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SCHOOL CALENDAR



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

On Tuesday evening, 14 of our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese Church in a beautiful ceremony. We congratulate our students and pray for God's blessings on these young people, as they move forward in their faith journey. Special thanks to the staff members for preparing them for this occasion and to Ron Dando, for his overall coordination.

This week I have been made aware that a significant number of our students regularly engage with one another out of school hours using Messenger Kids. This communication channel was heavily promoted during COVID as a means for young people to stay in touch, and it is marketed as a social connectivity tool with safety features to support parents in monitoring activity. Like any online platform, however, there are always risks, and this week we were notified by a Lisieux parent that the group many of our students connect through, has been hacked. What this means is that an unknown person/s gains access to your child's account, can review messages or send messages to individual people, pretending to be someone else. One parent I spoke with this week said that they felt uncomfortable preventing their child access to Kids Messenger as 'all their friends use it and they don't want to be left out'. I have included an article in the wellbeing section of this week's newsletter, which I think provides a balanced review of such platforms. I encourage all parents to read it and form your own judgement. In listening to a cyber expert recently, they presented the following analogy which you may also find useful: If your child regularly frequented a skate park, for example, and met with their friends there, you might be comfortable knowing whose company they were keeping and what they were doing. If it became known that, at the same skate park, there were now a group of older individuals with less reputable intentions, some of them in disguise or hiding from view, and potentially with an intention to harm your child, would you allow them to continue to frequent that space? Sadly, the dangers of predators in the cyber world is a growing problem. There have been some horrific stories of youths being exposed to unwanted sexting, extortion, and coercion by strangers to meet, under the guise of being a 'friend'.

NOVEMBER

- Mon 28th
Prep Excursion
Werribee Zoo
- Tues 29th
Year ½ Excursion
Ballarat Wildlife Park

DECEMBER

- Mon 5th-
Fri 9th Branching Out Week
See below
- Tues 6th Prep Transition/Moving
Up Day 9am-12pm
- Wed 7th Year ¾ Beach Discovery
- Thurs 8th
Year 5/6 Beach Discovery
Friday Flow Expo 2-3pm
- Mon 9th Year 6 Graduation
Ceremony and Dinner
- Wed 14th
Whole School Beach
Picnic
Fishe's Beach
- Thurs 15th
Term 4 concludes
12.30pm finish time

It is a topic that requires ongoing dialogue and careful family consideration and I urge you to spend some time reading the below article and making decisions that are appropriate for your family.

Last Sunday, my family was blessed with the arrival of a beautiful little girl, Maeve, born to my son and his wife, and a little sister for Jack. I'll be heading to country Victoria this weekend to help welcome Maeve to the world and I'll be taking a day of leave on Monday.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

Principal

Susan.ryan@lisieux.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations

On Tuesday night fourteen Year 6 students celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese Church. Congratulations to the following students.

Isabella, Sadie, Anika, Sophie, Olivia, Georgia, Justin, Tristan, Darcy, James, Jack, Scarlett, Imogen and Ella.



Congratulations to Madame Ryan and her family on the safe arrival of baby Maeve Ryan. Wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness together.





This Sunday marks the first day of Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas. The word 'Advent' comes from Latin and means 'coming'; its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ. So, Advent means that something new is coming. Through prayer, we can enter into God's presence and ask Him to prepare our hearts for the gift of His son.



Lord,

We gather around our wreath to begin the celebration of Advent. Fill our hearts with grace. As we light the candle of hope, may your hope arise in our hearts.

Amen.

Advent Liturgy

As we begin the season of Advent this Sunday, we will be holding morning liturgies to reflect on this very important season. Each year level will run the liturgy for the day. We hope to do these liturgies on the oval, but if weather is not on our side, we will hold them in the multipurpose room.

All families are welcome to come.

Dates:

- Friday 25th November at 9 am (Year 3/4)
- Friday 2nd December at 9 am (Prep)
- Friday 9th December at 9 am (Year 5/6)
- Thursday 15th December at 9 am (Year 1/2)





STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS

GRADE 5

SILVER BANKSIA 1 & 2

Science!

In grade 5 we have been writing and conducting science experiments. Students were introduced to the scientific process. They start with a question then collect information to write a research paragraph. They formulate a hypothesis and write up an experiment that will help to answer their question. Finally they conduct the experiment before recording the results and making conclusions.

Here are some of the experiments we have done:

How does toothpaste protect our teeth?

What shape parachute falls the slowest?

What effect does distributing force have?

What ingredients make the best solution for blowing bubbles?



Karaaf Wetland

The grade 5 students also conducted an experiment related to water density and water salinity. We then related our experiment to the Karaaf Wetland in Torquay and learnt how the plants and animals there are currently under threat due to environmental changes in salinity. If you would like to learn more, here is the video we watched in class which includes a drone flight from our school to the Karaaf Wetland.





With a special focus this week on the role of grandparents (Madame Ryan is basking in the glow of her third grandchild who has just arrived) we are sharing this special picture story book about the power of a grandparent's love. "Grumble boats" by Susannah McFarlane and Tamsin Ainslie is about learning to let go of those cranky feelings that sometimes overwhelm us. It explores big feelings and highlights the unique relationship between the child and her grandparent. The book features stunning water colour illustrations and has a special feature at the back of the book – instructions for folding a grumble boat! (We know someone who is going to rush out and purchase a copy of this book.)





BRANCHING OUT WEEK

Branching Out Week is now an annual event at Lisieux. During the week of 5-9 December, our class activities will be focused on outreach and the spirit of giving. One of the activities we will be running is a REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR which provides an opportunity for us to think of and respond to the needs of those within our local community who are faced with hardship at Christmas time. There will be a specific focus for each day of the week and Lisieux families are asked, where possible, to send along a donation relevant to the theme. The gifts will be bundled up and donated to local charities such as Geelong mums, St Vincent de Paul, etc.

Monday 5 December: please send donations of **toiletries** e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, tissues, etc.

Tuesday 6 December: please send donations of **Christmas food items** e.g. plum pudding, Christmas biscuits, packs of jelly, pretzels, chocolates, etc.

Wednesday 7 December: please send donations of **baby items** e.g. disposable nappies, wipes, bottles, baby formula, etc.

Thursday 8 December: please send donations of **pantry items** e.g. tinned fruit, dry biscuits, Christmas bonbons or serviettes, etc.

Friday 9 December: please send donations of **new toys and books**

We will be very grateful for donations on all or any of the above days. Help us keep the Christmas spirit alive.

We have had a small number of positive COVID reports in the past fortnight. If your child displays any symptoms, please keep them at home and test regularly. With reports of a new wave of COVID approaching, we want to finish the year safely. If your child records a positive COVID result, please notify the school and keep your child home for 5 days.

A 2023 printed calendar will be provided for all existing and new students prior to the end of this year. For those families wishing to plan ahead, please note that staff will resume on Friday 27 January. The first day for Prep students in 2023 will be Tuesday 31 January 8:45am-12:30pm (half day) and Year 1-6 students will commence on Wednesday 1 February, with Preps maintaining a Rest Day on Wednesdays until after the March long weekend.







Is Messenger Kids Safe for Your Children?

By [Khizer Kaleem](#) via www.makeuseof.com

Messenger Kids is targeted toward children. But is it safe for them to use?

Like adults, children also feel the need to interact with their friends and family. Messenger Kids might be a good option if you want to give your little ones an online messaging experience while keeping specific safety guidelines in mind. It is specifically designed for kids and has several unique and interactive features.

But regardless of the control, some parents still wonder if Messenger is unsafe for children. In this article, we'll discuss the safety features and risks of the app.

What Is Messenger Kids?

Messenger Kids is a socializing and connectivity app for children. It allows kids to message, call, and play with their contacts. Messenger Kids also has interactive features, animations, and filters that attract kids of all ages. They can also play single and multi-user games with others within the app.

The app also has a simpler user interface than the regular version of Messenger. You can customize the profile, add pictures, and even change the contact names.

Parents can set up this app for kids and have complete access to the activities. There are no hidden in-app purchases and there's no advertising.

What Are Messenger Kids' Safety Features?

Messenger Kids is a parent-controlled app with a variety of features to help parents control and monitor a child's messaging experience.

There are a number of features that help parents create a safer online environment for kids.

Messenger Kids is developed for children under the age of 13. Parents can set up their child's profile by linking their own personal Facebook account with the app. Add your child's name and a list of trustworthy Facebook contacts.

To add other children, you need to be Facebook friends with their parents. [Getting started with Messenger Kids](#) gives parents control over who can be a part of their child's Messenger account.

The app also gives parents complete access to their child's Messenger. So, unless you approve it, there is no way your child can chat with someone other than the people you allow.

You can also add another guardian or person in charge who monitors their activities while you are away.

Parents can also look at the recent chats, file sharing, and chat history. This gives a better idea of what your child is up to with their friends.

App Time Limits

You can also set up modes like Sleep and Online Status, which make Messenger Kids inaccessible during a specific time.

Limiting app time is a great feature especially if you do not want your child to become a technology addict. Also, it helps create a healthy balance between schoolwork, physical activities, and social media.

Risks Associated With Messenger Kids

Messenger Kids also come with several risks and dangers despite its safety features. Let's elaborate on them to determine whether the app is really worth your time...

Risk of Cyberbullying

Although Messenger Kids has a controlled and monitored contact list, there is a possibility that people in their circle are bullying them.

For instance, a group conversation may lead to something nasty. Parents can access the chats and discussions, but you don't know what happens during calls.

This is where your role as a parent comes in. Give your child some safety guidelines and details about cyberbullying.

Ideally, you should be open to discussion, so that they feel more comfortable sharing a problem.

Fortunately, Messenger Kids does come with an option to report and block a user. If this happens, the parent's account receives a notification. Instead of ignoring your child, consider it an opportunity to talk to them and discuss what's happening.



Unrecorded Calls

While Messenger Kids gives parents complete control over who they are talking to, there is no record of the conversations on calls. Kids can video chat with interactive features and filters, but there is nothing to store those calls for a review.

This could lead to inappropriate conversations, harassment, and scams. Since your child also deserves privacy to have fun with their friends, the best thing you can do in this case is to keep tabs on what the call is about and check in with them.

Another option is to install a screen recorder on their mobile/tablet and record the session with their knowledge. But this might make your kid unhappy though because they expect privacy when talking to their social circle.

The best way to check what happened during the call is by having a polite discussion with them about their relationship with people on Messenger. People with good relationships with their kids can learn more about them than those who don't.

Fake Accounts and Hacking

Facebook is among the [best social media apps](#) but fake accounts and hacking can still occur. Since Messenger Kids is linked to parents' Facebook accounts, a hacker can also gain access to your child's account if they compromise yours. This activity can affect the contacts linked to the app as well.

You may think that your kid is chatting with their best friend from school, but there might be a hacker sending malicious links.

Data Leaks and Privacy Breaches

Most advertisers use data scraping mechanisms to collect information about their target users. This information includes profile links, emails, phone numbers, and even chats. Other than this, Facebook reviews the account details for ad suggestions and profile reviews.

Messenger Kids is an ad-free app linked with parents' accounts. This means there's a possibility that someone can leak your data and compromise your child's account too. If you are unsatisfied with the [Messenger Kids Privacy Policy](#), rather don't use it.

Keep Your Kids Safe on Messenger Kids

Messenger Kids is a platform designed specifically for children under 13 so the app has many safety features.

But there's still the risk of cyberbullying and hacking. You can reduce these risks by keeping tabs on the app and asking children about their recent activities.

School 24

It is fantastic to see the majority of the School Community using School 24. Please register if you haven't already, as this will be the main way our Committee will be collecting money for any future events or fundraisers! Also if we need Volunteers, it will be all listed on School 24.

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to School24. We look forward to providing you with an easy-to-use online ordering platform that can be used on-the-go at any time! Getting started is easy, just follow the steps below and you'll be ready to make your first order in minutes.

Registration

To register, visit www.school24.net.au on **any device** OR install the School24 mobile app on your **iPhone/Android** from the Apple App Store/Google Play Store

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- Press the **ORANGE** registration button to create your account
- Enter your unique school ID number **below** to match your account with your school
- Once completed click **Create Account**.

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Congratulations you are now registered!

Activate your Account

Go to www.school24.net.au OR using the app you downloaded earlier to your iPhone/Android

- Use your registered email address and password to login. Once you have logged in you will need to complete the following steps to ensure you are ready to make your first order.

Step 1

- Setup your children. In the middle of the screen there is a **'Students'** button. Here you can input your child's name and class, along with any allergies or special requirements they may have.

Step 2 (optional)

- Top-up your account. You will be taken to a secure page where you can select a top-up amount and enter your card details. Top-up is instant when using visa/master cards. You can pay as you go when purchase an item/product at School24, top up a school24 account is only optional.

Place your first order!

Congratulations. You are now ready to make your first order.

For information on how to place your first order and use the School24 system, please visit our Help Center: <https://school24.tawk.help/>



Lisieux Canteen

Proudly Operated by the
P&F Committee

Thank you for your ongoing support with our very own canteen. Please remember orders need to be in by Wednesday 5pm to be processed and prepared.





Proudly a part of
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Lisieux community
-Jess and Chris Henson

If you have any questions about real estate,
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SUMMER 2022/23 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

GEELONG SPORTS HUB - SOUTH GEELONG

<p>Mon 19th Dec</p>  <p>DAY 1 FUN We are very excited to be back at the Geelong Sports Hub. Today we start our massive Summer program with all our favourite activities. Crazy Games, Basketball & Dodgeball are all on the agenda.</p>	<p>Tue 20th Dec</p>  <p>TEAM GAMES Join us for some of your favourite team games. Kids will be able to create their own team names, logos and mascots before competing in a range of team sports.</p>	<p>Wed 21st Dec</p>  <p>DODGEBALL DAY Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our holiday Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!</p>	<p>Thu 22nd Dec</p>  <p>CHRISTMAS GAMES Come along for another day of Kelly Sports action. This time, with a touch of Christmas & festive cheer. Team games, Santa sack races, prizes and who knows, maybe Santa Claus himself will pop in for a visit.</p>	<p>Fri 23rd Dec</p> <p>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</p>
<p>Mon 2nd Jan</p> <p>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</p> <p>NEW YEARS PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Tue 3rd Jan</p>  <p>FOAM HOCKEY FUN Join us today for a foam hockey tournament. The foam sticks will introduce a new and exciting variation of the sport for the kids. Who can be the winning team at the end of the day!</p>	<p>Wed 4th Jan</p>  <p>BASKETBALL BLITZ Do you want to be a Basketball Superstar! Jump, dribble and shoot your way through the day at Kelly Sports.</p>	<p>Thu 5th Jan</p>  <p>COMPETITION DAY Get your competitive juices flowing and try your luck with many of our fun challenges and earn prizes! Paper aeroplane, colouring, quiz and sport challenges await!</p>	<p>Fri 6th Jan</p>  <p>KIDS CHOICE Today Kelly Sports will be a day of mystery and full of surprises. Kids will get all the power to choose what games/activities we will be doing. What a great day to be a kid.</p>

FULL DAY: \$55
Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:00pm

FULL WEEK: \$250
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<p>Mon 9th January</p>  <p>SOCCER MANIA Do you love to play soccer? Do you love scoring goals? You'll get a kick out of today's session! Dribble, weave and pass your way through our program today.</p>	<p>Tues 10th January</p>  <p>BALL SPORTS DAY Today is all about your favourite ball sports. Get ready for a fun day of Soccer, AFL, Basketball and heaps of ball games the kids will love.</p>	<p>Wed 11th January</p>  <p>STRIKING SPORTS Show us your striking skills. Today will include sports such as T-Ball, Hockey, Tennis. Develop your hand-eye coordination today in a range of different skill and game related activities.</p>	<p>Thurs 12th January</p>  <p>AMAZING RACE Its time to embark on a race around the world. You will need speed and teamwork to defeat all the challenges before you can take out the prize. Sporting activities will also be included.</p>	<p>Fri 13th January</p>  <p>FAST 5 NETBALL Come along today for a Netball masterclass. Our little superstars will work on their skills and also add a little fun with a fast 5 netball competition.</p>
<p>Mon 16th January</p>  <p>MANIC MONDAY Come ready to keep up with our fast paced fun on day one. You'll need to be speedy to take out the Minute to Win It challenge. Today will also include fast paced sports such as Soccer and Basketball.</p>	<p>Tues 17th January</p>  <p>BIG BASH SMASH Four! Six! OUT! What a catch! Join us at Kelly Sports for our Big Bash Tournament. Stretch out your batting arm and show us how far you can hit the ball!</p>	<p>Wed 18th January</p>  <p>VIC BEACH VOLLEYBALL Kelly Sports is going new door, to see our friends at the Vic Volleyball Centre. Get excited to JUMP, HIT and SPIKE the ball over the net. Should be lots of fun and something new for the kids to try.</p>	<p>Thurs 19th January</p>  <p>FOOTY COLOURS DAY Show off your AFL/NRL or A-league team colours with confidence and pride at our Football codes day. You will be sure to get a kick out of our activities.</p>	<p>Fri 20th January</p>  <p>WORLD CUP DAY Last year our top Rugby, Netball, and Cricket players all competed for World Cups. Today you can join the competition as we combine all three into our own Mega Cup!</p>

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KELLY SPORTS GEELONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK!!!

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE BACK UP AND RUNNING OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE GEELONG SPORTS HUB. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SPEND YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH THE TEAM AT KELLY SPORTS, PARTICIPATING IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVE, FUN AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES!

OUR PROGRAM WILL RUN AT THE GEELONG SPORTS HUB (1 CROWN STREET, SOUTH GEELONG) FROM 8:00AM - 5:00PM. OUR STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES WILL RUN FROM 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

OUR DAILY PRICE PER CHILD IS \$55 - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK FOR THE FULL WEEK IT IS ONLY \$250!
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICE OF \$45 IS AVAILABLE UNTIL FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER - TO CLAIM THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL YOU MUST MAKE A BOOKING PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED FROM 5 - 12 YEARS OLDS. OUR SPORTS ORIENTATED PROGRAM HAS AN EMPHASIS ON FUN, ENJOYMENT AND MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED, EDUCATED AND ENTERTAINED DURING THEIR TIME SPENT WITH THEIR KELLY SPORTS COACHES. STUDENTS REQUIRE A HAT, SUNSCREEN, PACKED LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE!

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BOOK IN ADVANCE AND AVOID THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF MISSING OUT! FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE EMAIL GEELONG@KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Let's ride the waves together.

Head to our website to find out more info

www.surfingthespectrum.org