This week for our reflection as a tribute to our many fathers, please pray and continue to support everything they do

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

FATHERS DAY
On Friday 30 August St Lawrence Primary School will celebrate Fathers Day Breakfast at 7.45am in the undercroft to recognise the significant contribution that dads make to our students. Following the breakfast the Pre Primary students will sing a song to highlight the importance of all our fathers. I would like to thank Jo Femia from Altitude Real Estate who has kindly donated and paid for all the food and raffle items at this breakfast. It would be great to see many fathers on Friday morning.

YEAR SIX CAMP
I would like to thank all students and staff for a fantastic Year Six camp that was held at Forest Edge in Waroona last week. Thanks to Mr Haydon who organised this wonderful experience for all the students. Thanks to Mrs Major for assisting with the camp. I appreciate the precious family times that both teachers gave up to support all Year Six students.

BUNNING’S SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Last Sunday the P&F co-ordinated a Sausage Sizzle at Bunning’s Balcatta to raise funds for St Lawrence Primary School. Thanks to all the P&F and many volunteers who made this a beneficial event. Thanks in particular to Mrs Sue Del Borrello for organising and co-ordinating everything throughout the day.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
All the best to all our Interschool Cross Country competitors who will be competing at Perry Lakes next Wednesday 4 September. Thanks to Mrs Major who has prepared the team throughout the last term.
CYBER SAFETY
In recent months there has been a flurry of articles across the media highlighting concerns regarding the unsupervised use of technology by children. Every year, technology becomes an even larger part of the lives of students. The benefits of the technology are obvious – access to information, greater communication and of course entertainment. But with these benefits come the potential pitfalls that students can quite easily fall into without careful guidance. One understandable response of both parents and educators is to ban or restrict access to the technology in question. Whilst this may have some short term benefits, in the longer term teenagers remain unaware of how to avoid these problems. The best solution is of course, education. Only by empowering students with knowledge can we hope to see them avoid the mistakes and errors that are becoming more common across Australia each year. Like many schools, students at St Lawrence take part in sessions on cyber-safety each year. Teachers at the school examine important issues such as security, appropriate on-line behaviour, how to be a cyber safe student as well as looking at the current laws regarding the use of technology. The role that parents and guardians play in promoting the safe and appropriate use of technology to their children is far more important than the programs taught here at St Lawrence. For many parents, however, the rapid changes that take place in technology means that they are unsure of what the latest technology is capable of doing in the hands of a modern student. Parents, like teachers, should make themselves aware of what the latest programs and apps enable students to do as well as having insight into how students are using their smart phones, tablets and computers. Students are always at the forefront of any advance in technology and the developers of new apps, games and social networking sites rely on this fact to gain them business. Many students need to feel ‘connected’ 24/7 which in turn has resulted in the popularity of services that take advantage of this need. Some of these sites such as ‘Qoohme’ and ‘Ask.fm’ enable people to ask questions anonymously to other people they know. Friendly conversations can quickly turn into bullying sessions when negative questions are asked under a supposed veil of secrecy. Other services such as ‘Tumbler’, ‘Instagram’ or ‘Snapchat’ enable the sharing of photos among friends. In the case of ‘Snapchat’ the photo is designed to disappear after 10 seconds. As technology continues to form a larger part of modern life, we must look with “eyes wide open” and weigh up the many positives with the potential problems. It is important for both parents and teachers to know the way in which technology is used by teenagers and quite often this means having an honest discussion with your child on how and why they use their electronic devices. New technology has opened up learning in new and exciting ways – perhaps a greater understanding of this technology will provide the opportunity for parents to learn more about their children. If parents would like more information they may look at the following website which provides excellent information for parents and students http://cybersmart.gov.au/ At the back of today’s newsletter is information regarding various information sessions for parents on cyber safety run by the City of Stirling.

John Rose
Principal

Week at a glance…….

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

COMMUNION FAMILY WORKSHOP
A reminder that next Wednesday evening the 4th September there is a family workshop for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There are two workshops. The first is at 5.30pm and the next one is at 7pm. You may attend either of these. Your child receiving the Eucharist must attend this workshop with you.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
This week the learning areas of Technology and Enterprise and Library will be sent home. Please take the time to go through your child’s work with them and return books to school on Monday.

JOHN BURLAND INCURSION
John Burland writes many of the hymns we use during Religious Education lessons and masses. All children from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be attending this incursion next Tuesday 3 September.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE
On Thursday and Friday of Week 7 (5th and 6th September) Ms Leddin and I will be attending the Assistant Principal Conference.

FACTION SPORTS SHIRTS
As from tomorrow, Thursday 29 August, children in Years 1 to Year 6 need to wear their faction t-shirts on their sports days.

Ms Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

A Moment with Sr Chitra…

Celebrations are always fun and give us joy. I often wonder how the world would be if there were no celebrations. Whenever we celebrate any special days it is not only that we feel happy but we make others happy. As we celebrate and show appreciation to our dads and granddads on this Sunday we may even take a bit of time to reflect on their wonderful qualities of love, patience, kindness, commitment and so on and be grateful for what they are.

We offer our prayers to them on this special day.

I wish all the dads and granddads a very Happy Father’s Day. You all deserve to be pampered for your great love and care for your family. Have a great day with your family. God Bless.

Most gracious Heavenly Father, We thank you for entrusting us the responsibility to provide loving protection of our families and guidance of our children. Assist all of us that through your Grace, we may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May we generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on us. Give us valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for our families, and for all your people throughout the world. As you, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending your only Son to be our Saviour and Redeemer, we ask you to help all us to imitate His fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to your Will, and fearless witness to your Truth. May our lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to you.

We ask your blessings on us and all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire us with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May we receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may we look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord AMEN.

SERVITE SISTERS – CAKE STALL APPEAL
KORA, a charitable organisation run by the Servite Sisters, for the disadvantaged families in Bayswater will hold a Cake stall at Bunning’s, High Road, Willetton on 31st August (Saturday) from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Your support for the fundraising is greatly appreciated. Sr Chitra is appealing for donations of cakes, muffins etc. If you are able to donate please bring your cakes/slices on 30th August to Sr Chitra. (Please specify the ingredients)
PRE KINDY
It is wonderful to see that the children are really settling well and their concentration skills are developing allowing us to have some good discussions about the Community helpers theme which we are learning about. Friendships are also developing which is fantastic. This week we will think about Daddies and make a little gift for them for Fathers Day.
Next week we will learn about people who help us such as the Postman and Shop Keepers. After this we will be looking at "Our Senses" which will be a lot of fun. For our last week of term we will be having a “Fun Fluoro” day where everything will be about fluoro colours, so have a look to see if you have any bright clothing your child can wear that day.
We wish all the Daddies a very special day for Sunday.

Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
We have begun a new focus – HELPERS and of course for this week we are also talking about our Dads in readiness for Fathers Day. We hope to see many dads at our school breakfast this Friday!

We would like to wish all dads a truly Happy Fathers Day for Sunday 1st September

papa  Nonno  Dedo  Tate  Grandpa  Daddy  Bapoou  Abuelo
Grandpere  Didda  Grandad  Pop  Lolo

Mrs Kaylene Bozi, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
A reminder our “Fathers Day Breakfast” will be held this Friday 30th August from 7:45am. Pre Primary will be singing a Fathers Day song for the school at 8:30am in the School Hall. If you could please ensure your child is at school early on Friday this would assist us in getting them settled to walk down to the hall. We would love to see any Fathers or Grandfathers that are free to come to school so we can thank you for all the things you do for the children.

Mrs Rachel Wake, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
Thank you to all parent helpers, Mrs Staltari and Mr Tonge who assisted on our excursion last week. You helped to make the day an enjoyable one for the children. Your help was most appreciated.
Please join us next Friday 6th September in the School Hall at 8.50am for the Year One Paraliturgy.
I would like to wish all Year One Dads a very Happy Fathers Day on Sunday.

Mrs Gloria Edwards, Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students have been working hard on their fractions. Some students are finding fractions quite challenging, so if the opportunity arises at home (eg. cutting sandwiches, eating pizza, shopping etc.), it would be fantastic if you could reinforce the use of fractions, particularly halves, quarters, thirds and eighths. As always we need helpers with morning reading. Some students are making a habit of arriving at school late on a regular basis. I know sometimes it is difficult, but late students cause a lot of disruption. They will not get an opportunity to swap their reading book if they are late. Many thanks!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year 2 Teacher

PASTORAL CARE

KINDERGARTEN
＊ Our prayers and thoughts are with the Rigoli family on the passing of Adamo’s Bis-Nonno.
May his soul rest in peace.
KAGAN CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING

The professional development that staff received earlier this term was followed by much needed expert advice in the classroom. I was immediately pleased to see an answer to some key difficulties that teaching this generation of listeners presents. Well managed and tightly structured lessons can enable much needed peer tutoring for students struggling with a concept while providing deeper embedding of understandings for students who ‘see’ the learning point quickly. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing results which will obviously not occur overnight.

The sort of engagement and focussed discussion is exemplified by the students shown in this picture taken during the St Lawrence feast day.

Mr Philip Haydon

If you would learn to learn more about Kagan Co-operative learning please read the article below:

PARISH CHILDREN’S MASS

A big thank you to all readers and singers that participated in Sundays children’s mass. Thank you also, to all parents and children who attended. I am looking forward to seeing you all at children’s liturgy each week. The next children’s mass will be on the 22nd of September it would be wonderful to see as many children as possible participate. Contact me via email. Mattiaccio.toni@cathednt.wa.edu.au or Ph: 041630983

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to another great week and Fathers Day on Sunday. Hope you all spoil your dads on Sunday.

We are having a Fathers Day raffle at the canteen. Two awesome prizes to be won. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle will be drawn during Fathers Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August. Hurry down to the canteen - buy your ticket to be in the draw – good luck to everyone!

We will also sell Fathers Day Cupcakes at the breakfast and at morning tea. Cost $2 each. Also custard horns available at $1 each.

Parents a reminder that freshly brewed coffee is available each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after 8.30am. Cost $2.50 each.

Parents please check the menu as some of the items have been taken off the menu as some prices have increased. So come on down and enjoy the great homemade fresh canteen approved meals.

Have a great week and enjoy Fathers Day with your family.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager
Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle - Balcatta

What a fantastic Sunday, no rain could have brought us down!
Well we were going to thank everyone……but as I was reflecting on the event at the end of my Sunday, we all get this letter of thanks from Sue Del Borrello. This was how it all went………..

It's done!

Thank you to each and every one of you all for helping us make this such a good day.

We have 20 sausages left - from 1040, and drinks that I’m sure will be put to good use by the P & F. Hopefully too a great profit!

Special thanks to our Balcatta Rotary people who all spent more time with us today than expected, particularly to Karen who brought down knives for us and then stayed to round up business, Dennis for his foresight regarding more change that was needed and Tony and Don for their excellent BBQ skills.

Tammy who helped set up first thing this morning and pack up this afternoon. George Zito who came in spite of having injuries and pain.

Angela Leddin for prepping our rolls ready for the lunch rush, Joanne our gun sales person who does not miss an opportunity. Maria and Chantelle who still came for the busiest time slot even though they had a full day and Julie who had the lunch distribution totally under control (and the BBQ boys more to the point).

To Peter, who refused to leave his post while the orders kept coming in (an extra 1 1/2hrs) with Maria Bullo who offered assistance at the last minute and finally to Caroline who has been an immense help in all the preparation and collection of goods so we were well organised today.

You all worked so hard, thank you.

Sue you are amazing, thank you kindly, it is us that are truly grateful to you.

Well Done Everyone, Great Spirit and a Successful Event

Quiz Night

Have you got your tickets? Get your groups together or squeeze in somewhere, grab the last few remaining tables.

Krispy Kreme are coming to St Lawrence

Our sweetest fundraiser ever is scheduled for Term 4. However, please understand, this comes super fresh all the way from Sydney and we must be organised and locked in with orders.

Attached is your order form which must be completed and handed to the office box with correct tender by the last day of Term 3 – Thursday 26th September 2013

Available in 2 variety boxes:

- 1 Dozen Original Glazed (plain) …..$21
- 1 Dozen Classic Astd ( 6 x original glazed, 2 x choc iced, 2 x strawberry iced, 2 x choc iced with sprinkles) …..$25

Please note, no late orders can be accepted. Pick up will be Term 4 on Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30 – 3.15pm

Now don’t be selfish, go out and share the sweet love!!!! You CAN freeze them!!

Ask friends, work colleagues, family and your neighbour and why not facebook it. Give yourself a challenge, the worst they can do is say NO, but they just might say YES!!

Please...HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH!!!

Great week to all

Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda
Photo Gallery

Year Three Retreat
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS ON FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government's My School website, Catholic schools receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate on an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES

Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?

4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.
Cyber Safety and Education
Parenting Workshops
FREE

Informing parents on the risks faced by children online, and providing strategies to ensure that our children’s online experiences stay positive and safe.

Osborne Park Community Centre - Meeting Room
11 Royal Street, Osborne Park
Facilitated by: Kerry Jarvis, Australian Communications and Media Authority
Wednesday 4th September from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Osborne Park Community Centre - Meeting Room
11 Royal Street, Osborne Park
Facilitated by: Jo Hutchinson, ThinkUKnow - Datacom and the Australian Federal Police
Wednesday 11th September from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Hainsworth Community Centre
29 Hainsworth Ave, Girrawheen
Facilitated by: Andi Dackins,
Youth Outreach Officer - City of Wanneroo
Wednesday 18th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Bookings essential
Phone Family Services on 9205 8555 or email familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au to register
**Order Form**

St Lawrence Primary School

Please help us raise some dough for...

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* Cakes, Assorted Doughnuts, or the following: Strawberry 6 x Original Glazed, 7 x Choc Iced, 2 x Strawberry Iced, 3 x Choc Iced w/ Sprinkles.