



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 7 Term 2, 2021**.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,



Parents in Partnership

Thank you to those parents/carers who participated in our first Parents in Partnership Evening under the new model last Wednesday evening. The agenda consisted of two points raised by our parents, my presentation and then break out rooms facilitated by three College Staff. Feedback from each of these groups was highlighted when we all came back together at the conclusion of the evening. If you were unable to attend, there is an opportunity to view the [presentation](#) and comment on the feedback sheet ([Google doc](#)) by Friday of this week.

I will then share the feedback to all parents in Week 9 of this term (we have just started Week 7).



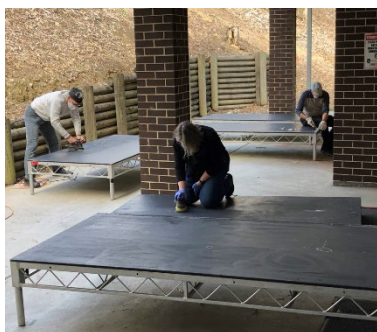
Debating

Congratulations to our **Opens Debating Team** (left) who are through to the Elimination Round over the next few weeks.

Last Friday, our Intake 2021 and Year 8 teams had a good win against St Augustine's College Brookvale.

This week we are away at Marist Sisters College, Woolwich. Good luck to all our teams in this final round of debates in the CSSA Competition.

Disney's Camp Rock – The Musical! Get your Tickets!



At last Sunday's Camp Rock rehearsal, we had mums, dads, grandparents and staff assist with their time and expertise in the preparation of costumes, staging and props.

Thank you for your time and skills for the development of our students' broader outcomes!



Don't forget to [get your tickets](#) which are now on sale! I can promise you, it will be a production full of engagement, fun and best of all you will witness our students following and developing their passion!

I was speaking to one of our Year 12 students who has been in each of the productions from our first in 2016 (High School Musical), when that student was in Year 7, to this year, and that student said "...*this will be the best show ever...*"

So don't take it from me - listen to the students!

Swimming Champion

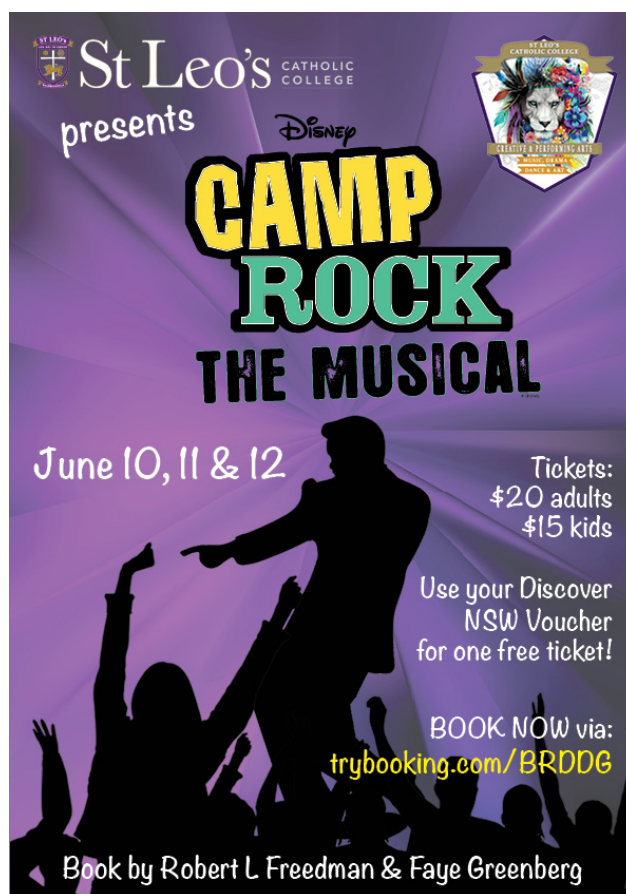
Congratulations to Mia R (Intake 2021) on winning the NSW All Schools U12 50m Breaststroke



Championship last Friday!

Mia then backed up for Debating that evening - won that one as well! She was also involved in the musical rehearsal last Sunday.

An outstanding effort. We congratulate her on all her fantastic achievement(s)!



REBIRTH of our Unique Community Tutoring Program

Yesterday I met with some familiar faces connected with (in fact foundation members of) our unique Community Tutoring Program. You may remember this program was alive and running well at the start of 2020. In fact, there were close to 50 outside tutors working with our students, mainly in Years 7-10. Then Covid-19 hit us. The program had to be shut down as no outsiders could come onto our College site.

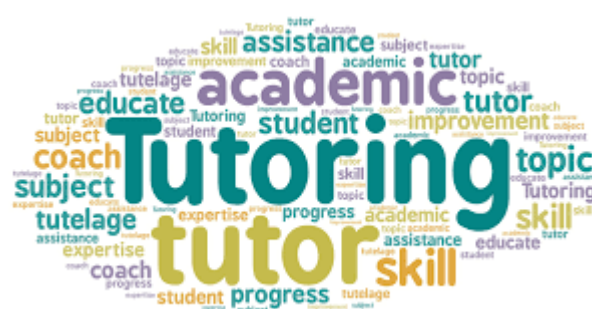
As this restriction has now lifted, thanks to the generosity of **Mr Tony Gulliford** (past staff member) and **Ms Sarah Szacsvey** (past parent and great supporter of the College in so many ways), the Community Tutoring Program is coming to life once again and will flourish in Terms 3 and 4.

What is our Community Tutoring Program (CTP)?

Literacy and numeracy are vital ingredients to improve the outcomes of our students. Some students struggle in these areas. The CTP allows for one on one targeted intervention with each of these students. There is **no charge** for this targeted teaching to take place. Sometimes students just need specific assistance in reading, paragraphing, an aspect or numeracy, for example basic fractions or numbering, or just building up that student's confidence to tackle these areas in a systematic way.

The program will run once a week (Thursday in Week A and Monday in Week B) here at the College in blocks of time between 9am till 12pm.

Who are the tutors?



Tutors come from a whole cross-section of backgrounds. Some are retired teachers, some past students, current parents (and grandparents), some university students. Just people who are generous with their time, like to either 'give back' or want to make a difference! All undergo training (with Tony and Sarah) and meet all Child Protection requirements. The tutoring is always held in open plan learning spaces.

How does it happen?

Students are identified by our regular staff and are referred to Ms Bowman (Teacher Liaison - CTP). All parents/carers are notified (in writing) before any targeted intervention takes place. The selected students then come to a classroom and join this *one on one team* for about 40 mins once per week, till the end of the program (8/11/21).

How often does this occur?

Once per week until that student and tutor feels they have mastered that component of literacy or numeracy.

Below are the results of this unique program from 2019. The students that were engaged with the program had a higher level of growth than those students who did not participate in the program. Yes - the students come from a lower base line - but at least they are not left behind and have almost twice the growth of other students in literacy.

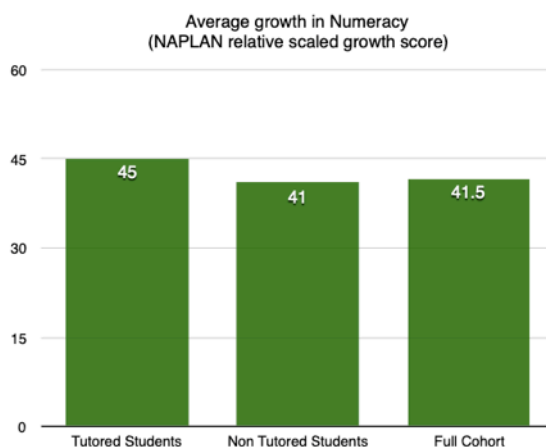
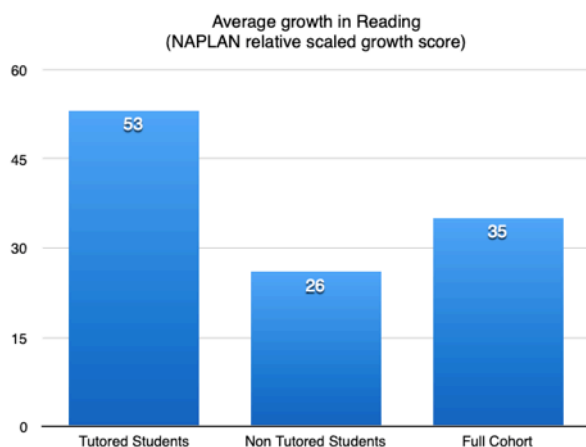
I am unaware of any other program of this type in any other secondary school in NSW.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those involved in the CTP - particularly *Tony Gulliford* (a past school principal) and *Sarah Szacsvey* for their drive, thoughtfulness and wanting to do something for others!

Want to Join? Or at least see what it is about?

Yes- the program is building up again from the Covid closure. We lost some of our tutors - but would love to hear from others who are interested. Qualifications? As I have said before - if you are able to read a newspaper, not get ripped off in a supermarket transaction, but most of all want to make a difference - please phone Sarah Szacsvey on her mobile: **0421 082 909**.

St Leo's College Community Tutoring Results 2019



Average growth in Reading (NAPLAN relative scaled growth score)		
Tutored Students	53	41 Students Tutored
Non Tutored Students	26	
Full Cohort	35	

Average growth in Numeracy (NAPLAN relative scaled growth score)		
Tutored Students	45	14 Students Tutored
Non Tutored Students	41	
Full Cohort	41.5	

Towards 2025

Last Friday I attended (and participated) in the CSBB System Leadership Day. There were 80 people in attendance. The Director of CSBB spoke of the positive results captured in the recent Culture Survey, in which you were all invited to participate a couple of weeks ago.

All leaders at our System of schools were delighted to learn that we received a total of 4,849 responses, with valuable input coming from our school communities, clergy and staff. This is an outstanding response rate and we'd like to thank all of those who took the time to complete the survey. It is encouraging to know that so many of you have taken an interest in how we shape the culture of Catholic Schools Broken Bay in the future.



Responses are now being analysed and results will be available and discussed from late this term and throughout the balance of this year. Basically, the CSBB community (parents/carers, staff, students and clergy - are certainly ready (and eager) for change.

We worked on the 5 goals of the *Towards 2025* Strategic Plan. Listed for each of these goals is the "Future State" then each one is broken into a number of *initiatives*, then into a larger number of *projects*.

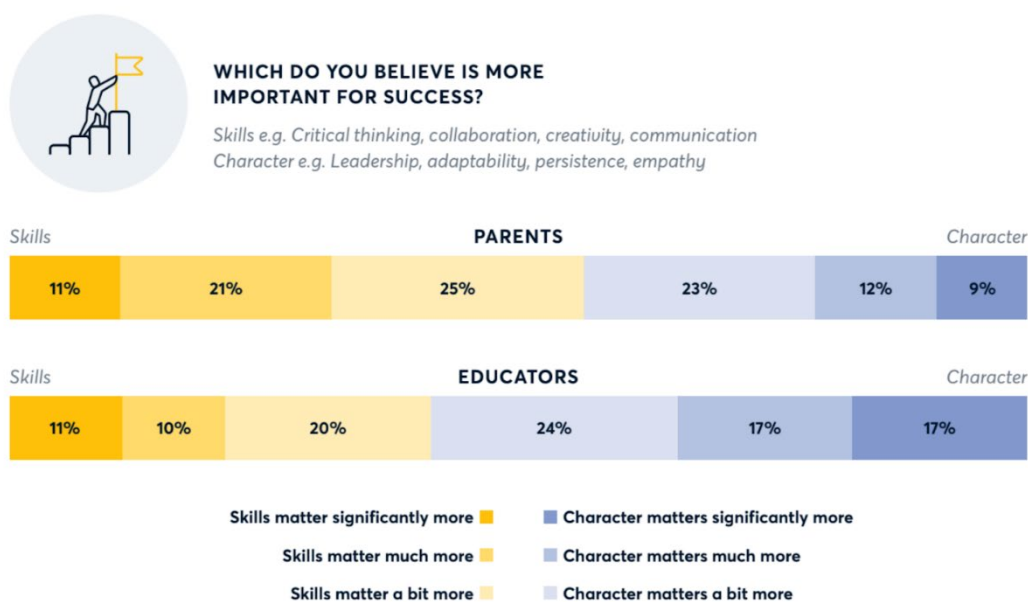
The 5 goals are:

1. *We will develop a collaborative culture of continuous improvement*
2. *We will accompany students, families and staff to know Christ and to grow in faith*
3. *We will maximise the learning growth of each student*
4. *We will build the capability of our staff*
5. *We will embed future-focused systems, policies and processes*

I will outline more information over the next few weeks as we head toward the launch of Towards 2025 Strategic Plan (Friday 25 June). (*The last day of this term – a reminder this is a student free day*).

Generation Alpha

In Week 5 this Term, I outlined a book I was reading - *Generation Alpha* - by social researcher, Mark McCrindle. **He has now released a paper - specifically targeting education.** It is a far shorter read (with an Executive Summary) - and is a very interesting read.



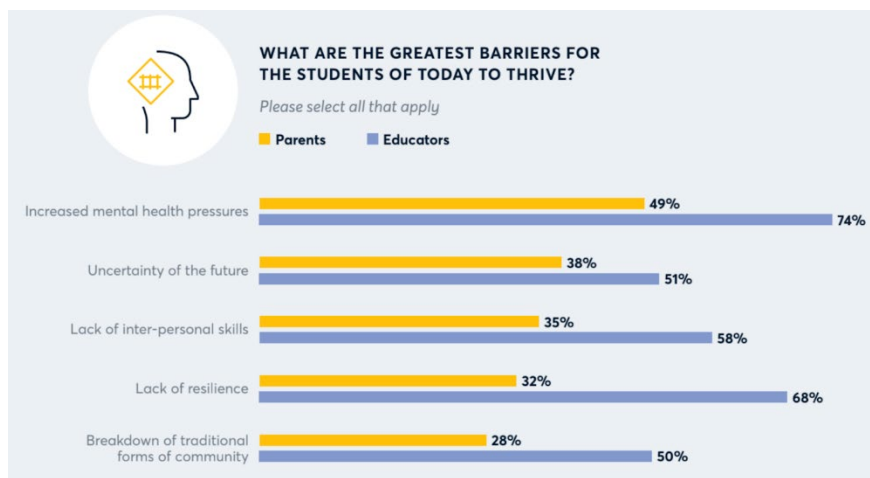
At our System Leadership Meeting on Friday, the Director of Schools, Mr Danny Casey referred to this paper in his discussion around meeting the needs of our students in our schools. Danny Casey was saying that we can no longer teach the way we have been teaching - as Generation Z is different to Generation Alpha - (now in the primary years), even though they are only one generation apart.

The headings in the Executive Summary are:

- **Rising pressure for success**
- **Balancing curriculum and wellbeing**
- **Navigating gender identity**
- **Teaching during Covid-19**

[Here is the link](#)

Thank you for your continued support and time.



From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

St Leo's Higher Education and Careers Expo - an 'expo-nential' success

Last Tuesday evening over 550 registrations were recorded for our St Leo's Higher Education and Careers Expo. This event gave students and parents/carers from St Leo's and beyond the opportunity to speak directly with 30 exhibitors including 6 universities, other higher education, training, trade and apprenticeship providers and industry/employer representatives.

Feedback on the information stands and presentations in both MacKillop Theatre and Rome Gallery throughout the night was overwhelmingly positive, with students keen to find out more about different pathway options. Thank you to all who attended including our Pathways Partners for your continued support.



Year 11 2022 Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the information evening via Zoom last night. For those who were unable to attend please find below the link to the presentation: [Y11 2022 Subject Selection Presentation](#)

Parents and students have now received an email from Edval Choice outlining instructions on how to make their subject preferences online. This email includes the web access code that is personalised.

Students must complete these preferences online, print the summary form (inclusive of parent and student signatures) and return to College Reception by **Monday 7 June**.

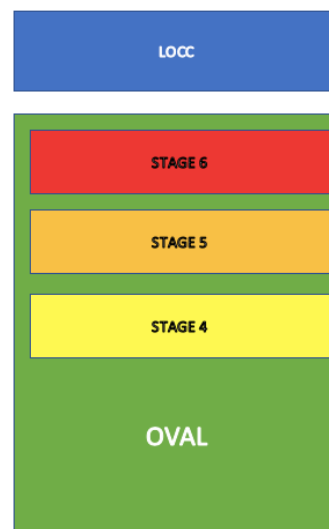
Intake 2021 - Year 10 Reports

As we draw to the end of the mid-course assessment period, staff are now writing reports. The mid-course reports will be issued to parents via Compass on **Wednesday 23 June**.

Evacuation Drill

Tomorrow the College will be conducting an evacuation drill as part of our WHS compliance. Students are reminded of the following:

- When the evacuation siren is sounded students are to follow the directions of their teachers to the College oval
- Students are to leave all items in the classroom
- No students are to go to the bathrooms or their lockers while en route to the College Oval
- When arriving at the Oval according to the diagram to the right, students are to assemble in the Mentor lines in alphabetical order under the direction of the Year Leader and Mentors



Public Transport

Students are reminded that while travelling on public transport, in particular on trains, that the same College expectations apply as they would if they were on campus. When wearing College uniform, it is imperative that all conduct is of the highest standard. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reminder: Term 2 Dates

Week	Date	Event
7	Wednesday 2 June	Evacuation Drill during Extended Mentor
7	Friday 4 June	Debating Round 6 St Leo's vs Marist Sisters, Woolwich (Away)
8	Sunday 6 June	College Musical Rehearsal 9am-3pm
8	Thursday 10 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock' Opening Night , 7pm performance
8	Friday 11 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock', 7pm performance
8	Saturday 12 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock', 2pm & 7pm performances
9	Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9	Monday 14 June	Parents in Partnership PiP - Feedback to parents/caregivers
9	Tuesday 15 June	College Photos (Individual, Sibling and Mentor Portraits)
9	Friday 18 June	College Catch Up Photos

10	Tuesday 22 June	Intake 2021 and Year 8 Studio Concert Evening 6.30-8.30pm
10	Wednesday 23 June	Intake 2021 & Years 8-10 Reports available on Compass
10	Wednesday 23 June	Years 9-12 Studio Concert Evening, 6.30-8.30pm
10	Thursday 24 June	Last Day of Term for Students
10	Friday 25 June	Staff Professional Development Day

From the Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation

Mr Michael Neylan

Reconciliation Week

This week, St Leo's is marking National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June).

Our Year 12 Student Leaders lead the College community in prayer for Reconciliation at our Monday morning assembly. They also arranged a chalk mural as a way for students to show their support for and solidarity with the process of Reconciliation in Australia.



This Thursday (3 June), Year 12 Leaders will be running a **BBQ for Reconciliation Week**. Sausage sandwiches will be sold for **\$3 each** and **cans of drink for \$2**. The funds raised will go towards Mercy Works, a Catholic agency which works with Indigenous communities to reduce inequality in the areas of housing, education, health and employment.

Vinnies Commissions New Student Members

Our student Vinnies School Conference welcomed new members at last Friday's lunchtime Mass. The Mass was fittingly celebrated by Fr Vincent from St Agatha's, Pennant hills. The new members were commissioned at the end of Mass and were presented with their Vinnies badges.



Shine Youth Ministry Conference

On Friday 28 May, the Youth 10 Youth Ministry class joined 300 youth ministry students from around the



Diocese at Shine. The Conference opened with an energetic concert by Fr Rob Galea (a former X-Factor contestant).



During the day students chose from a range of workshops from Christian leadership, music ministry, science and religion, liturgical dance and more. The final session included testimonies from other students about the power of faith in their lives, a forum in which Bishop Anthony answered questions given by the students, and a final concert by Father Rob.

The Dish

The Year 11 Vinnies School Conference has continued their support of homeless people in the local area by preparing and serving food at The Dish, a food service that is run at the Fusion Centre in Hornsby.

Thanks to Ms Burke who had some of her Food Tech classes help prepare food and supervised in the afternoon as the Vinnies students finished preparing 40 meals to be served.

Thanks also to parents such as **Ms Fabry** who have supported the Dish by preparing desserts.

The students who attended were warm, friendly and helpful with the clients and the food they provided was highly praised! St Leo's is next rostered on at the Dish on 13 July. Please contact [Rev Gomez](#) if you would like to donate some food or to help out.



From the Director of Administration

Ms Therri Ellison

School Photo Day

Photo day is coming up in Week 9: **Tuesday 15 & Friday 18 June 2021.**

ONLINE PAYMENTS:

Parents can order and pay online through the [Compass Portal](#). Credit cards are accepted.

Orders accepted until: Sunday 20 June 2021

1. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY.**
2. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH**
3. **CONNECT:** Log into your Compass Portal at: <https://slccdbb-nsw.compass.education/Photos/>
4. **Order:** Place your order online and keep a record of your Order Reference Number.
5. **Family orders:**
** Must be placed no later than the day before photo day, to capture their photo. **
Please order this with your eldest child. Order online by scrolling down below the individual packages to find your family ordering options.
6. Orders received after photo day are subject to a **\$20 Archive Fee**.
7. Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organised after photo day on a separate Letter that will be sent home.

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

Student Leadership 2021/2022

The student leadership process has now begun for our 2021/2022 College leaders.

Year 11 were briefed at the end of last week about the process which included presentations from our current leaders. Interested students have now started submitting their applications and both student/staff voting will be occurring in Week 8.

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in Week 9 once applications are carefully viewed by the selection panel and voting tallies are collated. A total of **34** student leadership positions are available which include College Captain (x2), College Vice-Captain (x2), Student Representative Council (x2), Growth Domain ambassadors - Spiritual, Physical, Academic, Cultural, Environmental & Social Emotional (x12) and House Ambassadors (x16).

Students can access the [Application Form here](#).

Year 11 Advanced English

Mrs Megan De Kantzow

Othello Seminar with Bell Shakespeare



On Monday, Year 11 English Advanced students had a wonderful introduction to their study of Shakespeare's 'Othello' when two experts from Bell Shakespeare presented insights into the tragedy.

Along with readings from the play, and discussions of theme and characters, Huw McKinnon and Jack Crumlin explored Shakespeare's context and his revolutionary innovations in theatrical storytelling. With lots of specific examples from the play, students were treated to nuanced understandings of the very particular uses Shakespeare made of verse and prose as he overturned audience expectations of the protagonist and antagonist, and tragic and comic form to explore notions of the outsider.

The message was clear - Shakespeare is valued as not only a great craftsman, but because of how authentically and universally he holds a mirror up to society, and explores the human condition.

From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

Manly Schoolgirls Rugby League Challenge

Last Tuesday, a number of our U/14, U/16 and U/18 girls Rugby League players travelled to Forestville to participate in the Manly Schoolgirls Rugby League Challenge.

College Leadership Applications – Timeline 2021/2022

Term 2 Week 6:	Year 11 students informed about College Leadership structure and application/selection process – Friday 28 May
Term 2 Week 8:	Interested Year 11 students submit applications for consideration for College Leader positions no later than Monday 7 June Applications collated All staff and Year 11 voting (Google forms) finalised
Term 2 Week 8:	All staff vote for College Leadership candidates via Google Form Year 11 vote for College Leadership candidates via Google Form Year 11 Mentors provide feedback for respective students in their Mentor Groups Voting results collated and presented to the selection panel
Term 2 Week 9:	College Leadership candidates shortlisted by the selection panel based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">quality of each student's written applicationvoting and ranking by staffvoting and ranking by Year 11 studentsdata including subject reports and College co-curricular involvementfeedback from teaching staff including the Year 11 Mentors and Leader of Year Short-listed candidates interviewed: Monday 14 June & Tuesday 15 June – Conference Room
Term 2 Week 9:	College leader recommendations communicated to the Principal and College Leadership Team for further discussion and final approval College leadership portfolios individually announced to respective students – TBC
Term 3 Week 2:	New College leaders meet with current Year 12 Leaders to further discuss respective Portfolios as well as provide support to current Leaders, Director of Students (7-12) and Assistant Principal
Term 3 Week 4:	College Leadership Induction Program – <i>Peter Canisius House</i> (Pymble) Venue/program TBC based on COVID-19 regulations
Term 4:	New College leaders officially inducted and commence duties including fortnightly attendance at scheduled Leaders' meetings – TBC.

The day was an opportunity for the girls to get extra coaching in a number of key skills including tackling and passing from past and present Rugby League players. It is the first event held each year for the Girls Rugby League in the Manly and North Sydney areas to ensure that they have the correct skills and techniques to for safety in the bigger competitions this year.

At the end of the day the girls play for their schools in a number of matches, and this is when the St Leo's girls shone brightly being undefeated. They showed that the training they have had at school under the watchful eye of Head Coach, **Mr Tavernese** is paying off. The girls now move into the Katrina Fanning Cup on 15 June. Good luck to all teams for that day.



Bill Turner Cup Football (Soccer)

The Third Round of the Bill Turner Cup was played at Grahams Reserve last Thursday morning with the Boys facing Balgowlah Boys High from the Northern Beaches.

After going down early the boys fought back to be level at half time (1-1). Another end to end battle in the second half saw both teams score, and then with five minutes left on the clock, the Leo's boys found the back of the net and it looked like they would progress. But a last second equaliser saw the match go into extra time and then the dreaded penalty shootout. Unfortunately we lost in the shootout but what a fantastic effort by the boys to reach this far in the tournament. Well done to all players on a great cup run.

Peninsula Cup Update

Last week the St Leo's teams in the Peninsula Cup performed extremely well in all competitions.

The Intermediate and Senior Girls kicked the week in the Netball competitions at Curl Curl. With a number of girls out with injury they battled hard against Covenant Christian in the Senior Girls competition before going down 35-12. The Inter Girls played the top of the table Mater Maria and in an end to end battle went down in the last quarter 29-18.

The U/16 Boys travelled to Mater Maria and in previous years this has been one of the toughest games the boys face and the Leo's boys were well prepared and came away with a 13-0 win. The U/18 Boys played on Wednesday against St Paul's who had beaten us at the Gala Day earlier this year. On top of this, the boys knew after recent results only a win would be enough to keep the team in contention for the finals. After a strong start and being up 1-0 at halftime, the Leo's boys continued with their dominance in the second half and ran away with a 3-0 victory.

Community Notices



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