



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 5 Term 2, 2022

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Laudato Si

This week has been named *Laudato Si* week in recognition of **Pope Francis'** significant papal encyclical calling for action to protect our natural environment. *Laudato Si* is a call for action on climate change and for an end to the ruthless exploitation of our planet's resources. Pope Francis is asking for global action but his call is also one that should resonate with us as individuals – asking us how we can be better stewards of our environment.



This is the message that students in the **Environment Group** presented to our community during our whole school assembly on Wednesday, calling on their fellow students to make better choices about what they do with their rubbish. The Environment Group made a short film highlighting the threats that plastic wrapping and items pose to native wildlife as colourful shiny items can be attractive to birdlife and cause significant harm when ingested. This message is an important one, calling on our community to use waste bins provided and aim for rubbish-free lunches that use reusable containers.

St Leo's Pride Medallions

Our Whole College Assembly was also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students who have consistently made positive contributions to our school community and achieved personal development in a range of our St Leo's Growth Domains. Especially significant was the presentation of **St Leo's Pride Medallions**



that recognise students who have attained over 90 merits. The recipients have demonstrated behaviours and attitudes that not only bring them personal reward but also help form a positive learning culture at St Leo's.

Industry Partnerships and Pathways

Another element of fostering a positive learning culture is providing students with opportunities to consider how their learning at school will allow them to achieve their dreams and aspirations after they graduate from St Leo's. Considering the rapidly changing world of work and the ever-growing array of post-school options for students, during our staff professional development time on Tuesday, we took time to consider how students develop a greater understanding of



how their learning at school will prepare them for the world of study and work beyond the school gates.

Our leader of Pathways and Partnerships, **Justin Slowey**, **Phil Cox** from Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) and **Stephen Ryan** from the Department of Education's Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) discussed a range of ways that they could work with our teachers to provide students with opportunities to learn more about the career pathways and broaden students' understanding of what a 21st century career looks like. The energy in the room was palpable as

teachers shared ideas of the partnerships that could be built with industry and other organisations to enrich student learning experiences in all the Key Learning Areas.

Community and Connection

As we listened to students discuss their commitment to care for our natural environment, publicly recognised the achievements of students through the Growth Domain awards, and connected with each other as educators sharing ideas to improve student learning and engagement, it provided a moment to reflect on the importance of gathering together as a community. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we often took this time for granted. One positive side-effect of the pandemic is that it has enabled us to value the moments of human connection that we were not able to access because of lockdowns and public health orders. Whether it be a whole school assembly or Friday lunch time Mass, schools are made of these moments of shared experiences, moments where we recognise that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. These moments are mirrored in classrooms all around St Leo's, where students and teachers are developing the relationships that will allow for support, challenge and inspiration. In a busy week it was definitely worth reflecting on the rich and varied nature of our St Leo's community and how grateful and privileged we are to be a part of it.

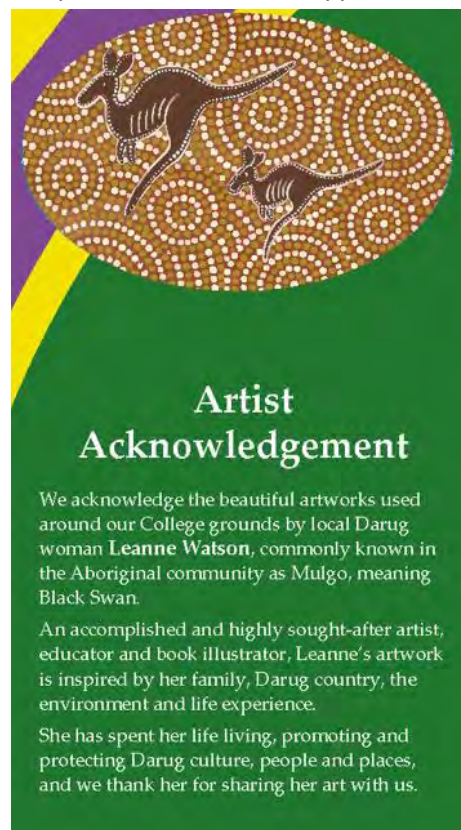
Reconciliation Week Activities

On Monday morning on Muru Mittigar, we will hold a short ceremony marking Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June). At this ceremony, we will officially open our **Reconciliation Art Garden** by unveiling a plaque acknowledging the local Darug and Guringai people as the traditional custodians of our lands.

At this time we will also recognise the work of local Darug artist, **Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson**, whose artwork is featured on our new shade sails. The theme for Reconciliation Week this year is '**Be brave. Make change**', which of course closely aligns to our theme '**Have courage. Do not be afraid**', calling on us all to be active participants in the reconciliation process with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will also launch an art competition for the garden that all students will be invited to participate in along with a range of other activities during the week.

Stay safe and well,

Carolina Murdoch
Acting Principal



College Award Recipients

Congratulations to these students who received the following awards at this week's assembly:

GOLD MERIT AWARDS					
Year 8	Matthew B Emily C Benjamin E Benjamin G Daniel H Matilda H Rebecca J Amy L Alexandra L Scarlet M Sacha M Sofia Q Zoe R Samara R Bejay R Calliope S Hugo S Angus S Maximilian W	Year 9	Lucy B Pernille B Precious C Michelle D Blake E Ryan F Noah G Aayush G Benjamin H Ethan L Hamish L Lennox L Maya M Daniel M Chloe M Hamish S Morgan S Emily W Peter W Bernadette W Oscar W	Year 10	Connor B Jackson M Georgia R Natasha R-F Sienna R Kate W
				Year 11	Grace B Hannah M
				Year 12	Dolla J

ST LEO'S PRIDE MEDALLIONS					
Year 8	Matthew B Alison D Vito DT Benjamin E Kaylen H Yu Fei H Leela I Blake L Morris O Tabitha V	Year 9	Nina A Natalia A L Precious C Conor C Shrey D Billy F Aayush G Dina K Oscar K Ethan L Yewon L Hamish L Isla L Maya M Chloe M Alessandro M Cassidy S Gabriel S M Morgan S Eliza W Oscar W	Year 10	Alexandria B Holly B Spencer C Michael D Venuka D Amelia E Caitlyn E Ruby K Matthew K Augustine L Kaylan V
				Year 11	Tony B Maksymilian P-S Oskar P-S
				Year 12	Joshua F Jing Xuan N

Term 2 Parents in Partnership Evening – Thursday, 2 June, 7pm



Thank you to those who have already submitted agenda items for discussion.

A final [call out for last submissions of agenda items you wish to discuss](#) at our next meeting to be held via Zoom next **Thursday, 2 June at 7pm**. Agenda items will close at 9am on Tuesday (31 May).

The final agenda will then be sent to all parents/carers with the link early next week.

Student Wellbeing

Mr Nathan Smith, Director of Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

Digital Safety Resources for Parents and Students

In light of the successful student and parent seminars run earlier this Term on *Digital and Cyber Safety*, we have set up a [Digital Safety Resources page](#) on the College website.

Please note the password is **leoscommunity**.

On this page is a recorded version of **Dr Kristy Goodwin's** presentation '*Raising Screenagers - realistic strategies to navigate the online works with your adolescent*'.

In addition, we are delighted to now have a range of resources available from both Dr Kristy and **Susan McLean** (Cyber Safety Expert who presented to students) as well as others useful links which may help you with issues that you may be experiencing with your young person relating to digital safety.

Thank you for your support with these initiatives, and we hope the presentations and resources are useful to you. We are committed to working in partnership with you and all our families to ensure we are providing the best care and support for our students.

Vaping Webinar - 'Where to from here?'

Positive Choices are offering a free one-hour webinar on e-cigarettes and vaping in young people on **Wednesday 1 June at 12.30pm** (AEST).

In this webinar, Dr Emily Stocking from the Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use, University of Sydney, will:

- Give an overview of e-cigarette trends in Australia
- Summarise potentially effective interventions for schools
- Give an update on upcoming trials and resources
- Provide some brief tips for engaging in conversations about vaping with young people.

There will also be time for a Q&A at the end of the webinar. You can [register for the webinar here](#).

SchoolTV - Online Wellbeing Resources

A reminder that you also have free access to St Leo's Schools TV, which has a range of resources including [special reports](#) that may be of interest to you.



Academic Matters

Mr Daniel Lane, Director of Learning Improvement

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on School Students with Disability

Parents and carers whose young person has a disability and has been included in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) for St Leo's for the Commonwealth census count in August 2022, please [read this information sheet](#).

Year 10 into 11 Subject Preferences

A reminder for students in Year 10 who are selecting their Subject Preferences for Year 11 2023 of the following dates. More information will be sent to you via Compass.

Event	Date	Details
Parent evening	Tue 7 June (Wk7 T2)	A Zoom session, in the evening, to discuss the processes and considerations for student preferences.
Market Day	Wed 8 June (Wk7 T2)	Students given the opportunity to hear from staff about the course on offer.
Careers Expo	Tue 14 June (Wk8 T2)	Opportunity to come along and speak with industry and universities about post school options.
One-on-one meetings	Thu 16 June (Wk7 T2)	Each student is afforded the option of speaking to a member of staff about their proposed subjects for Year 11

Important Dates for Term 2

Week	Date	Event
6	Mon 30 May	Reconciliation Week Ceremony at morning assembly
6	Thu 2 June	BBSSSA Open Basketball Gala Day
6	Thu 2 June, 7pm	Parents in Partnership Meeting (Zoom)
6	Fri 3 June	Drama NSW State Conference, Renaissance
7	Mon 6 – Wed 8 June	Duke of Ed Silver Hike
7	Tue 7 June	Year 9-12 Dance Excursion
7	Tue 7 June, 6.30pm	Year 10 into 11 Subject Preference Information Evening
7	Wed 8 June	Year 10 into 11 Subject Market Day
7	Wed 8 June	Year 11 Biology Excursion
7	Thu 9 June	Athletics Carnival (rescheduled)
8	Mon 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
8	Tue 14 June	Careers Expo
8	Wed 15 June	Commedia Workshop

8	Wed 15 June	Year 7 Poetry Incursion
8	Thu 16 June, 3.30-7.30pm	Year 10 into 11 Subject Preference Conferences
9	Sun 19 June	Extreme Dance Eisteddfod
9	Tue 21 June	College Photo Day
9	Tue 21 June	BBSSSA Junior Soccer Gala Day
9	Wed 22 June	Year 11 SOR Excursion
9	Wed 22 June	Whole College Assembly
9	Thu 23 June	BBSSSA Jnr/Inter Girls Basketball Gala Day
10	Tue 28 June	Dance Excursion
10	Tue 28 June	Year 7-8 Studio Concert Evening 6.30-8pm
10	Wed 29 June	Years 9-12 Studio Concert Evening, 6.30-8pm
10	Thu 30 June	Years 7-10 Reports available on Compass
10	Thu 30 June	Last Day of Term for Students
10	Fri 1 July	Staff Professional Development Day
1 (T3)	Mon 18 July	Staff Professional Development Day
1	Tue 19 July	Students return for Term 3 (winter uniform)
1	Thu 21 July	Years 7-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Night 1)
2	Tue 26 July	Years 7-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Night 2)
3	Mon 1 Aug	CSSA Trial HSC Exams commence

School Photo Day – Pre-orders Required

Photo day is coming up on **Tuesday, 21 June**. Ordering photos is quick and easy through the Compass Portal. Take advantage of the special pricing for a limited time when you order via the portal.

[Read how to order photos.](#) Note **sibling photos must be pre-ordered by midnight prior to photo day.**

What's been Happening?

Sydney Writer's Festival

A very enthusiastic group from St Leo's students visited the Sydney Writers' Festival to hear five Australian YA writers (Kay Kerr, Jared Thomas, Amie Kaufman, Sarah Ayoub and Tobias Madden) share their diverse writing journeys.

As each writer shared their insights, concerns and laughs, one message resonated: the vital power of fiction to give voice to individual human experiences and to develop empathy for the experiences of others.



The bookshop was a magnet for these keen Leo's readers and writers, with the book signings and meeting the authors a definite bonus! The train ride home was full of the rustle of new books being opened...

Art on the Verandah

Year 7 Art classes have been visiting the ARC verandah lately, experimenting with *Plein Aire* sketching.



The bush view, with its variety of natural shapes, proved a great site to help develop skills in observation, quick shape sketching and use of materials.



We are looking forward to adding some of these works to the display of student art in the library.

Year 10 Camp



'Camp Somerset was such an incredible experience that I'd love to do it again.

From the minute we got there, we were introduced to our camp leaders, and then we began the first out of our many thrilling activities. These were, abseiling, hiking, kayaking, initiatives, and the mud run.

What I really enjoyed about camp was being able to witness the most stunning views of nature, such as on our hike, and each morning when we'd wake up, we'd be able to see mist throughout the trees while the sun rose. Every night, we would play different games amongst our group at our campsite, which was so much fun. Afterwards, we would then sit around the campfire and have our dinner and dessert, which I thought was a really nice bonding experience for us.

As a whole, the camp was absolutely amazing, and I'm really glad we were given the opportunity to go and experience so many different things that I'll never forget.'

Natasha

'My Experience with camp was fantastic! We did many activities including abseiling, kayaking, hiking and a mudslide. Every night we had a campfire and my group played some really fun riddle games, most of which I struggled to figure out. Looking at the stars and talking around the campfire was by far my favourite part.

Our camp instructor was really nice and led us through all the activities. A big thank you to our mentor teacher Ms Stevenson who put up with us all for the whole 4 days. The overall camp was super fun and a really great bonding experience for everyone!'

Rosemary



Year 8 Camp Report

A group of 170 excited Year 8 students arrived bright and early to school on Monday, 13 May all ready for three days of adventure and fun.

We arrived at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens ready to see what activities we would do. The activities included the Giant Swing, Rock Climbing and High Ropes. Everyone challenged themselves and encouraged their group to 'have a go'. Even the most timid students challenged themselves to do something out of their comfort zone!

Tuesday saw us head out for another day of challenges but unfortunately the rain set in around 4.30pm. Despite this, everyone kept trying and having a go at their activities.

Congratulations to Year 8 2022 for a fantastic and most enjoyable camp and a huge thank you to the staff who came and supported the students.

Social Justice @ St Leo's

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

The Social Justice League is inviting our St Leo's Community to support the **Bread Tags for Wheelchairs** charity.

They collect the plastic bread tags you find on loaves or buns from Woolies or Coles and send them to a recycling centre, that pays them per kilo, turning the bread tags into craft and practical products like bowls, doorknobs, etc.

The money collected from the recycling is then used to purchase wheelchairs and other assistance equipment for predominantly people in South Africa who have less access and general accessibility to support services for the physically disabled.



Please save plastic bread tags (no cardboard ones) and any other plastic tags you have at home, e.g. from potato bags, carrot bags etc.

These will be **collected in Mentor or can be left in a jar at Reception.**

This is a simple but effective way that we can help others.

Thank you.



The Social Justice League is open to students from Year 7-12 and meets each week on Thursday at lunchtime in the Youth Ministry Room. Please contact Rev Gomez for further information.



Year 11 Food Technology

Assessment Task 2: Lemon Meringue Pie. This task examined the characteristics of food properties.



Pathways Update

Mr Justin Slowey, Leader of Pathways and Partnerships

St Leo's Careers Expo

We invite students and parents/carers **from all schools** to our 2022 St Leo's Careers EXPO, to be held on **Tuesday 14 June from 4.30-7pm** in the Mary MacKillop Centre.

The event will feature exhibits by a range of universities, TAFE and other tertiary education providers, apprenticeship and traineeship providers and industry professionals, with staff available for you to have your questions answered about the diverse study and career pathways available beyond school.



ST LEO'S CAREERS EXPO

- HSC Information
- Universities & TAFE
- Early Entry Information
- Apprenticeship & Traineeship Providers
- Careers Advice
- Tertiary Colleges
- Industry reps

14 | TUESDAY JUNE 2022 4.30-7PM

Students & parents from ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME!

REGISTER NOW!

There will also be a series of presentations by many of our exhibitors (Presentation Schedule TBA). We currently have 33 exhibitors registered to attend, including 10 universities.

This event is aimed at students in Years 9-12, but all year groups and students/families from all schools are welcome to attend. Please [click the image](#) or [scan the barcode](#) to pre-register.



Interested in STEM Club?

At St Leo's, we are keen to build strong educational foundations in STEM Education which provides the tools and methods to design solutions to real-world problems such as climate change, green energy and technological development.

NextGenCodeCamp ran a STEM Incursion in Term 1 on Robotics and Coding for 60 students and have offered to run an extracurricular club in **Terms 3 and 4** if there is enough interest.

Please **complete this Expression of Interest (EOI)** if you are interested in your child participating in an after-school Robotics and Coding Club in Terms 3 and 4 – [Complete EOI Form.](#)

Further details to follow if we secure 15 definite registrations.

More Pathways News –

Read more about what our Pathways team have been up to in the [May Pathways Newsletter](#)...



Looking for part time work? DOMINOES TURRAMURRA ARE HIRING NOW

Looking for delivery drivers and in-store staff. Please direct interested students to Ms.Tynan in Xavier Court.

Co-Curricular CAPA Performance Calendar



June

- Extreme Dance Eisteddfod - Sunday 19 June (staggered arrival from 12:30pm)
Note: Parents/carers are advised to consult the provided permission note that has been sent via email regarding details for the Extreme Dance Eisteddfod.

July

- City of Ryde Dance Eisteddfod - Saturday 23 July (staggered arrival from 2pm)*
- City of Ryde Drama Eisteddfod (selected Year 9 and 10 students) - Saturday 30 July (arrival from 2pm)*
- City of Ryde Vocal Eisteddfod (Cubs Singers, Lions Singers & Male Vocal Group) - Thursday 28 July, during school*

August

- City of Ryde Instrumental Eisteddfod (Cubs Concert Band, Lions Concert Band) - Tuesday 2 August, during school*
- City of Ryde Instrumental Eisteddfod (Guitar Ensemble, Accordion Group, Rock Band and Girls Rock Band) - Tuesday 2 August, (staggered arrival from 4:30pm)*
- The Hills Dance Spectacular Dance - Sunday 28 August (time: TBC)*

November

- Hornsby Relay for Life - Saturday 5th November (selected ensembles TBC)*

**Please note permission notes will be sent to parents/carers in the coming weeks for the City of Ryde Eisteddfod, Hills Spectacular Eisteddfod and Hornsby Relay for Life.*

All information regarding our CAPA Co-Curricular Program is available via our [St Leo's Co-Curricular CAPA Website](#), we encourage you to bookmark this page.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to [email Ms Skea](#) for further information.

REMINDERS:

Mathematics Help Desk – Thursday mornings

As we head towards Term 2 assessments for Year 7- 12, a reminder that our Maths Help Desk is held each Thursday morning before school from 7.30m, in room **BHG01**. It would be great to see as many students as possible attending these additional maths help sessions.

Year 7-12 Studio Concerts

Pride Lands Private Music students are invited to be part of our Semester 1 Studio Concert. This is a relaxed setting for students to showcase what they have been working on with their Music Tutor this Semester. Family and friends of private music students will be invited to attend the Concert.

- **Year 7-8 Studio Concert**
Tuesday 28 June - 6:30pm,
Flora Mary MacKillop Theatre



- **Year 9-12 Studio Concert**
Wednesday 29 June - 6:30pm,
Flora Mary MacKillop Theatre

Parents/Carers of students who are part of our Pride Lands Private Music Tuition Program are asked to complete the following [permission note](#) by **Wednesday, 15 June**.

Padlocks for Lockers

We are again experiencing a run of locks needing to be cut off lockers!

We remind you that we **recommend students use KEYED padlocks** for their lockers and **give the spare key to their Year Coordinator or Mentor Teacher**. Placing locker keys on a **large or highly visible keyring or lanyard** also increases the chances of lost keys being easily and quickly found and handed in before locks need to be cut off.



Combination locks are NOT recommended as students regularly change and forget their codes, meaning the padlock must then be cut off and replaced.

A medium-sized keyed padlock (20-40mm, minimum 10mm) is recommended with the **tagged and labelled spare** key for their Year Leader or Mentor Teacher.



Lost Property – Please label EVERYTHING!

A large amount of student property is also currently being lost. Most are found, but unfortunately, the majority are not labelled and cannot be returned to their owners!

Please ensure all student property – from jumpers to Air Pods - is **clearly labelled with their name** so we can return the item.

Our Reception and Student Services staff do their absolute best to contact students when labelled items are found. Unlabelled items are placed in the **lost property boxes in Xavier Court**, outside the ARC.

Canteen Menu for Term 2

Yummy Bears Kiosk, our new canteen supplier, have updated their menu for Term 2: [VIEW HERE](#).

The canteen accepts payment via EFTPOS, cash or online ordering (except for breakfast) through the **Flexischools app**.

Note the daily cut-off time for lunch orders is **8.30am**.

[Flexischools App Setup Instructions](#)

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