Punctuation
This week we are studying punctuation with students, providing them with a Punctuation Ladder and teaching them ‘Kung-Fu’ punctuation. If you hear your child calling “Shii-Haa” please don’t be alarmed.

Reading
The reading strategy being taught this week is ‘Inferring’. Students are learning the ability to read between the lines of a story. Often, authors use little tricks to tell us more without using too many words or ask us to activate our prior knowledge in order to fill in the blanks. Our students will enhance their reading comprehension using inferring activities over the next two weeks.

Swimming
Swimming will continue to be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons until the Swimming Carnival in Clarke Creek on Friday 6th December. Attached to the newsletter is a menu for the day. To allow Clarke Creek State School to purchase food and drink for the carnival, please complete this form and return it to our school by this Friday.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
This week we are teaching the expected behaviour Be Responsible in the Eating Area. Let’s encourage our students to drink plenty of water during these hot days with the provision of a water bottle. Last week, students created great posters to promote Be Respectful in All Areas. These will be laminated and put on display around the school.

Pre-Prep
Last Thursday, Pre-Prep students Adam, Brock and Eve joined the class to take part in our day’s activities which included numeracy and reading. 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.

2014 Booklists
A list of items required for the 2014 school year will be distributed shortly.

Dates to Remember

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thank you,

Mr Rob Stewart
Principal
St Lawrence State School
Hi everyone,

Not long to go now til the end of term and term-end-of-year activities as well. It can be very hard at this time of year to juggle things and everyone tends to get a little tired as we count down to Christmas. Not sure about how you approach this season of the year but I LOVE it. I love the getting ready activities and I love thinking of unusual ways to say “Thank you” or “I love you” that don’t cost an arm and a leg. I hope you and your family can think of some novel ways to give to family and friends this year.

**Professional Development:** Tomorrow I will be in Mackay for a workshop on Managing Anger (can’t remember whose idea this was??☺) Anyhow, hopefully there will be opportunities to explore ways to let off steam in positive ways. More on this later.

**Being Brave:** Last week the students started putting leaves on a “Brave Tree”. They are encouraged to think of a situation which required them to do something that took them outside their comfort zone. We are learning that being brave involves:

* Standing Tall
* Looking people in the Eye
* Using a Brave Voice
* Trying their hardest
* Smiling

Some of the times when kids have to be brave might be, sharing when they don’t really want to, saying sorry for something they did wrong, eating their vegetables at dinner time or simply saying good morning to everyone. Every child is different and every child deals with difficult “stuff” every day. Let’s encourage them to be brave at all times.

Until next week,

**Chappy Kari**

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SLSS School Chaplain  
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**Alternative gift ideas:** As a family, make fudge or jam as gifts. Give a home-made gift voucher for babysitting, car-washing or dog-walking. Cook a meal for an elderly friend. Make hand-made cards with photos inside. Donate to a charity on someone else’s behalf and give them the tax receipt showing their name. Have fun thinking up ways to give that are different.☺