Dear Parent/s and Guardian/s,

Over the next few months you may hear of teachers talking about growth mindset. We want our students to have a growth mindset. It is a way of thinking and dealing with our daily challenges which equips us to achieve success in the future.

People with a fixed mindset believe there is a fixed ability and that effort is not required to do well. They will have an answer but not wish to explain how they found the answer. Fixed mindset people give up when something is too hard or hide their fear of failure by saying something is boring. These people will choose easy tasks that they know that they can get right rather than challenge themselves to learn. Clearly this is not what we want in the students of St Laurence’s!

People with a growth mindset take failure as part of the learning journey. They will deal with set backs and tell themselves they haven’t got it yet. This offers hope for a successful future and will engage them into trying harder or differently to see if they can find a solution to a problem. These people persevere when things are challenging and are inspired by the successes of others.

How can we help our child develop more of a growth mindset? One way is how we praise our children. Research has shown that praising outcome develops the fixed mindset while praising the process develops a growth mindset. So we should ensure we praise our children for the effort they put in rather than praising their intelligence.

If you would like to find out more about this I can strongly recommend the 10 minute video on youtube called RSA Animate: How to Help Every Child Fulfill Their Potential. This engaging animation unpacks the research and thinking around mindsets. It helped me identify how growth mindset has helped me achieve in life and also where fixed mindset has limited my success at other times. I hope this offers you some insight into successful thinking.

Regards
Kate Dourley

DIARY DATES
At the time of printing all dates were correct. Please check future diary dates for any changes.

Please check regularly for date changes.

FEBRUARY
26th District Swimming
29th CSEF Applications need to be in by this date please.
29th School Photo envelopes to go home

MARCH
1st Swimming Teachers/helper morning tea. 11am Library
4th Incursion—Bush Dance—Whole School
8th Casual Clothes Day Gold Coin Donation. Proceeds go to ‘Ella’s Ear’ fundraiser.
9th School Photos
9th ***Confirmation Workshop 7pm Conference Room
14th Public Holiday—Labour Day
15th No Buses—School as normal
16th House Athletics Please note the 2nd change of date from note handed out.
17th Regional Swimming
20th Palm Sunday
24th Combined Parishes Raffle Books to be returned
24th Easter Liturgy at school
24th End of Term 1
25th Good Friday

APRIL
11th School Resumes
16th Confirmation Mass 7pm Church
19th State Swimming
25th Anzac Day Long Weekend

MAY
2-8th Catholic Education Week
6th R 1 Winter Sport for seniors
8th Mother’s Day
10/11/12th NAPLAN DATES FOR GRADES 3 & 5 STUDENTS. PLEASE ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES.

** It is an expectation that each candidate attend the workshop with a family member or family friend. If you are unable to attend this important workshop please call Father Ali on 56622020.

PRAYER FOR WEEK 3
OF LENT

God of Moses, you call us to follow you with our whole hearts. Give us energy and passions for your will. Amen.

ST. LAURENCE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
2016 — YEAR OF MERCY

NEWSLETTER ◊ Number 5 ◊ 24th February 2016
Week 3 Lent—The Lord said, “I have seen the suffering of my people and I will free them from slavery”.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—Thursday, 9th March: Children are to be in FULL summer uniform including black school shoes, for the photos. If you have sport on photo day, pop your runners in your bag. NO sport uniform is to be worn on this day.
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

CANTEEN ROSTER:
1st March: Rachel Cameron, Di Marinou, Carolyn Patterson
8th March: Susie Bowler, Deb Gannon, Sian Pickersgill
15th March: Marlene Dyke, Bree Fennell, Kylie Box
22nd March: Tona O’Conner, Di Marinou, Jo Denbrok

Thank you so much for your assistance. We ask that if you cannot make your day to please arrange a replacement. Call Deb on 0400140449 if you cannot find a replacement.

APOLOGIES: Sorry to the lovely mums I confused yesterday with the roster. I am back on track now - Kylie

EASTER RAFFLE: We are kicking off our first fundraiser of the year with the Easter Raffle. From family donations of Easter Eggs and Easter items, we will make several Easter hampers as prizes for our raffle. Raffle books will go home to each family shortly. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term after the Easter Liturgy.

Thank you in anticipation for supporting our first fundraiser of the year. Let’s make it a great one!

EASTER ITEM DONATIONS: Each year we ask families to donate an Easter egg or a non-perishable Easter item for hampers that will be prizes for our Easter Raffle. Donations can be left at the office. We hope to make several hampers for our Easter Raffle from your donations. Raffle tickets will go home shortly.

P & F
Tuesday Ice-creams/Slushies

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

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)

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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 136 families at school, so jump in and get on board this fantastic program.

PREP TRANSITION

Today was the last Prep transition day. Preps attend every day from 1st March. If your child still requires a rest day, please consult your child’s classroom teacher.

ICY POLES FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES
TERM 1

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. All funds raised will go to CARITAS AUSTRALIA.

We express our thanks to:

Tess Croatto
and Charlotte Aeschlimann

who both handed in money found in the yard.

Your honesty reflects our motto of ‘Love in Action’.
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

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” (meaning play under the shaded areas only)

Cricket Style $10-00
Please note that it is not acceptable to have a frayed hat or have graffiti on hats.

HATS NOW COME IN XL
SCHOOL BAGS ARE $45 AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE
There are a limited number of small hats

SPECIAL: BAG AND HAT COMBO: $50
with no logo selling for $5.

DVD 2015 YEAR BOOKS TO BE COLLECTED

PLEASE COLLECT AND PAY FOR YOUR DVD’S AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

There is a number of extra copies for those who didn’t request one last year and would like a copy.

CATHOLIC PARISHES COMBINED RAFFLE 2016

HELP NEEDED: Thank you to the families who have taken raffle books to sell. We really appreciate you supporting our participation in this fantastic raffle.

Remember there are 3 cars to be won. Tickets are only $2 each. Plus 2 X $1000 and 12 X $500 Coles/Myers gift vouchers. Prizes are not to bad for a $2 outlay.

We would be grateful for assistance in purchasing tickets or taking books to sell (books of 10—$20 worth) . If you wish to purchase tickets please see us in the office.

St Laurence’s will receive $1-50 for every ticket we sell. We were allocated 50 books, so potentially we can receive $750. Not a bad return to effort ratio.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Last Thursday, 18th Feb, saw the conclusion of the swimming program with all children being tested. All but three children were tested which was pleasing and the results were generally good.

Many thanks to all parents—the program ran smoothly, children brought the necessary clothing and they participated well.

We have a strong swimming program which is totally reliant on the generosity and commitment of our swimming teachers. The group sizes are relatively small which give students every opportunity to develop their skills.

Many thanks to Phil Smith, Cindy Borg, Geraldine Power, Sam Wearne, Kylie Box, Bec Kranen, Alex Lamers, Juliette Kohlmann, Ange Croatto, Sharna Fitzpatrick, Karen Ginnane & Ben Dixon. Your work is very important in the life of the school.

The school will have a morning tea for these teachers next Tuesday, 1st March to say thank you.

District Swimming : Next Friday, 26th February the district swimming sports will be held at Korumburra. Team members should have all received the appropriate information. Good luck to you all.

Swimming Rebates: Rebates on pool entry for those eligible have yet to be deducted from you fees account. I am waiting on confirmation from SPLASH before I will go ahead.

Please note that this year will be the last year that the school will be offering pool entry rebates.

You may have noticed on your account that swimming has not been billed separately as in previous years. We have incorporated it under the Excursions/bus/sports levy, therefore the offer of rebates will not be offered in 2017.
School Photographs
**Wednesday, 9 March 2016.**

School photo envelopes will be handed out on Monday, 29th February.

To ensure that your photos are returned back as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child’s envelope (Block letters preferred)
- If possible, please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the “online Order#” section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- **Do not** use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family Portraits, please enquire at the office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- **Do not** place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.
- We will only photograph siblings with a completed family envelope.

**ONLINE PRE-ORDER**: Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

**Individual Photograph Packs**
**Family Photograph Orders**

If you have any inquiries, please contact SPARGO directly on (03) 5942 5234

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**STUDENT INCURSION**

On Friday March 4th Bushwahzee are coming to our school for the whole day for a Bush Cabaret.

Bushwahzee is a Melbourne based band that has worked in hundreds of schools around Australia, and are well known for their concerts. The Bush Cabaret is a one day production where the children learn songs and dances during the day and perform them for their parents that evening. The band leads all the students through a series of workshops throughout the day that prepare them for the evening performance.

The concert will be held between 6pm and 7.30pm on Friday March 4th. The children perform their dance, and then invite us to come and join them on the dance floor where we all get to kick up our heels. The band is very engaging and will have us all doing the Heel and Toe by the end of the night.

It is no cost to the parents and is a great opportunity to have some family fun at school. So dust off your akubra and your bush dancing shoes and get ready for a wonderful night.
**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!*

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov**

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au  Website: www.wwme.org.au

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**THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES**

**RAFFLE 2016**

**WOW**

**3 FABULOUS TOYOTA CARS TO BE WON!!!**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**RAFFLE DRAWN 27TH MAY 2016**

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No 11119/16
Ticket sales close Thursday 5th May 2016

1st Prize: Corolla Ascent Sports
2nd & 3rd Prizes: Yaris 1.3i Auto hatch
4th Prize: Coles / Myer Gift Card @ $1000
5th Prize: Coles / Myer Gift Card @ $1000
6th Prize to 14th Prize: Coles/Myers Gift vouchers @ $500

1ST PRIZE!!!!

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**THANK YOU:** We wish to thank the P & F for supplying a lovely tea for the teachers on Parent Teacher Interview night. We appreciate your continued support of our staff.

**PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:**

We ask that parents DO NOT park in the school grounds AT ANY TIME without permission. This includes after school activities such as parent teacher interviews, dance, gym etc. The school gates are open from time to time and that is for Father Aju to have access to his garage. It is not an invitation for parking in the school ground.

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY—GOLD COIN DONATION:** On the 8th March, we will hold a casual clothes day in support of ‘Ella’s Ear’. Ella Morgan is Ruby Adkins cousin. Ella is 10 yrs old and was born with Microtia Atresia. She has severe hearing loss. After many doctors and specialist visits over the past 10 years her only hope of surgery to correct condition is in America. The surgery will cost approximately $110,000. To give Ella the gift of hearing the Adkins family has started the huge task of fundraising the costs. Casual clothes day will be a gold coin donation with proceeds going to towards the Adkins fundraising efforts. If you would like more information regarding Ella, she has her own website http://www.ellasear.com. Casual clothes day also allows for clean fresh summer uniform for school photos the next day.

**AFTERNOON BUS ARRANGEMENTS:** Bus Arrangement forms need to be returned. A reminder that if your child WILL NOT be on the bus you must call the school preferably before 2:30pm to let us know. We can then cross them off the bus list for that afternoon. There has been some confusion with children who have a particular day they are crossed off the list and they need to catch the bus. If we have not been informed of the change, your child will not be put on the bus and you will get a call to pick them up.