



Larmenier Catholic Primary School

term dates

February

- 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 3-6
- 8 - SPC Instrumental Program Instrument
- 11 - Fourth week of Lent
- 12 - LONG WEEKEND
- 13 - P&F Mtg
- 15 - NJSSA 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.



15th February, 2018

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Values of Victoire Larmenier

As we begin the school year, it is important that we must reflect on our founders, The Sisters of Nazareth and on what they expect from all of us.

The Sisters core values are integral to all that we do. These values are based in action, they should not be empty words.

Love

"Let your love for each other be real and from the heart." (1 Peter 1:22)

Love motivated the care provided to the old and the young by Victoire Larmenier. Unselfish concern for the good of others is shown through patience, kindness, trust, hope, endurance, truth and a strong affection.

Compassion

"Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate." (Luke 6.36)

Victoire Larmenier showed compassion by seeking to relieve the suffering of those with whom she came in contact.

Being open and attentive to the whole person, spiritually, physically and emotionally, we show empathy for the suffering of others and try to relieve that suffering.

Patience

"Blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the earth." (Matt 5:5)

Victoire Larmenier was an example of patience to all who knew her. She encountered and overcame amazing difficulties.

In all circumstances we persevere calmly with understanding and endurance.

Respect

"As often as you did it to one of these...you did it to me." (Matt 25:40)

Victoire Larmenier showed consideration, appreciation and regard for the rights, values and beliefs of all.

The unique dignity of each person is held in high esteem and with special consideration. Without exception, we show thoughtfulness, courtesy and care.

Justice

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice for they shall be satisfied." (Matt 5:6)

Victoire Larmenier was fair and impartial with everyone, even when people or issues were difficult or challenging.

We uphold what is fair, decent, respecting his/her rights in a balanced and fair manner.

Hospitality

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matt 25:37)

Victoire Larmenier welcomed everyone in a spirit of friendship and acceptance. We welcome and receive all into a warm friendly and open atmosphere.

Perhaps one of our greatest challenges is to teach our children how to live these values in their daily lives, how to show and share these values to all people that they meet. What are the tangible things we can teach our children?

Jacqui Lawless
PRINCIPAL

New areas of learning

This year we are excited to be able to offer our children a greater range of specialist learning areas. The introduction of these areas does not mean this learning will not continue to happen in an integrated classroom. It does mean that children will have an opportunity to explore and develop skills that they may not be exposed to in a regular classroom setting.

Specialist Visual Art will be a part of our school week. This will be taken by Jacinta Verbeeten. This will allow our students who have a passion or gift in this area to shine, it will allow all children to develop their skills, knowledge and hopefully engagement in this area.

Digital Technologies, which includes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is an ever growing and changing area of learning. Our children will be able to access engaging equipment and work in a collaborative, challenging atmosphere to develop their understanding of this area. This learning area will be taught by Ms Allison Cornish on Friday's in a new space in Larmenier House.

Larmenier House

The interior of Larmenier House is in full use, with our renovated spaces being used this week. The focus of the work has been to restore parts of the building and importantly work under the floor creating air flow and to dry out the building.

Work is continuing on the outside for the next month. This will include roofing, gutters, eaves, render and painting.

For the moment we are still sharing with the builders, however, we are looking forward to the work being finally finished.

Staffing

Mrs Knowles will be taking leave until the middle of Term 2. We realise the timing is not ideal but it is unavoidable. We welcome Ms Cecilia Sexton to our staff and community. We are sure you will make her welcome.

Due to our new specialist area of Digital Technologies, Ms Allison Cornish will not be teaching in Year 4. Mrs Alison Vogelaar will work with Mrs Fontyn in Year 4. Her Year 4 teaching day will be Thursday.

Larmenier Swim Carnival – Years 3 – 6

This carnival is on Tuesday the 6th of March. More information will be sent home shortly. We will need volunteers for the day.

Larmenier is also responsible for organising the NIJSSA Swim Carnival on the 15th of March. This will be a very big day for us and once again we will be looking for volunteers. Remember that Working with Children check needs to be done at the office before helping at the carnival.

Student Free Day

The last day of Term 1 – Friday 13th April is a student free day. There will be no school on this day for children.

Bravehearts

This presentation will involve children from Prep – Year 2. Bravehearts specialises in providing personal safety education programs for children, they aim to empower children and to create child safe environments. We have this program into our school regularly on the belief that knowledge is power.

The Bravehearts Parent Information session is on Tuesday the 20th at 1.00pm

The Bravehearts Children's Performance (parents are also welcome) is on Tuesday at 1.40pm

If your child is in Grades 3-6 and you would like them to attend please let us know.

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.



Happy faces!

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. 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*.



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



Stamps

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

2018 updates to be returned

Asthma, Allergy or Anaphylactic Action plans
Local excursion permission
Farm activities permission
Student Records and Medical updates
(replacement copies available at the office if misplaced)



How to Find Time in the Day for Lent



The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of spiritual awareness and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary hectic day.

The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way:

Praying Daily

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favour, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day. Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Catholic Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, your self more centred, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

A Different Type of Fasting

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumours? Why not resist unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be. These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence.

Give of Yourself

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet. Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So no matter how busy your are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

Article from Loyola Press: Resources for your Lenten Journey

(Maureen Fontyn, APRE)

Gee Tees Netball Club have positions available for NetSetGO players turning 8-9 years of age by 31 Dec 2018. To register and for further information please contact Hayley juniors@geeteesnetballclub.com.au or 0428 448840 by Friday 16 February. Kind regards Hayley Steel Gee Tees Netball Club Junior Co-ordinator.

We are collecting these so if you shop at Coles and they offer them to you send them to the



Dr Manoj Chandra Handa

will present a seminar on practical approaches to

Fostering Differentiated Learning for the Gifted

followed by a hands-on workshop

(bring the unit of work you will be teaching next)

Differentiated Learning in Classrooms

Click [here](#) for more details of the seminar and the workshop

4.00 pm, Thursday 22nd March 2018

Venue: St Mary's College, Hobart

Registration costs:

- TAG financial members, Associate Members and Students - \$65
- Non-members - \$80
- Full Time UTAS Education Students - \$10
- Group discount of \$100 when booking a group of 10 or more: email tasgifted@tasgifted.com for details

Book Now at <https://www.trybooking.com/TDCO>



WEATHERING FAMILY SEPARATION Child Focused Educational Program

A 3 hour session for separated parents on how to support your children following separation and make it "easier and healthier" for them.

Venue: CatholicCare Launceston

Commencing: April 2018

Please contact CatholicCare for registration

NO COST INVOLVED



2018 INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC PROGRAM
REMINDER
Get your enrolments or re enrolments in
to learn an instrument at your school,
during school time.

VISIT
<http://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/school-life/cultural-co-curricular/music-enrolments>

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