



Please find below the **Week 4, Term 4, 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

## From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

### Appointment of our new College Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation (REC)

Last Thursday, the Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB), Danny Casey, announced the appointment of **Mr Michael Neylan** (pictured right) as our permanent Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation from the start of 2021.

A warm welcome to Michael!

Michael holds a Master of Arts - Theological Studies (University of Notre Dame), a Bachelor of Teaching and a Bachelor of Arts (Humanities) - Australian Catholic University.

Michael is currently in the Religious Education and Evangelisation Team at the Sydney Catholic Schools Office, Leichhardt. He is Acting Director of Faith and Mission at Marcellin College, Randwick. Previously he held leadership positions at both Marist College Eastwood, and Casimir Catholic College, Marrickville.

Michael was the *World Youth Day Panama Pilgrimage Coordinator* (2017-2019) for Sydney Catholic Schools for over 230 students and staff who travelled to WYD Panama in 2019. [Linked is an article which was written about Michael's role in this pilgrimage.](#)

Michael has a great deal of experience in and around social justice initiatives, particularly around youth, and is an active member of his parish. He is also a member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Youth National World Day Committee.

On behalf of the College community, I congratulate Michael on his appointment and look forward to meeting him again later this Term.

### Have Your Say: Growing Up Digital Australia

Do you wonder how digital media and technologies might affect your child's wellbeing, health and learning?

If your answer is 'Yes', you can share your views with the Gonski Institute of Education at UNSW. They're working on a ground-breaking research project called *Growing Up Digital Australia*, which is aimed at children aged five to 17 – and they're inviting parents to have their say. [Click here to have your say.](#)

**Tony Gleeson**  
Principal

#### Reminder:

The 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey is now open.

Please **COMPLETE IT NOW!**

Closes Wednesday, 11 November



## From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

### Parent Teacher Interviews - Years 9 and 10

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

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

Students are requested to wear their uniform for the interviews. We look forward to sharing and celebrating their learning journey thus far.

### TTFM Survey

The College is participating in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) 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](#).

Please complete the survey by Wednesday 11 November 2020.

*Blessings and stay safe.*

### Important Information for Parents of the Graduating Class of 2020

The Graduation Ceremony is quickly approaching on Friday, 13 November. The Ceremony commences at 10am in The Light of Christ Centre. A reminder that parents and guests will be required to be temperature tested and sign in via the Covid-19 Register which will be set up on The Light of Christ verandah as per NSW Government Procedures.

#### Graduation Practice – Thursday, 12 November

**All graduands** (Year 12 2020) are required to attend a compulsory rehearsal for Graduation on Thursday, 12 November at 10am in The Light of Christ Centre. This rehearsal will conclude at midday. Students are to attend in school uniform. In preparation for the Graduation Ceremony, **all male students need to be clean shaven**. The normal College uniform and grooming code applies to this most significant occasion.

The following day (Friday, 13 November) students need to attend the College by 8.00am and gather at The Light of Christ Centre. During this time, students will receive their graduation gowns, seating allocations and will be taken through the final reminders before the ceremony commences.

We look forward to celebrating and marking the culmination of their secondary learning journey.

# 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.*

## Apply for Youth Ministries International 2021

Get started, inviting suitable Year 12s 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.

## From the Youth Ministry Coordinator

Deacon Adrian Gomez

## Refugee Food Drive

We have dropped off our first load of supplies to Jesuit Refugee Services. They were very grateful for our support. 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 (with poster).

Thank you for your support.



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

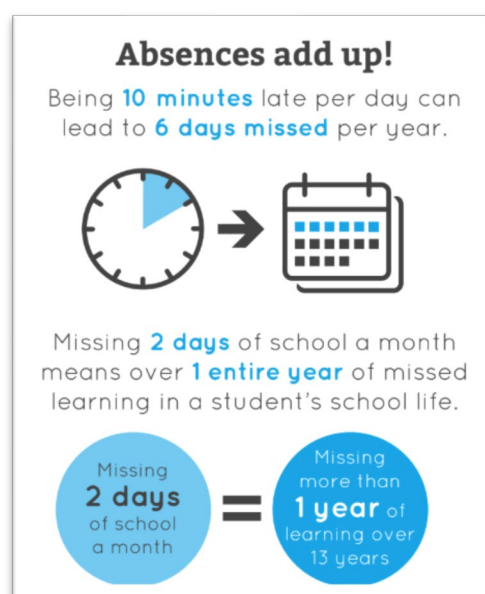
During these unprecedented times people seeking asylum in the community need your help now more than ever. With no support from the federal government and no safety net, many have said that JRS has been their only hope. We are currently helping to feed over 800 people a week and the demand keeps growing. 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 drop off at the Youth Ministry Room or at College Reception.

## From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen



**Absences add up!**

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.

Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

Missing **2 days** of school a month = Missing more than **1 year** of learning over 13 years

## Attendance

Please watch the short video [Learning Every Day Counts](#). This Diocesan initiative is extremely important for all parents/caregivers to note as it relates to classroom attendance. Any noticeable patterns of non-attendance will be raised by the College so that we can support your daughter/son's journey at St Leo's.

## Student Services & Compass

All students are expected to sign in at Student Services (Compass kiosk) if they arrive late to School and also sign-out if they have an early departure via the kiosk and their Compass ID card. Parents/caregivers are also requested to enter any relevant attendance information (late arrival, sickness, early departure etc) using the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the



Compass Parent Portal so that the College's database is up-to-date with student movements.

## Student Representative Council 2020/2021 – update

Year Group voting has now closed, and results/applications are currently being viewed and discussed with Year Leaders. For the coming year, four students from each Year Group will be elected and successful students will be notified this week. Remaining timeline below:

**Wednesday, 4 November** (Week 4): 2020/2021 SRC team announced

**Thursday, 5 November** (Week 4): First 2020/2021 SRC meeting (Xavier Court) - fortnightly meetings

**Monday, 9 November** (Week 5): Leadership badges presented to the new SRC team at whole College Assembly.

## SchoolTV – free online wellbeing resources

A reminder that SchoolTV has a range of [special reports](#) that may be of interest to you.

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

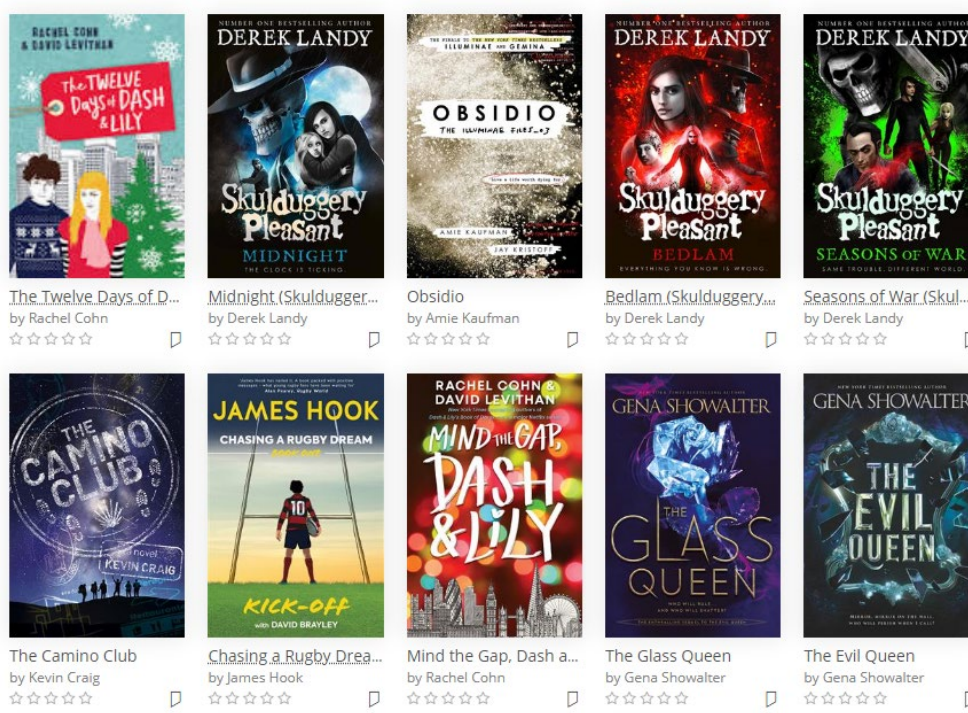
## From the Aquinas Resource Centre

Ms Michaela Hashim

### eBooks and Audiobooks – Free Access

St Leo's has a subscription to eBooks and audiobooks. It is accessed via the [Aquinas Resource Centre website](#). We have many new November releases available (see below).

For students to access our eBook and audiobook collection, they will need to sign in using their CNet details. If there are any problems, students should contact **Ms Hashim** in the ARC.



### Wednesday Chess Competition

The Aquinas Resource Centre is running a Chess Competition each Wednesday. This will commence this week (Week 4). Interested students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible via this [link](#). Students are welcome to come along for social Chess on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. This is a chance to learn the game to improve their skills.

## From the Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Ms Kelly Li

### Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey

Dates: Thursday, 12 November, 3-5pm – compulsory after school briefing

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 November - Adventurous Journey

A reminder for students who would like to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey for the Bronze Award, please ensure that they have signed up on the Duke of Ed website and paid for registration through the QKR app for the Bronze Award first, if the student is new to the Award.



For the journey, the students must sign up and pay through the **Collaroy Centre Link** and hand in **permission notes to Mrs Li**.


## From the CAPA Co-Curricular Coordinator

Mr Vince Tavernese

### Music Tuition Program

Here at St Leo's Catholic College we offer onsite Private Music Lessons for students of all year groups and ability. We offer a vast range of different instrument/vocal lessons including; Female/Male Vocals, Guitar (classical/electric), Bass Guitar, Violin, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Saxophone and Drum Kit/Percussion.

If you would like more information please refer to the Expression of Interest form [Click Here](#) or feel free to email me. Term 4 is the perfect time to start your child's musical journey here at St Leo's Catholic College.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Ensemble Schedule TERM 4</h2>					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before School	Before School	Before School	Before School	Before School	
	7:30am Max 12 - MML03	7:15am Stage Band - MML04	7:30am JNR Dance - MML01		
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	
	Drum line MML04	Guitar Ensemble (11am - MML04) Rock Band - MML04 Accordion Group - MML03	JNR Art Club MML02	Girls Rock Band MML04	
After School	After School	After School	After School	After School	
		Year 7 Theatre Sports	String Ensemble MML04		

## From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

### 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.

## Second-hand Uniforms and Textbooks

A reminder that our new Intake 2021 students have begun looking for uniforms, so if you have any that you have outgrown, why not post them on [sustainableschoolshop.com.au](https://sustainableschoolshop.com.au).

Sustainable Schools is an online trading platform to buy and sell both old and new style second-hand uniforms and well as textbooks now available for our parents/carers.



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