Dear Parents and Guardians,

SACRAMENTS
We pray for the following children who are preparing for First Eucharist: Nathan Giardina, Ruby Battersby, Charlotte Berry, Katie Blackshaw, Samuel Carmody, Bayleigh Cowell, Blake Denbrok, Sandra Dyke, Lucy Falls, Tadhg Gannon, James Heneghan, Harry Hoekstra, Raph Jeffers, Alex Johnston, Isaac Karipel, Bella Licciardello, Stella McGannon, Zac McRae, Liam Neilson, Kealey Oliver, Allison Oliver, William Patton, Ann Santosh, Billy Trotman, Sophie Wright. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
This Friday is the Feast of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary. We welcome all parents to celebrate in a whole school Mass at 9:30am.

O Mary,
God’s Son became your Son and you became both our Mother and our Queen.
From your heavenly throne, intercede for your subjects who are daily confronted with life’s trials. Help us to find comfort in our recourse to you and bring us closer to your Divine Son whose glory and honour we proclaim forever.
Amen.

Victorian Netball School Championships
This Thursday, 9 students from St Laurence’s will be representing our school in the Victorian Netball Championships in Traralgon. The students have been training during lunchtimes and are very eager and enthusiastic. Good luck girls.

Extra sticker sheets are available from the Safeway or the school office.
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

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

**NEXT P & F MEETING IS 19th August 7:00pm**
Please be on the lookout for a Parents & Friends Survey which will be coming out to every family in the next week or so.

Parents & Friends Coming up in Term 3
Father’s Day Breakfast - Friday September 4th
School Disco - Friday September 11th

A new Canteen Roster for Term 3 is now available. Thank you to those who volunteered.

Aug 13th:  Tona O’Connor, Samantha Wearne, Bree Fennell, Em McIndoe
Aug 20th:  Di Marinou, Em McGannon, Bree Fennell, Juliet Kohlman
Aug 27th:  Tona O’Connor, Timara Hill
           Kylie Box, Debbie Gannon
Sept 3rd:  Tona O’Connor, Tamara Hill
           Jo Denbrok, Debbie Gannon
Sept 10th: Di Marinou, Jo Denbrok
          Em McIndoe, Kylie Box
Sept 17th: Tona O’Connor, Em McGannon
          Jo Denbrok, Juliet Kohlman

**HOT LUNCHES ON THURSDAYS DURING TERM 3**

**NEW ADDITION TO HOT LUNCHES**

Beef Spring Rolls –50cents each

**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 structures.

**FRENCH NEWS**

**FRENCH**: French Day is near - 21st August.
Dress up theme is anything French. Activities include:
- Dress up day parade
- French market with food
- handmade goods for sale
- cinema session especially for parents to attend at the end of the day

**HOMEWORK SURVEY**

Thank you for responding to our recent survey. We received 107 responses which have provided valuable feedback for planning ahead.
At the last Board Meeting, these findings were discussed.
The main points of interest were;
- Homework is NOT seen as a high priority for learning by a majority of our parents
- Homework creates anxiety and disharmony in families
- Current Homework expectations are seen as inconstant across the levels.

A list of considerations has been forwarded to the staff by the Board.
The staff are currently working through this information and have started on drafting a new homework policy and expectations.
A draft of this policy will be presented at the next Board Meeting.
In the meantime, teachers will be providing homework for all students as in the past. I ask that you continue to communicate with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns over content or expectations.

**Sick Children**

At the moment we are experiencing a great number of children suffering from cold and flu like symptoms. Many children are coming to school already feeling unwell and we are having to make contact with parents early in the day to collect them.
Therefore, please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Children attend school to learn and when sick are often not able to do this. Please also consider others and help them avoid your child’s illness.
**AWARDS**

Class Awards and Pen Licences 31/7/15

Class Awards and Pen Licences 7/8/15

**STATE CROSS-COUNTRY**

On Thursday 16th July Ada Hill, Taite Cumming and Bella Kent competed at Bundoorah in the State Cross-country Championships. Our students ran really well and in one case, there was less than a minute between where they finished and the winner. It is certainly an achievement to make it through to the State level of competition. Results; 11yrs Taite 49th and Bella 48th; and 10yrs Ada 46th

**WINTER SPORTS**

Following our Winter Sports Program in Term2, seven students were the recipients of sports balls in their respective sports. At Last Friday’s assembly, these awards were offered as an encouragement for efforts and enthusiasm. St Laurence’s has been most fortunate over the past number of years in that a former parent, Mr Con DeBondt, donates three leather Sherrin footballs to be given to students as seen fit. This extremely generous gift is always greatly appreciated. The awards now extend to netball and soccer. The recipients of the awards were;

Football; Erich O’Hare, Trixie Bishop, Rex Davidson

Soccer; Sandra Sabu, Olivia Warren

Netball Heidi Tieman, Samantha Dyke

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

Program 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 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.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY. START COLLECTING STICKERS WITH YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING. PUT THEM ONTO A STICKER SHEET OR POP THEM IN THE ST LAURENCE’S BOX LOCATED IN THE LEONGATHA STORE OR IN THE FOYER AT SCHOOL.

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Saturday, September 12th, 2015 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, September 13th, 2015 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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