



Dear parents and caregivers,

Please find below the Week 4 Term 2 addition of the Lion Roars.

Easter Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie

Acting Assistant Principal

From the College Principal:

Not Only an Election Weekend!

This past weekend (including the Friday) did not only mark a federal Election but also (on a slightly smaller scale) some great achievements and successes for our students and staff.

Friday - The return of our Year 8 Campers from their 4 day demanding (both physically and mentally) Camp on the banks of the Colo River - based at Somerset Camp.

Thank you to those staff staff who not only supervised but actively participated in the various activities. More importantly the bonds between the staff and students are enhanced in less formal structures and where "masks" are not always worn in the small groups. Experiences outside the classroom also enhances learning by providing students with opportunities to practice skills of living together in less than ideal conditions also being aware of individual differences and strengthening tolerance for each other. It also assists in problem solving in everyday situations.

Friday - The Battle of the Chefs Competition

Congratulations to our Year 12 Hospitality Students (Katherine Zeaiter, Natalie Khamis and Lucy Grimshaw) who participated in the annual "Battle of the Chefs" competition last Friday in the commercial kitchens at St Peter's Tuggerah.

A great use and practice of learned skills under the watchful eye of industry experts and Chefs!

Well done ladies for taking on the challenge and succeeding!

Friday evening - Debating

Congratulations on a 3/6 wins against Loreto Kirribilli. Special congratulations to those three Years 7, 11 and 12 Teams.

Saturday - Aerobics - State Preliminaries at St Ives

Both Stage 1 through to State and and 4th place out of 8

1st Place - Pairs

1st Place Secondary

Ruby - a cracker of a Singles routine-1st Place with 82 points (12 pts ahead of 2nd place)



Trio - 2nd place (by two pts). Well done Ladies. Particularly as the 3 were on Yr 8 Camp these past 4 days!

Now ALL Teams through to State Championships!

Saturday evening - REELiSE Film Festival -

REELiSE - Empowering Youth to Create a Positive Digital Future...students who have joined the REELiSE revolution and take a stand against bullying...

Well done to Matti, Matteo, Matthew and Laurence on this outstanding achievement.

At Event Cinemas at Bondi Junction, our team were finalists (one of 14 finalists across NSW) in this year's REELiSE Film Festival competition "seen".

The video "The Courage to Be Seen" is a charming film about friendship, bravery and doing the right thing.

The video can be seen on the St Leo's Facebook Page.

None of these opportunities for our students could be provided - if it wasn't for the generous nature of our staff. I would like to publicly thank these staff and all those staff who support these and our other activities which provide our students, challenges, achievements, skills, enjoyment and beliefs in themselves - some of which cannot occur within the normal learning space confines. They allow students to explore strengths and talents outside of academics so they can develop their passions and find their greatness.

Thank You to all Staff who were involved.

Today - Monday - Recess - Morning Tea

Across the globe, thousands of education support personnel (ESP) work every day in a variety of roles to foster positive learning environments and ensure that schools function effectively.

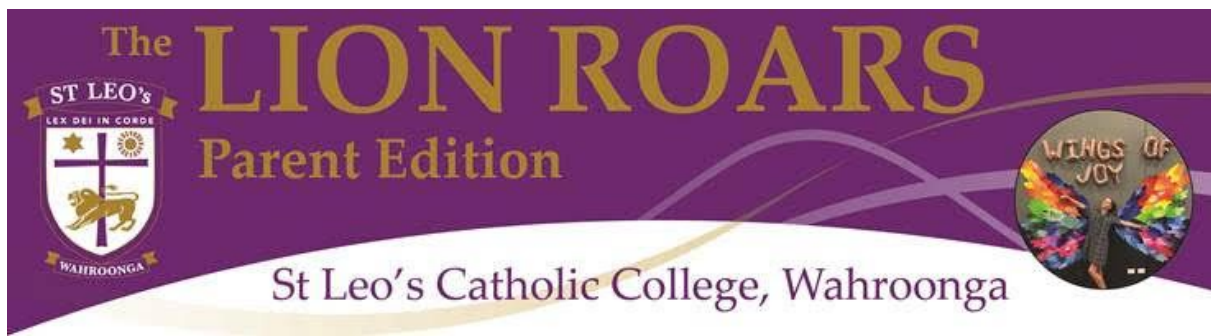
Here at St Leo's - we are only equally supported by our support staff, but our students also are directly influenced by these people, across the many spheres they assist and support our teaching staff.

We recognise the great work of our support staff - and I hosted a morning tea on the now completed St Francis Xavier Courtyard.

It was great to have have the Student Leadership Team celebrate with the staff.

Professional Development - This Thursday - Middle Leaders:

This Thursday - we have asked our Middle Leaders (Leaders of Subjects as well as Leaders of the 6 Year Groups) to participate in a Deep Learning Workshop (ie the 6Cs - ie *Christian citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Critical thinking, Character and Creativity* that we have referred to in various other publications) at the CSO hosted by Ms Rosemary Vella.



However - the direction of the Deep Learning and Professional Development of our Middle Leaders is key to the successful strategic implementation of DL, which in turn will greatly assist the skills needed for our students both now and in their future.

The outcomes of our students are a priority. Staff in Year 12 will still be teaching their classes.

Research confirms that the most important factor contributing to a student's success in school is the quality of teaching. While parents may not be familiar with the research, they are united in their desire to ensure great teaching for every child every day. Professional development is the most effective strategy schools have to meet this expectation.

Professional development is the strategy schools use to ensure that educators continue to strengthen their practice throughout their career. The most effective professional development engages teams of teachers to focus on the needs of their students.

I will ensure a summary of the day will be provided in the next edition of The Lion Roars. So Thursday will still be a normal school day - but a few teachers will be undergoing this important Prof Dev't.

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN:

Well done to the students in Years 7 and 9 who sat the NAPLAN Assessment last week. There were some minor technical glitches - but they were addressed by the staff within 1 -2 minutes. Thank you to **Ms Prosser and Ms Watts on the planning and conduct of these assessments**. I believe that results will be available earlier due to the tests being online. However the Government will not be releasing until all test (paper and online) are fully corrected. Having the results earlier - will certainly be an advantage for all do appropriate strategies can be put in place in line with other data that is available.

Mr Tyson Manktelow's Funeral:

The funeral is listed for this Wednesday at 1pm at Macquarie Park, Magnolia Chapel. Please keep The Manktelow family (particularly Hayley - Yr 11) in your prayers.

From the Acting Assistant Principal:

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

Please watch the video trailer... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ui6m_eEEOI

Parent Involvement and Information Evening:

On Tuesday 28th May, the College will host the next Parent Involvement and Information Evening to showcase the new Pathways Program offered by the College. Please join us for refreshments at 6:30pm followed by the presentation and Q&A commencing at 7:00pm in the McAuley Administration Centre. Please RSVP to Jayne Persico:

Jayne.persico@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Sound Scout – A Free New Test for Hearing Loss in Children

Adults and children can now benefit from a free Australian developed app that delivers a user-friendly hearing test. These free tests can be conducted online using Sound Scouts, a fun, tablet-based game that detects hearing issues. The program started in 2019 and will run for up to five years, ensuring that up to 600,000 Australian children age 4-17 have their hearing checked using the Sound Scout test. Australian Hearing has been provided a grant of \$4 million through the Department of Health to deliver these online hearing tests through the Sound Scouts app. Sound Scouts is currently the only tool of its kind available in Australia validated by the National Acoustic Laboratories (NAL), the research arm of Australian Hearing. For more information see the Sound Scouts website:

<https://www.soundscouts.com/>

or click here to access resources for schools. Link:

<https://www.soundscouts.com/school-resources/>



For screening procedure information, see linked document. Link:

https://www.soundscouts.com/extra/Sound_Scouts_School_Screening_Procedures.pdf

From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Year 11 – Retreat Notes

Year 11 retreat notes have been distributed last week. Please see 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.

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.

Messy Parenting – 2 night seminar

With International Speakers Mike and Alicia Heron.

May 22 – Terrigal – Messy Parenting 101

May 23 – Pennant Hills – Keeping Love in Marriage alive.

7.30 pm to 9.00 pm



Director of Students

Week 4 Term 2

'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence'
- Helen Keller

Parent/Caregiver information:

Abbotsleigh Senior College Breakfast

Last Wednesday a number of Year 12 Leaders attended an important networking breakfast at Abbotsleigh Senior College with fellow leaders from neighbouring secondary schools. The breakfast topic was 'Walking out of slavery and into freedom'. The guest speaker was Mr Jacob Sarkodee who is the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the International Justice Mission Australia (IJM). Jacob was also joined by Alice Suganya who is the Director of Casework at IJM (Chennai region – India). Ms Sunganya delivered an inspirational message to the leaders on how IJM are assisting specific areas of India to protect the most vulnerable from human trafficking especially bonded labour. Thank you to all Leo's leaders who represented the College - it was a truly special morning!



U18 Boys' Rugby - Peninsula Cup

Congratulations to the U18 Rugby Boys' Rugby team who triumphed last Monday afternoon (17-14) against St. Paul's Catholic College (Manly) in the first round of the Peninsula Cup. It was a real team effort from St Leo's who played with determination, skill and commitment. Our next round is against Pittwater High School (Monday) in what promises to be another close encounter.



Congratulations

Well done to **Tobias Telford** (7) who last week produced some wonderful art work for his favourite bible quote. His work was of an exceptional standard and his teacher (Mr Dumas) was 'very impressed by his application and quality of work'. Great work Tobias - keep up the good work :)

SchoolTV and addressing challenges faced by today's youth - parent resource

SchoolTV is an online wellbeing resource that is now available to the St Leo's community – see highlighted link below. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many other relevant areas of concern that need clear explanation and guidance are now available to our parents/caregivers. This educational platform delivers multi-media-based resources and is fully endorsed by the reputable adolescent and child psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Each edition in SchoolTV will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more. SchoolTV collates information from many reliable resources such as *BeyondBlue* and *ReachOut*, amongst others. SchoolTV provides a single



stream of independent factual information that saves parents/caregivers time and confusion in searching online across multiple sites for information. Please click the launch link <https://stleos.nsw.schooltv.me> for more information and resource material – we trust you also find the site useful and informative.

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