

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

It is hard to believe that our first term as a school community is almost over. What an adventure it has been! Although there are some areas of our development that are not at the point we had anticipated (building), there are so many other areas where we have seen growth and experienced joy. As Principal of this brand new school, I feel so proud of our achievements and of the successes we have celebrated together so far. I am so proud of the commitment and energy of our staff team, each one of whom brings enthusiasm and passion to their role. Most especially, I am incredibly proud of the way our children have embraced their role as 'first Lisieux students' and shown themselves to be eager learners: curious, creative and compassionate. I have found myself this term repeatedly using the word 'journey' – when I speak with the students about our playground developments; when I show prospective families through our school; and, when we plan together as a staff team. Like any journey, there have been some unexpected turns, detours and surprises, but the joy has come in welcoming those challenges and being open to the opportunities they have presented. Thank you most sincerely to all who have supported our journey to this point. Many have noted that what is emerging at Lisieux is a learning community that offers something unique and very special. I certainly think this is true, and as we near the end of this term, I look forward with real enthusiasm to what the future will offer.

In the first week of Term Two, I will be participating in a Geelong Catholic Principal Network professional development immersion experience in Indonesia, facilitated by Andrea Downie of Project Thrive / The University of Melbourne. Principal representatives from 14 of the 18 Geelong Catholic Primary schools will attend this immersion which has been designed to further enhance our learning in the field of Positive Psychology. We will be visiting The Green School, an international school in the heart of the jungle producing exceptional results with outstanding wellbeing outcomes.

The school has used systems thinking to transform education and we will have the opportunity to participate in sessions with the Principal and leaders around spirituality, curriculum design, pedagogical practices and action-based learning and teaching. It is an incredible opportunity and I look forward to bringing back and sharing what I learn with our community.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

- 28th Prep minor excursion to Elephant Walk Park
9:15am – 11:30am
Incursion "People in the community"
2:00 – 3:00
With Leading Constable Cathryn Hastie
- 29th Project Compassion Challenge and Easter Bonnet Parade – 9:00 am
Holy Week Liturgy - 2:30pm
Families welcome
Last Day Term 1
3:15pm dismissal

APRIL

- 16th Term 2 commences (Winter Uniform)
- 26th First Parents and Friends meeting – all welcome
7:00pm

MAY

- 3rd Whole school full day excursion – Werribee Zoo
(More details to follow)



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During my absence, Louise Anderson, current Deputy Principal at Clairvaux Primary School will be Acting Principal at Lisieux. I know you will make her welcome.

I hope some family members can join us next Thursday at 2:30pm as we celebrate our Holy Week Liturgy together. You would be very welcome. We are also holding an Easter Bonnet Parade and Project Compassion Coin Challenge at 9am on the same day, and again, families are welcome. The Easter Bonnet Parade is a chance for our students, with the assistance of their parents, to express their creativity and design a bonnet / hat that will be paraded on the last day of Term One. The most creative Easter bonnet from each grade will be awarded a small prize. You may choose to adapt a simple straw hat with flowers, bows, herbs or trimmings, use a head band or create a cardboard construction. Historically, the wearing of an Easter bonnet occurred as people bought new clothes to celebrate the end of Lent, where the first social occasion after this period would be a trip to church on Easter Sunday morning. The Project Compassion Coin Challenge is a fun initiative to gather all your loose coins and we will host an interclass coin trail competition. Each class will combine all their coins and we will see which class has the longest line. Start saving all coins - 5c pieces very welcome! We will conclude our Parade and Project Compassion Coin Challenge with the sharing of Hot Cross Buns. Please note that our final day of term is Thursday and we finish at the usual time of 3:15pm. God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

Principal

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PRAYER / REFLECTION

Everlasting God,
we give you thanks
for you nourish and strengthen us
with your merciful love.
Give us this day our daily bread.
We pray for those
who hunger in scorched lands,
with no food for their children.
Together, we cry out for justice.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Help us to share generously
as one global family,
and to hold onto hope
for a world transformed.
Bread of life,
we pray your people
may find life and joy
in all its fullness.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



MINOR EXCURSIONS

As part of our school curriculum, students will attend minor excursions throughout the 2018 school year. Minor excursions are deemed to be of low risk and are generally undertaken within school hours and take place within the local area. Such activities include visits to other schools, parks, theatres, museums, art galleries and sports days.

Parental permission for students to attend these types of activities is obtained via the Lisieux Student Agreement form which states:

"I hereby give permission for my child to participate in any Geelong visits, excursions or other school activities requiring my child to be taken from the Lisieux premises. I understand that I will receive adequate notice of any visits, etc that are being planned by the school and these will be communicated in the weekly newsletter."

Parents/carers will therefore receive notification of upcoming minor excursions via this newsletter or a separate email correspondence, but will not be required to sign and return a permission slip for each individual excursion.

Please note that permission forms will be sent home for each 'major' excursion that your daughter/son will be attending. Major excursions are defined as those being outside the Greater Geelong area. A signed permission form for each major excursion must be returned to the School by the notified due date.

All parents/carers are reminded to please read the information in the 'The Tide' newsletter about upcoming excursions and avoid scheduling appointments when their daughter/son is off campus.

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parents,

You are no doubt beginning to think and plan for the school holidays coming up. May it be a time of joy in your family and create a time of relaxation for you all. Before then though, Holy Week beckons and the celebration of the passion of Christ, and His death, and His resurrection at Easter call us to gather in prayer as a parish community, so I hope many will make an effort to come to one or more of the Easter ceremonies. You can check on all the times [here](#)

At the same time, I urge you all to try to get to the **Parish Meeting on Tuesday April 17, (at 7.30pm in Lisieux Place, St Therese Church, Torquay)** to learn more about the direction we anticipate the parish will move in the coming years. It is your parish and the place your children are being formed in their faith so it is important that you become part of this journey with us.

With every blessing for a wonderful Easter (with maybe just a *little* bit of chocolate!)

Fr Linh.

ST THERESE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

TWILIGHT FAIR

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH
5PM-9.30PM

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HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Hookin2Hockey is the introductory program for new participants, giving them a fun and safe environment to develop and learn the fundamentals of hockey.

CENTRE: Torquay Hockey Club

CONTACT NAME: Chris Thompson **CONTACT NUMBER:** 0409 430 874

EMAIL: info@torquayhockeyclub.com.au

LOCATION: Banyul-Warri Fields, Torquay

START DATE: Wednesday, 18th April, 2018 **TIME:** 5.00pm

WEB: hookin2hockey.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information visit: WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU