



Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Please find below the **Week 3 Term 4 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

Co-curricular programs

Here at St Leo's, we are firm believers in the holistic growth of the student, across the six College Growth Domains: *Academic, Spiritual, Environmental, Physical, Social and Emotional, Cultural*. I also hear many times from our students and parents in various interviews, particularly in my conversations with Year 12 students *"I wish I had taken this opportunity ..."*

Some of these opportunities may get 'lost' in the busy-ness of our lives. I have outlined all the current opportunities (in fact over 50) for students to become involved beyond timetabled classroom courses. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the extraordinary breadth of programs that you might like to explore in a conversation with your daughter or son.

These programs are only available due to the generosity of our staff - giving of their time beyond the classroom.

Student Leadership Induction Ceremony

Today I witnessed and congratulated our Student Leadership Team for 2021 at their Induction Ceremony, led by Father Joey from the Holy Name Parish Wahroonga. This important moment enables us to gather as a College community and look, future focused, to the next 12 months with these exemplary leaders at the helm. Still working within Covid-19 restrictions, parents of the select students joined us by Zoom.



Congratulations again to our 2020/21 Student Leadership Team:

- College Captains: Rachel G and Matteo P
- College Vice Captains: Jessica J and Will T

Parent Teacher Interviews

Bookings for Years 9 and 10
Parent Teacher Interviews are
NOW OPEN.

More information in the Assistant
Principal's Report on pages 3.

- SRC Ambassadors: Clara H and Riley H
- Spiritual Growth Domain Ambassadors: Crystal B and Jacob Y
- Physical Growth Domain Ambassadors: Emma E and Mahdi F-N
- Academic Growth Domain Ambassadors: Dasha V and Lachlan B
- Cultural Growth Domain Ambassadors: Francesca B-M and Joel T
- Environmental Growth Domain Ambassadors: Madeline H and Jacinta B
- Social Emotional Growth Domain Ambassadors: Tameka M and Patrick B
- Xavier House Ambassadors: Renae S and Joshua F
- Loyola House Ambassadors: Hannah M and Julia R
- Chanel House Ambassadors: Deven F and Monique D
- Aquinas House Ambassadors: John A and Cameron D
- MacKillop House Ambassadors: Emily T and William vK
- Bakhita House Ambassadors: Jake T-D and Lachlan R
- Teresa House Ambassadors: Isobel L and Jacob S
- McAuley House Ambassadors: Jade W and Angus P.



The Passing of past Principal Brother Myron Byrne (cfc)



A past Principal of St Leo's Brother Myron Byrne passed away last Saturday 24 October - he was 93 years old.

Since joining St Leo's I had numerous conversations and visits by Brother Byrne to the College. He was Principal here from (1980-82) before taking up a principalship at St Pius at Chatswood. Originally a Melbournian lad, he spent time in Darwin, Bundaberg, Gympie, and even Rarotonga.

A Mass and Thanksgiving for the life of Brother Myron will be held on Tuesday 3 November at Mary Mother Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery at 12.30pm.

Higher School Certificate Update

Our Year 12 students continue with HSC, and thankfully we were not one of the schools that was so cruelly targeted this week with cyber security attacks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those students and families.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 12 parents onto campus on Friday 13 November, (in a Covid-safe environment) for their Graduation Ceremony. Whilst this year has tested the mettle of this cohort, their opportunity to celebrate their Graduation, without the pressure of the HSC, is one bright consequence of the situation. I look forward to seeing Year 12 families on the day.

Tony Gleeson
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Welcome back to Term 4!

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that the **Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Evening will be held next Tuesday, Week 4 – 3rd November, from 4.45 – 8.30pm**

Bookings are now open. To book your Parent Teacher Interviews:

1. Log into Compass
2. Once logged into Compass, a notification will appear under 'My News' informing you Parent Teacher Interviews are now open to make appointments.
3. Select 'Click here for bookings' with this notification, which will take you to the bookings where your son or daughter's teachers' names will appear.
4. Select a teacher's name and an available time slot (in white) to book a time. Repeat for each teacher.
5. There is also a button 'Show me how to book' which will give you further instructions if needed.

Please access the [ZOOM LINK FOR INTERVIEWS HERE](#)

TTFM Survey

The College is participating in the 'Tell Them From Me Survey' once again this year. The TTFM data can be readily used for College and Diocesan planning and evaluation, while providing an incredible insight into what key stakeholders have to say about Engagement, Faith Formation, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching. This survey enables all parents of our community to have their voice heard. Such information is vital for creating a shared vision for the College.



Every family from Intake 2020 - Year 11 are requested to complete the survey. The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please [ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE.](#)

The survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 11 November 2020.



World Teachers' Day – Friday 30 October

This Friday, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. During the height of the Covid pandemic, the role and dedication of educators was highlighted as a positive outcome of the remote learning experience. To help celebrate the passion and dedication of our wonderful teaching staff here at St Leo's, parents are invited to send a message of gratitude or positive insights about our teachers to the [College email](#).

Blessings and stay safe.

From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation

Mr Nathan Smith

***Jesus help me accept daily, my calling to be a follower and servant of the Father.
Come send your Holy Spirit to animate my life in participation with your will.***

We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.

Broken Bay News

Check out the October edition of the [Broken Bay News](#) publication as we celebrate one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay.



Bishop Anthony's Message to Year 12 Students

Listen to [Bishop Anthony's message](#) to our Year 12 students.

Apply for Youth Ministries International 2021

Get started, inviting suitable year 12's and young adults! [Click here](#) for more details.

Please keep in your Prayers

We ask that you continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers those members of our community who are sick or who are experiencing difficult times at present. We especially pray for Mr Jim Sturgiss - Teacher and Colleague of ours at St Leo's - and his family during this difficult time.

"The glory of God is humankind fully alive" St. Irenaeus

From the Youth Ministry Coordinator

Deacon Adrian Gomez

New Vinnies School Conference

For several decades St Leo's College had a strong St Vincent de Paul Conference which provided students in Year 11 an opportunity to put their faith into action and develop as leaders. We have decided to restart this group for 2021 and have had good interest from our current Year 10s with 19 meeting Rev Gomez to find out more about it on Monday.

From the Vinnies Youth Conference Guide:

"A Vinnies School Conference is a group of passionate students who are making a difference in their community by working on social justice issues and putting their faith into action".

There are many benefits of starting a Secondary School Conference. Students have an opportunity to:

- make a real difference to the lives of people in our community



- meet like-minded people wanting to make a difference
- put their faith into action
- participate in fun activities
- be a role model for others
- develop leadership skills which will prepare them for life after school
- expand their comfort zones.

We are planning to start regular meetings in Week 5 this term and will receive training from members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. At the final meeting of this year voting will be held for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the group. They will have leadership in fundraising activities for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and the Vinnies Winter Appeal as well as collaborating with College leaders and local parishes on other initiatives.

If you have any questions or need more information, please see me in the Youth Ministry Room.

Refugee Food Drive

Please continue to donate generously to this worthy cause. Food supplies can be left in the College Youth Ministry Room or the basket in Reception for collection.

Thank you for your support.

Help Support People Seeking Asylum
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Food-drive

During these unprecedented times people seeking asylum in the community need your help now more than ever. With no support from the federal government and no safety net, many have said that JRS has been their only hope. We are currently helping to feed over 800 people a week and the demand keeps growing. Your support and kindness is greatly appreciated.

Food items:	Toiletries:
- Basmati Rice	- Nappies (large sizes)
- Cooking Oil	- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Long life milk	- Shampoo
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit	- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Biscuits and muesli bars	- Razors and shaving foam
- Oats and cereal	- Deodorant (male & female)
	- Soap

Please contact **school staff name for more info / info on where to drop the food**

JRS

From the Dean of Curriculum

Mr George Morad

Year 7-10 Term 4 Assessments and Examinations

Term 4 assessments tasks and examinations will occur as published at the start of the year.

In the past, the final Term 4 tasks have traditionally taken the form of an examination block across Years 7-10 over a week in the school calendar.

While some subjects will still have yearly examinations, these will be run during the specific subject periods so that the disruption to the regular timetable, and students' other subjects, will be quite minimal.

Search for people, activities and n

Community

- Availability Search
- Bulk SMS
- Insights
- News Feed
- Conferences (formerly PST)
- Photos
- Phone Extension Directory
- School Documentation
- Visitor Register

While the Semester One reports reflected a COVID-19 adjusted assessment schedule that incorporated remote learning, Semester Two reports will focus on post COVID-19 formative and summative assessments.

Year 7-10 assessment handbooks are available to parents on Compass in "School Documentation"

Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or enquiries.

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

Leadership Induction Program

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, our newly elected 2020-2021 Student Leaders enthusiastically participated in their Leadership Induction Program here at the College.

The main emphasis of the program was to develop a sense of team, discuss the connection of spirituality to leadership and to plan strategic student action

for future College initiatives. During the program there were a number of interactive workshops on effective leadership, making a difference as a leader, linking leadership to mission at St Leo's, using character strengths to enhance leadership, as well as portfolio goal setting.

On Day 1, the concept of servant leadership and the link to spirituality was expertly presented to the leaders by Mr Andrew Dumas (Religion teacher) and covered our connection to the Patron Saints at the College, listening, collaboration, citizenship, humility, trust, cooperation, and encouragement. Mrs Kate Todd (Leader of Year 11) also addressed the leaders on Day 2 about future events/priorities (Relay for Life, House events, St Leo's Day - pending) and provided some excellent discussion workshops for these proposed activities.

The leaders were impressive, and positively engaged in the program on both days as well as having numerous opportunities to develop their leadership bonds through meaningful discussion. Special thanks to both Mr Dumas and Mrs Todd for their interactive presentations/input during the program - it was very much appreciated by the leaders.

Student Representative Council - 2020/2021

Interested students from Years 7-10 have now applied for SRC positions for 2020/2021. For the coming year, four (4) students from each Year Group will be elected following the application/voting process, and will be led each week by our new SRC Ambassadors, Clara Hogg and Riley Haydon. Timeline below:

Wed 21 Oct (Wk 2): Year 7-10 students briefed re. SRC application process (Mentor period)

Mon 26 Oct (Wk 3): SRC applications (printed & signed) due to Mr Johansen (Xavier Court) - 3:00pm

Wed 28 Oct (Wk 3): Year Group voting commences via Google Form

Fri 30 Oct (Wk 3): Year Group voting closes at 3:00pm

Tue 3 Nov (Wk 4): 2020/2021 SRC team announced

Thu 5 Nov (Wk 4): First 2020/2021 SRC meeting (Xavier Court).

Year 12 2020 - HSC examinations update

Thank you sincerely to Mr George Morad (Dean of Curriculum & Professional Development) who has worked closely with Mrs Sue White (NESA Presiding Officer) in ensuring the HSC examinations have run smoothly for Year 12 since last Tuesday.

The Year Group's attitude and approach to the exams thus far have been impressive. The examinations conclude on Wednesday 11 November. Keep it up Year 12!



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

A reminder that SchoolTV has a range of [special reports](#) that may be of interest to our College parents/caregivers in raising young teenagers.

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 Teaching and Learning

Mrs Josephine Cali

Students ONLINE

Students in Years 11 and 12 are recommended to log in to their [Students Online Account](#) to access and save an electronic copy of their HSC Minimum Standards Certificates. Schools Online Accounts will terminate shortly after each year group completes their HSC Examinations. Access to any records available from a Student's Online account is free for as long as the account is open. However, if students do not download these before their account is closed NESA will charge a fee for retrieval of any documents. Access further information about the [HSC Minimum Standards](#).

CodeCamp World - Registrations are open until 3 November 2020

[Code Camp World](#) takes place on Wednesdays as a co-curricular after school program from 3.15pm to 4.30pm. For Term 4, we are offering 3D Code Camp World. This course is FREE for students in exchange for their Creative Kids Voucher. All Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers will expire on 31 December so this is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to try out a new activity or to continue with our coding program. To be a part of the program, students can complete the online course at school or they can complete it at home.

To access your student's voucher, please [click here](#). Once you have your voucher, [register for Code Camp 3D here](#).



The poster features the CodeCamp logo at the top. The main text reads 'Learn to code at Code Camp after-school!' and 'Get creative and enjoy using logic and problem solving to build your own games!'. It highlights the 'CREATIVE KIDS REBATE' from the NSW Government, a 'Registered Provider' with the website www.codecamp.com.au/ckrebate, and a 'CLAIM \$100 OFF ENROLMENTS' banner. The image shows two girls, one holding a laptop displaying code, with a 3D globe and various game assets in the background. Logos for HP, Westpac, Chromebook, and Intel are listed at the bottom.

Wednesday afternoons
14 Oct - 2 Dec
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

St Leo's Catholic College

\$100 for 8 weeks
Computers Provided

3D Course -
St Leo's students only

my.codecamp.com.au/course/683

From the Pathways Coordinator

Mrs Mel Timmerman

Just a quick reminder for the Master Builders Association – Apprenticeship Talk for **TONIGHT, 28 October, at 7pm!** You can still register for this online talk [via this link](#).

The Master Builders Association will be talking about:

- Apprenticeships within the Construction Industry



- Master Builders Pre-Apprenticeship Program
- How to register your interest in starting your career in the building and construction industry.

What's coming up this week and next week:

- 1. Master Builders Zoom Session – Apprenticeships & Industry expectations 2021 – TONIGHT, 28 October (7pm)**
 - The Master Builders Association will be holding a virtual talk, via Zoom, on the 28 October at 7pm. The MBA will be talking about:
 - Apprenticeships within the Construction Industry
 - Master Builders Pre-Apprenticeship Program
 - How to register your interest in starting your career in the building and construction industry.
 - Their virtual talk is open to (Years 10-12) students, parents and other interested family members.
 - You can [register your interest here](#).
- 2. Tradiebot AR/ VR – 26 October to 14 December**
 - Five Year 7 and 8 students have been selected for a special, and exclusive, pilot program with Tradiebot. These students will have access to the special course materials of Tradiebot and learn all the ins and outs around AR and VR programming and modelling. This program will run for the remainder of the Term and will continue in 2021.
- 3. Crown Resorts Barangaroo – Career Talk & Workshop – 3 November**
 - A representative from Crown Resorts Barangaroo will visit St Leo's on the 3 November to talk with our now Year 12 Hospitality students about careers in the Hospitality industry, working with Crown Resorts Barangaroo, plus the students will receive instructions for a very special task that morning.
- 4. NSW Cyber Security Node – Career Talk & Free Course offerings – 3 November**
 - A Cyber Security Specialist will be tuning in via Zoom to talk to any interested student at St Leo's about the careers in the Cyber Security, available pathways via TAFENSW or university and how students can access their P-Platform to practice their Cyber Security skills whilst obtaining valuable micro credentials for on their resume. This talk will be on the 3rd of November, from 10am to 11am. [Students can still register to join!](#)

Future Jobs Report 2020

The World Economic Forum has released their Future of Jobs 2020 this month. This report is a lengthy read but will give you some great insights in the Future World of Work. Which jobs will decline, which ones will be in high demand, what skills do you need for these jobs etc. [You can access the report here.](#)

From the Aquinas Resource Centre

Ms Michaela Hashim

Media Literacy Week

This week (October 26-30) is Media Literacy Week. Media Literacy is about identifying different kinds of media and understanding the messages they are sending. It goes beyond the traditional media to include memes, viral videos, and even social media posts.

At the very heart of Media Literacy is the skill of understanding WHO created the message or article and WHY it



was created. Media Literacy develops critical thinking and enables consumers to recognise points of view and bias.

The Aquinas Resource Centre website contains many links to support our students with this. There is information on this in our '[Research Helper](#)' section, particularly when you navigate to '[Select](#)'. In addition, [ABC Education](#) has a comprehensive range of videos and information to support students in becoming discerning users of information.

From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

Representative Sport

After a long and disruptive sport calendar due to COVID it was fantastic last week to get see the Term 4 Broken Bay competition kick off for the girls' netball and boys' touch football teams playing home games at St Leo's.

On Monday the Year 7/8 and 9/10 Netball teams played against strong Mater Maria teams in The Light of Christ Centre with two narrow losses. This was followed up on Friday with the Year 7/8 and 9/10 Boys touch football teams again playing Mater Maria in extremely hot conditions and it was only a few late tries to Mater that led to two losses. Regardless of the results it was great to see not only representative sport kicking off but games being played at St Leo's with a very loud crowd of students watching both games.

The second round of each competition is being held over the next two weeks with the girl's netball travelling to Curl Curl to play against Stella Maris and the boys touch having another home game against St Paul's. We wish all teams luck and look forward to hearing of their results.



Internal Sport

Along with the representative sporting opportunities, the Internal Sport for Life program for all students in Year 7-10 has been running all year.

This Term Year 7 students are participating in a gymnastics program and rugby union program run by external providers. The gymnastics program began in Week 1 with all boys undertaking floor routines, and fitness-based activities. More information to follow about the various opportunities for the other year groups as we progress throughout the Term.



Sport Information

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of sporting opportunities advertised for all students in a number of different sports. For students to find this information it has been posted in the daily notices and also on their Year group Google Classroom pages along with the 'St Leo's Sport' Google Classroom page. The code for this page is **eu6synt**. These opportunities include:

- Swimming Carnival
- Aerobics
- Tennis

- Futsal
- Rugby League.

Sport Training Timetable

Monday

- **Sprint, Running and Fitness** Training 7:00am College Oval

Tuesday

- **Aerobics** Training Week A (7:30am-9:00am), Week B (7:00am-8:00am)

Wednesday

- **Sprint, Running, and Fitness** Training 7:00am College Oval

Thursday

- **Netball** Training 7:00am-8:00am in the LOCC
- **Cross Country** Training 7:00am-8:00am on the College Oval
- **Rugby League** Training (Boys and Girls) 3:10-4:10 on the College Oval

Friday

- **Sprint, Running, and Fitness** Training 7:00am College Oval
- **Aerobics** Training 7:00am-8:00am in the Mary Mackillop Centre.
