



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 9 Term 3 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

Year Group Pages...

Stories relating to individual Year Groups now link to separate Year pages to keep the Lion Roars shorter.

Debating - Catholic Secondary Schools Association Finals this Friday!

Best of luck to our Senior Debating Team who are now in the **Finals in the CSSA Debating Competition** this Friday evening. Over the past couple of months the team has won each of their debates against schools in the Catholic Schools Association in NSW (Greater Sydney Zone).

The past four debates have been via Zoom given the current Covid-19 restrictions.

We wish our team: **Cameron, Annabelle and James** all the best for your last school debate against Bede Polding College, Windsor. These two teams are the finalists out of 75 Senior Debating Teams from the Sydney Metropolitan area. What an achievement and great effort. The last time St Leo's reached the State Finals was in 2003!

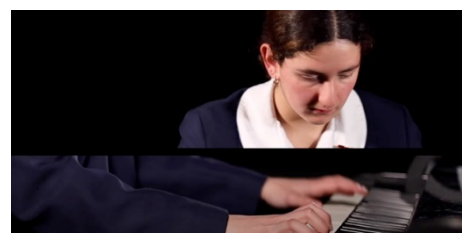
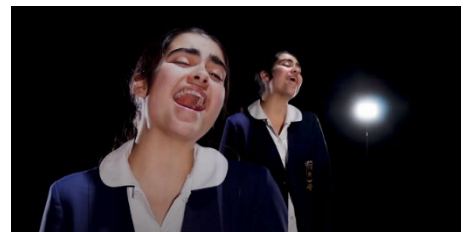


Echo Fest (online)

Congratulations to both **Mia and Emily** of Year 12 who have now made it to the final cut - **the only NSW School in the final voting!** (Click on the images to view their performances)

Echo Fest is a secondary education music festival encompassing choirs, orchestras and concerts held in September annually in Bendigo, Victoria for schools to compete at a National level.

It is great to see our students - particularly our Year 12 students be flexible, adapt, participate and succeed in these important co-curricular activities on top of a full HSC load and the complications Covid has delivered. They are such great role models for our younger students!



Good luck to these student and the generous staff who have given of their time, particularly **Ms Boguradzki** (Debating) and **Mr Tavernese** (Echo Fest) and **Mr Louie Tiglao** (video).

Year 12 Prayer Circle

Thank you to all those families who have 'adopted' a Year 12 student, via our Year 12 Prayer Circle by keeping them in your prayers over the next few weeks as they lead up to their HSC Exams. If you still wish to be part of this - [please follow this link](#).

Year 12 Bodies of Work - Visual Arts

This morning I had a sneak preview of the completed Bodies of Work by our Year 12 students. It is great to see the students achieve such high quality work across a large number of mediums. There are paintings, sculptures, multimedia, photography, animated art and drawing. These works will be marked tomorrow (Wednesday) by the HSC Markers.

Well done to all these students and their teachers, **Ms Stevenson** and **Ms Schneider**, for all their superb efforts in what has been a very disrupted year.

Opportunities for All Students

Besides our success in both Debating (Intake 2020 to Year 11) and CAPA, **Mrs Josephine Cali** is overseeing opportunities in the STE(A)M area. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

The College is committed to improving the STEM skills of young people, to ensure that they have the skills they need to live and work in a globalised world. In support of this, our Director of Learning and Teaching, **Mrs Cali** is providing a significant number of workshops/opportunities to improve the outcomes of our students in this very important area. Current opportunities include:

- **Minecraft Mondays** – Minecraft is a game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. Our students are currently creating a scaled version of Bakhita House building - with a great deal of detail.
- **Code Camp World** - coding - everything from drag and drop to JavaScript. Students can build websites in HTML and CSS and stunning games as well.
- **Yamaha DRONES** - these workshops will be held on the last two days of this Term here at the College and on the Oval. Students will have the opportunity to continue their training towards CASA Certification for remotely piloted aircraft operator's certificate.
- **VEX Robotics** - VEX Robotics Competitions ignite the competitive spirit! This year's VCR game is called CHANGE UP. In preparation, teams machine a robot that can excel within the game's rules and regulations to score as many points as possible. Competitions are held across the country.

Ms Cali has invited all students to be involved, via code, and students had to reply back in code to register their interest.

Other courses in the planning stages are:

- *Merge Cube | AR/VR Learning & Creation*, further coding courses with Code Camp World
- *Continuers YouTube Creation*, and
- *Microsoft Student Training Credential Program*.



Growth Domain Projects (Intake 2020 - Year 10)

The marking and grading of these projects are now being finalised by the respective mentor Teachers. The marking criteria for these projects contains these categories:

Research, Challenge/Focus, Technical Skill, Creativity, Essential Question, Innovation and Real Life Application.

From what I have seen there is wide variety of projects - but this one (excerpt below) caught my attention from the reflection of what the Intake 2020 student has learned: (This student has developed an Automatic Watering System using Python Script Coding - Water Conservation).

Reflection on My Project Summary

- Did your project work out well? What worked well
- My project worked extremely well. It was quite a challenging project.
- Did you run into any obstacles/difficulties?
- Yes, to many to mention but with persistence I managed to get everything working.
- Summarize your achievements (how does your project help our environment?)
- I achieved exactly what I set out to achieve with a goal of saving water to help the environment. I also learnt a lot and added in some extra like the camera recognition to water a plant if it looks dry. (Haven't added it yet, but will use the same system as detecting your hand however with dry plants in the greenhouse)

I am looking forward to seeing (listening and observing) many of these projects over the next couple of weeks - the best ones will be showcased at a later date in Term 4.

20 Years Nostalgia - Sydney Olympics

As many of you would be aware, this week Sydney is remembering the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Here at St Leo's, we have **Ms Anamarie Schneider**, who was an illustrator, designer and animator for the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ms Schneider has broad experience across a range of artistic roles, including being Head Animator for Warner Brothers retail stores.

It is great to see and hear Ms Schneider work with her Visual Art classes and integrate industry-based standards and experiences.

Enjoy your week.

Tony Gleeson
Principal



From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Acting Leaders of Intake 2020

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Mr Michael Kember** and **Mrs Carolyn Scott** have been appointed as the Acting Leaders of Pastoral Care for Intake 2020. Michael and Carolyn replace **Ms Watts** while she is on Maternity Leave from Monday 12 October. Michael and Carolyn bring passion, care and expertise to this role. Before the end of this Term, all Intake 2020 parents will receive correspondence from them with all relevant contact details.

Duke of Edinburgh Program 2020/2021

The Catholic Schools Office is launching a Diocesan led Duke of Edinburgh program to build and support this important opportunity for all students. **Mrs Kelly Li** and **Mrs Lorraine Boguradzki** will be leading the program at St Leo's from the commencement of Term 4. An evening via Zoom will be scheduled early in Term 4 to offer parents an opportunity to connect with our new team leaders, as well as offering an opportunity for new students who wish to join the program to discover what is on offer.

Year 12 PTP - Post Trial Program Update ([view Year 12 page](#))

Summer Uniform & Lost Property

The transition from winter to summer uniform will take place on the first day of Term 4, **Monday 12 October**.

Please check that each **uniform item is labelled**. There are presently a number of uniform items in lost property – mostly unlabelled – which makes it very difficult to return them to their rightful owners!



From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation

Mr Nathan Smith

[Year 12: Spirituality Day – Monday, 21 September](#) ([view Year 12 page](#))

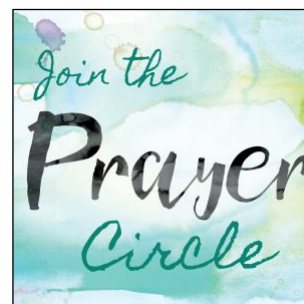
[Intake 2020 \(Year 7\): Reflection Incursion – Friday, 18 September](#) ([view Intake 2020 page](#))

Prayer Circle for Year 12

We would like to invite our community to pray for our Year 12 students as they embark on the final stages of their formal secondary education.

With the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations completed and the Higher School Certificate Examinations looming, it is not uncommon for Year 12 students to have elevated levels of stress and anxiety as they navigate their way through these challenging times. Moreover, as a faith community, we often turn to prayer in times of struggle and adversity. Therefore, as our Year 12s face the demands of these exams, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers, asking Jesus to guide and protect them during this time.

We would like to invite you to nominate up to three Year 12 students to pray for during this period. They can be people you know, or they can be someone you have never met. It doesn't matter who you nominate; rather, the important thing is that you keep the young person/people in you and your family's prayers.



To nominate someone who you will pray for, simply [click here](#) and follow the instructions.

The prayer that we will say for the students as a collective community is:

Father, by the light of Your Holy Spirit, You taught the hearts of the Disciples. In the same spirit, help our young people, especially, to relish what is true and right. Help them to persevere in their preparation and continue to apply themselves for the duration of their examinations.

May nervousness or carelessness not deprive them of results and rewards that they deserve. In all of life may they, especially, and all of us, know our worth in Your sight and peacefully follow Christ, who is the Truth and the Life, forever and ever. Amen.

Pope St Leo the Great, Pray for them...

“The secret to finding the deeper level in the order is finding the deeper level in yourself; without finding it in yourself, you cannot see it in the other”.

~ Eckhart Tolle ~

New Secondhand Uniform and Textbook Trading Platform

A reminder with the change of seasons and uniforms that sustainableschoolshop.com.au, an online trading platform to buy and sell both old and new style secondhand uniforms, is now available for our parents/carers.



Community Notices

Youth Services Program

Term 3



Chit-chat & Art

Join Synergy Youth workers and the youth team for a social afternoon via Zoom. Grab yourself a snack and get comfy for a creative afternoon.

Details

Monday 7, 14, 21 and 28 September

4:30pm till 5:30pm

Via Zoom

For details check out kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents

AWOL Youth Hub Study Space

AWOL Youth Hub is open during Term 3 for after-school study space. Spaces are limited and you must book.

Details

Tuesdays and Thursdays

2:30pm till 5:30pm

AWOL Youth Hub
799 Pacific Highway
Gordon

kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents



Chill & Chat

Our youth workers will be out and about to chill out, listen to some tunes and have a much overdue catch up with our young people.

Details

Friday 11, 18 and 25 September

2.30pm till 4.30pm

St Ives Village Green
Village green Parade
St Ives

For details check out kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents

AWOL PWD Evening

AWOL Youth Hub is hosting a fun night for young people with a disability. Meet new people and join in with some artsy fun!

Details

Friday 25 September

5:30pm till 7:30pm

AWOL Youth Hub
799 Pacific Highway
Gordon

Book at kmc.nsw.gov.au/awolyouthpwd

For more information and how to book visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents

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