Dear Parent/s and Guardian/s,

2ND CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS: The new date will now be Wednesday 16th March. This change has been out of our control and we apologise for any inconvenience.

SWIMMING SPORTS: Next Thursday will see our house swimming sports for the 3-6 at Korumburra. A program will go home early next week. We need a few volunteer parents to help during the day. If you are available to assist, please contact the office as soon as possible. Your help will be very much appreciated.

3-6 SWIMMING CLOTHES: Tomorrow, Thursday, 4th, levels 4, 5, 6, + 7 will need to bring clothes for their lessons as per your note.

2015 SCHOOL CONCERT DVD’s: For the families who requested DVD’s they are ready to be collected from the office. They are $5 each. There is a number of extra copies for those who didn’t request one last year and would like a copy.

No School for Preps:
Wednesday 11th Feb
Wednesday 17th Feb
Wednesday 24th Feb
Preps attend every day onwards from 1st March.

FISH’N’CHIP NIGHT

Each year we hold an informal get together in the school grounds at the start of the year. Bring along your picnic blankets/chairs etc.

Families are invited to get together on Friday 5th February at 6:00pm.

Children have a great time playing and parents have an opportunity to catch up and meet new families.
Any comments or questions or to be added to our emailing list: email: stlaurencepandf@gmail.com

President: Jo Denbrok  Vice President: Mel Neill  
Treasurer: Bec Meadley  Secretary: Kylie Wright

FIRST MEETING FOR 2016
Parents & Friends Committee meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 10th at 6:30pm to be held in the teachers staffroom.

P & F
Tuesday Ice-creams/Slushies

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

HELPERS NEEDED FOR TERM 1 ROSTER: Deb is looking for helpers to go on the Roster for this term please. No preparation needed for this roster, you just need to sell them. You can call her on 0400 140 449.

ALL FAMILIES SHOULD NOW BE ON TIQBIZ. IF YOU HAVE NOT DOWNLOADED THIS SCHOOL APP PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NEED HELP WITH THE APP? PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL FOR ASSISTANCE. SUITS SMART PHONE, COMPUTER, TABLET, IPHONE. www.tiqbiz.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF THE END OF FEBRUARY THERE WILL BE NO HARD COPY NEWSLETTERS NEXT YEAR.

Now we have commenced a new year, you will need to make new tiqbiz selections for your child’s year/grade. To do this;
- Go into the tiqbiz app and click the menu button in the top left.
- Click “find & tick”
- Type in your name, and click when it appears.
- Tap to select the grades/years you require.
- Once you have completed the changes you needed to make, return to the inbox.

2016 TERM DATES
Term 1: 27 January (Staff) - 24 March
Term 2: 11 April - 24 June
Term 3: 11 July - 16 September
Term 4: 3 October - 20 December (Tues)

SUNHATS
In Term 1, 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.

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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

SPECIAL: BAG AND HAT COMBO: $50

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 which are donated by the staff, each Friday in Term 1

BAKERS DELIGHT SCHOOL REWARDS: EASY FUNDRAISING. When you buy your bread and baked goods at Bakers Delight mention that you would like your points to go to St Laurence’s Primary School. A portion of your purchase goes to the school. At the end of the year we receive a cheque that goes to the P & F to buy resources for our school.

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.

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.

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Being at school is a very long day for a little person. Each Wednesday for the month of February Preps are not required at school.

This year we will continue to explore improved parent participation and help in the classrooms and on excursions. However it is important to remind you that parents wishing to help in schools are required to have a Working with Children Check and inform the office once this is complete as we keep a data base of parents who have this check. This check can be applied for through the post office and is free for volunteers.

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**PREPS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

All bus travellers are on a checklist which teachers will take out during bus supervision. If your child is NOT travelling on their bus as usual, please let the office know. This will avoid teacher waiting /looking for children on their bus travel lists. The Brumley Street shuttle bus that travels from St Laurence’s to the Secondary School need to leave by 3:22pm. Therefore, children are asked to make their way to the Brumley St gate as soon as possible after the bell. Please talk to your children regarding this. (This DOES NOT apply to town buses as they are not part of the network). Please make contact with the school prior to 2:30pm.

**MEDICATION**

If your child requires medication at anytime during the year, you must fill in the official medical form which are available from the office foyer. All efforts will be made to meet medication times.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school at any time, including being late or withdrawing from school early—the appropriate form needs to be filled in. Each family was provided with 3 forms for home. You may copy more of these or are available from the school foyer next to the sign/out book. Please note that this form does not take the place of the sign in/out book. A parent or guardian must sign in late children or early withdrawal of children (forms maybe written when signing children in or out).

**SICK CHILDREN**

Children do not learn when they are unwell. Out of respect for staff and students, please keep your children home from school if they are unwell. It is recommended that children are kept home for 24-48 hours after gastro illness.
Yummy baked goods

St Laurence’s, Leongatha — St Kevin’s Meeniyan — St Joseph’s, Mirboo North — St Andrew’s Tarwin Lower & St Joseph’s, Korumburra — St Vincent’s, Loch

Parish Priests: Father Aju Varghese - Father Jeneesh Jose - Parish Secretary: Anne Hemming

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