ADVENT
This Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent.
The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and the start of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church.

BUDDY PRESENTS
Over the last few years the tradition of buying your buddy a present is getting bigger and bigger. Whilst it is a nice gesture it does leave some buddies left out. This year if you would like to acknowledge the special bond you have with your buddy please give them a nice card only and write a special message to them, we are encouraging no presents. Thank you for your support with this matter.

INSTAGRAM
Cybersafety is an ongoing issue in society as technology is continually being updated. Many children in the upper classes have access to an Instagram account. It is important that parents are aware that, just like with other social media sites, children can accept a request for someone to follow them. This is ok if it is a known friend or family member, however some children just accept any request. Not only does this allow the person access to your account but your child can access their account too. The parents in Years 4-6 will receive some extra information emailed out to them today.

Parents please take the time to sit with your child and ensure that their privacy settings are correct and also that they have accepted only known friends and family members onto their account.

BELL TIMES 2014
The school bell times will be changing next year. Children in Years 1-6 will end the day at 3:00pm. All other bells will remain the same.

PREMIER’S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge, in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA, is open for all children from birth to Year 10 and runs from 2 December 2013 to 31 January 2014. This year’s challenge is to read for, or be read to, for 15 hours. Information is going home today. Information is also available at reading.challenge@education.wa.edu.au
KINDY NATIVITY PRAYERS
The children in Kindy are busy preparing for their Kindy prayers to be held on Wednesday 4 December at 9am in the hall. Please come along. Thanks to Mrs Bozich, Mrs Seragusana and Miss Vears for all their assistance in preparing the children.

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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MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Pre Primary: Christopher Veletta, Riley Zaknich, Alyssa Zito, Samantha Xigas, Bianca Vaccari
Year One: Grace Gentry, Antony Mojas, Carl Sgro, Monique Tamburri, Braxton Vu
Year Two: Paris Vivona, Brandon Graziani, Alex Hall, Liam Gearon
Year Three: Angela Lubieri, Matthew Latour, Noah Pizzino, Mackenzie Dragicevich
Year Four: Malak Alrikabi, Nadya Fan, Monika Hujdurovic, Alexander Ienco, Jason Staunton
Year Five: Tiana Zaekis, Tony Bruno, Clyde-Dave Apal
Year Six: Logan Staunton, Kate Piccirilli, Rebecca Svilicich, Rebecca Smith, Isabella McSporran, Renae Colaizzi

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ADVENT ASSEMBLIES
The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be presenting the Advent assemblies on Monday 9th December commencing at 2pm in the church. The Year 1 and 2 St Lawrence medals will be announced following the assembly.

SWIMMING
The children are enjoying their swimming lessons. Lessons will continue until the end of Week 8.

BOOKLISTS 2014
The 2014 booklists will be handed out to each student this week. Please read the instructions carefully as all orders are to be placed online with OfficeMax.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS
This week the learning areas books for Italian and Art will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Monday morning.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Assistant Principal
**ADVENT**

Every year the different seasons – summer, autumn, winter, spring come around. The whole of nature moves, changes and grows with the seasons. Same way in the Liturgical year of the Church, the season of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy week and Easter come around year after year. Each season invites us to represent experience and live a particular aspect of the mystery of Jesus. Advent is a time of expectation. Expectation and waiting form much part of our lives. We wait every day for somehow or other at the shopping centres, government offices, bus stops, post offices and doctors surgery. When we miss one chance, we wait for another. In fact our whole life is one long expectation, one long movement from event to event till the final event of our lives. This expectation turns into joy and throbbing hope, if we are waiting for someone whom we love and who loves us.

The Church invites us to enter into a period of such expectation and waiting during the season of Advent which begins this week. It reminds us of a threefold expectation of the coming Saviour. Firstly, it reminds us of the centuries when Israel, the chosen people longingly waited for the messiah. Secondly, it reminds us that this saviour, who has definitively appeared, is still coming at every moment of our lives. Finally, Advent brings to our minds the second coming of the Lord in glory at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Thus, in advent we are invited to share in the longing of the nations, especially of Israel, for the coming of the Lord, to let Him come into our hearts and into our history, and to wait in joy and hope for His final coming.

Advent therefore is a time of preparation for the birth of our Lord. During Advent we are encouraged to prepare for Christ to be born into our lives but, as Mary and Joseph experienced, you don’t have to be highly prepared with your spiritual life in total order. Christ, during His life, showed that He was not seeking people who are perfectly prepared and in control of things. He was interested in people who had difficulties in their lives but who wanted a way out of these difficulties; people who were honest with themselves and of good intention. Christ, today, does not expect us to be perfect but to be people of hope, who trust that His coming will have meaningful consequences in our lives.

*Let’s take this opportunity to joyfully prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus in our hearts.*

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All students have now received their **kids design orders**. Thank you to everyone who purchased items, we raised over $1000. Another **big thank you** to the ladies who stayed after the P&F meeting to help Miss Leddin sort the orders and distribute them.

*Narelle Zaknich, P&F President 2014*
YEAR THREE
We have been busy practising and are excited to show you our assembly this Friday. Some of our work from last term will be coming home over the next few weeks and we would love to show it to you and tell you about it. Information went home this week regarding our excursion in the final week of term. Thank you to those who have returned the permission slip so quickly. Thank you also to those brave mums who have volunteered to help on the excursion, we do not need any more volunteers. We are beginning some Christmas craft this week and we all need a wire coat hanger and some Christmas fabric. If you have any spare at home please send them in.

Many Thanks - Ms Sharon Milne, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
The Year 4 children will be presenting an assembly explaining the second week of Advent on the 9th December. This assembly will be held in the Church commencing at 2pm.
On the 11th December the Year 1, 2 and 4 children will be going on an excursion to the Convention Centre to enjoy a magic show.
Congratulations to Nadya Fan who made her First Communion last Sunday.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher

YEAR FIVE
We were very excited to visit Sacred Heart College in Sorrento to print out 3D designs on their printers. We were shown around the school grounds by helpful staff and students and we also enjoyed a great pizza lunch supplied by the school canteen. A big thank you all the staff and students at Sacred Heart College for the opportunity use such wonderful piece of equipment. We hope one day to be using technology such as this at St Lawrence Primary School.

Mr John Stillitano, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
The Year 6 students have shown themselves to be responsible and caring buddies for the Year 1 children during swimming lessons this week. Many Year 6 students have their Orientation Day at Servite College on Friday 6 December. As this coincides with the last day of swimming lessons, certificates will be made available the following week.
We will be showcasing the fourth week of Advent on Monday 9th December in the church. Hopefully many of you can come to the Advent presentations which begin at 2pm.
Our final day in Year 6, Friday December 13, will be spent on excursions. You are very welcome to join us for lunch at Whiteman Park from 12.10pm to 12.50pm. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Year Four
Thank you to the Year 4 mums that came to our dinner last night. It was a great night enjoyed by all. It was a good time to relax and unwind.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a very Happy New Year, Frances Svilicich

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 this Friday 29 November at 7pm. Hope you all can make it! RSVP- Julie Dawson 0458 223 200.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Collection of Uniforms for Year 1 2014
Pre-primary parents you are reminded that collection of uniform orders for commencement of Year 1 2014 are now ready. Payment is required at this time and can be made in CASH or CHEQUE only (No EFTPOS facilities available) and cheques are to be made payable to: ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Uniform items can be collected now and through to the end of Term 4.

Please be aware that 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 5 February 2014.

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

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

What another great week. Canteen is open as usual on swimming days for morning tea and lunch.

Christmas Raffle at the canteen
There are five great hampers to be won. Hampers are displayed at the canteen every morning, so come on down and view them. Tickets $2 each or 3 for $5. Come and support the canteen. The raffle will be down on 13 December.

Sausage Sizzle will be held on the last day of school – 13 December. Cost is $3.50 each. Orders can be taken at the canteen or left with Lina Armstrong at the school office. Please ensure your child’s name and year level is clearly marked on the order. Kindy and Pre Primary students may also order. For catering purposes, please have all orders in by Wednesday 11 December. There will be no other lunch orders available on this day.

Christmas treats will be on sale at recess from Wednesday 11 December to Friday 13 December. Cupcakes will be individually wrapped for children to take home as a gift. Cost $2 each.

Parents a reminder that freshly brewed coffee is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings after 8.30am for $2.50 each.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to my mother for all her great help during this year. I wish her all the very best in her retirement. Thank you for supporting me. We will miss you. I warmly welcome my sister-in-law Lisa Lawson. Please come and make her feel welcome next year.

Thank you to Paula Bulich for her help last Friday. It was very much appreciated.

Hope you all have a great week. Mrs Frances Svilicich, Canteen Manager
SCHOOL BANKING WEDNESDAYS
LEARNING CENTRE FROM 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

NEXT WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2013
WILL BE THE LAST BANKING DAY OF THE YEAR!

WE WILL BE ROLLING OVER TOKENS TO NEXT YEAR,
SO KEEP ON SAVING DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2014.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 2013!

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
Merit Award Winners

Year One Assembly
Karrinyup Saints Football Club
If you are interested please collect a flyer from the school office or contact John Mottolini 0423829480.

Dental Therapy Centre Westminster – 9345 331
After primary school, the School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventive dental care across WA for all enrolled students in Years 8-11. If you are not already enrolled, it is not too late to enrol now.
During the holidays the emergency numbers to contact are 9325 3452 or if eligible for the Oral Health Centre of WA phone 9346 4400.

Archdiocesan Centenary Celebrations
1913 - 2013
Marian Novena
Nine Days of Prayer
St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth
Sunday 1 December - Saturday 7 December 2013
Holy Hour 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 8 December 2013
Vespers 7.00 - 8.00pm
Mass of Solemnity for the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 9 December 2013
7.00pm, St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth

Celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

"In this centenary year of the erection of the Church in Perth as an archdiocese, the rededication of the ‘archdiocese to Our Lady’ and the ‘role of the Immaculate Conception’ provides all of us with the opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the role which the Lord has given to Mary in our personal lives and in the life of the Church. Please join us for the Novena each evening at 7.00pm in the Cathedral from 1 December and for the Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception on 9 December. As we rededicate the Cathedral and our archdiocese to Our Lady on December 8 your prayers can be a tangible sign that you wish to associate yourself, your family and your friends in this act of devotion and faith.”

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

JOURNEY WITH MARY TOWARDS HER SON
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS