

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

The season of Lent commenced on Wednesday this week and all students in Years 1-6 attended mass at St Therese Church and were anointed with ashes on their foreheads symbolising the dust from which God made us. Lent reminds us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves.

Last Sunday at our Year 5/6 mass on Sunday, Father Linh addressed the challenges facing the Catholic Church in our current time of crisis since the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal Pell's trial and our subsequent knowledge of his conviction. His words offered hope in a time of hurt, deep anger and betrayal. Father Linh reminded us of the importance for us as a faith community to reach out and support one another during this testing time. He made reference to a marble sculpture by Michelangelo inside St Peter's Basilica in Rome, which captures the maternal agony of Mary, holding her lifeless son, and highlights her sense of emptiness and pain. At times of the worst suffering in our lives, we can often ask "What does this mean?" and "Where to from here?" We know that there are many whose faith and sense of trust has been rocked by recent events, and this is understandable. We also know that from Mary's deepest loss and pain came the Resurrection, and new hope. Father Linh urged us to hold on to the deep sense of who we are: the living Church; and for us to band together to allow goodness and hope for a new tomorrow to prevail. It is certainly time for us as the living Church to look towards a more authentic way of being, to support those who are hurting and grieving, and to proactively reshape the future. Perhaps for some, Lent offers a time for the beginning of this new creation. Our prayers are with those victims of abuse and their families.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Fri 8 th	Assembly 2:30pm run by Year 3/4 students
Mon 11 th	Labour Day Holiday (Student Free Day)
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Catholic Education Week
Tues 12 th	Year 5/6 students depart for camp Meet 5:15am at Lisieux
Thur 14 th	Parish 2020 Enrolment Information Evening 7:00pm at Lisieux
Sun 17 th	Year 3 Reconciliation Presentation Mass 8:45am (compulsory)



PRAYER

Lent is an important time for conversion. We cannot live our lives if we don't face the truths. The Catholic Church in Australia is not an easy place to be at the moment. More than ever before, the Catholic Church needs conversion; it has betrayed the Gospel message and the people. We need to come home to the heart of the Gospel.

But, remember, Lent always leads to Easter joy. Let us pray for this renewal in the Church. Let us pray for trust and hope and joy to return to this church as we hopefully leave behind one of the darkest chapters in our history.

Lord, give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your church into a hope-filled future that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey, from age to age. Amen.



INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS DISCUSSIONS

Individual Progress Discussions have been set for Tuesday 19th March between 3:30pm-7:30pm. An information flyer with your personalised password to access Parent Teacher Online has been sent home today. You are encouraged to make an appointment online following the instructions. Discussions have been limited to 10 minutes to ensure time for all families who wish to make an appointment. Should you require a longer timeslot, you are encouraged to arrange this for an alternative time with your child's teacher.

FRENCH WORDS THIS WEEK

Regarde – look

Ecoute-listen

viens -come

va -go

s'il te plaît -please

merci -thank you

et -and

Tu -you

Comment -how

ça -it

va – go/going

bien -good

mal -bad

Très -very

comme ci comme ça -so so

et toi? – and you?

Tu t' appelles – your name is?

Comment ca va? - How's it going?

ça va bien - it's going good.

ça va mal - it's going bad.

ça va très bien - It's going very good.

ça va comme-çi comme-ça - it's going so so.

Ça va très mal - it's going very bad.

Comment tu t'appelles? - what is your name?

Tu t'appelles - your name is.

Et toi?

PHOTO'S FROM THIS WEEK



Advertising Opportunity

In this week's newsletter, we have begun offering Advertising spots for local businesses. Typically, advertisements will be a 1/4 page each. The newsletter is currently emailed to over 110 contacts and also has a link on the School Website and Facebook page.

If you have a business that you would like to advertise, or know of anyone that would like their business advertised, please get in touch with Fiona Thompson - fiona.thompson@lisieux.catholic.edu.au or 03 90896614. (Word or jpeg formats are preferable).

The cost of advertising per week will be \$25. If you are interested in a regular (ie once a month) advertising spot please also get in touch with Fiona for some pricing options.

Also, please stay tuned for school sponsorship packages, for local businesses - details to be advised over the coming weeks.



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Geelong Advertiser

My First year 2019

48-page liftout featuring photos of Prep students across Geelong and surrounding regions

Inside the Geelong Advertiser Tuesday, April 2

Nazareth Parish Primary Schools

2020 Enrolment

Information Evenings

We welcome families to attend our 2020 Enrolment Information Sessions, to be held at each of our local Parish Schools.

Meet our Parish Priest, Father Linh Tran and the School Principals.
Hear about the mission of our schools and how we nurture the development of each Individual learner.

Tuesday 12 March, 7pm

Griffiths Street, Grovedale

Nazareth Catholic Primary School, Grovedale and
St Catherine of Siena,
Armstrong Creek



Ph: 0475 753 590



www.nsgrovedale.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 5243 0502



**Wednesday
13 March, 7pm**

*50 Grossmans Road
Torquay*

St Therese Catholic
Primary School, Torquay



www.sttorquay.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 5261 4246



**Thursday
14 March, 7pm**

*90 South Beach Road
Torquay*

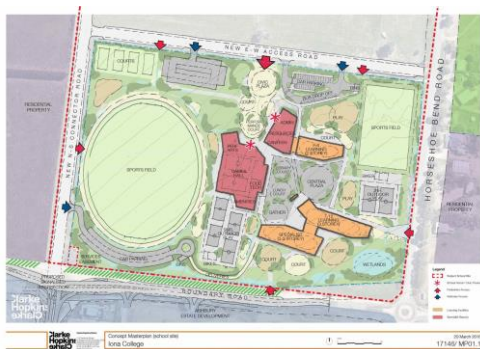
Lisieux Catholic
Primary School, Torquay



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Families may be interested to learn that a new co-educational secondary college is opening in 2020 and is taking enrolments now. Iona College, Geelong will be headed up by the former principal from Clonard College, Damian McKew, and is located 260 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217.

Iona College will be a showcase for educational excellence and adopt learnings from schools world-wide. The intention is to develop relationships with Tertiary institutions that use that latest research to promote a holistic educational experience – spiritually, academically, physically and emotionally.

Mr McKew is taking small group interviews with interested families who would like to discuss the opportunity with him personally – interviews are available 5-26 March. Additionally, an evening information session is being hosted on Wednesday 27 March for those unable to make one of the other dates.

To book an interview go to 'book interview' at <https://iona.vic.edu.au/> or to register your interest for the evening session email enquiries@iona.vic.edu.au (please note the number of attendees).

You can make contact with Iona College on 0427189279



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

COLLEGE TOURS

Tours for prospective families considering 2020 enrolment at St Joseph's College will depart at 9:00am on:

7 March, 12 March, 14 March, 2 April, 30 April, 2 May, 6 May & 7 May

Year 7 applications for 2020 close on Friday 17 May 2019.

**TOUR REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

WWW.SJC.VIC.EDU.AU



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