St. Laurence’s Primary School

NEWSLETTER ◇ NUMBER 2 ◇ 4th FEBRUARY, 2015

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
5th 3-6 Swimming (clothing needed for levels 4–7)
6th Fish’n’Chip Night 6pm
9th 3-6 Swimming
11/12th iPad Rollout — POSTPONED
12th House Swimming Sports 3-6 – Korumburra
16th 3-6 Swimming
17th 3-6 Swimming (clothing needed for levels 4–7)
Shrove Tuesday
18th Ash Wednesday
19th 3-6 Swimming (Testing Day) P & T Interviews 3:40–7pm
20th iPad up front payment due
24th P & T Interviews 3:40–6pm
27th Division Swimming—Korumburra SPLASH memberships to be in to school for lesson rebates—ALL grades. Rebates will not be accepted after this date.

MARCH
3/4/5th iPad Rollout
9th Public Holiday No Students
11th School Photos
12th Regional Swimming
17th No Buses Student Free Day Staff Retreat
25th House Athletic Sports 3-6
27th Easter Liturgy End of Term – 2pm finish

APRIL
3rd Good Friday
5th Easter Sunday
6th Easter Monday
13th Term 2 commences
15th State Championships Swimming Confirmation Family Workshop 7pm in Conference Room
28th District Athletics

MAY
27th Confirmation Retreat Mary MacKillop College JUNE

6/7/13/14 Confirmation Masses

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

FISH’N’CHIP NIGHT

Each year we hold an informal get together in the school grounds at the start of the year.
BYO food/fish’n’chips/pizza/salad etc.
Bring along your picnic blankets/chairs etc.

Friday 6th February
at 6:00pm.

Children have a great time playing and parents have an opportunity to catch up and meet new families.
We look forward to seeing you there.

IPAD ROLLOUT: March 3rd, 4th and 5th as per note went home yesterday with children.

Help me Lord to be more conscious of your presence. Teach me to recognise your presence in others. Fill my heart with gratitude for the times Your love has been shown to me through the care of others.

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.
**SUNHATS**

In Term 1 & 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.*

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**BUS TRAVELLERS ABSENCES**

Please return the Afternoon Bus Travel Arrangement form to school as soon as possible and remember if your child is **NOT travelling** on their bus as usual, please let the office know. This will avoid teachers waiting /looking for children on their bus travel lists. Please make contact with the school prior to 3:00pm for bus absences.

**SHUTTLE BUS:** The shuttle bus that travels from St Laurence’s to the Secondary School needs to leave by 3:20pm. Therefore, children are asked to make their way to the **Ogilvy St** gate as soon as possible after the bell. Please talk to your children regarding this.

**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.*

**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 or online. All efforts will be made to meet medication times.

**ASSEMBLY**

Friday assembly is at 9:00am in the Big Shed. All parents welcome. Starting February 6th.

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**NO HARD COPY NEWSLETTER - TIQBIZ/EMAIL**

There will be no hard copy newsletters this year. The newsletter will come via tiqbiz and the website only. To view it online go to www.stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au under “News & Events” along the top on the right hand side.

We will continue to email the newsletter to those who registered last year. If you would like to have newsletters via email please forward an email to me at principal@stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au.

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**PREPS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

**No School for Preps:**
- Wednesday 11th Feb
- Wednesday 18th Feb
- Wednesday 25th Feb

Preps attend every day onwards from 2nd March.

**REBATES:** As per tiqbiz/email notice on Monday night, all membership information should be to the office by now. Rebates will only be offered now from the time we receive your membership. We apologise for any inconvenience. SPLASH only informed us of this decision on Monday after school hours.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM & REBATES FOR PREP–6**

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM:** Grades 3–6

Clothing will be needed for students on Levels 4 - 7 in Lesson 3 TOMORROW, Thursday, 5th Feb & Lesson 7 —Tuesday 17th Feb. As per note.

**Testing Day** is Lesson 8 Thursday, 19th February. As per note.

Swimming Sports Grade 3—6: Thursday, 12th February at the Korumburra Pool commencing at 9:45am. Students will need to wear their phys. ed. uniform, bring their hat, a cut lunch and a drink bottle. Buses will be leaving school at approx. 9:20am and return before the home buses. **HELP NEEDED:** We will need some parent help with the sports, mainly judging. If anyone can help next Tuesday please let me know. Lachie Hughes.

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECK**

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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**BELL TIMES**

**Morning Bell** 8.55am

**Recess** 11.05—11.25am

**Lunch** 1.05—1.45pm

**Home** 3.15pm

Please be on time for the beginning of the school day.
As part of our Community Services Program the Grade 6 students will assist parents with the delivery of Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is a wonderful Shire of South Gippsland Community based program which aids those who need assistance in their homes with meals.

Volunteers: More volunteers are needed to participate in this program. Ideally we would like to have enough volunteers that you would only have to go for one day session once a term. You would be needed from approx 11:30am - 12:30pm and would take two grade 6 children to assist you. You do not have to be a grade 6 parent to help out. Our first round commences on the week beginning 16th March.

If you wish to come on board we would appreciate your services. Please call Ellen on 0413 338 275 for more information or call the office.

Please note that parents need to pack a spoon in their children's lunches if needed.

Due to health regulations and the safety of our students the school is not able to provide hot water for such things as noodles or to heat lunches in the microwave. Please pack your school lunches accordingly.

It would be appreciated if children were provided with fruit that is pre-cut / peeled so as it is not left to the staff to do.

Any comments or questions: email: stlaurencepandf@gmail.com

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - 2015: This year our executive members are: President: Vacant, Vice President: Melissa Neill, Secretary: Joanne Denbrok, Treasurer: Emma McGannon, Secondhand Uniform co-ordinators: Krista Evans & Rachel Cameron. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or ideas.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND CARERS

is a group of carers & families of people with additional needs & frail aged. They 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 Leongatha (opposite the Post Office) Contact Heather 56 689 243 or Sheron 5662 3285 Next meeting: Feb 24th 2015

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation Family Workshop - Wed, April 15 - in the first week of Term 2
Retreat – Wed, May 27 during the school day
Confirmd will be on the Sat/Sun Masses in Leongatha on the weekends of 6/7 & 13/14 June.

FIRST EUCHARIST: First Eucharist Family Workshop - Wed, July 22 - second week in Term 3

First Eucharist will be offered at all masses on the weekends of 29/30 August & 5/6 September.

First Reconciliation: Reconciliation Family Workshop - Wed, Oct 7 - first week in Term 4
Retreat at MMCRC - TBC
First Reconciliation will be on Wed, Nov. 18 at 7pm in Leongatha.