Welcome to Term 1, 2013
With Week Two well underway, it is fantastic to see the students of St Lawrence move so enthusiastically into their learning. Whether it is reading before school, working on their sounds and spelling or solving problems in mathematics, they are doing so with zeal. Welcome to Rowan and Jake, our two new Prep students. I’m sure you will have a great start to your learning journey here at St Lawrence SS. Let me introduce to you and extend a warm welcome to Mr Stewart Kennedy who joins our school each Tuesday, taking our students for Science.

My name is Rob Stewart and I am the new Principal at St Lawrence SS. Having been here at work for the better part of three weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to meet many members of our school and wider community.

My previous school was Wartburg SS located at Baffle Creek, a small but vibrant community between Agnes Water/1770 and Bundaberg. I enjoyed my time there as Acting Principal and relished the opportunity to work with the staff, students and parents to build upon the strong sense of community that was present in the school. Recently, it was with much sadness that I was informed about the number of those families who were inundated by floodwater, losing possessions and enduring significant hardship. Like all areas hit by the wind, rain and floods, they are a strong community. But every family in each town will need our thoughts in the weeks and months to come. St Lawrence SS will likely hold a fundraising event in the future to show our support for those impacted.

Homework
Homework satchels began going home yesterday. In each satchel, your child will have received:

- Weekly Reader – For continual improvement, please allow time to read to your student each night
- Reading Diary – Please date, comment (if necessary) and sign. There are also some cool tips and tricks inside, so please have a quick browse
- Soundwaves book – This has been purchased and provided to your child. They are responsible for it being taken home and returned each day. Inside each activity is a specific sound to study, along with a word list for them to learn. Spelling tests will be each Friday.
- Other activities (certain students)

Diaries and School Wide Behaviour Matrix
I have purchased and supplied diaries for all students to help communication between school and home. If you have any messages, please remind your child to show myself at the start of the day. Also, I have included a School Wide Behaviour Matrix for your perusal. This outlines expected behaviour here at St Lawrence and has been created using positive language. This matrix will form the basis of our positive acknowledgement rewards system.

I am looking forward to working with you.

Mr Rob Stewart
Principal
St Lawrence State School

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St Lawrence State School P&C

Next P&C Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th of February at 5:15pm. Please come along and discuss important matters and events that are on the horizon for St Lawrence SS.
Above: Students creating creatures in Science  
Top-Right: Drawing by Matthew and a painting by Ewan  
Below: A painting by Jessica