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SCHOOL CALENDAR



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

Our Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting was well-attended last week and I would like to thank and congratulate those who accepted nominations to take on executive roles for the coming year:

President: Nat Kuit

Vice President: Courtney Cuolahan

Secretary: Chantal Nottage-Siket

Treasurer: Paula Lee

Care and Concern representative: Mel Brooks

A special thank you to those who have held roles over the past year: Hannah Robertson (President); Leah Byrne (Vice President); Danielle Moloney (Secretary); Jess Townsend (Treasurer); Renee Carter (Care and Concern). Your involvement in the life of the school community is greatly appreciated.

Last week our Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to visit The Geelong Gallery to view Archie 100 exhibition, which featured a diverse collection of finalist portraits from The Archibald Prize over the past 100 years. The students represented our school proudly and were able to identify features of the works that appealed to them. It seems hard to understand that the current guidelines don't allow us all to gather for an assembly but excursions are permitted, so we are making the best of that, and trying to organise as many 'normal' and special events as possible. Tomorrow the Year 5/6 students will engage in Bike Ed in preparation for their camp at Apollo Bay later this term.

Next Friday 4 March (weather permitting) we invite Lisieux students and their families to gather on our new oval for a picnic dinner. Please bring your own picnic or takeaway snacks and drinks, picnic rug, etc – it will be our first opportunity for some time to gather as a community – and we are very excited! For safety reasons, the event will be confined to the oval, rather than the whole school. The picnic begins at 5pm and will conclude at 7pm. I hope you can make it.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

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Principal

MARCH

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| Tues 1 ST | Shrove Tuesday

P&F Pancake day

2023 School Information Tour
10am
Booking
Registration
Required |
| Wed 2 nd | Ash Wednesday |
| Thur 3 rd | Year 5/6 Beach Discovery & Clean Up |
| Fri 4 th | Year 3/4 Beach Discovery & Clean Up

Clean up Australia Day

Family Picnic at Lisieux 5pm-7pm |
| Tues 8 th | Prep Prayer in Pyjamas 6pm
Via Zoom |



Luke 6:27-38:

“Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.”

Those words “Do unto others as you would have them do to you” are perhaps the most famous words of Jesus; they provide us with a yardstick to measure how close we are to being a good follower of Jesus, and the words have been a foundation for law and order for centuries. And, yet, how challenging those words can be. Many adults constantly strive to follow this ‘golden rule’, and need to regularly check in and remind themselves of why this matters. With our students, we have regular dialogue about how they like to be treated by teachers and friends and how we can practise this. We discuss ways we can help and be kind to others. Instead of ‘do unto others as you would have them do unto you’ we might use phrases such as ‘We use gentle hands’ or ‘We include everyone at Lisieux.’ Teachers often use art work to represent the message of the scriptures and encourage students to explore its meaning as well. Essentially, what Jesus’ words are calling us to be is kind – to treat others as we would like to be treated without expectation that it is returned – and we all know the world needs more kindness.



Lord, sometimes your teaching is difficult to understand. Today, your word to me is simple to grasp, even though it is not as simple to do. Thank you for giving me such a clear and straightforward guide to living.

Lord, help me to live this way. Today, as I go about my usual routine, may I think about how I might treat others this way. In all my relationships today, may I treat others as I would like to be treated, in your name. *Amen*.

Season of Lent

Next week we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, asking for forgiveness, and a time that Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the very end of Lent.

On Tuesday, the Lisieux community will celebrate the tradition of Shrove Tuesday. It is the day before we mark the start of Lent. Our Parent and Friends committee will kindly cook pancakes for our students to celebrate this day (Please advise Ron Dando- Ronald.dando@lisieux.catholic.edu.au if your child will need gluten free pancakes).



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. The marking of the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is an expression of our faith and a sign that we are asking God for forgiveness.

It is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. When we pray, we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting helps us remember the needs of the poor, who often have no choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Giving to the poor, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice. It reminds us of our blessings and allows us to give thanks for all that God has given us.



A liturgy for each year level will be celebrated on Wednesday. We apologise in advance that we cannot invite families due to current restrictions.



STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS





Extract from theartfulparent.com by Jean Van't Hul

1. Art promotes creativity.

Creativity is the ability to think outside the proverbial box, to string two unrelated ideas together in a new way. Solutions to major problems and breakthroughs of all kinds are linked to creativity.

The ability to be creative is vital to the success of our children and the well-being of our world. Now, more than ever, as we face incredible challenges such as racial discord, wars, global warming, and mass extinctions. Individuals, organizations, and governments seek innovative solutions every day.

According to the International Child Art Foundation, *“Research indicates that a child who is exposed to the arts acquires a special ability to think creatively, be original, discover, innovate, and create intellectual property—key attributes for individual success and social prosperity in the twenty-first century.”*

2. Art encourages neural connections.

Art is an activity that can employ all the senses—sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste—depending on the activity.

Children’s brain synapses fire away as they experiment and create by squishing paint between their fingers, mixing colors & materials, or drawing from imagination or what they see in front of them.

3. Art builds fine motor skills.

Gripping a paintbrush, drawing dots and lines, mixing colors, cutting with scissors, controlling a glue stick or squeezing a glue bottle, kneading and rolling playdough, tearing paper—all of these tasks require increasing amounts of dexterity and coordination, yet they are so fun and rewarding that children *want* to do them over and over. As kids engage in art activities over time, their fine motor skills improve.

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LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
-SYDNEY GUREWITZ CLEMENS

4. Scribbling is a precursor to writing.

Babies and toddlers begin by scribbling randomly, back and forth. But the more they scribble, the more they are able to control the crayon and its movements across the paper.

As children learn to control their scribbling, they make a wider variety of shapes, eventually making all the shapes necessary to write the letters of the alphabet—any alphabet.

5. Art develops problem-solving abilities.

Open-ended, process-oriented art is nothing but an endless opportunity for making choices, coming to conclusions, second-guessing decisions, and evaluating results.

Children become more comfortable with uncertainty and remain flexible thinkers, which is key for creativity and confidence. And the more experience they have with a variety of materials and techniques, the more likely they are to try new combinations and ideas.

6. Art helps kids understand themselves and their world.

Children absorb incredible amounts of new information, and they need to process what they have learned in a safe, reflective way. Art allows them to explore feelings and deal with both daily and significant events.

Art materials provide a safe outlet for emotions. Feelings and ideas can be reduced to a manageable size and manipulated as desired. Movement, image, color, line, and imagination all help children express themselves in a multidimensional way. This is a way that words may not be able to do, or that may be more comfortable for them than words.

When we encourage our children to explore art, we encourage them to master themselves, their bodies, and a variety of tools and techniques. We give them many ways to express themselves.

As parents and teachers, we can offer an environment where it is safe to experiment and create. An environment where questions are encouraged and children have free access to the materials they need and enjoy. **We do this not to produce career artists but to raise children who are confident and comfortable with their creativity in whatever form it takes.**

7. Art helps kids connect.

Art is an equalizer, helping create a common ground for children who don't know each other and who may or may not be interested in the same things. It can help people of all ages, races, abilities, and even languages engage in a shared (and generally mutually loved) activity.

The path to an art-filled life involves an open mind, a few simple tools, a bit of preparation, and an exploratory approach. It's a path anyone can take at a pace that suits you and your family.





TAKE NOTE

As part of our Friday flow starting this week my group will be deconstructing appliances to see how they work and to recycle component parts. If you have any small appliances that no longer work (CD players, old phones, doorbells, typewriters, electric clocks, kettles etc) we would be pleased if you would donate them to our group. They can be left at the office.

Also if you have any coloured wool that you could donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in anticipation, Madame Righetti and the deconstruction team.

In the first four weeks of term, 20% of our students have tested positive to COVID-19 with a further 7% being identified as close family contacts. We are very grateful for the regular rapid testing being done twice weekly as it allows us to minimise cross-infection. You may be aware that the mask mandate has been dropped in many areas, however, it remains in primary schools for adults and any child in Year 3-6 when indoors.

As families would be aware, our staff member Gerard Douglas and his wife Aimee welcomed a very premature little boy on Christmas Day.

Lennox remains in hospital at this stage where he is making good progress. The Care and Concern team of the P & F have generously offered to put a care and support package together for the Douglas family. Should families wish to contribute, suggested items include petrol vouchers, gift cards, baby items, etc or you may wish to be added to the meal train that Lisieux staff are currently running for the Douglas family. Donations can be left at reception and if you would like to be added to the meal train please email brooke.walsh@lisieux.catholic.edu.au



Baby Lenny with the blanket and teddy given to him by Lisieux staff.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF

THIS WEEK WE INTRODUCE MRS AMANDA DUTHIE

Bonjour! My name is Amanda Duthie and I am teaching Prep in Carmel Rouge. I have recently moved to Torquay from Lilydale to live closer to my parents. I live with my husband, Josh and two children, Fletcher and Imogen (Immy). We love to go away in our caravan and explore our beautiful country.

In my spare time, I really love to go for long walks. Last year I completed a 35km walk, but would love to build this to a 50km. I am a Geelong Cats supporter and very much looking forward to going to more home games now that I am living close by!

My favourite song is 'The Horses' by Daryl Braithwaite and I love to sing this as loud as I possibly can. I also love to read and then debrief a good book with others who have read the same book.

My favourite childhood memory is growing up in Benalla and riding my peewee 50 on our 17 acres of land. My parents still speak about the many times they watched me riding surrounded by paddocks but somehow managing to ride my bike directly into the house.

This year I am looking forward to getting to know the students and families in the school and celebrating the many successes that happen throughout the school year.



ENROLMENT 2023

If current Lisieux families have younger children who are due to commence Prep in 2023, we encourage you to submit your enrolment applications by the end of April or earlier if possible. As we are anticipating more enrolment applications than we expect to be able to accommodate, it is important for us to include all siblings in that number. Our recommendation is that students commencing Prep should be five years of age before the commencement of the year, and turning 6 in their first year of school.

A number of enrolment tours will be held throughout March for interested families and to register, please phone Reception to book a place in a tour.



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SEASON 2022 OPEN DAY

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We're seeking boys and girls aged 4 to 18 years, as well as men and women, to join our teams!

This year, you can participate in the:

- Mini Roos Kick-Start program, for boys and girls aged 4-6 years,
- Mini Roos Hub program, for boys and girls aged 6-11 years,
- Junior competition for boys and girls aged 12-17 years, and
- Metro Senior Men's team and local competitions for senior men and women.

Come along on Sunday 27th February, 11am - 1pm
Banyul-Warri Fields, Merrijig Drive, Torquay
Meet the coaches, have a kick, join fun activities, buy club gear, ask questions!

TO REGISTER - visit www.surfcoastfc.com
Any questions? admin@surfcoastfc.com

P&F News

The Lisieux Parents and Friends Committee held their first meeting last week. It was fantastic to see the ongoing support from the parents who attended the meeting as we look forward to seeing what 2022 has in store for us!

The P&F organises various fundraising events, social events, and other school activities. During our first meeting we have brainstormed some exciting new opportunities for our school community to become involved in, which will benefit our students greatly.

In 2021 the Lisieux Parents & Friends Association did another fantastic job, forging through difficult times to raise over \$10,000 across 8 fundraising events. While we were unfortunately unable to hold our highly anticipated Trivia Night and a number of other events, we did run: a Routley's Fundraiser, Mother's Day Stall, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, End of Term 2 Sausage Sizzle, Father's Day Stall, Mango Fundraiser and Wine Fundraiser.

With funds raised from both 2020 and 2021 we purchased Lisieux inter school jumpers, a Lisieux marquee for outdoor events, artwork for Estella's Memorial Garden and contributed to the landscaping and play equipment around the new building and oval.

A massive thank you to the 2020/2021 Committee Members who have navigated two years of COVID uncertainty and lots of cancelled events. A special mention to Hannah Robertson (outgoing President) Leah Byrne (outgoing Vice President), Danielle Moloney (outgoing Secretary), Chantal Nottage-Siket, Andrea Holdaway, Paula Lee, Kyla Casey and Renee Ouroumis for all that you contributed in 2021.

Welcome to the 2022 P&F Executive Committee

President Nat Kuit

Vice-President Courtney Cuolahan

Secretary Chantal Nottage-Siket

Treasurer Paula Lee

Care & Concern Mel Brooks

Upcoming Events:

Shrove Tuesday (1 March 2022)

If your child has any allergies please contact Fiona fiona.thompson@lisieux.catholic.edu.au or Brooke brooke.walsh@lisieux.catholic.edu.au in the front office so we can accommodate their dietary requirements.

Fresh Fruit Friday (11 March 2022)

A brand new initiative to continue supporting Lisieux's healthy eating philosophy.

Coming Soon:

Easter Egg Raffle

Mothers' Day Stall

We warmly invite you to attend our next Meeting – Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7pm. As we welcome new faces and fresh ideas to help us continue to grow as a school community.

Nat Kuit

P&F Committee President

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

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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?

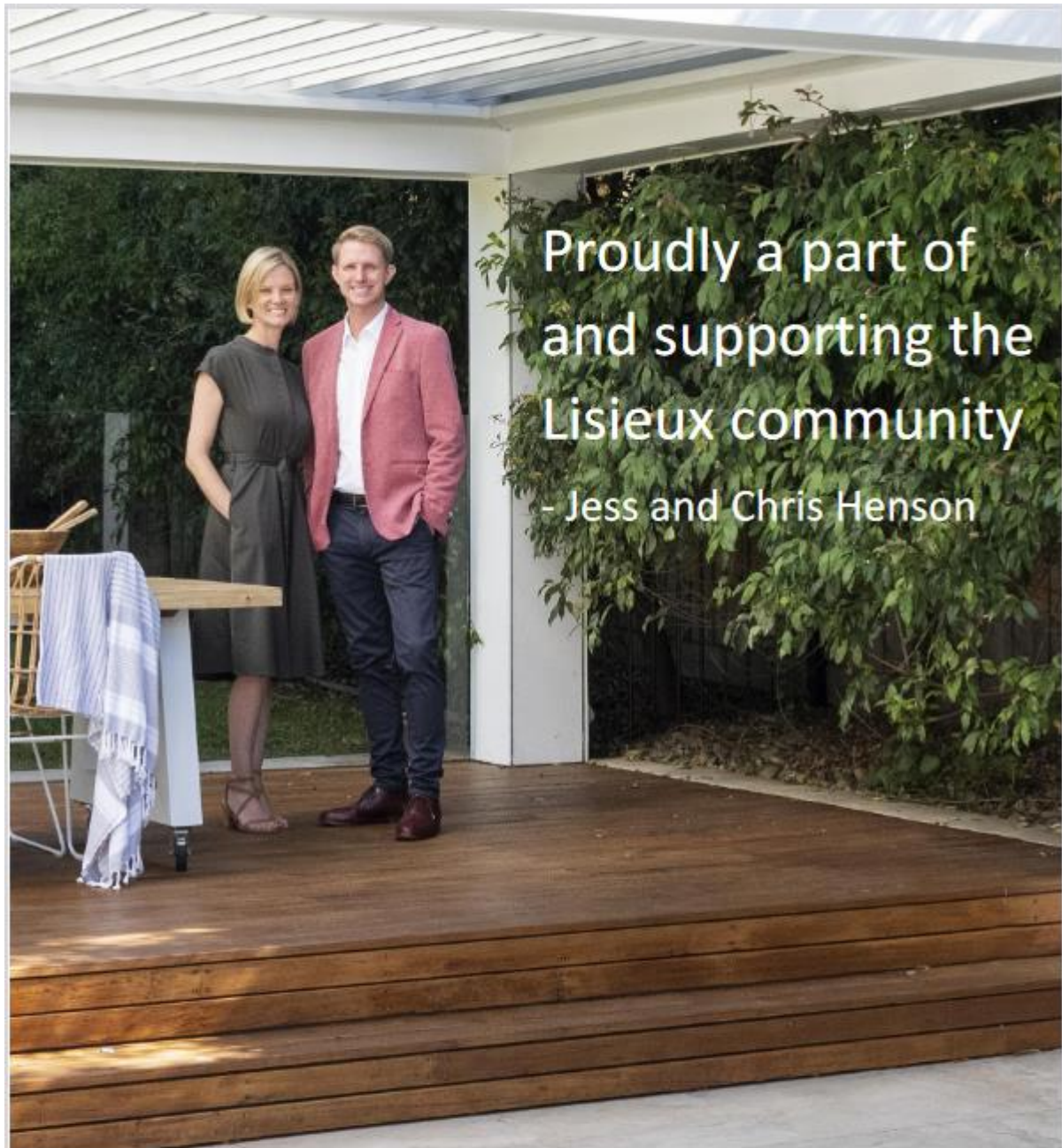
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OR you might like to have a Special Offer e.g. "Quote 'Lisieux' when booking a job and we'll give \$50 back to the school." Or "For every Lisieux Family Meal Deal ordered we will give \$10 back to the school."

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
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- Jess and Chris Henson

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