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SCHOOL CALENDAR



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

We are seeing a very positive ‘hum’ throughout the school as students are now in a positive routine and learning tasks are underway. This is our first week of Specialist classes for all year levels, often a favourite day for students as they experience engagement, creativity and expression of ideas through different mediums. I hope your child has shared some of their specialist adventures with you at home. Also this week, teachers will begin testing students individually to ascertain their literacy levels, which is helpful for forward planning and differentiation.

New students have settled particularly well and are arriving with happy smiles each day. In the case of Prep students, it is important to remember that the last two years have impacted their anticipated social and academic pathway; while this is true for all young people, Preps have missed some critical opportunities to learn about separation from parents, turn-taking, listening, following instructions, playing with others and so on – not only have they experienced gaps in their Kinder routine, but most have also missed out on formative contact with local friends through playdates and even with grandparents and extended family members. The chart below really reinforces just how significant the COVID influence has been on all students in terms of a ‘normal school/kinder year.’ As educators, we need to remind ourselves of this frequently, and in our planning, make consideration for additional social interaction, peer collaboration, oral language development and appreciation of conditions such as anxiety. Parents can assist by understanding that with separation anxiety, the longer the goodbye, the longer the anxiety will be. Young people need adults to be calm and brave. Let the goodbye be loving, quick and confident. For many, the Kiss and Drop area is a safe and appropriate place for drop off; alternatively, at the classroom door. Please don’t linger and prolong the goodbye as it only increases anxiety.

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 10th- Fri 11th Year 5/6 Leadership Conference
- Tues 15th Transition and wellbeing discussions via Zoom 3.30-7.30pm
- Wed 16th Prep Rest Day
- Thurs 17th P&F AGM Meeting ALL WELCOME Multi-Purpose Room
- Fri 18th Year 5/6 Gallery Excursion
- Wed 23rd Prep Rest Day

MARCH

- Tues 1ST Shrove Tuesday 2022 School Information Tour 10am
- Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday

The last normal school year

...for students in...	was
Grade 7	Grade 4
Grade 6	Grade 3
Grade 5	Grade 2
Grade 4	Grade 1
Grade 3	Kindergarten
Grade 2	never
Grade 1	never
Kindergarten	never

This week Mr Gerard Douglas has advised me that, for family reasons, he will be taking leave for the remainder of Term One. Baby Lennox is continuing to make good progress, but is still in special care, requiring daily hospital visits, and the routine of family life has been significantly impacted by Lenny's premature arrival and ongoing care. Gerard and his wife Aimee are very grateful for our continuing prayers for Lenny as he still experiences some health challenges and critical milestones. For the remainder of Term One, Mrs Leesa McNamara will role-share the classroom teacher responsibility of Acacia 2, along with Mrs Genevieve Audley. Please know that these students are in very capable hands and parents of Acacia 2 students can contact either teacher to discuss their child's needs. Gerard's Learning Diversity Leader role will be shared by Miss Brienza Dries and Mrs Amanda Duthie this term. If your child has additional learning needs or works with a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP), a member of this team will make contact with you later this term to establish a Parent Support Group meeting (PSG).

Next Tuesday afternoon/evening we will be hosting Transition/Wellbeing Discussions. Once again, we will conduct these via Zoom. A notice has been emailed about how to book a time to chat with your child's teacher/s. The focus of these discussions is on pastoral wellbeing and sharing information about your child, rather than academic progress at this early stage of the year. The session times will be ten minutes and should a longer time be required, you will be asked to arrange a follow-up discussion. This is to ensure that there is an opportunity for all families have the opportunity to take part in the discussions next Tuesday. I encourage you to book a time to chat with your child's teacher if you can, but do remember you can email teachers any time to request a time for a discussion about your child's progress and needs.

I hope to see some of you next Thursday evening at our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. Wine and cheese will be provided and all are welcome. We will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room where we can spread out and open doors for additional ventilation.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

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Principal



PRAYER

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 – *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."*

God our Loving Father,

We ask you to guide us in our journey to learn and flourish together in harmony.

Help us to grow in understanding that we are all members of a community and that, working together, we can achieve great things.

Like a patchwork quilt, each part of the whole contributes its own beauty through its uniqueness; you created us each differently and every individual has their own special gifts and talents. When stitched together, like the patchwork quilt, we are stronger and even more wonderful.

Thank you for giving us the gift of one another.

We ask that you keep the people in our community safe and healthy.

Guide us in our work and play and help us to remember that every day is a brand new day, full of possibility and opportunity.

Amen.





STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS



Strategies To Implement To Make Sure Your Child Is Cyber Safe

The internet provides an opportunity for children to interact and learn on a global scale, and can be a wonderful learning tool. However, the internet also offers strangers a direct link into your home and your child's life. The danger of this cannot be underestimated. It is imperative, you educate yourself and your family about the potential risks of the internet, and know what to do when faced with these challenges.

Wolf masking itself as another child

Some simple strategies can be implemented, including setting rules for usage and regular supervision to ensure the rules are being obeyed.

1. Have the computer set up in a family area so you can observe what your child is viewing.
2. Set time limits and identify suitable age-appropriate sites your child can visit. Write these sites down, so you and your child are clear on which websites they can visit.
3. Encourage your child to use an anonymous online name which is not gender-specific.
4. Ensure your child understands they are not to share their home address with anyone over the internet.
5. Be vigilant about your child using a webcam. Discuss with them the appropriate use and ensure supervision.
6. Have a family rule that all mobile phones will be placed in a public area after a particular time at night; there is no reason for children to have phones or technology in their bedrooms.
7. Discourage the use of headphones for private conversations.
8. Teach your child not to open emails or messages from unknown sources.
9. Be your child's friend on social media sites, if you allow your child to use these Apps.
10. Encourage your child to talk with you if they encounter any inappropriate or disturbing content that makes them feel unsafe. For example, they view pornography, horror or extreme violence.
11. Have your computer password-protected, with each child set-up as an individual user, and you as the Administrator. This will allow you to monitor the sites visited and restrict site accessibility, according to age.
12. Conduct a Google search on your child's name. This will show you any website links connected to your child. Often you see what other people are saying about them, or photos that have been taken of them and uploaded to social media sites.
13. Be aware of the mobile phone Apps your child is using. There are some Apps called 'Vault Apps' which allow you to hide information and pictures so no-one can see them. These Apps can be disguised as a calculator, etc., to avoid raising any suspicion.
14. Have an open discussion with your child about Private Pictures and Private Movies (pornography).
15. Be your child's search engine. Encourage them to come to you if they have questions or are curious about something, rather than Googling it.
16. Talk to your child about strangers online. Children need to understand that strangers online may not always be who they claim to be.
17. Have your child enter into a Cyber Agreement, such as the sample on the next page.
18. Talk to your child about online strangers or tricky people.
19. Discuss with the child about grooming behaviours. Grooming is when someone befriends a child to gain their trust to take advantage of a child.

Ensure your child understands the agreement applies to all internet access!

For further information visit www.esafety.gov.au or www.thinkuknow.org.au





TAKE NOTE

We continue to have approximately 5% of our student population absent each day, either with a COVID positive result or in isolation as a close contact. We understand this is significantly lower than many schools. Please continue the routine of twice weekly rapid testing (preferably Monday and Thursday) and advise Susan directly via email if affected: susan.ryan@lisieux.catholic.edu.au

We would like to remind families that all students require a school hat in order to play outside and ask that these are clearly named. All students should also have a clearly named Art Smock in their tub at school by this stage. In cases where this is not provided, this may impact on children being able to participate freely in specialist and other activities.

Thank you to families for supporting our Nude Food Policy. We do have a small number of students bringing pre-packaged foods (yoghurts, popcorn, muesli bars, etc) to school. Please avoid this and avoid wrappings so that we can reinforce our sustainability message and minimise waste. A reminder also that water is the only drink permitted at Lisieux- please do not send flavoured /packaged drinks, etc to school.

UNIFORM MATTERS

PE uniform should be worn on the following days for respective classes this year, commencing next week:

Prep: Tuesday and Friday

Year 1/2 : Wednesday and Friday

Year 3/4: Thursday and Friday

Year 5/6: Monday and Friday



LEARNING COMMUNITY IN PICTURES





COMMUNITY NEWS



Monday & Tuesdays 9:30-11:30
New members and all ages welcome
janjucpg@gmail.com

Bush Craft

afterschool activity

term 1 2022



Program highlights

- transportation from school
- hand-on experiences
- engaging adventures
- bush tucker
- orienteering
- bush art
- geocaching
- animal identifying
- registered teachers

Give your child the opportunity to experience memorable friendships, and explore and discover our local natural environment. This connection to nature supports healthy independent and collaborative learning experiences.

When: starting the week of the 7th of February for 9 weeks/ end of term 1

Time: end of school till 5:30 [2 hours afterschool] we pick your kids up directly from their school and return them at 5.30

Cost: \$30 per session x 9 = \$270 per term 7-12 yr olds

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1 day trials are welcome but there are limited spaces available so preference will be given to full termbookings

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Lisieux Parents & Friends Association

The Lisieux P & F is an opportunity for members of the school community to come together, to connect socially and to help and support the school and staff.

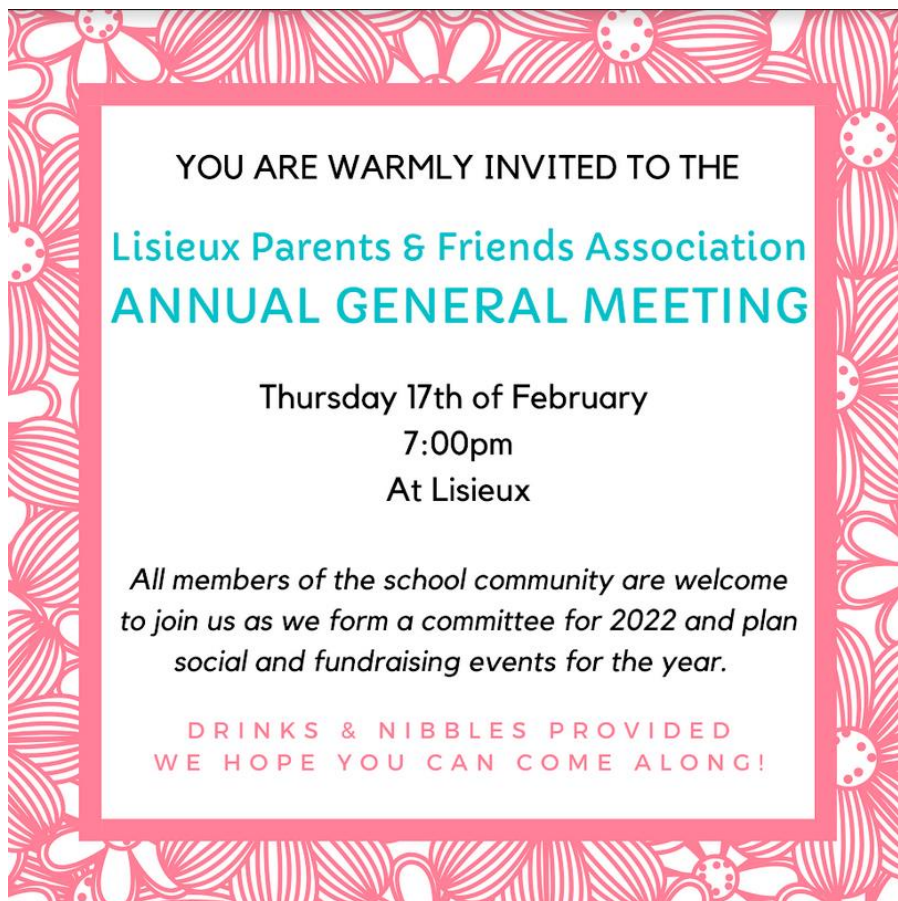
The two main elements of the P & F which is 'social connectedness' to help connect parents and carers within the school community, and 'fundraising', to help raise money to support the goals and aspirations of the staff.

The P & F meet one to two times each term to plan and run events through the year, including special lunches for the children, mother's day and father's day stalls, fundraisers such as Routley Bakery and Mango Drives, and social events like the Lisieux Trivia Night and Bi-Annual Ball.

We warmly invite all Lisieux parents and carers to join us at our first meeting for 2022 to be held next Thursday the 17th of February at 7pm. At this stage we endeavour to hold it in person at school (drinks and nibbles included!)

This first meeting will also be our AGM and will include a committee election with all positions up for nomination. All are welcome to nominate, no experience is necessary.

We hope to see you at the first meeting next Thursday. If you have any suggestions or questions before then, please contact lisieuxpandf@gmail.com



Newsletter Advertising/Sponsorship

Newsletter Advertising/Sponsorship positions for 2022 are now open. Limited spaces available.

We also have the opportunity for business to earn 'naming rights' to some 'wish list' items around the school.

If either of these are of interest to you or a business you know, please email lisieuxpandf@gmail.com

Facebook Groups

Here are some Facebook groups useful for parents and carers to join:

Lisieux Parents & Friends: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219863365445717>

Lisieux Parents & Carers Noticeboard: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/291861974867417>

Lisieux Secondhand Uniform: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/330510007547326>

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING!

Do you have or know of a local business that would like to advertise to our school community?

Our newsletter gets over 1,000 views each week!

SMALL AD

One Off: \$20

One Month: \$50

One Term: \$100

MEDIUM AD

One Off: \$40

One Month: \$100

One Term: \$200

LARGE AD

One Off: \$80

One Month: \$200

One Term: \$400

OR you might like to have a Special Offer e.g. "Quote 'Lisieux' when booking a job and we'll give \$50 back to the school." Or "For every Lisieux Family Meal Deal ordered we will give \$10 back to the school."

OR you might be interested in sponsoring one of our bigger projects and have your business name and logo on it! Bigger projects get FREE Newsletter Advertising.

For Advertising Enquiries please contact Lisieux Parents and Friends Committee at: lisieuxpandf@gmail.com



Proudly a part of
and supporting the
Lisieux community

- Jess and Chris Henson

If you have any questions about real estate, we're always happy to have a chat.

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