In Archbishop Tim Costelloe’s recent talk at the Leaders Forum he described the Year of Mercy as an opportunity to show BIG HEARTEDNESS throughout this year.

As a parent this statement challenged me as what am I modelling to my children.

May we all become better people throughout this Year of Mercy.

LEADERS FORUM
On Monday all Catholic Principals throughout the State of Western Australia came together to focus on key areas of Catholic Education in Western Australia. We were fortunate to hear Archbishop Tim Costelloe talk about the challenges of leading a Catholic school in today’s society. It is important we keep Jesus as the heart of our school. In particular in this Year of Mercy it is essential to model these loving values in our families. The Executive Director Dr Tim McDonald spoke about positive dynamic leadership and how it is important to focus on the present whilst looking into the future.

BUSHFIRES FUNDRAISER
On 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.

WELCOME NIGHT
It was amazing to see so many families come together and enjoy such a beautiful evening last Friday night. I would sincerely like to thank our P&F Executive who organised this excellent community building activity.
CANTEEN
I would like to thank the parents who have already volunteered their time and supported the school canteen. It is beneficial to have parents volunteer on a Friday as this is the busiest day of the school canteen. If you are able to volunteer your services, the canteen staff would greatly appreciate your support.

CHILDREN’S MASS
As this Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the month, it is a Children’s Mass. It would be great to see many families with their children this Sunday evening at 5.30pm. Hope to see you there.

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.

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

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Pre Primary: Gemma Brandwood, Joshua Bertina, Alexander Saliszewski, Sophie Fazari
Year One: Joshua Fazari, Chiara Di Carlantonio, Daniel Russo Battagliolo, Noel Malual
Year Two: Sienna Fazari, Dean Brandwood, Anthony Donatelli, Kim Ho
Year Three: Tahlia Di Pietro, Massimo Saliszewski, Riley Zaknich, Savio Sabish
Year Four: Dimitri Xanthis, Selena Verzini, Isabel Coniglio, Braxton Vu
Year Five: Marco Hadzic, Tiana Zito, Michael Xigas, Nicolas Mottolini
Year Six: Gizane Micallef, Natalya Fazzari, Natalia Aquilia, Noah Pizzino
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

PROJECT COMPASSION - Hum Noy's story – Laos
Duangmala wished for a bright future for her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, who has Down Syndrome. However, she feared he would remain isolated and never reach his full potential due to a lack of support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos. Thankfully, everything changed when Duangmala and Hum Noy were introduced to the Intellectual Disabilities Unit, which was set up by the Lao Disabled People’s Association with the support of Caritas Australia. This specialised school provides learning support and nurturing care to 50 children with intellectual disabilities in the Laos capital, Vientiane. Since starting school, Hum Noy’s behaviour and abilities have changed remarkably. He is no longer isolated, lonely or frustrated, and his communication skills have advanced quickly. “Hum Noy is learning how to follow instructions and say the names of his teachers and friends,” says Duangmala proudly. “He likes to draw, play instruments, and when they do aerobics he joins in!”

ASSEMBLY
The Year 6 class will be presenting the assembly this Friday morning.

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.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

MJR
(Making Jesus Real)

In Year 4 we continually remind ourselves to be WEST people. It is wonderful to see all the children welcoming each other with “Good morning” as they enter the classroom. We have also talked about how we can ‘deposit’ or ‘withdraw’ into each others self esteem. When I am speaking nicely to my classmates or encouraging them, I am depositing into their self esteem bank.

Mrs Marie Heavey

In Kindergarten we encourage the children to Make Jesus Real in everyday play and life. This helps their confidence and their skills to grow with the knowledge that Jesus is around them in everything they do. During outside time the children play and learn through experiences with no differences separating them, gender, height or age.

Mrs Simone Covich
PRE KINDY
We welcome to our class Matthew Clark – so lovely to have a new friend. The children are so very good with the class routine at this early part of the term. There are wonderful toys to play with as well as getting to know our friends.
Thanks to the P & F for the wonderful opportunity for all our staff and families to gather together to share good food and company on Friday evening. I hope you enjoyed spending time with other families and have started to build some wonderful St Lawrence Community bonds of friendship.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
It has been wonderful to have the cooler weather recently which has really helped the children to cope better with the three full days. A big congratulations to Tahlia and her family on the safe arrival of a little baby brother, Zavier. We wish you all the best.
We will start our parent roster in a couple of weeks to allow all children to settle in. It will begin in week 6 on Tuesday 8th March. I will put the roster up this Friday on the outside pin-up board. We would love parents to come and see what we do in Kindy and spend time with their child. The roster will be for the mornings: 8.30-11.30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If these times don’t suit you please come and see me and I’m happy to find a time which is more suitable for you. We like to encourage independence so please allow the children to carry in their things each morning. They need to bring in their lunch box, drink bottle, hat and towel for rest time each morning. Please place a piece of fruit, vegetables or crackers in the green fruit bowl each day. Thank you.
We have started learning all about syllables (beats in words) and the children are really having fun with it. We focus on words with 2 or 3 beats in them. Ask your child if they can clap out the beats to you of the words they remember. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Time is just flying by this term I cannot believe we are approaching Week 5! This week I started the On Entry Assessment and I will feedback your child’s development stage to you in a few weeks. There is no fail or pass, this is a starting point to build on for the rest of the year.
In numeracy we have been practicing our backwards counting from 15 and talking about what comes before and after or next in our numbers. Things you can practice at home is what numbers comes before 7? What number comes next? What number comes after? This is just to build up their Mathematics vocabulary and understanding. We have also been focusing on 2D shapes. We are learning to name and describe them. For example a triangle has 3 sides and 3 corners.
In Science and Religion we have been talking and learning about our bodies! We have been naming our body parts and thanking God for all the wonderful things we can use our bodies for!
I have been talking to the children about telling the teacher or the teacher on duty if there are any issues on the playground so that we can help them solve the problem. If your child speaks to you about any playground issues please reinforce this so we can action on it straight away.
As always if you have any concerns or questions please send me an email or book a time to see me!

Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you all for your support in helping the children become more independent with their learning. The children are getting used to the routines of Year One and many are taking on board the “Yes you can!” attitude of Year One and giving things a go. We are working on using our whole body for listening and making sure that our hands and feet are still, eyes are on the speaker, lips are zipped and ears are on. Thank you to all the parents who have been helping with Morning Reading and Literacy. Your help is very much appreciated.
Spelling homework has come home this week. All children have been placed into a spelling group which is highlighted in this week’s note in the Homework Journal. If there are any questions regarding spelling, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher
YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s had a fantastic time on their ‘The Great Escape: A Borrowers Tale’ excursion last week. We are currently reading ‘The Borrowers’ in class and on the lookout for Borrower artefacts. We are looking forward to sharing our findings at the Year 2 assembly on March 11. In Mathematics we are focusing on learning our numbers above 100. Any practise you can do at home is helpful! Thanks to the parents that have donated chocolates for our fundraiser on March 4th. If you can spare a chocolate bar we would appreciate your donation. Thanks again to those parents who continue to help with Morning Reading, it is most appreciated.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

CLASS REP NEWS

YEAR FIVE
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 Natalie Multarri on 0408 807 467. Hope to see you there Nat, Amanda and Lucia.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

NETBALL UNIFORM
With the Netball season approaching, please note that girls wear the Red Skort and Black/Gold Singlet and School Sport Socks. These are available for purchase.

WINTER UNIFORM
The winter uniform is worn in Term 2 and 3 for students.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

iPod up for Grabs
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost of the ticket will be 3 for $2.00. The winner will be announced last day of Term One.

SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEER
If you would like to volunteer please see myself, Nancy or Samantha.

Have a fantastic week.
Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Managers
and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant
Attention Parents, we still URGENTLY need your help with:

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*

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**P&F NEWS**

**Family Welcome Night Friday**
Thank you everyone who attended our annual family night. It was a great night enjoyed by all. We estimate over 430 people attended. We had a wonderful selection of salads and sweets. Thank you to Lloyd and his team from AAA spit hire for the delicious spit meat.

A huge thank you to Fazari Butchers, 229 North Beach Drive, Tuart Hill, who kindly donated a huge tray of meat for our raffle.

**Cadbury Chocolate Egg Fundraiser**
Chocolate boxes will be sent home on Monday 29th February.
Thank you to the families who chose to donate money. This can be paid to Mrs Armstrong at the School Office.

*Mrs Narelle Zacknich, P&F President and Executive Committee*
SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK FOR 2016

ACCOUNT OPENING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016

St Lawrence Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program for the 4th year running to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day at St Lawrence Primary School on Wednesday, 2 March 2016. From 8:00 am in the Learning Centre. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification (passport) and the application form attached. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our School Banking Co-ordinators by leaving your contact details with the staff in the front office.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

UPDATE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING TEAM

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are **8 new reward items for 2016** from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

WIN A WILDLIFE FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY TO AUSTRALIA ZOO!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TERM ONE

Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

**Flying Snake Tail**        **Wildlife Writer Set**

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**WEEKLY BANKING PROCEDURE**

School banking will take place each Wednesday in the Learning Centre from 8.00 am.

The following steps will help with school banking:

- Please complete the deposit slip by inserting the students name, account number and student number, (the account number is located on the left side of the deposit book and student number should be between 1 – 250). If you don’t have any of these numbers, please leave blank.
- Go to the Learning Centre with your Deposit Book
- Give money to the school co-ordinator (There is no minimum deposit required)
- A silver token will be given to you to qualify for a gift after collecting 10 tokens

We will help you every step of the way.

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**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, **School Banking day is every Wednesday**. If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to Nancy Donatelli (St Lawrence office).

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**Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!**

Name: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Email: ______________________________

Availability: _________________________

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Banking Coordinators: Lucia Ewen and Nancy Donatelli
Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

“Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016

At Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au  tel 9271 5909

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2016 ... Celebrating 150 years

We invite you all to join us in thanking God for his mercy and love to us all.

**Fri March 18**
10.00am Mass at St Columba’s Church South Perth – St Columba’s Students, Sisters, Associates and Friends (morning tea in Convent Garden 16 York St). RSVP appreciated to laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au, 9334 0999 before 9 March.

**Sun March 20**
7.00pm - 8.00pm Taizé Prayer Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth.

**Sat May 21**
9.30am Mass at St Columba’s Church, South Perth
mark the 25th Anniversary of the death of Sr Irene McCormack.
Followed by refreshments in the Convent Gardens, 16 York St, South Perth. RSVP appreciated to laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au, 9334 0999 before 21 April.

**Sun August 7**
10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick’s Cathedral Bunbury.
Followed by refreshments and entertainment. RSVP details TBA.

**Sat August 13**
10.00am - 3.00pm At La Salle College, Muriel St, Viveash, facilitator, Sr Michele Connolly rsj (Michele lectures at the Catholic Institute Sydney).
Theme - The Mission of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: Invitation into my mission as disciple of Jesus.
Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP details TBA.

**Thurs Sept 15**
ArtFest Display – celebrating the life of Fr Julian Tenison Woods will be exhibited at Mary Mackillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth. Details to follow.

Enquiries: Laura McCarthy (08) 9334 0999, laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au