



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Lisieux community,

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” (Aristotle)

It was wonderful to welcome families to our oval on Friday evening for a picnic, after multiple failed events in recent years. The weather was perfect and there was a fantastic spirit amongst the crowd. We are grateful to The Kelly Club for facilitating some fun games on the night. A big thank you to those who came along, and for those who couldn't make it this time, there will be further community occasions throughout the year where we hope to see you and where you will be most welcome.



Over the last two weeks, students in Year 3 and 5 have been completing NAPLAN assessments. They have demonstrated perseverance, commitment and a growth mindset as they have completed these tasks, which are quite different in design to our usual learning style. As we remind children every year, these tests provide ONE source of data for us and a snapshot of individual learners at a given point in time. The tests do not tell us about a student's character strengths, such as leadership or kindness; they do not give evidence of a student's engagement or creativity – they only tell us 'part of the story', and while this is valuable, it is not a complete assessment of learning or growth.

MARCH

Mon 27th School Photo Day
**FULL SUMMER
UNIFORM REQUIRED
TODAY**

NAPLAN Test window
concludes Year 3 and 5

Teeth on Wheels
NEW DATE

Tues 28th 2024 Enrolment School
Tour 10am

Wed 29th Beach Activities Day
Whole School

Thur 30th 2024 Enrolment School
Tour 9.30am

APRIL

Thurs 6th Easter Bonnet Parade and
Coin Trail

**FINAL DAY OF TERM ONE
3.15pm finish**

Wed 26th STUDENTS COMMENCE
TERM TWO

MAY

Mon 1st Brainstorm Productions
All Year Levels

Tues 2nd Family Night First
Eucharist Candidates
St Therese Church
6pm-7pm

Fri 5th Athletics Day

Sun 7th First Eucharist Rite of
Enrolment Mass
St Therese Church
8.45am

Mon 8th District Cross Country
Year 3-6

Fri 12th Mothers' Day Liturgy
Mothers' Day Stall

Wed 17th District AFL Round Robin

At Lisieux, we have decided to evaluate wellbeing at the same time of year that we collect NAPLAN data. This is a very conscious decision. We want to know, in addition to how students are travelling with numeracy and literacy, how they are doing socially and emotionally. We want to know if they feel safe and connected at school, if they are engaging positively in tasks and if coming to school has meaning for them. Over the next week, Year 3 and 5 students will be completing a detailed wellbeing survey. As it is confidential, it will provide overall cohort data rather than student-specific data, and we look forward to sharing this with our community in due course. Other year levels will also complete the survey during Term One or Term Two.

This week on Tuesday evening, many of our wonderful Year 3 students (and a couple of older students as well) celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special part of our Catholic faith journey and students have been preparing for this since early in the term. Through various gospel stories, they have explored the concepts of forgiveness and love and responsibility. In learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they have learned more about self-reflection, understanding the power of our words and actions, asking for forgiveness and saying sorry. The sacramental celebrations were a beautiful culmination of the students' learning in class over recent weeks. We congratulate them on this special step in their faith journey.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

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Principal





PRAYER

Bless us, God, that we may have hearts full of peace. May we strive to be reconciled to You and to one another. Help us to always remember and live by the words that Jesus shared with his disciples when he taught them to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Amen.





STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS



Spotlight on 3/4 Grevillea 2

Here in Grevillea 2 we have settled in well and have been working together in Term 1. We are a great team and always make sure everyone feels safe, learns lots and has fun in our classroom!



Beach discovery to learn about conservation



Maths games!



Plenty of brain breaks to help our learning!



Showing off our skills in reader's theatre



We are excited to keep growing together in 2023!



Introducing..... Madame Devereux

MEET THE TEACHER

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Miss Devereux

Bonjour!

My name is Miss Devereux and I am teaching grade two this year. I grew up in the country town of Stawell where I taught for 4 years before moving to Torquay in 2014 with my husband Adam.

I have taught in Geelong for the past 8 years and am most excited to be a part of the Lisieux community.

I am passionate about seeing every child reach their full potential and am very much enjoying getting to know the children and families of this amazing school community.

About Me!

Hobbies: Spending time at the beach, shopping, reading, spending time with family and friends

Family: Adam, Harry and Henry four year old twins and Goldie our cocker spaniel

Birthday: June 27th

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Pizza

Football Team: North Melbourne Kangaroos



NEW TO THE LISIEUX BOOK SHELF

"I've been meaning to tell you" by M.H. Clark is a quirky little picture book about the value of friendship. It is narrated by a lightning bug and a bumblebee and it tells the story of friendship through heartfelt messages ("*You get me, you really do*" and "*You make me feel like being myself is perfectly right.*") The illustrations are delightful and what a special gift this would make for a good friend to let them know how valued they are.





SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos will be taken on Monday. Students are required to wear full and correct Summer uniform and to have hair neatly tied back if longer than shoulder length.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following Year 6 students who have been inducted into leadership roles for 2023:

Bundjil House Captains: Eva Hageman, Harry Maw

Gherang House Captains: Tom Derbyshire, Maeve Timms

Kunuwarra House Captains: Illara Topic, Harlow Barrett

Parrwang House Captains: Evie Gleeson, Jack Holdaway

Social Justice Leaders: Jack Baldrey, Mahlie Bond, Campbell Brown, Tallulah Carty, Ila Cashmore, Violet Cini, Poppy Cuolahan, Bridget Lee, Eloise Luke, Amelia Roche, Lucy Symes, Chevva Topic, Dante Tortoreto.

Wellbeing Leaders: Bianca Banic, Freya Birrell, Erik Doughty, Shari Furness, Laura McConnell, Ruby Kearney, Indi Smith.

Sustainability Leaders: Tom Brooks, Kai Deledio, Milly Howley, Maximus Sefton, Lillie Taylor, Bridie Ward.

They will be working in focus committees throughout the year to achieve particular goals. We have already seen a huge commitment to leadership and action amongst this group.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Lisieux in the **District Swimming** last Tuesday: Kai Brody, Violet Cini, Piper Gleeson, Indiana Haslam, Lusi Lyle, Stevie Scholtz, Myles Scott, Lillie Taylor, Maeve Timms, Sammy Timms, Ben Thompson.

Congratulations to Maximus Sefton, Year 6, who has been selected to play in the U12 Boys Geelong Region Soccer team.

ENROLMENT 2024

Applications for Prep 2024 enrolments are due by the end of April. We urge any family with a current Kinder child to complete and submit application for enrolment forms before the end of Term One. Offers for Prep 2024 will be posted early in Term Two. At this stage, we anticipate having more applications than we can offer places for, so it is essential that all current Lisieux families have applications submitted.



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Project Compassion

Priscilla's story

Zimbabwe

Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and her two grandsons. In Hwange, the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities. This can be seen in the erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region.

“We had plenty of rains at first but as time has gone by, the rains have become erratic and hence the yields have been reduced,” Priscilla said.



Priscilla joined the Zimbabwe Integrated Community Development Program, implemented by our partner Caritas Hwange and funded by Caritas Australia. Through the program, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming techniques to grow drought-resistant crops to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practicing in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, where she can sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

In addition to conservation farming training, thanks to generous supporters like you, Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla boost her food security through a range of activities, including participating in a community nutrition garden to grow and sell vegetables, and rehabilitating the dip tanks to keep her cows healthy and reduce the prevalence of tick-borne diseases. Caritas Hwange also rehabilitated a community dam near Priscilla's house, so cattle can have access to water all year.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

“We are indeed grateful to Caritas Hwange for the knowledge,” Priscilla said. “Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living.”



10 Questions to Ask Your Child Instead of “How Was Your Day?”

Via www.tlc.com

Have you ever had this after-school conversation with your little one?

“How was your day?” You ask.

“Good.”

“What did you do?” You try again.

“Nothing much.”

Sound familiar? Sometimes finding out how your child’s day went seems as hard as bathing a cat. But, let’s face it, “How was your day?” is not the best question to ask. Instead, ask them one (or two or three) of these conversation starters:

10 Better Questions to Ask Your Kids About Their Day:

1. What made you smile today?
2. Did you like your lunch? What did you have for lunch? Who did you sit with at lunch?
3. What did you play at recess? And with whom?
4. Did you catch anyone doing something funny?
5. What did you like best about your day today?
6. Was there anything that happened today that made you feel bad?
7. What was the most interesting thing that you learned in school today?
8. Did you do anything different or new today?
9. What was the most difficult thing you did today?
10. What made you feel proud of yourself today?







Easter fundraisers



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EASTER RAFFLE
FUNDRAISER REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE BOOKS TO SCHOOL BY **MONDAY 3RD APRIL** (IF NEEDED, MORE BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE).
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DONATE SOME EASTER THEMED GOODIES FOR THE PRIZES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THE MORE DONATIONS MADE AND BOOKLETS SOLD THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN !



EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Thank you to all that have already donated Easter goodies for our Easter Raffle fundraiser hampers. For those that haven't had a chance to donate as yet, donations will be taken at the front office up until Monday 3rd April.

Raffle booklets were sent home with the eldest child in each family last Friday. If needed more raffle booklets are available at the front office. Raffle booklets are to please be returned to the front office by Monday 3rd April.

Thank you so much for your support of this fundraiser. The more booklets sold and the more donations made the more chances to win and the closer we get to our fundraiser goal.

The draw will take place on the last day of term 3 – Thursday 6th April.

Parent Class Rep:

The committee would like to ask for each class to have a nominated person to represent each class and be the contact person between the committee and the classes. Being the contact person between the P and F would include, coming to the P and F president with any concerns or ideas. Coordinating P and F school activities, e.g: coordinating the contributions for the '5 days of Christmas' for the staff Christmas gift. Arranging any year level social activities outside of school. And organising additional volunteers if needed for school events and fundraisers. Being on the P and F committee and attending meetings, isn't a compulsory part of this role – but you are obviously welcome. If you would like to be the Parent Rep please email your name, class that you'll represent and contact details to lisieuxpandf@gmail.com

Canteen and Lunch orders:

Also don't forget Friday Canteen orders by 5pm on Wednesday via School24 app and Thursday lunch orders by 8.30am Wednesday via the Flexischools app.

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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.

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Photo Date: Monday 27th March

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