



Larmenier Catholic Primary School

term dates

February

- 8 - Welcome back to school - Term 1
- 8-9 - Kinder parent/ teacher interviews
- 12 - 1/2 Kinder students start
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- 14 - Ash Wednesday
- 15 - full Kinder class
- 16 - Chinese New Year - Dog
- 18 - First week of Lent
- 23 - Fair mtg, P&F pool party
- 25 - Second week of Lent
- 28 - Launceston Cup day
- THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL HOLIDAY

March

- 1 - SPC Instrumental Program meet & greet
- 3 - Third week of Lent
- 6 - Larmenier Swimming Carnival Grades 2-6
- 8 - SPC Instrumental Program Instrument
- 11 - Fourth week of Lent
- 12 - LONG WEEKEND
- 13 - P&F Mtg
- 15 - NIJSSA Swimming carnival

Just a reminder to all families that we have an increasing number of children who may suffer from a severe reaction to nuts. We discourage nuts at school and hope families will assist in minimising this risk.



8th February, 2018

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Welcome to 2018

'Look forward with hope, not backwards with regret'

We are looking forward to another great year together. We hope you have had a refreshing and enjoyable summer.

Our children are probably looking forward to many things this year from the Swim Carnival to Farms Days. Hopefully, they are also looking forward to learning new things and developing their skills in others. Although, looking forward to things brings us great pleasure, it is important that we also enjoy each day for the joy it can bring.

We hope that each day of this year has moments that bring joy to us and that will help us to keep moving and looking forward.

Welcome to our new families

We have many new families who are joining us this year, we welcome you warmly to our community. If you see someone that you have not met before, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to our community

Jacqui Lawless
PRINCIPAL



Welcome Miss Jenni Hughes

We welcome Miss Jenni Hughes to the Year 5 teaching team and to the role of PE teacher. Miss Hughes comes to us from St Joseph's in Rosebery. Once again, please take the time to welcome her to our community.

Holiday Success

Over the school holidays Sophie Brotherton had some wonderful achievements with her cycling. Sophie started cycling in May last year and quickly became a member of the Launceston City Cycling Club, the coaching staff encouraged her to enter some of the Carnivals over the summer, she entered 6 of them and in every one she managed a 1st 2nd or 3rd placing in at least one or more of the events, the Wheel Race is the most prestigious and in the Burnie carnival she achieved 2nd place.

We congratulate Sophie on her success and look forward to her future achievements.



Fruit Snack vs Healthy Snack

Over the past few years children have been encouraged to have a 'Fruit Snack' or 'Fruit Break' at about 10am each day. This year we will extend this to a range of 'healthy food'. We realise many children will not eat fruit and the other difficulties surrounding this.

The 'Healthy Snack' could include fruit, vegetable, cheese, yoghurt etc. It would not include fruit in jelly, roll ups etc. We hope this slight change opens some options for parents.

PE Uniform

For 2018, children from Prep to Year 6 will wear their PE Uniform on Tuesday and Thursday.

LOTE

In 2018, Larmenier will not be offering LOTE as a specialist subject due to a variety of reasons. We are actively working on providing an engaging LOTE / Cultural program in other ways. We are looking forward to sharing these developments with you.

Performing Arts



In 2018, all children will be participating in a learning area we are calling 'Performing Arts.' This will incorporate music, dance and drama and will be taught by Mrs Judy Rice. We are excited to see where this new adventure will take the learning of our students.



Ash Wednesday - Commencement Mass

Next **Wednesday, 14th February**, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Larmenier will be celebrating the start of the school year on this day at St Peter's Church, Kings Meadows at 9:30am. All parents, grandparents and friends are cordially invited to join us for this Eucharistic celebration.

Buses leave school at 9:00am so it's important children are punctual on this day. We will return before recess.

Full summer uniform should be worn. We look forward to seeing you there.

Maureen Fontyn (APRE)

Mobile Phones

If children have to bring mobile phones to school they need to be passed into the office in the morning and collected at the end of the school day.

If your child has a mobile phone please ensure they are aware of the etiquette needed to use one properly. This is especially needed in the area of taking photo's and video's with phones.

Please discuss with your child that photos and video are not taken of people without their permission. Also, the photo or video at no time should be disrespectful or unkind to others.

Notices coming home

Over the next few days and weeks, many notices will be coming home for you to complete. We appreciate the amount of information can be overwhelming, however, it is vital that we are aware of changes and communicate many details to you. Please take the time to read and return (if necessary) the information sent.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that school begins at 8.50am. To assist your child to be ready and organised for the school day it is vital they arrive before the bell. The 'bottom doors' are opened at 8.30am and supervision is provided from this time onwards. We ask parents not to drop children at school before 8.30am, because they will not be supervised. We thank you for your support.



Webpage

www.larmenier.tas.edu.au . See here for lots of information about our school, parenting ideas, photos, newsletters, uniform order forms and lots of other general forms. Take the time to have a look! (Feedback always welcome).

Team App

Get the app and request to join Larmenier. Lots of reminders, notes, newsletters and photos get displayed here.



Mini Vinnies will be selling Icy poles every Wednesday at lunchtime \$1 each



Uniform Shop

Thanks to Lanai Morrison and Jo Long for assisting with the Uniform Shop and sales last week. A reminder that all students require smocks, homework folders and library bags. All are available from the uniform shop.

This year the Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday and Thursday at 2.30-3.10pm. Orders can be made via email or order form (found on the school website or at office) and left at the office.

Car Parking – important notice



Welcome everyone to the new school year and particularly a welcome to our new students. Whilst we know being the first day back it can be quite hectic, both for parents and students, I'd like to address the parking situation at school quickly. This morning quite a lot of parents disregarded the signs of where not to park. A lot of cars parked on the Mt Esk grass, which does not belong to Larmenier. This damages the grass and the water pipes under the grass. An equal amount of cars parked on the school foot path, which is a danger to our children who need to use that foot path. Children were forced to walk on the road because of it. In addition there was absolutely no parking available for buses as cars were parked on the bus stops.

Please do not park where you are not permitted to park. Signs are apparent.

Options – Larmenier is fortunate that it has a limited number of off street parking spots. But, if those spots are taken you must park out in Station Road. You can park outside our bottom oval and use the gate, or further up the hill outside our main gate.

Another option is to come earlier and in the after noon for pick up, arrive after 3pm. If you don't need to park, utilise the drop off and pick up lane. This is a 'standing' only lane, not for use if your leaving your vehicle.

A reminder that the car park and the roads into the car park are private property, entry to the school grounds and Mt Esk is a privilege extended to persons who have a need to enter and who follow our parking requirements. We will be monitoring parking over the coming week to ensure signs are followed.

Please help us to keep our children safe and the facilities maintained.

Ted Sherrin - *Larmenier Property Manager.*

Action Plan Updates

All students on our records with Asthma, Allergy or Anaphylactic Alerts have had an action plan sent home for updating our records for 2018. These must be signed by a doctor, pharmacist or nurse practitioner. Any new students who have been identified as having these conditions must have a current action plan in place for their own safety and well-being. If your child has been newly diagnosed please download an action plan from the school website or get a copy from the school office for completion.



Stamps

Don't forget to keep saving used stamps over the Christmas Holidays for the missions. They are collected in the office.

Traffic & Students Safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.

Mini Vinnies

Dear Larmenier Community,
On behalf of the Launceston Regional Council and the people we assist, I would like to thank you and the students of Larmenier for your very generous contribution towards our Christmas hampers for 2017.

Without ongoing support from schools such as Larmenier we would not be able to provide the extra support to families that we assist at this time of year.

Once again our sincere thanks.

Hetty Binns - *Northern Regional Director*

2018 Parent Calendar

The Parent Calendar, with all our currently known dates, is now available. It has been uploaded onto the school web site on the home page and all dates will be uploaded onto TeamApp. Hard copies are available at the office if you need one. Dates are subject to change.





LYTE
Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble

**LAUNCESTON YOUTH THEATRE ENSEMBLE
2018 ENROLMENTS OPEN**

Have you always wanted to try an acting or drama class? Would you like to perform on the stage? Do you want to meet wonderful new people, have fun and develop your confidence?

Enrolments are open for our 2018 ensemble, for young people from grades Prep-12.

Participating in theatre develops imagination and creative thinking, communication and social skills, and builds courage and confidence. At LYTE, you receive excellent acting training, great insight into theatre craft and professional practise, and participate in exciting theatre workshops and productions. And you'll make some amazing new friends!

The stage is waiting for you. We'd love to have the opportunity to welcome you to LYTE.

Contact:
Jane Johnson
E> ojanejohnson@gmail.com
P> 0402634820
FB> Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble



Are you looking to join a Netball Club?

Heritage Islanders Netball Club is the club for you!

If you are aged between 8-15 years old, and want to have some fun, or learn a new sport, come along Thursday nights to Hobblers Bridge, Centre Court 1 at 4:30 pm.

Contact:
Annette Griffin.....0458 711 993 for more information
Come along next Thursday 8th February at 4.30pm

Parenting
Adolescents with
Understanding,
Sensitivity &
Engagement



Join **PAUSE** to find out more about parenting your adolescences.
For those with children between 10 and 18.
A course for everyone about strengthening positive relationships.

Where/When: CatholicCare Launceston, 201 York Street, Launceston, 7250. Starting Tuesday 13th February 5:30-7:30pm, for five weeks: 20th February, 27th February, 6th March and 13th March.

What we cover: Understanding adolescence, how to talk and listen to your changing child, deciding what to react to, how to have difficult conversations and looking after yourself.



Call 63320600 to book or email
catholiccare.launceston@aohtas.org.au



**\$5
ENTRY**

**\$15-per
FAMILY**

**FAMILY
CARNIVAL**

16th February

From 6pm

**LOCATION:
DOOR OF HOPE**
50 Glen Dhu Street, South Launceston



SUPPORT GROUP



**LET'S BUILD
CONNECTIONS!**

ADHD SUPPORT GROUPS MEET AND GREET.

Join us for our
fortnightly group
meetings held during
school terms.

ST GILES
10AM-11AM | MONDAYS
DOOR OF HOPE
7PM-8PM | TUESDAYS

MEMBERS FREE/ATTENDEES \$5

CONTACT US
Email: launceston@adhd.supportgroups.com.au
Phone: 0422308705

