Three small rules for living a happy life:

1. Start each day with a grateful heart.
2. Focus on the positive aspects of every person you encounter.
3. End each day with a grateful heart.

Lucy MacDonald

GRADUATION MASS AND ST LAWRENCE AWARD CHANGES
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 with at least one parent. At the completion of the mass will be the Year 6 awards and the St Lawrence Awards for Years 3-6.

The St Lawrence Awards for Years 1 and 2 will be presented at the completion of the Advent assemblies which will be held on Monday 9 December at 2pm in the Church. The parents of the children in Years 1 and 2 who will be receiving the St Lawrence Award will be notified ahead of time so that they can attend on this afternoon. The parents of the children in Years 3-6 who will be receiving the St Lawrence Awards will not be notified as it is compulsory for all children in Years 3-6 to attend the Graduation Mass.

We thank you for your support and look forward to the Graduation Mass being a special time for our Year 6 students.

P&F AND SCHOOL BOARD AGM
Thank you to all who attended the P&F and School Board AGM on Tuesday 12 November. I would like to welcome the new members of the P&F executive for 2014:
President Narelle Zaknich, Vice President Lucia Lizzi, Treasurer Sue Del Borrello and Secretary Angie Messina.

The School Board positions will be announced after the next School Board meeting on Tuesday 3 December. Thanks to Lucio Cicchini who is resigning from the School Board and Nicola Micallef who is resigning as School Board Secretary but is remaining on the School Board. Thanks also to Nancy Bonfiglio and Tammy Mottolini who are stepping down as Parish and P&F representatives on the School Board.

LITURGICAL CHOIR CHANNEL NINE CAROLS
Congratulations to our Liturgical Choir and Mrs Albert for being selected to sing on the Channel Nine Christmas Carols. The choir will be filmed at St Lawrence Primary School on Monday 18 November. The Liturgical Choir will need to return their permission slip in order to be filmed. We look forward to seeing you all on the television in the lead up to Christmas.
Canteen
The Canteen urgently requires assistance on Fridays for the rest of this term as this is our busiest lunch day. All assistance is appreciated, please see Frances in the Canteen.

YEAR 4 iPAD MEETING
The Year 4 iPad meeting will be held on Thursday 14 November at 7pm in the Computer Room. Mr Stillitano and Mrs Heavey will be presenting information on cyber safety and the apps used in the classroom. This is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions. At least one parent is expected to attend.

TERM DATES
Term Four concludes for students on Friday 13 December.
Term One 2014 commences for students on Monday 3 February and concludes on Friday 11 April.

God Bless
Angela Leddin
Short Term Principal

Week at a glance…….

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
On each classroom door is a short explanation of the family you are helping with the donations you give to St Vincent De Paul this year. Please place your donated item in your class box by Wednesday 20th November. Many thanks for your support of this worthwhile cause.

SWIMMING - Weeks 7 and 8
During these two weeks all children may wear their sports uniform every day.
The swimming lesson times are as follows:
Years 1, 3 and 6 children will depart from school at 12.05pm to complete their lesson at 12.40-1.10pm. They should be back at school by 1.45pm.
Their lunch break will be from 11.40-12pm.
The Year 2, 4 and 6 children will depart from school at 12.45pm to complete their lesson from 1.20-1.50pm. They should be back at school by 2.25pm. Their lunch break will be from 12.20-12.40pm.
Please make sure you have returned your child’s permission slip to travel on the bus.
Children are not to wear their bathers under their sports clothes. Children will change into their bathers at the pool prior to their lesson and then change back into their sports uniform at the end of their lesson.

VALUES EDUCATION
In weeks 5 and 6 this term we will focus on the values of being generous and helpful towards others.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
This week the learning areas of Religion and S&E/History are being sent home. Please take the time to go through your child’s work with them, sign the books and return on Monday.

Mrs Marie Heavey
PARISH CHILDREN’S MASS

The **Children Mass** will be held on **Sunday the 24th of November**. This is the last week of the church year (Feast of Christ the King) and marks the beginning of Advent. Please keep this date in mind as I would like as many children as possible to participate in reading, singing and bringing up the Offertory. After the mass will be our annual “New Year’s Eve” party for the children. There will be free food, drink, music and fun and games. The evening ends at 8.30 and all children are welcome.

Please respond to me via email if your child will be participating by reading or singing in the mass on November 24th **and** if they will be attending the party afterwards, as we need an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

We hope to continue with our children’s liturgies and masses next year, although we need more helpers for our Children’s Liturgy team which has dwindled. No experience is necessary. You will be helped by existing team members and you will have access to many resources. Contact me for more information if you are interested.

After several years of organising the **Nativity Mass (6pm 24th December)** I am unable to organise it this year. I am therefore asking for a volunteer to organise this year’s Nativity Mass. I will offer my assistance and you will also have the backup of the children’s liturgy team. Please contact me for more information. Thank you for your co-operation. I hope to hear from you soon.

Toni Mattiaccio  Mattiaccio.toni@cathednet.wa.edu.au  MOB: 0416309483

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**A Moment with Sister Chitra…**

**Attitude of Gratitude**

As we come towards the end of Year 2013 it is good to reflect about our life this year and count all the blessings that we have received. God in his infinite goodness is outpouring his tremendous gifts and graces on us each and every minute of the day. Most of the times we take life for granted. We watch and hear the devastating news around the world and how people go through such natural calamities, war and sickness. As we empathise with the sufferings of people and try to reach out as much as we can we also never forget to show our gratitude to God and those whom He has sent us on our way this year.

Thankfulness is a major part of wellbeing. It creates inner wellbeing, an inner harmony and when our inner harmony goes missing, we are miserable. Within our lives, thankfulness can be a kind of superglue, as it gives a strong sense of hope and confidence about the future. With life as busy as it is, we don’t seem to take time to count our blessings, to be thankful for our life, our friends, our family, for insights into our purpose for existence, for the ability to love and be loved. Modelling thankfulness to children is an important way to have them, “do as we do”. Perhaps, we might need to have a look at what kind of attitude we are projecting. Are we content with our possessions, our clothes, our appearance? Do we express thankfulness for all we already possess? Are we making use of what we have, just like we tell children to play with the toys and games they already have? Do we see the bigger world of need around us or is our focus simply on ourselves?

As parents you might hope that the children will learn to be thankful for the way you live your lives before them. You can tell them how thankful you are to have them in your lives. You can spend more time with them instead of buying them more toys and games and so teach them the value of relationships over material gifts. We can tell our children to be thankful for the inspiration that surrounds them: to marvel at the power of the wind, the immensity of the ocean, the perfection of the night sky, the rugged beauty of the Australian landscape – “Nature is the living, visible garment of God”. Goethe.

*God, our Father, we give thanks for the gift of life. We are grateful that, as intelligent beings, we can reflect upon the many gifts and blessings we have been given and be thankful for them.*

*Amen.*
CLASS NEWS

YEAR THREE
We are half way through this term and the days are flying by! We only have one more uninterrupted week of the term left as Weeks 7 and 8 will see us at swimming lessons each day. This means that we need to use our time wisely in class and we will be working hard to get ready for Year Four. Our assembly will be on November 29th and we will begin practising for this next week. All children conducted themselves with reverence last week when we visited the church for the Sacrament of Penance, which was a pleasure to see.

Mrs Sharon Milne, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The children are enjoying using their iPads. A reminder that the follow up parent meeting for iPads will be held this Thursday evening in the Computer Lab commencing at 7pm. Children are not required to attend this meeting.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
Year Five class mass is will be held this Friday at 9am. We will be celebrating with the parish and our students will be doing the readings and Prayers of Intercession. We look forward to seeing many parents and friends of Year Five there.

We will be visiting Sacred Heart College next week to take part in a 3d printing workshop with students from the college. The students are very excited to be taking part in this opportunity to use the latest technology available in this cutting edge area of education.

There are many permission notes that need to be returned by the students. Please ensure these have been signed and returned to class as soon as possible. Have a lovely week

Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
We have completed our work with Nurse Sally on the human body and are very appreciative of her expert input. Hopefully this has opened up the channels of communication with your son or daughter about an important topic.

On our final day in Year 6, Friday December 13, we will be having lunch at Whiteman Park from 12.10pm to 12.50pm. You are most welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Religion and Society and Environment books will be coming home to view.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

Congratulations to:
Jordano Vivona (Year Six) who has been selected to play in Singapore for Little League Baseball in February 2014. Well done Jordano.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Year One Mums
The end of the year is upon us again. Please come and help us celebrate with an end of year dinner on Friday 15 November 7pm at Panchos Mexican Restaurant, Beaufort Street Mt Lawley. We would love to see you all there. Please RSVP by Monday 11 November. Rebecca, Samantha and Melissa

Year Three
Hello Year 3 parents, our end of year gathering will be on Friday 22nd November 7:45pm for drinks and nibbles at The Classroom (bar) 356 Charles St, North Perth – RSVP to Jodi Tholon 0419 939 463 if you can make it. Thank you.

Year Four Mums
We are having our end of year dinner on Tuesday 26 November at 6.30pm Kingsway Tavern. Please RSVP to Frances 0407 354 420 by Friday 22 November or come and see me in the canteen. Come and enjoy a fun and relaxing night.

Year Five Parent End of Year Dinner
What a busy year it has been! Let’s celebrate the end of another year. Note change of date: Please come along to Carine Tavern for dinner on Friday 29 November at 7pm. Hope you all can make it! RSVP- Julie Dawson 0458 223 200.
LIBRARY NEWS

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are now preparing, in the library, for our annual stocktake and collection maintenance. Hence, next week will be the last week of student borrowing for the year. Children will still be able to borrow lexiles during their library sessions and library lessons will continue until the end of Week 8. We would anticipate that all library books will be returned by the end of Week 7.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Collection of Uniforms for Year One 2014
Pre-Primary parents are reminded that collection of uniform orders for commencement of Year 1 2014 are now ready to be collected. Payment is required at this time and can be made in CASH or CHEQUE only (No EFTPOS facilities available) and cheques to be made payable to ST LAWRENE PRIMARY SCHOOL.
Please be aware that the Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays and the last day open for this term will be Thursday 19 December and will re-open in February 2014.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Wednesday 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Lost Property Box
The lost property box located outside the Year 6 classroom will be cleared by the end of this term. Any items, exception of school uniform clothing, will be placed in a box in the undercroft for students to find their items at recess and lunch time. Parents please come and see if you can recognise any items or your child’s uniform.
If a name is printed on the uniform we can usually return it to the owner, other than that, if the items are not claimed, we clean them and sell them as second hand items in the Uniform Shop.

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to another great week. Sushi will be available to purchase on Wednesday 20 November. Also available for Kindy and Pre Primary students. Varieties include: Chicken, Tuna, Vegetarian, Combo and Smoked Salmon. Cost is $4.50 each. Please pre order by Friday 15 November or you will miss out.

We have five Christmas hampers to win. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. So come on down and purchase your tickets and please support the canteen. It will be drawn on the last day of school 13 December.

Lasagna is back on the canteen menu. Meatballs will not be available for the remainder of the year. Cruiser pies, sausage rolls and chicken nuggets are only available on Fridays, due to the traffic light system we are abiding by.

Parents, a reminder that freshly brewed coffee is available each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings after 8.30am for $2.50 each.
So come on down and enjoy the fresh homemade canteen approved items we have on offer.

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager
Merit Award Winners

Year Two Assembly
The RSPCA WA January School Holiday Program

The holidays are long and hot and after the excitement of Christmas children get bored. If only there was a place, entertaining AND educational with qualified teachers and great supervision that you could send your children to! Well, RSPCA WA has the answer. Children big and small can get up close and personal with some of our furry friends or explore their creative side in some of our crafty sessions.

- Three, full day sessions - RSPCA WA Big Day Out and Animal Apprentice
- Learn about dogs in Canine Capers, Doggie Delights and Give a dog a Bone
- Cats are back in 2014 with Cats 101 and Furball and friends

Bookings open on December 9 and members December 2. Places fill quickly, so call 9209 9325 to secure your child’s spot. Further information on sessions is available on the website: www.rspcawa.asn.au

There will also be two pre Christmas full day sessions on December 19 and 20 bookings open November 27 all themed on animals and Christmas.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK SmartLoving Marriage Weekend

Have you really thought about attending the SmartLoving marriage enrichment weekend on 16th and 17th November? Think again!! This is your last chance to book!! Places are limited $95 per couple and you must book before 12th November. For more info call Basil or Kathy Musca 08 9302 2582 or go online to www.SmartLoving.org
The new church year starts with *Advent*. Come and celebrate the end of the church year with a free party at the ALVERNA CENTRE. **Sunday 24th of November** after the 6pm mass till 8.30pm. All children are welcome. Free food and drink and lots of *fun!!*