Dear Parents / Guardians,

CONDOLENCES: Our sympathies go to Warren & Renae Littlejohn and family and Russell and Anna Kenny and family on the recent passing of Warren and Anna’s Father. Grandfather to Zara, Jade and Jorja. Please keep them in your prayers.

IPAD ROLLOUT: March 3rd, 4th and 5th as per note went home yesterday with children. Upfront fee of $250 is due by/on the 20th February.

PARENTS HELPERS: Many of the classroom teachers ask for parent helpers throughout the year. I would like to thank all whose who will be volunteering their time at school and classroom. Your generosity is appreciated by both the staff and students.

All helpers are required to have a current Working With Children Check. Forms are available at the Post Office. There is no cost involved if you complete the form as a volunteer only and not for employment purposes. Please present your WWC card to the office to be copied and filed.

In line with current Privacy Legislation, we are asking that all School Helpers read and sign a Parent Helpers Confidentiality Agreement. These are available from the office and will be given to those currently helping in our school.

This is a timely reminder that we all have a duty to respect the rights, privacy and dignity of all members of the school community, and should approach the school leadership if you have any concerns regarding other children. It can be very counter-productive to first hear of an issue via social media or car-park conversation.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Our school relies on the Board for advice and parental input, so please give consideration to becoming a board member. We usually meeting twice a term, and there is some flexibility with nights.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming involved, please contact Chris before next week.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION: Currently the P & F urgently looking for a President/Chairperson to come on board so the P & F Association can remain viable. The P & F support our school community and do fantastic work for our school and children. Please consider taking on this role.

This year our executive members are: President: URGENTLY NEEDED, Vice President: MelissaNeill, Secretary: Joanne Denbrook, Treasurer: Emma McGannon, Secondhand Uniform co-ordinators: Krista Evans & Rachel Cameron

FISH ‘N’ CHIP NIGHT: About 50 families enjoyed a beautiful evening last Friday to picnic on the oval with family and friends. It’s a great opportunity to catch up, to meet new families and to find out about what’s been going on. I was wonderful to see so many grandparents enjoying the time with their families.
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.

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 Street Convent driveway within the school grounds as soon as possible after the bell. Please talk to your children regarding this.
**Please note that the shuttle bus now leaves from Ogilvy Street Convent driveway for a trial period.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
It is policy of St Laurence’s that there are to be NO dogs in/on the school grounds even if on a lead. Assistance dogs accepted.

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

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP
We have a selection of 2nd hand uniforms for sale at school. Please call Krista on 0409 585 080

P & F
Tuesday Ice-creams/Slushies

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

NEWSLETTER - TIQBIZ/EMAIL ONLY
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.sttleongatha.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@sttleongatha.catholic.edu.au.

PREPS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY
No School for Preps :
Wednesday 18th Feb
Wednesday 25th Feb
Preps attend every day onwards from 2nd March.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 3-6
Our swimming program concludes next week. This is a fantastic program that can only be offered because of the dedication of very supportive Mums. A special thanks to Lachie and all who have supported this program.

Clothing will be needed for students on Levels 4-7 for Lesson 7 on Tuesday, 17th Feb and testing day on Thursday, 19th. As per note.

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

SWIMMING SPORTS GRADE 3-6: TOMORROW, 12th February at the Korumburra Pool commencing at 9:45am. Students will need to wear their PE 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.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2015
CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Family Workshop - Wed, April 15 - in the first week of Term 2 A family representative must attend.
Retreat – Wed, May 27 during the school day
Confirmation Masses will be on the Sat/Sun Masses in Leongatha on the weekends of 6/7 & 13/14 June.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Retreat at MMCRC - TBC
First Reconciliation Mass will be on Wed, Nov. 18 at 7pm in Leongatha.
A reminder that some parents have not yet supplied birth certificates, immunisation history or baptism certificates. Could you please do so as soon as possible thank you.

**TOWN BUS PRICES**

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Enquiries to WINBUS P/L Korumburra 0428 551 145

**RESPONSIBLE, CARING, RESPECT—Love In Action**

Kurt O’Hare—for being caring and helpful to a new bus traveler.

Braesyn Beavis—Honesty for handing in money found on the playground.

**BOOKCLUB**

Bookclub orders need to be to school by THIS Friday, 13th Feb. Sorry, late orders will not be accepted.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held 19th and 24th Feb. Notes will go home shortly with login details to schoolinterviews.com. We will also tiqbiz this note.

**ICY POLES**

**FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES**

**TERM 1**

-50cents

To be sold at the kitchen window

To support those in need the Social Justice Team are supplying icy poles. Proceeds will go towards Caritas.

**PROPOSED CAMP DATES**

To be confirmed

- Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp 14th, 15th 16th 17th September
  *Note Change of date for Melbourne Camp*

- Grade 3 Wilsons Promontory Camp 25th & 26th November

- Grade 4 Wilsons Promontory Camp 26th & 27th November

- Prep 1 Phillip Island Excursion 29th October
  
- Gr 2 Sleepover 29th October

- Gr 2 Phillip Island Excursion 6th November

- Gr 6 Inverloch Bike Hike

**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 COSTS.

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.

**BUS PASSES**

BUS PASSES **WILL NOT** BE ISSUED FOR LEISURE/SPORTING ACTIVITIES, MUSIC LESSONS, PARTIES OR SLEEPOVERS. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY AND WILL BE DECIDED BY THE SECONDARY COLLEGE BUS CO-ORDINATOR. 24 HOURS NOTICE IS NEEDED.
SEEKING: 70's style St Laurence's netball uniform—Maroon tunic. Robyn Boag is seeking an old ex St Laurence’s Moroon Tunic that was used for netball back in the 70’s for an upcoming reunion being held in May. If you have one or know of someone that does and can loan it for the reunion it would be very much appreciated. Please call Robyn on 0411 228 004.

Tarwin Football Netball Club (Sharks): Under 11 football team to play in the Alberton Football League. Come and be a part of this unique team where everyone gets a go and is suitable for kids who just love to play footy. Training commences on Thursday the 12th of Feb at 4.30pm. Footballers can play from 8 years of age onwards. Auskick will also be running at Tarwin on Thursday nights at 4.30pm. It will commence mid April. Auskicked aged kids are welcome to come and train with the under 11’s until Auskick commences. Under 15s (4ths) will commence Thursday the 12th of at 4.30pm. New players are very welcome.