

# NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



## Upcoming events:

Fri 16 Feb 9am—School Mass.

Wed 21 Feb—Archbishop visiting the school

Fri 23 Feb—SCHOOL CLOSED.

Mon 26 Feb 2.30pm Camp Conversation.

Wed 28 Feb to Fri 2 Mar—Grade 6 camp.

Fri 2 Mar 9am—2T & 4L class liturgy.

Fri 2 Mar 2.50pm—Assembly in hall.

5 to 8 Mar—Welcome Conversations.

Wed 7 Mar 2.30pm—Allergy Awareness

Fri 9 Mar—SCHOOL CLOSED.

## ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL PRAYER.

Loving God,

Help us to follow St Lawrence's example

By GIVING care to the poor,

By LOVING you with all our hearts,

And by LEARNING to be the best we can.

*O God, you call us ever deeper into life,  
Plant your life-giving law into our hearts  
During these 40 days of Lent.  
May the light of our baptism  
Shine brightly within us  
To mark us as your own people  
Just as you are truly our God.  
Amen.*



**PUPIL FREE DAY**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

Please note these dates for your diary:

- ♦ Friday 23 Feb and Friday 9 March—school is closed for staff professional learning
- ♦ Monday 12 March—school is closed for public holiday
- ♦ Thursday 29 March 1pm—school finishes for term 1 (Friday 30 March is Good Friday public holiday)

Please check the calendar on the Skoolbag app (see below) or the school website regularly for school events.

## PARISH MASSES AT ST LAWRENCE

There is a parish Mass on the third Sunday of each month from February to November at 4.30pm in the Community Centre hall. The first Mass for this year is on Sunday 18 February. All families are welcome.

## UPDATES

We are pleased to inform you of the following:

- ♦ We hope to commence construction of the sporting oval by April
- ♦ A statue of St Lawrence will be installed in the piazza at the front of the school in March—students worked with the artists to design the statue
- ♦ The Prayer Garden next to the Discovery Centre is almost complete. Students in grade 6 last year worked with our landscaper to design the prayer garden. We will have a statue of Mary MacKillop installed later in the year
- ♦ We have renamed the Senior Learning Centre as the 'Innovation Centre' to avoid confusion now that the senior students are in the 'Leadership Centre'



## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Thank you to all the families who attended the meeting regarding The Resilience Project. There were over 115 adults present. We would love to have feedback from anyone who attended. Please email the principal if you would

like to let us know what you thought at [principal@stlawrence.com.au](mailto:principal@stlawrence.com.au)

If you would like to know more about The Resilience Project go to the website: [www.theresilienceproject.com.au](http://www.theresilienceproject.com.au)

USE THIS QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD OUR FREE 'SKOOLBAG' APP—



## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOL MASSES AND COMMUNITY PRAYER**

All families are welcome to join us for school Masses. The first one is on Friday at 9am for the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed. Please join us in the Community Centre hall. We also encourage families to join us each Monday morning at 8.45am for Community Prayer in the courtyard.

**REMINDERS**

- ♦ Please make sure that your child has an art smock at school so they can protect their uniform during Visual Arts lessons
- ♦ The school gates open at 8.30am. Children should not be dropped off at school before this time unless they are attending Before School Care. All children must be picked up from school by 3.30pm. Children who are left at school after this time may be taken to After School Care and families will be charged by OSHClub for this service
- ♦ The car park at the front of the school is for staff. Families are not able to park or drive through this area please
- ♦ If your child is absent from school please contact the school office, class teacher or use the Skoolbag app by 9am. New legislation is being introduced which requires us to notify parents when a child is absent from school without an explanation
- ♦ If you have a Health Care Concession Card you may be eligible for a discount on school fees and extra funding from the government. Please bring your card into the school office if we don't already have your details

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

We have been very grateful to all the members of our school community who supported "Team Bella" last year. (For new families—Bella is a student in our school who had leukemia and underwent a bone marrow transplant). We are very pleased to inform you that Bella's health is continuing to improve and we hope that she will gradually return to school in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, we have another student in our school who has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently in hospital receiving treatment. We hope to be able to support this family as well. Once we know what this family needs we will be sending out a request for help. In the meantime, please keep both of these students and their families in your prayers.

**SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA BIG 4 TRIALS**

School Sport Victoria (SSV) provides the opportunity for talented children to complete a series of trials towards the ultimate goal of achieving selection in a Victorian Representative Team. Students turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2018 are eligible to trial. Children who are ultimately selected during this State-wide process will play in a National Carnival representing Victoria (levies often apply). See SSV website for specific information.

These trials form part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' opportunities. Each child is trialling for a state team and as such we must attest to each child's athleticism, skill level and school behaviour.

In 2018, the registration process must be completed on-line by the parent of the registered student for the following sports:

- \* Australian Rules Football
- \* Soccer
- \* Basketball
- \* Netball

**OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:**

**BE SAFE**  
**BE READY**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE RESILIENT**

Please seek endorsement from the PE teacher, MONIQUE McGRATH prior to registering on-line as your registration fee is non-refundable. Each school is limited to a maximum of 3 registrations per team. The cut off for seeking school endorsements is Thursday 22 February, 2018.



# SCHOOL SPORTS

Once you have your school endorsement, register by visiting the School Sport Victoria Website <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/>

Click on the Team VIC icon  
 Click on the Sport link  
 Click on the '12 Years and Under' Register Now button

Registrations close on the 1st March, 2018

St Lawrence Primary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing & inclusion of all children

## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART TO VISIT ST LAWRENCE**

We are very pleased that the Archbishop will be visiting our school next Wednesday, 21 February from 9.45 to 11am. If any families would like to come and meet with him during this time, please email the principal by Monday so these arrangements can be made: [principal@stlawrence.com.au](mailto:principal@stlawrence.com.au)

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK**

The School Advisory Board has encouraged us to participate in this event this year. We plan to have a number of small events throughout the week of 19 to 23 March. There will be more details in the coming weeks. If you have any suggestions please email them to the School Advisory Board at [schoolboard@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schoolboard@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au)

**ALLERGY AWARENESS**

We have a number of children in our school with food allergies and anaphylaxis. Therefore it is very important that staff and students are educated about this matter. We have organised a guest speaker to come to the school to speak with the students in Prep to Grade 3 on Wednesday 7 March at 2.30pm. Families are also welcome to attend this very important information session. Please see the flyer with this newsletter for more details.

**ARTS CELEBRATIONS**

As our school has continued to grow we have reviewed our practices in relation to the Visual Arts and Performing Arts celebrations. From this year we will be only hosting a Performing Arts celebration, possibly at the end of term 3 or early term 4. Next year we will host a Visual Arts show. This will continue on an alternating basis.

**DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO OVER THE WEEKEND? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS****FAMILY EVENTS AROUND MELBOURNE:****Chinese New Year** - 15 to 18 February

Welcome in the Year of the Dog by taking part in many events around Melbourne, such as Dragon Parades, Lantern Parade, Free Dumplings, Light Installations, Street Artists, Children's Storytelling, Year of the Dog Lightshow,

Outdoor Asian Cinema and don't forget lots of delicious Asian Food.

<https://whatsonblog.melbourne.vic.gov.au/chinese-new-year-guide/>

**White Night** - 17 February

Colourful projections, awe-inspiring installations, interactive performances, puppetry and an array of musical hubs, there will be so much to see.

<https://whitenight.com.au/melbourne/>

**Free Outdoor cinema** - until 2 March

Buluk Park, Docklands each Friday night

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/park-cinema-docklands-presented-by-victoria-harbour-10829439120>

**OUTDOOR FUN WITH THE FAMILY:****Warburton Redwood Forrest**

Less than 2 hour drive you can explore one of Victoria's hidden gems.

<http://adventureme.com.au/east-warburton-redwood-forest/>

**Newport Lakes**

A short 20 minute drive you can discover this little oasis in the middle of suburbia.

<http://www.hobsonsby.vic.gov.au/Arts-amp-Leisure/Parks-gardens-playgrounds/Newport-Lakes-Newport>

If you attend any of these events please send your family photos to Maria:

[mpantzakis@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mpantzakis@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au) and we will display them in the Discovery Centre.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE is offering 'Talk and Tours' for families of girls in grades 3, 4 & 5. Please visit the school

website for more details: [www.aloysius.vic.edu.au](http://www.aloysius.vic.edu.au)

LITTLE SPRINGERS BASKETBALL CLUB is taking enrolments for term 1. register via the website: [www.csba.sportingpulse.net](http://www.csba.sportingpulse.net) or contact Michael on 0417 364 109 or Andrew on 0418 184 153.

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**HAVE YOU HAD ANY 'DIS' MOMENTS?**

**WHAT WENT WELL TODAY?**