



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 6 Term 1 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal:

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Secondary Parent Team Workshop & Cluster Meeting

A Secondary Parent Team/P&F 101 Workshop and Cluster Meeting will be held on Monday 16 March, 6:30pm at the Catholic School Offices, Pennant Hills.

All information can be found at our events page: <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/csp-events-2020.html> (scroll down the page for further information).

These secondary specific meetings have proven very beneficial in connecting over matters relevant to parent engagement that are unique to the challenges of secondary schools and are a great way to share ideas between schools.

Any interested parents are invited to join the St Leo's leadership team and other interested staff members in attending with the goal of collaborating for engaged, positive school communities.

Please [RSVP](#) to for catering purposes. Light refreshments will be served.

From the Assistant Principal:

Mr Daniel Petrie

Uniform Supply Update

Due to the continued closure of factories and production in China, the new shipment of junior ties remains delayed. The College will inform parents as to when these will become available for sale. Students who are presently without a tie are requested to continue to use their uniform note.

Corona Virus Update

The Diocese of Broken Bay is currently working with federal and state health guidelines in the development of policies and practices in response to the Corona Virus. A Diocesan decision will be made regarding school based overseas excursions and immersions. The outcome of this decision will be communicated to parents as soon as it is received by the College.

The College will be distributing additional hand sanitizer stations across the campus to assist with preventative measures.

Please [click here](#) for the latest federal government information and updates regarding the virus.

Japanese Visitors

The arrival of our Japanese guests has been cancelled following a decision from Japan and the organising body facilitating their visit due to virus related restrictions.

Y12 Mid Year Examinations

The Year 12 Mid Year Examination Period commences on Monday 30 March. Students are encouraged to engage in a rigorous revision schedule that makes use of practice responses. Students are encouraged to provide their practice responses to their teachers early to provide sufficient time for marking and feedback. A reminder that the Aquinas Resource Centre is open until 5:00pm of an afternoon for study and homework.

College Events Term 1

Please find below a series of events that parents and their guests are most warmly invited to attend:

Info Night for Duke of Edinburgh:

The College will be hosting an information evening for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. This particular program is recognised by university early entry schemes.

Venue: Aquinas Resource Centre

Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Date: Thurs 12 March

Year 12 Stage Night:

Parents and students are warmly invited to the Y12 Stage Night.

Venue: Music Rooms, Mary McKillop Centre

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Date: Wed 18 March

College Open Afternoon and Expo:

The College will be hosting its annual Open Afternoon and Expo in the Light of Christ Centre alongside College tours of our fabulous new campus. **Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on this day.**

Venue: The Light of Christ Centre

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Date: Tues 10 March

Stage 5 (Years 9 + 10); Student Led Conferences (SLC):

Years 9-10 will be hosting their first Student led Conference where they will take their mentor and parents through their ePortfolios. Students will be required to independently discuss and showcase how they have grown and met their goals in the growth domains, the 6C's and their own personal achievements.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre

Time: 12:00pm - 8:30pm

Date: Wednesday 8 April

RSVP: *The booking system will be open and instructions on how to book an SLC will be distributed closer to the event.*

Holy Thursday Liturgy:

Parents are warmly invited to join us in marking the solemn events of Holy Week with our liturgy on Holy Thursday in the Light of Christ Centre.

Venue: The Light of Christ Centre

Time: 11:15am

Date: Thursday 9th April

RSVP: [Holy Thursday Liturgy](#)

From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation:

Mr Nathan Smith

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

Throughout Lent, the College will be supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion fundraising appeal. This appeal sees millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

As we know, the Lenten period calls us to fast, to give alms, and to reconcile. Contributing financially to Project Compassion is just one way of almsgiving to those who need it most.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings our Year 12 Leaders will visit mentor groups with Project Compassion money boxes to collect any loose change that students might have and wish to donate. Every little bit helps and we thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.



Relics of St Therese of Lisieux & Parents Tour

A warm welcome to the Relics of St Therese and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin, to our Cathedral Parish at Broken Bay on the 7 March at 9.15am - 8 March at 7.15am.

To celebrate this occasion, the Hornsby Cathedral Parish will be holding a special Mass on **Saturday 7 March at 9:30am**. Parishioners will have an opportunity to spend time in groups to pray with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux.

St Therese 'Patron Saint of Missions', affectionately known as the 'little flower', teaches us to find God in the ordinary details of life. Her love for God was very simple and she called it her 'little way'.

We, as a College, are extending a warm invitation to our students and their families to attend this Mass on Saturday morning. This invitation is of particular significance for those families who are parishioners of the Hornsby Cathedral Parish. Please do come along as this will be a wonderful and moving occasion.

Students who attend Mass are asked to wear their full school (summer) uniform so that we can be identified as a St Leo's community, representing the College with pride. We will also sit together as a group in the Cathedral.

We will meet on the veranda of the Light of Christ Centre (Yardley Avenue) from 8:45am onwards and will begin to make our way up to the Cathedral at 9:00am. Please join Mr Smith and other members of the Evangelisation Team this Saturday.

Find out more about this significant event and St Therese of Lisieux [HERE](#).



Friday Lunchtime Mass

All students are warmly invited to attend the Lunchtime Mass that is held in the College Chapel every Friday during school term. Mass commences at 1:20pm.

Should any students wish to be involved in the Mass as readers or musicians, please see Mr Smith or Deacon Adrian.

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

St Leo's Catholic College would like to offer any students who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation the possibility of being prepared through the College.

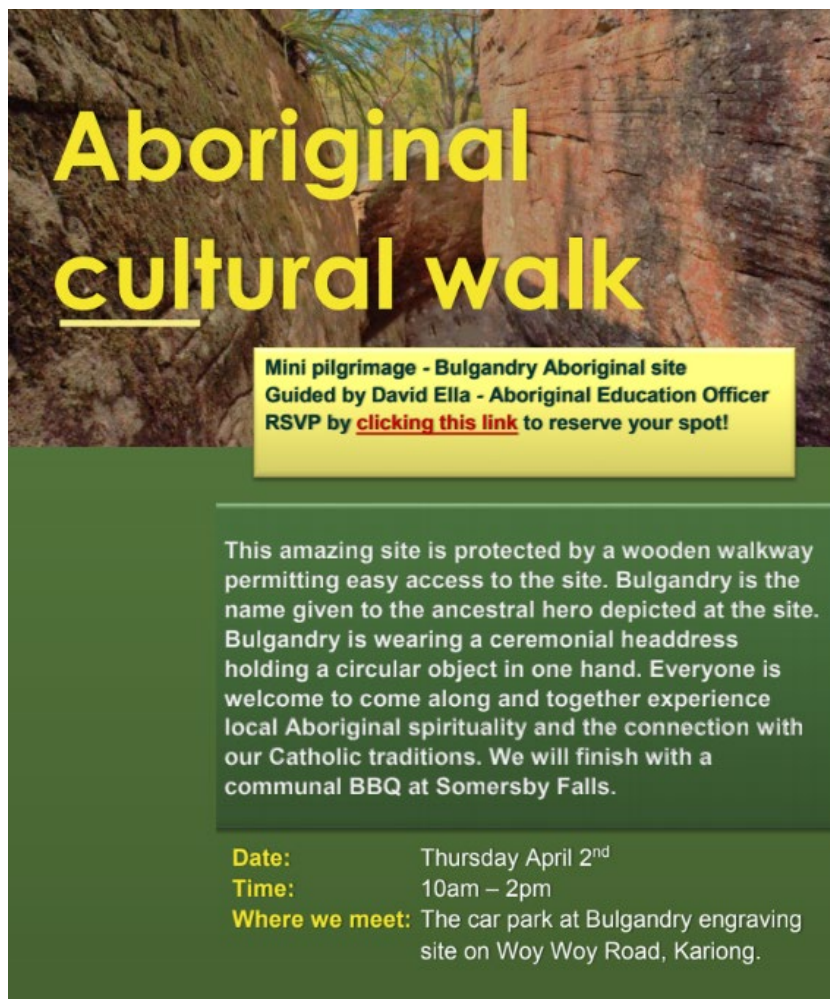
Some parents may have left the decision of baptism to their children, and high school would be a good age to have the conversation with them whether they would like to become part of the Catholic community. Other students may have for various reasons missed out on the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist when their peers received when in primary school. High school students may feel awkward attending sacramental preparation classes with primary school students. St Leo's will prepare the students for the sacraments at school in partnership with the local parishes.

Please contact Rev Gomez if you are interested in finding out more or would like to involve your child in this program. Once we have an idea of how many students are interested and what the needs are, we will be able to send out more information about the program we will use.

Please contact: Deacon Adrian Gomez

Email: adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au

Phone: 0425 451 307



**Aboriginal
cultural walk**

Mini pilgrimage - Bulgandry Aboriginal site
Guided by David Ella - Aboriginal Education Officer
RSVP by [clicking this link](#) to reserve your spot!

This amazing site is protected by a wooden walkway permitting easy access to the site. Bulgandry is the name given to the ancestral hero depicted at the site. Bulgandry is wearing a ceremonial headdress holding a circular object in one hand. Everyone is welcome to come along and together experience local Aboriginal spirituality and the connection with our Catholic traditions. We will finish with a communal BBQ at Somersby Falls.

Date: Thursday April 2nd
Time: 10am – 2pm
Where we meet: The car park at Bulgandry engraving site on Woy Woy Road, Kariong.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 1:

St Therese of Lisieux Mass – Hornsby Cathedral: Saturday 7 March

Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Liturgy: Tuesday 10 March

The College will celebrate St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day on **Tuesday 10 March** with a House Liturgy for those students in Aquinas House.

St Patrick's Day: Tuesday 17 March

Year 8 Spirituality Day: Friday 27 March

Holy Thursday: Thursday 9 April

Good Friday: Friday 10 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12 April

TERM 2:

Official Blessing of the Mary MacKillop Centre: Thursday 21 May

The College, led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, will celebrate the official opening and blessing of the newly refurbished Mary MacKillop Centre on **Thursday 21 May**. This will be a whole-College event with various celebrations throughout the day. More information on this event will be distributed accordingly.

From the Director of Students:

Mr Ashley Johansen

COMPASS Parent Information Evening - Thank you

Thank you sincerely to the 300+ parents/caregivers who recently attended the Compass information evening and meet the Year Leader night at The Light of Christ Centre. We do trust you found the presentations both informative and useful as it relates to your child's learning journey at St Leo's. The new student management system has now been rolled-out to all students except Year 7 who will have a briefing next week following their Camp. As mentioned at the information evening, we placed a significant emphasis during these student sessions on the College's new merit system and how ALL students should work towards their **Personal Best** across our six **Growth Domains** - *Spiritual, Academic, Cultural, Physical, Social Emotional and Environmental*. As always, your valuable feedback is always welcomed as we continue to build and refine this new platform so that it consistently provides up-to-date, relevant and accurate information.

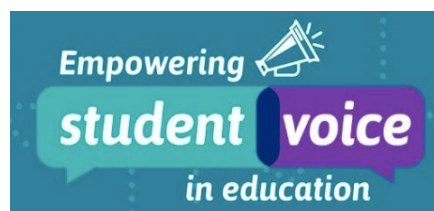
See link for the presentation: [Compass & Pastoral Update - Tuesday 25th February](#)



Year 8 at their Compass presentation - Mary MacKillop Centre

Diocesan Student Voice forum - now confirmed for Wednesday 25th March

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 on Wednesday 25th March (Term One) in The Light of Christ Centre here at the College. Students from a number of secondary schools in the Diocese will be participating in this inaugural forum and further collaborative planning is now occurring via student leaders across the eight secondary schools in the Diocese of Broken bay. The purpose of the forum will be for participating 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.

SchoolTV - online wellbeing resource now available to the St Leo's community

See the **SchoolTV link** below for special reports that may be of interest to our College parents/caregivers in raising young teenagers: https://stleos.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news

Online safety for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner

As parents and caregivers you know your child better than anyone and have the best opportunity to support and guide them to have safer online experiences. The resource [Online safety - a guide for parents & carers](#) covers some of the **key online safety issues** for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support via www.eSafety.gov.au/parents

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

From the Director of Pastoral Care & Wellbeing:

Mrs Lindy Sykes

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp is taking place at the Active Education Venue in Morisset this week **Wednesday 4 - Friday 6 March**. Our Outdoor Education Program is an essential component of the College's Pastoral Care & Wellbeing Program involving progressive skill development.

We wish them clear skies and fun times as they embark on new challenges and strengthen relationships with fellow students and staff.

GPs In School Program - Year 11

Year 11 will have the opportunity to meet with local GP's and discuss areas of health and wellbeing in small groups on **Wednesday 11 March**. This Program has been well received by students for many years and St Leo's is very fortunate to be included as one of the limited number of schools participating. The main purpose of this program is for the students to feel COMFORTABLE and CONFIDENT in approaching GPs and other health services when concerned about their health.

Topics discussed include: Medicare, the difference between bulk billing and private practice, confidentiality, physical health, mental health, drugs and alcohol, sexual health, stress management and anything else they want to talk about!

The Yard Incursion - Years 7 & 8

This performance based incursion will take place on **Wednesday 11 March** for Years 7 & 8. The Yard is an award winning anti-bullying program created to address the issues of bullying, social exclusion, peer pressure and resilience in Australian schools. Their objective is to empower children to deal with the bullying issues raised in the performance and to inspire and motivate them in their future choices. I encourage parents & caregivers to initiate discussions around these issues with their children following the performance. All feedback is welcome.

From the Leader of CAPA:

Mrs Fiona Milkins

Drumline Performance

This Friday our Drumline ensemble group will be performing at Holy Name Parish at 10:45am as part of the celebration of World Day of Prayer. We wish them all the best for their first public performance.

Ensemble Rehearsals

Students should check their Classroom pages as there are a few changes to rehearsal times this week and next.

Open Day Performances

Below is the timetable for student CAPA performances for Open Day:



	Flora MacKillop Theatre	Channel Way - Grace Walker and Jeremy	Art Rooms - Julia Rologas
4:00	Dance - Junior Open Rehearsals	Concert Band - Mark to Conduct	Leo's Singers
4:15	Brothers Grimm	Girls Rock Band	
4:30	<i>Principal's Address</i>	Symphonic Band	Accordion Group
4:45	<i>Principal's Address</i> Dance - Junior Open Rehearsal		Max 12
5:00	Elective Dancers	Girls Rock Band	Male Vocal Group
5:15	Brothers Grimm	Concert Band - Mark to Conduct	Soloists
5:30	<i>Principal's Address</i>	Stage Band	Strings
5:45	<i>Principal's Address</i> Dance - Open Junior Rehearsal		Accordion
6:00	Elective Dancers	Symphonic Band	Leo's Singers
6:15	Brothers Grimm		Male Vocal Group
6:30	<i>Principal's Address</i>	Stage Band	Max 12
6:45	<i>Principal's Address</i> Junior Open Rehearsal		

From the Aquinas Resource Centre:

Ms Michaela Hashim

Premier's Reading Challenge

The [Premier's Reading Challenge](#) for 2020 has now commenced. Any student who is new to the school or in our Intake 2020 (Year 7) will need to notify me of their participation in order for them to receive their certificate at the completion. Please email me at michaela.hashim@dbb.catholic.edu.au with their name, date of birth and previous school.

Assistance with Resources

Students in Years 11 and 12 can book a session with me to assist with any assessments and research they are doing. I am available from 7.30am until 3.30pm every day in the Aquinas Resource Centre. I can assist with locating resources, effective searching of the internet or databases, creating a bibliography, effective note taking or for time management. Bookings can be made via this [link](#).

Community Notices:



Andrew Constance
Minister for Transport and Roads

Paul Toole
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 1 March 2019

***New images to download below*

CAUGHT ON CAMERA! PENALTIES NOW APPLY

Drivers caught on camera illegally using their mobile phone will be issued fines and demerit points from today.

The NSW Government's world-first mobile phone detection cameras have been operating in warning mode since 1 December 2019, but drivers caught doing the wrong thing will now cop a \$344 fine and five demerit points.

Minister for Roads Andrew Constance said 9 million vehicles had been checked by the cameras during the three-month warning period, with more than 30,000 warning letters issued to offending drivers.

"We're seeing more than 99 per cent of drivers doing the right thing, so when we compare this with the findings from the pilot last year, it is clear drivers are starting to get the message.

"As fines and demerits start to be issued from today we expect the number of offences could fall even further, making NSW roads safer for everyone.

"It's important that drivers who continue to put the safety of themselves, passengers and the local community at risk realise that no matter where you are you could be caught and you will be fined," Mr Constance said.

Minister for Regional Roads Paul Toole said taking your eyes off the road for longer than two seconds doubled the risk of a crash.

"The decision to pick up your phone can have fatal consequences. Whether you're driving on a major highway or an isolated road in the bush, there's no excuse for using your phone illegally," Mr Toole said.

"The cameras are both fixed and transportable, with the trailer-mounted cameras to be frequently moved around the state, targeting illegal mobile phone use anywhere, anytime."

NSW Police continue to enforce illegal mobile phone use and issue infringements as part of regular operations.

New Images of illegal phone use:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cemy81kjk3f80g8/AADi7OAVjcKRV0ISdiddqdLta?dl=0>

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