



## Larmenier Catholic Primary School

### term dates

#### February

- 23 - Fair mtg, P&F pool party
- 25 - Second week of Lent
- 26 - Class Mass - grades K to 4  
Mt Esk Chapel 10am
- 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 - NIJSSA Swimming carnival
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Catholic Education Week
- 21 - Catholic Education Week Mass
- 25 - Palm Sunday
- 29 - Holy Thursday
- 30 - Good Friday - begin of Easter Break

#### April

- 1 - Easter Sunday - End of Daylight Savings
- 2 - Easter Monday
- 3 - Easter Tuesday
- 4 - Return to School
- 9-11 - Grade 6 Camp
- 12 - End of Term 1

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.



22nd February, 2018

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*"The proof of love is in the works.  
Where love exists, it works great things.  
But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."*

*Pope St. Gregory the Great*

The season of Lent consists of the 40 days, not including Sundays, before Easter. Lent is a time to prepare for the holiest time of the Christian year by fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and other acts of penance. Many people give up something for Lent (a food, watching TV, etc.) or do something to bring them closer to God such as daily devotions or charitable donations. The church colour for most of Lent is purple which symbolises repentance as well as royalty.

Often the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. However, Lent is more than 'giving up' something. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in a way to embrace a new life.

We may choose to embrace the new by 'giving something up', however, we could also 'take something on'. It could be something small such as a commitment to a cheery greeting to everyone in our workplace or a commitment to spend some time volunteering or a commitment to spend a small amount of time each day in stillness, reflecting.

One of our greatest gifts is our individuality that will make the Season of Lent a different experience for all of us.

### Caritas

**Caritas Australia helps people help themselves — regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs.**

Caritas supports long-term development programs in impoverished communities in Africa, Asia, East Timor, Latin America, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific — helping oppressed people to rediscover their dignity by taking greater control over their lives and overcoming poverty.

Giving to others is a central part of the Season of Lent. This is the time that we focus on the Caritas Charity. All families will receive a box for any extra coins that you may have and are able to give to others. Involving children in this is crucial, giving to others and the understanding that many of us have fortunate lives is something that all children need to learn.

For great information and clips please go to <http://www.caritas.org.au/>

Jacqui Lawless  
PRINCIPAL

## Ash Wednesday/ Opening Mass/ Leader Induction

Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and our Opening Mass at St Peter’s Church. Our arrival at the church was certainly challenging, with gusting winds and pouring rain. Our children were amazing, although wind blown and a little damp.

We also inducted our 2018 school leaders. To make promises in front of your community is difficult and the leaders did it with sincerity and pride. They pledged:

*As school leaders for 2018 we will always remember that ‘Christ is our model’ and lead others in this way. We will listen and cooperate with all members of the community in a respectful and positive way. We are looking forward to this year as we strive to reach our potential and be the best school leaders we can be.*

## Thank you

THANK YOU to the families who came last Thursday night to work in the vegetable garden. Many hands certainly did make light work and the garden looks great. Our children will have a great start to the farm year without an overwhelming amount of weeding. Thank you, your support was greatly appreciated.

## School Board Vacancy

The role of the Larmenier Catholic Primary School Board is to provide strategic direction and to support the Principal in decision-making.

We have vacancies on the School Board. If you are interested in nominating for the Board please collect a form from the office or email [larmenier@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:larmenier@catholic.tas.edu.au)

We meet monthly for approximately 1.5 hours.

If you require additional information please contact Jacqui.

## Larmenier Swim Carnival – Years 3 – 6

This carnival is on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of March. This will be a very big day for us and once again we will be looking for volunteers. All Volunteers must have a WWVP check.

## Lar – MINI – ers

Playgroup has once again begun in the Kindergarten room on Wednesday between 9am and 10.30am. This group is open to old and new families and children from birth – four. It is a wonderful way to make links with other parents and families and for children to socialise with each other. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

### Family Mass

All are invited to a Family Mass on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at 5:30 pm** at St Peter’s Church, Kings Meadows. It will be hosted by Prep and Grade 4. We look forward to celebrating with you. Please join us for a cuppa and chat downstairs afterwards.



Please complete the form below and return to your child’s teacher.

With Thanks,  
Maureen Fontyn (APRE)

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I will be attending the Family Mass with my child/children ..... from Grade/s .....

Signed .....

## BE RESPECTFUL an expectation for all members of our community

Over the past few weeks, pick up time has continued to improve. We have, however, had many reports of adults not speaking or behaving respectfully to other adults. **The car park is busy, with safety the priority, you will need to be patient.** All adults in the community need to be respectful to each other, in word and action, we expect this from our children and need to continue to show them how it is done.

*Please remember...*

- The pick up and drop of lane is not for parking – if your child is not ready you need to park your car.
- When you are leaving a car park space, take care of other vehicles.
- Only park in designated spaces.
- Other parents are also collecting their children, be patient and respectful.

*Have you thought about...*

- Waiting until 3.15 to collect your children, they are still supervised and it is not so busy, or
- Using the bottom oval access.

## Gumboots

Kindergarten are looking for donations of children’s gumboots. They are hoping to give them a new home in Kindergarten, to be used on wet days. If you would like to give your outgrown gumboots a new home please drop them into the office or to the Kinder classroom.



## Student Free Day

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

## Futsal Success

Over the summer holidays Cooper Styles represented Tasmania in Futsal. The competition was in Sydney.



From the success at this interstate event, Cooper has been selected in the Australian Team. This team will travel to New Zealand in October. Cooper will be arranging a few fundraisers to support his success. The first is a 'Guess the Easter Egg' competition. Guesses of how many Easter Eggs in the jar will be 50cents each. This will begin at the end of February.

We are very proud of Cooper and wish him every success.

## 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)

## Mini Vinnies

### What is Mini Vinnies?

Mini Vinnies is a St Vincent de Paul group in a primary School. It is a group of young people who get together, organise and talk about helping others in need within their school community and beyond.

Mini Vinnies is about building community. It promotes values of Social Justice and introduces children to the spirituality of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Mini Vinnies also introduces children to the many good works that the St Vincent de Paul Society operate.

Mini Vinnies held their first meeting at school this week for interested children from Grades 5 and 6.

We will be selling icy poles every Wednesday during the warm weather for \$1 each. All monies raised will be donated to the Vinnies Assist-a-Student Scheme.

## Car Boot Sale

St Peters Parish, Kingsmeadows are holding a Carboot and Craft Sale.

**Saturday March 17, 10am-2pm.**

Invitation for your school family to have their own stall/s, including face painting, drinks, craft, second hand or any other ideas. Stalls outside \$10, inside (limited) \$20. Some tables available for \$15 with refund of \$10 at return.

RSVP: 28 February 2018.

Contact Geraldine Byrne on 0459 331 491

Email: [geraldineby@bigpond.com](mailto:geraldineby@bigpond.com)

## Stamps

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



## Found

A small plain silver band ring in the Kindergarten room. See the office.



## Tapestry Dance Studio



Classes available:

Tap

Jazz

Ballet

Lyrical

Toddler Toes

Starting from 3yrs

Boys & Girls

Non competitive

enrol now for 2018

[tapestrydancestudio@gmail.com](mailto:tapestrydancestudio@gmail.com)  
0400596648

## Life Centre Music

2018 Early Childhood Music and Movement, Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Life Centre Music offers an educationally sound, high quality, fun program for babies through to 9 year olds.

Our parent/child baby and toddler music classes, and our classes for pre-schoolers offer a perfect introduction to the wonderful world of music. We sing, use instruments, move to music and engage in a variety of fun, interactive activities designed to enhance childhood development and instil a love of music.

Our keyboard classes are suitable for children aged between 5 and 9, and offer a great introduction to learning an instrument. Award winning classes are taught by a fully qualified, registered teacher.

For more information contact Natalie on 0448 517719, email [nataliehillier@gmail.com](mailto:nataliehillier@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.lifecentremusic.com](http://www.lifecentremusic.com)



Community Group



visit Mt Esk residents

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





# Chess Group

lunchtime 15th February, 2018



Students mastering the finer technical strategies of the game of Chess.

The game is played by millions of people world-wide. Often known as a game for the intellectually gifted, **chess** is the best sport to exercise the most **important** organ in our bodies: the brain. ... Playing the game of Chess on a regular basis right from childhood improves the learning, thinking, analytical power, and decision-making ability of the child. ... Playing the game of Chess on a regular basis right from the childhood teaches the importance of being disciplined in life.



# Welcome Mass/ Ash Wednesday

14th February, 2018



At Mass, we celebrated the beginning of a new school year.

This celebration was also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten period of Easter where we remember we are mortal. During Lent, we are invited into a season of reflection and a kind of Spiritual internal "spring cleaning."

Our elected School Leaders for 2018 were presented with their leadership badges and pledged before the school community to carry out all the responsibilities and duties set for them by the school, to uphold Larmenier's code of behaviour and take pride in the responsibility of guiding the student community towards success and participation.



# New areas of learning

16th February, 2018



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.



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>

JOIN TODAY!



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