Dear Parents and Guardians,

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY: There has been a number of students arriving at school well before the 8:35am supervised yard time, some as early as 8:00am. **A reminder that there should be no students at school before 8:20am.**

SCHOOL START TIME **8:55am:** Please have respect for teachers and other class members by arriving to school **ON TIME.** There has been a consistent number of students arriving late for school, this is unacceptable.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY— **30th OCTOBER:** We wish to thank all of our teachers who work tirelessly and with enthusiasm and care to help nurture and educate the students of St Laurence's. Thank you for sharing your invaluable knowledge and for your special care and attention, which has inspired us. We appreciate your dedication and professionalism and loyalty to our school and school community. We also would like to thank our Emergency Teachers who are always willing to help out when needed. We appreciate your support of our school.

**A Prayer For Teachers**
Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers, Look upon our teachers with love. Grant them the resolve To nurture our eager minds. And to never give up on us who fall behind Bless their hearts. For they rejoice when we fail. Endow them with gentle patience For the path of learning is never easy. Kindle a spirit of passion in them It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us. Help them see the potential in each student Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make. Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences. Inspire them to touch the future They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves. Bless our teachers who have come before For their work endures to this day. Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers. To build up with their words, To love with their mind, and To share with their heart. Amen.

CONDOLENCES: Our thoughts and prayers go to Kylie & Sam Wright and family on the recent passing of Kylie’s father. Grandpa to Joshua, Aliarna, Sophie & Nathan. Please deep them in your prayers.

**BOOK WEEK**
Book Week 16th—20th November. The theme is “Into the Forest”. The book viewing will be on Monday 16th and the parade is on Friday 20th.
P & F
Tuesday Ice-creams/Slushies

SLUSHIES $1
CHOC COATED ICE-CREAMS $1
YOGHURT ICE-CREAMS $1
ZOOPER DOOPERS - $0.50
ICYPOLES - $0.50

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.

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 0406 624 062
Size 4, 6, 8 Summer dresses $5

GRADE 6 MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM
Well done to you all. A great effort all round.
Our Meals on Wheels program has finished for 2015. We wish to thank all our mums who volunteered their time to take the Gr 6 children on this very important community service. Thank you to Ellen Wilson who is the Meals on Wheels co-ordinator for St Laurence’s and very generously gave up her time to organise and participate on the roster herself. Please consider being involved next year. It only takes an hour of your time.
We are rostered on one week (Mon-Fri) a term. You don’t have to have a child in grade 6 to participate. To express your interest please call the office.

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.

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

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.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the AMC this year.
Participation:
Sam Carmody, Sophie Wright, Vismaya Biju, Ruby Adkins, Holly Belsar, Bhavani Harry, Patrick Johnston, Abby Verboon, Sullie Herbert
Proficiency:
Alice Evans, Harry Hoekstra, Billy Trotman, Grace Berryman, Will Croatto, Christine Denbrok, Harry Herbert, Ryan Treacy, Jonah Wearne, Sam Evans, Ben Peace, Sandra Sabu, Chloe Nielsen, Lara Ryan, Kohdie Simpson
Credit:
Sam Dyke, Tadgh Gannon, James Heneghan, Raph Jefferis, Montana Kranen, Chloe Battersby, Liam Smart, Tom Fitzgerald, Merrin Giles, Distinction:
Matt Fowkes, Cambell Riseley

TRANSITION & ORIENTATION 2016

2016 Prep Transition Sessions

Wednesday, 28th October 9:30 – 10:30
Parents are invited down to the conference room for a cuppa

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

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

We look forward to meeting you all again
It is important that children attend ALL sessions.

2016 Whole School Orientation Day

Tuesday, 1st December

2016 Prep - 6 students 11:30 – 1:45

2016 Yr 7 at Mary MacKillop Whole Day

Prep Parent Information Evening “The First Day of school” in the Library, 6:00pm
REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, 13th October 26 students travelled to Newborough to compete in the regional athletics. There was a noticeable life in standard from division and to attain a place at Newborough was indeed a great effort. Many thanks to all those parents who came along to support their “budding champions”.

Children had to place either first or second to qualify for the State Championships to be held at Lakeside Stadium on Monday, 27th October. Our students performed well and their efforts and behaviour were very good.

Students who placed included:

1st
Jacob McRae—10yrs Long Jump, 11yrs girls Relay
(Heidi Tieman, Rachel Carlisle, Holly Belsar, Molly Kent)

2nd
Bella Kent—11yrs Long Jump, Will Croatto—10yrs High Jump

3rd
Ada Hill—10yrs 1500m, Rachel Carlisle—11yrs Long Jump, Kade Jarvis—10yrs Long Jump, 12/13 boys Relay
(Billy Manicaro, Alex Battersby, Cambell Riseley, Elijah Spaull)

Special Mention
Bella Kent 11yrs High Jump finished 4th on a count-back from 3rd place but her jump of 1.30m was a personal best.
Darcy Berryman 11yrs High Jump, jumped a personal best of 1.25m.

JUNIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM

The last two weeks have seen the infant swimming program conducted at SPLASH. The children have been very enthusiastic and a big improvement in their confidence and skills has been seen.

Our school is so fortunate to have such a great band of Austswim teachers who are generous with their time and efforts and who always support and give wholeheartedly to the program.

Many thanks to our teachers Phil Smith, Eliza Hughes, Karen Ginnane, Bec Kranen, Sam Wearne, Claire Aeschlimann, Kylie Box, Teagan Bray, Alex Lamers, Geraldine Power, Angela Croatto, Juliette Kohlmann, Catherine Stephan and to those who helped with the dressing—Belinda Isted, Brenda O’Loughlin, Anna Kenny, Jacinta Johnston, Ali Edwards, Leisa Lomax, Iznaya Kennedy, Divya & Shiju Manavalan & Nadia Patton.

Students will receive a certificate in their end of year report.

Don’t forget about Michael’s Supa IGA Community Rewards program. Have you changed your old white tag to the new black ones? To support our school community simply present your black tag during checkout OR you can donate your points to the school. See in store or contact the office for more information.

We wish to thank IGA for this fantastic and very generous community program. To date the school has earned $18,330 just through your weekly shopping, so thank you to those families. This year we have earned $760, down by $440 from last year. This is likely to be due to families who haven’t changed over the old tags. The school is going to purchase Hi Vis vests for students to wear during our bike ed program.

As the program is solely reliant on the number of active tags to generate the funds, the question is, how many supporting families do we have? In other words if the majority of our school community families are not using the program, we are missing a great opportunity.

The number of tags that have contributed to our school is 45. We have 139 families at school, so jump in and get on board this fantastic program.

Maths Competition award recipients: Congratulations to you all.
Netball Victoria and Melbourne Vixens are excited to announce the next offering of clinics available taking place throughout Victoria. Coaches and Melbourne Vixens players have not yet been confirmed at all venues, however the website will be updated as soon as they are. If you would like to attend any of the clinics, please visit www.nvclinicsandcamps.com.au. Please be advised all clinics sold out during the April, July and September school holidays this year, so don’t hold off.

**Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January 2016—Netball Victoria Super Camp:** Venue: State Netball Hockey Centre, Brens Drive, Parkville. Time: Day 1 – 9.30am – 4.30pm / Day 2 – 9.30am – 4.30pm. Ages: 11 – 16 year olds. Participants turning 11 are eligible to attend if they have played competition netball in 2015. $250 includes Camp singlet, drink bottle and main meals. Limited to 100 places. Registrations open Monday 19 October.

**Wednesday 13th January 2016—Netball Victoria School Holiday Clinic:** Venue: State Netball Hockey Centre, Brens Drive, Parkville. Time: 9am – 3pm. Ages: 8 – 15 year olds. Participants turning 8 are eligible to attend. $99. Limited to 100 places. Registrations open Monday 19 October.

**Parent To Parent Program, Gippsland - VALUING CHILDREN IN THEIR DIVERSITY:** Parents, family & carers of children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder warmly invited to attend the next meeting Wed 4th Nov 10:30am – 12:30pm Inverloch Hub 16 A’beckett Street. Contact Julie 5657 4248 or Franki 0410 645 613 franki@hopkinsdesign.com.au

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND CARERS:** for carers & families of people with additional needs & frail aged. SGC are there for all carers providing support, social get-togethers, information sharing & regular meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month during school Term, from 10am – 12 noon at Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 2, Michael Place inn Leongatha (opposite the Post Office) Contact Heather 56 689 243 or Sheron 5662 3285. Next meeting: October 27th 2015

**OPEN DAY LEONGATHA FIRE BRIGADE:** Leongatha Fire Brigade is holding an open day on Sun 8th November. All welcome.