Last week it was pleasing to see the nine large boxes filled with gifts and items for the St Vincent de Paul Society. This gift giving program has grown into a major source of joy for the less fortunate amongst us. I cannot help noting the parallel with the loaves and the fishes! If we look at the poverty and injustice in the world and do nothing because the task seems so huge, nothing will change. But if we are prepared to share ‘our loaves and fishes’ – no matter how humble the offering - we can make a difference.

May God bless you all with the joy of His birth and may the holiday period be safe and happy for everyone.

BALCATTASCHOOLS UNITE
On Monday evening students from Balcatta Primary and St Lawrence joined together to perform a range of dances. In the spirit of Christmas it was great to see all students interact so positively with each other. Thank you to Mr Haydon and Balcatta Primary who organised this community event.
KINDY, PRE PRIMARY, YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES

Over the last week students in Kindergarten, Pre Primary, Year One and Year Two have performed Nativity, Advent and Christmas Concerts. All students were fantastic in bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our lives. I would like to thank all staff who ensured these assemblies were so meaningful and relevant to our students.

YEAR BOOK

The eldest student in each family will receive the 2016 St Lawrence Yearbook. The Yearbook is a great opportunity to reflect and celebrate the many achievements and events throughout the school year. I would like to thank Mrs Marie Boyle and Mrs Marie Heavey for co-ordinating and organising this excellent publication. I hope you enjoy it for many years to come.

CANTEEN

Last week I was notified by Mrs Nova Gibbons that she will be resigning from the school canteen at the end of 2015. I would like to formally thank Nova for all her hard work and professionalism in managing the school canteen. Nova often spends extra hours here on a Monday or Tuesday to ensure the smooth running of the canteen. We wish Nova all the best in 2016 and we will miss your delightful treats.

FIRST DAY OF 2016

All parents should be aware that Monday 1 February is the first day of school for all students. Please note that all students should wear their summer school uniform as Edudance will be occurring on Tuesdays throughout Term One.

REPORTS

On Friday afternoon all families will be emailed a link to access their child’s Semester Two Report. If you are leaving the school at the end of 2015 you must save these reports as they will be unavailable next year. Reports are an opportune time to continue discussions about your child’s progress. It is important to look at effort marks as well as academic results. All parents are welcome to come to school on Monday 14 December and have an interview with their child’s teacher regarding their academic progress.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

The following dates are for the Sacraments in 2016:

- Confirmation Saturday 14 May at 6.00pm and Sunday 15 May at 8.30am
- Eucharist Saturday 28 May at 6.00pm and Sunday 29 May at 8.30am or 5.30pm
- Reconciliation Wednesday 7 September at 6.30pm

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal
MASS FOR GRADUATION
Mass for Graduation for our Year Six students will be on Thursday 10 December at 6.00pm. All students receiving the St Lawrence Medal Award will be presented following this Mass. All students from Year Three to Year Six are expected to attend this important school event.

REPORTS
Reports will be electronically distributed on Friday 11 December. Teachers are available for interviews on Monday 14 December.

MASS ATTENDANCE BOOKLETS
If your child is in receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3), Communion (Year 4) or Confirmation (Year 6) in 2016 they will receive a Mass Attendance Booklet. Please read the accompanying letter from Fr Irek. Thank you for your support.

Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey

Odd Sock Day - Thank you!
You have all helped us raise $235 for Caritas.

We have bought gifts of education, food and water. We are very thankful for your help to help others, we couldn’t have done it without you.
PRE KINDY
We are finally at the end of a very exciting and wonderful year for all Pre Kindy children where we have grown up so very much and learnt lots. It has been fabulous teaching such gorgeous, happy children and I know that their year in Kindy will be enthralling with such wonderful staff to care and guide their learning.
I thank all parents for their support and interest in our programme, Mr Rose for always dropping in to say hi and have a chat and Mrs Nyersh for the passion, hard work and friendship she has given to me in Pre Kindy. I have found it to be very rewarding and a very special day in my week.
May you all enjoy a very holy, happy and safe Christmas with your loved ones. Thank you!
Mrs Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN
The year is just about at an end. We have had a fabulous year in Kindy with the children learning so much and having fun. It has been a pleasure watching them learn and grow over the year. They are a gorgeous group of children and I am sad to see them move on but at least we will see each other in the playground next year! I wish them all the best for Pre Primary next year. I would like to genuinely thank you parents for all your help and support over the year. This helps to make things run smoothly in Kindy making it the best learning environment for your children. Also a huge thank you to Michelle Seragusana and Kayli Thompson who always have a big smile on their faces and are a wonderful support to me and the children ensuring Kindy is a happy and productive place to be. Thank you ladies. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Holy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and safe 2016.
Mrs Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher

PRE PRIMARY
What a fantastic year we have had in Pre-primary! We have learnt how to read and write! We have learnt to count, to add, to write numbers past 20 and we have had a ball playing pirates, listening to stories and making new friends!
Yesterday I sent home some information on how to access levelled readers on reading eggs. Please keep reading over the break to keep our reading skills fresh for Year One.
Thank you all for your gifts and kind thoughts in the run up to Christmas, as well as all your help over the year! A big thank you to Frances and Benedicta for helping us with the end of the year clean up.
Have a very safe and happy Christmas from Edel Waldron and Adelaida Baker!
Mrs Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher

YEAR ONE
It was wonderful to see the Year One and Two students present the Advent Assembly on Monday. The students did a fantastic job. Well done to everyone.
We had a great time on our excursion to Kings Park yesterday. It was a long day and the children were beautifully behaved and did well to represent St Lawrence. They worked well together to complete different challenges and collect enough bush gold to give to Mr Fox and save Kings Park. The children have started bringing home workbooks. These can stay at home.
It is hard to believe that the year has come to an end. When I look back to when the children started in Year One it makes me so very proud to see just how far they have come and how much they have grown. They walk into class each morning with smiling faces and get on with the day. They are willing to learn and more importantly they look after each other. Each and every one of them shows the Spirit of Jesus every day. They are a very special class and I am going to miss them very much. Thank you boys and girls for always doing your very best and for a wonderful year. I feel very blessed that I was able to share the year with you and help you learn and grow. I have had lots of fun and I know that you are going to have a great time in Year Two with Miss Brenkley. Remember to read every day during the holidays. Thank you to all the wonderful Year One parents. Your support in the classroom and at home has been very much appreciated and valued. You have all made this a great year.
YEAR ONE NEWS CONTINUE
Wishing everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas and a fabulous 2016.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Teacher.

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s have worked hard all year and it’s been wonderful to see the progress they have made! They did an outstanding job on the Advent Assembly and should be very proud of their efforts. We are very excited about our excursion tomorrow – a reminder that lunch will be provided, but you will still need to provide some recess and a drink. And don’t forget hats! Thank you all for your support this year, have a safe and happy Christmas.

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year Two Teacher

YEAR THREE
WOW! The end of the year is already here. Thank you to all parents for your assistance to make this year very successful and enjoyable for all. Parent support and assistance is invaluable. I thank Mrs Bozich for all her hard work with the children on a Wednesday and the great experiments that the children have enjoyed so much. Thanks also to Mrs Staltari for her assistance in the classroom and working with the children.
I wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas with your family. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all as my next door neighbours next year!

Miss Angela Leddin, Year Three Teacher

YEAR FOUR
We have come to the end of a very busy and rewarding year. To continue with all the hard work your child has been doing, I encourage them during the holidays to read and complete quizzes on Literacy Pro, complete any set Mathletics tasks and create projects on apps of their choice. Thank you to all the parents who have helped this year listening to morning reading, assisting on excursions and coming in to clean desks. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the students who have been an absolute delight to teach. They continue to amaze me each day with their positive attitude and eagerness to learn. I wish all the children and their families a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Enjoy your holidays, have lots of fun and see you in 2016.

Mrs Marie Heavey, Year Four Teacher
YEAR FIVE
This year has certainly been a busy and productive year for our Year Five class! It has been so pleasing to see the class grow in their learning and team work skills. During the holidays please encourage your child to continue reading each day to consolidate their reading and comprehension skills. This week all students were given workbooks and book covers from Mr Haydon in preparation for Year Six. The students have also been reminded that they will need to bring their headphones back to school next year to use with their iPad in Year Six. I would like to thank all students and families for a wonderful year and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing the students back at school in 2016 as the student leaders of St Lawrence.

Miss Emma Reid, Year Five Teacher

YEAR SIX
Thank you for the food, drink and your attendance at the ballroom dancing evening. It was a wonderful evening. The Graduation ceremonies follow on from Mass which commences at 6.00pm tomorrow. Our final day, on Friday December 11, will include a picnic lunch at Mawson Park, Whitfords. I hope you will be able to come and join us there. Lunch will be around 12:00 pm. The Year Six students will leave the park at 12.45pm and travel to Lazer Blaze, returning to school for normal pick up.

Mr Phil Haydon, Year Six Teacher

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YEAR SIX GRADUATION SUPPER
A reminder that the Graduation Supper on Thursday after the mass is for Graduating students, parents and siblings only.

Thank you to the families that have brought in their 2 litre drink. If you haven’t already, could you please bring it in ASAP ready for the Graduation Supper on Thursday.

If you can spare some time at 1.00pm on Thursday to help set up the hall, your help will be greatly appreciated as many hands make light work.

We would like to thank the school and the P&F for their generous donation towards the Graduation supper.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Lucia - 0420 974 661, Teresa - 0419 245 628 or Angela - 0421 274 439

We look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate our child's graduation night.

From: Lucia Lizzi, Teresa Bianco and Angela Mattioli.
Children from Pre-Primary to Year 4 will be bringing home a cover sheet which is to be glued on the cover of one of the scrapbooks on their booklists. Please ensure your child’s name is written on the sheet and then cover with clear contact. Children currently in Year 5 can design their own front cover and then have their library 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.

Thanks also to the many children who volunteer to do jobs at in the library at lunchtimes. We really appreciate your help.

Together with Mrs Frenzel, we would like to wish all St Lawrence families a joyous Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.

_Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian_

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Thank you to everyone for making 2015 a success year for the St Lawrence canteen. We appreciate everyone that helped out and supported us. We have enjoyed every minute spent providing delicious food for your beautiful children.

iPad and Fitbit raffle will be drawn Thursday 10 December.

Colouring competition will also be judged on Thursday by Mr Tonge.

_Thank you, Nova Gibbons, Canteen Manageress_

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**PRE-PRIMARY PARENTS**

Uniform orders which you have placed for commencement of your child in Year 1, 2016 must be collected and payment is required (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE). Last day the Uniform Shop will be open is THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER.

**SCHOOL SOCKS**

All students in Year 1 to Year 6 must wear School Socks available from Uniform Shop for both Sport and School Uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct socks for 2016.

**OPENING TIME 2016**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 28th January 2016 from 2.30pm - 3.30pm for parents needing last minute items.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

_UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES_

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

_Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager_
Congratulations on the completion of year 2015!
This semester I was delighted to teach Music to our younger students – Pre Primary, Years One and Two.
We tried some new methods and strategies in learning music concepts, developing artistic and performing skills, working in collaboration and helping each other.
Some Years 1 students were happy to take on Teacher Assistant role addressing the whole class or helping classmates individually.
Year 2 students were successfully organising small performance groups to work on the musical items.
Pre-Primary students were so great and talented that we productively discussed different elements of music, learnt a few songs and even tried singing in there parts!
It was a lovely semester full of fun! Now we are all ready for a Festive season and relaxing break!
I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy exciting holidays!

Mrs Svetlana Zenkina, Music Teacher

Carols by Candlelight

Friday
11 December
7pm

St Lawrence Church

All Welcome