



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 11 Term 4, 2021**.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,

As the 2021 school year draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the resilience and adaptability of our students, as well as thank all our staff for their hard work and support of the students in our care. In the years that come, I am sure that we will look back on this year as one which taught us many lessons, made us stronger and reminded us of the importance of families, friends and community.

In this season of Advent, let us take time to restore our spirit and reconnect with loved ones.

*Lord, we rejoice in this holy season of prayer, hope and joy
We praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and
angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger.
We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.
We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.
Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas,
the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact,
the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder.
We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen.
Help us to rise bigger than we are.*

Amen.

Staffing 2022

I take this opportunity to advise you of staff movements for 2022. There are a considerable number of changes.

There are two significant retirements from the College. We recognise and thank **Lindy Sykes** (17 years) and **Lisa Needs** (19 years) for their great service to St Leo's.

Michael Neylan leaves us to take on the role of Religious Education Coordinator at Marist College and **Kelly Li** to take on the role as Head of Mathematics. I would also like to thank long serving staff members **Laraine Bogaradzki** (18 years) and **Carolyn Scott** for their years of dedicated service to the College.

We also wish **Marie Donaghy, Therri Ellison, Emma Pariser, Michael Power, David Ritchie** and **Colette Brus** all the best as they take on roles at other schools.



In addition, **Susan Jones, Helen Somerville, Andrew Rotolo** and **Helen Wessels** will be taking some leave next year.

I am pleased to announce that we have employed a very strong team of new teachers. As student numbers are significantly increasing in 2022, we have employed additional staff for 2022 to meet the needs of our growing population. I am confident that these newest members of staff will carry on the great traditions of the College:

Mr Scott Mulford – Director of Administration
Mr Timothy Woodbine – Leader of Mathematics
Ms Melissa Barone – Mathematics teacher
Mr Adam Barton – Mathematics teacher
Mr Sunny Huo – Mathematics teacher
Mr Dimar Lavy – Mathematics teacher
Ms Melissa Duff – Science teacher
Ms Kayla Broad – Science teacher
Ms Rosalie Belsey – Music teacher
Mrs Sadaf Khan – English teacher
Ms Lillian Treanor – English teacher
Ms Maria Valore – Religious Education/ English teacher
Ms Julia Carroll – Language teacher
Ms Kirsten Nicola – English/ Drama teacher
Mr Jonathon Nichol – HSIE teacher
Ms Louise Lawrenson – Learning Support teacher
Ms Rhyarna-Hutchinson - TAS teacher
Ms Lauren English – TAS teacher

Year Leaders for 2022

We are pleased to announce that the following staff are our Pastoral Year Leaders in 2022:

Year 7: **Ms Jessica Watts** and **Mr Michael Kember**
Year 8: **Mrs Kate Todd**
Year 9: **Ms Leona Jenkins**
Year 10: **Mr Vince Tavernese**
Year 11: **Mr Chris Sammut**
Year 12: **Ms Megan Tynan**

Class of 2021 Graduation & Formal

It has been a privilege to be able to celebrate with the *Class of 2021* over the last few weeks. We were able to mark the end of thirteen years of schooling with Graduation ceremonies and the Year 12 Formal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Mrs Kate Todd**, Leader of Year 12, for her tireless leadership of this group, the Year 12 Mentor teachers for their support and care and teachers for their hard work, creativity and adaptability during the last two years in particular.





We are incredibly proud of the *Class of 2021* - they have shown tremendous resilience, maturity and spirit and leave us ready to make a difference in the world.

Most photos of the events have now been added to the Class of 2021 web page, along with a link to a recording of the Live Stream.



Year in Review Assemblies

Each Year Group celebrated the end of the academic year last Friday with a *Year in Review* assembly.

This awards assembly provided the College with an opportunity to recognise students for outstanding performance in the *Academic, Physical, Cultural, Social & Emotional, Spiritual* and *Environmental* growth domains.

Despite the challenging year that students have had, we were able to celebrate many wonderful achievements from 2021.

All students are to be congratulated on how they have conducted themselves this year and we certainly look forward to more outstanding student achievements in 2022.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy and holy festive season and we look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Anthony Mahoney
Acting Principal



Reports

Reports for Intake 2021 (Year 7) to Year 10 students were **released today via Compass**. Should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the College on (02) 9487-3555.



Year 10 Semi Formal

On Thursday 2 December, our Year 10 students attended their Semi Formal at The Epping Club. All students who attended had a wonderful time and we were so pleased that students could celebrate the end of what has been a challenging year.

Thank you to **Mr Sammut** and the Year 10 Mentor & Support Teachers for attending the function in order to celebrate with the students.

Student Representative Council

We are pleased to announce the following students have been selected by their peers and endorsed by the College as Student Representatives for the coming year:

Intake 2021: **Leela I, Zara M, Matthew B** and **Ben E**

Year 8: **Maya M, Natalia A L, Arkin R** and **Liam T**

Year 9: **Amelia E, Viviane F, Kirin I** and **Kaylan V**

Year 10: **Rebecca B, Arlynne B, Tony B** and **Charbel K**

The new SRC team will first meet early next year under the guidance of the Year 12 SRC Ambassadors, **Sylvie P** and **William B**, as well as receiving their badges at a whole school assembly next year.

The SRC will have regular meetings and will democratically represent the student body in College decision-making and organising ways for students to (better) participate in school life through agency and collaboration.



Year 7 2022 Orientation

We welcomed our newest cubs to the pridelands of St Leo's earlier this month.

This saw close to 220 Year 6 students from 52 different local primary schools attend a modified COVID-safe orientation program.

The aim of the day was to help students transition smoothly into secondary school. We cannot wait to welcome back these young women and men in the new year as Year 7 (2022) students!



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



The St Vincent de Paul Society and Jesuit Refugee Services have sent their thanks to the College for the generous donations from our Christmas Appeal.

Four ex-students of St Leo's who are now part of the Asquith Vinnies Youth Conference - **Reon, Janet, Luke** and

Andre - came to pick up the donations from Years 7 - 9 last week for Vinnies.



Rev Gomez dropped off the Year 10 and 12 donations to Jesuit Refugee Services pantry in Parramatta, where they will help to feed over 850 people each week over the Christmas holidays.

Liverpool FC International Academy

Last week we officially launched our partnership with Liverpool FC International Academy. Starting in Term 1 2022, a Skill Development Centre right here at St Leo's along with a range of other opportunities being planned, exclusive to St Leo's students and our feeder primary schools.

LFC Academy General Manager **Scott Collis** presented a jersey to St Leo's Head of Sport **Mr Kember** and Women's Head Coach (and Year 7 2022 Coordinator) **Miss Watts**, in the presence of special guest, past student and professional player **Lachlan Rose** and some of our current keen footballing students.

Open to boys and girls aged from U6 through to U16, this unique 10-week football development program is delivered 'The Liverpool Way' through a player-centred coaching environment. Under the guidance of LFC accredited Academy coaches, the program includes world class online resources and is a true holistic development opportunity for players both on and off the pitch, teaching skills that can be used throughout their lives. Find out more and register your interest today at lfcacademy.com.au

LFCIA will be holding a **Parent Information Session (online)** on **Thursday, 16 March at 6.30pm** for any interested students and parents to find out more. [Register for the Parent Info Session HERE](#)



All Schools Athletics Championships

Over the weekend, a number of students from St Leo's competed at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park.

They all represented the school with pride and achieved fantastic results with a number of personal best times, jumps, and throws.



Students from across the Year Groups represented the College including **Miranda F** (pictured), **Leela I** and **Wol A** from Intake 2021, **Ethan L** and **Maxwell M** (Year 8), **Teagan J** (Year 9), **Lachlan L** (Year 10) and **Aidan J** (Year 11).

We are still waiting to hear of all their results. Congratulations to all students who attended the championships.

Ninja Challenge State Champion

Congratulations to **Isaac W** (Year 9) who competed in the Ninja Challenge League Finals last weekend and was awarded first place for NSW in the teens category, qualifying him for the National Ninja League World Championships in North Carolina, USA, next year! Well done Isaac!

An ACE Dancer

Congratulations to **Emily R** (Year 9) who recently placed third in the ACE Online Dance Competition for her Hip Hop Composition.

'The competition has allowed me to experiment with my skills and put them to the test, as I've never choreographed a dance myself.' explained Emily. 'Anyone who is looking to become creative, independent dancers and is willing to exceed their comfort zone, I would highly recommend it! It was an amazing opportunity, especially through such a tough time during home-based learning.'



Important Reminders:

College Office Closed

The **College will formally close for the holidays at 1PM ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER**. However this week, parents/carers will have the opportunity to contact Teachers, should they wish to, with questions about their son or daughter's Semester 2 report.

Careers Survey - Planning for Careers and Pathways Program

Mr Slowey, our new Pathways and Partnerships Leader, has asked if students could complete the following survey to assist with careers and future plans of students beyond school. All students are invited to complete the survey, irrespective of year group. To complete the survey, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Key Dates

Last official day of academic year College Office closes at 1pm	Thursday 16 December
Year 7 2022 & new Year 8-12 students start	Monday 31 January 2022
Year 8-12 students return	Tuesday 1 February 2022
College Open Day 2022	Tuesday 15 March 2022, 4-7pm
Last Day of Term 1, 2022	Friday 8 April 2022

Community Notices



**LET'S GET BACK
TO NETBALL!**

KNA FAMILY FUN DAY
Bring the whole family and join us
for an awesome fun filled morning.
Everybody welcome!

WHAT:

- Come and Try games for all ages including parents
- Giveaways, prizes and competitions
- Coaching clinics, Umpires clinics plus Club and Rep tents
- VIP guests
- BBQ with profits donated to charity
- Refreshments available at our canteen

WHEN: Sunday February 06, 2022

TIME: 9am - 1pm

WHERE: Canoon Road Netball Courts, South Turrumurra



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