



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 6 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal

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the
Date

Week 6: (Tues 27/8) HSC Music Evening (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

These past two weeks I have had the pleasure of attending both the Year 12 Drama Trial Performances Evening and the Careers Pathway Evenings. At the Drama evening, I heard along with parents and friends, each Year 12 student present their HSC piece, both group and their monologue pieces. A high level of performance skill was clearly evident for all to see and I wish each of them the very best in their upcoming HSC performances. It was great to see the students perform in the purposeful built drama facility with the first-class performance space, seating, lighting and sound system. There was also a high level of engagement and interaction with the various institutions of further education at the Careers Pathway Evening. For both evenings there were only very positive comments from students, parents and guests.

Last Friday the Chapel was back in use after two years of building works and renovations. It was a packed house, parents, students and staff - and we were led in prayer by Fr Vincent from the Cathedral and Deacon Gomez. Our musicians did a great job in providing music for Mass. If you get the opportunity - please join us - every Friday lunchtime - in ***The Pope St Leo The Great Chapel***.

Tonight, I am looking forward to the Year 12 Music Performances of their HSC pieces in the Music rooms of the Mary MacKillop Centre.

Student-Led Conferences

Parents who have children in Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) should have received details for the upcoming ***Student-Led Conferences***. This is a part of our ***St Leo's Learning Framework***.



Student-Led conferencing is simply having students conduct formal conferences with parents and their Tutor Teacher to display their schoolwork as well as discuss their learning, their educational goals, and strategies for meeting these goals.

This strategy places the students at the heart of the process, so they have the opportunity to tell the story of their own achievement and are held accountable for doing so. For parents - it authentically brings you into the assessment. In regard to assessment, many parents stand on the periphery of the school community some feeling helpless, hopeless and even unwanted! Parents now become active participants in the assessment process. The conferences include the use of communication and reporting procedures between school and home that enable parents to talk in productive ways with their children in regard to learning.

Through the conferencing, parents also get to see their child's accomplishments and areas of challenge more clearly than if they only saw numbers or letters on their written reports. In short, the benefits of Student-Led Conferencing:

- *Involve parents more (as well as involving more parents)*
- *Increase student motivation*
- *Meet standards set by educational authorities*
- *Improve student and teacher accountability*
- *Celebrate learning*
- *Making teaching more satisfying*

Over the next couple of weeks- there are many opportunities to enter the gates of St Leo's to witness and be part of what happens - please join us!

- **Yr 12 Music Performances** tonight (Tuesday) at 6pm;
- **College Assembly-** Wednesday 28 August at 10am;
- **Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast-** Thursday 29th August at 7.30am;
- **St Leo's SHOWCASE Evening-** Wednesday 4th September at 7pm
- **Yrs 7 & 8 Student-Led Conferences** - Tuesday 10 September 1pm - 8.30pm

Hope to see you over the next couple of weeks.

Mr Anthony Gleeson

College Principal

From the Acting Assistant Principal:

Graduation and important Year 12 dates:

Parents and guardians will have received an email containing a package from the College Principal outlining expectations of students before, during and post graduation. Documents included are:



- A letter from the College Principal outlining important dates, expectations and relevant details
- A joint principal's letter regarding expectations of the graduating class of 2019
- 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

A link to these documents is below:

[Graduation Pack Link](#)

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)

Date	Event / Activities
Wednesday 28/8	Drama Performance Examinations as set by NESA
Monday 2/9	Visual Arts Bodies of Work as set by NESA
Wednesday 4/9	HSC Showcase (Creative, Performing and Industrial Arts)
Monday 9/9	Music Submitted Works as set by NESA
Monday 9/9	Music Performance Examinations as set by NESA
Wednesday 18/9	Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction
Friday 20/9	Last day of official classes
Monday 23/9	Year 12 Teachers available for student assistance during Day 6 timetabled periods
Tuesday 24/9	Compulsory Practice for Graduation Mass and Ceremony



Wednesday 25/9	Graduation Breakfast, Mass, High Tea and Ceremony
Mon 30/9	University Preferences to be submitted
Thu 17 Oct - Tues 12 Nov	HSC Examinations - Please ensure that your son/daughter is well prepared for each exam. Timetables have already been distributed to each student. Teachers are available to assist students up until their final HSC exam. Please email teachers directly.
Tues 17 Dec	HSC Results and ATARs released: Students are invited to share in confidence their ATARs and HSC results. These will not be published, but rather contribute to our collection and analysis of data. We are always grateful to those graduates willing to share this information with us. There will be a form made available to those students wishing to participate.
Thu 19 Dec	The deadline for finalising December Round 2 offer round preferences is midnight on Thursday 19 December 2019. This is the first major offer round for Year 12 students.

eSafety Masterclass:

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT are jointly co-hosting a special eSafety Masterclass as an initiative of National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Awareness Month, this September. This is an exciting event with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner presenting exclusively to parents/carers on the subject of how to keep children and young people safe online. The invitation is open to all parents/carers and staff of our schools including the CSO. Please see further details via the flyer on the next page.

SLC - Student Led Conferences, Years 7-8:

Please follow the instructions on the following page to book a Student Led Conference for your son or daughter in Year 7 or Year 8 for the 10th of September. Due to parental availability requests, the time of SLC bookings have been changed to 1:00pm - 8:30pm. Students will be supervised during Period 5-6 until their parent arrives. They are then permitted to leave at the conclusion of the SLC. The venue will be the Aquinas Resource Centre.

Online Safety Masterclass

HOSTED BY
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Keynote speaker: Kellie Britnell - Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Date: 5 September 2019
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

FREE MASTERCLASS for parents and carers interested in understanding more about keeping children and young people safe online.

RSVP BY 31 AUG 2019
TRYBOOKING.COM/BBBWX

STAY TUNED FOR LIVE STREAMING. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

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An initiative of Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Month and National Child Protection Week.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS FRAMEWORK



Step 1:

Select the 'Current Students' tab and then select 'Parent and Student Links':



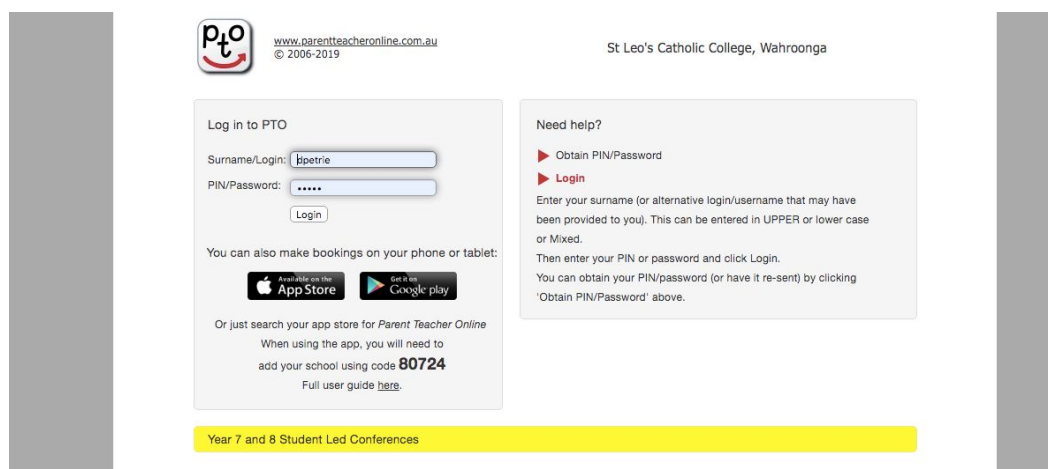
Step 2:

Now select the PTO - Interview Bookings tab:



Step 3:

Log into PTO and select Year 7 and 8 Student Led Conferences:





The LION ROARS

Parent Edition

St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga



A COMMUNITY EVENT - ALL WELCOME

St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

presents



Wednesday, 4 September, 7-9pm
Mary MacKillop Centre

Dance . Drama . Music . Visual Arts . Timber . Design . Industrial Technology
Software Technology . STEM . Photography . Creative Writing and more...

Tickets: **\$5 adults, \$3 concessions or \$10 family** - includes refreshments.

Book now at trybooking.com/BEZXU to go into the lucky door prize draw - or tickets at the door.

Refer a friend or neighbour for extra lucky door tickets & prizes!

An invitation to the
St Leo's Catholic College

Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast

Thursday, 29 August, 7.30am
Fr Tenison Woods Gallery,
in the new Mary MacKillop Building

[CLICK HERE](#)
TO RSVP



Celebrating our Fathers



Please click the image above to RSVP

God Bless,
Mr Daniel Petrie
Acting Assistant Principal



From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Lectio Divina on 21st Sunday's Gospel With Bishop David Walker

Luke 13:22-30 - "Strive to enter through the narrow door"

Please watch this 12-minute video reflection for the 21st Sunday's Gospel

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



Lectio Reflection - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 13:22-30

Father's Day Invitation:

Building up community is an important part of our St Leo's charism. Please help us celebrate our Dads by attending our Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy on August 29.

You are invited to attend the **St Leo's Father's Day Liturgy and Breakfast on Thursday August 29th at 7.30 am**. The Father's Day Breakfast will be held in the new Mary MacKillop Centre in the Fr Tenison Woods Gallery on the Lower Ground Floor.



Our Beautiful Chapel:

Our Beautiful Chapel has now reopened.

Our community is encouraged to come and have a look.

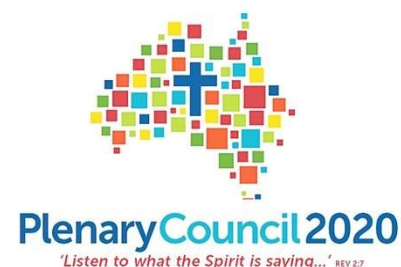
Mr Sammut has spent hundreds of hours rebuilding, carving and sculpting our Baptismal Font, Altar, Ambo and Presiders Chair. It is amazing. Please come down and see.

A new Marian Prayer Chapel has been added at the rear of the chapel. This is a quiet space to be still. Come and spend 5 or 10 minutes in silence. It is a great gift to be still in our busy world.

Plenary Report 2020 :

The final report for the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council was released on Sunday, 28th July. Listen to what the Spirit is Saying is available to download on the Plenary Council website:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports





As we now enter the crucial phase of Listening & Discernment may we be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit who will lead us to the fullness of Truth (John 16:13).

Heart to Serve Reflection :

“Lead by example, believe in yourself and take on the challenges” were some of the guiding words delivered by our guest speakers at ‘A Heart to Serve: the Joy of Leadership dinner’. The focus of this dinner was quite counter-cultural – a contemporary understanding of the virtue of humility in leadership. Sr Patty Fawkner sgs , Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan; Ms Anne Henderson AO, Deputy Director, the Sydney Institute, historian and author; Natalie Acton, Director of Operations, Sisters of the Good Samaritan were our guest speakers. All three speakers expressed the importance of leadership being relational and described the importance of listening as an essential component of leadership. Sr. Patty emphasised that a good leader consistently adjusts to needs of others and she stressed the importance of silence, a regular prayer life and a mentor or spiritual director. Sr Patty shared her understanding of St Benedict’s ladder of humility as being more akin to St Scholastica’s spiral of humility.

Natalie defined humility as a lifelong journey with many ups and downs. She suggested that it was a way of being in the world which comes from a deep relationship with God. She challenged the audience with the notion that humility is about ‘affirming & letting go’ and that ‘power’ is a gift to be used as service to the world rather than a right.

Anne reflected upon the stories of St Mary Mackillop and Dame Enid Lyons to highlight the courage and humility of young female leaders in a time that was very male dominated and their ability to make a true difference in the lives of so many. Anne challenged us to “Always throw your cap over the windmill.” Give it a go!

The dinner was an opportunity to reflect on the wisdom of our tradition and to share stories of the joy of leadership.

By Dr Tony Bracken

Would you like to become Catholic?

Contact Mr Ralph Kershler
Ralph.Kershler@dbb.catholic.edu.au

The RCIA program will begin soon at St Leo’s for those interested in becoming a Catholic.

This invitation is open to Students, Parents or Teachers.

Formation Opportunities

Palms Orientation Course - September 21

At the **Palms Orientation Course** in July, seven outstanding individuals were prepared for mission. They are now heading



for assignments in Kiribati, Timor Leste, PNG and South Africa. With one group on their way, Palms is recruiting again to fill the many more [requests](#) from overseas communities to improve opportunities, and attract more mission applicants –**especially teachers**- to our next course in January.

With Palms, Australian teachers can share their expertise and experience **teaching students and mentoring local teachers** who have little formal training at schools in **Samoa, Thailand or Kiribati**. This **mission** provides **quality education outcomes** for teachers and students in these communities and **instils our own teachers with vocational fulfilment**.

Local science teacher **Andrew Tham** invites the teachers and staff of St Leo's to **discover the possibilities** of working abroad and sharing capacity to develop communities. He will share insights of his time in in **Rubya, Tanzania**, where Andrew mentored both local education staff and students alike-

Palms Meet & Greet

Saturday September 21st @ 2pm

John Street Café Dooley's Catholic Club

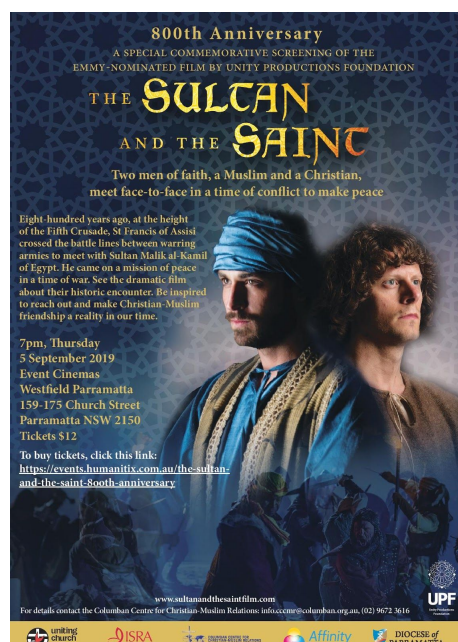
11-17 Church St, LIDCOMBE

Events:

August 29 – St Leo's Father's Day Breakfast

September 5 - Special film screening for 800th anniversary of Francis of Assisi-Sultan of Egypt meeting -

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/the-sultan-and-the-saint-800th-anniversary>



September 7 - National Threatened Species Day 7 September 2019

National Threatened Species Day (NTSD) is when we turn the spotlight on native plants, animals, and ecosystems that are under threat and reflect on how we can protect them into the future. If you would like to find out about threatened species in your area and how you can make a difference visit:

[LINK](#)

September 13 – Year 9 Spirituality Day – in the Light of Christ Centre

Mr Andrew Dumas

Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation



From the Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being:

UAC & ATAR Presentation:

A Representative from UAC (Universities Admission Centre) has been engaged to present to our Year 11 and 12 students on the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) and applying to University through UAC. This will take place on Wednesday 28 August from 10-11am in the Mary MacKillop Centre. Interested parents are also welcome to attend.

NSW Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS):

Hornsby Shire Council will be holding another free workshop/presentation for parents and carers who are teaching a learner driver through the NSW Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS). As young people approach driving age it is important they and their parents or carers are aware of what is ahead as a learner driver and how they achieve the 120 supervised driving hours in their logbook. As you may be aware, P-plate drivers are involved in more crashes than any other driving group (including Learner drivers). Parents play a key role in guiding and promoting safe driving habits.

The next workshop will provide information about:

- Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders.
- Completing the *Learner driver log book*.
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Supervising Learner drivers.
- Young Driver Issues.
- The Safer Drivers Course.
- Lots of tips to help the parent / carer and Learner

Bookings: Space is strictly limited and bookings are essential. Bookings can be made online by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZSWU> or via phone (02) 9847 6856

Date: Thursday 12th September 2019

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building, Federation Room

Address: 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby.

Cost: FREE

Places to this presentation are strictly limited and it is free to attend. Parents can now book online by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZSWU>

Mrs Lindy Sykes

Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being



From the Director of Students

Uniform:

Students are expected to be attired in full Winter uniform including blazer every day. Year 12 may continue wearing their College jersey. Please see the Student Diary if any uniform/grooming expectations need clarification. Students not correctly attired/groomed should see their Year Leader before 8:30am to obtain a Uniform Pass.

Student Leave:

All student leave requests, in the first instance, should be communicated in writing **via email** to the Principal (Mr Gleeson). Students requesting leave should then see Mr Johansen (Director of Students) in Xavier Court to obtain the appropriate paperwork. All completed leave forms should be returned to the Director of Students office as soon as possible for processing. It is important to note that leave beyond 10 days must be considered by the Catholic School Office through the College. **The College Skoolbag app should not be used for any student leave requests.**

****Please note that the College does not support families taking extended holidays during term time and/or during College examination periods as it impacts on student learning and often Assessment Task arrangements. Family holidays should be arranged during the scheduled term breaks and not during term time so that students can maximise learning in their respective subjects.**

Public transport & behavioural expectations:

Recently the College has received a number of complaints regarding the behaviour of St Leo's students on trains from Berowra and at local stations including Waitara. Serious consequences will apply to any student(s) who bring the College's name into disrepute through inappropriate behaviour with peers and/or disrespecting other commuters. It is also expected that students will vacate their seat, if required, to full-paying adults. We do appreciate the many students who are consistently demonstrating positive behaviour when they travel on public transport to/from the College. The College would also appreciate if these expectations can be discussed and reiterated at home.

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. **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. All students



should sign in and sign out at Student Services, as required, so that accurate records can be maintained.

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

Mr Ashley Johansen
Director of Students