



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please find below the Week 9 Term 2 edition of the Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie

Acting Assistant Principal

Save the Date	<p>Year 11 2020 Subject Selection Q&A evening: College Musical: Year 7 - 10: Parent - Student - Teacher Interviews: Staff Development Day (pupil free day):</p>	<p><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 and Carers,

Debating:

As we enter the final fortnight of Term 2, the CSDA Debating has concluded for this year. I believe the skills developed in debating are utilised throughout your lifetime and I strongly encourage students to participate and parents to support their young person's participation in this extra curricular activity. To the students who participated this year, across every year group, my heartfelt respect and congratulations for a great effort:

Molly Jones, Jarod Jakubek, Amelia Elsom, Annalise Yammine, Zinta Hartmann, Benedict Smith, Taleisha Farahari, Will Belcastro, Ali Bonagdaran, Matteo Donagemma, Matthew Blanch, Hannah Bellamy, Hannah Shen, Mattia Candotti, Jonah Fabry, Ryan Wanden, Jacob yammine, Jessica Jakubek, Matteo Perechino, Annabelle Ferguson, James Bellamy, Cameron Hose, Alice Somerville, Bede Patterson, Ella Brodie, Tiana Charlton, Veronica Smith, Rakeli Albino Natalie Zeaiter.

Thank you to Ms Lorraine Boguradzki for coordinating the teams and signing up for the role in 2020!

Rugby Union:

Last week saw the campaign by our Rugby Union Open Boys team come to a close in the Peninsula Cup Competition. *The SQUAD: Joseph La Torraca (c), Aiden Brophy (vc),*



Luca Persechino, Patrick Nowland, Oliver Moss, Jamie Payne, Luke van den Tillaart, Lachlan McCredie, Matthew Losanno, Connor Hurley, Nathan Hassan, Jimmy O'Connor, Hamish McFadyen, Kairo Brennen, Mitchell McDonald, Daniel Sheppard, Cameron Cleave, Jerome Lee, Paul Wylie, Felix Holm, Nicholas Watterson, Cooper Moraza, Arnold Maldonado-Cedeno, played with commitment and enthusiasm led by Mr Ashley Johansen who we thank for taking up the coaching role.

Laurie Till – Maintenance Contractor:

For over 22 years Laurie Till and his team have ensured the nuts and bolts of the College keep turning and he is a much loved and respected member of our community. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in retirement.

College Musical – Happy Days:

Having personally attended a number of rehearsal sessions, let me assure you, this event will provide lots of family entertainment and for parents and carers, a trip down memory lane. We invite everyone across the College community to come and view students shining, either on stage or behind the scenes, developing their passion for creative endeavours. Community support is vital to the success of any College production, so please come to one of the sessions:

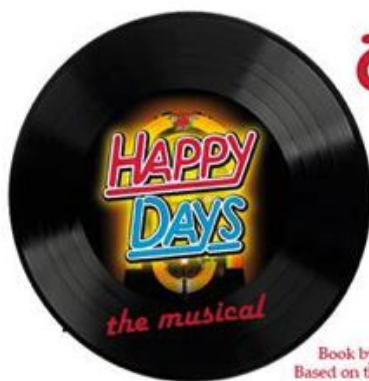
Thursday 27 June – 6.30pm

Friday 28 June: 6.30pm

Sat 29 June: 12 noon and 6.30pm

Ticket price includes a drink and meal.

[BOOK NOW](#)



St Leo's Catholic College
presents... Happy Days

Tickets: \$15 Child, \$25 Adult
includes 'spider' drink, hot dog & potato gems, brownie & cream

27-29 June
2019

Book by Garry Marshall. Music & Lyrics by Paul Williams.
Based on the Paramount Pictures television series. Created by Garry Marshall.



From the Acting Assistant Principal:

Stage 4-5 Parent - Student - Teacher Interviews:

Stage 4-5 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews will be held for parents and students on Wednesday 3rd July from 3:30pm until 8:30pm and Thursday 4th July from 8:30am - 3.30pm.

Each interview will be of five minutes duration. Student reports will be available for collection from reception. 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). 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
- 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 will be **open to parents to make bookings from 9am on Wednesday 26th June.**

College Photos:

Tuesday 25 June 2019 – Portrait catch up day. Students will need to bring their envelope.
Sport/co-curricular Photo day - 2nd August

Subject Selections for Year 11 2020:

The subject selection process for Year 11 2020 commenced last Friday 21st June. A suite of videos was made accessible via 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 skillsets needed for the course



- benefits of the course for future pathways/careers/study

Parents and guardians are requested to sit with their children after viewing the videos and discuss their preferences. An informative video explaining the components and requirements of the HSC and the ATAR has been included. To access the videos, please click on the 'Current Students' tab and then select the 'Year 11 2020 Subject Selection' link in the drop down menu.

This Tuesday 25th June, a Year 11 2020 Subject Selection Q&A evening will be held in Bakhita House from 6-8pm. During this meeting 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.

Please refer to the Acting Director of Teaching and Learning article in this publication for further details regarding this important process.

Pathways Workshops (From Mr Smith):

As part of the new Pathways Program at St Leo's we are introducing a number of workshops for students aimed at developing their personal skill-set. The topics for these workshops vary but include the development of a range of elements from our *Deep Learning Skills* framework, as well as other skills that will assist students whilst at school (and in their daily life outside of school). Workshop topics are:

- **Presentation Skills**
- **Developing Creativity**
- **Applying for a Job**
- **Resume Writing**
- **Job Interview Techniques**
- **Academic Referencing**
- **Developing Critical Thinking**
- **Personal Branding**
- **Citizenship**

The majority of these workshops are open to students of all years, however, a few have been targeted to specific year groups.

Workshops will commence in **Term 3** and will be held during the Tuesday early leave time between **2:30 - 3:30pm**. In order for the College to resource this initiative appropriately, students are requested to register for a particular workshop. They can participate



St Leo's Catholic College PATHWAYS WORKSHOP

As part of our new *Pathways Program*, the College will be offering the following workshops throughout Terms 3 & 4 for students to participate in. Please see below for details.

TERM 3 WORKSHOPS:

- **Presentation Skills** - 23 July
- **Developing Creativity** - 6 August
- **Applying for a Job** - 20 August
- **Resume Writing** - 3 September
- **Job Interview Techniques** - 17 September

TERM 4 WORKSHOPS:

- **Academic Referencing** - 15 October
- **Developing Critical Thinking** - 29 October
- **Personal Branding** - 12 November
- **Citizenship** - 26 November

REGISTER NOW!

For more information or to register for a workshop, visit the *Pathways and Careers* page of the College website at www.stleos.nsw.edu.au/pathways-and-careers



in as many of the workshops that they wish. Simply click on the following link for more information about each workshop and to register:

<https://stleos.nsw.edu.au/pathways-and-careers/>

I would encourage you to discuss these workshops with your child and explore what areas of their life (that you both agree) requires further development. In addition, students can always seek more information about the workshops from Mr Nathan Smith, their Mentor Teacher, or any other staff member on campus.

From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Kiribati:

Thank you for all those who contributed to the Kiribati BBQ on Thursday June 20. We were able to raise over \$750 for the Kiribati people. An incredible community spirit. Please pray over the next month for the immersionists as they prepare and begin their immersion to Kiribati on July 14. They include - Jacinta Bosnjak, Rachel Glendenning, Laura Moore, Niall Moore, Penelope Chan, Makayla Muxlow, Jack Nilsen, Julia Rologas, Lydia Ryan, Jake Thompson-Doolan, Dasha Valle, Holly Wilkin, and teachers Michelle Teys, Sarah Masman, Ted Spurtacz and Andrew Dumas.

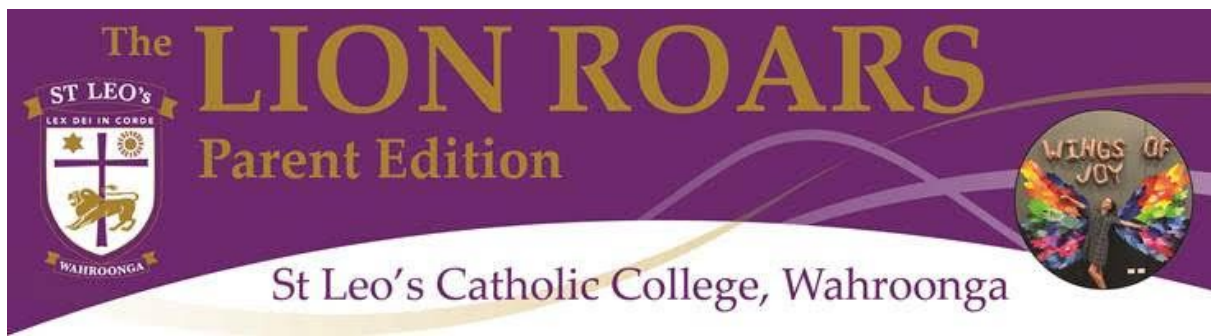
Year 10 - Parents and Students

A reminder to Year 10 parents and students to please read and consider the parent letter sent home via email regarding the subject selection of either "Studies of Religion" or "Studies in Catholic Thought".

Year 8 Spirituality Day

Last Friday, over 130 Year 8 students participated in the Year 8 Spirituality Day exploring the theme "Community and Belonging" at the Baden Powell Scout Centre. 33 Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students helped to lead the day. They showed great leadership as they mentored the younger Year 8 peers through conversation, dancing, praying, activities, listening, playing games, and drama. Year 8 students explored the topics "Getting to know you", "who is my neighbour" and "how to build community". It was impressive to see even at the end of the day at 2.30 pm on Friday year 8 students were still motivated and engaged through a beautiful liturgy and prayer. Special note goes to Year 11 students Ruben Johnson, Laith Suuyagh, Isabelle McCloghry, Hannah Dakin, Tyla Petrie and Johnny Cosgrove who remained behind after the day to help clean and pack up. Overall, a big thank you to all the students and staff who made this day an awesome day!!

Parents & Friends, you are invited to Make A Difference (MAD) ?



Are you interested in these NEW initiatives with the St Leo's community ?



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 Our Lady of the Rosary church. *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 have been opened by this experience.

Would you like to be placed on the roster to go one Wednesday? (Please note all volunteers require a WCCC)



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? (Please note all volunteers require a*

WCCC)

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>

Have a Blessed Week,



Mr Andrew Dumas
Acting Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

From the Acting Director of Teaching and Learning: **Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection for 2020/2021 HSC**

Last Friday, Year 10 students met in the Light of Christ Centre to view the videos that KLA coordinators, in conjunction with Mr Tiglao, created to showcase their subject areas and the benefits for undertaking those subjects. The questions that Year 10 had for all of the KLA coordinators after the videos were impressive and well-informed.

Today Year 10 will receive their subject selection handbook (which is available online at <https://stleos.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Yr11-2020-prel-HSC-subject-info.pdf>). On Tuesday night (between 6.00pm and 8.00pm), you will have the opportunity to come to the Xavier Courtyard classrooms and speak to KLA coordinators about any specific aspects of subject content and HSC related information.

Students will receive a personalised subject selection code on Tuesday that will allow them to select their subjects online via Edval. This will remain open until Tuesday Week 10 (July 2nd). From Thursday 25th - Friday 26th Week 1 Term 3, students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss their subject choices in an interview with members of the college.

Please don't hesitate in asking any questions on Tuesday evening. Feel free to email myself or any of the KLA coordinators if you have a specific subject related question. I will be available Tuesday evening to answer any questions regarding the Year 11 ROSA course as well as the HSC course and any ATAR related question.

Year 11 English - Standard, Advanced and Extension 1:

What is the major difference between **English Studies**, **English Advanced** and **Standard English**?

All of the courses provide students with the opportunity to study a diversity of texts. One module of the HSC English content is common to all three of these courses, however, students will study different texts in the different courses. **English Advanced** and **English Standard** have a focus on literary analysis and require students to consider conventional forms such as drama and poetry as well as contemporary forms such as multimodal texts.



The **English Advanced** course deals with much more sophisticated texts and concepts. English Advanced students typically enjoy reading, are willing to engage with lengthy classical texts and enjoy reading Shakespeare's plays. **English Advanced** is a prerequisite for **English Extension 1**.

English Standard is still a suitable pathway to further study but the texts are typically more contemporary and are not as lengthy.

Although **English Studies** now has an optional ATAR examination, it is designed for students who do not wish to pursue university studies. It focusses on effective, accurate and appropriate general literacy, workplace texts and enjoyment of books and films.

George Morad
Acting Director of Teaching and Learning

From the Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being:

Purple Day Thursday 27 June:

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. The College is inviting students to wear purple and support our fundraising activities in support of this program this Thursday. We are asking for a gold coin donation from all mufti participants.

Year 11 Careers Expo:

Year 11 students will be attending the Western Sydney Careers Expo on Friday 28th June at the Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. Students will depart the College at the conclusion of recess and return by 2.45pm to the Light Of Christ Centre where they will be dismissed. Please ensure permission notes have been returned.

Job Growth facts and Stats - A helpful guide to future careers for students:

Looking for the Latest on Job Growth, Facts and Stats?



TAFE NSW has taken the hard work out of finding job growth, employer demand and skills shortages with their Industry and Career Insights. Explore occupations in demand, salaries and the courses that will help students get where they want to be: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/careeradvisor/industry-career-insights>

Epipen Concerns:

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of students across different Year Groups who are anaphylactic and are as such required to carry their EpiPen. Unfortunately many are leaving these EpiPens in their bags, which are being stored in their lockers, rather than carried with them. Can I ask parents to please remind their children that it is a requirement that they carry their EpiPen with them at all times in their satchels in case of emergency.

CYMHS Parenting Through the Ups and Downs of Adolescence Seminar:

Please see the flyer via the link below for the next seminar for parents of high school students taking place at Hornsby Hospital August 5th 2019. The seminar will cover information relating to adolescent development, challenges faced by parents and appropriate strategies.

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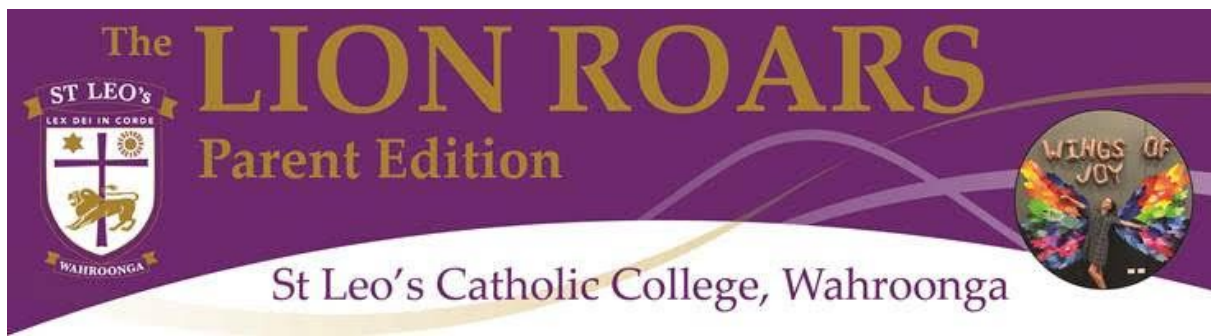
Director of Students:

It is Purple Day at the College this **Thursday** so...

People everywhere are
Understanding the
Reality for
People
Living with
Epilesy



Purple Day - Thursday:



Purple Day is a grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. **On Thursday**, students are asked to spread the word about epilepsy by wearing **purple** and/or mufti. Founded in 2008 by then nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia (Canada), Cassidy started Purple Day in an effort to get people talking about the disorder and inform those with seizures that they are not alone. Cassidy named the day 'Purple Day' after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy – lavender. Stage 6 students will lead the initiative on Thursday with Year 11 preparing cupcakes for sale at recess/lunch (main yard) and the Year 12 Leaders cooking a barbeque lunch (main yard). The leaders and the SRC will be collecting a gold coin during Mentor period (Tuesday-Thursday) and a short video will be provided to Mentors to play on Thursday. It should be a wonderful day in increasing epilepsy awareness.

Student Leadership 2019/2020:

The student leadership process has now begun for our new 2019/2020 leaders. Interested candidates have submitted their applications and both student and staff voting will be occurring this week. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed next week once applications are viewed by the selection panel and voting tallies are collated. Student leadership positions available include College Captain, College Vice-Captain, Student Representative Council, Growth Domain ambassadors (Spiritual, Physical, Academic, Cultural, Environmental & Social Emotional) and House Ambassadors.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!