

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 8 Term 2, 2021.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Camp Rock - Final Days!

I am writing this report on Sunday afternoon, from The Light of Christ Centre at the rehearsal of Camp Rock.

The stage is taking shape, the lights and sound are being tweaked, the performers are in fine form (after a pizza lunch), the musicians are definitely more than just in tune, the backstage crew are racing around problem solving and the directors and staff are taking less and less direct intervention - well sometimes!

All is on track!

After many months of rehearsals, the production is on this Thursday 7pm, Friday 7pm, Saturday matinee at 2pm and Saturday final performance at 7pm.







Please come along and witness our students (and staff) reaching for their greatness in what will be another incredible production.

Tickets are still available and you can even use your Discover NSW Voucher for one free ticket. Please bring your QR code (Service NSW app or email) to scan at the performance.

Book now at: trybooking.com/BRDDG

Leader of Careers Appointment

(Ye Olde Careers Adviser)

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new Leader of Careers is **Ms Megan Tynan** (pictured standing, back right). Ms Tynan is well placed for this position, being current Leader of Year 11 and having held past roles in Hospitality and Leader of VET.

Ms Tynan will be working very closely with our **Leader** of **Pathways**, **Ms Julie Snodgrass** who started with us just two weeks ago. The role of Leader of Careers



will be a more day to day interaction with the students about possible careers and entry into certain fields/courses. Ms Snodgrass' role is exploring the pathways for our *Alpha Generation* students who are entering their world of work, the skills they will require and how these are best addressed at the secondary school level.

The College is in a great position to assist and support our students as they navigate Year 13 and beyond!

Year 8 Science

This morning (Tuesday) I had the pleasure of listening to and witnessing some of our Year 8 students present on various types of illnesses in Mr Power's Science class. The topics varied from macula degeneration to lung cancer and even one student who presented on a real life experience of asthma.

It was great to see the students had designed their information pamphlets on the various illnesses and explained some very complicated treatments,

causes etc. in a very simple and concise way. Well done to all!



School Improvement Plan - Literacy Project

In Term 4 this year, College staff will be participating in Professional Development on improving our students' literacy not only across the College, but more specifically within each KLA (subject).



The program has been designed from our students' data (NAPLAN, HSC, Minimum Standards Testing and PAT Testing - Progressive Achievement Testing - ACER) and will meet the particular needs of our students in developing and enhancing their literacy skills.

This is a three year project.

The program has been designed by <u>Dr Trish Weekes</u> and is currently being delivered in a number of other schools within CSBB. Teaching literacy is different for an English teacher, as opposed to a Science teacher, an RE teacher, a Maths teacher, a PDHPE teacher - different across all subjects. The aim is to support subject area teachers to learn about how to scaffold student reading and writing in their subject. Instead of a

'one size fits all' approach, Literacy in Subject Areas is tailored to each subject.

In preparation for this professional development program, next Thursday morning some members of the College Leadership Team will be part of the Science staff at one of our Central Coast schools to witness the learnings around this project. Stay tuned for further details!



A Great Opportunity for our Students -

Liverpool Football Club International Academy Coming to St Leo's!

The Australian College of Physical Education and the Liverpool Football Club International Academy will be providing an amazing opportunity for students at St Leo's to be involved in a football development program playing 'The Liverpool Way'.

This will see students engage in a player-centred coaching environment, where the technical, tactical, physical, mental and social skills of all players will be developed. This is a unique, holistic development program offered as a single session each week under accredited coaches to support the development of the whole player, both on and off the field - here on our Oval!

See the Sports Report for more information...



Hope to see many of you at our Production of Camp Rock! Enjoy the rest of the week.

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Future Skills Forum - Pathways Program Event

All parents from Intake 2021 to Year 12 are invited to join us for our **Future Skills Forum** on **Wednesday, 23 June from 7pm - 8:30pm** in The Light of
Christ Centre.

This forum is aimed at promoting discussions around the future world of work, how and which jobs are changing, and which skills will be in high demand.

The forum will also cover which study and career pathways lead to these exciting opportunities in engineering, tech, marketing, HR, research, consultancy and other STEM opportunities.

The forum will provide opportunities to hear from a panel of experts in the field such as:







MINA ZAKI

NSW Cybersecurity Innovation
Node - NSW Manager

ALISON MIRAMS

Roberts CO - CEO
(Construction & Engineering)

There are LIMITED spots available, book now!

EVENT DETAILS

When: Wednesday 23rd June 2021
Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Where: Light of Christ Centre/ St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga

Book your seat now: https://www.trybooking.com/BRWYA





- Mr Daniel Wang, Head of Programs Air Traffic Control/Air Defence, Rohde and Schwarz
- Mr Mina Zaki, NSW Manager, NSW Cybersecurity Innovation
- Mrs Alison Mirams, CEO, Roberts Co Construction and Engineering

Please RSVP <u>HERE</u> to lock in your seats for this event.

Global Learning

On Monday, our students studying Japanese had the opportunity for a Zoom meeting with Nara Ikuei High School in Nara, Japan.

Our Year 12 students helped Years 9 and 10 to prepare a short self-introduction while refining their own skills for their upcoming HSC Trial Exam. Students were able to practice their Japanese and as well as learn about life in Japan.

Such opportunities enable a cross pollination of skills from senior to junior students, while also embracing global partnership learning environments that will form part of many future workplaces.

Strength in a System – St Leo's in Partnership with Prouille Catholic Primary School

This week St Leo's commences a six week partnership debating program with Prouille where some of our debaters (Zinta H, Taleisha F of Year 10, and Molly J of Year 9, below) will assist our sister school with coaching and adjudication.



Our wonderful students are volunteering their lunchtimes to rotate coaching via Zoom and then adjudicating in person. Thank you to our lionesses for helping the younger cubs at Prouille.

Y11 2022 Subject Selections

Now that students have submitted their online subject selections for Year 11 2022 and the signed hardcopy to Reception, students will receive an email with a Google Form to book an appointment

to meet with a member of College Leadership for Tuesday or Wednesday of Week 10 (22-23rd June).

During this interview, the selections made by the student will be reviewed and it will provide an opportunity for the student to ask any further questions. All necessary criteria will be checked during this process.

End of Term 2 - Start of Term 3

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.

Reminder: Intake 2021 - Year 10 Reports

With the mid-course assessment period now completed, staff are now writing reports. The mid-course reports will be issued to parents via Compass on **Wednesday 23 June**.





Reminder: Term 2 Dates

Week	Date	Event
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 BBQ

Last Thursday, our Year 12 Leaders wrapped up Reconciliation Week with a BBQ. All funds raised are on their way to Mercy Works, a Catholic agency which works with Indigenous communities to reduce inequality in the areas of housing, education, health and employment.

Thank you to all who generously contributed to this initiative and well done to our Year 12s for their leadership.

From the Director of Administration

Ms Therri Ellison

School Photo Day

Photo days are coming up in Week 9: Tuesday 15 & Friday 18 June 2021.

Year 12 will meet on Loyola Green for Mentor Class and then go straight to have their photos taken. Year 11 will follow, then Years 10, 9,8 and then finally Intake 2021 in Period 5.





Please ensure students have their correct uniform and hair and grooming is neat and tidy; following the guidelines on pages 26 to 30 of the College Diary.

ONLINE PAYMENTS ONLY:

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. PHOTOGRAPHERS DO NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH
- 3. **CONNECT:** Log into your Compass Portal at: https://slccdbb-nsw.compass.education/Photos/
- 4. **To order:** Place your order online and keep a record of your Order Reference Number.
- 5. Family photo 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 Leader of Debating

Ms Laraine Boguradzki

Debating – Final Round

On Friday night, our Year 7-10 teams travelled to Marist Sisters College, Woolwich for the last debate this round. Our seniors had a bye.

The topics debated were 'That school rules teach us valuable lessons' (Years 7-8) and 'That young people have an obligation to speak up on climate change' (Years 9-10)

We had a mixed bag of affirmative and negative teams for both levels with the Year 8 team of **Maya**, **Max T** and **Max J** (from Intake 2021) and the Year 10 team of **Zinta H**, **Taleisha F** and **Sarah C** winning their round.

Intake 2021 were very close but unfortunately lost, while Year 9 had two out of the three members out sick, so two students stepped up for St Leo's. Thank you to **Riley T** and **Molly J** for coming to our rescue!

Thank you also to **Bridget W** (Year 10) and **Mia R** (Intake 2021) who came along and actually chaired a debate. Bridget has been coming along each week and doing an amazing job helping set up, chair debates and whatever else needs to be done!

There is no debating next week due to the Musical, so we now wait to see what teams if any go through to the next round, the Eliminations. I am quietly confident that our Year 12 team will go through.

Thank you again to **Mr Luke Antoun** for his constant support and driving me back to the college and **Mr Daniel Petrie** for being such a reliable, supportive, problem solver!

From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

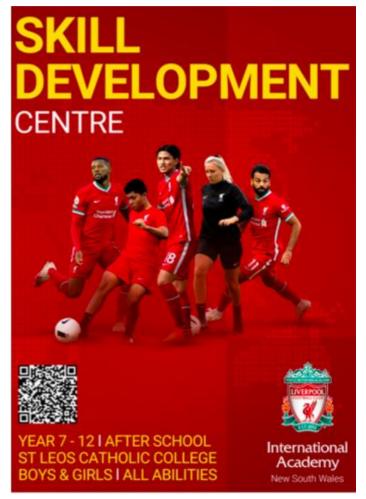
Attention all Students interested in Football (Soccer)!

We are excited to announce an amazing new opportunity for St Leo's students!

We are partnering with the Australian College of Physical Education and the Liverpool Football Club International Academy to provide an opportunity for our students to be involved in a football development program playing 'The Liverpool Way'.

This will see students engage in a player-centred coaching environment, where the technical, tactical, physical, mental and social skills of all players will be developed. This is a unique, holistic development program offered as a single session each week under accredited coaches to support the development of the whole player, both on and off the field.

This program comes after the successful UK Football Tour that took place in 2018 as well as student achievements such as selections in Broken Bay Teams, Combine Catholic College teams and Australian School Teams which have led onto signings in A-League Football Teams.



This partnership will continue to enhance the professional opportunities that St Leo's students have beyond school in both sporting and academic fields at a tertiary and professional level.

For more information, **scan the QR code on the flyer above**. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Michael Kember.

Community Notices

Hyacinthus at Macquarie University Lighthouse

Past student **Camryn Gower** (Graduating Class of 2018) is making her writing and directorial debut with the performance of *Hyacinthus* at Macquarie University's Lighthouse Theatre commencing on 17 June.

Tickets are available **HERE**.
