Dear Parents and Guardians,

What timing for a deserved break with the extra long weekend. Hope you are all refreshed and ready to tackle the next 6 weeks of terms. The concert was a fantastic display of our schools enthusiasm and dedication to showcasing the talents of our students. Thank you so much to staff for preparing the students in what was an amazing concert on Thursday night. Thank you to all the families and friends who come to see the extravaganza. I expect you were not disappointed.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS: The School Advisory Board is an invaluable part of the St Laurence’s community. Its role is to advise the principal on issues relating to school operation, procedures and to help plan for future direction. It also helps guide the school community in its faith experience and development. The position is for 2 years. To be eligible to nominate you must be a parent who has a child currently attending St Laurence’s. Nomination Forms went home last week and are due back no later than 3:15pm on Friday, 13th November.

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Diary Dates

**November**

**4th** Gr 4 (2016 Gr 5’s) iPad parent information night 7:00pm in Rm B

5th P/1 Excursion—Phillip Island

6th Tobernaghi Mine Excursion

11th Remembrance Day

12th Prep Transition #2

12th Gr 2 Excursion—Phillip Island

12th P/1 After school activities

13th Whole School Mass (Feast of St Laurence O’Toole)

14th Feast of St Laurence O’Toole Family Mass 5pm

16-20th Book Week

17th Morning Tea for parents

20th Book Week Costume Parade Theme is ‘Into the Forest’

18th Reconciliation Mass 7pm in the church

20th All 3/4’s & 1/2i Class Mass 9:30am

24th Prep Transition #3

25th P & F Meeting AGM 7pm - All welcome.

25-27th 3/4 Camp Wilson’s Prom

27th 5/6 B & Prep F Class Mass 9:30

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**December**

1st Whole School Orientation

1st Prep Information Evening 7pm

1st Gr 6 students Orientation Mary Mackillop

4th 5/6A & 1/2G Class Mass 9:30

7 & 8th Yr 7 2016 Leongatha S C Orientation Day

10th Gr 6 Graduation Mass 7pm

11th Gr 5 Koonwarra Bike Ride

11th Gr 6 Road Testing

14-15th Gr 6 Inverloch Bike Hike

16th End of Year Closing Mass 11:30am

Last day for students

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.

ASSEMBLY — Friday assembly is at 9:00am in the Big Shed. All parents welcome.
**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.

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**HEAD LICE CHECK**

This is a reminder to be vigilant with checking your child/ren’s hair at least weekly. There has been a few reports of head lice in the junior grades. If there is an outbreak in your home, please be aware that for students to return to school there must be NO evidence of eggs remaining in the hair.

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**BOOK WEEK**

Yippee!!! Book Week is almost here.

Book Week will commence on Monday 16th November - Friday 20th Nov. The theme for this year’s Book Week is based on the Anthony Browne classic, ‘Into the Forest’. The Book Week Parade will be held at Friday’s assembly. Children are encouraged to dress up as anything that comes from a book.

A Morning Tea for parents will be held in the library at 11 am along with a wonderful ‘Into the Forest’ display made by the students. Parents are invited to view the books on sale in the library.

Carnival books is a 100% Australian owned company. 25% of the sales of these books will be earned in book commission for the purchase of books for our library. It is a great opportunity to buy books for Christmas and to celebrate the world of books.

If you have not read the story Into the Forest here is a link to the story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RFQjrXquLQ
VOX POP QUESTIONS:
1. What does ABC stand for?
2. Who is someone that shows respect in your class?
3. How do you show that you care for others?
4. Give an example of how you can be responsible.

Amber Charlton: Age 5
1. Act responsibly, Be respectful, Care for one another.
2. Ava is respectful because she helps people when they fall over.
3. I share things that I bring to school.
4. I got my concert clothes ready early.

William Taylor: Age 5
1. Act responsibly, Be respectful, Care for one another.
2. Matthew is respectful because he asks “Are you OK?” if someone is hurt.
3. Like when I was in the playground my friend Eamon B fell off and I got the teacher.
4. Well like if someone wants you to tell a teacher that they are hurt you can.

STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday, 6th October, 6 students travelled down to Lakeside Stadium to compete in the Victorian Primary Schools Athletic Championships. To reach this level of competition is huge!

Our individual events competitors included Bella Kent and Jake McRae in long jump and Will Croatto in high jump. All three tried their very hardest but none placed on the day.

The weather was cold and windy and together with nerves made competition difficult. Well done to all three to get this far.

The 11 yrs girls relay team performed very well. Bella Kent, Rachel Carlisle, Heidi Tieman and Holly Belsar finished second in their heat to qualify for the final in which they finished equal fourth. Last year the same team finished fifth. These girls worked very hard and are a great team. Fourth fastest in the state is a great achievement.

Many thanks also to all parents who come down for the day to support their children—it added to the excitement of the occasion.

God of love and liberty, We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy,
We remember those who in time of war faithfully serve their country.
We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.
Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.
This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.
Leongatha Swimming Club invites all children to a “come and try” session at Leongatha SPLASH. Cost is for pool entry only. Tue Nov 10th 6.15 - 7.15pm for juniors & 7.15 - 8.15 pm for intermediate / seniors. Fri Nov 13 for pups (under 8) 4.15 to 5.15 pm. More information about the club is on the "Gatha Sharks" website.

Leongatha Fire Brigade Open Day: Leongatha Fire Brigade invites students and their families and friends to visit the fire station on Open Day. Open Day will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Sunday 8th November at the fire station on Bair Street. Visitors can talk to members of the fire brigade about how to prepare for the summer fire danger period. Some visitors might consider joining the brigade. A free barbecue will run all day. Captain Koala will make an appearance and children will have a chance to climb on a fire truck, squirt a fire hose, do craft and colouring and bowl a fire

FOLLOW UP FROM "TOGETHER FOR KATE" FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU LETTER FROM KATE BOWLER:

Thank you to everyone for all your best wishes, support, prayers and overwhelming generosity. We have a lot to be thankful for, particularly being brought up in an amazing heartfelt community like Leongatha. All your donations and support have made this journey possible and enabled my continued treatment. You’re all helping us get through this fight. With love Kate (Bowler), Mick, Jackson and Sam Young.

Thoughts, prayer and blessing go to you Kate, for your continued treatment. The staff and students of St Laurence’s wish you well.

What are you doing on ICE? Commonwealth Lodge No. 186 invites you, the community to a very important presentation about ICE. Nov 4 at 8:00 am at the Mirboo North Footy Club social club rooms. Walter Tuck Reserve. Guest speakers from LaTrobe Regional Hospital will present on the effects of ICE on the individual and within the community, and the impact it has on family and loved ones.

Gillian Clarke: Senior Clinician
Jo Colvin: AOD Emergency Department
Peter Little: Health Promotion

The presentation will also cover alcohol abuse and mental health awareness. Contact Andrew Geary on 0400 527 689 to register your attendance. Entry: Gold coin donation to registered charity.