

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

After an unexpected 'circuit breaker' this week, we are back on deck and in full swing again. It was wonderful to receive photos of your home-learning tasks, especially the pancake making, which was a huge hit and demonstrated such creativity.

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of several new members of staff, who will commence over the coming weeks. Brooke Walsh has been appointed as Reception Officer / Enrolment Registrar and will work with us on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Brooke will be familiar to many of you as a current Lisieux parent. We had a very strong response to this advertisement and I'd like to thank all those who expressed interest. After an extensive search, we have also been successful in appointing a Psychologist one day per week and look forward to welcoming Katherine Stanley to this role. Katherine will support our educators and families in providing some learning assessments of students and subsequent educational reports. Bridget Mapleson commenced with us this week as a tutor, four mornings per week. She will be supporting students who may have missed out on learning growth as a result of COVID-19 interruption to school. Finally, we will also welcome Andrea Walker as Risk and Compliance Officer. Andrea will be working across the four Catholic primary schools of our parish, as well as at Iona College, providing support with risk assessment, health and safety and policy compliance, all growing areas in schools at the moment.

Next Thursday evening is our Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting and we warmly encourage interested members of the community to come along. As well as a focus on fundraising, the P & F group works to build community connection and provide support for Lisieux families as needed. The meeting will be in the staffroom, subject to restrictions, at 7pm and everyone is welcome.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Thur 18th P&F AGM Meeting
POSTPONED till
25th February

Fri 19th Lisieux Family
Picnic 5pm – 7pm
POSTPONED – to be rescheduled

Mon 22nd Rescheduled
January / February
birthday morning
tea

Tues 23rd Individual
Transition &
wellbeing discussions
3:30pm – 7:30pm
Yr 1/2 to commence at 2pm

**Year 3/4 Beach
Discovery Excursion**

Wed 24th Year 5/6 Beach
Discovery Excursion
Prep Rest Day

Thur 25th P&F AGM Meeting
7:00pm – Staffroom

Fri 26th Beginning of Year
Mass & Induction
of School Leaders -
12 noon

Prayer for the first week of Lent

We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms, bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow and the existence of the teapot we give thanks. We celebrate and give thanks.

Amen.



The Lisieux community extends its thoughts and prayers to the Cayzer family (Scott and Marnie; Justin, Year 5; Riley, Year 2) on the death of Scott's father, Greg, yesterday after a battle with cancer.



GATHERING / PRAYER AT LISIEUX

Every morning at Lisieux we begin our day with gathering and prayer. Generally, students will sit in a circle, often around a prayer mat they have co-constructed (see example below from 1 / 2 Acacia Bleu). Gathering is a means to 'check in' on students' wellbeing, greet the day together and then as a class, a candle is lit, and a prayer is shared. In most classes, children will rotate responsibility for lighting the candle, putting out the prayer mat, and reading a prayer. Students may also offer their own prayer intention. Our Lisieux students are learning both traditional and modern prayers, and we have begun work towards writing our own school prayer.



Introducing Mrs Zoe Vagg

Q: What is your role at Lisieux?

A: I teach Acacia Bleu with Madame Hutchins. I have been at Lisieux since mid 2018 and have had lots of roles including The Growth Project and Outdoor Discovery. I am thrilled to be teaching Year 1 / 2 this year!

Q: Who is in your family?

A: I am the middle child of my family and have an older sister and younger brother. I am married to Tim and have three girls, Evie (8), Nellie (6) and Clementine (4). We have a Miniature Schnauzer named Pippa.

Q: What was your favourite childhood experience?

A: I grew up in Ballarat and spent lots of time with cousins. My Mum is from a big family and I would always explore the creek behind my grandparents' house with my cousins.

Q: What is your favourite holiday destination?

A: I love Noosa and Port Douglas. I enjoy camping with my family and dream about travelling to New York.

Q: What is your favourite movie?

A: I watched 'Beaches' religiously with my sister every Saturday morning growing up.

Q: What is your favourite book?

A: My favourite picture story book is 'Magic Beach' and I love reading. Some of my favourite recent reads have been 'Scrublands', 'Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine' and 'Honeybee.'

Q: What is your favourite thing to do on the weekend?

A: Sleep in (never happens in my house!), go out for breakfast, drink coffee and catch up with friends and family.

Q: Share some fun facts about yourself:

A: My birthday is Halloween and my Nana hated my name when I was born. She refused to call my name until I was 6 weeks old and kept trying to convince my Mum and Dad to change it to Rachel!

Q: What are you looking forward to in 2021?

A: Getting to know all the gorgeous children in Year 1 / 2.



PHOTO'S WEEK 3




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