Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 3! I trust that you enjoyed the winter break and managed to stay warm wherever you were.

Trish Saultry is on long service leave for 5 weeks. During her leave, Mrs Bec Browne will be taking junior ICT and working in Gr 5/6C. Bec has worked with us many times over the years and we are very lucky to have her join us. Rhonda Mackie is also taking leave to fulfil placement requirements for her teaching course. Ms Robyn Piasente will replace Rhonda during this term, helping and supporting children in various classrooms. Robyn was on teaching rounds with us last term where she displayed a wonderful rapport with the students. I thank her for accepting this replacement role.

We welcome back Tenneale Grayden after maternity leave. She will continue her shared teaching role with Anna Patterson in Gr 3/4J. We also welcome Erin Baudinette and Jake Burge who are currently studying Primary Teaching at Federation University and are here on teaching rounds. They have both settled into their classrooms.

We have a very exciting term ahead of us and I look forward to sharing the events with you all. Our main events include: Grade 5/6 Camp to Melbourne, Gymnastic presentations, Father’s Day Breakfast, Royal Park Netball, First Eucharist. Please watch the newsletter for dates.

HOMEWORK SURVEY: The School Board is very interested in gaining parent feedback in relation to homework. A survey will be sent home shortly. Please take the time to complete this survey.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS TOMORROW, (Thursday 16th): Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews tomorrow, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au School event code is QQLF9 or you can go directly to school interviews via tiqbiz OR call the office if you need assistance. Please be aware that appointments are strictly 10minutes. If you require longer please arrange this with your child’s teacher for another time.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING: It is that time of year when accidents do happen and children get muddy or wet. Please ensure that your children have a spare change of clothes and a plastic bag in their school bags. We only have a limited supply of spares at school. It would be helpful also if younger children had a spare pair of underpants and a plastic bag in their school bags for unexpected ‘accidents’. If we supply your child with underpants, due to health regulations we do not require them back, but we would appreciate a new replacement pair.

FOREIGN CURRENCY: We have been receiving quite a bit of foreign currency coins in the donations and payments that come into school. We ask that you do not use this currency for school—we cannot bank it. Please note that you can donate this currency at the international donation point at the airport, or, take it to the bank and get it exchanged.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM COMMENCES TODAY—START COLLECTING STICKERS WITH YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING, PUT THEM ONTO A STICKER SHEET AND BRING IT TO SCHOOL WHEN IT IS FULL AND PUT IT IN THE BOX LOCATED IN THE FOYER. YOU CAN PUT THE STICKERS DIRECTLY INTO THE BOX AS WELL.

Sticker sheets were sent home today.

STUDENT FREE DAY WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

To contact P & F members email: stlaurencepandf@gmail.com

NEXT P & F MEETING IS Tuesday, 21st July at 7m in the staff room.

HOT LUNCHES ON THURSDAYS DURING TERM 3

GIRLS WINTER TUNICS: Girls winter grey box pleat tunics are available from Beleza School Uniforms 6B Seymour St, Traralgon. Phn: 51 765 007.

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2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP
We have a selection of 2nd hand uniforms for sale at school. Please call Krista on 0409 585 080 or Rachel on 0408 624 062

We have several Size 4-6 Jumpers $5

WINTER BEANIES $5

BUS PASSES
BUS PASSES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR LEISURE/SPORTING ACTIVITIES, MUSIC LESSONS, PARTIES OR SLEEPOVERS. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY AND WILL BE DECIDED BY THE SECONDARY COLLEGE BUS CO-ORDINATOR. 24 HOURS NOTICE IS NEEDED.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
It is policy of St Laurence’s that there are to be NO dogs in/on the school grounds even if on a lead. Assistance dogs accepted.

2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

Have you enrolled your child for preps 2016? If not, please do so immediately so we can include them in class structures for next year.

2015/2016 EXITING FAMILIES

If you are not returning to St Laurence’s in 2016, we would appreciate it if you could please contact the office as soon as possible so we can factor this into next year’s class structure.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday, 4th June 7 students competed in the regional cross-country which was held at Lardner Park, Warragul. An icy cold day and a very challenging course greeted the runners and all our students ran extremely well to finish in the top half of each event. There were some very good runners competing and there were about 170 in each race.

Taite Cumming, Bella Kent and Ada Hill all qualified to run in the State final to be held tomorrow at Bundoora. Good luck to those three and well done to the other runners at Warragul. Results at Lardner Park were:

11 Boys Taite Cumming 3rd
11 Girls Bella Kent 11th
10 Girls Ada Hill 7th
10 Girls Taya Cameron 15th
10 Girls Christine Denbrook 32nd
12/13 Girls Merrin Giles 32nd
12/13 Girls Paige Da Costa 36th

Well done to you all.

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REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

PROPOSED CAMP DATES

Grade 3 Wilsons Promontory Camp 25th & 26th November

Grade 4 Wilsons Promontory Camp 26th & 27th November

Prep 1 Phillip Island Excursion 29th October
Gr 2 Sleepover 29th October
Gr 2 Phillip Island Excursion 6th November
Gr 6 Inverloch Bike Hike 14th & 15th December

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

It is an expectation that all children attend camp/excursions.

IF YOUR CHILDREN CANNOT ATTEND CAMP, PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN EXCLUDE THEM FROM CAMP COSTINGS.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT INFORM THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHILD’S NON ATTENDANCE TO CAMPS/EXCURSIONS WE WILL CHARGE YOU THE BUS PORTION OF THE CAMP/EXCURSION COSTS AS THIS IS AN OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE FOR THE SCHOOL.
FOUND: Black rabbit in Blackmore Avenue on Saturday, 11th July. Call the office for a contact number.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATION EVENING FOR RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Are you interested in improving your relationship with Jesus and learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps someone in your family or group of friends has expressed an interest in exploring who God is for them and what difference he can make in their life. Maybe you have been baptised but haven’t gone on to receive the other Sacraments? If so RCIA could help answer some of your questions. Come & See! An RCIA Information Night will be held on Thursday August 13th, 7.30pm at St Laurence’s Parish Centre Leongatha. This is followed by 5 weeks of Inquiry Sessions that give a basic overview of the Catholic Faith. For those who are interested to go still further, this leads into a longer process that prepares people for entering the Catholic Church at Easter 2016. You are free to stop at any stage of the process; there is no obligation to continue. For further information collect a brochure from the School Office/Church foyer or phone Anne Vaughan on 56622880.

STUDENT INDIGENOUS ART WORK OUTSIDE LIBRARY
EARN AND LEARN IS BACK !! BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th—TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths starting TODAY, Wednesday, 15 July and ends on Tuesday, 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school and put in the purple box in the foyer marked EARN & LEARN. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Congratulations Bron Kalos on receiving the Australian Council of Education Creative Arts Award for the Gippsland region (former teacher of St Laurence’s now working at Mary Mackillop College in Leongatha). The criteria for receiving this award was the use of the Arts to promote multi-learning across all curriculum areas.