#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

This week, instead of the normal face to face interviews with prospective 2021 Preps and their parents, I have commenced this process by phone. It is very different but having asked each family to supply a photo of their child prior to the interview, I am using a different method of getting to know these new faces, while we chat 'remotely'. It is always enjoyable for me 'meeting and greeting' new families and hearing why they believe Lisieux is the right fit for their child. I love hearing that many families have heard good things about us, or have friends who have recommended our learning community. Thank you to all members of our community who are our best ambassadors, especially our students, for sharing our school successes and proudly representing who we are. If you have submitted an enrolment application for a younger child due to start at Lisieux next year, I will contact you within the next week to set a time for a phone interview. If you haven't yet submitted your enrolment application, please do so as soon as possible.

This week we have tried to keep things fun, with Crazy Hair Day, Share your Talent Day, and tomorrow being Funny Hat Day. It has been fantastic to see your funny photos. Students are engaging well with remote learning tasks and our feedback continues to be mostly positive about the tasks being delivered. Please remember that if your child doesn't get through everything, that is okay. We have added a section in the matrix where students can listen to stories uploaded from many staff. There is no need to respond in any way to these - they are just for enjoyment and literature enrichment.

Thanks to all those who responded to our idea of a drive-through mystery library. It sounds like many families would appreciate this. The Drive-Through Library will commence on Monday 4 May and will work like this. It will be open between 11am-12:30pm on Mondays. A paper bag package with randomly selected library books will be ready for collection for those who would like to try this. To manage the flow of families, we ask that families process through roughly alphabetically as follows:

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#### SCHOOL CALENDAR



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11:00am-11:10am: Families with surnames beginning with A-C 11:10am-11:20am: Families with surnames beginning with D-F 11:20am-11:30am: Families with surnames beginning with G-J 11:30am-11:40am: Families with surnames beginning with K-M 11:40am-11:50am: Families with surnames beginning with N-P 11:50am-12:00pm: Families with surnames beginning with Q-S 12:00pm-12:10pm: Families with surnames beginning with T-R 12:10pm-12:20pm: Families with surnames beginning with T-V 12:20pm-12:30pm: Families with surnames beginning with W-Z
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Pull into the Kiss and Drop zone and wind down your window. We will pass in a bundle of books for each Lisieux school child in your family. The following Monday we ask you to return at the same time and we will replace your books with a new set. As always, we will be keen to hear your feedback.

Finally this week, I'd like to mention school fees again. Lisieux will not be cancelling or reducing school fees due to the COVID-19 pandemic, because we have exactly the same operational and infrastructure costs as we did before the pandemic. We run on a very tight budget to deliver our educational programs and maintain our school and its equipment. We have loans and regular fees to pay like all businesses. Staff are still working, and are being paid. Their level of commitment and flexibility throughout this period has been extraordinary, with every member of our team going above and beyond to ensure that our students' learning programs are planned well and responded to with timely feedback. It is important to reiterate, however, that no child's access to Catholic education should be compromised if families have found themselves under financial stress due to retrenchment. In such cases, I request that you communicate with me directly. It will be a strictly confidential discussion and I will endeavour to offer support as required. I would not like to see any of our families be under further financial stress than necessary and we will come to an arrangement to offer support where needed.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan Principal

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## **PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with Your Spirit and Life.

Shine through us and be so in us

that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence.

Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as You shine,

so to shine as to be a light to others.

Let us praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around us.

Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear for You.

Amen.



## **IMPORTANT SCHOOL UPDATES**

#### **POLICY UPDATE**

All schools have been mandated to develop a Remote Learning Policy as a consequence of the situation we find ourselves in. Lisieux has developed such a policy and it has been ratified by our Lisieux Advisory Council. It can be found on our website under the Policies tab.

#### REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

Next week our teachers will be contacting families, letting them know about a class catchup via Zoom. It's a great opportunity for our students to see and hear from each other. Please keep an eye out for the permission forms that will be coming out soon via CareMonkey.

#### TRENDING ON LISIEUX NEWS

If you haven't seen what's trending on Lisieux's Facebook page yet we highly recommend you check it out. It will put a smile on your face and most of all, your child's face. Like it, Love it, Laugh at it and even better share it!!!

Hope you enjoy it as much as our staff loved putting it together.

## **PREP NEWS**

The Prep community have been busy working online, focusing on rhyming words and being able to write sentences using the Golden words. In Maths they have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and knowing one more, one less, 10 more and 10 less from different numbers. In French they have been learning about sport in France and naming the colours. It has been great to see and hear from our Prep students and everyday we look forward to seeing what each child has been up to. Keep it up!!!

# **READING TASK**











# **MATHS TASKS**









# WRITING TASK



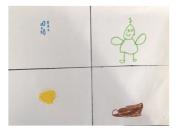






## FRENCH TASK





# ANZAC DAY & CRAZY HAIR DAY PHOTOS



















#### **PACER FUNDING**

Students from our school recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



