FATHERS DAY
Thanks to the many fathers and grandfathers who attended last Friday’s breakfast. It was an excellent community building event that highlighted the importance of fathers for our students. Thanks to Jo Femia from Altitude Realty who paid for the breakfast. Thanks to the school canteen and their many helpers for providing such a beautiful breakfast.

UNIFORM
In recent weeks the school is focussing on our School Uniform Policy. I thank the many families who ensure that their children are dressed according to our school policy. Please ensure all students wear the correct uniform to school each day.

P&F MEETING
Tomorrow morning at 8.45am there will be a P&F meeting in the school hall. It would be pleasing to see many parents attend this meeting.

QUIZ NIGHT
I would like to thank our P&F for all their preparation and hard work in organising what will be an excellent Quiz Night on Friday 13 September. Please see your Class Representatives if you have not yet purchased your quiz night ticket. It would be great to see many families support this event.

CROSS COUNTRY
Today students competed in the Interschool Cross Country at Perry Lakes. Congratulations to all students who persevered and completed the gruelling journey. Well done to both Jared Lee and Kate Piccirilli who won their division. Thanks to Mrs Major for preparing the students.
JOHN BURLAND CONCERT
All students from Kindergarten to Year Six participated in the John Burland concert on Tuesday. John Burland is a well known religious singer and the students were very familiar with many of his songs.

FUNDING POLICIES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
At the end of this newsletter is information from the Catholic Education Office with responses from the major parties as to how they will support Catholic Schools in the future.

John Rose
Principal

Week at a glance…….

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Reminder that the **Netball Trophy Wind Up Presentation** will be held on Sunday 8th September at 1pm in the School Hall.
COMMUNION FAMILY WORKSHOP
A reminder that this 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 Science, Health and P.A.T.H.S. will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Monday morning.

FACTION SPORTS SHIRTS
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

PASTORAL CARE

Congratulations to Isabella (Year 6) for winning First Place on Sunday in the Under 12's Musical Theatre Competition in Australia's biggest Musical Theatre and Acting Competition called "Storm the Stage". Isabella performed a piece called "My friend the Dictionary" from the Musical The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.  Well done Isabella.

A Moment with Sr Chitra…
Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
We celebrate the birthdays of great leaders, sometimes even after their death. On such occasions we remember the legacy that they left behind them. Similarly we rejoice on the birthdays of our family members, relatives and friends. By giving them birthday gifts we wish them well and express our gratitude for their love and friendship which we have experienced through them. In a family the mother’s birthday is very dear to the children, for it reminds them of her tender motherly love, care and concern. In her they see the source of life and love of goodness and the meaning of life. This is also true of Mary, our heavenly Mother. In celebrating the birth of the mother of our Saviour, we are celebrating the approaching proximity of our salvation. Her birthday reminds us of the unique place she holds in our Christian life, the love and protection we have experienced through her. On her birthday let us express our love for her through our actions. Perhaps the greatest joy that children can give to their mother on her birthday is to emulate in their lives those virtues and values which characterize her life. We ask her that like her we may be faithful to God and say “Yes” to his Holy will willingly and lovingly.
CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE
The Year Three students are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 18 September at 7:00pm. As well as completing their Family Preparation Journal for homework children are also learning about sin and forgiveness in class. Yesterday the school had an incursion from John Burland who creates many of the songs we use in our masses. The children were wonderful with their singing and actions. Children have completed a reading comprehension assessment, this will be sent home next week to be signed.
Mrs Heavey and I will be attending the Assistant Principals Conference on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September. Mrs Rushton will be the relief teacher, following the programs I have set out.
Ms Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The Year 4 class will be visiting the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale on Wednesday the 25th September as part of their preparation for First Communion. I will send out notes with permission slips next week.
Miss Leddin and I will be attending the Assistant Principals Conference on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September. Mr Rose and Miss Ferrada will be the relief teachers, following the programs I have set out.
Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
We have been writing book and movie reviews in Literacy this week. We have had a great time talking about our favourite books and movies and expressing our opinions on them. This will culminate in watching and writing a review on a movie next week. Congratulations to all the class for presenting such wonderful keynotes on different states of matter. I was impressed with the fantastic quality of their slides and the work put into the presenter notes. Well done!
Just a note to remind families that iPads should come to school fully charged each day. Not having a functioning iPad makes fully taking part in the day’s activities very difficult.
Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
Our camp at Forrest Edge seems so long ago. The enthusiasm and good manners consistently displayed each day made us proud to be part of the St Lawrence community. We have been reflecting on our experiences and the wonderful memories of sharing food, laughs and challenges will stay with us. The students have chosen 15 photos and are in the process of putting them into an electronic book to read through in iBooks.
Sports Day is very much the focus for Year Six students who are working closely with their sports captains to prepare their faction for the carnival on Friday 20th September.
We still have some pads and books to be covered. I will send an email to notify parents if this applies to you. The Year Six assembly is Friday next week 13th September.
Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

YEAR SIX REPRESENTATIVE NEWS
Coffee catch up to be held on Tuesday 10 September after drop off at Waldeck Nursery, Osborne Park.

CRUNCH ‘N SIP
With the focus on sports and fitness it is particularly important for your children to be topped up with the necessary fuel to perform at their peak. Check that lunch and morning tea contains fresh fruit, carrot and celery sticks, cheese or yoghurt and is not just a carbohydrate overload. Greens and other vegetables are essential to obtain the iron and vitamins to not only ward off colds but ensure your child has the stamina required for sports.
Mr Phil Haydon
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Lawrence Athletics Carnival is scheduled to take place this year on Friday 20th September and the NECPSA Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 25th October at AK Reserve.

With a view to giving our students the opportunity to work on their skills and perform at their true potential, we will be running athletics training sessions after school starting on Monday 9th September. The training sessions are open to students in year 4, 5 and 6.

**Term 3 - Week 7, 8, 9 and 10**  **Term 4 - Week 1 and 2**  **All sessions** will run from 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Any parents who would like to come along and help out, please speak to Mrs Major. We would love help with measuring, timing etc. I look forward to seeing you all next Monday. Thank you for your continued support

*Mrs Major, PE Teacher*

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello everyone.

**Fathers Day Breakfast:** A BIG thank you Ken Tonge, Kath Tonge, Nancy Graziani, Kaylene Bozich, Rachel Wake, Adelaida Baker, Gloria Edwards, Sister Chitra, Janine Vivona, Marina Veletta, John Rose, Courtney Hayes, Lucia Lizzi, Angie Mattioli and to everyone else who helped at the Fathers Day Breakfast. Your generous help was very much appreciated. It was a great day enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you also to everyone who purchased tickets in our raffle and supported the canteen. Congratulations to the winners. I hope you enjoyed your prizes. Thank you to Jo Femia for donating a prize and for funding the breakfast.

*Please check the menu as some of our prices have increased and some items have been taken off the menu. We are working on the Department of Education Traffic Light system. So come on down and enjoy our homemade fresh canteen approved meals.*

- Meatballs and rice will not be available this term.
- Sausage rolls and cruiser pies are only available on Fridays.
- Tomato sauce is an extra 50c to order.

We will be selling Sushi on Friday 13 September. Please pre-order by Thursday 12 September.

Varieties are chicken, tuna, vegie, smoked salmon and combo. Cost is $4.50 each. Parents, freshly brewed coffee is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Cost is $2.50 each.

Have a great week.

*Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager*
Please note that all people who have reserved their table are required to please pay by Friday 6 September as we need to co-ordinate the tables and supplies.

Please contact Belinda on 0407 339 825.

Alternatively we will have Quiz Night tickets available at tomorrow’s P&F Meeting. If you would like to purchase tickets, please come before 8.45am.

Krispy Kremes

These famous doughnuts are huge in America and we see them on the old shows when the boys in blue are on their coffee break. Now most people have never tasted them and funnily enough people just hear about them and wonder what is the big deal. I sent an email and got an order for 6 boxes and they were all from men!!!

So just tell people, you may be quite surprised……

Order forms have today been distributed to all students. Please note that order forms are to be returned by Thursday 26 September 2013.

Pick up will be Term 4 on Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30 – 3.15pm

NEXT P&F MEETING will be held tomorrow Thursday 5th September at 8.45am, hope you can join us.

Great week to all
Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda
Parents, a reminder that students in **Year 1 to Year 6** are to return in **TERM 4** in **Summer Uniform**. Price Lists and order Forms are now available in the School Office.

If you are not able to directly purchase your Uniform Requirements from the Uniform Shop you can complete an order form.

All orders must be accompanied with **full** payment and placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the School Secretary, orders will not be distributed unless FULL payment is received by cash or cheque. Orders can then be collected during Uniform Shop Hours or alternatively they can be handed to your child for them to bring home.

Pre-Primary fittings for students commencing Year 1 in 2014 are now completed. If any enquiries please feel free to come and see me to discuss any concerns.

**SECOND HAND CLEARANCE SALE** will be on Wednesday 11 September at 8.30am. Stock will be reduced to $5 to $10 and will be on sale until end of Term 3. Payment by cash or cheque only and there will be no refunds or exchanges on these items.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

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

*Mrs Angela Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

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**Fathers Day with Kindy!**
### 2013 Federal Election: Funding Policies for Catholic Schools

Catholic education has attracted both major parties about their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,700 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties were asked about questions about how they will affect Catholic schools.

#### Australian Labor Party

How will your party support parents choose the education best suited for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

Federal Labor's Batt's Black School Plan will save over $1.6 billion in additional funding for Australia. 1,600 Catholic schools, which serve over six million students and families across Australia, will benefit from this plan. It ensures that Catholic schools are not left behind in the race to provide quality education.

Federal Labor has the utmost respect for the integrity and autonomy of the Catholic education system, and the Batt's Black School Plan preserves the religious tradition of Catholic schools.

Federal Labor recognises the significant role Catholic schools play in the Australian education sector for more than 150 years. Learning values never have been more diverse, and this plan ensures that all students have the opportunity to receive a quality education.

How will your party support the ability of Catholic Education systems and schools to deliver funding for low-income families?

The Batt's Black School Plan recognises local Catholic Education Commission's and the system managers of schools within local Diocese and provides funding through the Catholic education offices based on local need.

How will your party deliver additional government funding to support students and ensure funding gaps persist with the major role of educating a child?

The Batt's Black School Plan provides an additional $7.4 million over four years on Commonwealth funding. This ensures that all students have access to a quality education, regardless of socio-economic background.

The Batt's Black School Plan ensures that the Commonwealth funding is not used to increase class sizes or reduce teaching hours, but rather increases funding for low-income families and supports the Catholic education system.

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#### Liberal-National Coalition

How will your party support parents choose the education best suited for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

The Coalition appreciates the skill, dedication, and commitment of Catholic schools in our society and the families they serve. We believe that this commitment of Catholic schools is an essential part of our society and the families they serve.

Federal Budget 2013 allocates $300 million over four years for the Commonwealth to support Catholic education. This funding is an important step in ensuring that Catholic schools continue to provide quality education for all students, regardless of socio-economic background.

How will your party support the ability of Catholic Education systems and schools to deliver funding for low-income families?

The Coalition strongly supports the ability of Catholic education systems to flexibly and responsibly deliver funding according to local need.

How will your party deliver additional government funding to support students and ensure funding gaps persist with the major role of educating a child?

The Coalition will deliver an additional $7.4 million over four years on Commonwealth funding. This ensures that all students have access to a quality education, regardless of socio-economic background.

The Coalition is committed to ensuring that Catholic schools continue to provide quality education for all students, regardless of socio-economic background.

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