

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

*Bonjour!*

This week we warmly welcome Miss Theresa Thomas, a student teacher who is completing a placement in Carmel Blue over the coming weeks. We know she will learn much from observation of and supervision by Mr Ron Dando. Please do have a chat with Theresa if you see her at Lisieux.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members join us at Grenville Oval last Friday for our Sports Carnival. Despite it being one of the coldest and windiest days of the year so far, it was a great day of team spirit, friendly rivalry and peer support as we cheered on participants in a range of events. Thanks must go to Mr Matt Curry for his overall coordination of the day and also to the many parent helpers who helped make the day a success. Congratulations to Gherang (black cockatoo / yellow team) who were the overall winners on the day!

We've been having some fun and learning a great deal about pet care with our new friend, Mavis the pig. She is certainly strong and willful - and she has a big appetite! Please don't throw away your fruit and vegetable scraps- there is a bucket with lid outside her pen and to date, we know she loves zucchini, cauliflower, grapes and bok choy. Please leave any food scraps there for Mavis.

I am thrilled to share with our community the wonderful news that Estella Judd, in Year 1, has completed her radiation and chemotherapy treatments and is now transitioning towards full-time attendance back at school. Doctors have confirmed that the treatment was successful and it is so wonderful to see Estella's big cheeky smile back again. The Judd family would like to sincerely thank all those members of our Lisieux community who supported them in a range of ways, including through contribution to the meal train over the last year.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan  
Principal

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### MAY

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Reconciliation 5-6pm St Therese Church
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day High Tea 2pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5

**Student Learning Conferences  
scheduled for Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
have been postponed till  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1:30 –  
7:00**



## PRAYER

Next Wednesday 8 May, our Year 3 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Loving God, Help us to teach our children that You love them totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn to say sorry, knowing that You always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. Amen.



## BOOK BORROWING for PARENTS and STUDENTS

Thank you to Mrs Zoe Vagg who has initiated a free book library for parents and staff. The library box is located inside our main front door. If you would like to read a book, please feel free to take one. If you have one that others may enjoy reading, feel free to leave it in the box.

## ITEMS NEEDED

**ARTROOM** - With a focus on recycling in art this term there are some items we hope you can collect for us to use in Art. These are

- plastic bottles and soft drink bottles (no milk bottles at present thanks, washed and de-labelled)
- plastic and foam supermarket meat/veg trays
- Old CDs
- Old T-Shirts
- Knitting Needles
- Large crochet hooks

Please drop these to the appropriate box outside the art room

We thank you for your kind support, Miss Righetti

## **GROWTH PROJECT - Glass jars and assistance looking after Mavis on the weekends**

Glass jars with lids for The Growth Project. Any size that have been washed and cleaned would be terrific thanks! Please hand in to office.

We are also seeking assistance for help with caring for Mavis over the weekends in Term 2. She needs to be checked on over the weekend, fed and water refilled. If you know that you are available on a weekend and would be willing to help please email Mrs Zoe Vagg at [Zoe.vagg@lsieiu.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Zoe.vagg@lsieiu.catholic.edu.au) with your name and suggested weekend

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Lisieux Catholic Primary School is calling for expressions of interest from Year 5/6 students to participate in this year's Great Victorian Bike Ride.

The Ride runs from Port Fairy to Torquay over 5 days from Wednesday 27th of November until Sunday 1st of December. On the ride we will have the opportunity to explore along the Great Ocean Road, through the Otways National Park while taking in the stunning Limestone Coast.

The ride costs \$539 which covers food for five days, campsites, medical and en-route support and allows the students to be a part of one of the largest, fully supported bicycle events in the world. There is no better way for our students to see a great part of Australia and learn about themselves and what they're capable of.

To help prepare interested parties Lisieux will provide all pre-event information, run a Bike Education program and hold training sessions.

If your child is interested in being a part of this please email Matthew Curry  
[matthew.curry@lisieux.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matthew.curry@lisieux.catholic.edu.au)

We would also need a parent helper to join us on this journey. If this is something you would be interested in could you also add that to the email.

Regards,

**Dr. Susan Ryan**







## The Surprising Benefits of Outdoor Learning

by [Learning Liftoff](#) Mar 2, 2017 [Education Issues](#)

Do you have memories from your school days of all the students going outside to look at trees or maybe examining different kinds of flora and fauna? Or were there times that you went outside because it was nearing the end of the school year and the teachers and students were restless or had cabin fever? If so, these rare trips outdoors probably provided an interesting change of pace.

Although most public school children do get to go on a field trip away from school once or twice a year, it often isn't the norm for students to enjoy nature as a part of their school day. Unfortunately, students who don't have the opportunity to learn outdoors may be missing out on opportunities to excel both academically and socially.

### **Benefits of Outdoor Learning**

[Experts](#) say that outdoor learning is quite beneficial to students because it makes them healthier and happier, and they do better academically. The various benefits include:

- Students who get to experience an outdoor learning environment tend to be more attentive and, therefore, have a better recollection of the information that was shared.
- Consistent exposure to nature decreases stress and anxiety, helps elevate mood, and helps with emotion.
- Children often have too much exposure to digital screens via televisions, computers, and cell phones. This can result in a “[nature deficit disorder](#),” which may lead to obesity and possible psychological and academic issues. Outdoor learning allows students to put their focus back on nature.
- Outdoor environments naturally inspire children to be more physically active.
- Exposure to bright sunlight found in nature is also healthy for vision. Bright sunlight is necessary for the eyes to develop properly, lowering the risk of nearsightedness.
- In outdoor settings, children are more motivated to work together in groups, which can improve their social skills. They learn to manage conflicts, communicate, and cooperate with their peers in a more effective manner.
- Outdoor learning provides children with [hands-on experiences](#) in nature. Most children learn better by using their senses. Outdoor environments provide the perfect place to do this. Instead of viewing different types of plants or wildlife on a computer or TV screen, they can see, smell, hear and touch them in nature. Students can even [start a garden](#) and [grow fruits and vegetables](#), which may have them wanting to sample their harvest. These hands-on experiences cultivate a love of nature and get them interested in our [natural resources](#).

Considering all these benefits, outdoor learning may be something all schools should try to incorporate. If you'd like to see more outdoor learning opportunities for your child, consider speaking to the school leaders about incorporating nature into the lessons. Or talk with other parents of school-aged children about the benefits of outdoor learning and discuss ways to implement outdoor learning in your community.

One of the [benefits of online learning](#) is the flexibility it allows parents in the learning day. Online students can take advantage of learning outdoors whenever it makes sense and their learning coaches can easily [incorporate nature](#) into the lesson plans. For more information on [online learning](#), visit [K12.com](#).



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