World Teacher Day is on Friday 25 October

I would like to say a special thank you to all the hard working staff of St Lawrence Primary School. This reflection highlights the special relationship staff and parents share as they work together for the benefit of each individual child.

Unity by Cleo V. Swarat

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher:
the tools she used were books and music and art;
One was a parent
With a guiding hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child
Could never be sold or bought!

And each agreed she would have failed
if she had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher stood the home!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
This weekend the First Holy Communion masses continue on Saturday 26 October at 6:00pm and Sunday 27 October at 8:30am and at St Teresa’s Gwelup at 11:30am. Thanks to Mrs Heavey and Mrs Di Loretto for preparing the students. Please continue to keep all Year Four students in your prayers and thoughts.

KAGAN COACHING
On Monday and Tuesday this week Robyn from Kagan Australia was here to coach and assist teachers to implement Kagan structures.
SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS
With today’s newsletter will be an electronic copy of the Nomination Form for any parents who wish to nominate themselves for the School Board. If you require a paper copy, please call into the school office. At this stage the School Board Members, whose two year term expires this year, will be re-nominating in 2014. It would be fantastic to have many parents at our AGM on Tuesday 12 November 2013 commencing at 7pm in the School Hall.

P&F NOMINATIONS
The P&F is looking for four new members for its 2014 Executive. I encourage all parents to consider joining the P&F Executive to become actively involved in the school community. I would like to thank our current P&F Executive who have volunteered their time. Tammy Mottolini, Belinda Agnello, Chantelle Arrigo and Jo Gregorio. All have been dedicated and valuable members of the P&F and have contributed to a very successful fundraising year for the school. With today’s newsletter will be an electronic copy of the Nomination Form to join the P&F Executive Committee for 2014. A paper copy is also available from the school office.

PRE KINDY, KINDERGARTEN AND PRE PRIMARY ORIENTATION
On Monday 28 October the school will be hosting Parent Information Meetings for all Pre Kindy, Kindergarten and Pre Primary students in 2014. These meetings are important for parents to ensure they have an understanding of the class routines from the beginning of next year. Below is a list of times of the meetings that will be held in the School Hall.

- Pre Kindergarten: 5.15pm
- Kindergarten: 6pm
- Pre Primary: 6.45pm

On Monday 4 November there will be an orientation session for Pre Kindy and Kindergarten students for 2014.

It is an expectation that at least one parent and a student attend this session to allow for familiarity and minimise any transition issues at the beginning of next year. The times for the student orientation sessions are:

- Kindergarten: 9:00 to 9.45am
- Pre Kindergarten: 10am to 10:45am

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 25 October. Permission forms have already gone home for all the competitors in Years 1-6 and spectators in Years 3-6. Please return permission forms as soon as possible. Thanks to Mrs Claire Major for organising and training the children.

LEARNING CENTRE ARTWORK
Two Year 6 students, Lado Lado and Jonathan Gutierrez, have completed a piece of artwork under the sink in the Learning Centre. Thank you to the boys for their wonderful creative work which will inspire future artists of the school.

PASTORAL CARE
This week we received the sad news that Jessica Ferguson passed away last Thursday 17/10/13. Jessica’s son Lachlann was a member of our Pre Primary class earlier this year. Please keep Lachlann and all of Jessica’s family in your prayers.

God Bless
Angela Leddin
Short Term Principal
Week at a glance……

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

YEAR FOUR FIRST COMMUNION
This weekend at the parish masses some of the children in Year 4 will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.

MONTH OF OCTOBER
The whole school will gather together to pray a decade of the Rosary after lunch on Thursday the 24th October in honour of Mary our Mother.

VALUES EDUCATION
In weeks 3 and 4 this term we will focus on the values of being patient and sorrowful towards others.

Mrs Marie Heavey
Sister Chitra’s Message

TEACHERS’ DAY
World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during the school holidays, Australia celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. As I was reading a book I came across this beautiful poem by Elaine Charles.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day
And moulded with my power and art,
A young child’s soft and yielding heart.
It came again when years were gone,
It was a man I looked upon,
He still that early impress wore,
And I would change him ever more.

The role and power of a teacher is beautifully portrayed in this poem. As we acknowledge the outstanding work of teachers, may we also be grateful for their loving and dedicated service and pray for the teachers. May Christ Jesus the true leader and teacher lead every educator at our school, nation and the world into His light. As HE is the master for all us may we give ourselves to him fully to shape and mould us through the daily events of our life.

PARISH CHILDREN’S MASS

Congratulations to all the Year 4 students for their gracious reception of the First Holy Communion last weekend. We continue to pray for those who are receiving Jesus for the first time at this weekend masses. God bless you all.

Next Sunday evening at 6pm will be the children’s mass. I urge all those who are not involved with First Holy Communion to participate. Please email or phone me if your child would like to read, take up the offertory or sing and I will send you information or a reading. Singers will rehearse at school and at 5.15pm on Sunday just before the mass. Thank you for your support. I hope to see you all on Sunday.

Toni Mattiaccio.
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CLASS NEWS

KINDERGARTEN
Thanks to all parents for the way the children were dropped off this week at the door. This really helps them with their transition to Pre-primary next year and is a really big step in their independence. Our trip to the Art Gallery went well today. BIG thanks to our parent helpers.

Hopefully we can enjoy the lovely Spring weather which is also part of theme for the first weeks of this term – Magic Forest.

This term we have so much happening that the term will just fly by – please enjoy the time in Kindy with us if you are able to share some roster time. You are always very welcome to join us.

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.

Fred Rogers, US Children's television host 1928 - 2003

Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Kindergarten Teacher
**PRE PRIMARY**
We are very excited for Cicerello’s Restaurant excursion. However we need all excursion slips to be returned as soon as possible. If your child does not return the excursion slips, unfortunately they will not be able to attend. A quick reminder that there will also be no canteen this Friday due to the Interschool Sports Carnival. Children will need a packed lunch. Have a great week everyone!

*Mrs Rachel Wake, Pre Primary Teacher*

**YEAR ONE**
In class we have been looking at procedures during writing time. Robyn from Kagan demonstrated to the class how to use the Kagan structure Jot Points to make sure we had all our procedure steps in the correct order. Today we made delicious fairy bread and the students will be writing the procedures to explain what we did. We will share these at our assembly later this term. In the next few weeks we will be needing shoe boxes for a science activity. If you have a spare shoe box please bring it in. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have been helping with morning reading. Your help is very much appreciated. Have a great week everyone.

*Mrs Roselyn Pizzino, Year One Teacher*

**YEAR TWO**
Thank you so much for your participation with our persuasive ‘impossible pet’ letters. We had a great time reading your replies. The last letter went home last night. Spelling homework started again this week. Your child should have brought home a word sort on Monday. Assembly practice is under way. Each child has a speaking part and a small dance to learn. I know it is still a couple of weeks away, but if you are having problems organising a costume for your child to wear on the day and need my assistance, please let me know as soon as possible.

*Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher*

**INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
The NECPSA Interschool Athletics Carnival will take place this Friday 25th October at AK Reserve (State Athletics Stadium), entry off Stephenson Avenue, Mount Claremont. All competitors will be attending the carnival, including the reserves, plus the non competitors (spectators) from Year 4-6. The bus will be leaving school at 8.30am. The Year 1 -3 competitors will return at 12.15pm and the Year 4 -6 students will return at 2.30pm. Parents have the choice to take their children home at these times but you must indicate this on the permission slip and sign out with Miss Brenkley, Mrs Pizzino or Mrs Milne (Year 1 -3) or Miss Leddin or Mrs Heavey (Year 4 -6) Full sport uniform is to be worn, including school hat, black shoes, red shorts and yellow collared shirt. Students can change into their running shoes at the venue, but need to be responsible for all their own equipment (no graduation shirts).
Remember to bring any medication such as asthma puffer with you and inform the bay teacher as to where it is kept. St John’s First Aid will also be present. Students will need to bring a full water bottle, morning tea and a packed lunch.
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. I greatly appreciate your support. I will contact a few parents that I need to assist. Good luck to all the students and I hope all the hard work pays off!

*Mrs Claire Major, Sports Teacher*

**INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**
Information titled Scoliosis and Colour Blindness has been distributed to all Year 6 students. Parents are encouraged to read these pamphlets carefully and if you have any concerns please contact your School Nurse on 9345 7132 or see your GP.

*Sally Steffanoni, School Nurse*
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4 in Summer Uniform. Price Lists and Order Forms are now available in the School Office.
Parents please note that the Uniform shop will be CLOSED on Wednesday 6 November, but will be OPEN on Thursday morning 7 November.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Explore the magic of picture books with your child at the Picture a Story Family Day at the State Library of Western Australia. Join a magical storytime before taking part in the host of art activities on offer. The children will love creating artworks to hang in our tiny gallery. They will also learn new drawing techniques from local illustrators and create a small book to take home. Don’t forget to visit the fabulous fairy tale photo booth to have your picture taken!

When: Saturday 2 November, 10.30am – 1.30pm.
Join a special storytime from 10.30am.
Join fun family activities activities from 11.00am to 1.30pm.
Where: The Place, Mezzanine Floor, State Library of Western Australia
Recommended for: Children aged 6+ and their families
Cost: Free
Bookings: Not required

The Picture a Story Family Day is being held as part of the Picture a Story exhibition which is taking place from 2 November 2013 to 27 February 2014. On display throughout The Gallery (Ground Floor) and The Place are original illustrations from Australian picture books from the 1970s to today.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to a beautiful week. A BIG thank you to Sonia Piccirilli, Nancy Graziani, Linda Ienco and Katarina Jelaska for all your help last week. It is very much appreciate.

- Next Thursday (Halloween) we will be having Spooky Halloween treats for sale at morning tea.
- Friday 25 October the canteen will be closed due to the Interschool Sports Carnival.
- A reminder that sausage rolls, cruiser pies and chicken nuggets are only available on Fridays due to the traffic light system we work with in the canteen. Also sausage rolls and cruiser pies are now $3 each.
- Freshly brewed coffee is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8.30am for $2.50 each.
- Note that tomorrow Thursday you can order sausage rolls, cruiser pies and chicken nuggets (due to the canteen closure on Friday).

Parents, come on down and enjoy the freshly homemade food items we have to offer.

This week’s Roster:
Wednesday: Janine Vivona       Thursday: Trish Pracilio       Friday: Canteen is closed

Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager
School banking Wednesdays
Learning Centre from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS
Well done to the following students who are our Silver certificate award winners:
Sienna Germano, Danica Germano, Tiana Zito, Alyssa Zito,
Braxton Vu, Eliza Vu, Max Millard, Oscar Millard

Well done to Natalya Fazzari who is our Bronze certificate award winner

To all our school banking stars, I’d like to congratulate you all for another great Term 3 of deposits and to confirm that we have received from the Commonwealth Bank $498.02 of commission which will be forwarded to the St Lawrence P&F. What legends you all are!

TERM FOUR NEWS
School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!
In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.
With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.
In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed.

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There will be a box placed in the office (cut-off time 9am) and another will be placed in the Learning Centre during school banking days only for any students who would like to leave their banking wallet with money in a sealed envelope.
Please ensure you complete your deposit slips correctly.

As we move to the end of the year and journey further into the world of smart saving, we want to ensure our school bankers are doing as well as possible. So we’ve got some more good news.

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and they want to share it with you in Term 4.

TREASURE CHEST PRIZES:
60 x Apple iPod Touch 16GB and 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including
Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & Hop
All you need to do is make two or more deposits through the school from 21 October to 30 November 2013 and you will automatically be entered into the competition.

Thank you ~ Nancy Donatelli, Lucia Ewen and Lucia Lizzi
KRISPY KREMES
Well although we may be feeling a few kilos heavier and our kids climbed the walls last night……
We would like to thank you once again for your support, sharing the kilos, and helping us to raise a whole $1700.00 for our school!!

ART FUNDRAISER  Greeting Cards, Calendars and More!!!!
We are doing a fundraising campaign with Kids Card Designs. Your child has produced a fantastic piece of art, which will be sent home on Monday for you to view, along with an order form. The artwork can be turned into Greeting Cards, Calendars, write on/wipe off Magnetic fridge planners, handy sized Diaries and useful Address/Birthday books for you to order.

These fundraising products are unique as they will feature artwork designed by your child and will provide a lasting memento for you to give as a gift or keep for yourselves.

Artwork and order forms will go home together. Please return all orders, payments and artwork by Wednesday 6th November 2013 to the school office. No late orders can be accepted due to the Christmas printing schedule.

To place an order please follow the instructions below:

1. Please return the order form, art and payment together to the school office.
2. Please DO NOT fold or staple the artwork as this damages the artwork, which can affect the final images.
3. For families, please return all siblings artwork, orders and payments compiled together (please not stapled), handed into the school office.

This is a healthy fundraising venture where children are able to use their creativity to raise funds for our school. We encourage you to get on board.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – what is actually happening…..
Ladies, we are all going to dress up and go celebrate Melbourne Cup day at the Crown Casino.

Bring your mum, your neighbour, your friend, anyone you like……..not your child!

We are being collected from St Lawrence School at 9am on Tuesday 5th November and we will be returning at 2pm. Yes you do not have to drive……but don’t forget you have to pick up your kids!!! St Lawrence Primary School encourages responsible drinking.

Lunch is provided at the Crown Casino……and if you are feeling lucky, place a bet as you will also be given a token to play - ALL FOR $20.00!

Money is not needed this week but we must have numbers by THIS Friday - so please text your name and quantity of people to Belinda on 0407 339 825. Your payment can go in an envelope to front office by Tuesday 29th October.

If we do not have your RSVP by this Friday 12 noon, the event will have to be cancelled.

Enjoy the sunshine!!
Tammy, Joanne, Chantelle and Belinda
**Parent Child Connection** - Monday 18th November x 4 weeks 6.30-9 @ 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville.

Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

**Kids and Today’s Technology** – Thursday 21st and 28th November 6.30 - 9 @ 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville

This two week course is for parents of kids between ages 2 and 18 years. Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what's out there, how it's being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids' learning and safety. For further information and to enroll please phone 9489 6322.

**Parent-Teen Connection** – Saturday 16th November 9.30-4.30 @ 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville

We have all come through adolescence – do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life’s journey. Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict. For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

**Weekend Away Together**

Need some time out, away from life's busy schedules?

Married couples can enjoy a whole weekend at the SmartLoving Marriage enrichment program on 16th and 17th November 2013. **$95 per couple** Book now as numbers are limited and November is just around the corner online at [http://marriageresourcecentre.org/](http://marriageresourcecentre.org/) or for further information call Basil or Kathy Musca 08 9302 2582.

**Join an ‘Encounter’** to the pacific nation of Kiribati with Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has prepared, placed and supported skilled Australian volunteers in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for over 50 years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty.

During this cross-cultural experience you will gain insight into the life of work of Palms’ volunteers, and learn about pressing development issues facing Kiribati, including climate change. A limited number of spaces are available for our next visit to the Pacific island nation of Kiribati, 11-23 February 2014. For further information visit: [http://www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters), email: encounter@palms.org.au, or call Palms on 02 9518 9551.

Another Encounter you may be interested in is East Timor in September 2014. We also welcome enquiries from staff or students groups who would like to book a private Encounter.

**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email sceausta@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!