Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask your blessing on all families.

Let Mary’s openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph’s courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus’ life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen

GRADUATION MASS

Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday 12 December at 6pm in the Church. It is compulsory for all children in Years 3-6 to attend this mass. All children are to wear their summer uniform. At the conclusion of mass the Year 6 awards will be presented as well as the St Lawrence awards for Years 3-6. All are welcome to attend as this is our final whole school celebration for the year.
PUPIL FREE DAYS 2014
In 2014 the Professional Development Days (Pupil Free Days) will be as follows:
- Monday 17 February
- Friday 11 April
- Tuesday 3 June
- Monday 1 September
- Tuesday 2 September
- Monday 13 October

ADVENT ASSEMBLIES
The children in Years 3-6 participated in the Advent Assemblies on Monday 9 December. They were very reverent and reminded us about the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Ms Milne, Mrs Heavey, Mr Stillitano and Mr Haydon for all their hard work preparing the children

REPORTS
School reports will be distributed on Friday 13 December. Teachers will be available for parent interviews on Monday 16 December. Parents please read the Achievement Descriptors below. It is important to also take note of the effort mark your child has received.

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PARISH CAROLS NIGHT
The Parish will be holding their Christmas Carols night on Friday 13 December, all families are welcome and the children might be asked to get up and sing along.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHILDREN’S MASS
Any children who are available to participate in the Christmas Children’s Mass please contact Clare Di Loretto, mobile number 0448 704 669. Children will be asked to dress up or just sit or stand on the altar during the Mass. No rehearsals will be required. Thank you for your support.

I would like to wish all students and families of St Lawrence Primary School a very holy Christmas with your family and a relaxing holiday.

May God bless you all this holy season.

Angela Leddin
Short Term Principal

TERM ONE 2014
School commences on Monday 3 February.
All children in Years 1-6 to wear their sports uniform on this first day.
Term One concludes on Friday 11 April
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES
All children should have brought home their swimming certificate yesterday.

GRADUATION MASS
A reminder that Graduation Mass will be held this Thursday evening, in the church commencing at 6pm. All children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are expected to attend and sit in their class groups.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Assistant Principal

PARISH CHILDREN’S LITURGIES
Thank you to all who participated in children’s liturgies and masses throughout the year. Having the children read and sing in the choir on Sunday evenings has been a wonderful addition to our parish masses. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a great 2014. Please contact me if you would like to join our team and help out with children’s liturgy next year.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Assistant Principal

A Moment with Sister Chitra….

CHRISTMAS
Christmas is a feast of great joy. We all are looking forward to this special day to have our special family gathering, meeting up and sharing our Christmas presents and joy with one another. Yes, this great feast is God’s gift to us. We are celebrating on Christmas the appearance of God’s goodness and kindness in our midst. God has turned and looked on us with love and concern. He has come to us to be “Emmanuel” (God with us). God meets us as a helpless poor Babe. God has taken our flesh and blood, our birth and mortality. In him our needs, trials, sufferings, temptations, anxieties and eve sin find support, forgiveness and sanctification. The message of Christmas is a message of great hope. On God’s part it is a sign that He loves us deeply and is very much concerned that through His son, Jesus Christ we become His children and live His life. Let this celebration of Christmas be a fruitful reminder to us of our calling to live God’s life, to allow him to take possession of our hearts.

Sister Chitra
CLASS NEWS

PRE KINDY
This week brings our year to an end. The last day will be lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you at 2pm for Santa's visit. A reminder to bring fruit as usual but a plate to share for lunch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support over the year. It has been much appreciated. It has been such a pleasure to get to know you and your gorgeous children. They have grown and matured lot over the year. I would like to wish the children all the best as they start Kindy next year, whether here at St Lawrence or at a new school. During the holidays don't forget to read stories to them and talk about what happened in the stories, let them do some activities for their fine motor skills such as cutting, drawing, puzzles, using pegs, doing up buttons or throwing a small ball. Just keep it fun and they won't even know how good it is for them! These are all important skills for their development. I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mrs Simone Covich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
We have finally come to the end of our year together – it seems like a short time ago that we only just started off our school year with many bright and eager happy faces. We are always so sad that the children will be moving on – they have worked so very hard for us and come so far from the very little children that they were in February. We have had a most fantastic year with your help – you have been so supportive in all you have done. I would like to thank you all for the terrific and positive ways you have worked with us this year and for all the helpful things you have done. The children are so truly a reflection of their devoted parents.

My sincere thanks go to Gillian Austin, Michelle Seragusana and Kayli Vears for being so professional and making my time in Kindy as enjoyable as it is. Our Kindy is privileged to have the dedicated staff who are truly devoted to the children. The staff is so very organised and our class is very beautiful always with lovely displays of our very hard work. Thanks also to Mr John Rose who is always keen to pay us a visit and support us with all we do. Miss Leddin has been a great support too during this Fourth Term. The help of all these people make the Kindergarten at St Lawrence Primary School a wonderful place for our children and their families to begin their educational journey.

And to the beautiful Kindy children – I know you will love next year with Miss Reid and Mrs Baker and they are going to enjoy every single day with you. I am going to miss you all very, very much. Your mums and dad should be extremely proud of the happiness you give and everything you have achieved this year.

May all Kindy families enjoy your holidays and be surrounded by family and friends and share happiness on Christmas day and throughout the holidays.

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the children this year and feel truly blessed to have such wonderful and caring families to help in our classroom. The children have loved every minute of your time with them and I know they will shine like the bright stars they are in Year One. Mrs Baker and myself have watched them grow so much and although I will see them next year in Year One, I know Mrs Baker will miss them a lot.

Have a very Merry Christmas from all the staff in Pre Primary and enjoy this special time with your families!

Mrs Rachel Wake, Pre Primary Teacher
YEAR ONE
The children had a great time on their excursions today and yesterday. They were all very well behaved and I was very proud of the way they represented our school. A big thank you to the parents who were able to join us on the excursions. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is already here. Although I have only been with the class for one term it has been an absolute pleasure to teach the children. We have had lots of fun and I have enjoyed every day with them. They are all truly wonderful and have made my time in Year One very memorable. You should all be very proud of them and all they have achieved this year. An enormous thank you to all the parents that have helped in the class this year. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated and the children enjoy having you in the classroom. Thank you also to Mrs Staltari for all her efforts. She puts in so much hard work to make sure things run smoothly. I would like to wish you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the holidays everyone.

Have a wonderful week. Mrs Pizzino Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
Many thanks for all your help this year and thank you for all the beautiful gifts I have received. It has been a privilege to teach your children and I have had a lot of fun with them this year - hopefully they have too. The children will be bringing their things home over the next couple of days. I will send their art shirts directly to Year 3, but if you would like to take it home over the holidays let me know. Have a wonderful holiday and all the best for the new year.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

Year 3 parents for 2014
If you would like you can cover your child’s books over the holidays as we will not be adding cover pages. The only exception is to leave ONE SCRAPBOOK uncovered as there will be a cover page for Library. Please label all stationery items.

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing you all in Year 3 2014. Miss Angela Leddin

YEAR THREE
Our excursion yesterday was enjoyed by all. The children are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. Thank you to the mums who were able to come along and help. We were lucky to enjoy ourselves outdoors before the weather gets too hot this week. Christmas is just around the corner and we have been busy in class with some fun Christmas craft. We will begin to bring some of it home along with our books from this semester over the next couple of days. School bags will be a little heavy after school this week!
It has been lovely for me to join with your children for this final part of their Year Three journey. Each of them bring their own unique talents and personalities to the classroom so that each day is different from the last. Thank you for your support from home and thank you to each of the Year Three children for their bright “Good Morning” every day, for trying their best and for bringing their own special qualities to our class.
A Happy and Holy Christmas to each beautiful Year Three child and their families.

Ms Sharon Milne, Year Three Teacher

Thank you to all the children for a wonderful year together. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you all and working with you. Thank you to the families for all the support you have given, it is really appreciated.

All the best for a holy Christmas and relaxing holiday. Miss Angela Leddin

YEAR FOUR
It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. The children have worked very hard and I have been so proud of all their efforts. I extend a big thank you to all the parents for all your help and support throughout the year, especially to our dedicated mums that offered their help for morning reading each day. Without your assistance important programs such as morning reading are not possible. I would also like to thank Mrs Hayes, our Education Assistant, who has worked very hard in our classroom this year. Also a huge thanks for all the gifts that I have received over the past few weeks, you are extremely generous. To the beautiful Year 4 children, thank you for being such a lovely class and making each day a pleasure for me to be at school. I know you will enjoy the challenges of Year 5. God bless!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher
YEAR FIVE
A big thank you to all the Year Five students for their hard work this year. They have been a complete pleasure to teach and their enthusiasm throughout the year was exceptionally pleasing. Although I will see them next year as Year Six students, I will miss them all but know they will fantastic leaders. I wish them all the best in Year Six.
To all the families of the students in Year Six students, I wish you a wonderful break, you deserved it.
Mr John Stillitano Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
The Graduation Mass on Thursday begins at 6pm. Students in Years 3 to 6 must be in summer uniform and seated with their class. The presentation of awards will be made at the conclusion of mass. The Graduation Supper for Year Six students and their families will follow this. On Friday the Year Six students will be boarding the school bus to the Caversham Wildlife Park at 8.45am. They need to have morning tea in a disposable container (plastic bag) and have a drink bottle. Each student will be provided with lunch. You are welcome to join us for lunch at 12.10pm at Whiteman Park, which is just across the pathway from the entrance to Caversham Wildlife Park. At 12.55pm the bus will then take the students to Dark Zone, in Malaga, for two games. We should be back just in time for normal departure from school. Reports will be distributed back at school.
Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS
Children from Years 1 to 5 are reminded that scrapbooks for library next year are not to be covered. We will be completing a cover sheet in the first week of term 1 to go on the front of the scrapbooks before they are covered. Children in Year 6 can design their own front cover and have their scrapbook covered ready for the beginning of term.
Many thanks to all of the parents who have helped in some way in the library this year. Your assistance in shelving, book covering, distributing book club orders and helping out with special events in the library, is invaluable. We hope to see you all back with us in the library next year and as always, we would welcome any additional parent helpers.
Together with Mrs Fenzel, I would like to wish all St Lawrence families a joyous Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.
Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations everybody on the completion of Year 2013! Thanks to all my enthusiastic, artistic and creative students for their effort thought this year. During my marking process often I have no choice but mark them to be above standard; something I was very happy to do! It was not only about learning but also about helping, encouraging others and working in the team. Great life skills, well done!
I wish every family a wonderful Festive Season. May the joyful music of life fill your Christmas and spill over into your New Year!
Love and best regards. Music Teacher. Svetlana Zenkina
Parents are reminded that students return to school in Term 1 2014 in SUMMER UNIFORM. The Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays and the last day open of this term will be Thursday 12 December and will re-open Wednesday 5 February 2014.

*Merry Christmas to everyone and a very Happy New Year.*

*Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager*

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

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

**CANTEEN NEWS**

We are having a sausage sizzle this Friday 13 December. Cost is $3.50 each. Kindy and Pre-Primary may order as well. *No other food available on this day.* Don’t forget to get your raffle tickets. Last few days left. The raffle is drawn on the last day of school – Friday 13 December. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Please come on down and support the canteen. Five Hampers to be won.

Thursday and Friday at morning tea we will be selling Christmas treats.

Cupcakes will be individually wrapped for children to take home as a gift. $2 each. All other treats will vary from 50cents to $2.

Thank you thank you to all my volunteers this year for all your help. I really do appreciate it very much.

Thank you once again to my mother for helping and supporting me. I wish her all the best in her retirement and hope she will be available to still come and help in the canteen when she is available. We would love to see her.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck to the Year Six students in 2014. Have a great holiday and see you all next year.

*Hope you all have a great week. Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager*
Well we have now come to the end of 2013. It has been a big year for all of us.
We have thoroughly enjoyed being your 2013 P & F and want to thank all the wonderful people…….. yes, you really are……for all the kindness and support you have shown us.

We each have two hands, sometimes it’s just not enough to hold up our own very busy lives and give whatever you have left (if any) to others……..but we did our very best and are happy with what we have achieved and without your support and generosity we could not have done it as well as we did.

Marie and Lina we adore you both……thank you so, so much for everything!!
Mr Rose wherever you may be enjoying your very well deserved break.
Thank you, we feel very lucky to have you.
Miss Leddin our time was short, but thank you, you have done a great job!

We believe the recipe with 4 interesting ingredients worked, we now are extremely excited to hand it over to another four fantastic women

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Ladies, thank you, we wish you well in working smarter not harder!!
We will be there to support you, as much as we can, all the way!!

Please continue to support your P & F, a lot of time and effort always goes into all that we do and it is a very selfless position to volunteer for. It’s all worth it for our fantastic school.

Love, Light, Peace & Happiness to all!

Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda
Yr 1 and 2 St Lawrence Awards

Advent Assemblies
St Lawrence Parish Calendar 2014
Our beautiful Parish Calendar is now available for $10. It includes feast days and many important dates in the life of St Lawrence Parish. Parishioners will find the calendar very useful and inspirational. It will also make a lovely Christmas present for family and friends and help support Parish fundraising efforts. The calendar is on sale before and after weekend Masses.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
As a result of our Parish Retreat we are delighted to announce that there were over 200 people who have committed themselves to a Holy Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each week. We need this many to make it successful for adoration of Christ every hour of the day, 7 days a week. Very soon the date will be announced and you will receive detailed information about your role in being a ‘Guardian’ of the Blessed Sacrament and given the code number for the door from your division leader.

Anyone who missed out on the weekend and would like to join the parish in making a weekly holy hour, please phone the co-ordinator Jo Geoghegan on 9445 2346 or our parish office on 9344 7066.

Christmas Timetable 2014

Carols by Candlelight — (No Mass)
Friday 13th Dec at 7.00pm
At St Lawrence Church

Mass Times - St Lawrence Church, Balcatta

Individual Reconciliation (for the sick) Tuesday 17 December 8.30am
followed by Healing Mass (English) 9.00am

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December
Children’s Mass (English)…………… 6.00pm
Carols (English)……………………… 11.30pm
Midnight Mass (English)…………… 12.00am

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December
7.00am & 8.30am Masses………. English
10.00am Mass……………………… Italian
12 noon Mass……………………… Croatian

Mass Times - St Theresa Church, Gwelup

Individual Reconciliation ……………….Wednesday 18 December 0.00am
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