Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our last term for 2015. Hasn’t the year flown by? I hope that you are all well rested for the very busy term ahead.

We are getting into concert mode with preparations and practice. The children are all very enthusiastic. Some classes will be asked to bring items for costumes etc. A list of items per class will follow. This year the concert is on Thursday the 29th October.

Summer is certainly here, with the first two days of the term being so warm. Maybe this is a sign of things to come. Please remember that summer uniform is now to be worn, however we do make allowances during the first two weeks of term due to unpredictable weather changes. **SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN** throughout this term. Our policy is “No Hat! No Play!” Hats are available from the office for $10. Thank you for ensuring your children are wearing their uniforms correctly. It is wonderful to see them showing pride in their school.

Each classroom has its own sun-screen for student use. We have supplied the Banana Boat brand. If you are aware that your child may have an allergic reaction to this brand, please notify your child’s teacher, and we also ask that you provide an appropriate sun-screen for them to keep in their bag.

**Gospel Reflection**

Like many of us, the man in next Sunday’s gospel, lived a good life and was obedient to God. He probably felt pretty confident in what Jesus’ answer would be when he asked what he had to do in order to be part of God’s Kingdom. Jesus questioned him asking if the man lived according to God’s laws. The man was a good man and said that he did. Jesus took interest in the man and even invited him to be a follower. But Jesus asked the man to do the hardest thing. Jesus asked the man to give away all his possessions and then come follow him. It was a sad moment for both Jesus and the man, because the man owned many material goods and could not part with them.

We live in a time when material possessions are easy to accumulate. Their quality may vary from family to family, but it’s safe to say that most of us own more, wear more, drive more, and eat more than we need for survival. From time to time, it’s good for us to take stock of the things surrounding us and notice what it is we hold on to. Why do we hold on and would it be better to let go of some things? Sometimes our possessions can make us slaves to them.

Take some time as a family to sort through closets, cupboards and drawers. If you are donating goods make sure that clothes or unused items are clean and in good shape. Take them to Vinnies so they can be used by those in need. This is something that will relate well with all the children during this time as all classes are focusing on our Mission units in R.E. You can also explain that leading up to Christmas, some people who are not as fortunate may really appreciate some of the toys, clothes and games that your children no longer need. Be generous in what you decide to part with. Most of the things you give away you will have decided you don’t really need. Maybe avoid the temptation to replace them with a similar or substitute item. A very easy thing to do during Christmas shopping.
SUNHATS
In Term 4, St. Laurence’s blue school sunhats are to be worn. Hats are available from the school office.

“No hat, No play”
Cricket Style $10.00

Please note that it is not acceptable to have a frayed hat or have graffiti on hats.

SCHOOL FEES

ALL SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE PAID AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE: Unless you are on a payment plan or have contacted the school with your intentions, please forward your full payment to school at your earliest convenience via BPAY, internet transfer, cash or cheque. School banking details are:

National Australia Bank
BSB: 083 879
Account No: 695442509

Indicate your initial and surname as your reference please.

P & F
Tuesday Ice-creams/Slushies

SLUSHIES $1
CHOC COATED ICE-CREMES $1
YOGHURT ICE-CREMES $1
ZOOPER DOOPERS – 50c
ICYPOLES – 50c

 Helpers needed from 1:00 – 1:45pm. Your help will be very much appreciated. No preparation to do.

Please call Deb on 0400 140 449.
Commencing Tuesday, 6th October.

3 / 4 CAMP AND PREP/ 1/2 EXCURSION & OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

It is an expectation that all children attend camp. We are in the process of calculating costs for camp.

IF YOUR CHILDREN CANNOT ATTEND, 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.

ICY POLES

FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES
TERM 4

50 cents
To be sold at the kitchen window

As part of our School Social Justice Mission, grade 6 leaders will be selling icy poles donated by the staff each Friday in Term 4

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THE ART ROOM NEEDS CLEAN STOCKINGS (CAN BE SECOND HAND). PLASTIC BOTTLES 1.25—2LITRE SOFT DRINK / WATER BOTTLES.

SPORTS UNIFORM

St. Laurence’s polo shirt (short/long sleeved)
Royal blue rugby knit shorts (basketball shorts are unacceptable)
St. Laurence’s School Rugby Windcheater
Royal Blue School tracksuit pants
White socks
Blue school hat
Runners

Summer Girls
St Laurence’s School Check Dress/Shorts (white, blue, grey check)
St Laurence’s White Polo Shirt (short/long sleeved)
St Laurence’s School Rugby Windcheater
White school anklet socks
Black (traditional leather type) school shoes/boots (NO SKATE SHOES)
Royal blue school hat
Hair ribbons – blue/white

Summer Boys
Midford grey school shorts– basic style
St Laurence’s White Polo Shirt (short/long sleeved)
St Laurence’s School Rugby Windcheater
Grey School Anklet Socks
Black (traditional leather type) school shoes/boots (NO SKATE SHOES)
Royal Blue School Hat
2016 Prep Transition Sessions and Whole School Orientation Day

The main aim of the Prep Transition Days is to familiarise parents and children with the school, the staff, its surroundings and facilities. There are three sessions arranged just for the Preps of 2016 and then a whole school orientation day on Tuesday, 1st December.

**Wednesday, 28th October** 9:30 – 10:30  2016 Preps Only.

**Thursday, 12th November**  9:30 – 11:30  2016 Preps Only

**Tuesday, 24th November**  10:30 – 2:00  2016 Preps Only

**Tuesday, 1st December**

- **ALL 2016 Prep - 6 students**  11:30 – 1:45  Whole School Orientation

- **Tuesday 1st December**  Whole Day  Yr 7 at Mary MacKillop for 2016

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Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in Morwell.

More than 2000 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations show an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

**When:** 19th, 20th & 21st October 2015

**Where:** Lifeline Gippsland, Cnr Church & Fleming Streets, Morwell, VIC 3840

**Time:** 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)

**Cost:** FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided – participants to bring own lunch)

**Registration:** Register via the “Events & Workshops” section of our website [www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au)

**Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:**
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 – 25 years, diagnosed with Autism
- The individual with autism must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

**Families participating in this workshop will:**
- Develop an understanding of autism and how autism impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

**Enquiries:**
Workshop enquiries: Contact Amber Day Administration – Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au
Significant barriers to attending a workshop: Contact Heather Kirkhope - Service Coordinator 9377 6600

**What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:**

“Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others.”

“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on.”

“Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpacking the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much.”
The Asanti Dance Theatre, a Melbourne-based Afro contemporary theatre company will perform their family show *Kojo and the Ananse Tales* at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, Falls Road, Fish Creek on Friday 16 October, 7-8pm. Cost: All tickets $10. The show is suitable for all ages.

Wonthaggi Primary School is holding the 2015 Kidz Mini Mudda event once again, and it is looking pretty exciting – to be held on Saturday 31st October at school 10.00am-1.00pm (Melbourne Cup weekend). Phone: 0356 721600 or Email: hally.vin.r@edumail.vic.gov.au for visit http://www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au for more information.

*McHappy Day*, Saturday 17th October 8am—5pm. Circus theme with face painting, hair spray, lucky dips and some great prizes can be won. Bob the Builder will make an appearance. $2 from every Big Mac bought will go to charity. Funds raised and donations collected on this day go towards the RMHC (Ronald MacDonald House Charity) which extends to Ronald McDonald Houses, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and Ronald McDonald Family Retreats.

**Come and Try Guiding:** Do you want your daughter to develop her leadership skills, learn to serve the community, challenge herself in the outdoors, make new friends and have fun? Why not try Girl Guides? You can come and try Girl Guides at Leongatha for two free weeks to see if it is for you. Leongatha Girl Guides have two units:

- **Lyrebirds** – meet Wednesday 5pm to 6.30pm for girls in grades 1 to 4
- **Lizards** – meet Wednesday 7pm to 8.30pm for girls in grades 4 and above. If you are interested in giving Guides a go please contact Chris Oliver on 0428644397 or coliver@guidesvic.org.au

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**FAIRER WORLD BAZAAR**

**Saturday 17th October ‘15**

9.30 am – 1.30 pm

Leongatha Uniting Church Hall

Pearl Street

- an alternative gift fair –

On Sale: handcrafted goods from Asia and Africa

On Show: information displays that explore ways to change the world one small step at a time

Free entry: light refreshments available

making a difference

This Anti-Poverty Week event is brought to you by Leongatha TEAR Support & Make Poverty History Action Groups

*Proudly sponsored by:*

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*St Laurence O’Toole Primary School*

For uniting in the fight against cancer on Footy Colours Day 2015 and supporting young Aussies living with cancer.

Managing Director

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NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
It is policy of St Laurence’s that there are to be **NO dogs** in/on the school grounds at any time. Assistance dogs accepted.

Daffodil Festival Winners

Merrin Giles - 2nd place
Ruby Adkins - 1st place
Miah Khan - 2nd place
Alex Battersby - Highly Commended
Charlie Wilson - Highly Commended (absent)

P & F Cuppa for parents
Monday 12th Oct.
9:15am
Conference Room
All welcome.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Special Quest Speaker - Anne Vaughan

In the last week of school Anne kindly visited Prep F and Prep One E to speak about our Church, its history, people involved and activities that occur in the Church. It was wonderful to see the painting showing the change in the Church over 100 years and the students were very interested in what Anne had to share.

We thank Anne for giving up her time for this special talk.

Prep / Prep One Sports

Thanks to all the parent helpers who joined us for our tabloid sports. It was a wonderful afternoon and the students all had a great time and our Grade 3 / 4 leaders were fantastic role models. It was fabulous to have some many parents available to help.
Dear Parent/s,

We are heading into the last term of the 2015 year. This means there is only 4 months until your Kinder Kid becomes a Schoolie.

To help with the transition from kindergarten to primary school, we have arranged a number of school visits.

**Wednesday, 28th October**  9:30 – 10:30  2016 Preps Only
Parents are invited down to the Conference Room for a cuppa.

**Thursday, 12th November**  9:30 – 11:30  2016 Preps Only
Please bring water bottle, morning snack and a hat.

**Tuesday, 24th November**  10:30 – 2:00  2016 Preps Only
Please bring a hat, water bottle, morning snack, lunch and fruit for quiet-time after lunch.

**Tuesday, 1st December**  11:30 – 1:45  Whole School Orientation
ALL 2016 Prep - 6 students  New Preps Please bring water bottle, lunch and a hat.
Also a;
Parent Information Evening  for 2016 Preps;
‘The First Day of School’
6:00pm in the Library

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the Transition Process, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to see you later this term.
We’re using an app to communicate with you.

You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications.

Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

**Search in your app store: tiqbiz**

- **Android Device**
- **iPad & iPhone**
- **Windows Phone** (Version 8.0 and above)

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO APPLE USERS:**
Click 'allow' notifications when asked.

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**Technical Support**
9am-5pm Mon-Fri (AEST)

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