PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

‘Like’ us on Facebook
As we look to further keep families and the wider-community up to date with what’s happening at St Lawrence State School, we’ve created a Facebook page that will be used to deliver updates, celebrate success and link to our newsletters and images on our website.
Tell your friends out there in the community that it’s the easiest way to keep in touch.

Swimming
Swimming will continue to be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons until the Swimming Carnival in Clarke Creek on Friday 6th December.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
This week we are teaching the expected behaviour Be Respectful in all Areas. Being respectful helps our own learning and the learning of others.

Reading Comprehension Strategy: Summarising
Students have been Summarising this week, working to break down stories and newspaper articles to find the pictures. Well done, students.

Pre-Prep
Last Thursday, Pre-Prep students Adam and Brock joined the class to take part in numeracy, reading and writing activities. If you know of any children who are beginning Prep next year, please ask them to call the school and arrange for 2014 Prep orientation on each Thursday until the end of the year.

e-KINDY
If you plan to register your child for eKindy in 2014, please submit your registration form by Friday November 22. The registration form is located on the Brisbane School of Distance Education, e-kindy web page -
http://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php/ekindy (Link to registration form -

Please contact the eKindy registration officer, if you have any questions: email: ekindy@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au or phone: 3727 2421

Thanks,

Mr Rob Stewart
Principal
St Lawrence State School
Hi everyone,
I hope everyone got some much needed rain last week. Although we didn’t have a lot at home, things are greening up and indications are that more is on the way. It always feels like Christmas when the weather starts to turn steamy.

**Kidsmatter:** The Kidsmatter training last week was great – as usual. The presenter is very positive and enthusiastic about the well-being of all students and her manner is very infectious. I always come away refreshed and ready to tackle the world which is how we want our kids to think and feel. We were asked to give a snapshot of what is happening in our schools and it was a good feeling to be able to give positive feedback of how receptive our kids are to the approach we take at our school to care for them not only from an educational point of view but also from a social and emotional viewpoint as well.

**Being Brave:** Our students are encouraged to be brave when confronted with difficult situations which could be trying something new, talking to someone they don’t know, speaking in front of a group or standing up for themselves when they feel threatened. They understand that being brave involves:
- **Standing Tall**
- **Looking people in the Eye**
- **Using a Brave Voice**
- **Trying their hardest**
- **Smiling**

Perhaps you could try this idea and these ways of being brave, at home, whenever the kids try or do something outside their comfort zone.

Until next week,

**Chappy Kari**

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**Being Brave:** “The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.” — **Nelson Mandela**