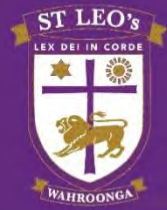


The LION ROARS

Fortnightly College News Bulletin



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 4 Term 4, 2024

Principal's Message

The Month of November

In the Catholic tradition, November is a time dedicated to remembering those who have passed away. This aligns with the conclusion of the Liturgical Year at the end of the month, with the new year beginning on the First Sunday of Advent – a four-week season of preparation for



Christmas.

During this month, the Church encourages reflection on the end of earthly life and the hope of a passage to new life in God's presence. Throughout November, we honour the memory of those who have gone before us, praying and hoping for their eternal life in heaven.

We remember in our prayers all those in our community who have lost loved ones in these recent weeks – both students' and staff's families.

We invite all members of our community to visit the Chapel and write down the names of their departed loved ones. Prayers will be offered for these souls in our November Masses and prayer gatherings.

St Leo's as a Safe Space

Last Monday at our morning assembly, I spoke to the students about Mark's Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Jesus was asked which of the commandments was the most important. His reply highlighted two:

1. Love God, and
2. Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

If we could simply enact these two commandments 24/7, our world would be a far different – and better – place.

I reiterated that our St Leo's community is a school that seeks to be a safe and inclusive space for every student and staff member. There is no place for hate. We respect difference and different opinions. Each of us has the opportunity to build others up and leave the people and places we meet better from our presence and interactions.

I challenged our young people to strive to do the best they can in following these two 'greatest commandments'.

At St Leo's, we know that our young people who feel safe, connected and secure, and who have loving and trusting relationships, are more likely to be active participants in their learning. They are also more likely to achieve better physical, emotional, social and educational outcomes.

As a result, bullying is not tolerated and if it is occurring, and our young people don't know what to do, they should speak to their Year Leader or Mentor teacher in the first instance. Appropriate action *will* be taken.



Year 12 and 10 Updates

Our Year 12 students have now finished their HSC Exams, with Physics on Thursday being the last exam. The Year 12 Formal is next Wednesday evening at Curzon Hall, Marsfield. We wish them all the best as they now head out to their many and varied ventures.

Our Year 10 students have also now completed their exams. Next week they return to normal classes before their camp at Lake Macquarie in Week 6.

Relay for Life

Congratulations to the large group of students, staff and families who took part in the Hornsby Relay for Life event at Rofe Park last weekend. The event has raised over \$115,000 in total (and still climbing) for cancer research and support services.

One of the chief organisers of the overall event again this year has been our own **Mrs Joanna Gower**. Jo strips off her quiet, hardworking and calm demeanour each year and dons a different



purple and gold top to become *Mrs Relay for Life!* Her passion, dedication and determination makes this annual event happen. Even in wet weather as it has been for the past three years, she manages to put on a great community event that gives much hope to the many of us affected by cancer.



Our CAPA staff and students lent their support for the event, with the Lions Concert Band, Pride Performance Band, Lions Singers and St Leo's Rock Band starring on the main stage during the day. Thank you to all the families involved for your support.

Well done Jo and the St Leo's Pride team who have together raised over \$8,000 through a wide range of fundraising activities including this week's barbeque. (It is not too late to [DONATE](#) if you would still like to contribute).

Thank you for your time,
Tony Gleeson, Principal



Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

Assistant Principal's Report

Pastoral Discernment

Last week all key stakeholders of the St Leo's community including student representatives, staff and parents took part in the community engagement phase of the Pastoral Discernment North Shore Project.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo called us to participate in this important stage of the project. The Diocese of Broken Bay's goal is to understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing the North Shore community, of which we at St Leo's are a part.





Stakeholders were invited to share their voice as we collectively reflected on the mission, growth, and future of the local Church in North Shore, Sydney. Dissemination of the data is currently taking place, and a summary will be presented to the Diocese in the coming weeks.

I would like to thank all members of the community who took part in this process.

November Is All Souls Month

The Catholic Church dedicates November to remembering all her faithful children who have departed from this life. November 2 is designated as All Souls Day, a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. We are all called to perform works of mercy. Praying for the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Saint Pope John Paul II stressed the need to pray for the souls in Purgatory at several points throughout his papacy.

Students have been invited to pay a visit to the chapel where they can remember friends and family who have passed away by engaging in prayer and signing the remembrance book.



Mr Patrick Brennan
Assistant Principal, Evangelisation and Catechesis

WHAT'S COMING UP

Term 4 Parent Events: *Click on the invitations below to RSVP*

Parents and carers,
come and join us for a

Coffee & Chat

A cuppa, conversation and connection with each other and the St Leo's Leadership Team!

Date: Friday, 29 November
Time: 7:45-8:30am
Venue: Outside The Light of Christ Centre

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

St Leo's CATHOLIC COLLEGE

A ST LEO'S PARENTS & CARERS EVENT

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS FUN!
Please bring a wrapped ornament for under the tree and a plate of finger food or a bottle to share.

November
Wednesday **27** 2024
7pm - 9pm

Venue: St Leo's Library, Mary MacKillop Centre.
Ample parking onsite. Entry via Gate D off Unwin Rd

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Visual Arts

Year 11 @ Sculptures by the Sea

Last Friday, Year 11 Visual Arts had the opportunity to visit Sculptures by the Sea in Bondi. With more than 100 works spread along 2km of stunning clifftop, it is the largest free outdoor sculpture exhibition in the world. Visiting Sculptures by the Sea offered a unique opportunity to see how Postmodern artists interpret space and materials in a unique outdoor setting.



'The Leobalds' Portrait Prize, Exhibition & Virtual Gallery *(Click on the image to view)*

This week our talented Year 9 Visual Arts students held a portrait exhibition in the library. They have dedicated the past term to creating stunning portrait drawings of a range of individuals from the St Leo's community, which culminated in the exhibition and awarding of the St Leo's Portrait Prize - '**The Leobalds**' (inspired by the renowned Archibald Prize).

All portraits have been on display in the College library this week, giving students the chance to vote for their favourite. From these votes, a People's Choice winner has now been determined, and a Judges' Choice winner has also been selected. Winners will be announced at our next assembly.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to view these remarkable artworks in our [VIRTUAL ART GALLERY](#).



Mrs Claire Stevenson, Art Teacher

Year 7 Taronga Zoo Science Excursion



Taronga Zoo is always one of the favourite excursion destinations for our St Leo's students. There are so many varieties of animals they are excited to observe.

The visit linked in closely with the Stage 4 Science Syllabus. Students explored, through a scientific process, a variety of animals and learnt about the incredible range of natural behaviours and characteristics that help them survive in the wild.

Each of the seven Science classes generally went on a different experience as they travelled unique journeys within the Zoo. I was fortunate to accompany the Science E group, who managed to explore the elephants and the rainforest trail in the morning, enjoying views of monkeys, hippos and Binturong. They were able to view two scheduled activities - the Seal Show and the feeding of the Chimpanzees. One of the animals that seem to excite the students most was the friendly rivalry of the Gorillas, but the new Reptile and Conservation Centre also captivated them.

Students attended a workshop on classification and adaptations and had a guided tour through considerable parts of the zoo. There can be no doubt that the experienced presenters from the Education Centre are able to cleverly explain how our Australian wildlife have adapted to their environment. The students were able to touch some of the snakes, long-necked turtles and possums. They were also able to view green tree frogs, huntsman spiders and a variety of birdlife.



Other groups ventured into areas including watching the Bird Show, viewing Australian animals and animals of the African savannah areas. The students completed a worksheet naming the physiological, behavioural, and structural adaptations for the two animals they observed on the day.



At the same time, the Taronga Zoo excursion enables the students to see amazing harbour views and the beauty of God's creation, reminding us of the care we must have for our environment if we want these lovely animals to coexist with us and prosper.

Clubs, Groups & Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Sprint/Athletics Training All ages, 7.15-8.30am Oval	Fitness Training All ages, 7.15-8.30am Main Yard	Cross Country Training All ages, 7-8.30am Oval	Fitness Training All ages, 7.15-8.30am Main Yard Maths Club All year groups 7:30-8:30am, BHG08	
Mentor/ Recess	Rosary Group (Years 7-12) Recess, Chapel	Vinnies Conference (Year 11) Recess, THG03	Bible Study (Years 7-12) Mentor/Recess, Chapel Spanish Club All year groups Recess, BGH04	Photography Club All year groups Mentor/Recess, MMG02 (Week A only) Science Club All year groups Mentor/Recess, BH1L1 (Week B only)	Mass All year groups Mentor/Recess, Chapel Lego Club (Years 7 & 8) Mentor/Recess, XCG04 Maths Club All year groups, Recess, BHG08
Lunch		Environmental Group All year groups, THG03 Chess Club All year groups MM104 Maths Club All year groups, BHG08		Chess Club All year groups MM104	
After school		Dungeons & Dragons All ages, 3-4pm Library	Dungeons & Dragons All ages, 3-4pm Library	Writing Collective (Years 7-11) 3-4pm Library	

CAPA WRAP

Introducing CAPA Con 2024! (Formerly CAPA CAMP)

Invitations have been sent out via Compass to all CAPA Co-curricular students from 2024, including the newly selected Dance Ensembles for 2025 and Year 9 Art Elective students to attend CAPA Con (formerly CAPA Camp) on November 28-30 on site here at St Leo's.

If your child is in the categories above and as not received a Compass notification, please contact Mrs Field at ellie.field@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Co-Curricular Information:

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 Mrs Field](#).

Co-Curricular CAPA Program

Term 4 Timetable Updated:

ST LEO'S CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

CAPACON 2024

28TH-30TH NOVEMBER (THURS-SAT)

CAPACON 2024 (AKA CAPA CAMP) provides the opportunity for our co-curricular groups and Art students to participate in 3-day intensive workshops at school, within their ensembles.

All students involved in 2024 and 2025 ensembles and Art Electives are encouraged to attend.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in sectionals, workshops and extended rehearsals with their tutors, ensemble leaders and external guests.

They will also work closely with fellow students who share a similar passion for the Creative and Performing Arts and perform in a showcase on the Saturday.

WHEN: Thursday 28th November to Saturday 30th November
WHERE: St Leo's Catholic College
OVERNIGHT? Not this year!
COST: \$85.00 per student

More details will be provided including times and personal schedules.

3-DAY INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS IN:

- ART
- DANCE
- DRAMA
- MUSIC



CAPA CO-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES & PROGRAMS 2024, TERM 4						
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before School	7:30-8:30am Lions Concert Band (MML03)	7:30-8:30am Lions Singers (MML02)	7:00-7:45am Pride Jazz (MML09) 7:45-8:30am Pride Hip Hop (MML09) ALTERNATE TIMES LATE START WEEK 6: 8:00am - 8:45am 8:30am - 9:20am 8:45am - 9:30am	7:30-8:30am Lions Jazz (TWG)	7:00-7:45am St Leo's Company (MML09) 7:45-8:30am Lions Hip Hop (MML09)	7:30-8:30am Pride Performance Band (MML03)
Mentor/Recess (45mins)				Guitar Ensemble (MML01) String Ensemble (MML02)	Rock Band (MML03)	
Lunch (30mins)		Accordion Group (MML01)	Male Vocal Group (MML01)	Girls Rock Band (MML03)	Cubs Art Club (MMG02)	
After School	3:05-4:00pm Lions Drama Club (AHG02)			3:05-4:30pm Cubs Drama Club (AHG02) 3:05-4:00pm Pride Pom (MML09)		
DRAMA	DANCE		MUSIC		ART	
Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Years 8 + 9 Pride - Years 10-12	Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Invitation Pride - Invitation Company - Invitation		Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Year 8-12 Pride - Invitation Specialty Groups		Cubs - Year 7 Photography - Years 7-12	



More New eBooks and Audiobooks on our ePlatform

The start of each month brings new titles to the library in both physical and digital formats. In this newsletter, I will share some of the titles newly available on the ePlatform below. This is such a small representation of what is available. The first six images are eBooks, and the last three Audiobooks.

When students go into the Wheelers ePlatform, they will find a synopsis of each book and they can also open a preview to see if they are really interested in the title they are looking at. The ePlatform can be accessed from any device. It is such a convenient and functional way to browse and read books of all varieties. The web address again, which will route through the school website for permission to access these wonderful resources, is:

>>> St Leo's eLibrary Platform: stleos.wheelers.co

Student Book Recommendations

- Any read by Matthew Reilly
- Any read by Clive Cussler

Both these authors fall under the Adventure genre. Happy reading!

Mrs Victoria James, Acting Librarian



AROUND THE GROUNDS - SPORT



Year 10 PASS Class Challenge

Last Friday, Year 10 PASS (Physical & Sports Studies) students participated in the *PASS Challenge*. Each PASS class chose teams to play against each other in Oztag, Ultimate Frisbee and Soccer.

All PASS teachers - **Ms Gartner**, **Mrs Bryan** and **Mr Wilson** - have spent the past few weeks in training, preparing their classes for the day. Great teamwork and camaraderie was on show between the teams, with the following results:

- **1st** 10PASS2 - Ms Gartner
- **2nd** 10PASS3 - Mrs Bryan
- **3rd** 10 PASS1 - Mr Wilson

But, as always, sport was the real winner on the day!





Girls' Rugby League

Congratulations to our four students and one staff member who will be involved with the 2025 *Lisa Fiola Rugby League Competition*.

Year 10 student, **Amaya S** has been selected for the *Roosters Lisa Fiola Summer Squad*, while **Bailey L**, **Rebecca J** and **Mia H** have all been selected as Development Players for the *North Sydney Bears Summer Squad*. Our St Leo's Rugby League coach, **Mr Tavernese** will be part of the Performance Staff at *St George Dragons Lisa Fiola 2025* team.

This has made for some friendly competition within the school as the players and staff prepare for the 2025 Lisa Fiola competition. All of our students' rugby league journeys started with playing for the St Leo's school team. St Leo's is lucky enough to have these students share their knowledge and skills with the younger participants every Thursday afternoon at the College's female rugby league training.



This is a great example of the College's dedication and care for our female athletes.

We wish the girls and Mr Tavernese good luck with the season ahead!

It is great to see students making the most of our new outdoor table tennis tables during breaks!




COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holy Name Parish, Lindfield



SAVE THE DATE!
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
HOLY NAME'S

Christmas Carols

IN THE GARDEN

SUNDAY
11 AM, 8 DEC 2024

Join us for live music & carols
on our beautiful Parish lawn after the 9.30am Mass

Bring your own nibbles, drinks & favourite
picnic blanket/chairs

Delicious paella available for purchase

Invite your friends and neighbours along too!

In the event of wet weather, we will have a
carols concert in the Church instead

Are there any **singers or musicians** from the Parish community who would like to join? If so, please contact Rosalie, rosaliebelsey@gmail.com

Sing for Cure

Yellow Diamond Brain Cancer Foundation and Viktoria Show, one of our wonderful vocal tutors, bring you a special concert showcasing Australia's top young singers – including some of our talented St Leo's students - performing to raise funds for research into children's brain cancer.

With your attendance and generous contribution we will be closer to reaching the goal of curing childhood brain cancer!

Come along for a fabulous afternoon of beautiful music sung by talented young artists and enjoy some tasty sweet treats in the intermission all to support a life changing cause. Your attendance and support will be greatly appreciated!

Date: 9 November 2024

Time: 12pm

Venue: St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie St, Sydney

Tickets: \$30pp:

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUHUD>



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Yellow Diamond Brain Cancer Foundation

Presented by
VIKTORIA SHOW

PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED within the direction of arrows at any time or during the time indicated.

DO NOT set-down/pick-up passengers.

Penalty exceeds \$387 and demerit points apply.



You **CAN** stop to set-down/pick-up passengers/goods within a 'No Parking' restriction for:

- A maximum stay of 2 minutes and
- The driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle

Holders of a Mobility Parking Scheme permit are able to stay for 5 minutes.

Penalty exceeds \$214 and demerit points apply.



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON OR WITHIN

- 20 meters before or
- 10 meters after a pedestrian crossing

Penalty exceeds \$514 and demerit points apply.



STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED

within the direction of the arrows at any time or during the time indicated unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty exceeds \$387 and demerit points apply.



A driver must **NOT STOP** on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time.

Passengers should not leave a vehicle that is double parked. Drop your child and passengers to the kerb only.

Penalty exceeds \$387 and demerit points apply.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY TIPS

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

DOUBLE PARKING IS DANGEROUS



School zones are busy at peak times. If there is no space to park legally, drive to a new location or around the block.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP



When using a 'No Parking' student drop-off and pick-up zone ("kiss and drop"), you have two minutes to set down or pick up passengers. Please remain within 3 metres of your vehicle.

DON'T PARK ACROSS PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS



In queued traffic, don't stop your vehicle across a pedestrian crossing.

AVOID MAKING U-TURNS AND THREE-POINT-TURNS



U-Turns and three-point-turns increase the risk of a serious crash in school zones, especially when turning over centre lines or near crossings.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK



Walking is a great way to get between home and school. When walking, remember to stop, look, listen and think, even when you have right of way.

WEAR YOUR SEATBELT



When driving, ensure children are buckled up in the correct restraint for their size and age. Wait for the vehicle to stop and park before taking off restraints.

EXIT THE CAR SAFELY



The 'safety door' is the door that opens onto the kerb side. This is the best side for children to use when entering/exiting the vehicle.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH PROCEDURES



Each school has its own student travel procedures designed to keep families safe. Work with your school to understand drop-off and pick-up procedures.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

NO PARKING

You have two minutes to drop-off or pick-up passengers and must stay within three metres of your vehicle.



NO STOPPING

You must not stop on a length of road to which a 'No Stopping' sign applies (unless otherwise signposted).

Yellow edge kerb lines are also used to indicate no stopping zones.

Drivers must not stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights and 20 metres of an intersection with traffic lights (unless otherwise signposted).



BUS ZONE

Only a bus can stop within a bus zone or at a bus stop.

You must not park within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop unless a sign says you can.



MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.



SPEED LIMIT

Within school zones and during school zone times, the speed limit is reduced to 40km/h.



DRIVEWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND NATURE STRIPS

Do not park on, across or block access to driveways, footpaths, pedestrian ramps or on the nature strip area.

This can obstruct property access, damage assets and increase risk to pedestrians.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

In queued traffic, do not stop your vehicle on a pedestrian or children's crossing. Wait on the approach side of the crossing until there is space on the departure side to continue with the traffic queue.

Do not drop off or pick up passengers on a crossing.



U TURNS AND THREE-POINT TURNS

U-turns and three-point-turns are illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a single or double white unbroken lines.



DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



* Fines current as of September 2023. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.