

Dear parents and caregivers,

Please find below the Week 6 Term 2 addition of the Lion Roars.

Blessings,

*Mr Daniel Petrie*

Acting Assistant Principal

Save the Date	<p>Year 11 - 12: Parent - Student - Teacher Interviews: College Photos: Year 11 2020 Subject Selection Q&amp;A evening: College Musical: Year 7 - 10: Parent - Student - Teacher Interviews:  Staff Development Day (pupil free day):</p>	<p><i>Tuesday 11th June, 3:30 - 8:30pm</i> <i>Thursday 20th June</i> <i>Tuesday 25th June, 6:00 - 8:00pm</i> <i>Thursday 27th - Saturday 29th June</i> <i>Wednesday 3rd July 3:30 - 8:30pm,</i> <i>Thursday 4th July 8:30 - 3:30pm</i> <i>Friday 5th July</i></p>
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### ***From the College Principal:***

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please remember in your prayers - Mr Scalone and his family on the passing of his father - Mr Leo Scalone.

#### **Mr and Mrs Smith:**

Congratulations to both Ms Jess Watts (Leader of Middle School) and Mr Nathan Smith (newly appointed to Leader of Pathways); now known as Mr and Mrs Smith! Their wedding was held at Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga and officiated by Fr David Ranson. Both are well respected members of staff and obviously are held in very high regard by the entire school community. That was evident from the students who attended the wedding and the many comments on our Facebook page.

#### **Year 11 Retreat - Stanwell Tops:**

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of travelling down to the Year 11 Retreat at Stanwell Tops. At the liturgy I witnessed many of





our students approaching the sacred time with both reverence, engagement and devotion. From all reports the Year 11 Retreat was a great success. This unique and vital opportunity would not be possible without the work and selflessness from *Mr Dumas, Mr Kershler, Rev. Gomez, Mr Trotz, Mr Scalone, Ms Lappin, Ms Frykberg, Ms De Kantzow, Ms Scott, Ms Stimson, Ms Ramsay, Mr Vega, Ms Newham and Mrs Sykes*. Thank you for your personal attention as well as your valuable time. Please check the College Facebook page where I published a number of photos.

**College Track & Field Carnival** – scheduled for tomorrow Thursday 6 June at Foxglove Oval has been **postponed due to weather**. We will update you with a new date shortly.

#### **Launch of our Pathways Program:**

Last Tuesday evening we hosted and introduced Mr Nathan Smith as the newly appointed College Pathways Leader. He was joined on the evening by Mr Tristan Tulloch, (Macquarie University Future Students Office); Ms Marie Florian-Kellett (Business/industry Speaker) and past graduates of St Leo's Ms Rachel Geha and Mr Max Hall.

Earlier that evening I was invited by the Australian Catholic University, to the Inaugural Educational Leaders Evening. The Guest speaker was Ms Jan Owen AM, CEO of [Foundation for Young Australians](#).

Jan emphasised the following points:

- The importance of our students having a positive growth mindset
- We must build enterprise skills (the 6Cs) into our curriculum as it assists young people get a job 17 months earlier
- New skills needed by our students for the jobs of the future:
  - There has been an increase of 212% in Digital Literacy skills
  - 158% increase in critical thinking skills
  - And a 65% increase in creativity skills
- The previous week Jan was at a forum with the 10 top industries in Australia. The companies stated "...*We are recruiting for mindset; we will train and provide the skills for the various positions...*"



I spoke to Jan at the end of her presentation to let her know of the direction in which we are heading. Jan would very much like to speak to both parents and students in the near future to reinforce the work we are currently undertaking with our students.



This presentation connected very well with the launch of our Pathways Program.

The College is certainly on the right track with the introduction of the Pathways program, the Leo's Learning Den, and our Deep Learning based on the work of Dr Michael Fullan (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning - the 6 Cs - *Christian Citizenship, Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Character and Critical Thinking*). These strategies coupled with the opening of our new learning spaces all point towards a new look College which is preparing our students for the world in which they will enter! Thank you to the 55 parents and students (Yrs 7-12) who attended the evening.

#### Hot Off the Press:

The Opens Rugby drew 26-26 with Moriah College this week. Thank you Mr Johansen. Last Friday evening our debaters travelled to Redfield College at Dural. Congratulations to the Years 7 and 8 teams who won their debate on the topic: *"That our parents do too much for us"*. Friday week, 14 June, the last round before the semis, is against Mercy College Chatswood at Chatswood. Good luck to all our students (and their coaches) on the various competitions and games they are involved with on a weekly basis.

The following students competed at the NSW Soccer Championships on 4 and 5 June at Valentine's Sports Club with Mr Kember: Jacob Stewart. Andrew Ferrara, Tino Knight, Peter Plant and the girls: Olivia Jenkins Mia Hing, Rachel Glendenning and Rachael Guptill. Unfortunately the Peninsular Cup - Intermediate and Senior Netball was called off due to wet weather as was the Peninsula Cup U16 and U18 Boys Soccer.

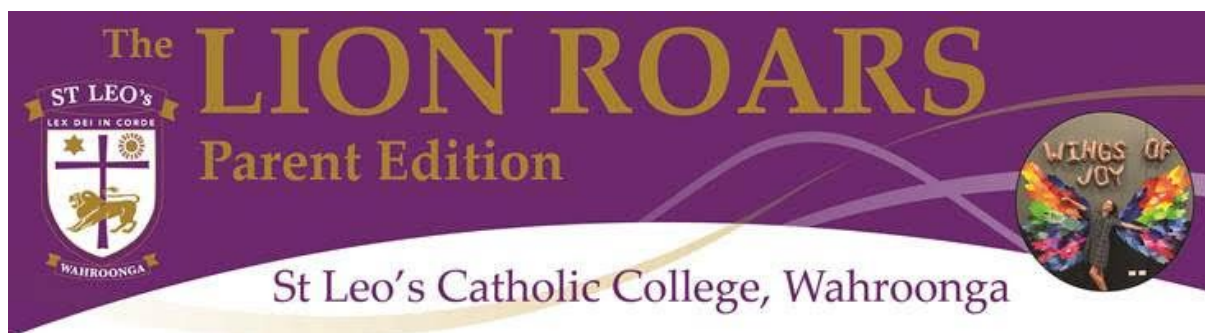
It's great to see our *Girls Open* Rugby League team training this week - along with our Boys Open Team - for the North Sydney Rugby League Gala Day which is a NSW All Schools Qualifying Event on Tuesday 25th June.

#### Digital Animation in Year 7:

Late last week - I was able to witness some of our students' work in Digital Education - more specifically - Stop Motion Animation projects. It takes 15-24 frames/movements per second! Well done to these students' work - who as selected. Please spend a few minutes looking at their achievements!

[Just a little toasted](#)

[The mutant Squirrel](#)



[Redbull](#)

[The Clay man Show](#)

[Big Sausage](#)

[The Death of Jo Fabreze](#)

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## *From the Acting Assistant Principal:*

### **Year 11 2020 Subject selections:**

This year the College has changed the process for subject selection in response to time constraints on parents and the need to provide students with greater agency in how and when they explore their subject choices and passion.

The subject selection process for Year 11 2020 will commence on Friday 21st June. A suite of videos will be accessible from the College website for students to explore with their parents that illustrate:

- the structure of the course
- course content / Course requirements
- assessment
- key aspects of interest during their study
- key skill sets needed for the course
- benefits of the course for future pathways/careers/study

During Periods 5 and 6 on Friday 21st, students will be taken through the videos on campus with staff assistance to answer questions pertaining to their preferences.

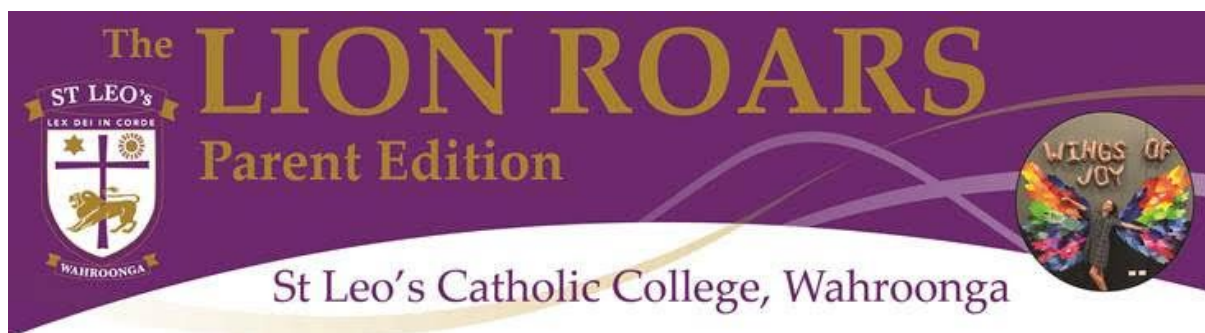
Parents and guardians are requested to sit with their children post viewing the videos and discuss their preferences. A informative video explaining the components and requirements of the HSC and the ATAR will be included. All videos will be made available to parents and student on the College Website on Friday 21st June. To access the videos, please click the 'current students' tab and then the select the 'Stage 6 2020 Subject Selection' link in the drop down menu.

Following the above a Q&A evening regarding the subject selections will be **held in Xavier Court from 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesday 25th June**. Parents will be provided the opportunity to speak with the Leader of Learning in each faculty area as well as members of the College Leadership team to further clarify which courses will be most suitable for the needs of their child and their future aspirations. Parents are invited to attend the evening at any point between the above times and refreshments will be provided.

### **Stage 6 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews 2018:**

The Year 11 and 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews will be held for parents and students on Tuesday 11th June from 3:30pm until 8:30pm.





Each interview will be of five minutes duration. Year 12 Reports will be available for collection on the night. We encourage parents to arrive 20 minutes before their first interview to collect and look through your child's report before the interviews commence. It is important that students are present at these interviews so that we can continue the partnership of learning between students, parents and the College.

*For these interviews the College is using the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher Organiser (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students.*

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer is available in the College office during school hours if you do not have Internet access at home or elsewhere.

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page: [www.stleos.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stleos.nsw.edu.au)
- Click on the 'current student' link followed by clicking on the 'PTO link' in the drop down menu.
- Click "Obtain PIN/Password" and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen.

Please note the system is **now open to parents to make bookings.**

#### **New date for the College Athletics Carnival:**

The new date for the College Athletics Carnival will be Wednesday 24th July. The carnival originally scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed due to weather.

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



Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Year 11 retreat. Overall, the students inspired us with how they entered into the spirit of the retreat, especially the Thursday night Reconciliation liturgy. For parents and guardians of Year 11, please ask students what they have learnt, what did they "awaken" to? How have they changed?



### PraiseFest – Friday June 7

Get excited because we are only one week away before Gen Bryant visits PRAISEFEST at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish! Don't forget, its Pentecost weekend also! A holy time when anything can happen. The Festival begins at 6pm with a free BBQ so don't miss out! 7pm Music & Worship with Gen!



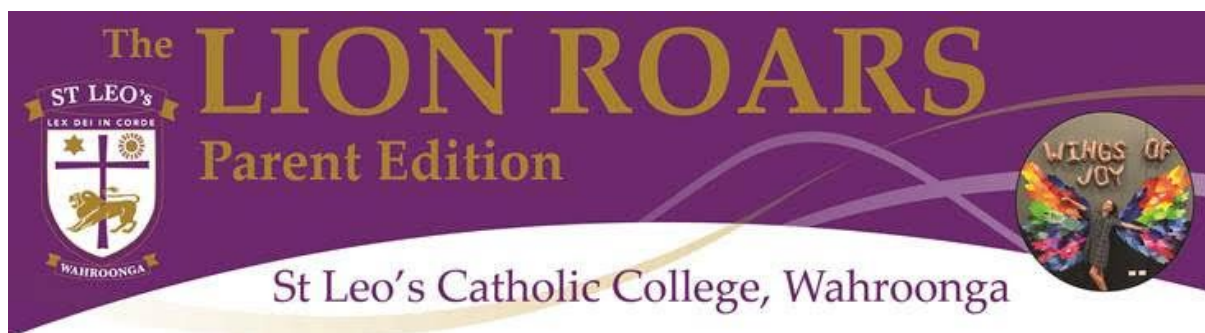
### *From the Acting Director of Teaching and Learning:*

The English Department has brought a number of engaging enrichment opportunities for our students in the last few weeks. Nearly 40 students from Yr 9 -11 had the opportunity to go attend the **Sydney Writers' Festival Schools** day to hear inspiring, amusing, moving and thought provoking talks from four writers for young adults: Neal Shusterman & Dhonielle Clayton from the US, and two Australian writers, Ambelin Kwaymullina and Will Kostakis.



Year 10 hosted a visit from **Bell Shakespeare** who shared highlights from our most famous dramatist, exploring emotions such as love, guilt, grief and empathy. For many students, seeing live actors perform Shakespeare was a new and illuminating experience, and certainly helped them understand why Shakespeare is so loved and so revered for his insights into the human experiences we all share.





## *Director of Pastoral Care and Well being*

### Interesting Reading:

#### **Growing Up in Australia Report: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children**

The eighth volume of the Annual Statistical Report series for *Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC)* is available.

This report, produced by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, aims to provide valuable insights into family functioning and child development for researchers, policy makers and those who provide services and support, as well as the community at large. Insights include children's housing experiences. These are examined over a 10 year time period, providing new insights about how housing conditions change when parents separate.

The chapter on children's use of health care services highlights the differences in the numbers of teenage boys and girls who required medical attention for an injury, with more boys than girls requiring medical attention for breaks, fractures and concussions. Young people's relationships with their family and friends are a big part of this report, with chapters exploring time adolescents spent with parents and friends as they grow up; their help-seeking behaviours when they face emotional problems; and the quality of attachment and characteristics of their friends. This report also provides a snapshot of how teenagers are faring in relation to eating problems, the types of actions they take to control their weight and the association between dieting and physical and mental health outcomes. This report can be accessed here:

**<https://growingupinaustralia.gov.au/sites/default/files/publication-documents/lsac-asr-2017.pdf>**

### Headspace

Headspace Chatswood is a free, confidential service for 12-25 year olds. If you have any questions about how they can support you or your family please get in touch with them. They offer youth friendly facilities and can help with:



- Mental health & wellbeing
- Alcohol and other drug services
- Education, employment, and other services
- Sexual and general health

P: 80213668

30 Devonshire St, Chatswood NSW

<https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/chatswood/>

HOURS:

- Monday: 9:30am - 7:00pm
- Tuesday: 9:30am - 6:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:30am - 6:00pm
- Thursday: 9:30am - 6:00pm
- Friday: 9:30am - 5:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Sunday: Closed

**They are also located at Hornsby: Wednesdays 9:30am – 5.00pm at Mission Australia, 1 Coronation St, Hornsby NSW 2076**

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## *Director of Students*

*'Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. **Attitude** determines how well you do it' - Lou Holtz*

### **College Athletics Carnival - Thursday 6th June**

Last Wednesday our eight Year 12 House Ambassadors enthusiastically coordinated the first of two important House meetings in preparation for the College Athletics Carnival this Thursday. As communicated last week this important co-curricular event is **compulsory for ALL 7-12 students** to attend and promises to be a wonderful day as students represent their House in different events. The eight Houses have special historical significance through their linked Patron Saints and are Xavier, MacKillop, Loyola, Bakhita, Aquinas, McAuley, Chanel and Teresa.

Carnival days are significant events in the life of our community and provide opportunities for students to experience competition expressed in House spirit. **Students who are absent due to illness on the day will require a Medical Certificate** or equivalent to be given to their Year Leader upon their return to school. If your child is absent on Thursday please contact the College between 8:15-9:00am. If students do not arrive at the venue, the College will contact parents throughout the morning. If your child is unable to participate in events, s/he is expected to attend and we would ask that you provide a note explaining the condition that prevents their participation.





**The College Carnival will officially start at 8.30am** and will finish at approximately 2:30pm. Students will be required to assemble at Foxglove Oval (Mount Colah) in Mentor Group lines no later than 8.15am for roll call. Another roll will be taken at the conclusion of the event. Students who are intending to compete in the 800m event will need to be at Foxglove Oval by 8:00am. As so many students live close to the Foxglove Oval venue they are required to make their own way to and from the Oval. Please note that for safety reasons students are **not able to drive to or from the venue**.

This is a fantastic event on the College calendar and we ask ALL students to get actively involved in the events or by supporting their House and friends.



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