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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**



Dear members of the Lisieux community,

Our Year 5/6 students started this week with a team discussion about their responsibility as school leaders. In the last few weeks, there have been some examples of less-than positive decision-making amongst this cohort - on the school oval, at whole school gatherings, in online exchanges, and in some of their language and actions. Rather than enforce an imposed consequence, we wanted to involve students in this discussion and empower them to be part of the solution. We want our students to understand that responsibility and leadership are not just attributes that will benefit them while they are at Lisieux, but are life skills that will serve them well in all their future endeavours. Our whole-group discussion was valuable, with students offering brave and open ideas about what they could collectively do to be the best role models and best versions of themselves. We look forward to them demonstrating some strong leadership in the final weeks of Term 4.

This week all our students have participated in a First Aid incursion, learning essential life-saving skills and knowledge on a range of topics.



## NOVEMBER

- Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor Classroom Day  
Year 5/6 Beach Discovery
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Professional Practice Day  
**STUDENT FREE DAY**
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup Day  
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- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Liturgy  
11.30am  
Multi Purpose Room  
**ALL WELCOME**
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> National Recycling Week  
REACH Vietnam  
Awareness Week  
Ride to school Day
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Prep 2024 Transition  
Session 1 9am-10.30am
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Week
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 Beach Discovery
- Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Grandparents Day  
11.15am-12.30pm  
Prep 2024 Transition  
Session 2 9am-10.30am
- Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Lifesaving Day

## DECEMBER

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Branching Out Week
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Lisieux End of Year Mass  
9.30am  
Multiple Purpose Room  
**ALL WELCOME**
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Graduation  
Ceremony & Dinner
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Moving Up/Transition  
Morning
- Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Final Day of Term 4  
Finish time 12.30pm

As Tuesday is Melbourne Cup holiday and Monday is a school closure day, I wish all families an enjoyable long weekend. We look forward to seeing all students back on site next Wednesday.

God's blessings for the week ahead,

Susan Ryan

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Principal





Prayer is at the heart of what we do. It holds a central and significant role in our school tradition and daily operation. Prayer fosters our sense of unity, connection and belonging as a school community.

**Loving Father, Thank you**

for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

**Strengthen teachers**

with heavy workloads. May they be understanding and caring, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes.

May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

**Comfort and restore**

those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.

**Please pour out Your blessings**

upon our whole school community.

In Jesus name.

Amen





## STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENTS

On the 17th October Jett Davis represented Lisieux in the 11yo Boys Discus at the Western Metropolitan Regional Track and Field Championships in Keilor. He threw 25.47 metres (a huge PB) which landed him in 4th position. We were already so proud of Jett for making it this far, for him to come out and throw a PB and finish in 4th position was absolutely incredible. Congratulations Jett!





## NEW TO THE LISIEUX BOOK SHELF

We love literature that celebrates the rich diversity of different lives and communities at Lisieux, and “Matt Formston- surfing in the dark” is an inspiring true story about an award-winning champion surfer and Paralympian cyclist living with blindness. Matt was diagnosed with macular dystrophy at the age of five, however his parents were determined that his life would be as normal as possible. This fascinating story is published with both standard written format and in Braille, making it accessible to other young blind people to read about others like themselves. It is part of a series about everyday Australians living well and chasing their dreams, modelling resilience, diversity and inclusion. It will inspire and encourage all who read it.





# TAKE NOTE

Monday November 13th marks the date of this year's Lisieux Ride to School Day. All students are encouraged to ride/scoot or walk to school on this day, even if it is just for part of the journey. Our year 5/6 House Captains have put a lot of effort into organising and advertising this fantastic event. Ride to School Day will include the following:

- Raising money for the 'Love Your Sister' charity. Students may wear house colour t-shirt/socks/hair tie etc. We ask you make a small donation to Love Your Sister at the following link:

<https://www.mycause.com.au/p/326928/lisieux-catholic-primary-school>

This takes the place of the traditional gold coin donation.

- Raffle for all students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.
- House competition based on which house has the most participants.
- Bike obstacle course set up by 5/6 students.

If you have any questions about Ride to School day, feel free to email Dean Roberts;

[dean.roberts@lisieux.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dean.roberts@lisieux.catholic.edu.au).

**Donate On The Website Love My Sister To Wear House Colours And Get A Raffle Ticket**

# Lisieux's Ride To School Day

13 Of November

This Year Lisieux Is Supporting A Charity Named Love Your Sister Which Is Where All Profits Are Going

**Great Prizes To Be Won!**



# WELLBEING

## Eight Australian picture books that celebrate family diversity

Via [www.theconversation.com](http://www.theconversation.com)

The official label used by the Australian government to define a traditional family (a two parent family with biological or adopted children only) is “intact”: Not damaged or impaired in any way. Complete. Whole. Unbroken.

This is problematic when we think about all the other possible ways to live in a family: blended, step, single parent, foster, or any other family that diverges from we might call the “traditional” family model.

In Australian picture books, family representation has been overwhelmingly traditional; not just “intact”, but specifically white, middle class, with a mum, dad, and a (frequently blonde) male child protagonist. Children from diverse families are rarely represented.

But this may be changing. The following are eight recently published Australian picture books that break the mould and celebrate family diversity, showing that all families - whatever shape they take - are intact.

### [Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer \(2018\)](#)

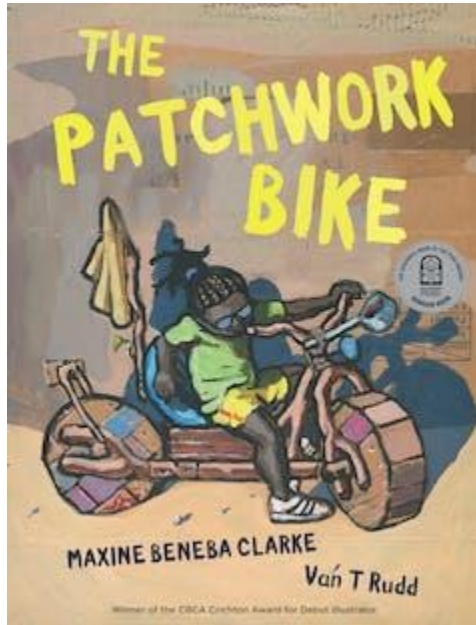
This vibrantly colourful book showcases families in many forms, including same-sex and single parents, with character skin tones varying on every page. Although families are at the centre of this book, diverse family representation is explored through the illustrations, not the text. Instead, the story focuses on the one thing that truly makes a family - love.



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### The Patchwork Bike by Maxine Beneba Clarke and Van T Rudd (2017)



This book tells the story of three siblings and their patchwork bike - a bike that they have made themselves out of scrap. The reader is introduced to the child protagonist's village with "mud-for-walls" houses, and their mother, who wears a hijab. Not only does this book showcase a single parent family of colour, but it also shows a very different lifestyle and landscape to what many Australian children would be familiar with.

### I'm Australian Too by Mem Fox and Ronjy Ghosh (2017)

This book focuses on the multiculturalism of Australia. It showcases families from different cultures and backgrounds (including several families that have fled war torn countries, and one young girl living in a refugee camp). The story acknowledges and embraces our differences while highlighting that we are all connected - and all Australian - regardless of where we come from.

### Bigger Digger by Brett Avison and Craig Smith (2011)

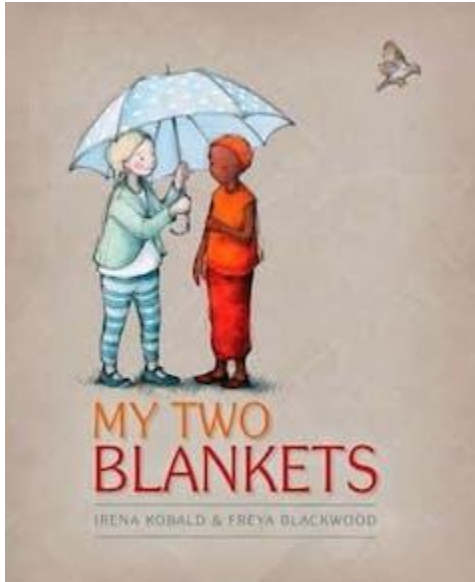
Brett Avison's Bigger Digger is the first of four books featuring a young boy called Bryn and his dog Oscar. In this story, Bryn and Oscar make an exciting discovery when digging in the backyard, and need bigger and bigger diggers to uncover what they have found. Each of Avison's Bryn and Oscar books is set on "Mum and Ted's farm". The use of Mum and Ted as titles for the adult characters is a simple but effective way of introducing the concept of step families.

### Family Forest by Kim Kane and Lucia Masciullo (2010)

This book showcases one particular family - with half, whole and step siblings as well as different parental relationships (a father and stepmother, and a mother and her partner). A common issue with diverse family representation is that it often comes in the form of "issue books" - books that are issue driven rather than story driven. It is often difficult to explain a topic or issue without sacrificing story, but Family Forest manages to explain blended families in a fun and engaging way.



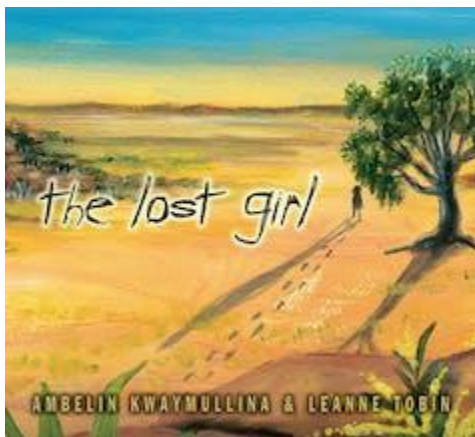
[My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood \(2014\)](#)



Goodreads

This book tells the story of a young girl who leaves her war torn country and settles in Australia. Raised by her auntie, the book showcases family diversity in both formation and culture. The story examines the character's feelings of loneliness and isolation in a country where everything is "strange", including the language, which she doesn't understand. To cope, she metaphorically wraps herself in a blanket of things that are familiar. After befriendng a white Australian girl, she starts to make herself a new blanket with her newfound sense of belonging.

[The Lost Girl by Ambelin Kwaymullina and Leanne Tobin \(2014\)](#)



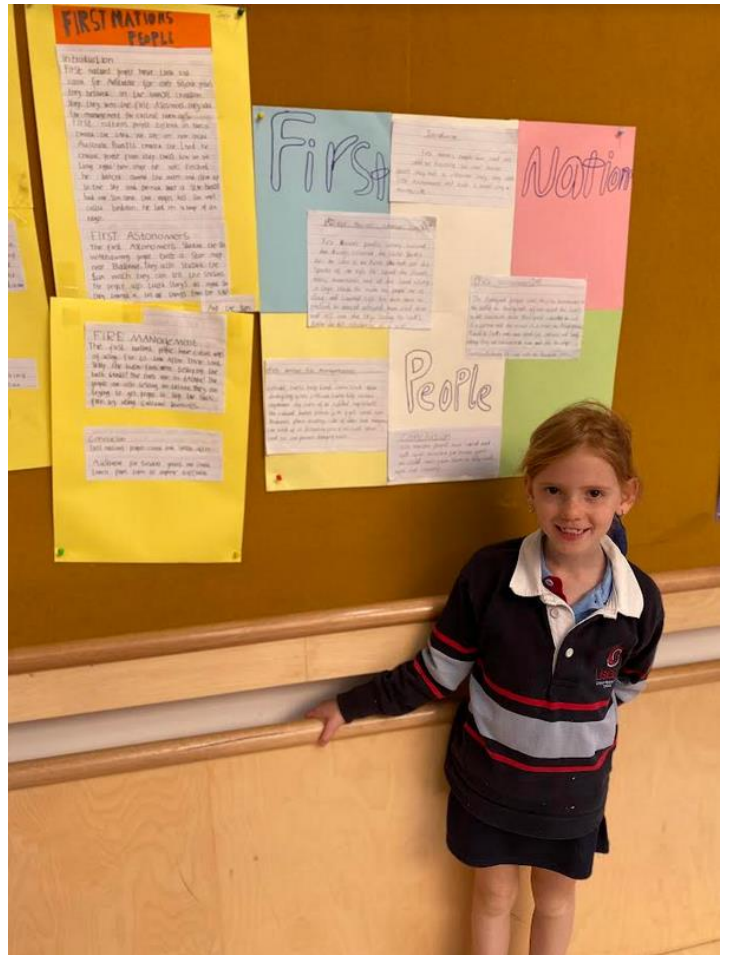
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This book tells the story of a young Aboriginal girl who is lost, but finds her way home to her people's camp with the guidance of mother nature. Instead of having a mum and a dad, or one biological family, the story refers to the girl's mothers, aunties, grandmothers, fathers, uncles and grandfathers. This book is unique in that it showcases a family type very rarely explored - traditional Aboriginal kinship groups.

[One Photo by Ross Watkins and Liz Anelli \(2016\)](#)

In this book, a father with early onset Alzheimer's buys himself a camera and starts snapping pictures of the things that he wants to remember. This confuses and upsets his wife and son (who is telling the story), as he hasn't taken a single photo of them. Eventually, the father passes away and leaves one photo behind - a photo of him with his wife and son - and they realise that he wasn't taking photos of things he wanted to remember, but things he wanted them to remember about him. One photo examines both the illness and death of a parent in a touching and age-appropriate way.





Thank you to everyone who came along to the Cocktail Party on Saturday night. Everyone had a fantastic time and we're still working on the final numbers but we've raised about \$3k to put towards the Pottery Studio.

Another huge thank you to all of our sponsors who contributed amazing prizes to our raffle draw all of the winners were so excited!!

### **Lisieux Wine Fundraiser**

We are offering specially labelled Lisieux wines from the **Feathertop Winery** in the **Alpine Valleys**. We have **2022 Pinot Noir** and **2023 Riesling** available for \$20 per bottle and **Prosecco Rose** for \$22 per bottle. Additionally **cleanskin 2019 Shiraz** is available for \$16.66 per bottle. Feathertop wines retail at \$30 per bottle or \$360 per case, we are thrilled to offer you great discounts on these top quality wines thanks to our partnership with them.

You can order cartons of 6 or 12 bottles of red, white or mixed wines and cartons of 6 bottles of 2023 Prosecco Rose. The Lisieux Wine Fundraiser is a major fundraiser for 2023 and has been a successful biannual event. Gift this quality wine for Christmas and consider how much you might like to purchase for New Year and Summer festivities. Lisieux wine is a terrific host or birthday gift and is wonderful to enjoy with family members and friends all year round. We ask all parents to stock up on wine for personal use and gifting for the years ahead. We would also like you to **share this terrific offer** with family members, friends, colleagues and neighbours. This can easily be done with our 'Guest' QR code below.

**Order online:** Orders can be placed via School 24 under 'Events'. If you have not yet registered for School24 go to <https://www.school24.net.au/> and use the school ID of 25437963.

**Non-school members:** Can use this guest link <https://www.school24.net.au/canteenorder/guest/event?ezp=2202> or the QR code below and are asked to put the name of the school community member who will collect their order in the notes section at payment.

**Orders close:** At 6 pm on Sunday 19th November, 2023, so please share this information with others now.

**Collection:** The wine will be available for collection in early December.

**Money raised:** Will go towards a pottery kiln.

**Winery:** <https://feathertopwinery.com.au/>

**Parent contact:** Renee, M. [0490701855](tel:0490701855).

Thank-you to Ben Davis of Davis Designs for the design and delivery of our wine labels, to Lauren Barton for donating her artwork to be used on our specialty blend of Prosecco Rose, and to Susie Jamieson and Emmy Robertson for their assistance with this fundraiser.

**We are thrilled to launch  
our wine fundraiser!**



**Those outside of our school community can  
use this QR code to order from our wine  
fundraiser. They are asked to put the name of  
the person collecting the wine at payment.**



Cement your place in Lisieux history and purchase a family/student paver. The pavers will create a feature in front of the pottery studio, which will be used for outdoor classes and other school activities. To order your paver click [here](#)



**Canteen and Lunch orders:** Don't forget Friday Canteen orders by 5pm on Wednesday via School24 app

## 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](http://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

[Log In | Register >](#)

- 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**.

Lisieux Catholic Primary School: **25437963**

Congratulations you are now registered!

### Activate your Account

Go to [www.school24.net.au](http://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/>

Thursday lunch orders by 8.30am Wednesday via the Flexischools app



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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## DIIGG Wellbeing Community Event 2023

DIIGG Wellbeing would like to invite the Lisieux community to our first open to all Fundraising Event. Our vision is for all humans to "Survive and Thrive being Healthy, Wealthy, Wise!". Enjoy listening to our interactive guest speakers whilst connecting with others from our community. Silent auctions and lucky door prizes will be conducted on the night. Funds raised from the event will enable DIIGG Wellbeing to successfully transform into a Not-For-profit organisation.

Featuring Guest Speakers:

**Lael Stone** - Creating wellness in families through education, connection, and communication. Author of Raising Resilient & Compassionate Children.

**Gus Worland** – Gotcha4Life Founder, media personality, documentary maker, Mental Health Advocate, delivering an interactive mental fitness keynote.

When: Sunday November 5th, 2023

Time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Where: The Sands Torquay "Bunkers Room" 2 Sands Boulevard Torquay VIC 3228

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Beverages: Purchased at bar prices

Food: Hot & Cold Canapes and Pizza served throughout the night

Purchase Tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/diigg-wellbeing-community...>

For further information email: [info@diiggwellbeing.com.au](mailto:info@diiggwellbeing.com.au)

