

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

We are now into a settled routine at school and the students have responded beautifully to their daily structure. It is great to see them making friends and developing confidence. Don't be concerned if your child is still showing occasional signs of anxiety – this is not uncommon. Remember it is a whole new scene for every one of our children and individuals respond differently. The best approach is to acknowledge their feelings and recognise what they are doing well; remind them of the routines and that you will always pick them up / see them at the designated time. For example, *"You're feeling a bit anxious – that's okay. We all have those feelings some times. I'm so proud of you for showing persistence and determination to get ready every day and be ready for more learning. When I pick you up this afternoon at 3:15 I'll be looking forward to hearing how you handled the day and what sort of problem-solving you did."* This week in our library lesson we shared the book "In my heart- a book of feelings" by Jo Witek which included these magic words: *"My heart can feel so many feelings, and yours can too! Today, my heart is proud. How does your heart feel?"*

Thank you to the Prep families who were able to come along to mass at St Therese last Sunday morning. We officially welcomed the children from both Lisieux and St Therese into their school families and parish. It was a special occasion, beautifully represented by the song, "Welcome to the family" (which I always find a bit of a tear-jerker!).

This Saturday we are holding our first **2018 working bee**. Have you registered with Fiona Thompson at our school reception? We would LOVE to have an army of helpers involved, even if for just an hour or two. The working bee starts at 8am and will run until midday. Please BYO gloves, spades, rakes, pruning shears, hammer and nails, drills, etc. The more helpers we have, the more we will accomplish. The main jobs are to clear the shed, top dress lawn area, prune and tidy up gazebo.

Helpers are also needed to assist with listening to reading and changing readers every morning between 9:25am-10:30am. Parents, grandparents, family friends are all welcome. You do need to have your **Working with Children Check** but other than that, we will explain the process and would dearly love to have your support in this area.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

3 rd	Working Bee 8:00am - 12:00 noon
12 th	Labour Day Holiday
29 th	Last Day Term 1, 2018



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Did you see our feature in The Geelong Advertiser on Wednesday? We will hold the first of our **Open / Welcome sessions** in The Hub (100 languages / after school care space) next Wednesday 7 March at 10am-11am and continue this for the following two Wednesdays at the same time. We will also hold a late afternoon / evening presentation early next term. If you know of any families who are considering Lisieux for their child's education, please urge them to register for one of these sessions with Fiona Thompson via School Reception. If you have a child who will be in Prep in 2019, please see Fiona for an **enrolment application**. For planning purposes, it is important that we know what our estimated enrolment numbers will be.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

Principal

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PRAYER

Lord, teach me a new freedom.
Freedom to reject comparison
And to embrace uniqueness.
Freedom to cut ties with greed
And feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence
And feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts
And to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity
And to embrace grace.
Lord, at this time of Lent,
Thank you for the freedom you bring.
Amen.

MEET & GREET

Parent of Lisieux Children meet other parents for a coffee and a chat first Friday of every month, beginning this Friday 2nd March at El Nido Café (next to the new Woolworths)



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