Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St Laurence’s we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

However, it has come to our attention that Facebook is being used as the avenue of choice when it comes to complaints and questions regarding the school. Why, I imagine many of you are asking, is it any of the school’s business what you write on your personal page or the St Lauries parent page (which is run by parents, not the school)? The answer is; anything that impacts on the good order and management of the school is considered to be an issue for the school. As many of the parents can testify, there has been some considerable Facebook traffic of late that denigrates some staff, students and the school. Any of these circumstances warrant the school becoming involved.

With this in mind I would like to remind parents to please;

- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate school’s ABC for positive behaviours, that all members of the school community should Act Responsibly, Be Respectful and Care for Others therefore setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child’s version of events with the school’s view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern instead of turning to social media which can confuse and inflame the situation.

The school is endeavouring to improve its communication strategies and will look to introduce new procedures to streamline the process as we move forward to 2016. We ask that you please abide by the above points and be patient whilst we do so.
EXCITING NEWS!!!!

“St Laurence’s Primary School Parish Fete is back on again in 2016 & we need as many hands on deck as possible to make this fete a success”.

If you see yourself wanting to help IN ANY CAPACITY, then join us for a quick 30 minute meeting to be held in the conference room, on Wednesday – 18th November 2015 @ 3:20pm, to begin planning for this family event.

Unable to make our 1st fete meeting & are keen to get involved, that’s no worries just get in contact with Joanne Denbrok via email either at stlaurencepandf@gmail.com or jdenbrok1206@bigpond.com

Remember, “Many hands make light work”
SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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BOOK WEEK

Yippee! Book Week is underway!!!

Book Week will run from 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 this Friday's assembly. Children are encouraged to dress up as anything that comes from a book.

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INVERLOCH DISTRICT ASD SUPPORT GROUP

Parents, family & carers of children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder warmly invited to attend the next meeting Wed 2nd Dec 10:30am – 12:30pm. Inverloch Hub 16 Abeckett Street. Tea/Coffee provided at no cost. Re-commencing: 3rd Feb 2016. Contact Julie 5657 4248 or Franki 0410 645 613 franki@hopkinsdesign.com.au

BOOK WEEK

Mornington Peninsula News

Mornin

Xmas

Christmas Party

Friday 11th December from 5:30pm
Meet and greet Santa from 7pm

Face Painting
Jumping Castle
Belloonist
Sporting Activities
Tractor Rides
Horse & Cart Rides

Tarrin Valley School Choir
A Variety of food & drinks available
Bar Open
All activities are free

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2. Aliarna—She cares for others and is respectful
3. Help someone that is hurt.
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VOX POP QUESTIONS:

MICHAEL'S SUPA IGA

COMMUNITY REWARDS

BOOK WEEK

South Gippsland Carers

South Gippsland Carers is a group of carers and families of people with additional needs and that aged.

We are there for all carers who live in the South Gippsland region, and we provide support, social groupings, information sharing and regular meetings.

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month during school term

Inverloch Memorial Hall Meeting Room 2 Michael Place (opp Post Office)

Final meeting in 2015: Nov 24th

For more information please contact Heather: 54 869 243, or Sheena: 5662 3285

Returning again from Feb 22nd 2016

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