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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

It's been wonderful having a few sunny days this week – I hope you have managed to find time to soak up some late Autumn sunshine. Even though we have been in home isolation for several weeks now, I still get a surprise when I see families and children walking or riding during normal 'school hours' but then have to remind myself that this is okay. Several families I have spoken to on the phone this week have mentioned the last few weeks being a real time of re-connection, with a new sense of 'calm' and opportunities to have walks and down-time together. I hope you are all managing okay.

As a staff team, we have had several discussions about what it will be like when students begin to re-transition to school and we expect further government advice on this early next week. We are very conscious that for some children, it may be a cause of anxiety and re-adjustment. Please be assured that we will put steps in place to manage this, and to support students to feel reconnected and safe again at school. As soon as we have advice from our Premier, Daniel Andrews, I will communicate again with families and let you know what return to school will look like for Lisieux.

This Sunday is Mothers' Day, a day to celebrate the mothering role of all those in our community who nurture, support and provide love for individuals and families. As the attached article reminds us, as well as being chefs, event planners, chauffeurs, counsellors, health care providers and activity directors, mums change the world through their influence on the children they raise. Wherever you are this Sunday, if you are a mum, mum-tobe, grandmother or special female role model, we salute the work you do and wish you a very special day. Sadly, we had to cancel our annual Mothers' Day High Tea this year, but thanks go to Mr Gerard Douglas who has put together a beautiful tribute to Lisieux mums which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan Principal ISSUE 11 | 7th May 2020

SCHOOL CALENDAR



PRAYER

God our creator, we come before You and lift up in prayer all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to be who gave the gift of life. We give You thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church, society and world. May all mothers know of Your loving and gentle presence and may they always turn towards You in times of joy, sorrow and glory. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL UPDATES

Drive-through library

This will run again on Monday between 11am-12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then and providing students with a bag of books. No need to register, just drive through the Kiss and Drop Zone and wind your car window down.

Crazy Sock Day

Tomorrow is our theme day and we look forward to photos of students wearing crazy sock combinations.

<u>ART</u>

Just wanted to let you know about 2 exciting things you need to be on the lookout for, to do with 100 Languages at Lisieux.

First: At next Monday's drive through library, you can collect a clay pack for each child to go with the Seesaw activity "How to make a clay heart for our Mosaic". They can also be collected from a box in the foyer. This post will be sent to all students by Monday morning. This is a fun way your child can make a part to be included on our mosaic. It's essential that they be returned by the following Monday 18th May, the same way so they are included in the firing at Bellbrae Pottery.

Second: Next Wednesday afternoon at 2pm Mr Dando, Ms Staunton and Madame Righetti will be launching a singing group over Zoom. If your child would like to join they need to follow the link in the post "Virtual choir: I love to Sing" at 1.50pm that day. This will also be posted to all students by Monday morning.

Hope you can get involved, Madame Righetti

RE NEWS

The current crisis has provided many challenges and difficulties. If there is anything we can gain from the pandemic is the importance of family and the value of spending time with our loved ones. The past few weeks have given many of us time to sit down and read a book with our children. The parish would like to extend the significance of family and the reading of books with the wider community.

During this time, we would like to invite parents and grandparents to take part in a unique opportunity to read and share a picture story book online to other children in the community. It is a great way to support our teachers, schools and our children's learning. The stories may be supported with questions for reflection e.g. What important decisions did the character/s make? How does the character remind you of Jesus?

If you would like to share a video reading a picture story book, please send the video to <u>ephilipp@nsgrovedale.catholic.edu.au</u> or <u>grovedale@cam.org.au</u>. This will then be placed on the Nazareth Catholic Parish YouTube channel for others in the community to view.

Stories bring people together and this is another way we can strengthen as a community. We thank you for your time and support.

Regards, Eckhart Philipp Director of Faith and Mission

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Uniform provider, Noone, will be open Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm from next week.

In following Government advice, Noone will no longer be accepting cash payments and are limiting the number of customers in store to three groups at any one time.

Their products are still available online or via email with home delivery over this period of limited trading.

WELLBEING

The Top 12 Duties of a Mother

Posted on May 8, 2016 by John Salmon

Mothers have one of the most influential and important jobs in the world...and one of the most difficult. Just consider some of the duties a mother carries out on a daily basis.



- Chef: A mother cooks 2-3 meals a day. Sometimes, their children will love the meals you prepare. Sometimes, they will hate them. Most of the time, they simply wolf down the food you prepare and run to their next activity. Occasionally you will receive the cherished "thank you." Hearing those two words will make every meal you prepared worthwhile.
- **Housekeeper**: As a mother you will have the opportunity to clean all kinds of messes—clothes left on the floor, cups left in the living room, spilled food, dirty diapers, vomit, the list goes on. But, one day your child may help clean the kitchen and...well, here's for wishful thinking.
- **Resolve Conflicts**: Children have conflict with friends, siblings, and even their parents. You will have the joy of helping your children learn the skills of listening, negotiation, compromise, and problem-solving, skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.
- **Event Planner**: Mothers schedule. What else can I say? From play dates to doctor's appointments to school events to after school activities to vacations to any number of other events, mothers schedule...a lot!
- **Teacher**: Mothers teach their children everything...and I mean everything. When cooking they not only teach their children how to cook, but some basic math. They teach their children about relationships, problem resolution, and dating skills. Even more, they teach their children how to think! Mothers teach these things without even knowing they do it. Then there are all the things they teach on purpose...things like math, reading, how to clean, how to do laundry, how to keep house, etc.
- **Chauffeur**: Mothers take their children to school, the doctor, and the dentist. They take their children to sporting activities, dance, gymnastics, and music lessons. They drive their children to play dates and to the store. And, they turn each drive into an opportunity to talk, grow closer, and learn. (See duty labeled "Teacher.")
- **Laundry**: Mothers do laundry. They get out the stains and keep the bright colors. Life needs a clean start!
- **Counselor**: Children come to their mothers when they fail a test and when their heart is broken. Mothers comfort and advise. They kiss skinned knees and mend broken hearts. They heal broken spirits and teach children how to shape a joyous future.
- **Finance Manager**: Mothers often help to manage the finances, teaching their children to do so as well. Balance the costs of groceries, school activities, and clothes as well as the utilities and other household expenses.
- Health Care Provider: As previously noted, mother's kiss skinned knees. They also check their children's fevers, cook them chicken noodle soup, make them comfortable, and many other "doctoring" duties. In the long run, mothers probably do much more than your average physician and for a lot less pay!
- Activities Director: When children are bored, mothers come up with ideas. They encourage their children to play. They teach their children nursery rhymes, games, and fun activities like cooking. In so doing, they teach their children how to manage their time in productive, effective ways
- **World Changer**: Perhaps the most underrated task a mother fulfills is that of world-changer. Society is a mere 20 years from anarchy or continued civilization. It takes 20 years to raise a child, 20 years to "civilize them" or let them fall into anarchy, 20 years to raise children of character, integrity, and compassion or children of deceit, selfishness, and indifference. A mother plays a great role in this training. Mothers change the world with every child they raise.

Let's all send out a big "thank you" to all our Moms, the real life impactors ... the world changers of our society!

REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS of the WEEK

Zest

Definition: great enthusiasm and energy.

Someone I know that showed zest is Steve Irwin. Because he showed great enthusiasm about his work and did everything with passion and 100% energy.

I show zest when I draw because I enjoy it a lot and I can spend a lot of time on a drawing piece.











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