

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 4 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal

Save
the
Date

Week 4: HSC Trials all week, (Thur 15/8) Feast of the Assumption Mass

Week 5: (Mon) HSC Trials, (Thur 22/8) Parent Involvement Evening

Week 6: (Thur 29/8) Father's Day Liturgy and breakfast

Week 7: (Wed 4/9) HSC Showcase

Week 8: (Tues 10/9) Stage 4 SLC

Week 9: (Wed 18/9) Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction

Week 10: (Wed 25/9) Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony

From the College Principal

Aerobics Campaign 2019 in Queensland:

From the 17th - 19th August the College Aerobics team will be competing in the National Championships on the Gold Coast, supported by staff (Mrs Stimson, Ms Watts and myself) as well as coaches Bethany Baynie, Lucy McNay and Ashleigh Schultz. The College is proud that our coaches are all alumni of St Leo's and were in fact aerobics team members while they were students studying at the College.

The 2019 teams have progressed from the preliminary stage to the State Championships and have now qualified to compete against schools and clubs across Australia at this elite level.

Our teams have been training since the start of Term 4 last year and are looking forward to performing at the highest level this weekend. We wish the following students from Year 7 - 11 all the best for their competition:





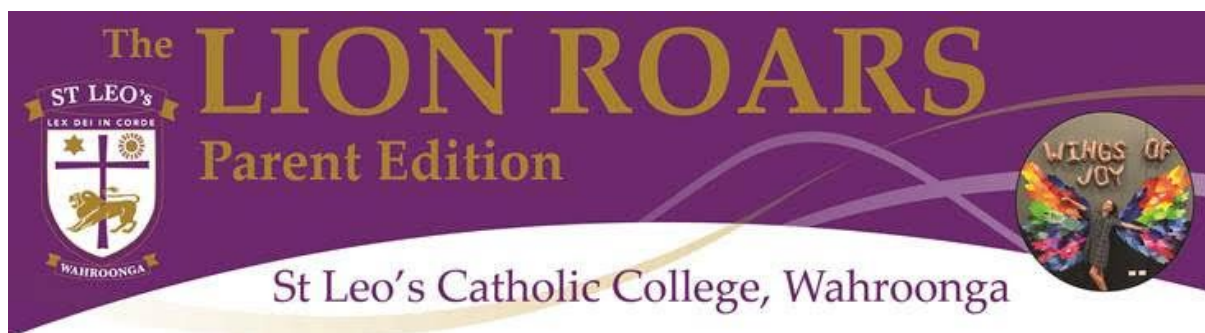
Jack Reddie, Hanah Bayldon, Olivia Towson, Madeleine Kleoudis, Holly Belcastro, Emma Waters, Bridgette Chan, Sofia Alvarez Lopez, Jade Lorsch, Summah Payne, Mia La Torraca, Makayla Muxlow, Casey Griffiths, Ruby Gowthorp, Natalie Wrightson, Tara Ferris, Lily Peregrina, Arlyne Bautistia and Rebecca Baynie.

Student Leaders 2020:

It is with great pleasure that we announce and congratulate the student leaders of 2019/2020. These superb examples of courage, talent and tenacity engaged in an extensive process that led to their appointment. Inclusive of a written application process, interviews, student voting and staff voting, results were then deliberated on by the College Leadership team. The final results are below and their associated roles for 2020.

College Leadership Team 2019-20

| | POSITION | SURNAME | First name |
|----|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | College Captain | ODD | Sienna |
| 2 | College Captain | COSGROVE | John |
| 3 | College Vice-Captain | KHAMIS | Rebecca |
| 4 | College Vice-Captain | MOLLOY | Samuel |
| 5 | SRC Ambassador | DAKIN | Hannah |
| 6 | SRC Ambassador | HOSE | Cameron |
| 7 | Spiritual GD Ambassador | RODRIGUEZ | Isabelle |
| 8 | Spiritual GD Ambassador | AQUINO | Christian |
| 9 | Physical GD Ambassador | MIGHELL | Alyssa |
| 10 | Physical GD Ambassador | HURLEY | Connor |
| 11 | Academic GD Ambassador | HUGHES | Lily |
| 12 | Academic GD Ambassador | BELLAMY | James |
| 13 | Cultural GD Ambassador | MOSTYN | Emily |
| 14 | Cultural GD Ambassador | SMITH | Xavier |
| 15 | Environmental GD Ambassador | FERGUSON | Annabelle |
| 16 | Environmental GD Ambassador | SUYAGH | Laith |
| 17 | Social Emotional GD Ambassador | SALVADOR | Marina |
| 18 | Social Emotional GD Ambassador | SCHWALGER | Chris |
| 19 | Xavier House Ambassador | MAKHOUL | Mia |
| 20 | Xavier House Ambassador | van den TILLAART | Luke |
| 21 | Loyola House Ambassador | CHAN | Penelope |
| 22 | Loyola House Ambassador | DELLA FRANCA | Sabrina |
| 23 | Chanel House Ambassador | McCLOGHRY | Isabelle |
| 24 | Chanel House Ambassador | LEE | Madeline |
| 25 | Aquinas House Ambassador | BENNETT | Harriet |
| 26 | Aquinas House Ambassador | SOMERVILLE | Alice |
| 27 | MacKillop House Ambassador | WAITE | Georgie |
| 28 | MacKillop House Ambassador | WRIGHTSON | Natalie |
| 29 | Bakhita House Ambassador | SIBELJA | Alannah |
| 30 | Bakhita House Ambassador | NOWLAND | Patrick |
| 31 | Teresa House Ambassador | RICHARDSON | Annabel |
| 32 | Teresa House Ambassador | JOHNSON | Ruben |
| 33 | McAuley House Ambassador | JONES | Jordan |
| 34 | McAuley House Ambassador | RAHN-MARTINEZ | Marianna |



From the Acting Assistant Principal:

Senior School Parental Involvement Evening - Thursday
22nd August
4:00 - 6:00 & 7:00 - 9:00pm - Mary MacKillop Centre:

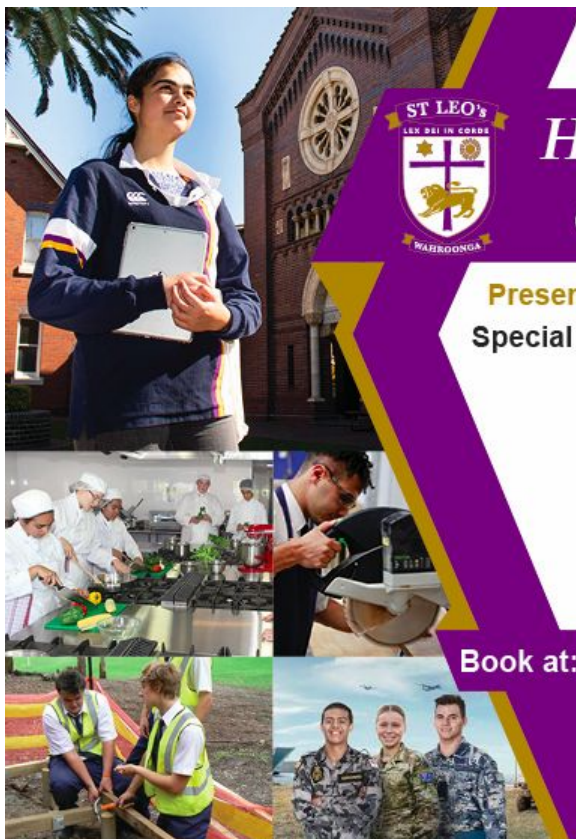
Please watch the advertisement clip via the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgzOmH_gGhM



The College is pleased to offer an evening for students of **Year 10, 11, 12 of 2020**, dedicated to exploring the many **early entry methods to university**. The College will be hosting representatives from four major universities as well as Tafe NSW and the Defence Force.

Their presentations will reveal the various avenues on offer to gain **early entry** into these institutions before sitting the HSC. Following the presentations, parents will be invited to visit each of their booths within the expo to discover how these tertiary institutions can meet the needs of your child. Please RSVP via the booking link below as only 140 tickets are available for each session to this highly sought after event.

RSVP Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BENHG>



FOR YEAR 9-11 STUDENTS

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS EXPO

Presentations by top universities & organisations
Special focus on early entry pathways & schemes

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THURSDAY
AUGUST 2019
4-6PM or 6.30-8.30PM

Mary MacKillop Centre

Book at: [trybooking.com/BENHG](https://www.trybooking.com/BENHG)

Session numbers are limited, so BOOK NOW!

More information:
Mr Nathan Smith, Pathways Leader
nathan.smith@dbb.catholic.edu.au



SLC - Student Led Conferences, Years 7-8:

On Tuesday 10 September, the College will be hosting the first round of Student Led Conferences for Years 7 - 8 from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Each student will lead one conference for approximately 20mins with their Mentor and Parent/Caregivers to discuss and showcase their learning journey thus far. Student Led Conferences place students in the driver's seat of their learning, while providing them with increased agency and accountability in relation to their learning.

Students will lead a discussion of their learning using the following as vehicles for the discussion:

- ePortfolio
- PLP - Personalised Learning Plan
- Academic and Passion Goals
- Reflections on their evidence regarding their development in each of the Growth Domains and the 6 Deep Learning Skills

Students will be required to critically reflect on their learning, their goals, where they have grown or regressed and why this has taken place.

The PTO system for this event will open for bookings on Monday 26 August via instructions that will be listed in the Parental Lion Roars for that week.

Save the date - A warm invitation:



St Leo's Catholic College HSC DRAMA PERFORMANCES

Thursday 15 August, 6pm
in the
new Flora MacKillop Theatre



Graduation Dates:

Shortly parents and guardians will receive a 'Graduation Pack' from the College containing important documentation pertaining to the Graduation festivities. The graduation documentation will include:

- A letter from the College Principal outlining expectations of students
- A diocesan letter outlining Diocesan expectations
- An invitation to the Graduation Mass and relevant details
- An invitation to the Graduation Ceremony and relevant details
- An invitation to the Formal and relevant details

Below are the dates and schedule for your convenience:

| Event and Location | Date | Time | Attendees |
|---|----------------|-------------------|---|
| Graduation Breakfast Light of Christ Centre (OLOR) | 25th September | 8:00am - 9:15am | Y12 Students and Staff |
| Graduation Mass Light of Christ Centre | 25th September | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Whole College and Year 12 Parents |
| Graduation Ceremony and High Tea Light of Christ Centre | 25th September | 3:30pm - 5:30pm | Year 12, their guests and staff |
| Formal Curzon Hall - Sabrina's View | 18th November | 6:00pm - 11:00pm | Year 12 and their guests (inclusive of their parents) |

Feast of the Assumption Mass Invitation:

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to the Feast of the Assumption Mass tomorrow 15th August at 9:30am in the Light of Christ Centre. It will be a combined celebration between the Cathedral Parish, Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and St Leo's Catholic College.

God Bless,
Daniel Petrie
Acting Assistant Principal



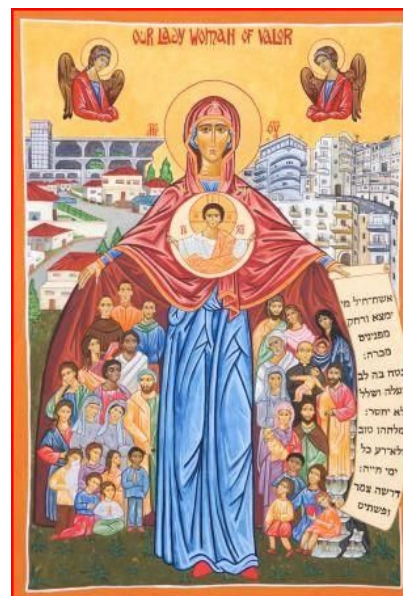
From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Parents – Director of ECF Message - Monday Prayer – (Week 4)

Reflection on the Assumption:

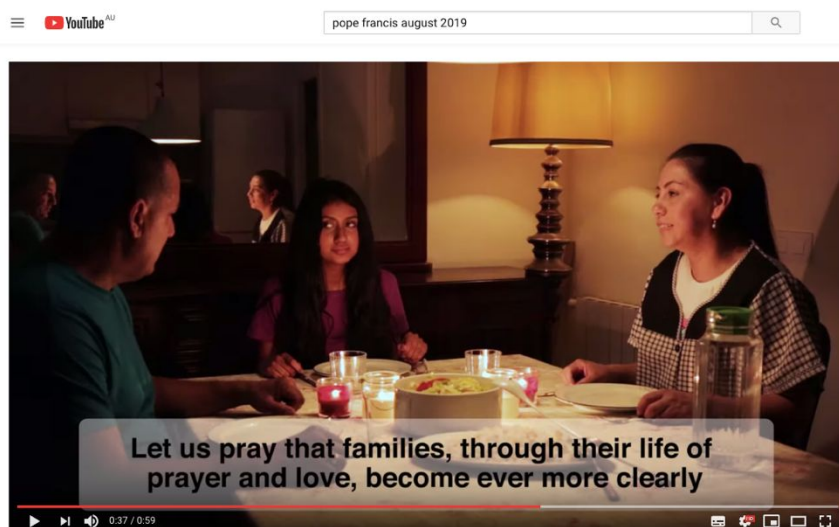
On the 15th August each year, Catholics celebrate an important Marian feast: the Assumption. Our Church teaches that at the end of her life, Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven. This is a powerful affirmation of our humanity and of our faith in the Resurrection. It reminds us that God's healing and liberating love embraces the whole of one's humanity, one's personal existence.

This 'fullness' of salvation is what we see in Mary and celebrate on the Assumption. It is a feast day that fills us with hope; for even as we struggle with sin and the reality of death, we too are on a Spirit-led journey of becoming fully redeemed (made whole) in Christ and being drawn into the life of our loving Father. Mary goes ahead of us, and accompanies us on this journey. Who Mary is, we are becoming. Learn More by watching this 3 minute video . . .



Pope Francis' August prayer intention: Families

Please watch this 1 minute video



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3Etfn_Zjbl



Events:

August 13 and 14 – Student Leadership Retreat

Induction of the new Student leaders.

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption

St Leo's to join OLOR and the Cathedral parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday August 15 at 9.30 am.

August 17 - Celebrating Disciples of All Nations

All are warmly invited to our Diocesan Multicultural event "Celebrating Disciples of All Nations" to be held at OLOR Cathedral on Saturday 17th August. Mass at 5pm with Presider Very Rev Dr David Ranson. Refreshments and live entertainment from 6pm. You are invited to bring a plate to share and to wear multicultural dress. For info please email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au

August 23 – Praisefest – St Peter's Tuggerah

Join young people from across the Diocese for our next CYBB PRAISEFEST! Get a chance to catch up with friends while enjoying our pre event Festival, encounter God through vibrant & honest worship, and receive spiritual nourishment through an inspiring and relevant message.. A light dinner will be provided from 6:00pm before our night begins.



Reflection – When Moral Law and Morality Collide:

The Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 that has been tabled in the NSW State Parliament this past week, has raised concerns among people of faith and among many politicians who were blind-sided by the way in which the bill was introduced as well as its content. All normal consultative processes were side-stepped so normal debate in the various Party Rooms was deliberately avoided.

As well as this legislation, the proposed return of a Euthanasia Bill in the near future raises questions about the moral fabric of our society in general, the courage of people of faith and our ability to respond to the prevailing culture which seeks to remove all rights beyond those of the individual.

By Father Kevin Bates SM

To read the follow article reflection -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KXrzYS7XWiON5tZrQFsi18n7dleogRZwRfYrzj9miuc/edit?usp=sharing>



From the Director of Students

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

SchoolTV is an online wellbeing resource that is available to our community. 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 easily accessible. 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 [SchoolTV](#) for more information and resource material – we trust you find the site useful and informative.

Leadership Induction Program - Tuesday & Wednesday

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the newly elected 2019/20 College leaders will be participating in a Leadership Induction Program at Peter Canisius House (Pymble). The main emphasis of the program is to develop a sense of team, discuss the connection of spirituality to leadership and to plan strategic **student** action for the College. In the past, this program has effectively assisted our new leaders to assimilate and bond.

On Wednesday afternoon, there will be a special celebratory afternoon tea with the leaders and attending parents.

See link for our new leaders: [College Leaders 2019/20](#)

Attendance

Please watch the short video [Learning Every Day Counts](#) - this Diocesan initiative is extremely important for all parents/caregivers to note as it relates to classroom attendance. Any noticeable patterns of non-attendance will be raised by the College so that we can support your son/daughter's journey at St Leo's.

Absences add up!

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.



Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

