REFLECTION
Pope Francis as you would be aware took his name from St Francis of Assisi. St Francis lived by the saying “preach the Gospel and if necessary use words”. 
May we speak loudly with our actions as St Francis did.

MASS FOR MOTHER’S DAY
On Friday 10 May all mothers and grandmothers are most welcome to attend the Mass at 9am in honour of Mother’s Day. Following the Mass there will be a morning tea in the school hall. Thanks to our P&F and canteen who have organised and prepared the morning tea. It would be pleasing to see many mothers and grandmothers attend this special occasion for everything they do for the students at St Lawrence.

KATH EVANS
At the end of last term the Year Three to Six students were fortunate enough to hear Kath Evans talk to them about the miracle she received from Saint Mary MacKillop. The reason Saint Mary MacKillop is Australia’s first saint is because the miracle of curing Kath from cancer was recognised by the Vatican and allowed Mary MacKillop to become a Saint.
Kath’s talk was extremely emotive and powerful that the students found beneficial. I thank Father Irek and the parish for organising Kath’s visit.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
On Monday 6 May eight Catholic Schools in our region came together at Mercy College to learn more about the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Our keynote speaker, Mr Peter Noonan, highlighted the difference between an expert and experienced educator. Staff had the opportunity to work in cluster levels to develop better networks and consistent approaches to assessment throughout the year levels.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
On Thursday 9 May all Year Six students will attend the Confirmation Retreat to be held at St Catherine’s House in Tuart Hill. I would like to thank Sister Chitra who has prepared and organised this essential day in the preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 each year and a copy of your current card supplied. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.
EMAILS FOR ABSENT STUDENTS
I appreciate the many emails that families send to class teachers to make the school aware of your child’s absence. Could all parents please email both the class teacher and the school admin address: admin@stlawbal.wa.edu.au as there has been times when the staff teacher has been absent or away on professional development.

John Rose
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
When you shop at Woolworths collect Earn and Learn points from the checkout and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Points sheet. There are spare sheets in the office. One point for every $10. When the sheet is completed please place in the collection box located in the Learning Centre. Please support our school as we earned many points last year which enabled us to purchase many resources for the school.

MOTHER’S DAY MASS
This Friday there will be a mass for all mothers and grandmothers commencing at 9:00am in the Church. This mass is prepared by Year 5’s. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome to attend and also stay for a special morning tea.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
The Year 6’s will be having their Confirmation Retreat this Thursday 9 May. Sr Chitra will be leading the students through their faith formation activities throughout the day.

ASSEMBLY
The first assembly for the term will be a Principal’s assembly on Friday 17 May.

NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) will commence on Tuesday 14 May till Friday 17 May in years 3 and 5.

Mrs Marie Heavey and Miss Angela Leddin, Assistant Principals

A moment with Sister Chitra
You taught me how to pray Mum,
You wanted your daughter to say her prayers
before she went to sleep every night.
And the prayers you taught are not forgotten.
Often, they spring from my lips spontaneously even to this day.
I remember sitting in your lap
with my joined hands enveloped by yours,
And repeating after you those simple expressions of faith.
At first, it was hard for me to hold my little hands
Joined in prayerful pose.
They would fall away easily.
But when one day I managed to do it without your help,
You were all admiration for me.
You were thrilled to see your darling mumble through those words
Addressed to God.
In all these years of my life, I have spent plenty of hours in prayer.
But the best prayers that I have ever said were those said together with you
And sitting in your lap.

May God Bless all the mothers and grandmothers on this special day.
PRE-KINDY
Welcome to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and feel refreshed ready for a wonderful term. We welcome Pearce and Carlo to our class. We start having parent help this term which will be really good for parents and children. Thank you also for the quick response to the rosters. This term we start with the theme of "Our Families". We will look at the members of our families, what they do and why they are special. We will also see that families can be different. This week of course we start with Mummy as her special day is very close. I would like to wish all the Mums a very happy Mothers’ Day. Hope the family looks after you.

Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
Welcome back to our new term. We are beginning with a special focus – Families and Mothers Day. A reminder to all our mums that this Friday is your special afternoon tea at 1.30pm in our classroom. I hope you enjoy the occasion. Nurse Sally is coming in next week on Tuesday and Wednesday to complete the screening of our children – please make sure that all forms have been completed and handed in.

Have a truly wonderful day on Sunday.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing holiday. The children would have certainly needed it after all their hard work last term. Just a reminder that the roster has been placed up on the notice board outside of Pre Primary.

Learning Files
Please continue with the learning files. It is great to see children moving along with their letter sound knowledge. I have decided each night as you do the learning file together you may move your child along once each night until their letters are in the test pouch and they are ready for new ones. Then on that day Mrs Baker or myself well do the letters with them and if they can demonstrate correctly we will give them two new letters. I know this is different to how I explained last term but I think it will work much more efficiently.

Reading Eggs
I can see some of the children are flying along on their Reading Eggs programme. As your child progresses through each lesson please ensure they have understood the content being taught. If your child is struggling with a particular lesson it would be a good idea to repeat that particular lesson as many times as needed until your child understands its content. Please come and see me if you have any questions about ‘Reading Eggs’.

We are looking forward to another term with the children and feel very lucky to be working with such supportive families. I am looking forward to the many exciting activities we have planned in Term 2. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Rachel Wake, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Welcome back to Term 2. Our focus for this term will be Minibeasts and Insects. Year One morning reading roster and literacy block roster are outside the Year One classroom. If you can assist with either of these in the mornings please add your name to the roster.
Mother’s Day mass will be held this Friday at 9am. The Year Ones have been busy making a special gift for their Mums. I would like to wish all Year One Mums a very happy Mother’s Day for Sunday.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the busy term ahead! This week the students do not have spelling homework, but this will start again next week. This week the students need to interview a family member about a significant event that happened before they were born. They will be sharing this information with the class on Monday.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher
YEAR THREE
Welcome back to Term 2! This week we are making some very special presents for our Mothers to celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday. Homework has commenced this week with Mathletics and Reading every night. Next week we will also have a light homework schedule as I am sure the children will need to rest their brains after completing NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 14 May - Thursday 16 May, with Friday 17 May available as a catch up day. Parents, please try to keep your child stress free about the NAPLAN testing, it is a one off test and the children are asked to try their best. It would be helpful to ensure your child is in bed early next week to ensure they have a lot of rest. Also please try to send healthy lunch boxes to keep their brains and bodies in tip top shape! Reading roster has commenced this term and it would be lovely to see many parent volunteers in the classroom helping out. Thanks everyone. We welcome Ethan to our class this term. Welcome Ethan.

Miss Angela Leedlin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The children have settled in to Term 2 beautifully. Reading homework has already begun and Spelling homework will begin next week. If you can come in and listen to children read on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning please come in to the classroom. Two reading groups are quite large with 12 children in them, therefore if two parents can listen to the group this would take less time. Please remember to keep signing the reading journal every night. Children should be reading for 10 minutes and you might listen to one or two paragraphs of what they have read. The diary should be checked and signed each night. On Friday we have a lovely whole school mass for all the mothers and grandmothers. You are all welcome to attend and then join us in the hall for morning tea.

We welcome Isabel to our class this term. Welcome Isabel.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
A big welcome back to all students in Year Five for Term Two. The students were all eager to begin the term and it was great to see how quickly they have slotted back into classroom routine. We are preparing for Mother’s Day mass on Friday and are looking forward to celebrating mass with our mums.

We are also preparing ourselves for NAPLAN testing next week and have been familiarising ourselves with the structure of the different papers. Just a reminder that since next week is NAPLAN testing week to be sure that your child is well rested and relaxed for each day. If there are any questions regarding the tests please email me.

Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
All Year 6 students will be attending our Confirmation Retreat tomorrow 9th May at St Catherine’s House, Tuart Hill. They will come to school as normal and then travel by school bus to and from the retreat, arriving back at school for normal pickup. Morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle will be brought with them, so they will not be able to use the canteen. They can wear their sports uniform.

Confirmation will take place at the masses on the weekends of 18 and 19 May and 25 and 26 May as previously advised.

The Sacred Saints Sport for Years 5 and 6 begins next Friday 17th May after lunch.

I hope you can come to the special Mother’s Day mass on Friday and stay for the morning tea afterwards. Happy Mothers’ Day!

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome to a new term. Parents can look forward to yummy homemade canteen approved meals.

Mother’s Day cupcakes will be on sale this Friday 10 May for $2 each. They will be individually wrapped so children can take them home to their mums as a gift. They will be available before school and at morning tea.

Please check our menu on the school website as the prices have slightly increased since last year. Parents, coffee is available after 8.30am every morning except Tuesdays. Coffee is now $2.50 each.

We are open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Enjoy the start of Term Two.

I wish all mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday, hope your all get spoilt.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manageress
Welcome back to Term 2 in Winter Uniform. Winter price lists and order forms are available from the school office. Please ensure that when purchasing Track Jackets and Jumpers that they are clearly labelled with student’s name and year. There are numerous Track jackets that end up in the Lost Property without no name label.

- With Netball Season upon us, the Girls Red Sport Skirts are available to purchase, please ensure that ‘Black Sports Briefs’ are worn under skirts. (Sport Briefs available at any department store).

- Second Hand Clearance Sale will be held later this term, details to follow. The Uniform Shop would appreciate donations of any unwanted uniform clothing that are in good condition. (No hates, ties or socks). A BIG thank you to the parents who have already kindly donated. Please leave clothing items in the school office or directly to the Uniform Shop.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am   Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

_Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager_

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Thank you for the great response to the new School Banking initiative. If you have applied for an account today, you will receive a Deposit Book early next week. If you were not able to open an account today, you may visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch and open a **Youth Saver Account**.

School banking will take place each Wednesday in the Learning Centre from 8am. The following are steps that will help with school banking:

- Go to Learning Centre with your Deposit Book
- Give money to the school co-ordinator
- A silver token will be given to you to qualify for a gift after collecting 10 tokens

There is no minimum deposit required.

Any queries please contact:

Nancy Donatelli : [dinonancy@bigpond.com](mailto:dinonancy@bigpond.com)   Lucia Ewen [todd-lucia@westnet.com.au](mailto:todd-lucia@westnet.com.au)
We're back!!

Well hello again and we hope you all enjoyed the school holidays??

Go on be brave……say it……some of us did not, juggling work, home, life and 1, 2, 3 or 4 little extras asking everyday, what are we doing today mum, where are we going mum, can I have mum, I want mum.

So as I (Jo) was driving to school on the first morning it felt that this familiar drive was so so long ago and I started to swell up with tears at this overwhelming feeling inside of happiness and relief that was building up so much I couldn’t wipe this smile of my face….it was actually hurting!! I stopped for a moment, composed myself and then happily walked the two of them to class kissing and hugging them goodbye. Oh what a feeling!!!! Of course I love my children and I am a wonderful mother….but I have to nurture the wonderful education they receive and let go!!

So now full of inspiration and motivation we are back to do it all again, and may be do it even better.

MOTHER’S DAY - BRUMBYS GWELUP
Do Not Forget to pick up your orders!!
* Pick up from 2pm in the Learning Centre on Thursday 9th May 2013.
ENJOY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

WEST AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION
Thanks to all who assisted in cutting out the coupons. Unfortunately we did not win any money for the school.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT
Unfortunately we advise we are unable to hold this event.

Coming Up – QUIZ NIGHT TERM 3
Yes it is very early but we need to be well prepared and what you need to know right now is that the date will be September 13th (Friday) at 6.45pm. Put it in your diaries, as this is going to be a fantastic night and only you and us can make this happen and we are giving you heaps of notice. We are all going 80’s style just to make it a little bit entertaining.

You do not have to pay for tickets just now but you do need to let us know that you will be attending by filling out the expression of interest form and handing into the office. Please do not leave it to the last minute as we are welcoming friends and family and we will have limited space.

Tickets will be $15 per person and there will be tables of 8 people, so get your group together.

Expression of Interest slip is available at the end of the newsletter.

Something to think about before we say NO…… a saying that crossed my desk….I found a little inspiring and wanted to share

Define TODAY
This is an Opportunity to Do A work better than Yesterday
If you want to walk quick, walk alone
If you want to walk far, walk together
Some of us will be walking through St Lawrence for a few years to come………
why not do it together?

Please join us at our P & F Meeting on Monday 13th May at 6.45pm for 7pm sharp start.

TO ALL US MAGNIFICENT MUMS, IT’S OUR DAY
NO GUILT – JUST ENJOY
“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.”
Till next week, bye from us – Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda.
The brand new Perth Entertainment™ Books are here! We are very excited to be offering the parents and staff of St Lawrence Primary School the opportunity to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books. This is certain to be a valuable fund-raiser for our school while benefitting families at the same time.

The popular Entertainment™ Books contain hundreds of **up to 50% off** and **2-for-1 offers** from top local restaurants, cafés, take-away chains, attractions, activities and hotel accommodation, such as.....

Purchase your Entertainment™ Book(s) this week and you will receive over $15,000 in valuable offers that you and your family can use from now, until 1st June 2014. In fact, you only need to use your Book twice throughout the year and it will have paid for itself!

The best part is that for only $65 you’ll be helping our fund-raising, with $13 from every Book sold contributing to our school.

**How do I purchase my Entertainment™ Book(s)?**

1. **It’s easy!** Just make your payment online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/861i18 and a book will be sent home with your child.

2. **Don’t forget family and friends.** If you need additional Books, you can also order these online.

You can search through the virtual book online at:

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0409 997 988. Thank you for supporting our school’s fund-raising!

Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda
St Lawrence Primary School
P&F Association
P&F QUIZ NIGHT – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FAMILY NAME__________________________ will attend the Quiz Night on Friday 13 September 2013. Please reserve ________________ tables.
Spikezone Volleyball

Dates: Tuesdays -
4:30pm to 5:30pm.
14th May to 2nd July 2013.

Venue: Lords Sports Club
3 Price St Subiaco

Cost: $60 for 8 sessions
($7.50 per session).

- 8 fun Indoor Volleyball sessions.
- Beginners program
designed for children aged 8 to 13.
- Learn how to play Volleyball.
- Great group activity
for you and all your friends.

Learn Volleyball

It’s CHEAP, it’s FUN and No Volleyball Experience required!

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH VOLLEYBALL WA!!!

For further information & enquiries, please contact Max Watson at the Volleyball WA office on 9228 8522, fax 9228 8533 or email: max@volleyballwa.com.au

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL TEAM

See reverse side for season fixtures
You will feel very welcome and enjoy the friendly atmosphere as you cheer our team to victory
Balcatta Soccer Club
Grindleford Reserve, Grindleford Drive, Balcatta
(Order food from us)

League Fixtures 2013

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