

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 7 Term 2, 2022

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many in our school community continue to be affected by COVID and influenza, it is a testament to the commitment of our staff that so many events that enrich students' learning and wellbeing have continued.

Subject Selections and Future Careers



On Tuesday evening we hosted an online **Information Evening for Year 10** parents about the process of selecting courses for senior study. This is an exciting time for students and their families as they start to dream about what their futures beyond the gates of St Leo's might look like. This excitement is amplified in 2022 when there are an ever-increasing array of pathways that can enable students to reach their potential. Education and career paths are no longer linear, and it is likely that this generation of young people will engage in several different careers growing their skills and expertise as they progress.

This can also be a daunting time; many students have not even begun to think about what career area might interest them. To support students, we have provided each of our Year 10s with the opportunity to engage with the **Morrisby career tool**. This tool involves an extensive online assessment of aptitudes and interests resulting in a Morrisby profile that provides students with a range of career fields and education pathways that match their responses. Morrisby is not meant to tell students what careers they should pursue, but more to provide them with the opportunity to reflect upon how they might allow their own skills and interests to guide them into fulfilling and challenging work.

Another event that will further support students in deciding their subject preferences for senior study is the **Careers Expo** this Tuesday, June 14 here at St Leo's. This event will provide students and their families with the opportunity to engage with a range of post-school options including **universities, private colleges, TAFE, trade and apprenticeship providers and employers**. An expo like this can provide opportunities for life-changing conversations and we encourage students and their families to attend, particularly if they are in Years 9-12.



Click on the image to register for the Careers Expo!

It does seem particularly appropriate that this process is occurring the week after Pentecost when, as Catholics, we reflected on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us to do God's work. As a Catholic school, we are always looking for opportunities to further engage our students with the practical application of their faith and this is as relevant when choosing a career pathway as it is in the playground. It is incumbent on all of us to consider how we can use our God-given gifts to contribute to our communities and make a better world for all.

Many of these ideas were also addressed this week for all students during our extended mentor period when students participated in a period of reflection about their character strengths (using the via character survey) allowing them to consider what they need to further develop to become more successful learners. Reflection and self-evaluation are important tools for all students to develop an understanding of their own strengths and challenges. Once we know ourselves as learners, the next step is then to take risks and attempt to solve problems or accomplish tasks that we find difficult rather than developing a closed mindset about things we might not be 'good' at. We look forward to continued work with students allowing them to consider how they can become more purpose-filled, reflective, and responsible learners so that they can grow and improve as learners.

On another note, after a week away from my desk with COVID I am looking forward to being back on site with our wonderful school community. I will also take this opportunity to wish all students and parents and carers a fun and restful long weekend.

Carolina Murdoch
Acting Principal

St Leo's Careers Expo – THIS WEEK!



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Presentations & Exhibitors



Presentations Schedule: (see locations over)

TIME	PRESENTATIONS 1 - Flora MacKillop Theatre Lower Ground Floor	PRESENTATIONS 2 - Classroom MM106 First Floor	PRESENTATIONS 3 - Classroom MM105 First Floor
4.30 - 4.45pm	Aust Catholic University	-	-
4.50 - 5.05pm	Macquarie University	Fraser's Medical	McDonalds RTO
5.10 - 5.25pm	St Leo's Principal's Address	Sydney Actor's School/ Sydney Film School	Australian Institute of Music
5.30 - 5.45pm	TAFE NSW	University of Newcastle	Sydney Flight College
5.50 - 6.05pm	University of Technology, Sydney	Western Sydney University	University of Tasmania
6.10 - 6.25pm	St Leo's Principal's Address	Notre Dame University	Systems Connect
6.30 - 6.45pm	University of NSW	Skillsroad	Camp America/Au Pair America (AIFS Aust)
6.50 - 7.05pm	University of Sydney	-	-

Exhibitor Listing: (see map over)

EDINBURGH GALLERY			
Academy of Interactive Entertainment	16	University of Technology, Sydney	14
Australian Catholic University	1	Western Sydney University	11
Aust College of Physical Education	2	Whitehouse Institute of Design	8
Australian Institute of Music	18	ROME GALLERY	
Bedford College	15	AC College Recruitment	32
Fraser's Medical	13	AIFS Au - Camp America/Au Pair in America	28
Int. College of Management, Sydney	6	CatholicCare Broken Bay	22
JMC Academy	17	Fire & Rescue NSW	30
Macquarie University	12	KFC Hornsby	33
Sydney Actors School/ Sydney Film School	20	McDonald's RTO	26
Sydney Design School	10	NSW Police	27
Torrens University	4	Peter Warren Automotive	31
University of Newcastle	9	Skillsroad	21
University of Notre Dame	5	Sydney Flight College	24
University of Sydney	19	Systems Connect	29
University of Tasmania	7	TAFE NSW	25
UNSW Sydney	3	Training Services NSW	23

☐ University
 ☐ Other Tertiary Provider
 ☐ VET & Industry

**Final Call –
Next Tuesday!**

A final invitation for students and parents/carers **from all schools** to attend this Tuesday's Careers EXPO **from 4.30-7pm** in the Mary MacKillop Centre.

Just scan the barcode above to register!

We have **33 exhibitors** attending, including 10 universities plus TAFE and other tertiary education providers, apprenticeship and traineeship providers and industry professionals. Each will have staff available for you to have your questions answered about the diverse study and career pathways available beyond school.

There will also be a series of presentations by many of our exhibitors.

SEE THE BOOKLET INCLUDING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE HERE

(Note: May be subject to last-minute changes).

This event is aimed at students in Years 9-12, but all year groups and students/families from all schools are welcome to attend.

Photo Permission Requests

We love to share photos or video of what is happening around St Leo's with our parents and the wider community, such as in this newsletter or on our Facebook page. We also use a selection of photos, always with specific parent permission, in College publications such as brochures, and sometimes in local media and advertising.

All parents/carers will soon receive a permission form developed by CSBB to give the College permission to take general photographs of your daughter or son as part of our everyday events. We would like your permission to take your child's photograph/video for the above purposes and will require this permission in order to use their image in print or online. Please note that we will always ask specific permission separately from parents/carers for any external publications, advertising or media, so this is just for general photos of College events and activities.

From time to time, Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) and Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) may also wish to use student photographs/videos in their print and online promotional, marketing, media and educational materials.

Please complete the permission form you receive as soon as possible. If you wish to withdraw this authorisation and consent at a later date, you can notify the school in writing at any time. Thank you for your continued support.

Note that when filling in the consent form, please leave Section 2 - Administrative Questions (regarding medical information and contacts) blank. If you need to inform the school of any medical or contact information, please contact the school office. Thank you.

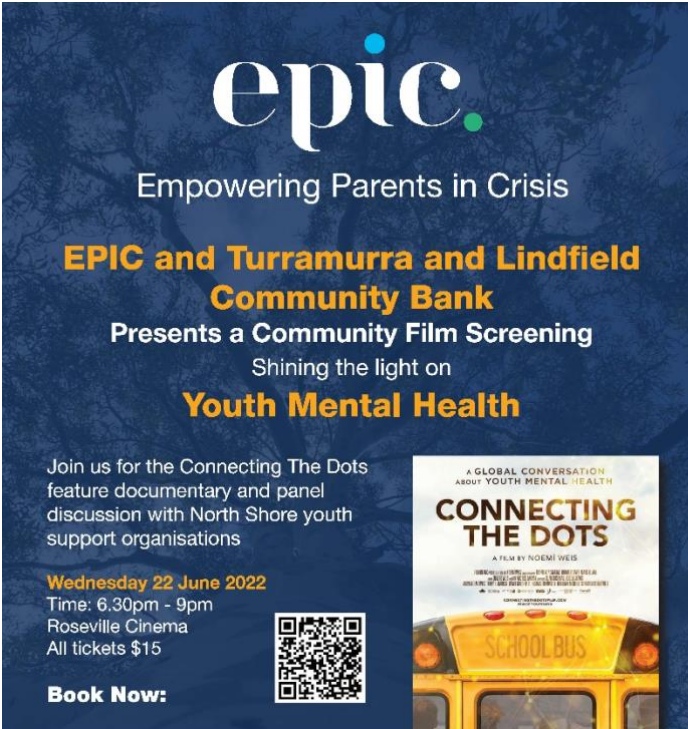
Student Wellbeing

Mr Nathan Smith, Director of Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

St Leo's parents and carers are invited to a youth mental health awareness event, Connecting the Dots, on **Wednesday 22 June at 6.30pm at Roseville Cinema.**

This event will bring parents and youth organisations in the North Shore together to discuss youth mental health in an open arena. Parents will have the opportunity to **meet with 10 youth support organisations and attend the screening of the Connecting the Dots feature documentary.** Kuring-gai Council are catering for the event.

More information regarding the event can be found [HERE](#). (See full flyer on p.11).



Digital Safety Resources for Parents and Students

A reminder that following our 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. 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**', as well as a range of resources available from both Dr Kristy and **Susan McLean** (Cyber Safety Expert who presented to students) and other useful links.

Other very useful sites which have excellent information around dealing with and reporting cyber bullying include:

- [Reach Out](#)
- [E-Safety Commissioner](#)

SchoolTV - Online Wellbeing Resources

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



Important Dates for Term 2 - 3

Week	Date	Event
8	Mon 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
8	Tue 14 June, 4.30-7pm	Careers Expo
8	Thu 16 June, 3.30-7.30pm	Year 10 into 11 Subject Preference Conferences
9	Tue 21 June	College Photo Day
9	Wed 22 June	Whole College Assembly
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

Senior Study Periods – Permission to Leave Early

Parents of Year 11 and 12 students should have received a communication via Compass seeking permission for your senior students to leave after Period 4 and make their own way home if they have a scheduled study period on their timetable that day. This measure is being put in place to ensure the accuracy of our attendance records and the safety of all our students. Any further questions regarding these expectations please contact **Ms Megan Tynan**, Year 12 Pastoral Leader.

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**.

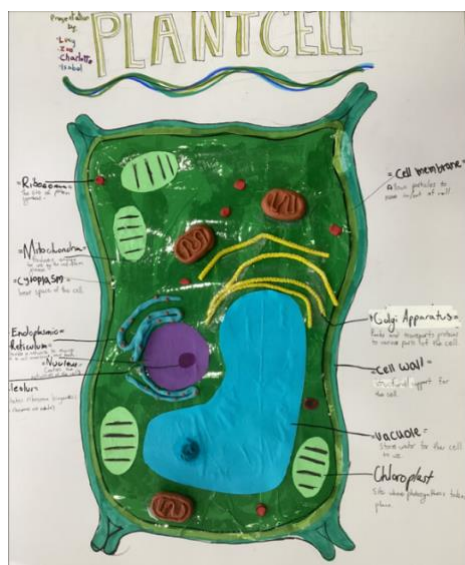
What's been Happening?

Using Models in Science – An Important Scientific Skill

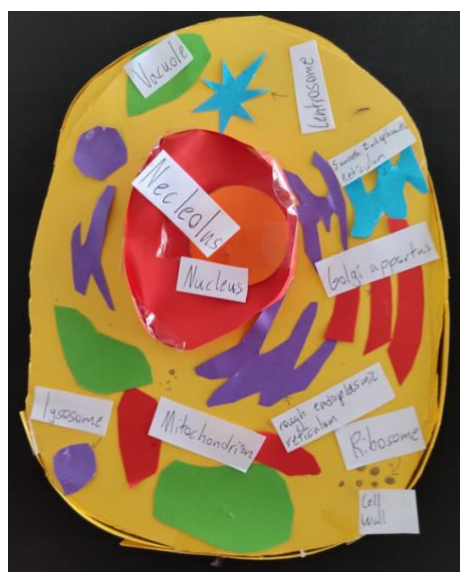
Over the past few weeks, Year 7 and Year 9 students have been making models to help them understand more about the topics they are investigating. Constructing a model is a great scientific skill – in fact, scientists constantly make and use models to help them understand the world around them.

Last week, Year 7 were busy making model plant and animal cells. This required the students to examine diagrams of these building blocks of life very closely. Some of the models were outstanding – they were so good they could easily be used as learning aides.

This fantastic plant cell model was constructed by **Charlotte K, Isobel O'H, Lucy W and Zoe M.**

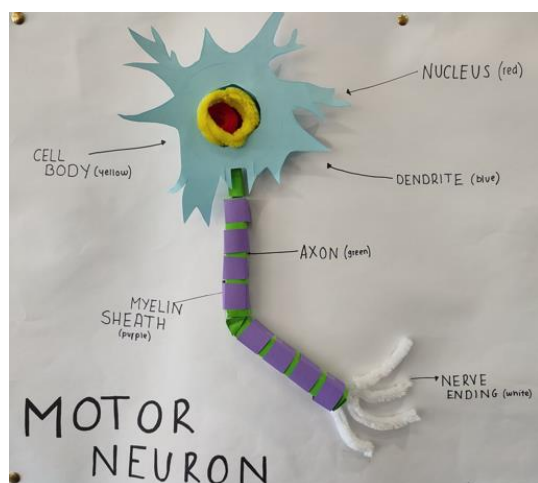


Rebecca C, Tobias J and Nina S took their model the next dimension by making this 3-D animal cell.

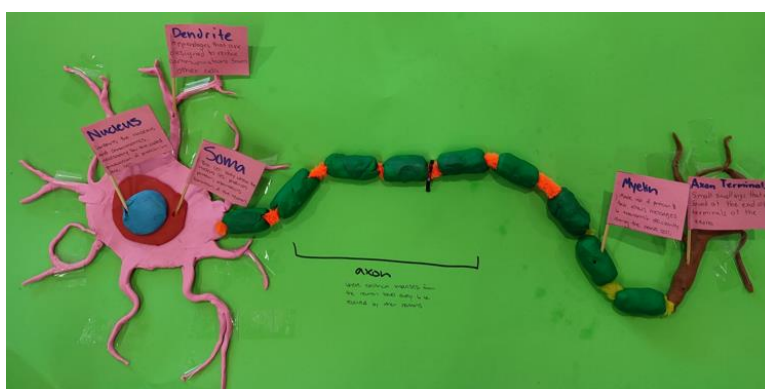


Recently, Year 9 have been learning about the nervous system and its importance in controlling and coordinating the body. In particular, they examined two types of neurons (nerve cells): motor neurons and sensory neurons. Again, the students were put to work modelling these cells. The students then had to assess their models, pointing out the strengths and weakness in their designs.

Natalia A L and Angelina V created this well constructed motor neuron.



This motor neuron won first prize in 09SciL. Congratulations to **Yewon L, Dina K and Isla L**



Why the focus on modelling? As you may be aware, the HSC Science syllabi underwent an upgrade a few years ago to make them more skills based. One of the key inclusions in this rewrite included the importance of

modelling in science. The Science Faculty is therefore massaging the junior topics to include more skills to help our students better prepare for their senior years.

Social Justice @ St Leo's

They Need Your Help!

Hasn't it been cold lately?

I take small groups of Year 10 students on Street Retreats every fortnight. Last week we saw so many homeless people lying in George Street in the city - with no shoes or socks - freezing, huddling in doorways.

THEY NEED OUR HELP!

We need to take them:

- **socks** (new)
- **beanies** (second hand)
- **scarves** (second hand)
- **gloves** (second hand)

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THEM!

Please take donations to the Youth Ministry Room or Reception. Thank you!

Ralph Kershler

Venio – Youth Ministry Leadership Retreat

'From the 27-29 May, alongside a small group of other Year 11s and Rev Gomez, I had the privilege of attending 'Venio'- a Youth Ministry Retreat for students from across our Diocese that was held at the Josephite Retreat Centre, Kincumber.

It was a great opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and meet new people with the same values as me, and form friendships with them, as we participated in various activities together. I found on the retreat that whether it was walking a labyrinth, admiring the beautiful landscape we were blessed to be in, or participating in various forms of prayer, there were always moments of peace and connection to be found. Overall, it was a unique experience I enjoyed very much and I'm very grateful for, and I'm looking forward to taking the skills I've learnt from the retreat and using them at school in Youth Ministry.

Two of our group, Ashton and Zinta, are both related to St Mary MacKillop and Rev Gomez took us to visit the room that she slept in when she visited Kincumber where her sisters used to run an orphanage.'

Zinta, Year 11



Native Bees in Schools



The College Environmental Group had a guest speaker on Tuesday – **Julie Leal**, from Beaches Bees, who talked about the importance of bees to our ecosystem and their necessity for our agricultural production – over a third of our food supply relies on them for pollination.

Julie talked about setting up Australian Native Beehives in her school. Australian native bees

are stingless and safe and great for the local environment.

The students are eager to explore the possibility of setting up a native beehive here at St Leo's. The Environmental Group meetings Tuesdays at lunchtime in the Youth Ministry Room.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

*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.*

This great initiative by the Social Justice League (our junior social justice group) is still going.

Please remember to save and send in any plastic bread tags that you collect. The money raised from the recycling will be used to give wheelchairs to people in developing nations. The Social Justice League meets on Thursdays at lunchtime in the Youth Ministry Room.



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.**

CAPA Co-Curricular Program

Do you have an old Accordion at home?

The Music department is seeking Accordion donations to support our students in learning the instrument and being part of our fabulous Accordion Ensemble, led by Mr Tavernese. If you have an Accordion that you would like to donate, even if it isn't in working order, please contact [Mr Tavernese](#).



Dance

The Dance Ensemble dress rehearsal last week was a great success and wonderful opportunity for students to support their peers as they prepare for their first competition, **[Extreme Dance Eisteddfod](#)** on **Sunday 19 June**.

Family and friends are encouraged to cheer on our ensembles at Abbotsleigh, Assembly Hall. Tickets are sold at the door.

- Adult Day Pass \$25
- Pensioner Day Pass \$15
- Child Day Pass \$10
- No charge for competitors

Details regarding hair and make-up for the Eisteddfod can be found on our [website](#).

Ceramics Classes return for Term 3!



We are excited to announce that Ceramics Classes will return in Term 3 on Thursdays from 3pm-4pm in the

Art Rooms. Our capacity is capped at 30 students. Due to the volume of interest from Term 1, we will be creating a new class list where parents/carers will need to sign their child up for Term 3 classes.

Sign up for Term 3 Ceramics Classes [HERE](#)

For more information about our CAPA Co-Curricular program please check out our [website](#).

Careers News

See the [Careers page](#) for information on:

- ATAR notes and Free online HSC Lectures
- Volvo Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Torrens University Early Entry Applications Now Open
- Army Careers Information Session
- ADF Gap Year Information Sessions
- Western Sydney Careers Expo
- Trades Flexible Pathways
- Dominoes Turrumurra Hiring
- TAFE NSW 2023 TVET Guide
- Year 10 - Subject Selection Videos



REMINDERS:

Term 2 Parents in Partnership Evening Rescheduled

A reminder that our Term 2 Parents in Partnership Meeting has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 22 June** (Week 9) via Zoom.

We are still accepting submissions for [agenda items you wish to discuss](#). Thank you to those who have already submitted items.

The meeting links will be sent via email the week of the meeting.



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**.



Interested in a 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.

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.

Padlocks for Lockers

We continue to experience many 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.

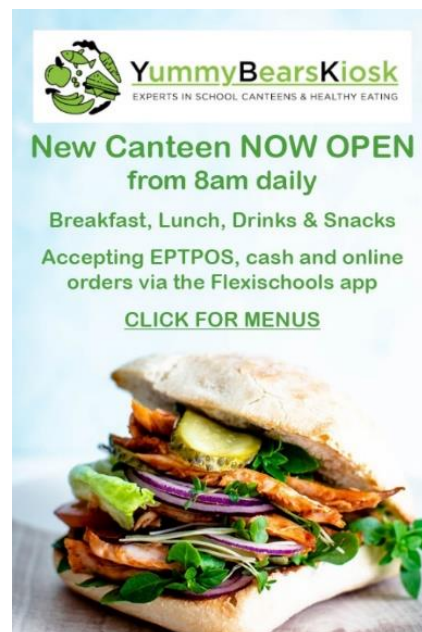
Canteen Menu for Term 2

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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Empowering Parents in Crisis

EPIC and Turramurra and Lindfield Community Bank

Presents a Community Film Screening

Shining the light on

Youth Mental Health

Join us for the Connecting The Dots
feature documentary and panel
discussion with North Shore youth
support organisations

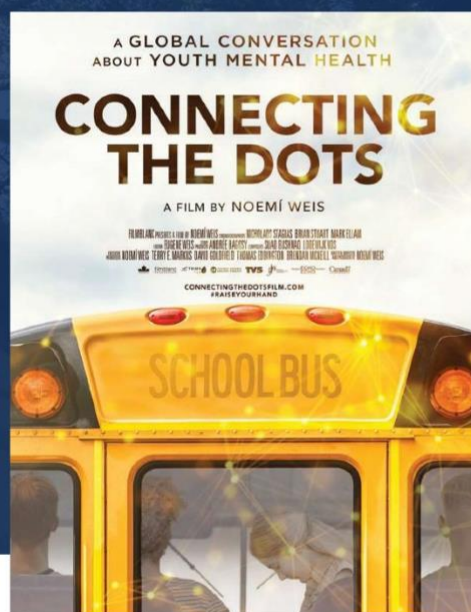
Wednesday 22 June 2022

Time: 6.30pm - 9pm

Roseville Cinema

All tickets \$15

Book Now:



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