

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

I have a confession to make. Mothers' Day is probably my favourite day of the whole year. With four now grown-up children of my own, I have had many years of cold toast served in bed on this traditional day and I've still got a stash of little trinkets made with love. A few of the highlights include a heart shaped lego brooch, a collection of 'mum's best recipes' bound in a little book and a glazed sculpture of a special blue and gold 'creature' with horns. Despite its commercialism, I think it's great to celebrate what mothering is and what it involves: sacrifice, lifelong commitment and unconditional love. I recall reading an article which named mothers as "modern geniuses" who manage up to 20 + different professions as they keep their families cared for. It suggested that they have to be an entertainer, chef, accountant, cleaner, nanny, interior designer and security guard, to name but a few of the complexities of the role. I believe motherhood is the greatest privilege, biggest challenge and most rewarding job in the world. This will be my first Mothers' Day without my own mum, Maisie, who passed away just before Christmas last year. Like others facing the day without their mum, I'll spend some time reflecting on the many gifts she shared with me and on how lucky I was to have her in my life (until the ripe old age of 90!)

As this newsletter goes to press, we look forward to celebrating High Tea with a large number of our Lisieux mums, nannas, and special female role models. Our guest speaker during the afternoon will be Kristina McMennemin, from Geelong Mums. This amazing organisation provides practical support for local mothers who, during tough times, face real challenges in providing for their children – we are looking forward to hearing about how our own community may be able to offer practical support to this group.

Join us at 2:30pm tomorrow at Lisieux (Friday 11 May) for our Mothers' Day liturgy if you can. We'd love to see you there.

To all those in our community who have a mothering role, and in doing so, help others to grow, prosper and reach great heights, have a wonderful day on Sunday. You're doing an amazing job!

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>May</b>	
11th	Mothers' Day Liturgy 2:30pm
<b>June</b>	
11th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
12th	Staff Professional Learning Day - <b>No Students</b>

## REMINDER

SHHHH!!! It's a secret  
Please send your child to school with \$5 on Friday so they can purchase a special gift for their mum. This activity has been organized by our Parents and Friends Committee.



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This week we will welcome a new part-time teacher to our Lisieux team. Mrs Holly Moody (Carmel M) has decided to move to 4 days per week for family reasons, and joining Carmel M every Friday will be Mrs Zoe Vagg. Zoe brings great experience and is excited to be joining our community. Zoe and Holly will work together closely to ensure the ongoing delivery of a consistent learning program.

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## PRAYER

Lord,

We thank you for the women who raise us,  
whether birth mum, adopted mum, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else;  
we thank you for those women who held us and fed us,  
who cared for us and kissed away our pain.

We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us,  
and that they always feel proud to be called our mum.  
Amen.

We ask for the ongoing prayers of our extended community for Estella, Carmel D, who will begin a 6 week course of radiation at the Peter McCallum Centre, commencing on Monday. Estella will then have a short break before undergoing a 7 month chemotherapy regime. She is managing well but has a challenging journey ahead. Your ongoing support and prayers for the Judd family are greatly appreciated.

## THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Lisieux dads, Michael Timms and Damian Harrington, who completed the floor surfacing of our 'soon to be ready' Discovery Centre (formerly shed) last weekend. Thank you to Lauren Barton who is working with our students to design and paint a mural inside this space. We have also received some great donations of milk crates and cable reels for this space. We are keen to collect some good quality wooden pellets.

Thank you also to Surf Coast Hire, who kindly donated the use of champagne flutes for our Mothers' Day High Tea. We are very grateful for this generosity

## BUILDING PROGRESS

You will have noticed some progress in the construction of walls this week. We await confirmation of instruction regarding access via our own driveway which should be VERY soon.

# ENROLMENT UPDATE

## ENROLMENTS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2019



Come and see  
Torquay's newest  
Catholic school in  
action.

Visit our classrooms and hear  
from our Principal about what  
we offer.

*We believe you'll be excited  
by our vision.*

Individual or group tours can  
be organised at times to  
suit.

To register, phone:  
9089 6614  
or email our Principal directly:  
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We have had an overwhelming number of applications for Prep 2019 enrolment with more applications received than we will be able to offer positions. At this stage, we have vacancies in Years 3-6 for 2019 and encourage any interested families to contact our School Reception or email the Principal directly for more information about this opportunity.



### **Greetings from Nazareth Social Justice Group**

**“Nazareth Social Justice Group – Aboriginal Workshop** presented by Delsyie Lilyst, a Guditj Mara woman, on Sunday 27th May at 2.00pm at St Therese Church, Lisieux Place. Are you concerned about Aboriginal justice but lacking knowledge of the real situation? Don't know what can be done? Think that too much is already done for Aboriginal people? Then this event is for you. Come along and learn more, learn what you and we, might do. But please take the challenge to come along and perhaps be challenged!!

**Indigenous Justice Event in Torquay**

- Think that Aboriginal people do not get a fair go?
- Have seen all the words above in the media?
- But would like to have a better understanding of the situation?

**Then come along to this workshop**

Presenter Delsyie Lilyst, a Guditj Mara woman, who works with the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Her approach will engage you, challenge you but mainly will give you the opportunity to improve your understanding of how Aboriginal people perceive life in 2018 Australia. There will be opportunity for Q&A

**When** – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 to 4.00pm  
**Where** – St Therese Church, Surf Coast Highway, (Opposite Bristol Road), Torquay  
**Entry** – By donation  
**Plus** – Afternoon Tea