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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
“...He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak...” (Mk 7:31-37)

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

A challenge we are faced with in last Sunday’s readings: Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised. Jesus would identify those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions, and he would release them from those afflictions so they could re-enter society. Jesus did this time and time again. In Mark’s gospel we are introduced to the healing of the deaf and dumb man, as Jesus called on those around him to open their hearts and show compassion. Jesus calls to us through today’s gospel to be open to the needs of others and demonstrate compassion. This calling is often at odds with our own point of view. When we find ourselves in confronting situations, we should reflect and ask ourselves “what would Jesus do in this circumstance?” Try this week to open your heart – and see if it works out!

Our College HSC Showcase Evening
I would like to congratulate every student in the College whose work was either on display or who performed at the Showcase evening last Wednesday night. Not only were there some very proud students but also proud mums, dads, grandparents, siblings and friends. All in all hundreds of people enjoyed the evening. There were many comments made to me recognising and praising the high quality of work.

Diary Dates

Monday 7th September
Year 11 Exams commence

Wednesday 16th September
Year 12 Graduation Festivities

Friday 18th September
Last day of Term 3

Wednesday 7th October
Students return for Term 4

Monday 12 October
Parent Information and Involvement Evening
New College Library (underneath existing Library)
7:30pm - Principal’s Update
8pm to 9pm - SLCC 2015 Immersion Experiences - NSW Outback Pilgrimage and Kiribati Outreach

@stleos
Our guest judges, Ms Rachael Maher, who graduated from St Leo’s in 2011 and is currently studying a Bachelor of Art Education at UNSW and Mr Andy Carson who holds a range of tertiary qualifications including a Bachelor of Design and Masters of Architecture (Newcastle University) were very impressed, not only with the quality of the work but also the character and bearing of the students. Rachael spoke of how St Leo’s taught her about the importance of goal setting, hard work, and having a very positive attitude and how this had set the foundations for her obvious success.

This superb Showcase requires a great deal of behind the scenes work; the preparation, teaching and out-of-hours assistance given to the students enabling them to complete their major works. I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to our KLA Leaders - Ms Juliette Carson (Visual Arts), Mr Andrew Rotolo (TAS), Ms Carolyn McFarlane (Music), Ms Sam Murphy, Ms Kathleen Ryan (Drama) who led their teams of teachers to produce the evening. The staff – Ms Vicki James, Ms Kelly Coleman, Ms Tracie Axton, Mr Andrew Introna, Ms Portia Beattie, Ms Sarah Hasman, Mr Ted Spurtacz and Ms Olicia Gauci.

I would also make special mention of Mr Laurie Till (Maintenance) who not only worked preparing the venue and boards but puts his heart and soul into the College so often going above and beyond his paid hours of work.

Our hospitality staff who prepared the magnificent food for the many hundreds of people – THANK YOU. It was a very long 16 hour day for both staff and students! Thank you to Ms Carlie Deppeler and Ms Jenny Marshall. A great Showcase for the College – well done!!!

**Year 12 Farewell**

The College is gearing up to give our Year 12 students a fitting farewell on Wednesday 16th September. The day starts with breakfast at the College, prepared by the Year 11 students, then a College Assembly which incorporates a Student Leadership handover ceremony, Mass in the afternoon in the Cathedral followed by a light supper and then the Graduation ceremony at 7pm in The Light of Christ Centre. I thank all those staff who are involved for their eagerness and time spent preparing a number of huge events in these last few weeks of Term 3.
**Year 11 End of Preliminary Exams**

On behalf of the College I would like to wish our Year 11 students all the best for the upcoming End of Preliminary Exams commencing next Monday.

**NAPLAN Results**

All parents in Years 7 and 9 should have received (by mail) their child’s NAPLAN results last week.

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As a sign of the ongoing improvements at the College, our Year 9 cohort significantly improved on all categories of their Year 7 results. This is a great indicator of student growth in Year 9, highlighting that good things are to come as they move into the HSC in 2018. I am very pleased with the results, as it shows the focus on both reading and writing in Years 7-10, which is part of our current School Improvement Plan (SIP) is paying dividends.

- In Reading 73.3% of our students not only achieved but scored above expectation in their student growth (last year’s result was 60%).
- In Writing 65.3% of our students not only achieved but scored above expectation in their student growth (last year’s result was 62.3%).

In both of these areas we were above State and Catholic Schools’ student growth averages.

The culmination of skills acquired by our Year 9 students was evident in their sound growth in performance over the last two years. This has been due to staff intervention strategies (in literacy – particularly reading and writing) coupled with the direct assistance of the Community Tutoring Group.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Carolyn Scott (both are Acting Leader of Learning Support as well as our College Literacy Coach for staff) and Mr Tony Gulliford who headed our unique but ever growing group of adult community tutors. Mr Gulliford is now retired and Ms Leisa Crane has taken up this position, assisted by our “chief” community tutor adult representative - Mrs Sarah Szacsuvy. Sarah is always on the lookout for anyone with a spare hour or two up their sleeve to assist as one of our community tutors (sbuttfield@hotmail.com).
I have included the Year 7 results below – although when they had completed the testing – they had only been at St Leo’s for 4 months.

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There are many opinions and thoughts about these nation-wide standardised testing strategies. I see it as another piece of the “jigsaw puzzle” that contributes to your child’s academic profile, along with the many other forms of assessment that give us a better understanding of your child’s particular needs and how we can best educate them.

We do not “teach to the test”; we do not specifically prepare our students for these tests – I do ask the teachers to ensure the students know the format and how the test is presented to allay any concerns or questions they have. This tutoring may be in the form of a past paper or sections from a past paper.

The results from NAPLAN illuminate for staff areas where the students have done well, areas which need improvement and more importantly we can see how much the students have improved (student growth) since the previous NAPLAN.

**In summary in Year 7 St Leo’s students were above State and NSW Catholic Schools in all areas except writing (0.3% below Catholic Schools).**

**In Year 9 St Leo’s students in all areas of NAPLAN were above both State and Catholic Schools averages.**

**The College Canteen**

To better meet the needs of the College community, the canteen will be outsourced from the start of Term IV. I involved four Year 11 students, a parent from the College Board and some CSO representatives on the tender panel earlier this term. It was a unanimous decision that one company stood above the rest. This organisation has extensive experience in running school canteens; I’ll let the students give their opinions:

**Student 1**

1. **The wide variety available on the menu and its affordability.**
2. **That all the food is fresh and made on site, not pre prepared.**
3. **Her experience and honesty.**
Student 2
1. The range of the menu + the affordability.
2. Her professionalism as well as her experience.
3. She was direct and confident as well as prepared.

Student 3
1. She manages 35 other schools.
2. The range of the menu.
3. Freshness and price of the food.

Student 4
1. She had a direct approach at answering our questions which made me feel confident in her capabilities.
2. She manages 35 other schools which again reassured me that she had the skills to maintain a high quality canteen.
3. The menu was expansive, with a wide range of options. But in saying that, I believed that it was all fairly priced, and I loved her "philosophy" that they make all of their food fresh and on site. However, I was slightly disappointed that there were no samples of the food, but there were pictures.

On the whole we believe that the menu was very impressive, the food is fresh and pricing is fair, her character and professionalism instilled confidence in us, she has a wide range of experience and expressed that she was flexible and willing to make the students happy.

Thank you for the opportunity sir, it was a pleasure to be a part of.

On behalf of the College I would like to thank our two canteen staff – Ms Rose Browne and Ms Annabelle Shortte for the work they have done, the care they have shown but most of all for the way they interact with our students on a day to day basis.

College Review
The College is building up for the 5 year College Review on 13 and 14 October (Week 2 Term 4). The process started last year with the Parent/Student/Staff Survey. This week, during the Tier One (Compliance) process another three areas were examined (and we passed!). These areas were: Workplace, Health and Safety, Safe, Supportive (Legislation) Child Protection and Safety, Supportive (Student Welfare) Discipline. I would like to thank Mr Anthony Mahoney for overseeing these areas in preparation for the inspections.

An invitation to all parents – if you would like to be interviewed by members of the Review Panel on either of these days – please contact Ms Jayne Persico on (jayne.persico@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or 9487 3555 by the end of this term please.

The three areas that will be under the microscope will be 1) Mission, 2) Learning and Teaching and 3) Pastoral Care and Well Being.
**Save the Date Invitation – St Leo’s Annual Movie Under the Stars – Big Hero 6**

Friday 16th October from 5.45pm with the movie commencing at 7.45pm – our Lower Oval – outside The Light of Christ Centre. Entry is free – so bring along a blanket, BYO picnic and drinks. If it is raining – we simply move inside The Light of Christ Centre. We look forward to welcoming your family and friends to what I’m sure will be a great evening for all.

And to every father in our Community I hope Father’s Day was relaxing and filled with the love of family.

**Mr AF Gleeson**
Principal

“…Cling to the will of God…”
*St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (19/7/1870)*

**Assistant Principal**

**Mental Health and Well-Being**

Mental Health Month NSW is part of a national mental health promotional campaign held throughout October each year. The timing of the campaign centres on World Mental Health Day, which happens each year on the 10th of October. The Student Leadership Team at the College have organised a number of events to assist students to consider how mental health exists in people’s daily life and promote the importance of looking after your mental health.

Next Tuesday there will be an Assembly focused on Mental Health and Well Being and this will be followed by a number of Tutor Group and lunchtime activities.

The Student Leadership Team have also organised a Mufti Day this Thursday 10th September and will be promoting RU OK Day. The focus for the day is to inspire students to have the confidence to start conversations regularly and with real care and be there for one another when life gets a bit tough or stressful.

As part of the Mufti Day, students are asked to wear blue and/or yellow and to make a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be donated to CatholicCare’s Mental Health Programs, which provides assistance to those suffering with Mental Health and Illness.

I would ask that all parents support this important student led initiative by:

• ensuring that your son/daughter comes dressed appropriately in either blue or yellow
• providing your son/ daughter with a Gold Coin donation next Thursday 10th September.

The following website provides information in regards to Mental and Well-Being:

• [beyondblue](http://www.beyondblue.org.au) is the national initiative to raise awareness of anxiety and depression, providing resources for recovery, management and resilience
• [Kids Helpline](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au) is a free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25
• [mentalhealth](http://www.mentalhealth.org.au) offers information and education advice about protecting mental health, mutual support and advocacy services
• CatholicCare
Year 11 End of Preliminary Course Examinations
Please keep Year 11 in your prayers as they begin their End of Preliminary Course examinations next week. Students in Year 11 are reminded of the need to be at school on time and prepared for these important examinations. If a student is absent from an examination, I would ask parents to call the College on the morning of the examination and ensure that students obtain appropriate documentation in regards to the absence.

Building Works Update
Students are now making the most of the new “Green Outdoor Recreation Space” and the newly refurbished A and B Block classrooms. The newly renovated Library and Technology Centre is nearing completion. Once this is completed, work will commence on the new Administration Building and entrance into the College from Woolcott Avenue. Other building works that will occur this year include new wall coverings to be installed in newly renovated rooms to allow student work to be displayed, a new stairway to be installed to allow better access to the new library and an improvement to the entrance into the College from Woolcott Avenue. We look forward to these new developments over the coming months.

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)

Second Hand Text Books for Year 11 and 12
The students of the College have access to the sustainable school shop, a website dedicated to the sale of second hand textbooks, uniforms and other school equipment. There is a small membership fee which gives you access to the site for 1 year. Great savings can be made by purchasing items seconds hand. Items to be sold or purchased are registered on the site and these are matched with a buyer. Priority is given to those that match the St Leo's community, however items from other schools are also matched. Any queries regarding this can be found at http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/

Lost Property
There is a large amount of lost property being held at the front office - if your child is missing a uniform or perhaps camp item, please call in and go through the Lost Property Bin. Any items remaining at the end of term will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

Anthony Mahoney
Assistant Principal
Catholic Life and Mission

Youth Ministry
St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol

Last Friday Mr Gomez and Ms El-Hage took out a group of students to feed the homeless on the Streets of Sydney. Bella Fraser from Year 12 was the College’s most regular volunteer last year. With her HSC Trials and Art major work completed she took the opportunity to come out again, reconnecting with some of the people who still remembered her warm smile and generous heart. Bella baked a record 250 muffins for us to bring out last Friday! Adding up her muffins from last year, she has now made and handed out over 1,000 muffins to the homeless of Sydney. Bella truly is a student of conscience who has put her faith into action in her time at St Leo’s.

That night, one of our regular clients, Ivan “the Poetry Man”, wrote a poem “The Springtime” which he gave Bella:

**The SpringTime**
Since the early days
The spring time takes me
To another world
In so many ways.
The first patch of green
Covering a distant hill
As I lean against the window still.

Forget-me-not,
Absorbing an early morning sun
A tiny bright blue flower
Ties me to a knot
I should be on the run

The spring rain or a shower
It would definitely assist,
To bring into fruition another flower
Through the morning mist.

You don't have to be clever
To describe my favourite season
For I can continue forever
To entertain you for a good reason

From Ivan, “The Poetry Man”
Croatian immigrant
Sydney – August 28 2015
ACYF Parent Information Evening Tuesday 8 September 7pm

The second Australian Catholic Youth Festival will take place in Adelaide from Wednesday 2nd December – Sunday 6th December, 2015. ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is a great opportunity for young people to experience and engage with their faith in a fresh way at a level that is bigger and wider than a school, parish or even diocese. The first Festival was held in Melbourne, December 2013, for which 24 students and 3 staff from St Leo’s. This year we will flying to Adelaide with students from Year 11 and 10 (it will replace the Year 10 Camp and the cost will be discounted accordingly for Year 10 students).

There will be a Parent Information Evening at St Leo’s on Tuesday 8 September from 7-8pm in AG1 to discuss this further. Final cost for the trip will be given that night. For those who have put in their Expression of Interest already this Information Evening optional – you only need to attend if you want more information or have further questions. Please return the attached rsvp that has been sent out to let Mr Gomez whether you are attending the Information Night or not.

Alternatively please email Mr Gomez (adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au) by Friday 4 September including the following information:

☐ I will be attending the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm.
☐ I will not be attending, but my son/daughter is still planning on attending the ACYF.

Student Name: ______________________________________

Parent Name: _______________________________________
Pope Francis - World Day of Care for Creation September 1

In his new encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise to You): *On the Care of Our Common Home*, Pope Francis gives a worldwide wake up that recognises the devastating impact humans are having on the environment and how this is already impacting on the poor. He says: “the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest.” In this very readable letter Pope Francis seeks dialogue – between religion and science as well as between churches, religions, ecological movements, industry and governments – in order for humanity as a whole to move forward in making a difference. Pope Francis, like the patron saint of the environment, St Francis, challenges us all to recognise the beauty of Creation and do our best as stewards placed on this Earth to “cultivate and keep it” (Genesis 2:15). He has declared that September 1 be now celebrated by Catholics as the World Day of Care for Creation.

Please take the time to watch this YouTube clip from Catholic EarthCare: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcP5E2trsX4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcP5E2trsX4)

Or even read the encyclical yourself at: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

God bless,

Adrian Gomez
Youth Ministry Coordinator
**Curriculum News**

**Top 10 Tips for Overcoming Procrastination**

Procrastination is the act of putting off a task which you know you have to do, even though you know that putting it off will probably be worse for you in the long run. For example, when you procrastinate about starting an assignment it doesn't make the assignment go away, or the deadline change, it just gives you less time to get the work done. To manage this, try the following:

**Become aware of the excuses you use** - make a mental note when you procrastinate. What excuses do you give yourself? Too tired? Too difficult? Too boring? Being aware is the first step in changing your behaviour. Keep yourself honest by asking questions like “is this the best use of my time at the moment?” and “am I doing this as a way of avoiding what I really should be doing?”

**Reduce or eliminate distractions** - creating a clear, uncluttered work environment which is free from distractions will help you avoid procrastinating. Turn off your social media or WiFi, turn off your music or TV, close the door. It’s easy to get distracted and lose focus on what you are trying to do, or to procrastinate by surfing websites that are barely related to the topic you are meant to be researching. You can find out more in the *Home Study Environment* unit and *Dealing with Distractions* unit.

**Make a prioritised list** - before you start work (or procrastinating) take a few minutes to work out what your priorities for the session are, based on your deadlines. Take into account all the time you have available and make a prioritised list. Work on the most important thing first (see also tip 7 below). There is more information in the *Time Management Skills* unit on techniques for prioritising.

**Break down projects into chunks** - if you have a big task that you have to do, or something that you really don’t want to start, have a think about how it can be broken up into smaller parts. A big assignment might need a plan, the purchase of resources, a trip to the library, internet based research, and then several days to write and edit each section. If you just focus on doing one of these tasks it’s easier to commence.

**Just start** - stop focusing on getting it done perfectly, or even well, just make a start, even if it’s just for a few minutes. Starting the task makes you realise it’s not as daunting as you originally thought and allows you to make a small amount of progress which encourages you to keep going. Sometimes once you get started you can even do more than you originally thought you could or would.

**Reward yourself** - set yourself a small goal (to do with the task you are procrastinating about) and then reward yourself appropriately when you complete it. For example, write an outline for your essay and then have afternoon tea. You will be more motivated to complete the task to get the reward. Note: for extreme procrastinators you may need to get someone else to check you’ve done the work and to give you the reward! Learn more about this in the *Goal Setting* unit.

**“Twofer Concept”** - when you are working on a difficult or boring task, break it up by having a more interesting or easy task that you work on in the same study block. You get 2 lots of homework done, but when you are losing focus on the difficult one you can switch to the easier one for a bit of a break.
Create routines - establishing a routine can help you avoid procrastination as you get into the rhythm of working for a set time each day at a set time of the day. Making this routine known to your family and friends also helps keep you accountable and stops them interrupting you during your work time.

Find a study buddy - perhaps starting that difficult work will be easier if you have someone to work with. This could be a school friend or a sibling. You could share resources and help each other to get started with similar work.

Schedule in breaks - breaks give you time to think and process information that you have been working on and give you an opportunity to do the things you really enjoy. Plan them as much as you plan your work.

You can learn more about how to optimise your performance as a student in the Overcoming Procrastination unit at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

Username: leos
Password: community

For further information or queries, please contact Angelo Solomonides, the Leader of Senior Student Academic Care at angelo.solomonides@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ESL (English Second Language)

Congratulations to all the students of an ESL background who received an award at our recent Academic Awards assembly.

Just a reminder that I am in the library at lunchtime on Thursdays, day 4, for any ESL student who would like extra assistance.

ESL support at home

Special focus: Vocabulary development

Learning and remembering all of the required vocabulary at high school can be very daunting. Below are some tips to assist:

1. When reading always have a dictionary handy to look up any unfamiliar words. Your iPad is excellent for this because it is so quick to access definitions.
2. Create a list of words that are often used in your subject and keep it in your exercise book. Often a list of words is located at the start of a chapter in your text books or at the back. Try to look over these words as often as you can.
3. Converse with English speakers as much as possible.
4. Watch documentaries, interviews, movies etc.. try to avoid using the subtitles as it enables you to experience language in context.

Lastly, keep reading! Reading has so many benefits for language acquisition.

Mrs J Burrowes
Congratulations to all students who had works on display on the evening of Wednesday 26th August for the CAPA and TAS showcase held in the Light of Christ Centre. The evening was a huge success with approximately 500 people in attendance.

Audience members were entertained by HSC Drama and Music Students and were able to view works from Years 7-11 in Visual Arts and TAS, and HSC artworks and Timber projects.

Thank you to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Deppeler, who along with Year 11 Hospitality students served amazing refreshments.

The Visual Arts Department is lucky to have such dedicated and talented Visual Arts staff, who continually give up their own time to help our students. A huge thank you to the other year 12 teachers, Mrs Coleman and Mrs James and to Mrs Moran and Ms Axton.

Our guest judge this was Miss Rachael Maher from the class of 2011, who is in her final year of a Bachelor of Art Education at UNSW Art and Design. Rachael’s HSC Body of Work was chosen for ArtExpress and she hopes to pursue her passion of working in the field of Art as Therapy for with disabilities, once she has completed her Degree.

Below is a list of prizewinners, who will have certificates presented at an upcoming College Assembly.

Juliette Carson
Leader of Visual Art

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Write-a-Book-in-a-Day 2015!
On the 26th August two teams of talented Year 9 students undertook a 12 hour marathon to write, edit, illustrate and publish a children’s book.

At 8am the teams were given 5 parameters: a random setting, two human characters, one non-human character and an issue. They then had until 8pm to complete the books. Working entirely on their own, students had to come up with an original story idea, allocate writers and illustrators, and stick to a tight schedule.

By 7pm the atmosphere was frantic as students raced to finish illustrations and edits!

Copies of the completed books, *The Good, The Bad and the Donkey* and *The Princess, The Hacker and The Goat* will be available for viewing in the college library in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully undertook this challenge and raised over $600 for The Kids Cancer Project at Westmead Hospital:

**Team 1** - Camryn Gower, Charlotte Gamble, Miranda Michalowski, Laura Bromfield, Elise Hardy, Angela Leech, Sophie Rawsthorne, Lucas Stodart, Aiden Hose, Jeremy Browne.

**Team 2** - Camille Chin, Jessica Knight, Ashley Funk, Gabrielle Cook, Kate O’Callaghan, Caleb Cull, Thomas Treloar, Joshua Staggs, Monique Hassarati, Aisling McGill.

Many thanks to Mr Byatt for working with the students for the entire day, and for his expertise in all things writing and book related. Thank you also to Ms Filatov, Mrs McMahon and Mrs Moran for their input, and to Mrs Gower for her behind-the-scenes work. Thanks also to Dominos at Pymble who generously provided the students with pizza for their well-earned dinner.

Sarah Price
English Teacher
Year 9 Geography Excursion

To have a day out of the classroom in the bigger classroom that is the coastal zone between Dee Why and Collaroy on Sydney’s Northern Beaches is a pleasure and a treat.

The students got a lot out of the experience. The day was successful from an academic perspective as well as an interpersonal perspective.

Comments included:

“It was good to see what we have been studying in class in real life”

“I enjoyed taking measurements and sketching the view from the headland”

“Seeing how bad the erosion was really showed me that we should be worried about the beach.”

Thanks to the teachers who led the activities on the day. It was a lot more enjoyable to share the load.

Mrs L Champ

Geography Teacher
Community News

Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 4 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
- Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- Emotional intelligence skills
- How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
  Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs  (28/10 - 25/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
- Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
- Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
  Chatswood (21/10, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (20/10 - 17/11)
Triple P Seminars - Chatswood (5/11, 12/11 & 19/11)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) - Chatswood (29/10)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
- Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
- Transition to High School
- Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
- Resilient Kids
- BullyBusting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
- Older Sibling - New Baby
- Transition to School
- Grand Parenting
- Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Government
Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District
Movie under the Stars at
ST LEO’S

BYO Picnic and Drinks to St Leo’s annual
Movie under the stars.
Bring a Blanket and enjoy a movie under the Stars with your family and friends.
Entry is Free !!!
Popcorn will be available to purchase on the night.

When: Friday 16th October
Time: From 5.45pm with the movie starting at 7.45 pm
Place: The oval outside the TLOCC hall (or inside if it rains)