

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

The end of Term One has arrived and I would like to congratulate all in our community who have helped to ensure that our first term has been such a successful experience. As we prepare for a break, including the celebration of Easter, we can proudly reflect on the amazing effort of each and every student, supported by staff and family members, over the past ten weeks. If ever there was a time to say, "We made it!" this term is it, as we have experienced very high rates of positive COVID results for both students and staff, as well as bouts of gastro and other challenges – and we have come out stronger as well as safely. It takes a lot of collective energy and effort to maintain a vibrant, connected learning community and together, we should feel very satisfied with our outcomes this term. My most sincere thanks go to every member of our wonderful community for ensuring our first term was so productive and positive. I continue to feel incredibly privileged to be a part of this beautiful community, working with such incredible people. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Tomorrow we farewell specialist teacher, Jessie Mackinnon, as she begins maternity leave and awaits the arrival of her first precious child. We wish Jessie and Cameron every joy as they enjoy this very special time. We also farewell Leesa McNamara from her short-term role as shared class teacher in Acacia 2, although it is not really goodbye as Leesa will continue in her regular role as a relief teacher, well-known and loved by our students.

Term Two will commence on Tuesday 26 April, the day prior being a public holiday for Anzac Day. Children are encouraged to be in full Winter uniform at the commencement of Term Two.

During the school term break, we will celebrate Holy Week, with key events from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, 17 April. Easter is a most significant time in our rich Catholic culture, and particularly during a time in history marked by significant suffering (the pandemic, floods, war and displacement throughout the world), Easter calls us to be people of peace, compassion and hope. May all our Lisieux families enjoy the break and return refreshed and safe for the beginning of Term Two.

God's blessings for the holiday break and a very Happy Easter to all, Susan Ryan <u>Susan.ryan@lisieux.catholic.edu.au</u> Principal



Gospel reading for Easter Sunday, John 20 1-9

Easter invites us to pause before the mystery of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is the truth upon which our faith is built. In this powerful account, women and friends come to the tomb and are shocked to find the tomb empty. They become the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection.

The Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

Loving God, as we celebrate your resurrection on Easter Sunday, bless us as we gather as families and through friendship. Thank you for the blessings of our individual and collective God-given gifts. Place in our hearts the desire to make a difference to our families, to our community, to our country, and to the many cultures and peoples worldwide.

Give us balance in times of distraction and uncertainty.

Help us move towards our goals with determination and always with an abundant sense of humour.

Thank you for food in a world where many know only hunger;

For our faith in a world where many know fear;

For friends in a world where many know only loneliness.

For all of this we give you thanks.



STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS

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TAKE NOTE

The COVID Rapid Testing program has been extended for the first four weeks of Term Two. Please note that we are not supplying families with tests to cover the holiday period, however, families should ensure they have adequate remaining tests to conduct a rapid test for each child before they return to school on Tuesday 26 April, and you may collect a pack to cover this before the end of term if needed. We request that families maintain the twice weekly (Monday and Thursday) testing regime for the first four weeks of Term 2 or until further notice.

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.



To Register Phone: 9089 6614 www.lisieux.catholic.edu.au

LEARNING COMMUNITY IN PICTURES









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Easter Bonnet Parade and Project Compassion Coin Trail

I hope that the Project Compassion Boxes are getting fuller each day and by the time we get to the last day of school they are full to its capacity. We will hold a coin run in the morning after our Easter Bonnet Parade. These two events are always a great experience for all involved. All families are welcome to this event also.







LINKS Property Happy Easter Colouring Competition 2022

Colour in this picture as best you can and then ask a parent or guardian to take a photo of your work and post it on the LINKS Property Facebook page or direct message to us on Instagram. First prizes will be given for three age groups, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 year olds. Each age group will have one lucky winner selected to WIN \$50! Entries close Thursday 28th April, 2022. Post your coloured artwork to facebook.com/LinksPropertySurfCoast or Instagram @linksproperty. One entry per child. Free to enter for Surf Coast residents only. Happy colouring!

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Age:

As Parent/Guardian I give my child permission to enter the LINKS Property Happy Easter 2022 colouring competition.

Parent/Guardian name:

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Illustrated by Sophia Crawley. @earthandtidestudio



Full T&Cs available at www.linksgrogorty.com.au

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.

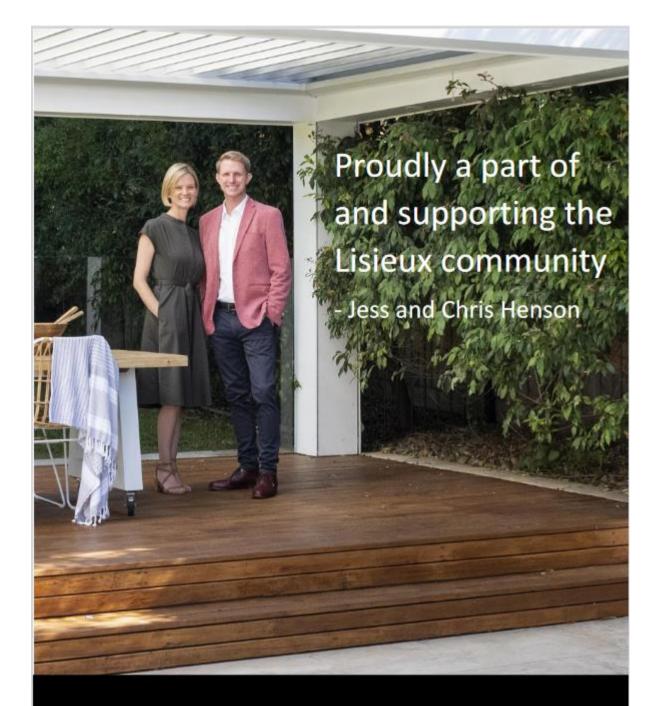
If either of these are of interest to you or a business you know, please email lisieuxpandf@gmail.com



Facebook Groups

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

Lisieux Parents & Friends: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/219863365445717</u> Lisieux Parents & Carers Noticeboard: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/291861974867417</u> Lisieux Secondhand Uniform: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/330510007547326</u>



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- 3-year-old program is funded for minimum of 5 hours in 2023
- Bush Kinder is included in every 4-year-old program
- Children who attend kindergarten gain independence through play in a safe and happy environment. It helps them make a smooth transition to primary school.

Enrol online now at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/kinder2023