



Dear members of the Lisieux community,

When I was a child I was a huge fan of Enid Blyton books and one of my favourites was The Magic Faraway Tree. Deep in The Enchanted Woods was a tree which had, at its top, different magical lands. The main characters climbed the tree, past special friends who lived within its branches - Moonface, Mr Saucepan Man and Silky. When they reached the top branches, steering away from Mrs Wash-a-lot's buckets of dirty washing water, they would find a surprise adventure awaiting. I recall that one of the lands at the top of the tree was called Topsy Turvy Land. This was a land where everyone walked on their hands and everything was upside down. This term I feel like we have all been living in Topsy Turvy Land and on any given day, we haven't been sure what to expect. Within a week of Term 3 commencing we were thrust into lockdown and have gone back and forth ever since, in a constant state of uncertainty. If you are feeling like your head is spinning, you are not alone! It has been wonderful to have our Prep -Year 2 students on site this week, and we await further advice regarding the return of Years 3-6 which I will share as soon as it becomes available.

I've mentioned many times this term how grateful we are for our community and the partnership we share with families, for parents /carers who have juggled home responsibilities with supervision of remote learning. It has not been easy and for many families, it has been incredibly difficult. I'd like to mention our staff team once again too. In each of the lockdown scenarios, our staff get no more notice of lockdowns than anyone else in the public. If they are teaching, they probably don't hear the news until the end of the school day and have frequently been required to pivot and change course within hours, calling meetings after hours or on weekends. Our educators have been required to plan remote units of work, connect with students remotely, supervise onsite students and forward plan for the return of face to face learning, often while supervising their own children at home at the same time. Meanwhile, other day to day school matters continue – professional development, our school review process, employment of new staff, assessment and reporting, new enrolments, site meetings for our new building, compliance issues, and so on. I'd like to sincerely thank our staff team for maintaining a positive and flexible approach, for consistently putting the

SEPTEMBER

Fri 17th Footy Colours Day

Drive Thru Prize collection
12.30-1.30pm
(for those who completed 15 tasks during Choose your own Adventure week)
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
CANCELLED FOR ALL
STUDENTS DUE TO
COVID RESTRICTIONS

Final Day of Term 3 3.15pm Finish Time

OCTOBER

Mon 4th WHOLE STAFF
CURRICULUM AND
PLANNING DAY
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tues 5th Term 4 begins-Prep- Yr 2 to return (further details to be confirmed regarding COVID restrictions) needs of our students first and for demonstrating such support and genuine care for members of our community. I feel so proud of the enormous effort and commitment shown by all. Your feedback as parents has been gratefully received and has mostly been very positive, acknowledging the effort of staff in a range of ways. Obviously, we cannot please everyone all the time, but we have certainly taken feedback on board and strived to regularly review our practice and continue to provide work that will engage our students and keep them connected. We are all ready for a break after a very challenging term and we hope and pray that Term Four will be a smoother experience for all.

It is the nature of schools that they constantly change and develop and this involves the addition and loss of staff from time to time. In recent weeks, we welcomed **Miss Siobhan Staunton** back from maternity leave and it is wonderful to see how smooth the transition has been for students of 1/2 Waratah Rouge. It is great to have Siobhan back at Lisieux.

We also look forward to officially welcoming the following new staff members in January, 2022:

Mrs Amy Bateman, currently employed at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Norlane;

Mrs Emma Clancy, currently employed at St Thomas' Catholic Primary School, Drysdale;

Mr Paul Duncan, currently employed at Chelsea Heights Primary School;

Mrs Amanda Duthie, currently employed at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Boronia;

Miss Rhiannon Evans, currently employed at St Paul Apostle North Catholic Primary School, Endeavour Hills;

Mr Jake Otto, Deakin University graduate teacher.

I would also like to advise the community that two of our current staff members will be leaving Lisieux for new adventures at the end of 2021. While we will miss them greatly, we know they will have the opportunity to grow professionally in their new endeavours. We will be farewelling **Mrs Kate Salisbury** and also **Miss Brianna McGennisken**. Kate has been with us as Carmel Blanc class teacher this year, and Brianna has been with us for three years, also working in Prep, and now moving to a new challenge, teaching at St Augustine's in Coffs Harbour. In due course we will have the opportunity to formally farewell both Kate and Brianna. Next term I will be in a position to confirm the class allocations of teachers for various year levels and will share this in a future newsletter.

As families would be aware, we have cancelled several whole staff professional development days this term. Please note that our planned Curriculum Day on Monday 4 October will proceed and that this will be a student free day. At this stage we expect classes to resume for students on Tuesday 5 October, but will clarify closer to the time, pending government advice, should there be any change in plans.

I wish all students and their families, as well as staff members and their families, a restful and renewing holiday break.

God's blessings,

Susan Ryan

Principal

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Thank you, God, for the gifts you have given us throughout this term, even on the challenging days. We are grateful for the sweet moments amongst some of the hard days. You have guided us to draw upon our strengths of resilience and determination.

Thank you for the beauty and joy and wonder of a holiday break.

Bless the members of our community, keep them safe and give them refreshment and peace. Amen.



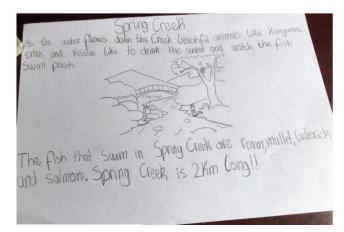




The rain has stopped. The wet is over. It is peaceful and quiet as the animals come out. Everything is wet and misty. The birds land on tree branches which drip into the water as the sun shines on a faint rainbow.

Moorhens are a brown and black bird and they have white markings on their body. They are a medium sized bird and they are omnivores. The moorhens like to live in reeds next to the water. Reeds are a grass-like plant that like the wetlands. Flowers such as kangaroo paws live close to the wetlands, near wattle trees where wattlebirds like to sit.

By Elke Pitts



By Poppy Perks



The rain has stopped. The wet is over. The animals are awake. The flowers are blooming and the plants are looking great. The ducks are gliding through the waterways and the wrens are flying overhead.

Over fifty-six different bird species have been seen around the wetland systems and native reserves of Armstrong Creek, such as pelicans, spoonbills, ducks, swans, parrots, goshawks, falcons, wrens, honeyeaters and many more. Armstrong Creek is also a rich habitat for frogs and aquatic flora.

By Lilani Judd

The rain has stopped. The wet is over. I can see mud. I can see frogs. I can see birds. I can see fish. I can smell mud. I can hear birds. It is beautiful and peaceful.

The wetlands have lots of reedy grass. It also has small minnow fish and heaps of tadpoles and frogs, too. At the moment, there is a pair of swans and baby cygnets.

By Ella Corker



Tomorrow is FOOTY COLOURS DAY. We encourage all students, those at school and those still learning remotely, to wear their favourite footy team colours with pride.

Thank you to all students who have engaged so well during remote learning this term and demonstrated agility and resilience. It has been wonderful to see students in Years 3-6 engaging so positively in Choose Your Own Adventure Week. Students who have completed a minimum of 15 tasks this week are eligible to collect a football-themed prize. They can collect their prize from 12:30pm-1:30pm when driven through the Kiss and Drop zone or they may walk or ride through the zone if parents are not available to drive them at that time.

We have a bumper crop of Lisieux grown vegetables available at our drive thru tomorrow for a small donation. Well done to

our green thumbs.



Monday 4 October is a student free day. The Kelly Club will be available for families who require onsite supervision.

School Production update:

Our school production will proceed but the event will be live-streamed later in Term 4. More details will follow early next term. We are in need of some volunteers to help with sewing costumes over the holidays and early next term. Please email Madame Finn via carly.finn@lisieux.catholic.edu.au if you can help out



























Congratulations to Georgia Martin and Zac May on the safe arrival of Archie James May on 14/9/20.

We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness together.





PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Mango Fundraiser Update

The Parents and Friends Committee will once again offer trays of mangoes available for purchase this year. Unfortunately due to unprecedented crop failure resulting in a 60-70% reduction in the supplier's usual mango crop we will be limiting orders to a maximum of two trays per family. This year we will ask you not to offer mangoes to colleagues, friends or neighbours. The reduction in supply seems to be an Australia wide issue with Kensington Pride (Bowen Special) mangoes probably due to a much warmer Winter than usual.

To make it equitable smaller trays of mangoes will be offered at a reduced cost of \$20 per tray (4.5 kgs rather than 7 kgs mangoes). An order form will be provided to families at the beginning of next term.

Thank-you for your anticipated support of this fundraiser.





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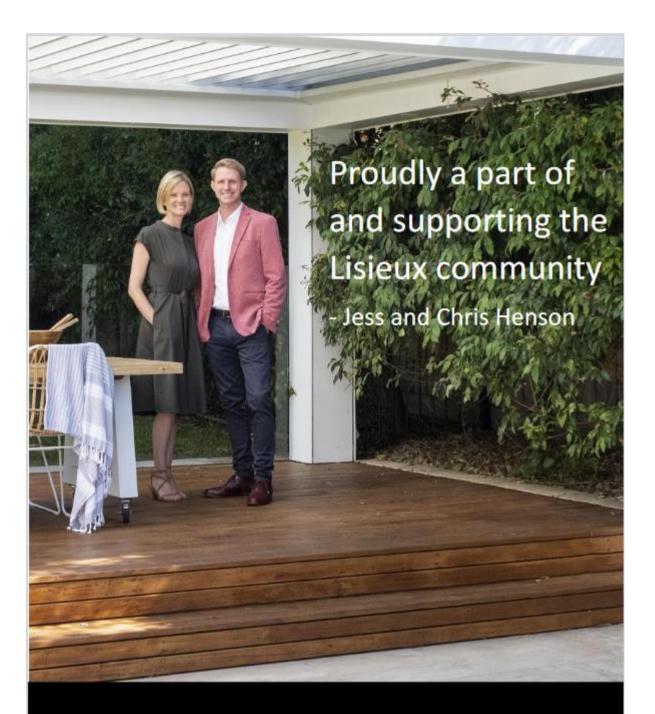
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POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Wed 29th September 10.30am-12.30pm Pottery Session Wed 29th September 2pm - 4pm Pottery Session Friday 1st October 10.30am-12.30pm Pottery Session Friday 1st October 2pm - 4pm Natural Bath Bomb Making

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

Fee: \$45 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book vist the website https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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