



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 10 Term 2, 2021**

## From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### Taking Opportunities

At our College Assembly last week I spoke of the many opportunities that are available for our students. I started off with a definition of 'opportunity': *"...a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something..."*

The reason we take these opportunities is so we can become the best people that we can be and to make our world a better place for all. This was reflected in Jesus' life when he was here on earth 2000 years ago.

First of all are the five opportunities that lay ahead of students that day - the five formal learning periods - and making the most from these lessons which occur every day of the week.

At the assembly, we were able to witness others who have taken up of these opportunities:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (five Bronze recipients progressing onto the Silver Award course – *pictured above right*)
- Invitation from our St Vinnies students to join the St Leo's Winter Sleepout early next Term
- Track & Field Age Champions from our recent Athletics Carnival (*right*)







- Year 8 Japanese language students who were presented with Certificates for the Diocesan Japanese Enrichment Program (*above left*)
- **Mia R** (Intake 2021) who spoke of her goal to make the 2028 Olympics (she is currently NSW U12 50m Breaststroke Champion) – *above right*
- the Senior Debating team who were competing on Thursday night in the Elimination round (*see story p.3*)
- the College Musical in the same venue just last week (*see story p.7*)
- the upcoming State Aerobics competition (*see story p.4*)
- the House Cup competition at lunchtime that day in this same venue (The Light of Christ Centre).



- We enjoyed performances by Bianca I and Jade W of their HSC Dance Core Performance works (*above*)
- Jacob S of Year 12 (*above right*) showed his great guitar skills with his piece for his upcoming HSC Music performance.

There was certainly something for everyone and it showed the breadth of talent and opportunities for everyone here at St Leo's.

**What opportunities will you take today?**

(so you can be the best that you can be  
- so to make this world a better place)



## Semester One Reports

The Intake 2021 - Year 10 Semester 1 Reports will be available tomorrow (Wednesday) for you to view and download through the Parent Portal on Compass.

The report gives an overview of your young person's performance in Semester 1 for each subject including:

- Course outline
- A-E grades for the focus subject outcomes
- a personal comment from the class teacher with recommendations and commendations outlining suggested targets and areas of strength for your young person
- Learner Profile grades
- an Effort grade, plus
- the cohort distribution of grades based on their assessment task(s) for each subject completed up to this point.

I will be evaluating our Semester Reports early next Term with all members of our community as learning, teaching, assessment and reporting (feedback) is vital to our work here at St Leo's.

*Assessment comes from the Latin word 'assedere', to sit beside, and reflects the notion of assessment being more than just testing and measuring but an on-going process of teachers giving feedback and planning subsequent learning programs.*

## Catholic Secondary Schools Debating Association (CSDA) - End of Season

Last week saw our Senior Debating team enter the Elimination Round. Unfortunately we took second place to Cerdon College, Merrylands.

This season of five debates as well as the Elimination Round saw over 35 of our students participate in a most demanding (with time, knowledge, skill and courage) competition with many schools around the Sydney Metropolitan area. Last year saw St Leo's win the Open Senior Debating Competition, and this year that trophy was just out of our reach.



Congratulations and well done to the students who have gained and developed from this competition:

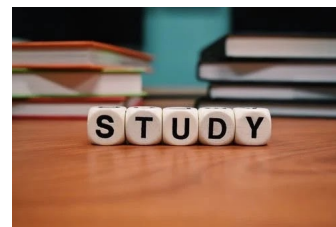
- improved critical thinking skills
- better poise, speech delivery, and public speaking skills
- increased retention of information learned
- improved listening and note-taking skills
- increased self-confidence, and
- enhanced teamwork and collaboration skills.

Our sincere thanks to **Ms Laraine Boguradzki, Ms Colleen Kofron and Mr Luke Antoun** for all their time, effort and belief in our young people, and providing another opportunity for our students.



## Year 12 Upcoming 'Stuvac'

Please keep our Year 12s in your thoughts and prayers at this busy and crucial time of the year as they continue preparation for their upcoming final examinations.



Earlier this week, all Year 12 students and their parents/carers should have received the Year 12 Stuvac (Student Vacation) workshop schedule for many subjects. Thank you to our staff who continue to offer extra tutorials through this upcoming holiday period. In fact, there is only one day without Workshops/Major Works classes. This is testament to the staff here at the College who give up their holiday time to come back into the College and assist our Year 12 students with further preparation for their upcoming Trial HSC Exams in four weeks' time.

Please do all you can to ensure your young person maintains good exercise habits, relaxation time, reduced screen time, good sleep patterns and a healthy diet during this time. Please do not allow your young person to change their normal sleep patterns drastically and sleep in. **A consistent approach to their day over the next few months is what is required.**

[Here is the link to the Stuvac Schedule of Workshops/Classes.](#)

## Mathematics

Over the past few weeks many of our *Intake 2021 Mathematicians* have been involved in measurement, angles and the conversions of measurements. This has involved practical applications using tape measures, trundle wheels, protractors and even the everyday ruler.

Right are some photos of these students at work!



## Aerobics

Last Friday we were contacted to say the State Aerobics Championships scheduled to be held last Sunday at The Concourse, Chatswood would now be via video given the recent Covid-19 cases in Sydney. This was a bit of a disappointment for some of our students, but by yesterday afternoon, (Monday) they were all ready to perform in front of the camera in the State titles.



Well done to all our teams and individual entries. The College has a very proud tradition of Aerobics with many State titles and National medals. From this 'online' State competition, teams/individuals will be selected to (hopefully) travel and compete in the Nationals on the Gold Coast in August this year.

We hope to hear some very favourable results very soon!

## Enjoy the break - back Tuesday 13th July (Week A, Day 2)

Thank you to all parents/carers, students and staff who have assisted to make Term 2 a very successful one. Most students have worked hard to achieve their goals this Term. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable break, and look forward to students returning for Term 3 on Tuesday, 13 July.

# From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

## Unwin Road Crossing - Road Safety

For students who use the Unwin Road exit (College Gate D), please discuss with your daughter or son the importance of using the pedestrian crossing on Unwin Rd. Students who exit the College gates on Unwin Road **must use the crossing** rather than walking directly across the street at the gates. This is a very busy traffic area, particularly during the afternoon when both St Leo's and Barker have concluded for the day.

## CAPA Studio Concerts this Week

Parents are warmly invited to attend the CAPA Studio Concerts being held this week.

The Intake 2021 - Year 8 studio concert will be held this evening (Tuesday) in the Father Tenison Woods Gallery from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The Year 9 - Year 12 studio concert this week will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening in the Flora MacKillop Theatre from 6.30 - 8.30pm.

\*\*\* **Parents and guests will be required to wear face masks as per the new Covid restrictions.**

## End of Semester One Administrative Items

- **Lockers:** Please remind your daughter or son to empty their lockers by Thursday morning to ensure that the necessary cleaning can take place over the winter break.
- **Learning Den uploads during the holidays:** As shared in the previous edition of the Parental Lion Roars, the St Leo's Learning Den is the digital platform and portfolio for students to upload evidence for each of the Growth Domains. This forms a vital window into their learning journey. Students are encouraged over the holidays to upload evidence from Semester One. Points will be automatically allocated to their house.
- **Term finish and start dates:** A reminder that the final day of Term 2 for the students is Thursday, 24 June. The first day back for students in Term 3 will be Tuesday, 13 July. Students return to the College in Term 3 in full winter uniform.

## Today's Mufti Day and Cake Stall for the Vinnies Winter Appeal

Congratulations to our Senior Student Leadership Team today who raised **over \$1350** for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.



Students across the College were invited to wear mufti for a gold coin donation which was added to funds raised by the Year 12 cake stall. Entertainment was provided by student bands and musicians.



A superb testament to students empowered by the Gospel call to Agape love - sacrificial love.

## REMINDER: Future Skills Forum - Postponed

As emailed to all parents yesterday, a reminder that the Future Skills Forum that was scheduled for tomorrow evening has been rescheduled due to Covid. As soon as this Diocesan event is rescheduled, the date will be communicated to the community.

## HSC Holiday Workshops and HSC Trial Timetable

Please find the HSC Stuvac Holiday Workshop timetable for the winter break which all Year 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend, [HSC Holiday Workshops](#), and the [HSC Trial Timetable 2021](#).

## End of Term 2 and Key Term 3 Dates

Term/Week	Date	Event
T2 W10	Tues 22 June	Intake 2021 and Year 8 Studio Concert Evening 6.30-8.30pm <b>* Note: masks will now be required</b>
	Wed 23 June	Intake 2021 & Years 8-10 Reports available on Compass
	Wed 23 June	Years 9-12 Studio Concert Evening, 6.30-8.30pm <b>* Note: masks will now be required</b>
	Thurs 24 June	Last Day of Term for Students
	Fri 25 June	Staff Professional Development Day (no students)
Holidays	Mon 28 June – Fri 9 July	Year 12 Stuvac Holiday Workshops
T3 W1	Mon 12 July	Staff Professional Development Day (no students)
	Mon 12 – Wed 14 July	Jamberoo Abbey Retreat Year 11
	Tues 13 July	Students return for Term 3 – full Winter Uniform
	Fri 16 July	Sport and Co-Curricular Photos
T3 W3	Mon 26 July – Mon 9 Aug	CSSA HSC Trials
	Wed 28 July	Year 10 Vaccinations
	Thurs 29 July, evening	Bronze Duke of Ed Parent Info Mtg (via Zoom)
	Fri 30 July	Vinnies Winter Sleepout
T3 W5	Tue 10 Aug, evening	IT Traineeship Parent Info Night
	Wed 11 Aug, evening	Parents in Partnership – Principal's Update Mtg (via Zoom)
	Fri 13 Aug	Feast of the Assumption Mass
T3 W7	Wed 25 Aug, evening	HSC Showcase
T3 W8	Mon 30 Aug – Fri 10 Sept	Year 11 Assessment Block
	Fri 3 Sept, 7.30am	Father's Day Liturgy
T3 W9	Wed 8 – Fri 10 Sept	Duke of Ed Adventurous Qualifier Journey
T3 W10	Mon 13 – Fri 17 Sept	Year 11 VET Construction Work Placement
	Mon 13 Sept	Year 12 Reflection Day
	Tues 14 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Practice
	Wed 15 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Mass (whole school) Year 12 Graduation Ceremony Intake 2021 – Year 10 Interim Reports Released
	Friday 17 Sept	Last Day of Term 3



## From the Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Ms Kelly Li

Students are now well and truly underway with their activities for their Awards and it is wonderful to see their perseverance. Recently it was too wet and cold for the Bush Regeneration students to work outside, so they spent the afternoon cleaning the silver/bronze items from the Chapel. Rev Gomez and Mr Kershler appreciated the work the boys had done.

A note was emailed to parents of students who are to embark on the Adventurous Journey for the Bronze Award next Term. A reminder to students yet to hand in the permission note to please complete and return it to Mrs Li before the end of Term.

Parents, please check in with your young person and find out where they are up to with their Award. Ask them about how many hours they have logged as some are very close to completing the Bronze Award.



## From the CAPA Team

Mrs Fiona Milkins

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for the CAPA department. We all felt a sense of loss on Tuesday as the realisation of there being no more *Camp Rock* left us with an emptiness but also a lot of free time. The production team of **Mr Gleeson, Mrs Murphy, Miss Skea, Mr Tavernese, Mrs Gower** and myself would like to thank every student, parent and audience member for your support. What a fantastic production and we feel so blessed to work at St Leo's with these amazing students.

### Student Review: *Camp Rock the Musical*

By Clara H, Year 12

"Being in the musical has been a truly fulfilling experience. Through this opportunity we are all able to explore and express our creative passion with our friends and peers across year groups. The memories we have all made will stay with us past our schooling years."



The teachers really pushed us to achieve our full potential and we have all grown in confidence and as performers, learning skills for life. The ability to get up in front of a large group of people and perform is quite scary for many of us students; however with the right support network of supportive teachers and friends we can overcome our fears and grow into the confident young performers we dream to be."

## Student Review: *SandSong* by Bangarra Dance Theatre

By Amelia E, Year 12

"On Thursday night, the Dance Elective students were lucky enough to go to the Sydney Opera House to see *SandSong* by Bangarra Dance Theatre. The performance was incredible; a fusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance and contemporary to communicate the story of the hardships that the Indigenous people have faced such as being removed from their land, forced into hard labour and facing strict government policies.



Not only was the dancing mesmerising to watch, but the detailed costumes and cultural music enhanced the performance and made the show engaging. I loved the opening with the dancers drawing in the group with sticks as props. I also enjoyed watching the 'Auction' section where they used powerful and staccato movements to demonstrate an aspect of colonisation that impacted their community and culture. However, my favourite phrases were the partner work sequences combined with tricks creating interesting shapes, including the creation of a human staircase at one point! You could see the respect they have for their culture and how they have been able to share this knowledge and make the audience aware of past events through dance.

It was fascinating to watch such detailed storytelling through a unique style of movement, and is very different to what we typically perform and practise ourselves. Overall, it was a great experience and I really enjoyed watching Bangarra Dance Theatre perform!"



## Studio Concerts this Week

We wish all students performing in the Studio Concerts this week the best of luck as they show their parents and friends the wonderful things they have learnt in the instrumental lessons offered at the College. Thank you to **Mr Vince Tavernese** for organising tuition at the College and to the tutors supporting our students.

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## Private Music Lessons

If your child is interested in having private instrumental/vocal lessons at the College, please contact [vince.tavernese@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vince.tavernese@dbb.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

Thank you again for your support this term and we look forward to the many events CAPA will be hosting in Term 3.

## From the Leader of Careers

Ms Megan Tynan

Click [HERE](#) for more information on any of the following:

- Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expos
- University Rankings in Australia 2021
- UAC Tips for Year 10 Subject Selection.

## From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

### Peninsula Cup Update – Netball and Football (Soccer)

The last few weeks have seen the concluding stages of the Peninsula Cup competitions for our Intermediate and Senior Girls Netball, and the U/16 and U/18 Boys Soccer teams.

The Intermediate and Senior girls netball had a play-off against each other to qualify for the semi-finals of the competition, with the Seniors coming from six goals down to win by six in a high-quality match in the Light of Christ Centre.

In the semi-finals they faced minor premiers, Covenant Christian, and were ahead leading into the final quarter before going down by three goals, finishing the competition in fourth position. The Inters played in the plate final and, after a strong start, ran away with a 21-point win against Stella Maris.

In the Boys Soccer competitions, the U/16 boys were crowned **undefeated Minor Premiers** and convincingly won their semi-final (2-0) against Pittwater House. This meant a tough grand-final against Moriah College, and unfortunately after a few close chances fell behind to a good team goal, with the final score being 2-0.

The U/18 Boys had to endure two must-win games against St Paul's with two wins and this led to the team being crowned Minor Premiers, automatically qualifying for the grand final. The final is scheduled for this coming Wednesday on the Northern Beaches.

### Katrina Fanning Cup Rugby League

By Mr Vince Tavernese

On Tuesday, 15 June, the U/14 and U/16 St Leo's Girls Rugby League Teams participated in the Northern Sydney Katrina Fanning Cup State Qualifiers. For most of the players it was their first taste of Rugby League after training since the start of 2021.

The U/14s started the day with two very convincing victories over Davidson High and Pittwater. But as they progressed, they encountered tougher opponents in Marta Maria and Narrabeen Sports High. Both games went down to the wire with only one try in each. They ended the day in third position, which is a huge achievement as for many this was their first jump from League Tag to Rugby League.

The U/16s kicked the day off with a very close loss to Davidson High School, the final score was 18-14. Their second match saw them focus on their defence, muscling up and grabbing a victory over Marta Maria 10-4 in a very strong display. In their third and final match, they came up against a few of their Asquith Magpies

teammates at Killara High School. The match was played in great spirit with Killara proving too strong with a convincing victory.

The U/16s final game against Killara displayed the sportsmanship and positive nature the whole day promoted, even posing together for a photo after the game. Congratulations to all the girls involved. We continue training towards our next competitions in Terms 3 and 4.



### BBSSA U/13 Boys and Girls Football (Soccer) Gala Day

After a long Term of training, the U/13 Boys and Girls Soccer teams travelled to Cromer Park to contest the Broken Bay carnival.

Under the watchful eye of our St Leo's College coaches, the teams excelled throughout the day with strong performances in the girls against St Peter's (5-2), and Mercy (2-0), and the boys against Mater Maria (3-0).



These results saw both teams qualify for the semi-finals. This meant that all the College Soccer teams qualified for the semi-finals of the Broken Bay events this year.

In the semi-finals both teams were narrowly defeated by the eventual winners, but it was a great first time representing the College for the students.

Well done to both teams on a great effort!



## NSWCCC Girls Soccer Knockout

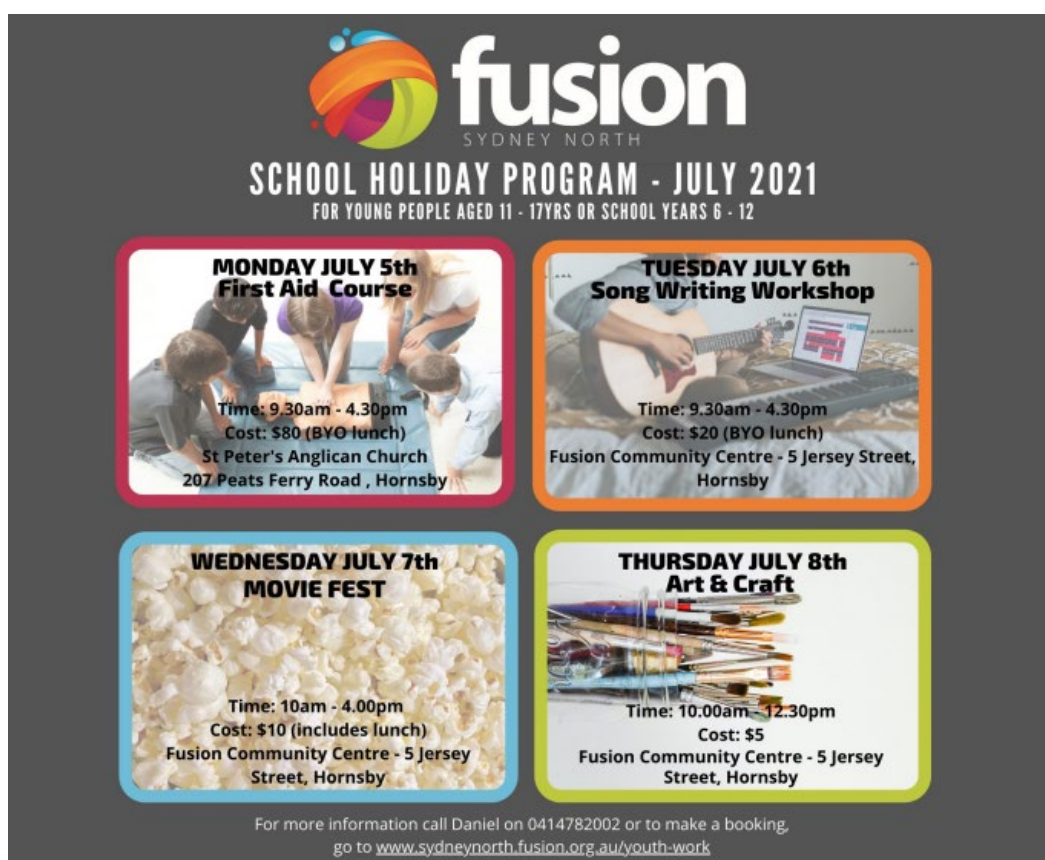
Earlier in the Term, the U/15 girls' soccer team were crowned **Broken Bay Champions**, and also the Broken Bay representatives in the state-wide NSWCCC Knockout.

The first round of this competition drew us against, St Joseph's College, Lochinvar from Maitland/Newcastle and a long bus trip last week. The team played exceptionally well and scored early and could have easily been ahead by 3 or 4 goals but for the efforts of the opposition goalkeeper.

After an end-to-end battle in the second half and 4 goals evenly shared, the final score was 3-3. This resulted in a tense extra time period, and unfortunately the girls went down 4-3. This is the first time that the College has been the Broken Bay representatives for soccer in a number of years, and shows that the Open team looks strong for the years to come.


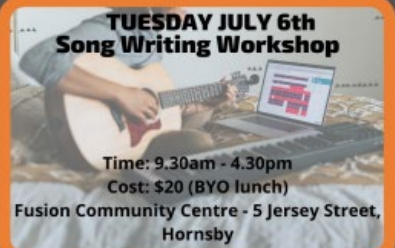


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## Community Notices




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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - JULY 2021**  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 - 17YRS OR SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 12

 <p><b>MONDAY JULY 5th</b> <b>First Aid Course</b></p> <p>Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: \$80 (BYO lunch) St Peter's Anglican Church 207 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby</p>	 <p><b>TUESDAY JULY 6th</b> <b>Song Writing Workshop</b></p> <p>Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: \$20 (BYO lunch) Fusion Community Centre - 5 Jersey Street, Hornsby</p>
 <p><b>WEDNESDAY JULY 7th</b> <b>MOVIE FEST</b></p> <p>Time: 10am - 4.00pm Cost: \$10 (includes lunch) Fusion Community Centre - 5 Jersey Street, Hornsby</p>	 <p><b>THURSDAY JULY 8th</b> <b>Art &amp; Craft</b></p> <p>Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm Cost: \$5 Fusion Community Centre - 5 Jersey Street, Hornsby</p>

For more information call Daniel on 0414782002 or to make a booking,  
go to [www.sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/youth-work](http://www.sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/youth-work)



### Free School Holiday Movie Screening

Join us for an exclusive movie screening of A Plastic Ocean joined by special guests from Plastic Oceans Australasia and Australian Seabird Rescue.

A Plastic Ocean documents the global effects of plastic pollution and highlights workable technologies and innovative solutions that everyone - from governments to individuals - can do, to create a cleaner ocean.


Free popcorn will be available!

**When:** 10am to 12.30pm Thursday 8th July (school holidays)

**Where:** Berowra Community and Cultural Centre - The Gully Road, Berowra NSW 2081

**Free!**  
Bookings essential

<https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events/sustainability/A-Plastic-Ocean-Movie-Screening>



## School Holiday Program

☆ 28 June - 9 July ☆

All activities require bookings \* Ages 11 - 18 unless specified

<b>Tuesday 29 June</b> <b>Movie &amp; Popcorn</b> At AWOL Youth Hub 10am - 2pm Free	<b>Thursday 1 July</b> <b>In house games day</b> At AWOL Youth Hub 10am - 2pm Free
<b>Friday 2 July</b> <b>BBQ TIME</b> at St Ives Youth Hub 6pm - 8pm Free	<b>Tuesday 6 July</b> <b>Tie Dye</b> at AWOL Youth Hub 10am - 2pm Cost: \$10
<b>Thursday 8 July</b> <b>Crafts day</b> at AWOL Youth Hub 10am - 2pm Cost: \$10	<b>Friday 9 July</b> <b>BBQ TIME</b> at St Ives Youth Hub 6pm - 8pm Free

**Bookings** [krg.nsw.gov.au/youthevents](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/youthevents)

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