



Larmenier Catholic Primary School

term dates

December

- 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- 5 - Orientation Day (Prep-Gr6 2020)
- 5 - St Patrick's College Yr7 2020 Orientation Day
- 6 - Gr2 farm day
- 6 - Gr6 Big Day out
- 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 11 - Leaver's Dinner 6.30 - 8.30pm
- 12 - End of year Mass 9.30am
St Peters Church
- 13 - End of Year concert 1pm
- 14 - Family Mass & Carols 5.30pm
St Peter's Church
- 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 16 - Certificate Assembly 1pm
- 17 - Last day of Term4
- Final assembly & farewell to Gr6 1pm
- 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 29 - Feast of the Holy Family -
(Larmenier's patron saint)
- 31 - New Year's Eve

Dates for 2020

- 28 Jan - office re-opens
- 28 Jan - Uniform shop open
8.30-9.15am
- 30 Jan - Uniform Shop open
2.30 - 3.15pm
- 3 Feb - teachers return
- 6 Feb - Students return Grs Prep 6
beginning of T1
- 10 Feb - Kinder staggered start

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.



5th December, 2019

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*"It's not how much we give
but how much love we put into giving."*

Mother Teresa

We want our children to be grateful for what they have been given and have compassion for those who are in need. Teaching your children the spirit of giving, showing them the importance of thinking of others, and modelling kindness are important ways to help children grow into productive and loving members of our world.

Research shows that talking to our children about how we give back, everything from our money to our time and our energies, and whom we give back to, goes a long way in building a generous spirit in children.

The majority of our children and families are fortunate. Many of us will spend the Christmas season enjoying food, gifts and the joy of family. For many people around the world and in our local Launceston area, this is not the case. We are encouraging families to give what they can to others.

We have begun our collection of food for families supported by St Vincent de Paul. Bags can be found in all classrooms, we are hopeful of filling as many as we can to assist those who are not as fortunate as us.

This is an ideal opportunity to involve your children in the art of 'giving'. The wonderful thing about supporting families is the conversation you can have with your child.

Jacqui Lawless
Principal



Staffing News

This Thursday children spent the morning in their new classrooms with their teacher for 2020. This is an important opportunity to build confidence to change grades and to move forward.

We are blessed that our staff are dedicated and capable in a variety of areas, ensuring we have a strong team to provide for our children.

In 2020 classes will be taught by:

Kindergarten – Mrs Fiona de Wit

Prep – Mrs Jane Knowles

Year 1 – Mrs Cecilia Connell and Mrs Jacinta Verbeeten

Year 2 – Miss Jenni Hughes (4 days) & Mrs Lisa Turner (1 day)

Year 3 – Mrs Maureen Fontyn (4 days) & Mrs Lisa Turner (1 day)

Year 4 – Ms Vicki Donald

Year 5 – Ms Judy Rice and Mrs Lauren Tams

Year 6 – Mr Ray Smith

Student Support - Mrs Alison Vogelaar

We are excited to continue to offer a range of specialist lessons to our children.

Visual Art – Mrs Jacinta Verbeeten

Performing Arts – Ms Judy Rice

Farm – Mrs Alison Vogelaar

LOTE – Mrs Kayla Lockett

Physical Education – Miss Jenni Hughes

We welcome Mrs Lauren Tams who is joining us in Year 5. Mrs Tams has previously taught at St Thomas Mores. We are looking forward to her being a part of our team.

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Have you organised your interview date / time and your child's start date for 2020 Kindergarten with Mrs de Wit?

A reminder to all new 2020 Kindergarten families that **Orientation** for our Kindergarten this year is part of *Lar-mini-ers* Early Learning (Set-up Program) held every Wednesday, between 9.00 – 10.30am in the Kindergarten Room, supported by Mrs Fiona de Wit – our Kindergarten teacher. The 11th of December will be our last *Lar-mini-ers* session before the end of the year.



Band & Strings Performance

On Thursday night - 28th November 2019, students who participate in the St Patricks Strings and Band programs showcased their talent and dedication to the instrumental program. Larmenier students from Year 3 – 6 represented us beautifully, we are very proud of their efforts.

During the evening St Patrick's students also shared their talents in a range of bands. The performances certainly showed what practice and hard work can achieve.

Uniform Shop 2020

For Back to School sales the Uniform Shop will be open on:

Tuesday 28th of January from 8.15 – 10.15am and then 1.00 – 3.00pm

Thursday the 30th from 2.30 – 3.30pm

It will then be open on a weekly basis:

Tuesdays 8.15 – 9.00am

Thursdays 2.15 – 3.10pm

Moving in 2020?

We understand that for a variety of reasons families may be leaving us at the end of the school year. If you are leaving can you please let us know as soon as possible.

End of Year Mass

Our mass to celebrate and give thanks for the year will be on Thursday 12th December at 9.30am at St Peter's Church in Kings Meadows. Everyone is welcome.

End of Year Concert

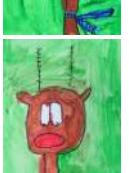
The concert is at the Door of Hope on Friday 13th December. The concert begins at 1.00pm with the doors opening at 12.45pm.

Certificates Assembly

This assembly begins at 1.00pm in the Nazareth Centre on Monday 16th December. During the assembly we look back on a busy year and give certificates for a range of things including choir, Mini Vinnies, Term 4 Success Certificates and others.

Final Assembly

This is the Year 6 Farewell Assembly. It begins at 1.00pm in the Nazareth Centre on Tuesday 17th December. We farewell our Year 6 students and many families as they leave the Larmenier Community.



Family Mass and Carols



Come and celebrate the Christmas season

Hosted by Grade 2 and Grade 6
from Larmenier

Date: *Saturday, 14th December*

Time: *5:30pm*

Place: *St Peter's Church, Kings Meadows*

Attire: *Neat Casual*

RSVP: *Monday, 3rd December*



Supper in the foyer to follow the Carols.
Please bring a small plate to share.
..... there may be a surprise visit from Santa!!!!

We, family are able/unable to attend
the Family Mass on Saturday, 14th December.

Signed

End of Year Mass

On Thursday, 12th December, our school will celebrate our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Youngtown. It commences at **9:30 am**. All families are invited to join us in this special celebration.

Please note: Children are to wear **full summer uniform** on this day. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Maureen Fontyn (APRE)



Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Could you please indicate below if you know you will be attending, and would be happy for your child to do a reading, etc, for the Mass. We would like as many children as possible to be involved in the liturgy. Please return the slip below to the school office by Wednesday, 11th December or phone or text Maureen Fontyn on 0407911400.

Dressing up

It would be great to have as many children as possible to dress up as angels, shepherds, wise men, etc, for the Mass. This always adds to the atmosphere of the Mass.

We will be able to attending the Children's Mass on
Christmas Eve at St Peter's at 5:30pm.

We have a child/children in Grade/s

Name/s:

Signed, Family.....(Surname)

Grades 1 & 2 visit the Post Office



Digi Tech Classes



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Robotic Taster Workshop for 11- 16yr olds

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Youth Robotics taster workshops with Metal Minds Robotics Teams

Booking through the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/robotic-taster-workshop-for-11-16yr-olds-tickets-82306084715>

Want to learn more about robotics. We will be holding a one day workshop for students interested in lego robotics and tech robotics.

About this Event

Join us for a taster workshop working with EV3 Lego bricks and structures and see what our 11- 14 year old team members do.

For older 15 - 18 yr old students come and find out what our older team members do to build a competition robot, how they design, build and what language they use to program. Gain experience through this taster workshop what it takes to be a team member of Metal Minds Robotics.

Date And Time

Sun., 2 February 2020
10:00 am – 2:00 pm AEDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Location

St Aidan's church
Arthur Street
Launceston, TAS 7250
[View Map](#)

Refund Policy

Refunds up to **7 days** before event
Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.



Don't forget to order your books for 2020!

Simply visit officemaxschools.com.au, search for your child's school and enter your school access key, complete the required details and you'll find their requirements list ready for you to shop.

All booklists for 2020 are now on the school website and COMPASS

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - Thurs 6th Feb - Thurs 9th April
Term 2 - Mon 27th April - Fri 3rd July
Term 3 - Mon 20th July - Fri 25th Fri Sept
Term 4 - Mon 12th October - Wed 16th Dec



Early Learning Program
Wednesdays at 9 – 10.30am



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Early Years Athletics Carnival

28th November 2019



Everyone had a great time - with lots of fun, laughter, egg and spoon races, hurdles, parachutes, vortex throwing and running. Thank you to Miss Hughes and Grade 6 for organising a great carnival.

living, loving, learning



5 Senses poems

The Beach

Grade 6 Extension Writing Group.

The Beach

Chelsea Anderson

The players scurry around to hit the ball
One of the surfers has a fall
The shady trees cool down the jet skis
I climb up the rocky cliffs

Seagulls squawking and people talking
Teens blasting music through their speakers
The bounce of a ball off a wall
Off a rocky cliff wall
And the sound of a child screaming

The hot sand burns my feet
As I race towards the cool water
It's a nice relief to know that I have
Clean feet after the grittiness of the sand
My face lightens when I feel little fishes swimming
between my toes

I can taste the salty sea breeze resting upon my tongue
The wind picks up and blows sand into my sandwich
All is lost and the day is done

I can smell salty-water
As I take in a fresh breath of air
The smell of greasy chips
Creeps inside my nose
And lingers there
As I leave for home

The Beach

Amali Baker-Bowerman

The seagulls swarm hungrily
Wanting food
Seaweed crawling up the rocks
The Crabs hide under the seaweed
Steam is coming off the very dry, sweltering sand

Whimpering waves slam into each other
Crashing along the shore
Birds squeal competitively at each other
Parents yell at their misbehaving kids

I feel soggy chips, smothered in grease
Drip through my fingers
Sticky sunscreen runs down my leg
The Ice-cream in my hand drips onto my boiling, hot,
foot,
Now cooled down

Tiny bits of sand brush against my dry lips
Whilst I eat my fish and chips

I breathe in the fresh air and get hit by the salty seawater
smell
Mixed with a waft of gravy and chips

The Beach

Elizabeth Bell

The glimmering water, blinding me
Crabs, quickly hurrying along the beach
Walking along the salt-like sand

The rough ocean water crashing onto the shore
Kids cheerfully running along the beach
Multiple seagulls, squawking, one after another

The extremely hot sand, rubbing against my feet
Slimy fish and chips,
Oily grease stuck on the tip of my fingers
Chilling icy water, crashing onto my body

The salty water's bitter taste remains in my mouth
I keep shovelling golden, crispy chips into my mouth to savour the delicious crunch

On my drive home, I can still smell the salty, tangy, smell of the beach.

The Beach

George Miedecke

We rush through the bush
Down to the beach
My cousins, siblings and I

The soft light of the white sand greets us,
Large dunes stand by

Boats and tinnies zoom past sandbars
Leaving foam in their wake

A seagull tries to steal my chips
Which I really do hate!

We unpack the cricket
Start a game
An then we have some fun

I hear waves crashing,
People yelling,
The click of our cricket game

When out sailing
I hear the creak of the boom,
The whack of the sail

I hear waves crashing onto the shore
Seagulls shrieking
The gurgle of sea-water when I dive in

The soft sand tickles my toes as I pull out the catamaran
When we get out, the wind hassles my hair as we sail

Fresh flatty makes me satisfied
We caught these blokes out on the bay
My taste buds scream for more

Down at the beach
I dive underwater
And get a mouthful of salt

I get out and jump off a sand dune
I face-plant and cop a mouthful of sand

The salty sea smell fills my nostrils
Along with frying bacon, fish and eggs

The crisps smell of two-stroke
As we top up the tinnie.

The Beach

Toby Morrison

The glistening water catches my eye
The sand looks as smooth as glass
Water flicks up from the ocean
As people frolic in the water
Kids run frantically
As the cricket ball flies in the air

I can hear waves crashing heavily along the shore
Roaring boats rip up the water as they fly past.
People laugh as a surfer gets swamped by a wave
Kids splash around as another child screams 'Marco!'

My fingers feel greasy as I lick the last bits of chips off
them
The smooth squeaking sand squeezes between my toes
The crunch chips are coarse on my tongue
With a slightly salty taste
The greasy fish fall apart
To reveal the fishy taste

A salt-water smell is stuck in my nose
Boat fumes are wafting through the air