Our Theme - “The Joy of the Gospel-Putting our Faith in to action”

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – “…Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life…” (Jn 6:60-69)

Last week we were honoured to welcome Bishop Peter to our College as part of his visitation to our Hornsby Cathedral Parish. The purpose of the visitation (which he makes to every parish in his Diocese) is to speak to the people and gather information; to find out more about the community under his care.

Bishop Peter joined the staff for lunch on Friday in the College Library. On his way to and from the luncheon he had two impromptu interactions with students that I would like to share with you. The first was as he was passing a group of Year 10 students having lunch: “Bishop Peter, Bishop Peter” they yelled. (You can imagine as Principal I was a little concerned what may follow) but as Bishop Peter and Father Borg paused to acknowledge the students they asked him for a selfie. He joined them for the photo opportunity below, and joined them in conversation. He was very well received!
The second experience was after lunch when I escorted Bishop Peter on a tour of a few classrooms. I do cherish this time when I get to see what is happening on a daily basis in the various learning spaces of the College. We met a range of engaged (and well behaved) classes as we walked through C Block: Year 8, Year 7 and interestingly, Mr Gomez's Year 12 Studies of Religion Class. Having just marked and returned the trial HSC papers, Bishop Peter got to see a couple of serious faces, but the majority smiling about their results. As Mr Gomez was reviewing the multiple choice section, he invited Bishop Peter to give his answers. No surprise - 100% for the Bishop.

If we read this Sunday's Gospel from John, Jesus did not receive the same reaction as Bishop Peter received in the two experiences outlined above. Jesus was faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with his message and walked away from him.

The Disciple Peter declares Jesus has a message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. For us, as Christians today, we are called to live what we believe. This can be very difficult especially in our modern world, but the inspiration comes from the example Jesus (and Bishop Peter last Friday) gave us through his life on earth.

As part of Bishop Peter's visit to the College, he spent an hour with the Leadership Team. He shared with these senior teachers the great reputation St Leo's College has in the Diocese. Bishop Peter gave his view on how he believed in the concept of Schooling Catholic as opposed to being a Catholic School. He wants to ensure that Catholicism is not something the College “tacks onto the back of the Curriculum” but is an integral part a student's holistic experience at the College at every level. He used the analogy of a cake – with “The Catholic Part” not representing just the icing, but being a key ingredient, mixed right through the recipe. As Principal I recognise it is not always easy to achieve this outcome. It is a challenge to each of us; students, staff and parents to ensure our faith is not just an add-on – but is central to our being.

Later that evening our College Board joined Bishop Peter and the Parents & Friends from OOLOR. It was a fantastic meeting where we shared stories of our own faith and how we are putting our faith into action and helping others through our roles on Boards and P&Fs. Thank you to our Board members who gave of their time and shared their personal faith stories. We are thinking of having another combined meeting, as the common denominator is our sense of faith, particularly in developing our children in this Catholic school/parish environment.

Aerobics National Titles
Congratulations to each of the 27 girls who competed at the National School Aerobics competition last weekend on the Gold Coast. Whilst we missed out on medals (by a slim margin), the values and experience these girls gained, I believe, is of far greater importance. In my letter to the students I explained how their coaches (all recent past students) were excellent role models. This recent foray at the National Titles had given them real life lessons in self-respect, dignity, teamwork, disappointment, pride and a strong sense of worth. To be able to successfully navigate these lessons, with the guidance of coaches, is invaluable and impossible to try and produce in a classroom.

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I would like to include part of an email I received from our retiring young coach, Sarah Baynie:

“...Aerobics at St. Leos is such a huge part of me. Those girls (whilst challenging at times!) are exceptional. They have made me laugh, smile, cry with joy, groan in frustration and literally made me feel every emotion under the sun. But I wouldn’t of had it any other way. That squad is made up of some very, very special children.

I went into the weekend feeling very heavy and uneasy, knowing it would be my last one. However at the same time, I also felt somewhat at ease, knowing now that the magnificent Jamie Stimson carries the same passion and care for these kids as I do.

I am just so proud of these kids and everything we’ve achieved. They were, as usual, so courteous, respectful and a complete credit to you and St. Leos. The flight attendants from Virgin stopped Jess Watts to tell her they were the best group of students they have ever witnessed on their flights! I just adore them…”

I believe this is a fine example of how our coaches, staff and team members are all competent, confident, Catholic young women of conscience.

**An Invitation - The College Showcase**

I invite each of you next Wednesday evening, 26th August to the College’s renowned Creative Arts, TAS and Visual Arts Showcase. It commences at 6pm with HSC Drama performances, followed by HSC Music items and of course our fabulous Major Works for Visual Arts and TAS.

Come and have a look, hear and even taste the wonderful and inspiring work of our students. I hope to see you there.

**My Contract Renewal Process**

Last Friday the Catholic Schools Office conducted my Contract Renewal Process.

You each had an opportunity to answer some questions through an online survey and today students, staff, parents and our clergy were interviewed by three members of the Panel. They were Mr Greg Miller (our CSO Secondary Schools Consultant), Mr Ray Werren (CSO immediate past Secondary Schools Consultant and Acting Principal - here in Term II 2014) and Mrs Trish Baker (Principal of Cerdon College, Merrylands).

I would like to thank those who gave of their time in feedback via the survey or in interviews.

The panel has recommended to the Director a further 4 year contract. As I stressed to the panel, the leadership here at the College is a team effort. This ranges from our external coaches, our community tutors, the teaching staff, the admin support team and of course you as parents of the College as the No 1 educators in the lives of your children.

**Mr AF Gleeson**

**Principal**

“…Judge not, leaving that most painful duty to those appointed for it…”

*St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (26/4/1873)*
Assistant Principal

Year 11, 2015 Subject Selection
A reminder that Year 10 students along with their parents have Year 11 2015 Parent/Student/Teacher Subject Selection Interviews on Friday 28th August and Monday 31st August in the College Library. An email has been sent to all parents of Year 10 students. If you have not received the letter outlining the process for booking an interview then please contact the College on 9487 3555.

Year 9, 2015 Subject Selection
Year 8 students have submitted their Year 9 2015 Subject Selection Nomination Forms. I have been impressed with the mature and thoughtful way students have engaged in the process of choosing their two Elective courses. This is an important step as students begin to prepare for greater choice in their studies in Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10).

Year 9 Camp
The Camp program at St Leo’s provides a unique opportunity for students to develop spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally. It is an important part in the development of the ‘whole person’. I would like to thank Mrs Moran and the camp team for their hard work in making this a successful experience for all Year 9 students.

Student Leadership Structure
Our student leaders for 2015/2016 were involved in a two day leadership camp last Thursday and Friday. This camp provided the team with the opportunity to reflect on what makes a good leader and develop plans that will enable them to contribute to the St Leo’s community. The leaders were joined by members of the SRC from all year groups on Friday. I was very impressed by the maturity of all of these leaders and their genuine enthusiasm to make a positive difference. I would like to particularly acknowledge Mrs Prosser and Mrs Todd for their work in organising the camp.

Important dates for Year 12
Wednesday 16th September is Graduation Day. The following events will occur:

- Graduation Breakfast - 8.30am to 9.30am, Berg Hall (Students only)
- Thanksgiving Liturgy/Leadership Induction Ceremony - 11.30am to 1pm (Parents welcome)
- Graduation Mass, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 5pm to 6.30pm, followed by light refreshments (Parents welcome)
- Graduation Ceremony, The Light of Christ Centre, 7pm to 9.15pm (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 10th November - Formal at Curzon Hall, Marsfield (students only)
Youth Ministry

World Youth Day Krakow 2016 Update

So far, seventeen students from St Leo’s have responded to Bishop Peter’s invitation to join him on this life-forming experience and handed in their Expressions of Interest to attend World Youth Day in 2016. Over 3 million Catholic youth from around the world will gather in Krakow, Poland from 26-31 July to celebrate their faith with Pope Francis. St Leo’s will be bringing students who are currently in Years 9 and 10.

Our students will join the diocesan pilgrimage from 13 July to the 5 August 2016. Our pilgrims have chosen between three options:

1) With the Saints in Italy – including Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome ($6,299).
2) With St Paul in Greece and Turkey – including Gallipoli, Istanbul, Athens, Corinth and more ($6,999).
3) The Holy Land – including Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Galilee and the River Jordan ($6,999).

All pilgrims will spend a day at the Concentration Camp at Auschwitz before heading on to Krakow for the celebrations with the Pope and youth from around the world, followed by a retreat at a forest sanctuary near Warsaw.

Research has shown the great impact that World Youth Day has had on the lives of participants. The College is committed to supporting our students to represent us at this significant but costly event. With fundraising and sponsorship we are planning on raising between $2,000 and $3,000 per student (speak to Mr Gomez for more details). On top of this, pilgrims will be urged to sell as many raffle tickets as they can (first prize a car!) with all the money they raise going towards their ticket.

St Leo’s will be accepting Expressions of Interest until September, so it is not too late to sign up. However, pilgrims who are already committed are asked to register online at: https://wyd2016.com.au. Around two weeks after registering online an email will be sent asking for a deposit of $500 to secure their place.

If you have any questions about sponsorship, registration or World Youth Day in general please contact Mr Gomez for more information. Email: adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au or phone: 0425 451 307.
Dear Parents/Caregivers and your Sons and Daughters

You are invited to our

ST. LEO’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FATHER’S DAY MASS

On Friday 4th September 2015

At 7:30am

In Our Lady of the Rosary
Catholic Cathedral
Yardley Avenue, Waitara

A LIGHT BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MASS
In the College Library

Please RSVP by Monday 31st August 2015 by emailing

jayne.persico@dbb.catholic.edu.au
WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016

WITH THE SAINTS IN ITALY + WYD 2016

21 DAYS from $6299* per person
Departs 19 July 2016

Dear Young People,

You’re invited to join me on the趟 journey to Krakow, to take part in the World Youth Day Krakow 2016, which is an unmissable pilgrimage experience through Greece and Turkey, Italy and the Holy Land.


For further information:
Phone 9847 0472
wyd@dbb.org.au www.dbb.org.au/wyd

WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016

WITH ST PAUL IN GREECE AND TURKEY + WYD 2016

23 DAYS from $6999* per person
Departs 13 July 2016

Dear Young People,

You’re invited to join me on the pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey in Time of World Youth Day to Krakow, Poland (2016), where you’ll experience the breathtaking beauty of Greece and Turkey, Italy and the Holy Land.

You’ll be treated to such highlights as the Domes of St. Peter’s, Basilica of St. John Lateran, and more.

For further information:
Phone 9847 0472
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Bishop David Walker Art Prize
Each year the Broken Bay Diocese holds the Bishop David Walker Art Prize, where students across the Diocese have the chance to create artwork based on a religious theme. The St Leo’s winning entrant was a painting of Mary MacKillop by Jessica Saliba. Although Jessica did not win the overall prize, she receives a highly commended certificate from the Broken Bay Diocese. Below, Jessica explains in her own words the inspiration behind her artwork.

"This is an painting of St Mary MacKillop. The first Australian Saint. The background is made of old newspaper articles about her. She gave Australia many great things. She started a catholic school for the children from poor families as she believed that everyone deserved and education and she didn't expect anything in return. She treated everyone equally as she believed that we are all equal in God's eyes. She founded the sisters of St Joseph and is an inspiration to many because she never saw a need without doing something about it."

Congratulations Jessica and well done on putting in the extra work and expressing your faith through art.

Mr Sadler
Acting Religious Education Coordinator
Study Skills

Last week Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services (www.enhanced-learning.net) ran a fabulous study skills evening with Years 10/11 students and parents.

The session focused on helping students identify improvements they could make to the way they approach their learning using the practical strategies and techniques outlined in order to maximise their academic results in their final years of school.

Time management was addressed in relation to dealing with distractions, beating procrastination and managing time efficiently. The session also gave advice on how to manage both the paper and digital resources for school. Finally, specific study skills were covered, including how to make brain-friendly study notes and using active learning styles which best suit each individual. It was recommended that each time students finish a topic at school they should then spend some time at home over the next week working on creating a set of study notes or summaries for that topic. Organising the information is the first stage of exam preparation and students should not wait until exam time to start this process – it should be ongoing throughout this year. The school holidays offer students a good opportunity to get themselves up-to-date on their study notes.

Parents are encouraged to review and discuss the handout from the session with students and identify practical changes they can make to improve their approach to learning in the senior years. The Study Skills Tips for Parents website (http://studyskillstopstipsparents.com/) provides additional advice for parents needing more information. The skills of resilience, persistence and self-discipline are probably the most important skills that parents need to nurture in their senior students.

All secondary students and parents at St. Leo’s have access to a comprehensive and interactive study skills website to help students develop their skills.

Go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and enter the username: leos
password: community
and start improving your results today!

Additional handouts referred to during the session are available on the ‘Things to Print’ page of this site. Also visit the ‘Highlights’ page (under the More menu) for easy access to the most popular sections of the site. Remember students you can also download the slides from the session from www.enhanced-learning.net using the details provided at the back of your handout.

For further information or queries, please refer them to Angelo Solomonides, the Leader of Senior Student Academic Care at angelo.solomonides@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Support for ex student
Mark Sullivan graduated from St. Leo’s in 2001 and went on to have a successful career in surveying. In February 2014 Mark collapsed just one day after an MRI scan revealed a golf ball size tumour sitting on his brain stem. The tumour was removed successfully but it was later revealed to be cancerous. Since his diagnosis Mark has gone on to marry his beautiful wife Estelle and the couple are now expecting their first child. However Mark’s tumour will return if he doesn’t have a life saving treatment on offer in Germany. The treatment comes at a great cost and we are asking for donations to get him there. If you’re able to help, please follow the link to the My Cause website and you can read a bit more about Mark’s journey.


Extra dates for your diary
Parent Involvement and Information Evening including Principal’s update
Monday 12 October 2015
College Library 7pm (wine, cheese, tea and coffee) - 7.30pm start

Focus: St Leo’s Catholic College Immersion Experiences: Outback NSW and Kiribati

Movie under the Stars for families and friends of the St Leo’s Community - Friday 16 October 2015 on the grassed area of The Light of Christ Centre from 5.30pm. Bring a picnic! Enjoy a movie!
St. Leo’s Catholic College

The Principal and staff warmly invite you to the opening of the 2015 HSC Showcase.

Music & Drama
HSC performances
Wednesday 26th August 6pm

Visual Arts & TAS
HSC Bodies of Work & Major Projects
Outstanding work from Years 7-11
Wednesday 26th August 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Exhibition continues Thursday 27th August 9.00am - 3pm

The Light of Christ Centre Entry via Unwin Rd, Wahroonga
Light refreshments served on Opening Night
Tickets at door $5 Adults, $3 Concession, $10 Family
Around the Grounds
Schoolaerobics National Championships 2015

Five strong teams departed Sydney on the 15th of August to represent St Leo’s and NSW at the National Aerobics Championships on the Gold Coast. Our team consisted of 27 girls, 5 coaches and 4 teachers.

The competition at the nationals is always fierce and again we brought our best in an attempt to rival the Victorian and South Australian teams.

Our St Leo’s teams competed on the 16th of August and were at the Gold Coast Convention Centre for 12 hours on competition day. During this time the five teams put in strong performances and were amazing ambassadors for our College.

Our results are as follows:

**Dynamite: 4th place (only 0.1 points behind 3rd place)**
Eliana Stafford-Gaffney
Sophie Batchelor
Tyla Petrie
Natalie Wrightson
Charlotte Moffat
Hayley Manktelow
Chelsea Williams

**Intensify: 8th place**
Marina Salvador
Abbey Bovis
Sophie McKern
Jessica Mund
Taylah Waite
Lucy Hopkins

**Blitz: 9th place**
Amy Cornale
Lauren Mund
Katy O’Leary
Elise Hardy

**Fortius: 9th place**
Sheldon Crossan
Lauren Briscoe
Lucy McNay
Emma Nearmy
21ST AUGUST 2015

**Vivacious: 7th place**
Rachel Geha  
Claudia Newman  
Jessica Pennings  
Ashleigh Schultz  
Bethany Baynie  
Grace Khamis

Congratulations to all teams on a fantastic season. Many early mornings paid off in great team efforts.

To our fabulous five coaches, Sarah Baynie, Maddie Hogarth, Katy Oswald, Charlotte Ball and Ellen Moran, a huge thank you. Your dedication and commitment to St Leo’s Aerobics is to be commended.

Sarah Baynie (head coach) announced her retirement from the aerobics squad after a 10 year commitment as an athlete and a coach. We wish you every success Sarah and will miss you every training session. You have built this program up to where it is today and you should be so proud of the legacy you leave behind. Thank you just isn’t enough!

Thank you to the College for all of your support again this season and to Ms Watts and Mrs Frykberg for giving up your time to join us in the Gold Coast.

As we have a few weeks off, planning for 2016 is already underway. Look out for trials and the opportunity to be part of this special squad.

Ms Jamie Stimson and Ms Portia Beattie (managers)
Rugby League
BIG AND STRONG

The key message of the day: It’s not how big you are, it’s how BIG AND STRONG you play.

Only 1 reserve, 120 mins of football over 6 matches and a 3rd place finish. A massive courageous effort from our under 13’s St Leo’s Rugby League team.

On Wednesday the 5th of August, St Leo’s boys graced the fields of Morry Breen Oval for the Broken Bay Under 13 Challenge. A very chilly and crisp start to the morning with a light but cold breeze, eventually warming up for a cracking day for football. Seven schools entered the competition, conducted in a round robin format. We played every school in 20 minute games. The schools contesting the Broken Bay Gala day included: St Paul’s, Mater Maria, Mackillop, St Brigid’s, St Peter’s and St Edward’s.

The level of excitement was clear from the enthusiasm on the bus on the way up. The boys were pumped and ready to play. As the year has gone on the boys have developed a positive culture and bond with each other. A desire to train and play, not only for themselves but for each other. They back each other up in tackles and if one of their team mates gets tackled hard, they line the next guy up and tackle him harder.

A few key areas to focus on during the day. Fast line speed and tackle in numbers. Jackson Do Rozario had the task of keeping the forwards in check and running our set plays and Nathan Hassan had his back line set. Nathan James was captain for the day, he kept the boys driving hard, running in pairs and made sure our line was up.

Special mentions to Nick Anderson, he played every second of every game and was outstanding. Never missed a tackle, never dropped a ball and was outstanding with his passing. Really had a big day.

Jamie Payne found out he has a killer offload that set up plenty of tries throughout the day. Also ran hard at the line, combined with a few tries to top it off.

Aidan Brophy and Mitchell MacDonald try scoring machines. Splitting defences apart.

Nathan James as captain did not stop talking all day. In at hooker with no mistakes and big hits.

Big shout out to Matthew Losanno playing in at Lock, tackled his heart out all day.
Overall it was a big team effort, with few numbers to give any players any rest. They showed up and played some very impressive football.

Props: Luca Persechino, Oliver Moss, Jamie Payne
Second Row: Joey La Torraca, Nick Anderson
Lock: Matthew Losanno
Half: Jackson Do Rozario 5/8: Nathan James
Centres: Aiden Brophy, Sam Park
Wings: Connor Hurley, Patrick Nowland, Kairo Brennen
Full Back: Mitchell MacDonald

**Game 1: St Leo’s 2 Vs St Edwards 3**
Tries: Aiden 1, Mitchell 1

Boys started the game very sloppy giving away a few early penalties and a couple of drop balls giving St Edwards a 2-0 lead at half time. Half time rev up saw the boys turn the game around and had a narrow defeat close to full time. St Edwards finished 2nd and we should have walked away with a win.

**Game 2: St Leo’s 5 Vs St Peters 3**
Tries: Sam 1, Nathan J 1, Aidan 1, Mitchell 1, Nathan H 1

Very good game, we shook off our errors made in the previous match and made none. The only thing that St Peters had was size up front and our boys shut that down with a big hit from Joey, then suddenly they didn't want to run hard at us anymore. Our line speed was up quick and it nullified the big boys on the other team.

**Game 3: St Leo’s 3 Vs St Brigid’s 2**
Tries: Aiden 1, Mitchell 2

Another good win. In this game the opposition were very rough and hard in their tackles. Not always legitimate tackles on us giving us plenty of ball and opportunity. However it did throw us off our game a fair bit. Boys were told at half time to play our own game, not let the style of football the opposition was playing get to us, we had to be bigger and better than that. We were and won.

**Game 4: St Leo’s 4 Vs Mackillop 4**
Tries: Mitchell 2, Nathan J 1, Jamie Payne 1

Good hard match. Both teams very well structured and a good game of football. We should have walked away with the win. Lost a good opportunity to score just before half time and again at full time, just needed an extra 30 seconds before half time or at the end of the game to steal a win.

**Game 5: St Leo’s 1 Vs Mater Maria 3**
Tries: Mitchell

Unfortunately in this game we had to play a player down, no one to reserve and a few niggling injuries on the field. We were out on our feet and struggling to find the energy to play. We held strong but could not hold out Mater Maria who went on to finish 1st on the day.
**Game 6: St Leo’s 7 Vs St Pauls 3**
Tries: Nick 1, Mitchell 1, Aiden 4, Jamie 1

I asked the boys to finish big and strong and they did just that by putting on the best performance I've seen from this team. Charged back up again, we hit St Paul’s with everything we had and it became a walk in the park by the end. If only we had this game before we played Mater Maria.

Big thank you to Peter Trainer who assisted with coaching on the day.

Next on the agenda - Broken Bay 9’s, later in the term. I am feeling this one will be ours.

Andrew Privett

**Broken Bay Athletics Carnival**
Our team of close to 70 students competed strongly in all events, and their results were fantastic. We finished in 2nd place overall.

We had 11 students qualify for the NSWCCC Carnival and they were:

- Keeley Bowen (Year 10)
- Harvey Timms (Year 10)
- Jacob Leavy (Year 8)
- Mitchell Macdonald (Year 7)
- Sam Park (Year 7)
- Frank Morris (Year 12)
- Joshua Hayes (Year 9)
- Jared Pejkovic (Year 12)
- Jake Seiler (Year 10)
- Ryan Stack (Year 9)
- Aiden Brophy (Year 7)

On the day, two of our students; Keeley Bowen (16 Boys 100m), and Frank Morris (17+ Javelin) broke records.

I would like to congratulate the team on their fantastic results, as well as the way that they supported each other on the day. Every time a St Leo’s student was competing on the track or in the field you could hear the cheers from our part of the grandstand, it was also mentioned by a number of schools on how well our students went. It was also fantastic to see how many parents came to support our team with many staying long after their children had finished.

Thanks to Luke Trotz, Angelo Solomonides, Jessica Watts and Frank Morris. Luke and Angelo assisted with being the team managers and also officials on the day and without this support our team is unable to compete. Thanks to Jessica Watts for coaching the team and giving her time early on Monday and Friday mornings to ensure that the team were well prepared for carnival. Thanks to Frank Morris (Year 12), as he gave up his time to coach the younger students in all throwing events while also attempting to train himself. He was a great mentor for our younger students, and they really appreciated his expertise.

Michael Kember
Broken Bay Athletics Carnival - St Leo’s Results

**Overall Team Result**
2nd Place behind Brigidine College

**Individual Results - Gold**
Harvey Timms – 15 Boys 1500m
Jacob Leavy – 14 Boys 100m Hurdles
Keeley Bowen – 16 Boys 200m
Harvey Timms – 15 Boys 800m
Keeley Bowen – 16 Boys 100m (NEW RECORD)
Mitchell Macdonald – 13 Boys 400m
Samuel Park – 13 Boys High Jump
Gabriella Chan – 16 Girls Long Jump
Mitchell Macdonald – 13 Boys Long Jump
Frank Morris – 17+ Boys Javelin (NEW RECORD)
Joshua Hayes – 15 Boys Discus
Jared Pejkovic – Open Boys Triple Jump

**Silver**
Jacob Stewart – 14 Boys 1500m
Lachlan Cosgrove – 16 Boys 110m Hurdles
Jake Seiler – 16 Boys 200m
Ryan Stack – 15 Boys 200m
Aiden Brophy – 13 Boys 200m
Mitchell Macdonald – 13 Boys 100m
Anthony Kelly – 16 Boys 400m
Harvey Timms – 15 Boys 400m
Anthony Domtchenko – 12 Boys 400m
16+ Boys 4x100m Relay (Cameron Neville, Keiran Mooney, Keeley Bowen, Jake Seiler)
14-15 Boys 4x100m Relay (Jacob Leavy, Jerome Lee, Ryan Stack, Jack Dempsey)*
Kristofer Cormack – 14 Boys Discus
Griffin Carroll – 17+ Boys Long Jump
Nicole Deggens – 17+ Girls Shot Put
Keeley Bowen – 16 Boys Long Jump
Jack Dempsey – 15 Boys Long Jump
Justin Hardy – 17+ Boys Discus
Charlotte Moffat – 13 Girls Long Jump
Maree Habkouk – 15 Girls Discus
Bronze
Patrick Robinson – 14 Boys 1500m
Anthony Kelly – 16 Boys 110m Hurdles
Mitchell Macdonald – 13 Boys 200m
Hamish McFadyen – 12 Boys 200m
Jacob Stewart – 14 Boys 800m
Aiden Brophy – 13 Boys 800m
Jake Seiler – 16 Boys 100m
Ryan Stack – 15 Boys 100m
Aiden Brophy – 13 Boys 100m
Patrick Robinson – 14 Boys 400m
Charlotte Moffat – 13 Girls 400m
Claudia Jenkins – 14 Girls Discus
Georgia Simmonds – 16 Girls Long Jump
Hamish McFadyen – 12 Boys High Jump
Taylah Waite – 13 Girls Discus
Samuel Park – 12 Boys Discus
Frank Morris – 17+ Boys Discus
Nicole Deggens – 17+ Girls Discus
Samuel Park – 13 Boys Shot Put
Jack Dempsey – 15 Boys High Jump
Monique Sinicco – 13 Girls Shot Put
Matthew Stein – 16 Boys Javelin

4th – 6th
Mia Hing 13 Girls 1500m – 4th
Jack Dempsey 15 Boys 200m – 4th
Mitchell Trott 17+ Boys 800m – 4th
Georgia Simmonds 16 Girls 100m – 4th
Jack Dempsey 15 Boys 100m – 4th
Jacob Leavy 14 Boys 100m – 4th
Kieran Mooney 17+ Boys 400m – 4th
Jacklyn Ansah 17+ Girls Long Jump – 4th
Georgia Simmonds 16 Girls Shot Put – 4th
Maree Habkouk 15 Girls Shot Put – 4th
Ali Nazha 12 Boys Javelin – 4th
Angus Burton 12 Boys 1500m – 5th
Jason Martin 17+ Boys 800m – 5th
Elouise Princi 17+ Girls 1500m – 5th
Gabriella Chan 16 Girls 200m – 5th
Patrick Robinson 14 Boys 800m – 5th
Cameron Neville 17+ Boys 100m – 5th
Sarah Dever 15 Girls 100m – 5th
Jerome Lee 14 Boys 100m – 5th
16+ Girls 4x100m Relay (Gabriella Chan, Georgia Simmonds, Elouise Princi, Jacklyn Ansah) – 5th
12-13 Boys 4x100m Relay (Hamish McFadyen, Angus Burton, Mitchell Macdonald, Aiden Brophy) – 5th
Evan Fletcher 12 Boys Discus – 5th
Annabel Richardson 12 Girls Discus – 5th  
Jacob Leavy 14 Boys Long Jump – 5th  
Olivia Jenkins 14 Girls Shot Put – 5th  
Hannah McFadyen 12 Girls Long Jump – 5th  
Evan Fletcher 12 Boys Shot Put – 5th  
Jacob Stewart 14 Boys High Jump – 5th  
Georgia Simmonds 16 Girls 200m – 6th  
Madeline Davey 12 Girls 1500m – 6th  
Mitchell Trott 17+ Boys 1500m – 6th  
Sarah Dever 15 Girls 200m – 6th  
Sarah Dever 15 Girls 1500m – 6th  
Cameron Neville 17+ Boys 200m – 6th  
Jacob Stewart 14 Boys 200m – 6th  
Keiran Mooney 17+ Boys 100m – 6th  
Hamish McFadyen 12 Boys 100m – 6th  
Mia Hing 12-14 Girls 1500m Walk – 6th  
Julia Schippers 12 Girls Shot Put – 6th

**Age Champion Point scores**

13 Boys - Mitchell Macdonald 2nd, Samuel Park 3rd, Aiden Brophy 4th  
14 Boys - Jacob Stewart Equal 3rd, Jacob Leavy Equal 3rd  
15 Boys - Harvey Timms 3rd, Jack Dempsey 5th  
15 Girls - Sarah Dever 4th  
16 Boys - Keeley Bowen 2nd, 17 Boys - Justin Hardy Equal 6th, Griffin Carroll Equal 6th, Mitchell Trott Equal 6th  
18/19 Female - Nicole Deggens 5th  
18/19 Male - Frank Morris 4th, Jared Pejkovic 6th, Keiran Mooney 6th

**Basketball Gala Day**

On Friday the 14th of August, our College held the second annual basketball gala day held at the Light of Christ Centre. Opens boys and girls from St Leo's College were involved on the day, however, the teams consisted of all age groups as a result of the talent pool that we have nursed over the years.

The day began with the only girls match, where St Leo’s Opens girls Team A went against St Leo’s Opens girls Team B. Both teams were determined to show their supremacy over the other and it was clear from the beginning that the combination of the Open’s girls Team A overwhelmed the Open’s girls Team B. The surprising part of this story is that the Open’s girls Team A were mainly comprised of year 9 and 10 girls, in contrast to that of the year 11 and 12 girls in Team B. Despite the one sided score line both teams showed great enthusiasm for the game of basketball and have vowed to aspire to continue their success in future gala days to come.
The Opens Boys competition involved two St Leo’s and two St Ives teams. It was clear from the get go that no one from either team wanted to fall to the bottom of the table at the end of the day. St Leo’s team A and B were first to play and it was reminiscent of the afternoon training sessions we have at school. Banter, bravado and all out scoring were on the menu. No one wanted to lose. At the end the game went to team A. A team that has been building chemistry from the moment they were put together three years ago, and a team that hasn't missed a CCC State finals competition.

With the first result for the boys set, St Ives came to try and spoil the party. Both Leo’s and St Ives Team A squads met and boy was it a clash. A constant back and forth which led to a nerve racking final two minutes where our boys came up triumphant. There was no doubt that these two teams would meet in the final, which they did.
The other games during the day were very competitive and it was a pleasure to see that none of our St Leo’s teams faltered to fall to the bottom of the table.

The final game was a rematch of St Leo’s Team A versus St Ives Team A. If there ever was a game that I wished that I had recorded, it was this game. The score between the two teams never distanced to two points until the end. It was a constant battle. Our boys were down at the half and needed a good motivational talk. All it needed was a simple yet blunt statement. “This is our court. No one wins on our court but us.” With the second half well underway, the talk seemed to have worked. It came down to the final minute where we led by two points and stole the ball. We were constantly being fouled in order to stop the clock and St Ives forced us to shoot free throws. Up by 5, with thirty seconds to go St Ives went for a Hail Mary three point shot. In it went and reduced the lead to 2. Again we were fouled and shot free throws. Under pressure, Brandon Leslie took both shots and got them both in. On the following possession, St Ives tried again but fell short of the ring. Game, set, match St Leo’s Team A, 52 to 48.
A BIG thank you to Luke Trotz for taking the reigns in organising the day. Without him the gala day would not have run. Thank you also to Melanie Maisey for training and coaching the girls teams involved.

The students involved on the day are as follows:

**BOYS TEAM**
R. Takchi
B. Leslie
P. Khamis
D. Della Franca
A. Kelly
T. Kaufman
C. Jervis
A. Payne
I. Erceg
B. Waldron
N. Wilson
R. McDonald
B. Chitakunye
TJ. Mberko

**GIRLS TEAM**
J. Ansah
N. Barker
S. Scrogie
J. Habkouk
A Nguyen
C. Baynie
T. Reed
J. Knight
C. Hickman
G. McDonald
K. O'Callaghan
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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
Pymble Parish – St Vincent de Paul Society
Launch of a new Youth Group
Information Session

5pm, Sunday 23rd August, SHP Church Prayer Room

Are you in Year 6-10?
Can you accept the challenge of helping others who are less fortunate than you?
Do you want to do something worthwhile and make a difference to the lives of others?

The St Vincent de Paul Society Pymble Conference is exploring the possibility of establishing a Youth Vinnies Group. An information session will be held for youth (and/or their parents or carers) who are interested in hearing more. Come along and find out how you could be involved.

About the St Vincent de Paul Society: The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay catholic organisation that was founded in Paris in 1833 by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam, with the aim of assisting those in need. Internationally, the Society operates in 149 countries and has over 950,000 members. The first Australian conference was established in 1854, and now has more than 40,000 members and volunteers who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia.

Youth Conferences: Vinnies Youth Conferences typically either involve young adults (18-35) or those in high school (12 to 17 years old). Youth conferences usually involve three aspects:
- Education and awareness: an opportunity for members to become aware of the plight of those who are less fortunate than themselves.
- Formation and reflection: coming together and considering social justice through spiritual reflections, discussions, prayer and debate.
- Community Service and Fundraising: supporting the Society in its ‘good works’; an opportunity for teenagers to do something about the issues they have considered.

Activities: Typical community service activities undertaken by Vinnies Youth Groups include fund raising, gardening programs, aged care facility visitations, homework help programs, ‘twinning’ with groups in developing countries, mentoring, and other activities.

Why become involved? You can join our inspiring young members and volunteers around Australia who are making a difference within their local communities. You can learn more about social justice issues. You can develop leadership skills.
Hornsby Quarry
Road Construction Spoil Management project
August 2015

IN THIS COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Key point of this update

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to handle, manage and beneficially reuse spoil from NorthConnex at Hornsby Quarry.

The Hornsby Quarry Road Construction Spoil Management project is being assessed under Part 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and has been declared State Significant Infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has placed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on public exhibition until 4 September 2015. Written submissions should be sent to DPE during the exhibition period.

Community benefits

• Partially filling the quarry with spoil from NorthConnex would help Hornsby Shire Council rehabilitate the site and provide long-term community benefits.

• While the entire Hornsby Quarry site is zoned for public recreation under the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan, the quarry is closed to the public for safety reasons. Rehabilitation will allow the site to be used to its fullest potential by the community.
Join us for

Bushcare's

Major Day Out

- Join experienced Bushcarers and those who’ve never tried Bushcare before.
- Rid our bushland of weeds and help our native plants thrive.

10.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 13 September 2015

Scout and Guide Hall
Pierre Close, Mount Colah.

Bring a hat, wear sturdy shoes and sunscreen.
BBQ lunch, tools and gloves will be provided by Hornsby Shire Council.

RSVP by 9 September, to Leanne Johnston
on 9847 6362 or Bushcare@hornsby.nsw.gov.au