



Dear parents and caregivers,

Please find below the Week 3 Term 2 addition of the Lion Roars.

Easter Blessings,

*Mr Daniel Petrie*

Acting Assistant Principal

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### ***From the College Principal:***

#### **Sad News:**

Last Thursday morning, the College received the sad news of the unexpected passing of one of our parents - **Mr Tyson Manktelow**. Tyson is the father of Tamara (HSC 2018) and Hayley (presently in Yr 11). Tyson was a great supporter of the College - assisting where he could - particularly as one of our hairdressers in The World's Greatest Shave.

Tyson will be missed as a parent, father, friend and a very generous man who gave of himself. Details of his funeral are yet to be announced.

#### **Happy Mothers' Day to All Our Mother Figures - A Reflection:**

*"... a good mother not only accompanies her children in their growth, without avoiding the problems and challenges of life; a good mother also helps them to make definitive decisions with freedom. This is not easy, but a mother knows how to do it. But what does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decisions in life! Mary as a good mother teaches us to be, like her, capable of making definitive decisions; definitive choices, at this moment in a time controlled by, so to speak, a philosophy of the provisional. It is very difficult to make a lifetime commitment. And she helps us to make those definitive decisions in the full freedom with which she said "yes" to the plan God had for her life (cf. Lk 1:38). – [Pope Francis](#)*

Last Thursday evening we deviated from the traditional format of our Mother's Day Liturgy. The College was able to recognise and celebrate with mothers and their families with a simple but significant liturgy at the College, led by **Mr Dumas and Ms Ramsay**. Each mother figure left with a pot plant (which was seeded, potted and decorated by the mother and their child) as well as a medal of Mary MacKillop.

Thank you to the staff parents and students who contributed in the preparation and celebration of our Mother's Day Liturgy.

**Congratulations:** It is my pleasure to announce that **Ms Susie Murphy** will be our new Leader of Year 7. Congratulations Ms Murphy, who will bring a new dimension to this very important role with her expertise and experience from a number of other schools.



### College Musical - Happy Days:

I am pleased to announce that the College will be performing Happy Days later this term.

There will be 4 performances:

**Thurs 27 June - evening**

**Fri 28 June - evening**

**Sat 29 June - Matinee and evening**

Tickets will be limited as the production will be a cabaret style - that is with table and chairs - for a meal/snacks etc - simulating a Milk Bar in the 1950s. The production (much of the core work has already been rehearsed) will be conducted in the OLOR section of TLOCC and be performed in a "theatre in the round" style - with 4 stages. Part of the production will be utilising the services and talents of our Hospitality classes! They will be providing food/refreshments (1950s Milk Bar style) throughout the show - as part of the Musical.

**This production is a great example of staff and students needing to be flexible, adaptable and developing a positive growth mindset around working with the disruptions caused by the building works.**

Further details shortly.

### New Timetables:

All students have received a new timetable this morning. This timetable reflects the final rooming for Term 2. The College has ensured that there will be no disruption to learning and teaching for Term 2. The spaces that are currently being used are spaces that will be in use for the remainder of Term 2. The new spaces (The College Chapel; The Thomas Aquinas Resource Centre (the library) and The Mary MacKillop Centre will be completed and certified by the end of this term. The movement into these areas will be tasked over the Term 2 holidays - so we do not have to disrupt the students and staff during their formal learning/teaching time.

### NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9):

Last week all students in Years 7 and 9 were taken through the process of completing NAPLAN online through their iPads. Ms Prosser and Ms Watts reported their plans went to expectation and no issues were reported. The students have been given an opportunity to do a practise test for the upcoming NAPLAN Assessment this week. If you have any questions please contact your child's Leader of Year.

### Year 8 Camp - Somerset Camp at Colo River:

This week (Tuesday - Friday) all of Year 8 and 13 staff head off for the Colo River. This is an "under canvas" camp - where the students conduct an extensive range of activities, mostly powered by their own steam. It is a camp in which they compete against themselves. It is certainly one of the most demanding camps - but a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction



comes from the achievement of the various activities. It certainly supports one of the characteristics of education at St Leo's - the development of the whole person. Thank you to those staff who are providing the necessary supervision over those 4 days. They are giving up time away from their families and their normal classes.

### **The Election on Saturday - The major Parties Stand on Education -**

Following is an [ABC News](#) summary of the major party policies on early learning and school education:

#### *Early education*

The Coalition is spending about \$450 million to give children access to 15 hours of preschool education a week until the end of 2020.

Labor has promised to commit permanent funding for preschool, replacing the current year-to-year funding arrangement, and extend it to three-year-olds from 2021.

The Opposition describes the plan as a major economic and social reform, however the Coalition has criticised the price tag (\$9.8 billion over 10 years) and says it is more important to improve four-year-olds' attendance rates first.

#### *Schools*

The "Gonski 2.0" funding arrangement announced by former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, replaced separate school funding deals in favour of a nationally consistent, needs-based system costing an extra \$23.5 billion over a decade.

Following concerns identified primarily by the Catholic education sector over the funding formula for non-government schools, a new model based on parents' income, rather than their postcode, was identified resulting in an extra \$4.5 billion over the next decade.

The Coalition's 2019 Budget also included a \$30 million fund for school equipment and upgrades.

Labor has pledged an extra \$14 billion for government schools over the next 10 years, \$3.3 billion of which would flow into education within the first three years — an amount it says could pay for thousands of extra teachers.

The Opposition will not reverse the \$4.5 billion funding for non-government schools. It has threatened to cap teaching degree places if universities do not do more to lift standards.

Read about the major party policies for higher and vocational education via [ABCNews](#)

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## ***From the Acting Assistant Principal:***

### **NAPLAN**

Parents and caregivers of Year 7 and Year 9 are requested to make note of the following dates and information regarding NAPLAN testing this week. Please ensure you have accessed the important letter regarding instructions and preparation for the official tests and additional information regarding the role of NAPLAN via the link below: [2019 NAPLAN](#)



[Parent and Caregiver Letter](#)

### NAPLAN TERM 2:

WK	M	T	W	TH	F
3		<b>14/5/19</b> <b>Y7 P1-2</b> (Writing) (1 Test) <b>Y9 P3-4</b> (Writing) (1 Test)	<b>15/5/19</b> <b>Y7 P1-Mentor</b> (Reading & Language Conventions) (2 Tests) <b>Y9 P3-5</b> (Reading & Language Conventions) (2 Tests)	<b>16/5/19</b> <b>Y7 P1-2</b> (Numeracy) (1 Test) <b>Y9 P3-4</b> (Numeracy) (1 Test)	

If any parents do not wish their child not to sit NAPLAN, please contact the College via email.

### *From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:*

#### **Australia Catholic Youth Festival Expressions of Interest due this Friday.**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering that aims to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. This year St Leo's aims to take a group of 40 students to ACYF in Perth from Sat 7 to Wed 12 December (Term 4, Week 9). There will be two tourist days for exploring Perth as well as the four days of the Youth Festival. The total cost of the 6 days in Perth will be about \$1,880. This will cover: airfare, accomodation, breakfasts, coach transfers, registration, festival meals. However, Broken Bay Diocese has agreed to subsidise a third of the cost and St Leo's will subsidise another third. This means that St Leo's students will only have to pay **\$650**. (Note: Year 10 students have the option of attending ACYF instead of their Year 10 Urban Challenge which will reduce further the amount to pay.) If you are supportive of your child attending, please complete and return the attached Expression of Interest Form. There will be a selection process, particularly if there are more applicants than places available. We will be taking students from Years 9 - 12.

Year 9, 11, 12 ACYF Expression of Interest Form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nz8FFHiekW4dRkszb5wJ5VGLAis6-02J/view?usp=sharing>

Year 10 ACYF Expression of Interest Form:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xFHffFL0pADQaXfkrd\\_PlmtzhMU9alr/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xFHffFL0pADQaXfkrd_PlmtzhMU9alr/view?usp=sharing)



### Year 11 – Retreat Notes

Year 11 retreat notes were distributed last week. Please see Mrs Raso in Student Services for a spare copy. They are due back next Monday, May 20. Year 11 senior retreat will be held in week 5 of Term 2 from Wednesday to Friday.

### Why are Climate Change and Kiribati such a big issue?

Please watch this 4-minute clip from last week's Channel Ten "The Project" on May 9. [Video Link](#)



In July 4 teachers and 15 students are heading to Kiribati. Are you able also to support the Kiribati people by watching this video and talking about this in your classes and mentor groups?

### Promote Breakthrough @ Hornsby Cinema

At the beginnings of last week, about 8 people had booked to watch this movie. To cover our costs, we need 100 bookings. Can parents help by telling your colleagues, family and friends?

By attending this event, you will help to pay for schooling for some Kiribati students we are visiting, who would not otherwise be able to pay for school fees, school uniforms and other school costs.



We have booked a private screening of the inspiring new movie 'Breakthrough' at Event Cinemas, Hornsby on Wednesday, 22 May.

We want to fill the cinema.

**So please tell ALL your friends and family.**

Quote your friends this LINK below to book now: [www.trybooking.com/BCBUW](http://www.trybooking.com/BCBUW)

Please watch the video trailer... [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ui6m\\_eEEOI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ui6m_eEEOI)

### Mother's Day Celebrations

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the St Leo's Mother's Day celebrations. It is wonderful to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers and women in our lives who help us be who we are called to be. May we continue to pray and recognise our Mothers and significant women in our lives.

### Shine and ACYF Notes Due



The Shine Youth Conference is on again on May 24 and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) for December notes are now due. Please return them Deacon Adrian by Monday this week.

### Spiritual Formation

"One way to pray in a fear-filled world is to choose love over anxiety, to open the door of the heart to dwell in the intimate presence of the One who loves us. When we begin to understand at a deep, spiritual level that we live surrounded by love and in communion with God no matter what the external circumstances, we can let go of the fear that lurks on the outskirts of our minds. Hardly a day passes in our lives without an experience of inner or outer fears, anxieties, apprehensions, and preoccupations. We do not have to live in fear. Love is stronger than fear: 'There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.' (1 John 4:18)"



Source - [www.henrinouwen.org](http://www.henrinouwen.org)

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## Director of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

### Year 8 Camp

We wish Year 8 a successful camp this week as they head out in tents to the Colo River from Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th May. A special thank you to the following staff for volunteering to facilitate this gruelling outdoor education program: Chris Sammut, Andrew Privett, Michelle Teys, Stephanie Frykberg, Anthony Wilson, Raymond Zeaiter, Tracie Axton and Ted Spurtacz. I remind parents to ensure students pack warm clothing as the nights become cooler. All medications need to be clearly marked with name and instructions in a plastic ziplock bag. Students will meet on the LOCC verandah at 8.15am ready for an 8.45 departure and will return to school Friday by 3.00pm at the Yardley Ave gates.

### YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Program

Please be aware that a number of students from Year 10 will be participating in this program starting Week 3. Students are absent for a whole day each week providing them with an opportunity to explore various industry pathways at TAFE. Students participating should receive final confirmation today with all necessary information.

### Fusion Australia - Jack's Youth Cafe

Fusion Australia is a not-for-profit Christian Youth and Community organisation who have a deep and ongoing commitment to developing





resilience in individual lives. They work to bring young people and their communities together with hope, determination and permission to make change in their life. Please see the attached flyer for Jack's Youth Cafe with the Term 2 Program. Many of our students could benefit from these structured activities after school in a supervised environment. The cafe is located in the Hornsby Fusion office near the train station at 5 Jersey St.

### UAC Guides

The 2019 UAC Guides for university entry will be distributed to Year 12 students this week. I have presented information to them a number of times on Early Entry, Scholarships and the Educational Access Scheme for disadvantage. Much of this information can be found in the UAC guides and the UAC website. You may also like to check the Year 12 Google classroom site with your HSC student in order to engage in conversation with them on these opportunities.

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## Director of Students

*'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples'* - Mother Teresa

### NSW Parliament - College Captains' visit

Please see report below from **Luke Birrell** (12) regarding the College Captains' visit to NSW Parliament last Wednesday. It was a very worthwhile experience which included a 'working' lunch with local member, Matt Kean.

*On the 8th May, the four captains from STLCC, I included, went to Martin Place to attend a meeting with many of the other schools across NSW. The day started off with a discussion with local MP's, talking with all the schools in the auditorium. We then moved off to watch the Low and High courts, discuss issues and topics of the day. As it was only the second day of the new term, everything seemed quite lively in the chambers. It was interesting to see such esteemed politicians acting like school children and making snarky comments whenever climate change and plastic bags were raised. After this, we moved back into the auditorium, where the MP's answered a few more questions. From there, all the schools in the Hornsby district were called in to lunch with Matt Kean (local MP). This talk was*



*very productive, discussing many topics that affect us and our students back at school. He asked about environmental topics, and his plans for the local areas. □ After this we made our way to the Government house, where our history lesson here concluded with a talk with*



*the newly appointed Governor of NSW. At this conclusion we went outside and networked with other schools across the state. This part was very useful, as we were able to make new connections with many other leaders. We took a lot from the day, learning many important things about leadership and perseverance. We are hoping to bring many of these qualities and ambitions back to our College for the betterment of the student body, the students, teachers and staff.*

### **Uniform**

Students are now expected to be attired in full Winter uniform including blazer. Other garments (such as hoodies) that are worn to the College will be confiscated. If students have an issue with uniform/grooming on a particular day, they should see their Year Leader before 8:30am and obtain a Uniform Pass. All students are expected to wear the blazer to and from the College every day during Terms 2-3. Year 12 may continue wearing their College jersey. Please see the Student Diary if any uniform/grooming expectations need clarification.

### **Student Leave Forms**

Where necessary circumstances require student leave from the College, parent/caregivers are required in the first instance to make a formal written application to the Principal for exemption from attendance. If the student leave is approved, which is not automatic, respective students have permission to negotiate the completion of any applicable assessment task(s) with both their subject teacher and respective KLA Leader, should the task(s) fall due within the leave period. Depending on their submitted leave request, students are required to make contact with ALL teachers via the relevant College application form and ensure that the classwork and assessment sections are fully completed. It is important to note that the College does not support families taking extended holidays during term time and/or during College examination periods.

### **Attendance**

**For whole day absences please use the College Skoolbag app** but for partial absences (early departure) a note from the parent/caregiver is required to be presented to your child's Year Leader before school. Following an absence from the College you must ensure that within seven (7) days you provide the College a verbal or written explanation for the absence. **If students arrive late** to the College parent/caregivers must notify the College as soon as possible via the Skoolbag app, telephone call or signed parent/caregiver entry in their child's diary outlining the reason for the lateness.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact the College if there are any queries or concerns.

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## PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS - Term 2

Due to the relocation of Music Classes to Xavier Court, Instrumental Lessons will now be held in the following locations:

**Small Studios in XCG05:** Singing, Guitar, Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone Lessons.

**D Block Bandroom:** Drums/Percussion and Brass Lessons

Concert, Stage and Symphonic Bands Rehearsals will continue be in the Bandroom. String Group and all Choral group rehearsals will be in XCG03.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bQICITGEEOK4PZvPifAuRJq5WpRc7aO5v-F5UITqkR4/edit?usp=sharing>

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## Debating Update:

Last Friday, the College debating team debated against Marist College North Shore. The topic was centred around Media and society.

Years 7 and 8 debated the question: *"That our online self reflects our real identity"*

Years 9 and 10 debated *"That we are prisoners of consumerism"*

Years 11 and 12 *"That the culture of complaint is corrosive"*

A toss of a coin determines whether a team argues the affirmative (for) or the negative (against).

Year 7 Amelia, Jarod, and Molly, were affirmative and unfortunately narrowly lost.

Year 8 Zinta, Benedict and Taleisha were the negative and won. They are now undefeated.

Year 9 Mattia, Matteo and Matthew were the negative and unfortunately lost.

Year 10 Jessica, Jacob and Ryan were the negative and won their round. They are also so far undefeated.

Year 11 Matteo (Yr 10 student debating for the Yr 11 team), Annabelle and James were the negative and lost narrowly.

Year 12 Rakeli, Bede and Ella were the affirmative and unfortunately lost.

Next week we travel to Loreto Kirribilli for the debate.

I am so proud of our students and the effort that they are making. The improvements in their confidence and debating is encouraging.

A special thanks to Mr Ray Zeaiter, Mrs Suzie Murphy, Mr Richard Wanden and Mr Luke Antoun. Mr Wanden has graciously assisted with adjudication. Luke is an alumni of St Leo's who has helped enormously. It is wonderful to have parents and alumni helping our current



students achieve their greatness. We have already exceeded our success from last year and this is only round 2!

Mrs Boguradzki