Head Lice
A case of head lice has been reported. Please check your child’s hair and, if necessary, take necessary action.

Information Evening
On Wednesday 19th February at 5:30pm, we’ll be holding an information evening for all parents and carers to attend and become more familiar with what is happening in the classroom, particularly focused around literacy, numeracy and support available to parents. We will be putting on a movie in the other side of the classroom for the kids. Please come along.

Reading
It is very important for all children to read or read along with you every night. It’s amazing to see what difference this makes.

STRIVE
St Lawrence has begun explicitly teaching students vocabulary using STRIVE (Structured Tier Two Robust Instruction of Vocabulary Experiences). With the support of our Speech Language Pathologists who came out last Monday for pre-testing and to demonstrate lesson structure, students are learning on new word each week. For 30 minutes, across 4 days per week, students are:
- taught the word and asked to repeat
- taught the definition and asked to repeat
- taught the connected words (words like the one they are learning) and asked to repeat
- engaged in hands on activities to help them understand what the key word means and how it can be used.

This system has proven results in many other schools and we look forward to sharing the words each week.

Last week’s words were “murmur” (P-2) and “revolting” (4-5). Students had fun demonstrating how to murmur and drawing revolting pictures.

This week’s words are:

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<td>marvellous</td>
<td>Something that is amazing or done very well.</td>
<td>great, wonderful, incredible, amazing.</td>
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<td>4-5</td>
<td>peered</td>
<td>To look closely at something.</td>
<td>glance, look closely, observe, search.</td>
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Please speak to your children during the week to help confirm their understanding of this word.

Spelling
Last week’s sound was ‘b’ as in bounce balloons.
Congratulations to Adam Dabelstein for achieving 3/3 in his spelling!

Class Target 60%
Class Average 54%

This week’s sound is ‘a’ as in ants on apples.
Clean up Australia Day
On Friday 28th February, St Lawrence State School will take part in ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ activities including an educational program in the morning facilitated by the Isaac Regional Council. This will be followed by working together to clean up areas around the wetlands. It is hoped that this initiative will be the beginning of continued collaboration between St Lawrence State School and the Isaac Regional Council.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
This week we are teaching the expected behaviour Be Responsible in All Areas. This week, we’ll be launching the new Sunny Cards that are in 3 different colours and explain to students how they can earn certificate and rewards for demonstrating excellent behaviour. There will be more news on this next week.

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Hi everyone,
I hope you’ve all had some well needed rain. It was lovely to hear some thunder and look at the steady showers on the weekend but I hope it didn’t upset too many weekend activities.

The year has started positively and the new students have easily become part of our small school family. Whilst many can debate the pros and cons of small schools v larger ones, there are absolutely great benefits of belonging to a school community such as ours. Research has shown (and our school community confirms) that attendance is higher at small schools, student engagement (how the kids get involved in what they are doing) is better and the overall school climate is enhanced by the fact that the parent body is more engaged with the life of the school. I am so thrilled to be part of this school community and look forward to partnering with parents and staff to see our students strive to reach their potential regardless of year level.

Say No to Bullying Day: Friday March 21 marks the National Day to raise awareness of bullying in schools. Whilst this does not appear to be a problem at our school, we need to be mindful and prepare our students to cope with incidents if and when they arise; either here or in the future when they progress to high school. We will be undertaking some activities leading up to the National Day against Bullying and Violence. The most important step is to teach our children that bullying and intimidation is NOT ok in any form and to give them avenues to speak about it whether it concerns them or others.

If you have any questions or concerns that I can help with, please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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Bullying: If you are a bystander to bullying – and do nothing about it –