

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

Our term is well underway and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students arriving at school each morning and engaging in their learning. Well done to students and parents alike for embracing the Kiss and Drop routine so positively.

As parents at Lisieux would know, we put wellbeing needs foremost in our planning, and this has been particularly relevant in the first two weeks of the year. We do this because we know that when we look after wellbeing, we are also investing in academic growth. In the first fortnight, we have planned activities to encourage students to get to know one another, form friendships and feel comfortable in their learning spaces. We believe this foundation will set them up for success in their academic learning so it is a worthy investment. Coming up on Tuesday 23 February we will be facilitating a **Transition and Wellbeing Discussion** evening. Due to the current operational restrictions we will be offering these discussions remotely via Zoom. The discussions will provide an opportunity for parents and educators to take part in a conversation about your child's transition to the school year, and to discuss any wellbeing concerns. The focus of the discussion will not be on academic progress as it is too early in the school year to report on this, however, we are currently testing every student individually in terms of literacy growth and we will be doing the same in numeracy. Details of how to confirm a time for a discussion with your child/ren's teacher will be sent home in separate correspondence.

Our Year 5/6 students are participating in a Leadership Conference today and tomorrow where they will focus on what leadership means and their special roles this year as ambassadors for Lisieux. I know they are very excited to get some initiatives underway and to make an impact on our learning community through their passion and action. We look forward to formally inducting them into their roles at our Beginning of Year Mass on 26 February.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of spiritual preparation for Easter. While for some parents and grandparents, Lent may be associated with 'giving something up', the real meaning of Lent is a time to reflect on the life of Jesus, of finding ways to grow in relationship with him. Pope Francis speaks of Lent being a season for 'renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour.' All students will participate in an Ash Wednesday service at school on Wednesday.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan
Principal

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Thur 11th – Fri 12th

Year 5/6 Leadership Conference

Mon 15th

January & February birthday morning tea with the Principal

Tues 16th

**Shrove Tuesday
Project Compassion 2021 Launch – Yr6**

Wed 17th

**Ash Wednesday
Prep Rest Day**

Thur 18th

P&F AGM Meeting

Fri 19th

Lisieux Family Picnic 5pm – 7pm

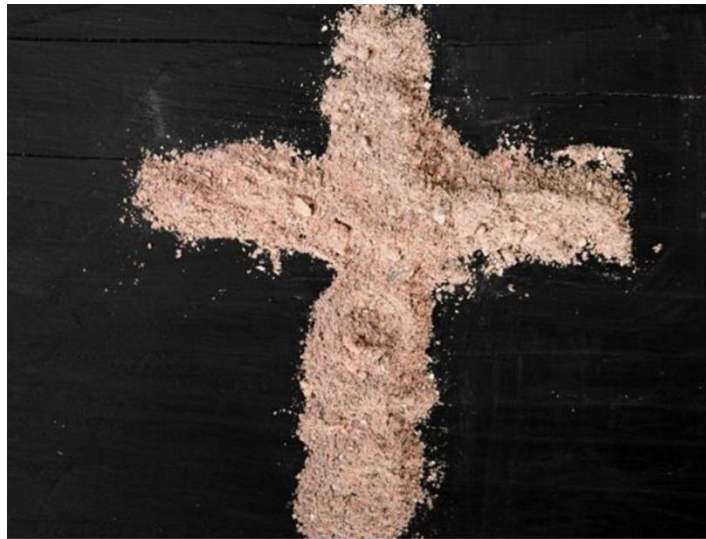
POSTPONED – to be rescheduled

Tues 23rd

**Individual Transition & wellbeing discussions
3:30pm – 7:30pm**

PRAYER

Jesus,
This is love.
Not that you spoke words of comfort,
walked with the unclean and unloved,
shared wisdom, bread and fish,
brought healing into lives
and challenged the status quo.
This is love.
That you spoke the word of God,
walked a painful road to the Cross,
shared living water, bread of life,
brought Salvation to the world
and died for the sake of all.
This is love.
It is a seed
sown in the ground,
which germinates,
blossoms,
and spreads its sweet perfume.
Amen.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Parents may have noticed that the **speed limit** on South Beach Road has been revised and is now 60 km per hour, except during school drop off and pick up times when it is 40 km per hour. Please follow these new limits for the safety of all.

We have been alerted that some parents are **parking illegally** on South Beach Road and encouraging children to walk to their vehicle after school. This is not a safe or recommended practice and we understand that local police officers may issue fines. Additionally, we ask that when **exiting Lisieux** in the afternoons, drivers turn left only, towards Surf Coast Highway. Right turning vehicles are creating increased congestion and danger during this busy time. Your support of these requests would be greatly appreciated.

To facilitate a smooth pick up operation please put your child's name clearly in your car windscreen.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our nude food policy at Lisieux.

Please feel free to contact Fiona at Reception if your child has lost an item of clothing. Already we have an extensive collection of items, including clothing and drink bottles. Please label all items to avoid loss of items.

As per our uniform policy requirement, we ask that all students with hair longer than shoulder length have it tied back neatly each day please. This is a health and safety requirement.

In relation to uniform, please note that black leather shoes are the requirement with the formal uniform and alternate footwear is not permitted. If you have difficulty with this expectation please contact the Principal directly to discuss further.

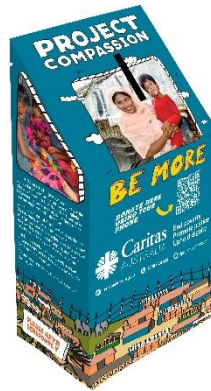
PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021

Next week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each student will receive a Project Compassion box and we ask that you donate what you can. We will use these boxes and the donations on Tuesday 30th March for our annual coin challenge.

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



The Growth Project

This term for The Growth Project the Year 3 to 6 students were introduced to the correct ways of composting. Our hope here at Lisieux is to use our various waste products like food scraps, paper and plant clippings to create compost that we can use in our garden.



Our second project is to be a steward for our Lisieux community. We started by cleaning and weeding our Chook Palace, ready for our new chickens and ducks who will arrive on Friday. We also weeded and mulched various garden beds around our school.



STAFF INTRODUCTION

Introducing Carly Finn, Year 1/2 Waratah Bleu Educator

What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

Walk my dog Harley, watch Netflix, dance and spend time with family and friends.

What is your favourite holiday destination? Greek Islands.

What is your dream destination in the whole world? New York.

What is your favourite AFL football team? Hawthorn football club.

What is your favourite food? Chicken Parmigiana.

What is your favourite ice cream flavour? Mint Chocolate.

What was your favourite movie as a child? Cheaper by the dozen.

What was your favourite book as a child? Matilda.

What is one of your favourite quotes? 'Without mistakes how would you learn?'

What are you looking forward to the most about 2021? Our school 2021 production.



PHOTO'S WEEK 2



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Parents & Friends News

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 16th of Feb the Parents & Friends Committee will be hosting a Pancake morning tea for Shrove Tuesday. Yummy pancakes and toppings will be provided at morning tea time for all the children in the school.

If your child has a gluten, dairy or egg allergy, please email Fiona ASAP at fiona.thompson@lisieux.catholic.edu.au so we can accommodate their needs.

P & F AGM

The Lisieux Parents & Friends Committee endeavours to support and strengthen the Lisieux School Community by running Fundraising and Social events. We meet approximately twice per term and carry out a number of minor and major events through the year (COVID regulation dependant!)

Our first meeting for 2021/AGM will be held next Thursday 18th at 7pm. Location to be confirmed next week.

All are most welcome!

We also invite members of the school community to join the P&F Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219863365445717>

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Confirmation Class of 2020

Grade 6 students of 2020 are invited
to celebrate their

Sacrament of Confirmation on
Feb 20th/21st & Feb 27th/28th

Please book via

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNTEX>

For more information please call the
Parish Office 9412 8444



2021 OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 3 March -
Friday 12 March 2021**

Multiple information and
tour sessions

Bookings are essential
and can be made online
from Monday 1 February via
clonard.vic.edu.au

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*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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