

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

Thank you to all families who were able to participate in Learning Conferences held yesterday afternoon and evening. It was a different style of conversation this time, being facilitated via zoom. I hope there were not too many technological challenges and that the conversations had were rewarding for all involved: students, teachers, and parents / carers. The goal of the Learning Conferences was to provide an opportunity for students to share their strengths, identify areas of growth and establish future learning goals, and for educators and parents to have input into this discussion as well. We know that partnerships between home and school grow from opportunities to build mutual trust, respect and responsibility, and value occasions where we can engage in dialogue together. I would like to thank our educators, also, for their professionalism and preparation for the Learning Conferences. As I regularly note, we are very blessed with our staff team who are incredibly dedicated to the work they do.

Tonight, our Parents and Friends Committee will also meet remotely ('the new normal'). Unfortunately, many of the events they had planned for 2020 have had to be cancelled or postponed, but they have several great fundraising and community ideas to discuss tonight. You are welcome to join the discussion at 7:30pm tonight.

Please note the request regarding Drop Off / Pick Up below in this newsletter. We are seeing an increase of parents parking and alighting from their cars each day and ask that this does not take place during the current conditions.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

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| Fri 7th | Professional
Development for
Staff
School Closure |
| Mon 10th | Professional
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Staff
School Closure |

PRAYER

Prayer

Lord, it is Winter and the days are cold.

Help us to see the beauty of the season- the crisp morning air, the ice on the grass, the sun as it sparkles on icicles.

There is majesty in the power of the wind, the rain, the foggy breath of a new day.

Our community and our families are places of warmth in our lives, as we share the flame of hope and connection.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this season, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm.

Let us wrap our prayers around them and wish each other safe journeys through the cold days.

Amen.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Reminders

Thank you to families who are following our mandated protocol regarding safe drop off and pick up arrangements. We acknowledge that this adds a few minutes to each afternoon, in particular, however, we remind families that this protocol has been adopted to comply with regulations and to minimise unnecessary contact. We ask that parents do not park and alight from their cars, but follow the drive-through procedure, with family name clearly indicated on car windscreen. Following this protocol will avoid our staff having potentially awkward conversations with parents, and help us to maintain low rates of contagion within the Surf Coast area.

We have a large number of items in our Lost and Found tub currently. If you are missing an item, please advise Fiona in Reception, who can check and let you know if the item is there. All current items are un-named. This is a good reminder to have every item named, including drink bottles, scarves and lunchboxes. Items unclaimed by end of term will be washed and put into our spare clothing cupboard.

Wellbeing Support

This term we would like to offer further wellbeing support to our Year 3-6 students. We know that many students have experienced different challenges already within their lives and would like to give them some tools to help them understand their emotions and talk about their experiences. To help achieve this we will be running the 'Seasons for Growth' program which is designed to help support students who have experienced significant changes or trauma in their lives. Changes can include things like family separation, the loss of someone close to them and many other experiences that impact the child's social and emotional development. It is important that time has elapsed since the change for the students to get the most out of the program. The program recommends that 6 months has passed since the change.

The program uses the calendar seasons as a metaphor for grief and guides the students through different emotions experienced with change and strategies for understanding the feelings that come with the emotions. It will be run in a small group setting (less than 8 students) and will run once a week for 8 weeks.

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the program, can you please email Matthew Curry (matthew.curry@lisioux.catholic.edu.au)

Thanks, Matt

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK



P & F NEWS

We are holding a Lisieux Parent's and Friends Meeting via zoom on Thursday 23rd of July at 7pm. All welcome to join as we discuss ways forward for sponsorship, fundraising and social events.

Please find the zoom link on the P&F Facebook Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219863365445717/>

Or direct here:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91946127486...>

Meeting ID: 919 4612 7486

Password: 662177