



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 6 Term 1 2021**.

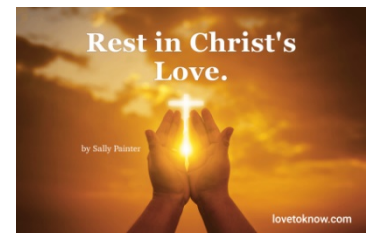
From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

Please Keep in your Prayers

We keep in our prayers Ms Kate Todd's elderly mother (*Ms Clarice Blenkinsop*) who passed away late last week. Losing a parent is never easy, regardless of the age of that person. Please keep Ms Todd and her family in your prayers and thoughts.



Parents in Partnership Meeting
via Zoom TONIGHT 7pm
[CLICK HERE](#)

Welcome Two New Staff Members

Mr Michael Power - Science

A very experienced and highly regarded teacher, Michael has a Diploma of Teaching and a Bachelor of Education, majoring in Chemistry and Mathematics. He has a wealth of experience across seven NSW Catholic schools. He has held many Middle Leader positions, both subject and pastorally based, including Senior School Coordinator (most recent), Leader of Year and Leader of Science.

Ms Mikala Spark - English / Religious Education

Mikala has a Bachelor of Arts Communication (Public Relations and Organisational Communication) and a Master of Teaching in Secondary Education in English and is looking forward to bringing her past experience (consumer technology and digital media) from the corporate world (*Foxtel - Platform Publicity Manager*) to our students in her delivery of the curriculum.

Invitation to ALL Parents/Carers - TONIGHT! (Tuesday, 2 March at 7pm)

Apologies to those who missed the note in last week's Lion Roars about this meeting being postponed to tonight. We will ensure any future changes are communicated more clearly.

TONIGHT, you are invited to participate in a discussion around the formation of a **formal parent/caregiver body for the College**. This is our first **Parents In Partnership** Evening for 2021.

Discussion will take place around:

- The purpose, role and function of this body of parents/caregivers
- The consideration of other existing models of Parent/Caregiver Groups
- A suggested timeline



If you are able to attend, I can promise **you will not** leave holding a badge of President, Vice President, Secretary etc. This meeting will be for **consideration of a suitable model** that will meet the needs of our parents/carers.

Any decisions made next Tuesday evening will be forwarded to ALL parents/carers of the College to ensure wide consultation and inclusivity.

I would hope to have the structure finalised for the start of Term 2 (mid-April). From there roles of this group can be formalised through an agreed process.

Intake 2021 Camp

This Wednesday to Friday, our Intake 2021 students have their 3-day camp at Morisset. I would like to thank the following staff who have given up their time away from classes and families to ensure our newest students develop new relationships, face challenges, and enjoy themselves!

Ms Caiger, Ms Hussain, Mr Ritchie, Mr Scalone, Ms Schneider, Ms Spencer and Mr Wilson



Special mention to **Ms Scott** and **Ms Nebu** who are leading this camp of nearly 200 people!

CSDA Public Speaking

We look forward to the launch of the CSDA Public Speaking Competition this Friday with our three divisions Year 7 (Intake 2021) and 8; Years 9 and 10; starting the season. We wish them every success!

We are keen to enter more competitions this year, so if your young person is interested in public speaking, please ask them to see **Ms Hayley Spencer**.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Parish Partnership Program

The College has commenced a Parish Partnership Program where we will be inviting our local clergy to join us for morning tea, followed by a College tour to forge stronger relationships with our local worship communities.

Fr Simon Seong Kyeong Park (Chaplain to the Catholic Korean Community in the Diocese of Broken Bay) joined us as a guest of honour today from morning tea to Period 3. Heeseo K, Yewon L and Dina K acted as Father Simon's student guides and translated when needed.



Mrs Lee and the students made mouth watering Korean delicacies for an intersharing of culture. Following the morning tea, Father Simon commenced a College tour that concluded in the Hospitality kitchens where Mrs Bourke and her students cooked a selection of Korean dishes.



This forms part of a broader approach in building close community partnerships as an important step in continuing our increasing enrolment strength.



Yewon and I will present at Our Lady Queen of Peace on March 13 about a St Leo's Learning Journey.

I will be practising my Korean under the tutelage of Yewon!



Parent Facebook Groups

As mentioned in the recent Parent Information Sessions, last year, we introduced Parent Facebook Groups for each Year Group after feedback from our parent community. These groups are closed hubs where parents/carers can find out and share information and respectfully hold discussions. They are set up as private groups by invitation only. Parents can invite other parents in the same Year Group to join, or you can request to join by completing the Google Form via the link below.

The groups are also intended to act as 'contact lists' where parents can arrange events, contact and support each other. Members agree to basic rules when signing up: courtesy, respect, privacy (particularly not posting names and photos of other children) - and to adhere to College policies.

Please note, most of all, they are NOT a forum for complaints. Any issues or concerns should always be addressed directly with the College where we can work together to resolve them. Promotions or spam are also not allowed. Admin reserves the right to remove any posts deemed inappropriate or remove members who post inappropriate content.

If you would like to join, please complete the [Google Form here](#) and you will be sent an invitation via email.

Important Dates for Term 1 2021

Term 1 Date	Event
TONIGHT: Tuesday, 2 March 7pm	College Principal Update Evening Zoom - https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/96291385401
Wednesday 3 – Friday, 5 March	Intake 2021 Camp
Tuesday, 16 March 4pm	College Open Day/Evening (Student early departure at 2.00pm)
Thursday, 1 April 10am	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross

From the Director of Teaching & Learning

Mrs Josephine Cali

Australian STEM Video Competition

Students interested in creating online video games are welcome to come to BH105 on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15-4.15 pm from Wednesday, 3 March to work on creating a game to enter in the 2021 Australian Video Games Competition. For more details, visit [STEM Games](#). This competition is free for students to enter.

Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) iPad/MacBook Program

St Leo's supports a Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) Program. Technology-enabled teaching allows for more active engagement in learning. Activities and styles of engagement previously impossible or difficult to achieve are now readily attainable.

It is a requirement that all students from Intake 2021 to Year 12 have their own Apple MacBook or iPad that meets the minimum specifications and required Apps. The device is a learning tool, and as such, it is to be used for learning purposes.

Families are encouraged to review the Apps on student learning devices and are asked to remove those that are unnecessary for learning. This will also optimise the function of the device if the storage is near to capacity.



Reminder: NAPLAN Online 2021 – Intake 2021 and Year 9

NAPLAN 2020 Online testing at St Leo's will take place between [Tuesday, 11 May 2021 and Friday, 14 May 2021](#).

Students with additional needs may access special provisions for the NAPLAN Tests. Parents/caregivers of students who require any form of special provision for NAPLAN Tests are asked to contact [Mrs Tamara Bowman](#) (Leader of Learning Support) before March 15 to arrange the provisions.

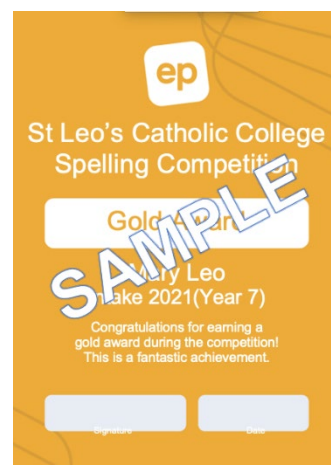
Further information about NAPLAN is available in:

- last week's Parental Lion Roars
- the [NAP Site](#), and
- [Catholic Schools NSW](#).

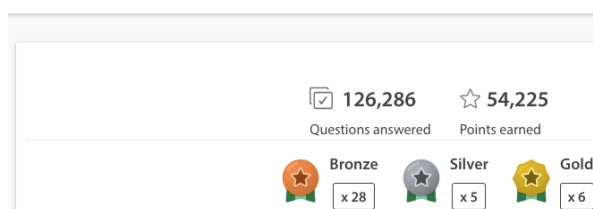
If you have any further questions about NAPLAN 2021, please contact [Josephine Cali](#).

Reminder: Education Perfect (EP) Spelling Competitions – Intake 2021 - Year 9

Students in Intake 2021, Year 8 and 9 have been learning and competing in Spelling Competitions via the [EP Platform](#). The first Spelling Test Competition will close on 6 March. Many students have already achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates and there are still 4 days remaining for this competition. Gold, Silver and Bronze EP Certificates will be issued to each student who achieves 500, 1000 or 1500 points in each competition.



St Leo's Year 7 Spelling Competition



So far, Intake 2021 is in the lead with 39 students achieving awards but more importantly, each student taking part in the competition is improving their literacy skills.

The Spelling Competitions use spelling lists that incorporate words used in NAPLAN Tests. In this way, students can use these competitions as a way to prepare for NAPLAN.

Students are also encouraged to enter their achievements in their Learning Portfolio via the St Leo's Learning Den.

Reminder: Creative and Active Kids Vouchers – Intake 2021 - Year 12

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program. The program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.



Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.



Reminder: Code Camp World – Intake 2021 - Year 11

[Code Camp World](#) takes place on Wednesdays as a co-curricular after school program from 3.15pm to 4.15pm commencing on Wednesday, 3 March, for students in Intake 2021 to Year 11. This course will continue into Term 2 and runs for 10 school weeks. The cost of the course is \$100 per term or FREE for students in exchange for their Creative Kids Voucher. Students can complete the online course at school or they can complete it at home.

First [access your student's Creative Kids voucher](#). Once you have the voucher, you can [register for Code Camp 3D](#).

From the Leader of Community Partnerships and Pathways

Ms Mel Timmerman

Reminder: SkillsRoad Career Advice Sessions

A reminder to students in Years 10-12 that they can book a session with a Careers Expert from SkillsRoad. Ask questions about your future study and career options and receive support with making your big decisions post school. I strongly encourage Year 12 students with questions about early university entry, vocational education pathways, industry insights, future careers (jobs that do not exist as yet but will be in the near future) etc. to book an appointment.



Any Year 10, 11 or 12 student can book a 15 minute [one-on-one consultation here](#). Please note that you can only register with a school email address!

Upcoming Pathways Activities this Term

1. Diversity in Surveying Conference – March 8

Six Year 12 students will take part in the Diversity in Surveying Conference, hosted by the NSW Surveying Association at Doltone House (Darling Harbour) on Monday, March 8. The morning will be filled with hands-on activities for students and the opportunity to network with major Construction and Surveying companies over lunch.

2. Song & Dance Production Workshop (JMC Academy) – March 18

JMC Academy will be visiting St Leo's again this year after a very successful and creative Music Workshop last year. Our Music and Dance students will work together to produce a new song and accompanying dance during this hands-on workshop, while also learning more about different study and career options in the creative industries.



3. Hands-On Career in Sports Workshop – March 31

David Gowen and Luke Williamson, both NRL players, will be visiting St Leo's on March 31 to talk about Careers and Pathways in Sport and the importance of having a back-up plan for sporting careers. Most of the workshop will take place outside on the oval in an interactive and hands-on way. Students can still [register for this workshop](#). *Only school email addresses will be accepted for registering.*

4. Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Industry Experience Day - several dates

AIE's Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.



The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

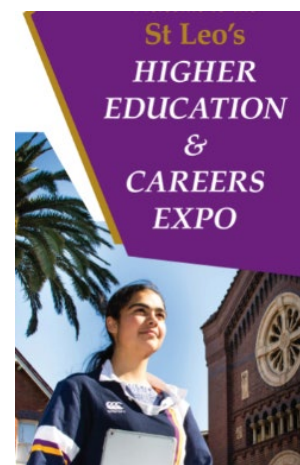
More information regarding these sessions and registration can be found [here](#).

5. Interior Design Workshop by Whitehouse Institute of Design - Term 1

The Whitehouse Institute of Design will be visiting St Leo's later this Term to guide our students through the world of Interior Design. What's involved in Interior Design? What skills do you need for this industry? What are the career opportunities? This is a very hands-on and creative workshop. Students will learn more about the impact of natural light, matching colours, contrasts and trends in the current industry, while creating their own interior design proposal.

6. St Leo's Study & Careers Expo - Tuesday, May 25

Save the date! We are very excited to host our annual Careers Expo on Tuesday, May 25. A broad range of Tertiary education providers, Apprenticeship & Traineeship providers and employers/ industry bodies will be part of our Expo 21. Open to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents/carers.



From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

BBSSSA U/15 and Open Girls Touch Football

On Tuesday, February 23, both the U/15 and Opens Girls Touch Football teams competed at the Broken Bay Championships at Nolan's Reserve. The girls played extremely well throughout the day but faced tough opposition, with both teams defeated in the quarter finals. The level of play from our girls was great to watch with combinations building - especially in the younger side - showing that the College has a bright future ahead.

On the day **Monique D, Rachel G** (Open Girls), and **Mikaela B** (U/15 Girls) were selected in the 'Possible vs Probables' match, with Monique gaining selection in the Broken Bay team to contest the NSWCCC championships later in the term.

Representative Sporting Training/Trials

Throughout the rest of this Term, a number of sporting trials and training sessions will continue to take place at the College. All will be posted on the '2021 St Leo's Sport' Google Classroom page (**Code: ziq743p**), along with in the Daily Notices. If parents have any queries regarding these trials please don't hesitate to [contact me](#).

Athletics Carnival Entry Forms

Last week all students were given Entry Forms for the 2021 Athletics Carnival which will be held in Term 2. These entry forms are due back to me by the end of Term. If students have misplaced theirs, they should see me for another form.

Tell us your Sporting Successes

The College is involved in a wide range of sporting events - but our students are of course also involved in many sporting activities outside of school. As a College, we want to recognise the achievements of our students, so if your daughter or son has a significant sporting success in the wider community, please let us know via email: michael.kember@ddb.catholic.edu.au
