**ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY**
This Friday 9 August we will celebrate the Feastday of St Lawrence. Throughout the day there will be a range of activities where I would encourage as many families as possible attend to see various sessions happening at St Lawrence Primary School. During this day all students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be participating in the activities that are listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Parents can walk around with their children during the tour time and observe their children whilst they are doing their other activities. Lunch at 12.40pm will be held in the undercroft with families which will be provided by the P & F for the students. After lunch parents have the opportunity to take their child home or they may stay for classes as per normal. Families wishing to take their child home after lunch, must see their classroom teacher. If you are taking home another child from another family, the school must receive a note from that family for this to occur. It is essential that students involved with the tabloid activities, Kagan or iPad activities remain with their classes. It will be great to see many parents and grandparents attend these activities throughout the day.

**KAGAN PD**
Over the last two days all St Lawrence staff participated in days three and four of our five day Kagan course. This was a good opportunity to revisit and relearn many of the structures that were taught in days one and two. The staff learnt many new structures that focussed on higher level thinking and improve social skills. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week Robyn Cragg from Kagan Australia, is working with all the teachers in the classroom to ensure the theory is implemented into the teaching practice in the classroom. I thank the staff for embracing these new cooperative strategies that will increase engagement and outcomes for all students.
VEGETABLE GARDEN
On Thursday afternoon students will be selling produce from our vegetable garden at 2.15pm in front of the administration area. Some of the items for sale will include celery, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.

John Rose
Principal

Beautiful artwork by Year Two students

Week at a glance……

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
A reminder that all parents of children receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist must attend the Communion Parent Meeting tonight Wednesday 7 August at 7.15pm in the School Hall. At least one parent must attend the meeting, children are not required to attend.

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE
A mass to celebrate the feast of St Lawrence will be held on Friday 9 August at 9:00am. Year 3 will be preparing this mass. All are welcome to attend and then join in with the St Lawrence Feast Day activities at the school.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY
A reminder that the children may dress up next Wednesday the 14th August for Bookweek. Please refer to the note sent out from the library in regards to ideas for dressing up.

LITURGICAL CHOIR
Children in Years 4, 5, 6 who are in Liturgical Choir will be performing with Mrs Albert at the Performing Arts Festival next Tuesday the 13th August. Permission notes have been sent home today.

Mrs Marie Heavey and Miss Angela Leddin, Assistant Principals

PASTORAL CARE

Congratulations to Sebastian Iacobelli and his family on the arrival yesterday of his very beautiful sister Gabriella Sienna. May God Bless this dear new baby and her family.
KAGAN PD
On Monday and Tuesday of this week the staff of St Lawrence continued their professional development journey of the Kagan Co-operative Learning Structures. The staff have now completed days 3 and 4 of the 5 day course. We explored further strategies to engage students in their learning in fun and innovative ways. The staff are looking forward to implanting these new strategies and further developing our existing strategies.

Michelle Rushton

A moment with Sister Chitra....

Why we celebrate Feast days of Saints?

As we will be celebrate the feast of St Lawrence with our entire parish community, you may wonder why we ask this question. It is to reflect the meaning of the feast and their legacy that we celebrate.

This week our Church will be celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop, the patron saint of our country and St. Lawrence, the patron saint of our parish.
Saints are ordinary people who have lived their life in extraordinary way. If you take the life of any saint in history we could easily find the reason why they gave their life to God for martyrdom or any sufferings they went through were all because of the love for God.

Every human being is blessed with that longing. God is the only one who can quench our deepest thirst, the only one whose love can create us and keep us. We want the beloved one, the one whose arms hold us gently in safety throughout the dangers we face. Sometimes you and I use substitutes as an escape from that desire. Fast living, fast food, fast cars, more convenience, more comfort, and the “right” of complete freedom to do whatever we want to do whenever we want to do it. If we can remember what it was we wanted.

Wisdom says in the “Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live.” Stop thinking that your life will ever make sense if you fill it with piles of stuff and forget the one thing you need the most: Closeness to God and closeness through God to everyone and everything else.
That is what both St Lawrence and St Mary MacKillop did. They gave their life to God and His people particularly the poor and the disadvantaged with great love without expecting anything.

St Mary MacKillop and St Lawrence Pray for us.
CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE
Year 3 students are preparing the St Lawrence Feastday Mass this Friday 9 August. Some children have a part to read and they need to be practising these every night. As it is a short school week there will only be reading and Mathletics homework this week. The Year 3’s are going on an excursion to the Schoenstatt Shrine on Thursday 22 August in order to prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. I would like 3 parent helpers to assist on this excursion but unfortunately parents will have to use their own transport to and from the excursion. Please indicate on your child’s permission slip if you are able to assist on this excursion.

Starting in week 4 children will be receiving a Reconciliation booklet to complete each week in the lead up to receiving their sacrament. This booklet needs to be completed by parents and child together and is intended to promote discussion and a sense of family preparation to receive this special sacrament. We will be going through the work in class each Friday. I will be collecting the children’s mass attendance books next Monday 12 August, can your child please bring them in and I will return them in time for the next weekend masses.

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The Year 4 children will be performing a song for Bookweek next Wednesday morning following the Dress Up Parade. On Friday the 16th August it is our class assembly. All parents are welcome.

Year 4 children in the Liturgical Choir will be performing at the Performing Arts Festival next Tuesday the 13th August. A permission note has been sent home tonight. Please return this note by Monday. We look forward to seeing many parents at our St Lawrence Feastday celebrations this Friday.

Following the Year 4 class assembly next Friday the 16th August, parents who are able are asked to stay and help at the busy bee to get the Communion Banners finished.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FOUR CLASS REP NEWS
We are having a get together dinner on Tuesday 20 August at Al Fornetto, Scarborough Beach Road, Doubleview. Come and have a night off and relax.

Please rsvp by Thursday 15 August to Frances Svilicich 0407 354 420.

YEAR FIVE
We have been busily preparing for the St Lawrence Feastday and have made our room completely ‘interactive’ and we look forward to people from around the community ‘watching’ us at work! We have also been exploring different styles of poetry in Literacy and we have written and recorded ourselves performing our finished pieces. They have been great! Parents, please go through your child’s iPad and explore their digital Maths and Literacy book as there is a lot of work from both those subjects contained within. Have a great week!

Mr J Stillitano, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
Camp at Forrest Edge Recreation Camp, Waroona, is fast approaching with just two weeks to go. Please ensure you have carefully reviewed the list about what to bring (and what not to bring). Thank you to those parents who have already paid the $370. This Friday is the feastday of our school and patron, St Lawrence. I look forward to seeing you for the day’s festivities. Mass is at 9am and after you have morning tea in the hall, you are invited to take your child at 11am for a tour of the book fair and other classes. Be sure to have them back by 11.25am so they can show some of their iPad work to you in the Year 6 classroom. At 11.55am the Year 3 to 6 will be involved in tabloid sports on the Senior Oval. Lunch will follow at 12.45pm – put on free by the P & F. You are welcome to take your child home from school after lunch.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The ‘Fitting Roster’ for **Pre Primary** students is now available in the classroom, parents please put your name down in a suitable time slot. **Fittings will be in Week 5 commencing 19 August 2013.** Please note no payment is required at this time. This appointment is required for your child so the correct sizes can be ordered and available for purchase in Term 4, for the commencement of school in Year 1, 2014. Looking forward to meeting you and your child.

**New Price Lists** are available from the school office, with price increases effective from 1 August 2013.

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

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

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Our **Book Fair** is now underway and we have had many excited children coming to the library to make purchases. The Book Fair will continue until next Monday lunchtime, 12th August. All children making a purchase will receive a raffle ticket with a chance to receive one of five $12 book vouchers to choose additional items from the Book Fair. The raffle will be drawn after recess on Monday.

Our remaining Book Week celebrations are as follows:

- **Week 4 Tuesday 13th August:** local author **Meg Mckinlay** will be doing sessions with all children from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Meg is an engaging and vibrant author who has had multiple books listed on past Children’s Book Council’s Book of the Year Shortlists.

- **Week 4 Wednesday 14th August:** **Book Character and Space Dress Up Day** for all years from Kindy to Year 6. Children are invited to come dressed as a book character or something to do with space. There will be a grand parade in the School Hall commencing at 8.40am. All are welcome to come and join us for this event.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome to an exciting week. We are having a **Fun Morning Tea** on Friday 9 August, **St Lawrence Feastday**. There will be yummy cupcakes for $2, nonna’s custard horns for $1, honey joys and chocolate cakes for 50 cents each. Parents please note that the canteen will be open all day if you need any refreshments. So come on down and join in the fun and please support the canteen.

A reminder for parents to please check the menu on our website as some of the prices have increased and some of the items have been taken off the menu. Sausage rolls and cruiser pies are now $3.

Thank you to Karen Hall and Angela Figliomeni for their help on Friday, it is very much appreciated. Parents freshly brewed coffee is available after 8.30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cost is $2.50 each. Great flavours to choose from.

We are having a **Father’s Day Raffle**. There is a great hamper to be won filled with yummy goodies. Tickets $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 30 August at the Father’s Day Breakfast. Hope you all will enjoy a great week and a beautiful day on St Lawrence Feastday.

*Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager*
School banking Wednesday’s
Learning Centre from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

To all our School Banking Stars we would like to congratulate you all again for outstanding efforts and to inform you that we have just been given the statistics for the top commission earners in the northern suburbs.

St Lawrence Primary School along with Beaumaris, Rostrata, Hocking and West Balcatta Primary schools are the WA Top 5 commission earners for Term 2. Awesome effort everyone!

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS**

Well done to the following students who are our Bronze certificate award winners:


**Thank you ~ Nancy Donatelli, Lucia Ewen and Lucia Lizzi**
Well a good afternoon to all, welcome back to a short week, and why does it feel like we just got back from 2nd term………because we did!!! Well our great teachers had to work for it, so let’s be grateful.

Friday, big day for our school, will be very appreciated if anyone is able to help out, please see Frances Svilicich at the canteen first thing in the morning. Of course, I will be there!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – 1 book left $65.00. Be quick!

QUIZ NIGHT

Tables are filling up, get your groups together and get your tickets.

Come on, stop thinking about it, if you have never been…like me… this has to be the year you start!!

We greatly appreciate all your efforts with the items donated, please keep going if you can.

CUA COMMUNITY CARE

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School. It is simple, less than a minute of your time and just a few clicks


Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online, and in CUA’s Perth branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Please ask your family and friends to vote for our school……tell your neighbour!!

“Please don’t less this bonus pass us by just because we did not have a moment”

KidzaBuzz is filled with over 370 activities, attractions and shopping for all to enjoy so you’ll never be short of ideas during school holidays and winter months. Still only $20, valid for 13 months. A KidzaBuzz book is great value and with part proceeds of every book sold going to Telethon, it is nice to know that you will be helping to raise much needed money for sick children of WA. Also $5 of each book sold will go towards St Lawrence P & F.

Yes, I would like to purchase the Kids a Buzz coupon book and $20 is enclosed.

Name: _______________________________ Child’s Year: __________________________

Contact number: ______________________________________________________________

Hope to see you on Friday…..Enjoy

Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda.
Photos:

- Merit Award Winners
- Year Five Assembly Item
- Year Three Excursion to Bunning’s
- Year Four Excursion to Fire Safety Museum
St Lawrence Feastday

Activities for Friday 9 August

9.00-10.00am  Mass in the Church
10.00-10.30am  Back to classroom and prepare
                for next session
10.30-10.55am  Recess
Morning tea will be provided for the parents in the hall following mass.

Session 1
11.00-11.50am  Kindy, PP, Yr 1 & 2 – Tabloid Sports – Senior oval
11.00-11.25am  Yr 3 & 4 – Kagan structures /iPad demonstrations in classroom
11.00-11.25am  Yr 5 & 6 – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
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11.25-11.50am  Yr 5 & 6 – Kagan structures /iPad demonstrations in classroom

5 min transition time

Session 2
11.55-12.45pm  Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Tabloid Sports – Senior Oval
11.55-12.20pm  Kindy & PP – Kagan structures /iPad demonstrations in
                classroom
11.55-12.20pm  Yr 1 & 2 – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
12.20-12.45pm  Kindy & PP – tour of the school – book fair, with parents
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Lunch will be provided by the Parents & Friends (P & F) for the students and will be
eaten in the undercroft. The school community appreciate the ongoing support of our
vibrant P & F.