLY**
This Friday 4 March Year 5 will be hosting the assembly.

**ENROLMENT MASSES**
On Saturday 12 March at 6:00pm and Sunday 13 March at 5:30pm all children receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are expected to attend one of these enrolment masses.

**COMMUNICATION BOOKS**
The children will be bringing home their English and Maths Learning Area books for you to view and sign over the long weekend. This gives you the opportunity to see and discuss what the children have been learning this term. Please return all books on Tuesday morning.

*Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey*

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
MONDAY 7 MARCH – Labour Day
YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s have been working hard on our WEST values. In particular we have been working hard on E = encouraging.
Not only have we been making lots of encouraging comments when we have successes, but we have also been working on encouraging each other when we are finding tasks difficult. Here is what two students said about encouraging:

Celine:  It makes me feel brave when people encourage me.
Adamo: When some encourages me I feel happy.

Year Six working together.

Year Six Assembly – Making Jesus Real
YEARS THREE
We are focusing on the comprehension skill **Inferencing**. This means we have to look for the answer in the text that may be a little bit hidden. When your child is reading try to ask them a few questions at the end, such as “Why was the character angry/sad/lonely?” or “What do you think will happen next and why?”

This Friday Year 3’s will be organising Guess the Number game as well as selling lollipops, cupcakes and biscuits. If any parents would like to contribute any of these food items please wrap them individually. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday afternoon for the Bushfire Fundraising.

*Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher*

YEARS FOUR
We are focusing on the comprehension skill **Predicting**. This means we look at the information and illustrations we have and try to predict what might happen next. When your child is reading try to ask them a few questions at the opportune time, such as “What do you think might happen now/next?”

The Year 4 class is looking forward to our Bushfire fundraising this Friday afternoon. All parents are welcome. We are also looking forward to our extra long weekend.

*Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher*

YEARS FIVE
Year Five have had a busy week preparing for our Assembly and the Bushfire Fundraising. I have been most impressed by the collaboration and leadership skills shown by the Year Five class in organising these events. We hope that you can join us on Friday for our assembly and fundraising. All students will wear free dress on Friday as part of the fundraising. The Year Five students have been encouraged to offer to help around the house to earn 20c, 50c and $1 coins for the Bushfire Fundraiser.

*Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher*

YEARS SIX
This Friday from 1:40pm to 2:40pm there will be fun activities in each classroom to raise money for the Bush Fires Appeal. Each classroom will have activities for the children to do such as colouring-in competitions, guess how many lollies in the jar, and dance competitions. The activities will cost 20c, 50c or $1. Children can walk around the school and do the activities they like. Parents are invited to come along as well. Thank you in anticipation of your generous response.

Confirmation enrolment forms were sent home this week. The Confirmation Enrolment Masses are Saturday 12 March at 6pm and Sunday 13 March at 5.30pm.

Next week will be a good opportunity to have a short interview about your child’s progress. A roster is outside the Year Six classroom if you would like to book a time. Feel free to email me if that is more convenient. Interviews will be in 10 minute slots from 3pm to 4pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

*Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher*
**CLASS REP NEWS**

**PRE KINDY**
Please come and join us for a first Pre Kindy catch up at Waldeck's Stirling on Thursday 24th March at 9:00am. Hope to see you there! Natalie 0408807467

**KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR ONE**
Please come and join us for a catch up at the new Bluzou on the 11th of March at 7.30pm. RSVP as soon as possible to Amanda 0417182731 amandamurabito@hotmail.com or Caterina catness84@hotmail.com  Hope to see you there! Amanda and Caterina

**YEAR TWO**
Year Two mums first term catch up will be after assembly on Friday 11 March at Waldick’s Stirling. Hope to see you there. Jasenka and Amanda

**YEAR FOUR**
Please come down to Waldecks for a coffee after school drop off, approximately 9.00am on Friday 11th of March.
If you unable to meet for coffee or would like to do both, we have also been invited to join the other classes at the new Bluzou Bar - Basement Level, 26 Queen St, Perth on Friday 11th of March at 7.30pm.
Hope to see you all there and looking forward to our first catch up for the year. Nicole and Michelle.

**St Lawrence Netball Club**

**URGENLY NEEDED**

1. **More players** for the Year 3 and Year 4 teams or there may be no team.
2. **Coach or coaches required** for Year 6: remember, no coach means we cannot register a team. Coaches can be mums, dads, older siblings or anyone happy to volunteer their time and energy. Parents consider sharing the coaching job. Multiple coaches are allowed.
3. **Year 2 players**: children born between 1st July 2008 and 31st December 2008 are eligible to play in the Year 3 team.

Thank you to all the parents who have registered their children for the coming season. Thank you also to the wonderful people who have volunteered as coaches and managers.

**Registration forms** are at the school office and registration fees ($200.00 cash or cheque only) can be handed in at the school office in an envelope.

Please note that anyone with a health care card or pension may be entitled to the use the kidsport voucher to pay for their child’s netball registration.

All new players require a copy of their birth certificate.

**Teams need to be finalised by Friday 11th March** (at the absolute latest).

Any questions, please call me on 0403 317 850 or email, pbulich@bigpond.com

Mrs Paula Bulich, St Lawrence Netball Club President
WINTER UNIFORM
Parents, please note that students return back in Term 2 and 3 in Winter Uniform.

The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays. Last day open is Wednesday 6th April. Any NEW students who have commenced this year and YEAR 1 STUDENTS, you can come in directly to purchase winter uniform or you may leave an order with me and collect with full payment by the end of Term 1. There are NO appointments this time for fittings.

Girls may wear Navy Blue Tights with their Winter Skirt or White School Socks. Tights are available at any department store. Winter price lists and order forms are available in school office.

NETBALL UNIFORM
With the Netball season approaching the Netball uniform is available to purchase. The girls wear Red Skorts and Black/Gold Singlets with Sports School Socks.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHIRT
Students are currently having fittings this week for their Leavers Shirt.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**
**Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

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CANTEEN NEWS

**Sushi**
Our next Sushi day will be on Thursday the 24th of March. Orders must be in by Friday 18th of March. The cost is $6.50.

**Competition**
Design our School Canteen chalk board for Term 2. Come and see us at the Canteen to collect your entry form. Grab a partner and put your best design forward. Winners will be announced end of Term 2.

**Last week of school the Canteen will be closed Thursday and Friday** (pupil free days).
The canteen will be open Monday 4/4, Tuesday 5/4 and Wednesday 6 April.

**Lunches available Monday 4/4 and Tuesday 5/4:**
- Pasta
- Toasted Sandwiches
- Hotdog
- Chicken Strips
- Nuggets
- Fresh Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

**Sausage Sizzle Wednesday 6 April**
Wednesday we will be having an end of term Sausage Sizzle. The Cost is $3.50 and orders must be in by Friday the 1st of April.

**iPod**
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost 3 for $2.00. Winner will be announced end of term.

**Volunteer**
If you would like to Volunteer in the Canteen on Fridays between 9.00am and 1.00pm, even if its just a couple of hours, we would love to see you. Please see myself, Nancy or Samantha.

Have a fantastic week. Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Managers and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant
MERIT AWARD WINNERS