

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

In this week's edition of The Tide, as the time is drawing closer for our staged return to school, I would like to share some tips for this process and explain how we are going to approach things at Lisieux.

1. Our priority is to make sure that everyone is safe and well and is supported to return to school and feel comfortable. We will be waiting with big smiles to welcome our Prep -Year 2 students at The Kiss and Drop zone on Tuesday from 8:20am. For students who need a little extra support saying goodbye and walking to class, we will provide this. (Should your child have higher than expected anxiety, we will adapt the guidelines as needed so don't put extra stress on yourself as parents if you believe this may occur. Also, don't stress if you don't arrive at your designated time – this is just a guide and our goal is to reduce stress, not cause more.)
2. Re-starting school is going to be a time to reconnect with peers and educators. We won't rush this – our number one priority will be supporting students to get back in the rhythm of school life. Putting academic pressure on at this stage will be a recipe for disaster, so, again, we'll be going slow in this area, with an eye on long term success via the pathway of connection and wellbeing.
3. Having the home routines re-established (e.g. sleep times, lunch boxes, bag packed, uniform ready) will help minimise anxiety. Children thrive on routines and structure and it will help them feel ready to return if these areas are in place.
4. Because our students have had a higher-than-normal exposure to technology over the past six weeks, we will be paring that right back – to zero – for the remainder of this term. Students phasing back into school life will see a focus on personal interaction and fun. Our learning will be hands-on and we'll give our young people a break from computer screens, with as much time as possible outdoors.
5. For those students in Years 3-6 who will have an additional two weeks of remote home-based learning, we'll continue our programs via SeeSaw and look for opportunities to continue building our sense of community. For example, the drive-through library will continue on Monday 1 June and we'll have some other team focus days as well.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### May

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Report Writing Day**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Prep – 2 begin staged return to school.**

### JUNE

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> & Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Staff wellbeing conference CANCELLED**

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Holiday (Student Free Day)**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Year 3-6 students return to school**



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As has been the mantra right through this time of change, our motto will continue to be “one day at a time.” We may need to tweak things after the first few days; we will reflect on and review our progress regularly, and as always, we’ll be keen to receive your feedback. As educators, we are nervous too about the return to ‘normal’, but most of all we are excited and looking forward to welcoming our students back. We can’t wait to see some of their happy faces and hear their voices again next Tuesday.

A reminder also, for any parents of Year 3-6 students for whom the home care / working from home situation has changed, please contact me directly if you require your child to attend school for supervised learning. Those children who will be attending supervised remote learning at school should wear their school uniform from next Tuesday please.

God’s blessings for the week ahead,

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## PRAYER

### **Based on Matthew 28:16-20**

God, thank you for coming to us in Jesus of Nazareth.

We have heard all that he taught us.

We can see what he showed us when he fed the crowds and healed people and made friends with people everyone else ignored.

Mostly, we are amazed and deeply thankful for his dying on the cross and rising again.

His story is the most important story in our lives.

Be with us as we tell that story to others

and try to live like he did today and every day of our lives.

We pray this in his name.

Amen



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL UPDATES

### **REPORT WRITING AND PROFESSIONAL PLANNING**

This Friday 22 May will be a designated Report Writing Day for our Lisieux educators. While they will set remote learning tasks for students on Friday, they will not be available on this day to respond as they normally do via SeeSaw or email.

Monday 25 May is a student free day and no online learning will be delivered. Staff will be involved in preparing for the return of Prep-Year 2 students, setting up classrooms and physical spaces in accordance with guidelines. We recommend a ‘mindful Monday’ for all students, a chance for relaxation without technology where possible. For families requiring care for their children on this day, please contact The Kelly Club directly as they will provide supervision if adequate bookings are made.

Please also note that the previously advertised staff professional development days (June 4 and 5) have been cancelled and may be rescheduled for later in the year depending on circumstances.

These will now be normal attendance days for Prep-Year 2 and remote learning days for Years 3-6.

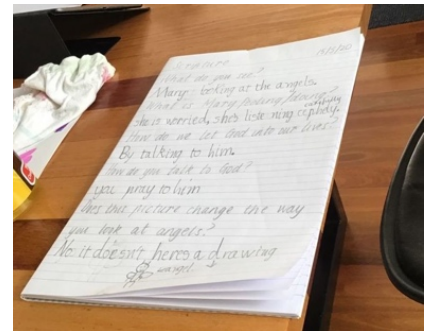
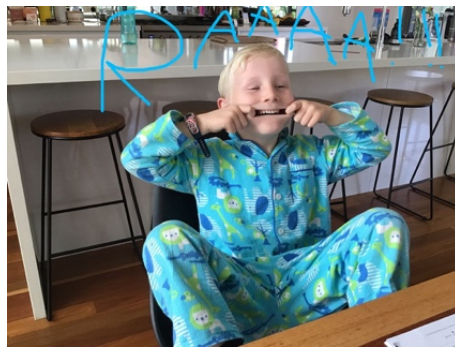
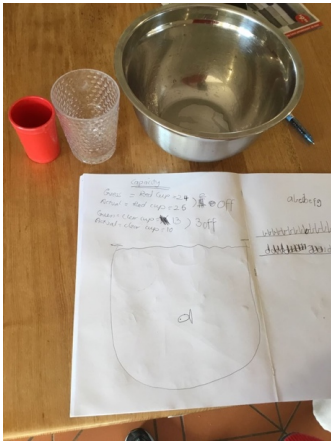


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### RETURN of iPADS

If your child is in Prep - Year 2 and borrowed an iPad from Lisieux for home-based learning this term, please ensure it is returned to Reception next week. Devices need to be returned by a parent (not by students) so they can be checked and signed off. Families of Year 3-6 students who have borrowed iPads may retain these until Tuesday 9 June.

## PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK





## NAZARETH CATHOLIC PARISH: Grovedale, Anglesea and Torquay

Nazareth Parish has just launched its newly created Facebook page. Please follow the link in the image or below and like our page.

Another wonderful feature our Parish has been able to achieve during this time is the creation of our You Tube channel. Each week we have a Sunday morning Mass available, along with weekly dialogue sessions. Please subscribe to our You Tube channel to ensure you don't miss any videos.



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