



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 5 Term 4** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Regards,

Mr Ashley Johansen, Director of Students (7-12)

From the College Principal: Mr Anthony Gleeson

I would like to thank parents and caregivers for their cooperation during the recent Bushfire emergency day last Tuesday. The safety of the students and staff is the highest priority here on our campus. Thank you for the numerous notifications to Reception about students' absences. In a day where student rolls were of the utmost importance, it was imperative that our staff had all relevant information so that we could keep the day operating as smoothly as possible.

Of course, we are very lucky compared with other residents of NSW and QLD. We keep those who have lost their lives and been affected by these fires in our prayers.

A very public thank you to those who are fighting the fires who are giving up much of their own time for the safety of others.

This week I have received notification from NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) that two of our Year 12 (HSC 2019) have been nominated for their Major Works across a number of subjects.

- **Olivia Clay** (Visual Art) – Olivia's work 'Holding On' has been nominated for *2019 ArtExpress*



- **Zoe Peterson** (Design and Technology) – Zoe's major work featuring a recycled wedding dress has been nominated for *Shape 2019*

More works are nominated by the various HSC Markers than what can be included in the exhibition (Sydney Powerhouse for Design and Technology and a number of galleries around NSW for Visual Art works).

Congratulations to both of these students, their teachers (**Ms Claire Stevenson** and **Ms Angela Bourke**) and their parents on the tremendous effort to have their works nominated amongst the best major works across NSW.



Please keep in your prayers Mrs Julie Macri who is very ill. Students and staff have started a Novena for Mrs Macri in our Chapel during lunch. Julie is our Director of Administration and a valued member of our Mathematics KLA (Key Learning Area).

Thank you.

From the Director of Students: Mr Ashley Johansen

Save the Dates

(Wk 5) Thur - Stage 5 and 6 Music evening

(Wk 6) Mon - Year 12 Formal

(Wk 6) Tue - Year 7 (2020) Parent Information Evening

(Wk 6) Fri - College Swimming Carnival

(Wk 9) Fri - Year in Review / Academic Awards Ceremony

College Swimming Carnival

Please note that the College Swimming Carnival will be held next **Friday 22nd November** (Week 6) at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. As this is a compulsory school event, all students are expected to attend from 8:30am in Sports uniform. If students are unable to attend the carnival, a Medical Certificate is required by the College. The newly elected House ambassadors met also with students in their House on Wednesday and encouraged not only maximum participation on the day but also passionately rehearsed their chosen war cries. It promises to be a great day and I am confident all students will enjoy the camaraderie, House spirit and hopefully fine weather.

Signing-out at Student Services

Recently a number of students have been presenting SMS messages to Mrs Raso (Student Services) when signing-out for an early departure. All students must have a written parent/caregiver note (in diary or hard copy) providing permission for an early departure. This note must also be signed by your son/daughter's Year Leaders before it is presented to Mrs Raso. As a requirement of our duty of care, please note that the College will not be accepting SMS messages if students are signing-out early.

Year 10 Adjusted Program begins with Urban Challenge & Weeks 6-9

Year 10 commenced their adjusted program yesterday with the start of the **Urban Challenge**. This three day *challenge* aims to develop the students' team work skills, resilience and urban navigation skill sets. The alternate program below continues next week and involves many varied experiences and workshops that will assist students in their transition to their Preliminary HSC year in 2020. All days are compulsory.

Year 10 End of Term Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Week 4	4 Exams	5 Exams	6 Exams	7 Exams	8 Exams	9
10 Week 5	11 Class	12 Class	13 Urban Challenge	14 Urban Challenge	15 Urban Challenge	16
17 Week 6	18 Class	19 Day of Hope(am) Men of Honour(pm) / Self defence	20 RE Excursion	21 All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test (Xavier Rooms)	22 Swimming Carnival	23
24 Week 7 CAPA Camp	25 Vocations Expo CAPA camp	26 CAPA camp All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test (Xavier Rooms)	27 Activity Day Rotation: Step Up into Yr11 MORG (MMC Classroom) Science Lab Skills HERJ (Science Lab) Turnitin workshop DeKM/PROK (MMC Classroom) Research Skills HASM (ARC)	28 All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test Catch up (Xavier rooms)	29 St Leo's Feast Day Mass followed by workshops (No Class)	30
1 Week 8	2 Last Classes	3 Yr 10 Walkathon / BBQ	4 Y10 Spirituality Day (Baden Powell Centre)	5 Semi Fomal The Epping Club 6.30pm	6	7
8 Week 9 ACYF	9 ACYF	10 ACYF	11 ACYF	12 Advent Liturgy St Leo's Fair ACYF	13 Year in Review 7-11	14

Also see [Year 10 Alternate Program](#) for further details.

Important Events/Key Dates for Term 4

Wk 5	Mon - Final HSC Exams, Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Remembrance Day Ceremony (11am), Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea Tues - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week Wed - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge Thur - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge, Stage 5 and 6 Music evening, Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea Fri - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge
Wk 6	Mon - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 12 Formal Tue - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 7 (2020) Parent Information Evening Wed - Year 7 Exam Week, Street Retreat Thur - Year 7 Exam Week Fri - Year 7 Exam Week, College Swimming Carnival
Wk 7	Mon - CAPA Year 7-11 Camp Tue - CAPA Year 7-11 Camp, Wed - Thur - Fri - St Leo's Feast Day
Wk 8	Mon - CAPA: Symphonic Band (Y7-11) Combined schools workshop Tue - Feast Day - St Francis Xavier Wed - Thur - Year 10 Semi Formal Fri -
Wk 9	Mon - (leaving Saturday prior) ACYF Perth Tues - ACYF Perth, Winning House Trip to Wet and Wild Wed - ACYF Perth, Street Retreat, Thur - ACYF Perth, Advent Liturgy, St Leo's Fair Fri - Year in Review - last day for students
Wk 10	Staff Professional Development Week

Student Representative Council 2019/2020

The students detailed below have now been endorsed by the Yearmasters/Leadership Team and commenced their work last Friday with the Year 12 SRC ambassadors, **Hannah D & Cameron H.**

Year 7: Jenna S, Adrian B & Kirin I
Year 8: Chloe O, Thomas C & Sarah C
Year 9: Rivan R, Matteo D & Xander Y
Year 10: Jessica J, Emily T & Mahdi F



The students on the SRC will be officially inducted at the next available College assembly and will serve on the SRC for 2019/20 up to and including Term 3 next year. The students on the SRC team have been elected by their fellow peers to represent all students in both their Year Group and the College. The SRC will have regular weekly meetings and will democratically represent the student body in College decision-making and organising ways for students to (better) participate in school life. Given that our new Year 7 cohort commence next year, there will be no Year 7 SRC representatives. Year 7 will concentrate on settling in and then given an opportunity for representation in Term 4 next year when the new student leadership portfolios officially begin. We look forward to the new team's contribution over the next 12 months.

Parent Involvement Evening – Morrisby Career Profiling

Last night, our College Pathways Leader, **Mr Nathan Smith** hosted the last Parent Involvement Evening for 2019, focusing on Morrisby Career Profiling as the College is adding this important information and planning tool to its Careers Education Program. Nathan updated attendees on what has been happening with the

College Pathways Program and why the College has made the decision to implement Morrisby Career Profiling. We also were fortunate to have Consultant Educational Psychologist **Emma Goodsir**, Administrator of Morrisby in NSW, attend the evening to explain how it works and what the benefits are, and there was some excellent discussion as a result.

As part of a Morrisby Career Profiling trial, our current Year 10 students will be undertaking the profiling assessment on Thursday 28 November as part of their *Pathways and Careers Workshop Day*. Following this, our intention is that in 2020, Year 10 and Year 12 cohorts will undertake the profiling assessment in early Term 2, and from 2021, Year 10 cohorts that will complete Morrisby prior to their Stage 6 subject selections.

We are very excited by this initiative and further information on this will be provided to students and parents/carers in the future. For queries in the meantime, please email Mr Nathan Smith at nathan.smith@dbb.catholic.edu.au.



Diocesan Student Voice Forum - 2020

Following a number of recent Secondary Wellbeing Leaders' meetings at the Catholic Schools Office, a Student Voice Forum has now been confirmed and will be held at the end of Term 1 2020 in The Light of Christ Centre. Students from a number of secondary schools in the Diocese will be participating in this inaugural forum and planning will shortly commence with student leaders.

The purpose of the forum will be for students to collaborate and take action to empower students to strengthen student voice, agency and leadership in their school communities. Students will *DESIGN IT, LEAD IT and GROW IT* back in their school context.

There is strong evidence that students become more engaged in learning when they have opportunities to:

- exercise agency in their own learning
- contribute to the communities in which they learn
- improve learning programs for themselves and their peers.



Research findings indicate that student voice, agency and leadership have a positive impact on self-worth, engagement, purpose and academic motivation which contribute to improved student learning outcomes.

From the Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation: Mr Andrew Dumas

Kiribati BBQs

Did you know that Kiribati is the [poorest country](#) in the Pacific?

Please support St Leo's BBQs to raise money for Kiribati by buying Food and Drink on Monday, **December 2**, attending the Christmas Carols on Saturday, **December 14** at Holy Name of Mary Wahroonga following mass at 6 pm. All money raised goes directly to the people of Kiribati. This does not subsidise the July 2020 Immersion.

Novena Prayer for Julie Macri

Please join our Novena and prayer for **Mrs Julie Macri**. Julie was a teacher at St Leo's until 2018.

Please join the Novena for Julie Macri both individuals and in your families.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iRzjz5dox5kOIUk3m4TotFlb3fpjTBiz/view?usp=sharing>

Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Year 9 – Parents & Students

All year 9 parents and students are asked to consider joining the Youth Ministry Class in 2020. **Parents are encouraged to talk** about this with their children regarding whether they would like to join the Youth Ministry Class. This year we had 28 students elected to be part of the Youth Ministry Class. Instead of the regular "Religious Education" class, the Youth Ministry Class develop skills in Youth Ministry. Such as leading a Small Group with Year 7 Students, Designing a Spiritual Day, being part of the "2020 The Road to Bethlehem Production" and developing skills in leadership.

Please download this information form and permission note. All notes are to be returned to Student Services (Mrs Raso) by Friday of Week 4.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OTGZBbKb3OLwtNesa1LMKOljEBrk4xZa/view?usp=sharing>

Christmas Hamper Appeal – Years 7-9 & 11

Each tutor room has been given a family to create a Christmas Hamper for. Please help and support our Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Please ask your son or daughter about this initiative.

Have a conversation with them about why at Christmas it is important that we think and care for each other..... Thank you



Year 10 - Aboriginal Picnic and Christmas Appeal

This year, Year-10 Students have been invited by the Baabayn Aboriginal Woman's cooperation to help spread Christmas Joy for Aboriginal Children from low social economic families in Western Sydney. Baabayn run a Christmas picnic with fun games, a BBQ and Santa Clause arrives in a police car to distribute greatly needed presents.

Over 200 Aboriginal children will attend.

Each Year-10 mentor is asked to a gift for these Aboriginal children.

On Saturday December 7 some Year 10 students, and some social justice group students, have also been invited to go to Doonside in Western Sydney to help give these gifts and also support the Baabayn Aboriginal elders with some fun activities on the day.



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