



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please find below the Week 7 Term 2 edition of the Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie

Acting Assistant Principal

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

From the College Principal:

Congratulations to our Gold/Silver Award Recipients Mid Year Reports:

Congratulations to our Year 12 Students who received either a Principal's Gold or Silver Award for the Half Yearly Reports acknowledging their *overall* effort. The award is not based on marks or rankings but rather the high personal effort the student has contributed, as recognised by the class teacher.

Gold Award Recipients:

Ella Barrett, Jessica Baynie, Ella Brodie, Tiana Charlton, Oliver Ford, Max Griffin, Lucinda Grout, Annabelle Haig, Kaycee Hassarati, Jordan Hayes, Alistair Hume, Pearlyn John Britto, Kayla Mahfoud, Madeleine McMahon, Chloe Moltzen, Megan Nitzsche, Katy O'Leary, Peter Plant, Patrick Robinson, Jessica Saliba, Veronica Smith, Hannah Stibilj, Shekane Talens, Luca Thompson, and Natalie Zeaiter.

Silver Award Recipients:

Rakeli Albino, Marion Bajar, Claudia Bourke, Olivia Clay, Imogen Cull, Chiara Donegemma, Ian D'Souza, Ye-Qun Feng, Mia Hing, Caitlin Hughes, Damien Ioffrida, Claudia Jenkins, Natalie Khamis, Joshua Khamis, Bede Patterson, Ella Stewart, James Stibilj, and Katherine Zeaiter.



Edumate/PTO/SAS/Skoolbag - Computer Management Systems:

From the start of 2020 the College will migrate to a new education management system - **COMPASS**. Currently each College/School in the Diocese runs a variety of communication packages to manage finance, email notifications, parent/teacher interviews etc. **COMPASS** will change the way we currently operate. It will enable us to pull several functions into ONE place improving efficiency and productivity; removing the need for SAS, Skoolbag App, PTO and Edumate . The system is web based and parents and students will be able to download the COMPASS App for their mobile devices. [Click here if you want to hear/see more.](#)

College Musical - Happy Days

We are now just over 2 weeks before the Opening Night for 2019 College Musical - Happy Days. Tickets will go on sale this week. All members of the College will be contacted by email/SMS notification.

Thursday 27 June - (OPENING NIGHT) - evening performance

Friday 28 June - evening performance

Saturday 29 June Matinee and evening performance

After producing our previous Annual College Musicals (Disney's High School Musical in 2016; Guys and Dolls (2017); Beauty and the Beast (2018) - let me assure you this show will be of an exceptional standard. The musical gives our students the real life opportunity to be able to discover and develop their passion. I hope to see as many parents, students and supporters as possible at one of the shows.

As you can appreciate hundreds of pairs of hands make this production possible but I would like to thank Fiona Milkins and Olivia Gauci for all the work so far; managing the production, but more importantly guiding and encouraging our students to shine.

Kiribati Immersion

The Kiribati Immersion is only a few short weeks away (less than 5) from directly assisting those less fortunate (in material terms; but certainly not spiritually!). If anyone can assist with donations in the areas listed below, thank you. These offerings can be delivered to the College Reception or contact our Immersion Leader - Ms Michelle Teys (michelle.teys@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

- Baby clothes (singlets, t-shirts, jumpsuits)
- Toddler clothing
- Stationery – pencils, rulers, erasers, pencil cases, calculators, highlighter pens
- Women's sanitary products & roll on deodorants
- Women's underwear (new) – large sizes



- Crochet hooks and bright crochet cottons, cotton for sewing, lengths of bright cotton fabric (light weight) , rolls of elastic, netting (to make mosquito covers) knitting needles and wool, scissors, dress patterns, pins, needles
- T-towels
- Sheet music for guitars (hymns not Top 40!), guitar strings and picks
- Materials to make rosary beads, jewellery (think bracelets, earrings in bright colours)
- Educational games/flash cards/word or numeracy games
- Educational posters (laminated is best – the team can do this for you)

From the Acting Assistant Principal:

Stage 6 Parent - Student - Teacher Interviews:

This afternoon (June 11th) Stage 6 PST interviews take place from 3:30 - 8:30pm. Parents are requested to arrive earlier than their first scheduled interview, in order to collect their child's report from Reception and to read the contents of the report.

The rooming and teacher locations have been slightly adjusted for this evening. These changes have been updated on the PTO system. Parents will also receive a map upon collecting their child's report. Interviews will take place in Bakhita house, Teresa House and Xavier Court.

Please access the PTO system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page: 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.

College Photos:

On June 20 students will partake in the College photo day. Students will receive their ordering envelopes by this Friday. **Students must be in full winter uniform for this day inclusive of their blazers.** The following advice is provided by MSP Photography:

- Please do not seal the envelopes inside one another. Parents can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day
- Family envelopes are available at reception
- If parents are paying cash, please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. No cheques will be accepted
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on the envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.



- Sport/speciality Photo orders will be organised after photo day on a separate form

The College Sporting Team and Cocurricular Team photo day will be held on the 25th of June.

TTFM (Tell Them From Me) Survey:

Students across the College will engage in the TTFM survey tomorrow (12th June) as a means of measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys are used to capture student, parent and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence for schools to use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

Parents are likewise requested to engage in the parental version of the survey. Please use the link below to engage in this Semester's survey:

Subject Selections for Year 11 2020:

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 21 June, 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. An 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 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.



From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

A radical vision for the Feast of Pentecost

After Jesus had died in 30 AD many of the disciples were locked in the upper room praying in fear of the Romans. They were scared that what happened to Jesus, would happen to them. Then, one Friday afternoon, suddenly, the door flew open. A loud sound like a gush of wind came through the door, it was not students running out the door at 3.10 pm, but flames, lots of flames, which then rested on each of their heads.

They were forever changed, receiving gifts which would enable them to go out into the world to make a difference.

At the end of most St Leo's school masses we sing the following..

"We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see.
The love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world". – Steve Agrisano

We need to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives. A simple prayer like "Come Holy Spirit. Renew my life." Can you pray this prayer now for me? *Pause....*

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit.....our community would like to invite parents, allumni and friends of the college to partake in the following initiatives....



Community Dinner on Wednesday

In our Australian society, communities and families seem to be breaking down or disconnecting. St Leo's would like to build up our community by partaking in this community meal on Wednesdays between 6 pm and 7 pm.

At 6 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary church holds a Community Dinner.

So please, come and join the conversation.



Street Retreat

Every second Wednesday, Ralph Kershler leads a group of 10 students on a Street Retreat. The group travels through the centre of Sydney meeting many homeless people. Many young people comment that their eyes are opened by this experience.



Would you like to be placed on the roster to go one Wednesday?



Visiting a nursing home

For many older people, life can be very lonely. However, just by being present we can change a person's life and help with this loneliness. By playing cards or simply chatting or listening. St Leo's would like to regularly spend 1 or 2 hours visiting our local nursing home. *Would you like to be placed on the roster to go with a group of 12 students and teachers?*



A new band

Would you like to join a band? Or, do you know someone who could join a band? Music can be a powerful way to connect and have a bit of fun. St Leo's would like to set up a new youth music band which will play once a month at Our Lady of the Rosary church. *Would you like to join Deacon Adrian and*

others through song or instrument?

The band will begin in July....

Please complete this expression of interest form for the above....

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9W7DLxr8iSy69G1Kiblc0eOcLMvoF9D9ysXWD6A406D0xVQ/viewform>

Year 8 Spirituality Day

Please be aware that Friday of Week 8 (June 21) is the Year 8 Spirituality Day. A note will go out early this week about this. This needs to be returned to Student Services Mrs Sue Raso by July 17.

Year 10 Subject Selection 2020

A letter will go out to Year 10 parents regarding information and a recommendation for Religion concerned with subject selection 2020 via email.

God Bless,
Mr Andrew Dumas

Director of Students

'Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go' - anonymous

College uniform & grooming standards - raising our profile!

Now that we are in Winter, a number of students are beginning to wear casual garments that do not align with our Uniform and Grooming guidelines including *hoodies*. Garments that do



not align with our guidelines (pp. 19-21 – Student Diary) will be confiscated and held by Student Services until the end of the day. Students will be issued a **Uniform Demerit** (count towards Friday detention) if they are not meeting expectations. However, if for any reason a student is not in correct uniform they must present a parent-written note to their Year Leader before 8:30am and obtain a Uniform Pass. The following is also important:

***College tracksuits** are only to be worn if a student has timetabled PDHPE/Sport or is representing the College in a relevant sport/activity otherwise full Winter uniform should be worn.

***Representative garments** with Broken Bay/Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) logos are only to be worn if a student is representing the College offsite in a relevant sport/activity otherwise full Winter uniform should be worn.

*Students are permitted to wear their own **spray jacket** if it is raining during the day; however, they must be removed in class. If it is not raining, the spray jacket should be kept in their locker/bag. We are presently awaiting the arrival of a branded St Leo's College spray jacket which will be transitioned across the College from Term 3. The spray jacket will shortly be available from our uniform supplier (Cowan & Lewis – Turramurra) and students/parents will be informed of this arrangement when the order arrives.

As stated in the Student Diary, the *wearing of the uniform correctly shows pride in one's appearance and enhances the reputation of the College in the wider community.*

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!