



Principal's Message

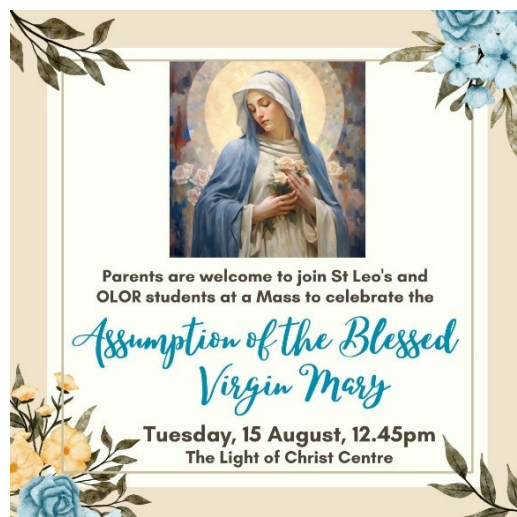
Dear valued members of St Leo's community,

Assumption Mass

This coming Tuesday, 15 August is the **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**. The Church celebrates this day when, according to our faith, the Holy Mother, *'having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory'*.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation - and as such, we gather with our wider Catholic community (OLOR Catholic Primary school). Parents and carers are welcome to join us and we hope to see you there at *The Light of Christ Centre* for a 12.45pm start. Our Mass will be celebrated by the Dean of the Cathedral, **Fr Brendan**. ([Please RSVP here](#)).



World Youth Day

Welcome back to our World Youth Day pilgrims who return to school next Wednesday. It will be great to have them back home and to share in their experiences and stories.

Aerobics Nationals

Good luck to our dedicated College Aerobics Teams and their coaches as they compete at the Nationals in Adelaide this weekend. Competing against teams from around the country will be 34 St Leo's students. Six teams of our teams have qualified for this level from the recent Regional and State competitions. St Leo's has a very long and successful experience with many of our teams competing at this national level over the years.

Thank you to **Ms Bowman, Ms McNay, Ms Robinson, Mrs Frykberg** and our coaches who have coached and mentored our teams for many years. All the best, and we are looking forward to the results of your fine efforts.

Student Spiritual Life Survey & College Strategic Plan

This past week, students in Years 7-10 participated in the Student Spiritual Life Survey which is gathering data so we can move forward in our [Strategic Plan](#), specifically the goal to *'Strengthen and increase student voice and participation in Catholic life of the school (1.3)*. This will provide some baseline data that is directly that will assist in the formulation of an action plan to move this forward.

Staff have been continually working on the Literacy in Subject Areas (LiSA program) with [Dr Trish Weekes](#). Two literacy genres have already been completed and most staff are now moving onto the third genre. This will be detailed as well as what we have been doing in Professional Development (Wednesday mornings) over the past few months and how it will benefit and enhance the learning of the students. This, as well as the data from the Student Spiritual Life Survey, will be shared and discussed at the next **Parents in Partnership** evening on **Thursday 7 September at 6pm**.

Next week members of the College Leadership Team will be meeting with those parents who volunteered to be part of our **Parent Working Party**. I thank these six parents in advance for their time and input into ensuring that we are all purposely working towards inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, and for our students to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

Japanese Visitors

This past week, we have hosted to groups with a total of over 55 Japanese students here on campus. They have shared their culture, language and personalities with many of our Year 7 to 10 students both in and outside the classroom. It is a fantastic two-way opportunity for all the students involved. We wish our visitors all the best as they return to Tokyo this weekend.



Baby News!

Congratulations to our Leader of Sport, **Mr Michael Kember** and his partner **Rachel** on the birth of their third child and second of two boys, **Sam** two weeks ago. Almost a third of a football team!

Thank you for your time and enjoy the weekend,

Tony Gleeson
Principal



Spiritual Growth Domain



World Youth Day (WYD)

The St Leo's pilgrims joined 1.5 million others from around the globe celebrating Mass led by Pope Francis as he closed 2023 World Youth Day in the Portuguese capital this week. Speaking after Mass, 86-year-old Pope Francis urged the young people to take the experiences of the six-day gathering back home and apply them to their daily lives.

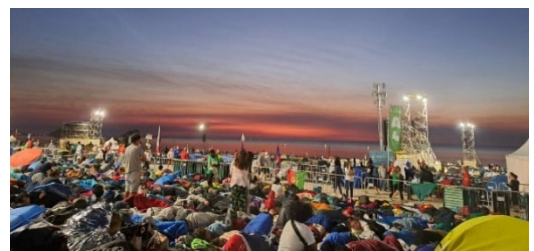
"Dear friends, allow me, this old man, to share with you young people a dream that I carry within me: it is the dream of peace, the dream of young people praying for peace, living in peace and building a peaceful future," he said. "As you return home, please continue to pray for peace. What is more, you are a sign of peace for the world, showing how different nationalities, languages and histories can unite instead of divide. You are the hope of a different world."

Pope Francis asked pilgrims to think of the young people who could not come to the event because of the world's many armed conflicts and wars, adding: "In thinking of this continent, I feel great sorrow for beloved Ukraine, which continues to suffer greatly".

The Pope announced next WYD to be in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027.

We look forward to welcoming back our staff and students next week and hearing in person about their amazing experiences in Portugal.

Mr Pat Brennan, A. Principal - Evangelisation & Catechesis



Academic Growth Domain

Science Week – Week 5

The St Leo's Science team have arranged various activities to celebrate Science Week next week. As well as special happenings in scheduled Science classes, there will also be lunchtime activities.

On Monday, Science teachers will start the week with some fun – dressing as their favourite element of the Periodic Table!

On Tuesday, guest speaker **Greg Tremlow** will present an interesting lunchtime workshop on 'Solving Scientific Problems', and Wednesday lunchtime, **Simon Kennedy-Jewell** will discuss alternative energy programs. Both talks will be held in BH1L1.

Mr Chris Gould, Leader of Learning, Science

From the Leo's Library



Book Week – Week 6

The Library is getting ready for Book Week, which runs from 19-25 August. Places for the **Book Week Afternoon Tea** on Thursday 24 are filling up very fast - see Mrs de Kantzow for details, get in right away.

The Book Week display will be revealed soon: a fun activity will be the 'Shelfie to Selfie Competition'. Students may think they know their teachers, but can they match the teacher to a picture of their bookshelf?

This week in Book Club, we have a Book Giveaway, and students will have first pick of the newest library books – including a lovely stash 'BookTok-made-me-buy-it' thrillers.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Don't forget that the **Premier's Reading Challenge** finishes on 18 August. If you are attempting the challenge and you need to change your school to St Leo's, please see Mrs de Kantzow as soon as possible.

Mrs Megan de Kantzow, Leader of Information Resources

Social - Emotional Growth Domain

Year 10 BStreetSmart Excursion - Qudos Bank Arena

Year 10 will be travelling to Qudos Bank Arena on 22 August to attend the 'BStreetSmart' forum - an inspiring initiative by the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital. Westmead's Trauma Service is constantly reminded through their hands-on work that young people aged between 15–30 are disproportionately represented in road trauma. As a result they have a strong commitment to Road Safety Education.

The purpose of bstreetsmart is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers.

If you have any questions about this event, please [email Ms Megan Tynan](#).



Canteen Lunch Orders – Note ID now required

Students who have pre-ordered their lunch are now required to produce their **Compass ID** or lunch order **receipt** to ensure their correct lunch is collected from the canteen.

What's Been Happening?

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 stayed at The Great Aussie Bushcamp in Tea Gardens in Week 3 of Term 3. Students were asked to offer some feedback about camp or advice for younger students:

"The weather was perfect!" - **Amelia E**

"Fun and enjoyable for all" - **Alicia E**

"So much better than last year" - **Isla T**

"When we arrived I was scared. But then I went and I don't know, it was fun" - **Lilly O**

"Don't bring nice shoes or white pants, and you'll be fine" - **Chloe G**

"The reviews on Google maps are wrong, they were probably written by people who didn't want to wake up at 6am." - **Ariell F**

"The food was better than last year, the hamburgers were the best" - **Kynan H**

"Kenney went so high on the Giant swing" - **Ania K**

"Giant swing was the best part of camp" - **Kenney T**

"It's good and very entertaining, the cordial is good" - **Remi D**

"I wish the camp was compulsory for everyone" - **Laura H**

"Fantastic and awesome" - **Patrick**

"Mackenzie's the best instructor" - **Mahlia C**

"Nathan (the instructor) is the best person I've ever met" - **Marcus N**

"Best camp I've ever been on" - **Armando M**

"It can't be that bad, it can't be that bad" - **Chris M**

"Very exhilarating" - **Baxter**

"We learnt lots of new skills and techniques" - **K'San C**

"Very interesting experience" - **Thomas O**

"You only live once, so try everything at camp" - **Nicholas K**

"It was actually fun!" - **Nicholas M.**



Japanese Student Visitors

This past fortnight, St Leo's hosted 50 Japanese students from the *Fukuoka Seinan Gakuin Christian High School* and the *Ibaraki Sakuranomaki School*.

Students from across Years 7 to 10 volunteered to help host our visitors and show them what school is really like for us at St Leo's.

Communicating through a mix of Japanese, English - and a lot of body language - our St Leo's students have not only helped show our visitors what life is like in Australia, they have learned a lot from our visitors and developed a level of intercultural understanding that will stay with them for a long time to come.



Careers News



In this week's [Careers Bulletin](#), read about:

- Macquarie University Open Day
- Doctor of Medicine Applications Closing for Western Sydney University
- Scholarships for University Students
- ACU on becoming an Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist or Physiotherapist
- HSC Revision Courses
- Apprenticeship and Traineeship Opportunities

REMINDERS:

Parent Webinar: Online Relationships and Consent

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP), in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, is offering all parents, carers, teachers and support staff the opportunity to join a free webinar designed for parents and carers of students in secondary school.

The 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in secondary school and will cover:

- The impact of sharing nude images without consent
- Practical suggestions for starting the chat about respectful relationships and consent
- Where to get support for a young person who has experienced abuse
- The impact of sharing nude images without consent.

Webinar details: **Tuesday 15 August**, 7:30pm-8pm. [Register Here](#)

Videos for Change Competition

Videos for Change aims to amplify the voices of young people and activate positive social change. High school aged students are asked to create a one minute video about a social issue that they're passionate about, with the aim of raising awareness and giving the audience an idea of how they can play their part in the solution.

Partnering with University of Technology Sydney (UTS), the competition is free to enter and closes at the end of September with a number of \$300 gift card prizes. Videos can be entered by individuals, or groups of 2 - 6 people. More info or register at uts.videosforchange.org.



Upcoming Dates for Term 3

Week	Date	Event
5	Mon 14 – Fri 18 Aug	Science Week
5	Mon 14 Aug	BBSSSA Junior & Inter Boys Basketball
5	Tue 15 Aug	Assumption Mass – parents welcome
5	Thu 17 Aug	College Athletics Carnival – parents welcome
5	Fri 18 Aug	Year 10 Pastoral Day
6	Mon 21 – Fri 25 Aug	Book Week
6	Wed 23 Aug	Student Leadership Ceremony – 2024 Leaders
6	Fri 25 Aug	BBSSSA Golf
6	Fri 25 Aug	CSBB Religious Art Competition Closes
7	Wed 30 Aug	HSC Showcase (CAPA, TAS) – All welcome
7	Thu 31 Aug, 7.30am	Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast – Fathers/father-figures welcome
8-9	Mon 4 Sept – Fri 15 Sept	Year 11 Yearly Exams
8	Mon 4 Sept	BBSSSA Athletics
8	Tue 5 Sept	Year 9 Reflection Day
8	Thu 7 Sept	Term 3 Parents in Partnership (PiP) Meeting – All parents welcome
9	Mon 11 Sept	Year 9 Pastoral Day 2
9	Tue 12 Sept	BBSSA Junior & Inter Boys (Rugby 7s) & Girls (AFL)
9	Wed 13 Sept	R U OK? Day
9	Thu 14 Sept	Year 12 Last Day of Official Classes
9	Fri 15 Sept	Year 12 Pastoral Day
10	Wed 20 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Mass (am) & Ceremony (pm) – Year 12 families invited
10	Thu 21 Sept	State Library Shakespeare Excursion
10	Fri 22 Sept	Year 7 RE Laudato Si Excursion
10	Fri 22 Sept	Last day of Term 3 for students and staff



Cultural Growth Domain

Dance HSC Practical Examinations

Well done to our Dance HSC students who completed their practical examinations on Monday, 7 August. A big relief as it is a big day worth 80% of their HSC weighting. Congratulations to **Arlynnne, Georgia, Heidi and Sophie** on your efforts!

City of Ryde Eisteddfod Results - Concert Bands

Congratulations to all our Co-Curricular ensembles for their dedication and amazing efforts at the City of Ryde Instrumental Eisteddfod last week. The following groups competed: Pride Performance Group, Lions Concert Band & Cubs Concert Band

Results

- 2nd Place - **Pride Performance Group**
- Highly Commended - **Lions Concert Band**



A big thank you to all the family, friends and to **Mrs Murphy** who supported the ensembles on the day. Finally, a very special thank you to **Mrs Milkins** and **Mrs Belsey** for all their efforts in preparing their groups each week.

Upcoming City of Ryde Eisteddfod Dates

- Drama Groups - Saturday 26 August

Ryde Eisteddfods Information Packs: Available via our St Leo's Co-Curricular CAPA Website.

Dance Eisteddfod Dates - Term 3

A reminder that Eisteddfods are not yet finished for Dance ensembles this term - 2 more to go. Information packs will be released closer to the dates with arrival times provided. Please see the calendar below:

The Hills Dance Spectacular

27th August (Sunday from 1:45pm) - Dural

Lions and **Pride** Jazz

Lions and **Pride**, Hip Hop

Lions Lyrical and **Pride** Contemporary

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod

29th August (Tuesday, during school hours) - Windsor Function Centre

Cubs, **Lions** and **Pride** Jazz

Lions and **Pride**, Hip Hop

Lions and **Pride** Lyrical/Contemporary

CALL OUT for new CAPA Ensemble members!

If you are interested in joining one of our CAPA Ensembles please come along to any of the Music, Drama or Art ensembles. Students interested in Dance are welcome to come along from Week 9-10 onwards this term to try out the various styles and be placed into a group for Term 4!

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 Miss Shinas](#).

2023 Religious Creative Arts Competition – Closing Soon

A reminder that entries for the Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Religious Creative Arts Competition close on August 18, with finalists showcased on the evening of October 24. Scan the QR code on the poster below for more information.



Physical Growth Domain

Sports Report - Around the Grounds

Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics Carnival is fast approaching! It is being held on **Thursday 17 August at Foxglove Oval, Mount Colah**. A note will be sent to parents soon with key information around the logistics of the day.

Students need to **make their own way to Foxglove oval and arrive at 8:15am** for the rolls to be taken by 8:30am and the day to begin. Throughout Term 2, students have put in their entries for the Championship events, however there will also be novelty events for all students to participate in. The day begins with the 800m and students in this event need to arrive at 8:00am. **Parents are more than welcome** to come and watch and support what is expected to be a great day.

Internal Sport Program

The Internal 'Sport for Life' Program has kicked off again this term with a bang. Students in Year 7 – 10 have two periods each week of timetabled sport. This term has seen a number of groups off to locations away from the College as well as external providers coming into the school.

Year 7 are currently involved in a Self-defence program, and over the next few weeks will be participating in Volleyball, Dance, Indigenous and Culture games, and modified sports.

Year 8 have AFL NSW running sessions for them, along with Dance, Indigenous and Culture games, and modified sports.

Year 9 are currently participating in recreational activities, and then groups will also be travelling to Millennium gym to undertake various classes, tennis at Waitara, and also Flip Out and Laser Tag at Castle Hill.

Year 10 will be doing activities at school and also travelling to Crossfit, then Flip Out and Laser Tag at Castle Hill.

Aerobics Nationals

This weekend a number of the St Leo's aerobics teams are travelling to Adelaide to compete at the National Championships. These teams had strong performances at the State Championships towards the end of last term and the College wishes them the best of luck! We look forward to hearing of their achievements!

Peninsula Cup

This term, the **U/18 Girls Soccer** team are competing in the Peninsula Cup competition. This will see the girls travel to Northern Beaches on a Wednesday afternoon to play against both Catholic and Independent High Schools. The competition kicked off yesterday with a number of Year 9s helping the team due to a Year 11 excursion. They came away with a **5-1 victory over Pittwater House** and showed that the future of football at St Leo's is strong. The next few games see the girls playing against Oxford Falls, Northern Beaches Christian School, and Stella Maris.

BBSSSA Junior and Inters Girls Basketball

Last week, the Junior and Inters Basketball teams made the trip up the M1 to represent the College on the Central Coast at the BBSSSA Gala Day. The girls have trained hard with coach **Mr Nicoll**, and this showed in positive results in all matches. The competition is strong against schools from the Northern Beaches, and Central Coast. Unfortunately, on the day both teams narrowly missed the semi-finals but are to be congratulated on their efforts.

BBSSSA Netball

In Week 1, four College netball teams played at the Broken Bay Netball Championships held at Pennant Hills. The teams, under the guidance of **Miss Isabelle McCloghry**, **Mrs Sharon Gartner**, and **Mrs Erica Butler**, represented the College with pride and had had strong results. Our Leo's teams finished in the Top 6 of their respective divisions, which was the best result we have had at the College for a number of years - the result of dedication to training weekly throughout Term 2. Congratulations to all students.

BBSSSA U/16 Girls Rugby League

At the end of last year, we had a number of girls trial for the Broken Bay U/16 Rugby League team with **Bailey L**, **Amaya S A**, **Scarlet M**, and **Rachel H** successful at these trials. This meant the girls travelled to Parramatta in Week 2 in play against a strong Parramatta side to trial for the Metro Rugby League team. Under the guidance of Broken Bay coach **Mr Tavernese**, the girls played well in a tight contest. The development of Girls Rugby League at the College has grown significantly, and it has been the first time that we have had numerous girls in the Broken Bay side. Congratulations to all girls on your efforts.

James Gladman

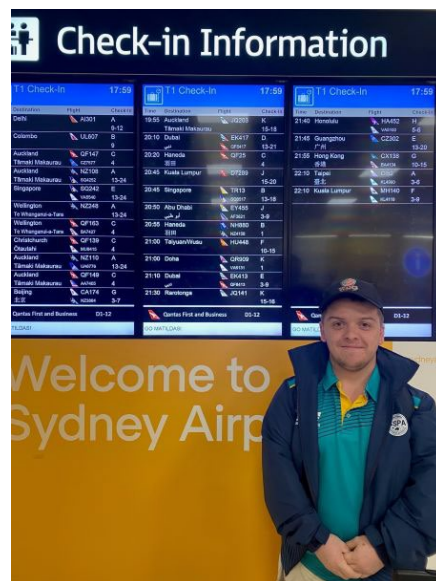
Congratulations to James Gladman (*Class of 2021, below right*) who recently represented Australia in the World Dwarf Games in Dusseldorf, Germany, competing in the 100m, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Boccia.

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming trials and training sessions, students are reminded to **check the St Leo's Sport Google Classroom page**.

Next Edition

- National Aerobics Results
- Canada Cup Softball Update
- Athletics Carnival Wrap-up
- Junior Boys and Girls Basketball.



Community Notices



Price
\$90
/Person

HORNSBY SPIDERS WINTER BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION

DATE
Saturday August 19

ADDRESS
St. Leo's Catholic College
16 Woolcott Ave, Wahroonga, NSW, 2076

HOSTED BY 2x NBL CHAMP DJ VASILJEVIC
2x NBL Champion DJ Vasiljevic will be hosting his first ever Winter Showcase for the Hornsby Spiders. The Showcase will have two different age groups 10-13 (2-4pm) and 14-17 (4:30-6:30pm). The reason DJ Vasiljevic is bringing Hornsby its first ever Showcase is because he wants to provide an early opportunity for all Hornsby Players to prepare for the upcoming Rep Tryouts for next season by providing drills, and scrimmages, whilst being coached by Hornsby coaches.

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BEROWRA RSL SUB-BRANCH YOUTH CLUB BAND

Now in its 30th year, we are seeking woodwind, brass and percussion players aged 10 – 24 years, to be part of our local community concert band.

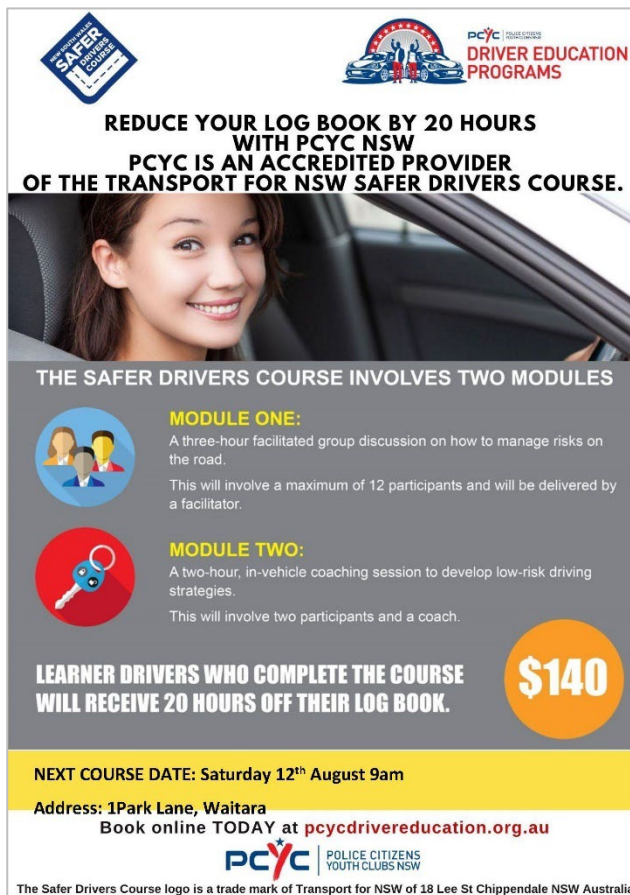
The Band provides young musicians an opportunity to serve our local community, whilst developing performance skills and friendships.

The Band performs in Berowra at RSL commemorative services (eg ANZAC Day), and local community events (eg fetes).

Rehearsals are in Berowra Heights on Thursday evenings (school terms).

Contact us to find out more & to register your interest.

rslyouthclubband@gmail.com
Brett: 0418 232 797



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