

# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



Upcoming events:

- Wed 3 Apr 12.30pm—**  
Community Singing
- Thur 4 Apr 9am &**  
**2.45pm—Stations of the**  
Cross
- Fri 5 Apr 9am—School**  
Mass
- Fri 5 Apr 1pm—SCHOOL**  
**FINISHES FOR TERM 1**
- Tues 23 Apr—SCHOOL**  
**STARTS FOR TERM 2**
- Thur 25 Apr—ANZAC**  
**DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Fri 26 Apr 11.30am Fun**  
Run/Walk
- Wed 1 May 7pm—**  
Grade 4 Eucharist family  
night

**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.

Amen.

In the wake of the tragedy in New Zealand, let us take a minute to pray for the victims and their families:

*Loving God, we ask you to receive into your care the souls of our brothers and sisters who were killed. We pray for those who were wounded or hurt in any way. We remember the families and friends who have suffered loss. And we thank you for the rescue workers, medical professionals and caregivers. Amen.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Friday 5 April 1pm—end of term. Children wear casual clothes
- Sunday 21 April—EASTER SUNDAY
- Monday 22 April—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 23 April 9am—school starts for term 2
- Thursday 25 April—ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Friday 10 May 8am— Mothers' Day Coffee & Cake; 9am School Mass for mums and grandmas; 10am Gift stall
- Monday 20 May 7pm—The Resilience Project parent night
- Monday 27 May—SCHOOL CLOSED for staff professional learning day
- Thursday 27 June 3pm—end of term 2
- Friday 28 June—Learning conversations (no classes)

**LENT & EASTER**

We ask all families to be mindful that we are still in the season of Lent. Therefore we ask that you don't send any easter eggs to school until after Easter.

**FUN RUN/WALK**

Our annual Fun Run/Walk will be held on Friday 26 April at 11.30am on the school oval. Families are welcome to join in. Sponsor forms were sent home with the children this week. Volunteers are needed to count the money after the event. If you are available to assist for a couple of hours please contact Leah Taylor in the office.



**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

On Monday 20 May at 7pm we will be hosting a meeting for parents about The Resilience Project which we have been running in our school for the last 2 years. Parents who attended this meeting last year were very interested in the program and learned ways they can support their children at home. We believe this meeting is essential for all parents to attend. Please put this date in your calendar.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**

The School Advisory Board met on 12 March. They discussed the following:

- Christmas Carols—a recommendation to hold this event again this year
- Multicultural dinner—finalised preparations for the dinner and sent out reminders to all families
- Athletics Carnival—the board were pleased to be informed that there will be an school athletics carnival in June this year on the oval
- Community building—we are still looking for ideas to help bring the community together. Please email ideas to: schoolboard@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK**

Cultural Diversity Week was celebrated at our school by 2 events on Friday 22 March—the children were involved in multicultural learning activities and the families attended a multicultural dinner hosted by the School Advisory Board. We noticed children enjoying Indonesian dancing, African drumming, Aboriginal dot art, Greek dancing, Samoan music and a multitude of other cultural activities. We were so pleased to see the number of families who attended the dinner and brought along food to share. Many of us were able to learn about different food and games as we mixed with each other. We are very proud of the opportunities we have to learn from each other in our multicultural school community and our hope is that this teaches all of us to be accepting and appreciative of differences.



## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT ST. LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Being physically active is an important factor in all of us being healthy and regular physical activity supports the overall growth and development of children. At St. Lawrence Primary School, to support the many benefits that come from children participating in regular physical activity, the Physical Education program from Prep to Grade 6 focuses on students learning, developing and applying fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, bouncing, catching and other key skills to enable them to confidently, competently and creatively participate in a range of physical activities and sports.



As we conclude the term, we would like to share with you that throughout Term 1, students across all grades have been participating in various activities and games focused on developing and refining these fundamental movement skills. Students have played a range of games including fitness-based circuits at Grades 5 and 6, building the skills and dispositions necessary for lifelong participation in physical activities.

We would like to welcome Andrew Bryson who is teaching Physical Education this year. He joins Monique McGrath and Kate Williams who also teach Physical Education. Next term, we will continue to share information about what your child is learning in Physical Education as well as provide details about key events that will take place throughout Term 2.

In the meantime, we would like to congratulate all students for their participation and wonderful effort this term and wish all families a very enjoyable and safe term holiday.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

On Friday 15 March, Miss Harvey, Ms Dodemaide and the Grade 6 Social Justice team went to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the Annual Catholic Education Week Mass. This was followed by a concert in the Treasury Gardens. Schools from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne were in attendance. The Mass was presided over by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience a traditional Catholic celebration of the Eucharist as we recognised the great achievements of Catholic Education in Melbourne.

*Please Note: There will be no Parish Mass at St. Lawrence School on the 3rd Sunday of April as this date coincides with Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday services will be at St. Peter Chanel Church on Ballarat Road in Deer Park.*

**NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY**

On Monday 18 March the student leaders of each Grade 6 Leadership Team attended an excursion to the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. There were many primary schools there and we all learned some skills and built knowledge on how we could be a leader in our school and in the community.

On this day we listened to different people share their experiences and knowledge of leadership. These people were Cal Wilson, Tim Diamond, Leisel Jones and Holly Ferling. We learnt about the 10,000 hour rule which means it takes 10,000 hours to become a master at something and how to always take those risks. We learned how to set goals, dream big and to take things one step at a time. A really inspiring quote that Liesel said was, "talent alone won't make you a success neither will being in the right place or the right time. The question is are you ready?" We got to talk to other student leaders and enjoyed the awesome activities. It was a great experience for everyone and we learned a lot from the amazing speakers.

*By Tiana and Herald*



## ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SOIREE**

We were very pleased to welcome 21 students to perform at our annual Soiree on Wednesday 13 March. The soiree aims to provide our students with an opportunity to perform their music in a friendly, informal environment. It was very encouraging to see how many family members, staff members and past students were present in the audience.

The evening began with a performance by our performing arts teachers, Sarah Mildner and Elissa Gault on flute and piano. We then heard performances on violin, piano, guitar and voice by the children. The quality of each performance showed the dedication of our students and families to regular practice of their instruments.

Our audience was incredibly supportive and encouraging of all the performers. Even though many students admitted to nerves, it was clear that everyone present left with a great sense of pride in the achievements of our budding musicians.

**GRADE 5 CAMP**

On Monday 18 March the Grade 5 students left St Lawrence destined for Lady Northcote Camp in Glenmore. Over the three days they enjoyed exhilarating activities including the flying fox, the giant swing, geocache, rafting, archery, a Team Toon challenge as well as a night walk and movie night. All the teachers and YMCA camp staff were amazed by the persistence and resilience of each student as they tested their teamwork abilities and stepped outside their comfort zones. The students enjoyed delicious meals and snacks throughout the day and shared the responsibility to complete kitchen duties. We would like to thank the students for their impressive behaviour by following the school expectations on camp and for their willingness to have a go at all activities. We would also like to thank Jess Spiteri, Jessie Harvey, Carly McGan, Brooke Taylor, John Heenan, Charlotte O'Hegarty, Wendy Woods, Monique McGrath and the YMCA camp staff for their time and effort in ensuring a fun, smooth and successful camp experience.

