**Principal’s Message**

The Ascension of the Lord –
“...Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven...” (Mark 16:15-20)

**Dear Parents, Guardians, Care Givers, Grandparents and Students,**

It is quite fitting that this Sunday’s Gospel reflects a little of what is happening here at St Leo’s!

In Mark’s gospel, Jesus sends out his followers to the whole world to continue his ministry. It is what we as Christians for the last 2000 years have been called to do. It’s what each and every one of us is called to do today: ‘proclaim the Good News to all creation’. That doesn’t mean standing on street corners with a Bible in our hands but it means proclaiming the Good News through our everyday actions and by being open and honest about our faith. It means treating all people as Jesus would.

On Friday our Bishop, David Walker will be gathering all Year 12 students from the Diocese to our Cathedral Hall so he can spend the day interacting and talking to his younger flock – the Year 12 students. The theme of the day will be “Life Giving Love”. Hopefully students will take some of the message on board then become more responsible members of the Church and society.

Our Year 8 students are on a 4 day camp on the Colo River. It is a competition against themselves. Will they be able to rise to the challenge of cold, uncomfortable surroundings and doing things for themselves? At the same time being tolerant of individual differences and treating others with the respect and dignity as Jesus did when he was in uncomfortable surroundings.

Our Year 11 students are on their 3 day Retreat at Stanwell Tops. They will be given an opportunity to not only get to know themselves and others better – but also some reflective time with God.

These are some current examples of where our students through their everyday actions can continue the work that Jesus started 2000 years ago!

Fr Pat McMaugh
Fr Pat is a long time friend and true supporter of our College as well as the community at St Pat’s Asquith. He has always joined us for the Year 11 Retreat – but unfortunately he is not well enough to do so this year. Mrs Fentoullis and myself went to visit him this morning to pass on our best wishes and congratulated him on his 84th birthday. Fr Pat is looking forward to celebrating and thanking for marking his 60th year as a Priest in July this year. He would like you to remember him in your prayers.

**Progress Report for School Improvement Plan 2012**

Earlier this week all families were mailed a progress report relating to our 2012 Annual School Improvement Plan for Term One. I am very pleased with the progress and you will receive regular updates at the end of each term.

With this mail out is the formal invitation to the College Dinner Dance which is to be held on Saturday 4th August, 2012. Please come and meet other parents and join in on the fun!
College Website
The new College website will be launched next week. It is far more contemporary and engaging than our current website. It reflects our mission, partnership with parents and improving the outcomes of our students that we are doing here at the College. I thank Mr Paul Harmon (ICT Leader) in the time and his effort that has gone into the development of this website.

Thank you to our Staff
For the various activities that are happening this week that are taking staff away from their families, setting of engaging work for their classes back at school and living in less than their normal comfortable surroundings – on behalf of the community – I would like to express my sincere thanks.

Yr 11 Retreat at Stanwell Tops
Mrs Kate Todd, Ms Portia Beattie, Mrs Laraine Boguradzki, Mrs Champ, Mr Kershler, Mrs Anne-Marie Newham, Mr Jake Heeringa, Mrs James, Mrs McMahon, Mr Nick O’Regan, Ms Sainty, Mrs Sykes, Mrs Torpy and Ms Jessica Watts

Year 8 Camp at Colo River
Mr Andrew Betty, Ms Donna Atkins, Ms Traic Down, Mr Christian Iligan; Ms Stephanie Frykberg, Mr Pat Gallagher, Ms Ellen McFarlane, Ms Lisa Needs, Ms Lynda Nelson, Mr Louie Tiglao and Mr Peter Trainer.

Teachers’ Federation Stop Work
Some parents have contacted the College to ask us if we are involved in the possible stop work meeting on Friday. The staff of this College are not members of the Teachers’ Federation Union. There is no change to Friday.

Year 10 Semi Formal Survey
Thank you to those 79 families who responded to the survey about the Year 10 Semi Formal. There is support from these families to stage a function for their young people towards the end of the year. I have asked Mr Solomonides (Year 10 Leader) to take charge of this event and he will make contact with parents shortly.

My Long Service Leave and Staffing
I will be taking 10 weeks of Long Service Leave from next week. I am very much looking forward to having a chance to “recharge the batteries” and to spend some time being a “Mr Mum” with my 3 boys. One of the signs of an improving school – is that life will go on as normal. I am sure this will be the case here at St Leo’s given the density of our Senior and Middle Leaders.

Mr Marc Reicher has been appointed at the Acting Principal in my absence. Mrs Susan White (normally our Director of Mission) has been appointed as the Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Jamila Torpy will be our Religious Education Coordinator.

I wish all members of our community all the best for your various ventures over the next 10 weeks. I am sure that Mr Reicher and the Leadership Team will receive the same support from our community over the next 10 weeks as they take the “helm of the ship”.

We welcome Mr Christian Iligan who will be teaching Religious Education and some junior science during this time.

Our Learning Support Leader, Mrs Val Button has taken a position with the Catholic Schools Office as “Education Officer – Learning Support” from the start of this term. I would congratulate Val on her promotion and thank her for the time, effort and the personal interest she showed for our students and their families in her 6 years at St Leo’s. We will be seeing Val in her new role as our learning support link to the CSO.

Mrs Sharon Blanchard will be our new Learning Support Leader. Sharon will be a familiar face here at St Leo’s – as she returns to us from St Joseph’s East Gosford over the past three years. Sharon takes up her position this Monday.

I would like to thank you for your commitment to and support of the College so far during this term. I look forward to my return midway in Term III.

AF Gleeson, College Principal

“…I hope that you have had more charity and trust and that you have not judged by appearances…” St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 5/3/1900)
Message from the Assistant Principal

Changes to Daily Routine

Tuesday 22 May – Yr11 & 12 Parent, Teacher, Student Evening – All students dismissed at 2.45pm

Wednesday 30 May – College Track & Field Carnival

Absentee Follow Up
A reminder that students receive notification every Tuesday on their absences for the previous week. This needs to be acted on immediately to meet the 7-day deadline for explaining absenteeism. It is the students’ responsibility to check that the data is accurate and discuss any discrepancies with their teachers. Coming into the colder months most of us find it a little harder to get up and going in the morning. Students were reminded at assembly this week that they should only remain at home if they are too sick to complete their school, often once we are up and about, we can get through the day. Absenteeism affects students’ learning outcomes not only for the absent day but every day until the work is caught up.

Winter Uniform
All students should be in their College Winter uniforms during Term 2. Thank you to the parents who prepared the uniforms over the past few weeks.

Just a reminder, that blazers are the compulsory outer garment when traveling to and from school. All students are expected to wear their blazers to Tutor room in the morning and to their last period in the afternoon, as well as any Assemblies, Masses or Liturgies.

As well as blazers, all boys must wear long trousers as part of the winter uniform. The shorts are not an option. Girls in Years 7-10 girls wear the pinafore and stockings without significant ladders and holes. All students should have their tie and top buttons done up. Students wishing to wear under-shirts for warmth are asked to wear plain white shirts that are not noticeable under the shirts/blouses.

Sports Uniform
Sports uniform this term is the normal sport shirt and shorts with the College tracksuit if students are cold. Students will not be supposed to wear their woolen school jumper on sports days.

Any students wearing ‘hoodies’ or other jumpers and jackets either under or over their uniforms will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Finally, once again I would like to remind parents that open ballet-style shoes or soft canvas upper shoes do not meet WHS standards for footwear in many areas throughout the College. Should students come to school with these shoes, they will be sent home to change and return to the College. Parents will be contacted before this occurs and if this option is not available students will be withdrawn from class and the playground for the day. The canvas style ‘raven’ shoe is not suitable for sport or PDHPE and students wearing these shoes will not participate in these activities. The safety of our students is very important and we ask that you support us on this issue.

Reminder - Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12) Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
A reminder to parents of Years 11 & 12 students that our Stage 6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be held from 3.30pm – 8pm on Tuesday 22nd May.

The normal procedure will apply for booking these interviews – through the online booking system used in the past. The instructions and PIN numbers were given to students early this week. The online booking system opens at 10am Thursday 17th May. Please contact the office if you have difficulties making your appointments.

Year 12 Mid Year Reports will be available for collection on this evening.
Your booking codes and instructions have been distributed.

To allow staff to prepare for the Year 11 & 12 interviews, all students will be dismissed at 2.45pm next Tuesday 22nd May. All lessons on this day will be shortened by 5 minutes to allow for this without significantly disrupting the learning in any classes. Students that require supervision until 3.10pm should make their way to the library at the end of Period 6.

Mr Marc Reicher, Assistant Principal
Pastoral News


This day is observed by the United Nations to mark the importance that the international community places on families as the most important units of society.

At St Leo’s we acknowledge that the family is the primary caregiver of their children and celebrate close connections and positive relationships. Our Mother’s Day Mass on Friday 11 May 2012 was a wonderful acknowledgement of the partnership of home and school. Also, check the Parent Network Section of the newsletter for opportunities of involvement in the College. Some Photographs from the Mother’s Day Mass follow:

iRisk Presentation to students in Years 7 to 10, Friday 4 May 2012

The message to students in this presentation was that almost anything we do has an element of risk to it. All our actions have outcomes and actions that are not thought through can put us at risk of negative consequences. The students were presented with the accounts of a number of people’s lives: Peter Hodgkins who threw a rock from an overpass; pilot Mark Kempton from Emergency Management Queensland and Megan who helps educate young people about the dangers of technology if used inappropriately.

Such a presentation reinforces St Leo’s philosophy of students being responsible for the choices they make and evaluating the effectiveness of these choices so that if they make a miss-take, they can learn from the experience and choose more effective behaviours in the future.

Year 12

In term one half yearly exams provided Yr 12 students with their first real model of HSC style procedures, and although exams have been returned and feedback has been given students are now waiting to receive their reports.

Over the past few weeks I have joined students on the main yard during recess and lunch and talked to them about their exams and the direction their future is taking.

It was enlightening to hear that most students said they were really excited about the future. Malin Thiele made the comment ‘I am not anxious about the HSC as I know what I need to do to achieve my goals’.

Rhod-lee Mercado was just as positive about life after Leo’s and he sees his future as an opportunity to help others. Rhod-Lee says that the opportunities and experiences gained at St Leo’s in terms of social justice and ministry have encouraged him to be a leader in the future. These goals are certainly being achieved as just today I received a message from Mr Kershler who offered a special thanks to Rod-Lee Mercado who assists and supervises the volunteers on Night Patrol each month to make sure thing flow smoothly.

I look forward to meeting Yr 12 parents and guardians next Tuesday Evening at Parent teacher night. Reports will be available on the evening and can be picked up in the Hall prior to your interview.

Year 10

In the last two weeks, students in Year 10 have engaged in various activities to complement the Motivational Media presentation on ”iRisk.” The ”iRisk” presentation contained powerful messages and images about the value of planning for our lives and making good choices in relationships with others. The songs, stories and comments in the presentation focused on the influence that we as individuals have on those around us.

In addition, students have had the opportunity to nominate themselves for events in the upcoming track and field carnival, which will be held in week 6.

Lastly, the selected Year 10 Peer Support Students are continuing their work with the Year 7 students.

Angelo Solomonides, Year 10 Coordinator

Year 9

Working on activities related to the ”i Risk” presentation they had last week.
Year 7

Year 7 had a wonderful History excursion on Friday 11th May. Many were amazed to have seemingly stepped off the school bus and into the ground of Hogwarts (via the gothic buildings of Sydney University). I was delighted to see students’ obvious knowledge of the topics they had been studying, their interest in the archaeologist’s presentations, and their care and respect, especially when they were allowed to handle genuine ancient artefacts from Egypt, Greece, Rome and other places. I think students had the most fun, though, when they were allowed to make their own mark in the graffiti tunnel!

NAPLAN is underway this week; it was good to see all students at school on time and ready to do their best this morning. Results come out in September.

In pastoral care, students will be continuing Peer Support this week, with help from Year 10.

I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to meet parents at the Principal’s Breakfasts over the last few weeks. If you were not able to come, do look out for invitations to the Parent’s Dinner Dance later in the year, for a chance to meet and mingle the parents of your child’s year.

Megan de Kantzow, Year 7 Co-ordinator

News from around the College

German Trip

During the Easter holidays, 11 students accompanied by Mrs Macri, Mr Harmon and Mrs Todd took part in the biannual St Leo’s German Cultural tour. We were away for 3 weeks visiting places such as Berlin, Dresden and Munich. Although we were unable to do home stay this time we still visited our sister school in Bad Wurzach for the day. Our students did presentations to the German students on a wide variety of topics including Australian Wildlife and a typical day in the life of a St Leo’s Student.

Some of the high lights of our trip included a visit to the Salzburg Salt mines and a visit to Neuschwanstein. All students had a great time and we even got to see snow.

Mrs Kate Todd, German teacher

Below are 3 students’ impressions of the trip:

Going to Germany made me really learn about the culture. You get to see it in real life, not just pictures and videos during class. We saw many castles, cathedrals and a variety of landscapes. The highlight for me was seeing Neuschwanstein castle. It was very pretty and it is surrounded by tall mountains covered by snow.

The food was delicious and I loved the schnitzel with chips. I also liked visiting the German school and meeting my host sister Ariane. I learnt so much about their history! This is a trip I will never forget. Gabrielle Shanahan (Year 10)

The 2012 Germany trip of St Leo’s Catholic College was amazing, seeing all the different sites and eating all the wonderful food. One of my favorite adventures of the trip was the day we spent at the Zugspitze (Germany’s tallest mountain). The train trip was stunning with mountains covered in snow growing closer and closer. Once at the top of the Zugspitze we saw Germany’s highest chapel which stands a few meters higher than the ski centre. The biggest snow fight started with the students running down a small slope covered in snow about 30cm deep and falling on their stomachs and backs. The snow fight lasted about 20 minutes, all the students and some of the adults were saturated top to bottom. After looking at the 4-country panoramic view we had lunch at the glacier bar. With full stomachs we descended down the mountain on the glacier cable car with the long train trip home next. Natasha George

Germany Trip

The Germany Cultural Tour 2012 was a mind blowing experience that I believe students who participate in German should go on. Berlin was my utmost favourite part of the entire trip, though I also loved visiting old Churches, medieval castles and Bavarian palaces. Berlin is a wonderful city full of history and it’s the most fascinating place to ever experience. It’s those types of historical places you visit and you’re like ‘wow, I’m standing where this actually happened’. To have the opportunity to actually see the country was spectacular. I loved eating the food and experiencing the customs and culture and how things work in Germany. I love the punctuality of Germans and how friendly they are. The European lifestyle and scenery was wonderful to see, I honestly can’t wait to jump back on a plane and go back as soon as I can. Often I have people ask me what there is to do in Germany because it’s so known for the war aspect, and well, what’s there to do in Australia?! There’s heaps to keep you occupied in Germany. It’s marvellous. I had the best time ever. Jazmine Reid Zinck
Science News
On Friday 4th May, Miss Heugh’s 9SCIM class was treated to a visit from Mrs Lisa Fitzsimmons (the mother of Lauren in our Year 9 class). Mrs Fitzsimmons shared with the class a very moving and personal account of her experience during the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake. The presentation was engaging and informative and most students could understand the sheer terror that was shared by people in Christchurch, as the trauma of the experience was clearly described.

Our class is very lucky to have had first hand experience of an Earthquake survivor’s story, and it is a tremendous platform on which to build the students’ knowledge and understanding as we study “The Moving Earth” unit this term. Some suggested hints which could come in handy one day if you are travelling overseas included: keeping your passport on you; and carrying your phone charger with you – they just may assist us one day.

I would like to personally thank Mrs Fitzsimmons for sharing her traumatic experience with our 9SCIM class – it was an extremely vivid and moving account.

Thank you ever so much.

Miss Karen Heugh

Industrial Technology - Artline Kitchens Industry Study Excursion.
On Wednesday, 9th of May, Year 11 and 12 Industrial Technology Timber students were privileged to attend an excursion to Artline Kitchens near Campbelltown. Artline Kitchens is the largest wholesale kitchen manufacturer in Australia and are capable of manufacturing a kitchen every three hours. The factory works around the clock to produce hundreds of kitchens weekly that are dispatched to all areas of NSW.

This excursion provided students with an excellent opportunity to view first hand, the day to day running of a large manufacturing company as part of their Industry Study assessment task requirements.

Students were given a guided tour of the factory whilst it was operating and witnessed their storage and receiving areas, automated machinery, manual machinery, assembly and dispatch areas. The company guides gave students a step-by-step rundown of how the machines operated, how the company was structured and answered all other questions that the students had at the conclusion of the tour.

Overall, the excursion was a very valuable experience for the students and hopefully their understanding of the manufacturing industry has now been broadened. We are pleased that the company invited our college back for further visits so that our future Industrial Technology students can benefit from this excellent resource.

Mr Sammut / Miss Beattie.

Library News
Premier’s (PRC) and St Leo’s Reading Challenges update
Over 225 students have entered the current reading challenges. Two students have already completed the PRC and are well on their way to achieving double certificates.

The St Leo’s Reading Challenge has no rules, just encouragement to keep reading. It is a wonderful sight in the library to see an entire class deeply engaged in their books, smiling and sometimes quietly sharing something from what they are reading.

The hunger games rolls on
The hunger games movie has caused great interest in the novels on which the film was based, so much that we have purchased some extra copies to keep up with borrowing demand. The three books which make up the series are equally enjoyed by boys and girls. Two books which arrived in the library this week, 100% unofficial tribute to The hunger games and The hunger games: the official illustrated movie companion provide interesting background information.

Diocese rollout of a new library computer system, Destiny
During the year the Broken Bay Diocese is installing Destiny in all school libraries. Destiny is a very sturdy program, good to look at and easy to use. St Leo’s library has been a pioneer with Destiny, having installed it in early 2009. I have been invited to be a mentor and support to some of our close primary school libraries as they experience the transition. It is an honour to be asked to work with my colleagues in this way.

Neryle Sheldon, Teacher Librarian
Debating News
Last week we debated against Santa Sabina at Strathfield. The Year 7, 9 and 10 teams were successful and the Year 12 team had a narrow loss. This Friday we will be debating at Holy Cross College in Ryde. I commend in advance students from teams which have been involved in strenuous outside activity this week: Year 12 at BYTE, Year 11 on retreat and Year 8 at camp. They will turn up on Friday night no doubt exhausted but willing to support the school.

Next week we begin the final two rounds, to be hosted at St Leo’s. I will be asking for assistance from each year group in the form of ushers, timekeepers and chairpersons.

There has been an increase in students being involved in debating this year. Debating is a skill which has so many benefits. Parents can encourage students to see that debating is fun as well as building confidence and quick thinking.

Neryle Sheldon, Debating Coordinator

Mission News
Come Join Us in Eucharist
Every Tuesday from 8 am
Every Friday from 1.05 pm
Mass in the College Chapel

Sport News
MCCS OPEN GIRLS HOCKEY
On Thursday 3rd May the Opens Girls Hockey team achieved a resounding victory, bringing home 6 goals to nil against Catherine McCauley. The girls’ winning attitude was given impetus within two minutes of the game as Sanchia Bright caught the opposition’s goal keeper by surprise, sweeping a winning shot down the centre line. This early strike boosted the girls’ confidence, since a missing helmet meant that they were without a goal keeper. An able defence line, including Bree Bowden, Madison Sloane Kayley Fender, Anna Kazatchek and Steph Cole kept the opposition well at bay forcing the ball into the centre where fronts Hannah Derrig, Tobruk Sloane, Kaisha Necesario, Alyce Keating and Imogen Kemp ably pitched it through to Sanchia, Bethany Halmy and Jellica Dy who between them scored 9 goals. Congratulations on such a fine performance!

The game against Trinity on Thursday 10th May presented a couple of challenges in a that the team responded to with true sportsmanship. In the absence of an umpire Stephanie Cole volunteered to fulfil this role, thus forfeiting her strong presence on the field during the first half. Under the scorching sun of May’s hottest day, the girls worked tirelessly as a team to counter the opposition’s strong attacking game. Bethany Halmy, Sanchia Bright and Alex Drum brought to fruition the skilful stick skills of the defence and front players by claiming a goal each for St Leo’s. First-time players in the team Becky Bolan and Sabrina Nizeti injected fresh determinism into the team, ably supporting Jellica Dy, Alyce Keating, Imogen Kemp, Madison Sloane, Tobruk Sloane, and Bridget Campbell to maintain their focus on victory. Bree Bowden ably averted several of the opposition’s close-shots at goal, keeping their win to a narrow margin of 5 goals to 3.
**Parent Network**

Thank you - Mother’s Day Mass and Morning tea
On Friday 11st May 2012, St Leo’s staff and students hosted a beautiful event allowing many who volunteer and serve regularly to attend the mass at the college chapel and mingle with family and friends. Thank you.

Save the date …
- **Principal’s Update** - Wednesday 13th June 2012
  College Library from 7 pm. Cheese and wine followed by presentations and discussion.

- **College Dinner and Dance** - Saturday 4th August 2012
  Hornsby RSL. Live Band. Invite adult friends and families. For more information or if you have any queries please contact Kathryn Carmody, Team leader via email kathryn_carmody@yahoo.com.au or telephone Virginia Gahan, Committee member 9476 8724.

Parent Network – Trial results
Together the College leadership team, College staff, College Board and Parent Network support students to improve student outcomes. The Parent Network is a sub-group of the College Board and has operated on a trial basis throughout 2011. Last week the trial results were presented and discussed at the recent College Board meeting. The Network promotes parent engagement and community building and the trial proved to be very successful. As a result a sustainable operational structure is being established and documented. Look out for more details in the next issue of The Pride.

Exam Reading and Writing Support – volunteers, please
If you can spare approximately 3 hours to assist with exam reading and writing, then please contact Sarah Szacsuvay, Phone: 9875 2843, Mobile: 0413 601 496, Email: sbuttfield@hotmail.com

St John’s Wahroonga - Soup Van
Join other volunteer families to prepare and serve hot meals to those without a home in the Hornsby area. For more information please contact Connie Klimko, St John’s Soup Van Co-ordinator on Mobile: 0407 603 877 or Email: leosparentnet@y7mail.com

Want to get involved and support your child at St Leo’s?
Whatever your interest or available time there are opportunities for you to get involved. For more information regarding the College Parent Network: [www.dbb.org.au/schools/stleoscollege/Pages/ColegeParentNetwork](http://www.dbb.org.au/schools/stleoscollege/Pages/ColegeParentNetwork)
Or contact:
- Julie Kelly via email <jojukelly@bigpond.com>
- Marinela Mendes via email: <mendes@bigpond.net.au> or call 9487 5757 or 0418 22 40 31.
Community News

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2012

It is with great joy that I introduce you to the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal 2012.

“There is no magic solution to poverty. It takes compassion, commitment and money.”

The campaign depicts children playing and mixing a potion that will solve their family’s problems while the parents discuss bills and struggle to make ends meet. The St Vincent de Paul Society understands that there is no quick-fix to eliminating poverty. This winter we are seeking your renewed commitment in providing meaningful support for families across the state.

The Winter Appeal will run from the 1st May until the end of August. Your local school, university or parish based fundraising will be supported and enhanced by significant exposure across several mediums including TV, cinema, radio, print and online media. During this appeal we also hope to raise awareness that during these colder months the struggles of families and individuals experiencing disadvantage or homelessness is intensified. Your support allows the St Vincent de Paul Society to continue providing services to ease the strain on families. We recognise the valuable contribution that our youth volunteers make to the Society and to our Winter Appeals. As volunteers, members and supporters of the St Vincent de Paul Society we invite you to take local action and support families and individuals within your community; you might like to organise a fundraiser, hold an event to raise the awareness of these issues or coordinate a winter clothing drive to donate to our Vinnies stores.

Your conference or local Youth Coordinator can provide you with information, support and resources to assist with your appeal activities. If you are already in contact with your local conference, please contact them directly otherwise please don’t hesitate to contact the Youth Coordinator for the Broken Bay area:

Keesha Quinn 02 9495 8306 Keesha.Quinn@vinnies.org.au

Wishing you every success with your Winter Appeal activity.

Claire Mercer
NSW State Youth and Young Adults Officer

Please note that St Leo’s Catholic College has a St Vinnie’s collection bin in the College grounds.
MS Walk and Fun Run
I am taking part in the 2012 MS Walk and Fun Run in order to raise funds for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS) on the 3rd of June. MS is the most common disease of the central nervous system and affects more than 21,000 Australians.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be predicted. Symptoms may range from tingling and numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is a devastating disease because people live with its unpredictable physical and emotional effects for the rest of their lives.

Did you know?
- The average age of diagnosis of MS is just 30 years
- MS affects three times as many women as men

MS Australia aims to minimise the impact of multiple sclerosis on all individuals affected by the disease, as well as their families, carers and the community, by offering a wide range of services, equipment and support. MS Australia's goal is to assist everyone affected by MS to live life to their fullest potential and secure the care and support they need, until we ultimately find a cure.

Please assist me in supporting this cause by sponsoring me by either coming to see me at school or you can go to my fundraising page on the website to make an online donation.


Thank you for your support,

Sophia Anicic, Year 12 student

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER presents:
Sunday 1 July: A DAY OF GROWTH – for married, engaged and dating couples, priest and religious. The theme of the day is – Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti (understanding & delighting in our gender differences)

From 11.30am-4.00pm at John the Baptist Parish, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, NSW 2177. BYO lunch to share, Donation: $5 per person. Details: 02 98238059 or juliena@optusnet.com.au

20 – 22 July: Worldwide Marriage Encounter WEEKEND - a getaway for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - Your Marriage! At St. Mary’s Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or w sharpe@bigpond.net.au. Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Wanted Host families to host a Japanese student for a period of 9 nights between the 30th July to the 8th August 2012.

Thank you for your interest in our Homestay Programme. This document lists requirements of our Homestay Families, please read the following information carefully.

Please consider the tour dates carefully as on the dates you agree to have our student, you may not have another Japanese-speaking student staying in your home. The Japanese Students are here to experience Australian Culture and our style of family life and to improve their spoken English. It is important they are supervised, treated as an extension of your family and participate in all family activities during their stay with you.

If your family speaks a language other than English, please make a conscious effort to use English as much as possible whilst with the Japanese student.

You will receive $50 per student per night to cover your costs for the duration of your student’s visit, and in return you are required to provide:
- Transport to and from school as required. Should any unexpected circumstance arise and you are unable to provide the necessary transport, you will be responsible to make safe suitable alternate arrangements for your student. If not providing transport by car, the cost of the student’s bus fares for travel between home and school will be provided by you. Students should never be asked to walk or travel by public transport alone.
- Instruct your student how to keep their money and valuable safe while in your home. You will explain your house rules and set down guidelines for Telephone and Internet usage.
- Provide them with a clean comfortable bed of their own. They may share a room but not a bed.
- Provide three meals per day, including school lunches as required. Should no packed lunch be provided, you will provide money for your student to purchase lunch from the school tuck-shop.
- Prior to embarking on any proposed Sightseeing Trip, costs involved will be discussed with your student and decisions made as to who is expected to pay.

It’s important we have accurate information about your family on our records. If your family situation changes in any way, please give us a call so we can update our records. Pet information is also very important.
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1 June 2012
7pm - 10pm

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Catered by Ravesis on Bondi Beach

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RSVP by 23rd May 2012
sjhinds@optusnet.com.au
Hornsby Cathedral Parish Youth Group
Open to Years 7 to 12.
Year 7 (25th May and 22nd June), Year 8 and 9 - 8th June) Meet in the Cathedral Hall on Friday nights from 7pm to 9am
Year 10 – 12 meet in the Nulty Room from 7pm to 10pm every Friday night during Term 2
Cost is $5 for pizza and a drink.