

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

With less than three weeks of the 2020 school year remaining, it is a time for consolidation of learning, assessment and celebration of all that we have achieved. There is so much to be proud of this year and students have done an amazing job this term (our only full term of the year at school!) We look forward to greater face to face connection and community involvement next year.

The season of **Advent** commences this Sunday. As we did last year, we are facilitating a **Reverse Advent Calendar Drive**. This year, more than ever, there are families within our wider community who need our support. We will have three large tubs in Reception, one each for toys, Christmas items /non-perishable foods and children's clothing/nappies, etc. Next week our focus will be on food items and we encourage families to donate what they are able to. Cans or boxes of food, bon-bons, Christmas napkins, etc would be greatly appreciated. The tubs will be packaged up at the end of the school year and goods donated to local charities such as Geelong Mums and St Vincent De Paul. Thank you in advance for your support.

Over recent weeks we have heard more and more children at Lisieux talking about playing Fortnite online. While this is a parental decision, we do urge you to be aware of how much time your child spends online and in what type of activity. Fortnite actually comes with an age restriction of 12 years+ (social media sites such as Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook have a 13+ age restriction) and with good reason. Fortnite is acknowledged to be highly addictive and there are associated anti-social behaviours which are strongly linked to use, along with concerns such as exposure to extreme foul language and sleep deprivation. I have included an article in our wellbeing section this week, which you may find useful when discussing such matters at home.

Next week we farewell Year 1/2 classroom educator, Siobhan Staunton, who commences maternity leave. We wish Siobhan and Steven every happiness as they await the arrival of their first precious child. We look forward to sharing the news of the new arrival early in 2021.

God's blessings for the week ahead,
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

**Monday 30 November -
Friday 4 December**
**Week one Reverse Advent
Calendar: non-perishable
food and Christmas items
requested**

DECEMBER

**Tues 8th Transition
Morning P-5**
**Current Year 6's not
required at school**

**Mon 14th Year 6
Graduation
Ceremony &
Lunch**

**Tues 15th P-Year 5
Beach
Excursion**
(further details to follow)

**Wed 16th Final Day
Term 4 2020 -
Students
conclude
12:30pm**
**Students to be collected
at 12:30pm**

PRAYER

Week 1 - Hope

This week we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom. The first Advent candle is the candle of Hope. Jesus is our hope. He died on the cross to save us and give us everlasting life. "The light of hope shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out."



Based on Matthew 13:33-37

Lord Jesus,
you have said that your followers must be the light to the world.
Light propagates itself, dispels darkness.
It sows rays of joy and hope. It is life-giving.
Help me, Lord, to be a light to this world,
so that my life radiates your message of love, hope, and joy.
May I be the beacon leading to You those who seek truth.
Amen

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Transition Morning

Tuesday 8 December is Transition Morning and all current P-5 students will be 'moving up' for the morning to their 2021 class group. Most current Year 6's will be involved in secondary Orientation Mornings so we request that **Year 6 students do not attend school at Lisieux on this day.**

Graduation update

In negotiation with our Year 6 students, permission has been given for them to wear casual clothes on Monday 14 December for their Graduation Ceremony. Year 6 students are to wear PE uniform on the following day for their excursion.

WELLBEING

Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls

The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

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What else can I do?

Further tips

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.
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Sources for this factsheet

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