The Sixth Week of Lent

On the hill of Golgotha we watch as the Holy One, the Son of God, is crucified and mocked, ‘Save yourself, and come down from the cross!’ As the sky grows dark, Jesus cries out, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ – and breathes his last. In deep silence we stand at the foot of the cross.

Out of love for us, Jesus chose to go through the pain and humiliation of a public execution. It has made the cross the primary symbol of the Christian faith. But the story does not end there – the death of Jesus is followed by his resurrection. Death has been overcome by the loving life of Jesus and his trust in the Father’s love – and we too will rise with Christ.

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for Easter. Palm Sunday marks the opening of Holy week and culminates with the Easter Triduum. Triduum comes from a Latin word meaning “three days.” The three-day observance begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the evening of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and ends with evening prayers on Easter Sunday. The solemn liturgies of the Triduum are the most important liturgies of the Church year. These liturgies teach us the meaning of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

Throughout the last few weeks the children have been focusing on Lent and Easter. This Friday after recess, the school will gather to re-enact the events of Holy Week. Please come and join us as we reflect on this important part of the Christian year.

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

** CONFIRMATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

It is an expectation that a family member or a representative of your family attend in your absence should you be unable to attend yourself, ie an aunt, uncle, grandparent, family friend.
The newsletter is available fortnightly and can be received via our Tiqbiz app, email or assessed from our website. To view it online go to www.stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au under “News & Events” along the top on the right hand side. If you would like to receive newsletters via email please forward an email to principal@stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au and we will add you to our list.

EASTER RAFFLE

All raffle books should have been returned to the school sold or unsold. Raffle will be drawn after assembly on Friday.

Thank you to all the generous families who donated eggs and Easter items for our hampers. Your generosity is very much appreciated. If you wish to donate please bring in your item tomorrow.

HELPERS NEEDED for Easter Hamper wrapping:
Looking for helpers available from 9am onwards on Thursday March 26th to help wrap Easter Eggs for the raffle, we would love you're help. We will be using the conference room to do the wrapping.

LUNCH ORDERS

The P & F are having hot lunches during term 2 each Thursday. HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED. We would require about an hour and a half of your time. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Deb on 0400 140 449 and she can put you on the roster. Hot lunch price list on page 4.

BAKER'S DELIGHT: Baker’s Delight Dough raiser is being run through the school again, simply present your Dough raiser card when you purchase your baker's delight goodies & 5% of each purchase will be donated to St Laurence's Primary School. In 2014 St Laurence's primary received $222.45 through this great project. Thank you to Baker’s Delight for support our school community. Please get behind the school and shop at Baker’s Delight. Cards for new families will be made available shortly.

BURRA FARMERS: For farmers who supply their milk to Burra—Once again we would appreciate Burra farmers to nominate St Laurence’s as a recipient of Burra’s community grants programs. Last year it was a huge success and the school was very grateful for all the families who nominated St Laurence’s.

SCHOOL CRICKET PITCH: The school cricket pitch is in much need of repair. The P & F and putting $4450 towards upgrading the pitch. The total cost will be $8900. Nerrena Cricket Club are putting a percentage of funds towards the pitch and donating their labour. We are hoping that the Burra Farmers grants will also cover any remaining costs.

P & F ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN TERM 2:

- Mother’s Day Stall
- Mother’s Day Dinner Ball

Mary's Walk

Each year our family raises money for the Royal Children’s Hospital in memory of our daughter Mary Kathleen O’Keefe. We invite St Laurence’s school community to join us on Good Friday morning in walking or cycling from Kilcunda to Wonthaggi along the rail trail. To meet our fundraising goal of $3000, we suggest a donation of $20 per family or $10 per person.

For more information please visit https://goodfridayappeal2015.everydayhero.com/au/Marys walk#post_438042 or contact Bridget O’Keefe on 56723228.

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA—ICY POLE FRIDAY

$393-70 was raised through selling icypoles on Fridays during term 1. Thank you to the grade 6 social justice team for your efforts.

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.

Hope you all have a safe, happy and holy Easter and a relaxing holiday.
COMMUNITY NEWS

NOW TAKING GRADE 1’s

Join the Exciting Club for Kids!

Stay Creative is a club focused on helping kids to be socially active whilst enjoying hands on activities.

Your child will engage in a range of fun and educational activities such as Cooking Art & Craft, Games, Science and much more.

Who: Grade 1 - Grade 6 students

When: We will be running Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Afternoons from 3.15 till 4.30

Our sessions start first week back of term 2 and run for the Full 11 week Term.

Where: Conference room at Leongatha Primary School

Fees: $110 for an 11 week Term

*Fees include a healthy Afternoon Tea and Cake supply for Craft and Baking Activities

Limited Spaces Available

Please call Lucy 0408 408 099 or Tenille 0428 125 946

To check availability or for any enquiries

Application forms are available at Leongatha Primary School Office

Email staycreative@gmail.com

REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS — SALE

Congratulations to Taite Cumming (3rd 50m Butterfly, 4th Freestyle), Merrin Giles (8th Backstroke), Matt Fowkes (8th Breaststroke), Will Croatto (8th Backstroke & Butterfly) in the recently held regional swimming championships conducted at Sale. Many thanks to Julie Fowkes and Tania Dodd-Cumming for transporting and looking after the students. None of the team qualified to advance to the State Championships but their efforts throughout were most pleasing.

- Mr Hughes

A B C FRAMEWORK LAUNCH

ABC Launch

Monday 16th March saw us officially launch our ABC framework across the school. All classes have spent the term working on getting an understanding of how it looks to Act Responsibly, Be Respectful and Care for one another. All classes shared a snippet of what they have done in their individual classrooms and the assembly ended in a colourful display of balloons released into the air with our ABC message attached. It was great to see so many parents attend the assembly and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this journey.

Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Classes at Jacican, Mirboo North:

Jacican is a food studio in Mirboo North that offers Kids in the Kitchen cooking classes during the school holidays.

30 March: Roast dinner / Lollies
31 March: Italian / Macarons
1 April: Party / Cakes
2 April: Cafe class
9 April: Roast dinner class for teenagers

NB. Staff have Working with Children checks. For further details or bookings, please call Jacican on 0407 577 205 or visit www.jacican.com.au or Jacican’s Facebook page.

DENTAL TREATMENT Available to ALL CHILDREN

Base Coast Health Dental Clinic
Graham Street
Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Ph: (03) 5671 3268

Health Care/Pension Card Holders: FREE

No Health Care Card: FREE UNTIL 30/6/2015

Clinic Times:
Monday – Thursday 8.15am – 4.00pm
Friday 8.15am – 1.30pm
HOT LUNCHES FOR TERM 2
Starting Thursday 16th April

Noodle Cups – Chicken $2.00
  Chicken and Corn
  Beef
Party Pies $0.50
Party Sausage Rolls $0.50
Hot Dog (with or without sauce) $2.00

DRINKS
Juice boxes – Apple & Blackcurrant $1.50
  Apple
  Orange
  Orange & Mango
Little Big M’s – Chocolate $2.00
  Strawberry

Please write on an envelope your lunch order and please have correct monies inside as there is no change given. There will strictly be no pre-ordering. If you wish to place orders in at start of the week, it can be put into the Hot Lunches slot at the office.

Thank-you
P & F Association.
‘... it is in the context of the family that we first learn how to communicate. Focusing on this context can help to make our communication more authentic and humane, while helping us to view the family in a new perspective... communication is a dialogue intertwined with the language of the body... the family is “where we learn to live with others despite our differences” (Evangelii Gaudium, 6, ... it is the model for all communication. The experience of this relationship which “precedes” us enables the family to become the setting in which the most basic form of communication, which is prayer, is handed down. In the family, we learn to embrace and support one another, to discern the meaning of facial expressions and moments of silence, to laugh and cry together with people who did not choose one other yet are so important to each other. This greatly helps us to understand the meaning of communication as recognising and creating closeness. When we lessen distances by growing closer and accepting one another, we experience gratitude and joy... A perfect family does not exist. We should not be fearful of imperfections, weakness or even conflict, but rather learn how to deal with them constructively...When it comes to the challenges of communication, families who have children with one or more disabilities have much to teach us. A motor, sensory or mental limitation can be a reason for closing in on ourselves, but it can also become, thanks to the love of parents, siblings, and friends, an incentive to openness, sharing and ready communication with all. It can also help schools, parishes and associations to become more welcoming and inclusive of everyone,... the family can teach us to understand communication as a blessing... 

The great challenge facing us today is to learn once again how to talk to one another, not simply how to generate and consume information... Information is important, but it is not enough... Families should be seen as a resource rather than as a problem for society. Families at their best actively communicate by their witness the beauty and the richness of the relationship between man and woman, and between parents and children. We are not fighting to defend the past. Rather, with patience and trust, we are working to build a better future for the world in which we live’.  

For the full text see http://bit.ly/1uGaHus.

Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble. —Yehuda Berg

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**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.