



*Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 9 Term 2, 2022*

## Acting Principal's Message

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Welcome to a bumper edition of the Lion Roars! This newsletter is a joyful celebration of the diverse hard work and perseverance of our students and indeed our teachers who work tirelessly to give our students opportunities to grow and flourish.

As we move towards the end of Term 2, we are celebrating the learning of our students in all our Growth Domains, reflecting the holistic nature of a St Leo's education. It is impressive to see so many students grasping the opportunity to challenge themselves, be it in the academic sphere or through sport and physical activity, or through their contributions to social justice activities here at St Leo's. I will also take this opportunity to thank you as parents for all the support you provide to our students in achieving their goals. Your support of your children is an important element of the partnership we form to allow our young people to learn and grow.

## Refugee Week

This week was Refugee Week, and I took the opportunity to share my own story with students during our Whole School Assembly. When I was just four years old, my family fled Chile following the violent and bloody coup of September 1973. Much of my childhood was in the shadow of that traumatic event; growing up in refugee hostels and social housing in central London. I shared my story not because of its uniqueness, but rather because it is an example of the rich patchwork that is Australian society. Our multi-cultural society contains so many stories of resilience and determination, so many Australians can share similar stories about how their grandparents or great grandparents left Europe as refugees after the Second World war, or of family leaving the Middle East during times of conflict, or of parents or grandparents fleeing persecution in Vietnam. Sadly even today we see those fleeing Ukraine.

I also shared Pope Francis' message that refugees, 'are not numbers, they are people who have faces, names and stories and need to be treated as such'. As Catholic Christians we are called to be Good Samaritans who work to find welcome and provide refuge for those in need, knowing that as Pope Francis reminds us, the 'flesh of refugees is the flesh of Christ.'



## Week 10 Arrangements

On a practical note, I will also let you know that due to the **planned Industrial Action by the IEU on Thursday 30 June, we will only be able to provide minimal supervision on this day.** The day will be followed by our Catholic Schools Broken Bay System-wide Professional Staff Development Day on **Friday 1 July, which is a pupil-free day.**

## Award Winners

On Wednesday we again celebrated 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.

A total of 36 students received Gold Awards for 30 merits, while **Matthew E** (Year 8) and **Thomas W** (Year 9) were awarded **St Leo's Pride Medallions**, attaining over 90 merits. Congratulations to you all for your achievements!

I will take this opportunity to thank the community for their support throughout this Term whilst I have worked as Acting Principal. We look forward to Mr Gleeson returning in Term 3.

*Carolina Murdoch*  
Acting Principal



## From the Assistant Principal – Evangelisation and Catechesis

*Mr Peter Grace*



## Parents in Partnership Report

On Wednesday night, we held our online Parents in Partnership (PiP) meeting for Term 2. Following a prayer to mark Refugee Week we covered the following topics:

Ms Murdoch provided a brief report on recent events at the College, including the Careers Expo, the Year 10 into 11 subject selection process and expanding pathways; the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and influenza along with state-wide teacher shortages on staffing, including the hard work being put in by all St Leo's teachers to support student achievement; recent extra-curricular activities such as debating, Duke of Edinburgh, aerobics and dance; and initiatives delivered on online safety and supporting 'screenagers'.

Ms Murdoch then addressed student pastoral care and wellbeing in a post-COVID world, spoke about an 'educational long COVID' which has seen some students struggling with relationships and conflict resolution. St Leo's is working with a range of agencies including the eSafety Commissioner, counsellors and psychologists, Catholic Schools Broken Bay and, where necessary, NSW Police. The College has undertaken a range of measures to develop the right climate for all students and staff. Regarding our post-COVID re-set, we are happy to report very positive outcomes of our revised mobile phone and device policy. It has been great to see students interacting more with each other and relying less on their screens to communicate, socialise and be entertained.

Mr Mulford then spoke about some confusion regarding learning and communication platforms, advising that **Compass** is what the College relies on for our **operational notifications and information**. We are moving away from paper-based towards online permission slips. **Google Classroom**, on the other hand, is the key **learning platform**. That said, **face-to-face teaching and learning remains the priority**. Mr Mulford advised that an evaluation of the electronic platforms is coming up, which will seek parent input. Parents and carers are reminded to email their child's teachers with any questions or concerns they may have.

I then introduced some new uniform options based on parent feedback from our last meeting. A new navy College scarf with embroidered crest (\$15), along with plain navy gloves (\$8) both suitable for both boys and girls will be

available to order from our uniform supplier, Cowan and Lewis, from next week. A College sun/bucket hat is also currently being finalised. (See p. 5 for more information).

Following parent queries, I also gave an overview of sport at St Leo's, covering our regular Year 7-10 Sport in Life Program, [representative sport and pathways available to Catholic Schools Broken Bay](#) students, and our Liverpool FC Academy Skill Development Program. St Leo's has a Sport Google Classroom page which all students are invited to join that has detailed information about all current activities and trials. Please direct any enquiries regarding sport at St Leo's to our Leader of Sport at the College, [Mr Michael Kember](#).

**The College is keen to receive any feedback or questions on any of the topics covered and hear other areas of interest for our next Parents in Partnership meeting in Term 3 via this [PIP MEETING FEEDBACK, QUESTION & AGENDA FORM](#).** *Note:* we apologise to those in attendance that the Zoom Chat function was not enabled which meant that access to this link was not available.



## Annual Global Rosary Relay

This year is the 13<sup>th</sup> year in what is now recognised as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognise and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. It now encompasses the entire world in a twenty-four period and touches the lives of countless millions of many cultures on every continent as they share in praying the Rosary in many languages.

Taking place on the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, 24 June, Broken Bay was an official Prayer Location, and was live-streamed from the Hornsby Cathedral – very appropriate given the name of the Cathedral is Our Lady of the Rosary. People from all over the world joined the live-stream via the Vocations Broken Bay Facebook Page.

Five students from St Leo's led the assembled congregation in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Thank you to **Tony B, Zinta H** and **Charbel K** (Year 11) and **Joshua M** and **Emma W** (Year 10) for each leading a decade of the Rosary. They all did a wonderful job. Thanks also to the members of the Year 10 Religious Education Youth Ministry Class for their reverent and prayerful participation. It was an honour and a privilege for St Leo's to be part of this special event and our student representatives did us proud.

## Academic News

*Mr Daniel Lane, Director of Learning Improvement*

## Year 12 Information

### Year 12 Holiday Revision Sessions

Over the mid-year break, some teachers will be running revision sessions for their courses. A timetable of these sessions is being finalised and will be sent out to Year 12 next week. These sessions are not mandatory but can be helpful in preparing for upcoming HSC and Trial examinations.



You are cordially invited

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world.

In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness."

All families are invited to celebrate Mass for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families with Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

**Sunday 26 June 2022 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara | 2pm.**

Followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids in the Light of Christ Centre.

Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries will be talking about 'The Joy of Married Love' while the kids are entertained outdoors with a Giant Bubble Artist and exciting activities like Tug of War, Parachute Games and Soccer, with slap band prizes for the winners. There's something for everyone!

*We hope you can join us!*

Click [here](#) to register.

Contact [Tomasz.Juszcak@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Tomasz.Juszcak@bbcatholic.org.au) for more information.

## HSC Trials Timetable

We are currently finalising the CSSA HSC Trial timetable. Year 12 students will receive a copy of this next week. A reminder that the trials will be running during Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, from **Monday 1 to Monday 15 August**.

## Year 8 into 9 Subject Selections

During Term 3, students in Year 8 will begin their subject preferences process for 2023. During this process, they will choose two elective subjects to study for Stage 5 (Years 9-10). Please be aware of the following dates for this process:

- Wednesday Week 1, Term 3 - **Course booklet** released for students and parents to review
- Thursday Week 3 - **Market Day** and information session for students during Periods 3 and 4
- Thursday Week 3 - **Parent session** via Zoom in the evening
- Friday Week 3 - Online course selection opens
- Wednesday Week 4 - **Online course selection closes**.

## Student Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

A reminder that student conferences for Years 7-11 are during Term 3 on the following dates:

- **Thursday 21 July** from 3:30-7:30pm
- **Tuesday 26 July** from 3:30-7:30pm

You can choose to attend either or both evenings, depending on your and teacher availability.

The booking system for these conferences will be **opened on Compass next Monday**. A Compass **email with specific booking information will be sent** outlining the process.

## Important Dates for Term 2 - 3

Week	Date	Event
10	Tue 28 June	<b>Year 7-8 Studio Concert Evening 6.30-8pm</b>
10	Wed 29 June	<b>Years 9-12 Studio Concert Evening, 6.30-8pm</b>
10	Thu 30 June	Years 7-10 Reports available on Compass
10	Thu 30 June	<b>Last Day of Term for Students (see Principal's note on Pg. 2 re. scheduled strike)</b>
10	Fri 1 July	Diocese Staff Professional Development Day
<b>Term 3 1</b>	<b>Mon 18 July</b>	<b>Students return for Term 3 (Note <u>NOT</u> Tue 19 as previously advised)</b>
1	Thu 21 July	<b>Years 7-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Night 1)</b>
2	Tue 26 July	<b>Years 7-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Night 2)</b>
2	Thu 28 July	Stage 6 Dance and Drama Showcase
2	Fri 29 July	<b>Final Photo Day</b> (catch-up, sport & co-curricular groups)
2	Fri 29 July	Dance Evening
3	Mon 1 Aug	CSSA Trial HSC Exams commence
3	Wed 3 Aug	Yr 10 Meningococcal Vaccinations

4	Wed 10 Aug	Yr 8 into 9 Subject Selection Talk
5	Mon 15 Aug	CSSA Trial HSC Exams conclude
5-6	Fri 19 – Mon 22 Aug	National Aerobics Championships (Gold Coast)
6	Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug	Book Week
10	Wed 21 Sep	Yr 12 Graduation Mass (am) and Ceremony (pm)

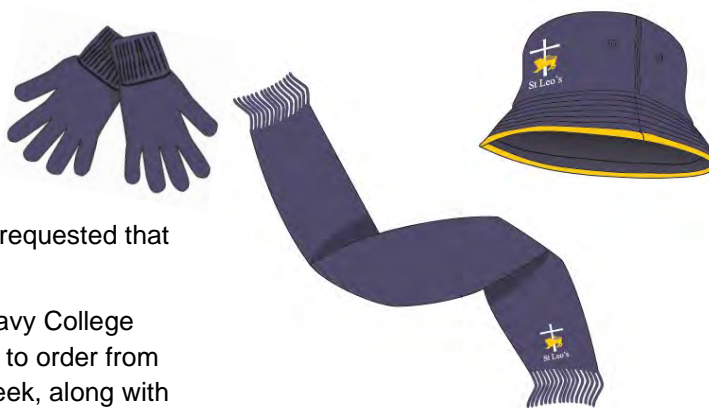
## New Uniform Items

### College Scarf, Gloves and Hat

*You asked, and we listened!* During the Term 1 Parents in Partnership meeting, a number of parents requested that we look into a College scarf and sun/bucket hat.

We are pleased to advise that a lightweight, unisex navy College scarf with embroidered College crest will be available to order from our uniform suppliers, [Cowan and Lewis](#) from next week, along with plain navy gloves. The scarf will be \$15 and gloves \$8.

We are also awaiting samples to finalise a hat which will be an option for students in place of the College cap for sport, etc. We hope to have this available during next Term.



## Action Towards Reconciliation

This year, the College has taken significant steps towards recognition of our Indigenous heritage around the College.

As part of a successful application for a \$40,000 NSW government grant to replace the old shade sails on Muru Mittigar last year, we proposed they feature indigenous art and committed to establish a Reconciliation Art Garden nearby. For our Reconciliation Week assembly recently, we launched the garden, with some of our own Indigenous students unveiling a plaque acknowledging the local Darug and Guringai people as the traditional custodians of our lands, and local Darug artist, **Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson** whose artwork is featured.

For this, we developed our own **St Leo's Acknowledgement of Country** wording, which is now used at major College events and gatherings, and framed prints hang proudly around the campus along with the artist acknowledgement. You may also have noticed our website, letterhead and email signatures updated to include a short acknowledgement.

Along with these small actions by the College, students participated in a number of activities during Reconciliation Week designed to reflect on the theme **'Be brave. Make change'** - which of course closely aligns to our 2022 theme of 'Have courage. Do not be afraid'. Students were encouraged to discuss in their Mentor classes simple ways we can all take action to make a difference towards reconciliation. Next Term we hope to begin the formal process of drafting a College Reconciliation Action Plan, involving our Student Representative Council and with the support of our CSBB Aboriginal Education Learning Partner. **We encourage any students or families who would like to be involved to contact the College.**



A number of the activities during Reconciliation Week revolved around the Aquinas Resource Centre, where a selection of books by our featured artist, Leanne Watson were on display. Inspired by her artwork in the book, 'Cooee Mitigar', meaning 'Hello friends', we held a colouring in competition. Our winners, **Ella H** (Year 7), for the Junior Category, and **Simone T** (Year 9) for the Senior (Year 9-12) Category, will be presented with gift cards at Monday's assembly, along with several 'highly commended' awards.



## News from the Aquinas Resource Centre (ARC)



### Chess Club

The post-Covid revival of the Chess Club is being led by **Max T** (Year 9) and **Xander Y** (Year 12). An enthusiastic group of students gather in the ARC every **Wednesday lunchtime**, improving their techniques and tactics and having great fun! New chess books (including 'How to beat your Dad at Chess') available soon.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge **closes on 19 August**. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 11:59 pm! Don't forget we have a new PRC section in the library!



### Holiday Reading

There is lots of great holiday reading in the library, with a stack of new books! Don't forget we also have [online and audio books to borrow](#).

*Ms Megan de Kantzow,  
Leader of Information Resources*

## What's been Happening?

### Yr 11 SOR Interfaith Dialogue Excursion

'The Studies of Religion (SOR) Year 11 excursion was an exciting and influential experience, to have a deeper insight into the faith and practical expression of the monotheistic religions. We attended the Gallipoli Mosque in Auburn and The Great Synagogue in the Sydney CBD, which were immensely colourful, decorative and elegant.'





My first experience visiting a Mosque and a Synagogue was delightful, and I loved the unique aspects of each place of worship. Our Studies of Religion classes finished the excursion with a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. This excursion was a great opportunity to learn about the main world religions in the Sydney community.'



*Maks P-S, SOR1 student*

## Year 7 English Incursion: Poetry in Action

During Week 8, Year 7 attended an incursion to learn and gain new understandings about poetry and the techniques used to create meaning.



This term, Year 7 have been studying the unit 'Voices of the Australian Landscape', exploring how both historical and contemporary Australian poetry represents key values and experiences.



The performance was an engaging and theatrical experience to engage students with the unit and to reinforce in a creative style the key devices of rhyme, rhythm, imagery and theme that they have been focusing on.

*Ms Hayley Spencer, Acting Leader of English*

## Year 8 Religion

This Term, Year 8 have been studying Monasticism in Religious Education. This week, the students will be submitting their own 3D model of a monastery.

Class 8 RE N were lucky enough to have long term staff member **Mr Ralph Kershler** come and speak to them about Ancient Monasticism and his time in the Monastery. Mr Kershler spoke about how Monasticism started, Benedict's rules, The daily life of a monk and the Devine Office. Year 8 were very interested and quite fortunate to hear Mr Kershler's first-hand account of his experiences in the Monastery.

*Ms Trish Cura*



## Japanese Report

*'Minna San, konnichiwa.'*

### Ganbaru Cup

Year 8 students studying Japanese this year had the opportunity to take part in The Ganbaru Cup Competition. This is a diocese-wide Japanese language enrichment program where students extend their learning beyond the language classroom and test their speed and accuracy to

see on a dedicated festival day if they are the best in the diocese. This year, the 日本祭り (festival day) was held here at St Leo's and we had three St Leo's teams competing alongside the other Broken Bay schools. Not only did we have a team claim first place on the podium, we also managed to claim second and third places:

- *Third place team:* **Lucas H, Elizabeth N, Charlie B**
- *Second place team:* **Suzie T, Maximilian J, Luke J**
- *First place team:* **Andrew L, Ranveer S, Isaac L, Caelan R**

Our first-place recipients received certificates, as well as a huge bucket of Japanese sweets and treats. We now also have the privilege of displaying the winner's trophy in our school cabinets for everyone to see.

### Japan Culture Club and Origami Club

Every Wednesday at lunchtime, we also have a **Japan Culture Club** in XCG01 as well as an **Origami Club** in the Aquinas Resource Centre. *All students are welcome!*

*Mrs Kate Todd, Leader of Languages*

### Debating

This term, students participated in the annual CSDA debating competition in teams of three over five rounds on Friday nights against different schools.

Students have an hour to prepare persuasive arguments in response to topical issues such as voting rights and responsibilities, social justice issues and educational needs. They then debate against the opposing team and are judged on their effective use of matter, manner and method.

This year, St Leo's represented the spirit of courage, determination and teamwork with all teams from Years 7-12 acquiring at least two wins. I am very proud of all the efforts the students made and have witnessed their confidence grow week after week. Their passion for embracing new challenges and working together to solve problems is inspiring.

I want to thank all the students who helped support the teams each week by undertaking the role of timekeeper and chairperson at our home debates. Their involvement is reflective of the positive and collaborative community spirit St Leo's students continually emulate. I would also like to thank the parents who were able to join us for the debates; your ongoing support is much appreciated.

A special thank you to all the staff who volunteered to adjudicate the debates each week. Without the support of staff members, who willingly volunteer their time, the school would not be able to participate in this invaluable experience.

*Ms Hayley Spencer, Leader of Debating*

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to students in Years 10 and 11 who completed adventurous journeys at Glenworth Valley, Catherine Hill Bay and Myall Lakes. Adventurous journeys are a compulsory part of each award level, two journeys for each level. These students were completing Bronze and Silver Awards.

Conditions were challenging on all hikes but the students were well organised and are to be congratulated for their determination and effort. Thank you to **Mr Sammut** and **Ms Butler** for accompanying the students on their hikes.



### **Silver Practice Hike Students**

- **Armani Z (Y11), Jacob R (Y11), Belle H (Y10), Spencer C (Y10), Natasha R-F (Y10), Lucas B (Y11)**

### **Silver Qualifying Hikers**

- **Harrison C (Y11), Matthew A (Y11), David R (Y11)**

### **Bronze Qualifying Hikers**

- **Sophie W (Y11), Hannah M (Y11), Thomas J (Y11), Charlie R (Y11), Augustine L (Y10), Noel CP (Y10), Matthew R (Y11), Keely M (Y11), Caitlin M (Y11).**

## **Pathways Update**

The Pathways & Partnerships Program is tasked with forging connections between teaching and learning in each subject area to industry and post-school training. This provides

relevance and engagement in learning as well building awareness of the range of careers and career pathways.



### **Careers Expo 2022**

Our 2022 Careers Expo was a huge success, providing nearly 700 students and parents/carers from St Leo's as well as other schools as far away as Eastwood, the chance to have their questions answered about the diverse range of study, gap year and career paths available beyond school.

Our 33 exhibitor stands located in the Mary MacKillop Centre featured a wide range of external providers and many of these committed to showcasing their offerings through audience presentations. We were

keen to host a large range of providers to offer the broadest range of opportunities for our large mix of students. Ten universities, other tertiary education providers including private colleges, apprenticeship and traineeship providers, gap year providers, industry professionals and employers all spoke passionately to our students and families.

We were delighted to see many Year 9 students and families there demonstrating that it is never too early to think about post-school pathways. In fact, it helps our Year 9 students to make informed choices when it comes to subject selection decisions in Year 10.

Thank you to all those who attended to make the evening a great success. We always welcome your feedback so please feel free to provide this through our [Careers Expo Feedback Form](#). See you all again in 2023!





## Australian Institute of Music Visit

**Ms Milkins** and **Mr Tavernese** took their Years 10, 11 and 12 Music students to the Australian Institute of Music and collaborated with expert tertiary educators to develop student music performance practice skills, as well as composition and technical skills.

They received important information and guidance on studying at a tertiary level in the performing arts. They also engaged with tertiary students to experience a lunchtime concert presentation seeing first-hand how tertiary students interact with industry professionals.



## STEM @ St Leo's

We are always keen to build strong foundations in STEM education at St Leo's. We are mindful that it provides the tools and methods to design solutions to real-world problems.

We are finalising the numbers for the **NextGenCodeCamp Robotics and Coding After-School Club** in Terms 3 and 4. Your last chance to [register your interest](#) - deadline Wed 29 June.

## Environment Club investigates Beekeeping

Earlier this term I met with **Rev. Gomez** who runs St Leo's Environment Club. We decided to think creatively about nurturing real-world partnerships with external providers to enhance the authenticity and depth of experience of the club. After some conversations, we decided to pursue an exciting partnership with Julie Leal, Vice President of the Northern Beaches Amateur Beekeeping Association, so that our students could learn about bees and bee conservation.

Julie joined our students through Zoom and spoke passionately about the importance of bees and the threats they face including bee mite infestations. The conversation moved to bee keeping and a plan was hatched for the students to put a proposal to the School Leadership Team for the school to house a native stingless beehive. A school hive would provide excellent stimulus material and real-world applications to the science curriculum - so watch this space!



*Mr Justin Slowey, Leader of Pathways & Partnerships*

## Social Justice @ St Leo's

### Beanies, Scarves, Gloves, Socks and Blanket Drive for the Homeless

As winter has commenced and homelessness is only increasing, **Mr Kershler** and the Year 11 Vinnies team invite everyone to bring in socks, beanies, scarves, gloves and small blankets so that we can donate them to homeless people who are having to endure the harsh conditions of a winter night.



If you do wish to bring anything in we ask that they are fairly unused, clean and that they are in good condition, so Year 10 students on Street Retreats can give them directly to people who are in desperate need of them.

You can drop them off in the Youth Ministry room and if you have any questions, you can ask **Mr Kershler**, **Rev. Gomez** or any Year 11 Vinnies member. Thank you!





## Shine Youth Ministry Leadership Day

Youth Ministry students from high schools across Broken Bay diocese gathered at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah, for the annual Shine Youth Ministry Leadership Day last Thursday.

**Alyssa Agius**, from the Catholic Influencers Podcast with **Fr Rob Galea**, came up from Melbourne to share with the students about her own journey of faith and how she got involved in ministry through her music. She put on a mini-concert and had students singing and dancing along to popular songs, interwoven with her personal faith testimonies.

The students then had the choice to attend two youth ministry leadership workshops from a range of options - music ministry, liturgical dance, exploring the relationship between science and religion, exploring the call to vocation, running social justice groups and more.

**Bishop Anthony Randazzo** also attended the day, sharing about his own faith journey, inviting students to join him for World Youth Day in Italy and Portugal next year, answering some questions asked by the students, and giving the students a blessing and a vial of Holy Water to take home. Students from the St Leo's Year 10 Youth Ministry class participated in this great day, along with other interested students from Years 9 and 11.



## CAPA Wrap

### Dance Eisteddfod

On Sunday 19 June, our eight Dance Ensembles took to the stage for the Extreme Dance Competition. For many of our dancers, this was their first eisteddfod and opportunity to perform to the wider community.

It was a strong competition, and our St Leo's dancers performed beautifully, receiving uplifting comments from the adjudicators.

We are so proud of our Dance students and their continued commitment to their co-curricular dance lessons and rehearsals.

A big thank you to our choreographers **Miss Bianca**, **Miss Jade** and **Miss Skea**. We are looking forward to taking the stage at the City of Ryde Eisteddfod on 23 July.



## SPECIAL REPORT: Sports Wrap for Term 2

### Aerobics

After two years without a live competition, it was great for our St Leo's Aerobics teams to get on stage for the regional Preliminary Championships held at Brigidine College, St Ives. All our teams performed well on the day, with a particular mention to our Years 7, 8 and 9 students who had not competed on stage before.

These championships were the qualifying event for State which will be held this coming Sunday 26 June. We have a strong tradition in Aerobics at Leo's, with countless teams representing the College at State and National levels over the years. This year's squad have worked extremely hard under the watchful eye of their coaches, with early morning training sessions to perfect their routines.

We wish them the best of luck this weekend and look forward to hearing of their results, and hope that many teams qualify for the Nationals on the Gold Coast in August! Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication.

#### Summary of Results from Regional Competition

- **Jing X** (Year 12) – 1<sup>st</sup> in her section with a score of 83.60

#### Secondary Stage Open 1

- **Vivacious** - 6<sup>th</sup>, score 74.7
- **Electrify** - 7<sup>th</sup>, score 73.2

#### Secondary Aerobics

- **Figure 8** - 1<sup>st</sup>, score 81.50
- **Ultimate 8** - 4<sup>th</sup>, score 77.10

#### Secondary Open

- **TG5** - 4<sup>th</sup>, score 64.25

**All teams** made it to the **State Competition** that will be held at **Brigidine College, St Ives** this **Sunday 26 June**.

Performance times are listed below – **we welcome any supporters!**

9:00am	TG5
9:25am	Jing X
10:25am	Vivacious
10:45am	Electrify
11:50am	Announcement
2:05pm	Figure 8
3:00pm	Ultimate 8
4:25pm	Announcement

*Mrs Tamara Bowman, Leader of Aerobics*

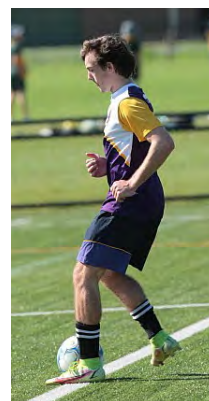


## Peninsula Cup – Football (Soccer) and Netball

Throughout Term 2 and 3 St Leo's teams participate in the Peninsula Cup competition. This competition sees the students travel to the Northern Beaches and play against a range of schools from the beaches. This term we had our Junior and Intermediate Girls Netball teams travel every Tuesday afternoon down to Curl Curl.

Both teams performed exceptionally well against tough opposition and had success on multiple occasions. The Intermediate (Year 9 & 10) team made the semi-finals of the competition and faced the minor premiers in this match and in a hard-fought match they went down by 1 point in the last few seconds on the game. The training and games that the girls have undertaken puts them in a great position for the upcoming Broken Bay Netball Gala Day in Term 3.

Due to all the poor weather and ground closures the U/16 and U/18 Boys Peninsula Cup competitions were postponed this term and instead moved to a gala day that was played last Monday. Both teams played good football throughout the day and had varying results. The 16's boys showed real spirit in all matches and narrowly missed the semi-finals of the competition. The U/18 boys were undefeated champions of their day with great wins against Northern Beaches Christian School, Oxford Falls, and St Paul's. Congratulations to all students involved in the Peninsula Cup competitions this term.



## Football (Soccer) Gala Days

Throughout the term all the school's football teams (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Boys and Girls) have competed at the Broken Bay Soccer Gala days with great success. Our Senior Girls, Intermediate Girls, and Junior Boys all made the semi-finals in their respective competitions and every team found the back of the net and tasted success in games on the days. The Senior Gala Day also doubles as a selection for the Broken Bay team that plays at the NSWCCC Championships and this year we had 6 students - **Geren L** (Y12), **Ethan T** (Y12), **Luella R** (Y10), **Rebeca B-R** (Y10), **Isla Wi** (Y10) and **Keely M** (Y11) - selected in these teams.



## Higher Representation

Throughout this term we have had a number of students selected for Broken Bay teams, NSWCCC teams, and then away from the school sport pathways to State and National teams. Regarding Broken Bay and NSWCCC representations, the following students have been selected.

- **Sophie O**, Year 12 (Broken Bay & NSWCCC Softball)
- **Rachel O**, Year 9 (Broken Bay Softball)
- **Maddi D**, Year 10 (Broken Bay & NSWCCC Softball)
- **Milla D**, Year 10 (Broken Bay & NSWCCC Softball)
- **Lachlan L**, Year 11 (Broken Bay Cross Country)
- **Ethan L**, Year 9 ((Broken Bay Cross Country)
- **Oliver G**, Year 12 (Broken Bay Cross Country)
- **Chris M**, Year 7 (Broken Bay Cross Country)



- **Cameron D**, Year 11 (Broken Bay Cross Country)
- **Holly B**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Rugby League)
- **Audrey-Rose P**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Rugby League)
- **Geren L**, Year 12 (Broken Bay & NSWCCC Soccer)
- **Ethan T**, Year 12 (Broken Bay Soccer)
- **Luella R**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Soccer)
- **Isla W**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Soccer)
- **Rebeca B-R**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Soccer)
- **Keely M**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Soccer)
- **Aodhan D**, Year 7 (NSW All Schools Sailing)
- **Ruby K**, Year 10 (Broken Bay Netball)



## State and National Representatives!

Away from the school-based pathways, we have also had students selected in a variety of sports for both NSW and Australia. Recently we have been informed that both **Maddi and Milla D of Year 10** were selected in the **U/16 Australian Softball squad** after strong performances for NSW.

In a totally different field, we also have **Archie W of Year 7** who has been performing exceptionally well in **Ninja Warrior!**

***If your son or daughter has achieved success in a sporting or other area we may not know about, please let us know so we can recognise their achievements! Email [Mr Kember](#) or [College Reception](#).***

## Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics carnival was held on 9 June at Foxglove Oval, Mount Colah. The day began with a light frost over the ground and it was definitely on the chilly side, but as the carnival began it started to heat up.

All students are to be congratulated on their efforts in their participation on the day. **There are still a few field events to be conducted over the next week** which will be advertised on Google Classroom. **These events will have an impact on the Age Champion point scores, so these will be announced early in Term 3.**

On the day though, the St Leo's Male and Female Gift was run with the eight fastest boys and girls over 100m. This year, we had students represented from all year groups with very close finishes in both races. The results were:

### 100m Female Gift

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Natasha T** (Year 10)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Kyrah McM** (Year 7)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Claudia E** (Year 11)

### 100m Male Gift

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Aidan J** (Year 12)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Wol A** (Year 8)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jack O'C** (Year 12)



## Rugby League

This Term, the Broken Bay U/16 Girls Rugby League trials were held at Morry Breen Oval on the Central Coast. Year 10 students, **Holly B** and **Audrey-Rose P** were both selected to represent Broken Bay at the Metro Rugby League selection match. At the Metro Day, both played well and put themselves in strong positions to be selected in this team.

The rise of girls Rugby League at the College and the passion of **Mr Tavernese** for giving the girls the opportunity to participate in the sport was recognised by NSW Rugby League (NSWRL) recently. NSWRL approached the College and provided tickets to attend the **U/19 Women's State of Origin** match last night including bus transport to the match at Leichhardt Oval!

A group of 34 past and present female players along with 7 staff attended. This was a great opportunity for our players to learn by watching a high-quality match as they prepare for the Katrina Fanning Cup Gala Days coming up in Term 3.

Thank you to the staff and students who attended the night (and saw NSW defeat Queensland). We wish the girls best of luck for next term and congratulate all students on the support that they have given Rugby League over the last year.



## Basketball

Over the last few weeks, the trials for the St Leo's basketball teams were conducted and training sessions began in preparation for the Broken Bay Gala Days. The first of these gala days was the Open Boys and

Girls, who travelled to Terrigal and produced great play throughout the day in both divisions.



Both sides were very young, comprised of many Year 9 and 10 students, so it was a great hit out for them before the Inters Gala Day. The Junior and Intermediate girls competed yesterday, and we are waiting for results to be confirmed.

## Cross Country

A cold, wet and miserable day that culminated in a boggy track at St Ives Showground for our Cross-Country runners at the Broken Bay event, but this didn't dampen the St Leo's spirit. We had students in all age groups even with two school camps also going on and they achieved great results, with these listed below.

U/18 Boys - **Oliver G** (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Qualified for NSWCCC

U/16 Boys - **Lachlan L** (3<sup>rd</sup>) – Qualified for NSWCCC

U/13 Boys Team (3<sup>rd</sup>)

U/15 Boys Team (3<sup>rd</sup>)

U/12 Boys - **Chris M** (4<sup>th</sup>) – Qualified for NSWCCC

U/15 Boys - **Ethan L** (5<sup>th</sup>) – Qualified for NSWCCC

U/17 Boys - **Cameron D** (6<sup>th</sup>) – Qualified for NSWCCC

U/13 Girls - **Isabelle G** (7<sup>th</sup>)

U/13 Boys - **Oliver M-A** (7<sup>th</sup>)



## Upcoming Sporting Events for Term 3

As we move towards the end of a very busy sporting Term 2, it doesn't get any quieter in Term 3! For students to keep up to date with all trainings and potential trials, they should continually check the St Leo's Sport Google Classroom page (Code: lizdjsq). Below a list of the current Broken Bay events that, depending upon student numbers, we will be entering in Term 3:

- Week 1: Thursday 21 July - BBSSSA Netball
- Week 2: Thursday 28 July – BBSSSA Junior Boys and Inters Boys Basketball
- Week 3: Tuesday 2 August – BBSSSA U/13 Boys & U/14 Girls Rugby League
- Week 7: Tuesday 30 August – BBSSSA Athletics Championships
- Week 7: Friday 2 September – BBSSSA Golf
- Week 9: Tuesday 13 September – BBSSSA Junior & Inters Boys Rugby 7's & AFL

## REMINDERS:

### 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 in Period 5 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.

### Year 7-12 Studio Concerts

Family and friends of our private music students have been invited to attend our Studio Concerts next week:

- **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

## 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 have received 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 use your child's photograph/video for the above purposes and will require this permission in order to use their photo in print or online. Please note that we will always ask specific permission separately for any external publications, advertising or media.

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

Please complete the permission form 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.

## Lost Property – Please label EVERYTHING!



A large amount of student property is still being lost. Most are found but not labelled, so cannot easily be returned to their owners! Please ensure all student property is **clearly labelled with their name** so we can return the item. Reception and Student Services 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.

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