Principal’s Message
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time –
“...The leprosy left him and he was cured...” (Mark 1:40-45)

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

A warm welcome back to all for 2012.

Last Monday week we were able to welcome our new Year 7 students and 28 other new students in Years 8-11. Not only were they welcomed by the staff, but also by our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders (55 of them) who willingly and enthusiastically gave up their last day of holidays to ensure our youngest members were made to feel as part of our community.

Last Tuesday week saw our “regulars” arrive – all looking rested and recharged for the academic year ahead. I have been in awe of the high level of enthusiasm and sense of confidence in our students and staff, witnessed in the large number of interactions I have had with them.

Last Tuesday we welcomed our new Year 7 Students in the traditional way of clapping them as they walked class by class onto the Assembly. In just a short 6 years time (2017) they will be farewelled by being clapped out of our Graduation Assembly! I am sure in those 6 years that they will continue to grow into Catholic, confident, competent, young men and women of conscience.

The community also welcomed our new students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and three German students (Sven, Yvonne and Camille) here on exchange from our sister school in Bad Wurzach, Germany.

We launched the theme for this year and it was announced by one of our new Year 7 students, Sean Bentsen, that 2012 would be the “Year of Grace”.

Looking back on our achievements in 2011 (particularly those highlighted in the College Review, the School Certificate and HSC results) we have much to be proud of and it is with great anticipation that we look forward to 2012!

You will be able to see a summary of our HSC achievements on the College website.
College Commencement Mass
All parents are invited to our College Commencement Mass, which will take place (for the first time) in the new Cathedral Hall next Tuesday 14th February at 9.15am. (Very Rev) Fr Robert Borg, (our Priest in Charge) Dean and Administrator of Hornsby Cathedral Parish will be our Celebrant. The College Strategic Plan (2012-2014) will also be launched at this Mass. It will be great to welcome you to our celebration if you can join us.

Driving Around Windarra Crescent & Woolcott Avenue
Elsewhere in this edition of The Pride – you will find a map showing parents and students which way to drive around these streets both in the morning and the afternoon. This agreement we have with our neighbours primarily ensures the safety of our students and allows the residents an easier flow of traffic around these two congested times of the day. I would ask all drivers in particular to not cut the corner of Woolcott Avenue and Netherby Street. Often it is tempting to do so – but it is not safe for any pedestrians using that area at that time. There are both school aged children and the elderly in this vicinity. Please be vigilant in this regard.

Welcome to New Staff
I also welcome to the College our new staff who have joined us in the education of your children this year.

Permanent Staff
Ms Kim Jones – HSIE (joining us from 2011)
Ms Rose DePomeroy - Science (also joining us from 2011)
Ms Jessica Watts – in RE and PDHPE

We also have employed a number of temporary staff for 2012 whilst some are on leave.
Ms Regina El-Hage – who is taking a temporary position in RE and English while Mrs Pearson is on leave.
Ms Ksenia Filatov – English (part time) for 2012
Mrs Elizabeth Firmager – College Reception (Monday and Tuesday) for 2012
Ms Sarah Graham – in English and supporting our ESL students for 2012
Ms Julia Pourbozorgi – Learning Support (part time) for Term One
Ms Carolyn Scott – Learning Support (continuing on from 2011) for 2012

We also welcome back Mrs Jenny Herczeg from leave.

New Roles in the College
Mrs Louise Fentoullis takes on a much different role as the Director of Pastoral Care from this year and Mrs Megan de Kantzow takes on the position of Year 7 Coordinator.

To assist with the tracking of our individual students – Mrs Neryle Sheldon will be supporting our Director of Learning, Mrs Brenda Timp in her revamped role.

I wish all these staff the best in their new roles.

Congratulations to our “100% Attendance” from 2011 Students
Year 7 – Zachary Arthur, Gabrielle Clemintir, Brigitta Handayani, Justin Hardy, and Sebastian Janczak
Year 8 – Claire Paynter and Kai Stevens
Year 9 – Dominic Cantrall, Joseph Jones, Vanessa Mawby, Daniel Mendes and Serena Rivett
Year 10 – Alexandra Drum, Nathan Fung, Sinead Murray and Tobruk Sloane
Year 11 – Brittany Caiger, Jessica Caiger, Tom Holmes and Kayla Stevens
The College celebrates some great news on the sporting field with two of our students.

**Lachlan Hinds (Year 11)** – achieved first place in the Cole Classic (9km division) last Sunday. His winning time was 1:51:27. A great warm up to his attempt at the English Chanel in July this year.

Last Monday evening, Mr Reicher and myself joined **Guy Seymour**’s family at the 15th Annual NSW CCC Blue Award Ceremony. Here, 56 students from across NSW were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements in their particularly sport. Guy was both wicketkeeper and opening batsman for the NSW CCC Open Team. He had a hand in more than 10 dismissals and he scored an impressive 186 runs at an average of 37.2. He has also been selected for the NSW U19 School’s Team.

There will be many exciting developments at St Leo’s Catholic College during 2012. These will be outlined at our upcoming Information Evenings. I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

“...Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace I hope will be yours” - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (7.12.1899)

AF Gleeson, College Principal

**Message from the Assistant Principal**

Welcome back to the 2012 Academic School Year. I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing break. Included in this letter is some important information to ensure a smooth beginning to the school year. As you have heard on a number of occasions, we believe that to get the best out of school there must be a three-way relationship between students, parents and staff. Communication and positive reinforcement is the key to success. I encourage all parents to take every opportunity to be involved in their child’s education. Please take some time to read this letter with your daughter/son. We have also included some important school regulations.

**Term 1 Calendar**

Attached is a calendar of events for term one. A wall calendar is being produced and will be distributed early in Term 1. Below are some important dates to add to your diaries:

- **14 February** Opening College Mass – 9.15am in the Cathedral Hall
- **17 February** Year 7 Parent and Student BBQ – Cathedral Hall
- **21 February** Year 8 Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm Berg Hall
- **22 February** Year 9 Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm Berg Hall
- **9 March** College Open Day
- **12-14 March** Year 7 Camp
- **13 March** Prospective Parents Evening – 7.30pm Berg Hall
- **26 March-April** Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- **5 April** Last Day of Term 1
- Last day for Board of Studies special exam provisions applications

**College Mass times**

All parents and students are invited to celebrate in our twice weekly College Masses. These will be held every Tuesday morning at 8am and Friday lunchtime at 1.05pm.
College Diaries

The College Diary is not only an important communication tool between the College and the family – it is also an invaluable resource in terms of our College values, expectations and rules. I would ask parents to check their child’s diary at least once a week and sign in the appropriate place. This will also give you an idea of the homework your child is receiving. The day to day entries in the diary are the student’s set homework and on other occasions, staff may indicate satisfaction with, or concerns over student progress or behaviour.

You are asked to check for these communications on a regular basis and, at some time over the weekend, to sign the bottom of the weekly page for the week just past. This year we have also included a weekly Merit/Mistake page. We ask that you also sign this page. Looking through your child’s diary each week is a great way to monitor their progress and allows for plenty of discussion, both reinforcing the wonderful things they are doing and challenging behaviour that needs improvement.

You are also asked to use the pages provided at the back of the Diary to indicate, as required by the Department of Education, any departures from the student’s attendance during normal school hours – these include student absences, late arrivals and early departures.

Permitted Early Leave – 2.25pm on Day 3 of the timetable

The definition of Permitted Early Leave is that students may leave school that day at 2.25pm if there are no prior appointments made by teachers at the College.

In some cases a teacher will need to see a student/group of students concerning an academic matter or pastoral matter. An example of this is a Year Coordinator will wish to see their Yr Group concerning a camp that is listed for that year group.

Prior notification will be given to students (written in their diary) if a teacher needs to see a student or group of students at 2.25pm on Day 3. All students would be dismissed by 3.10pm if a meeting is requested.

The reason for the Permitted Early Leave on Day 3 is so that staff can undergo further Professional Development from 2.30pm till the end of school.

It also allows classes to be uninterrupted in terms of administration reasons eg camp meetings; filling out forms for the Board of Studies etc.

College Uniform

The College uniform must be worn properly at all times. A uniform inspection will take place next Monday and students that do not meet the uniform expectations will be need to stay back during their permitted early leave on Wednesday 15 February at 2.25pm.

The College uniform enhances a student’s sense of belonging to the College community. Wearing the uniform correctly shows pride in ones appearance and enhances the reputation of the College in the wider community. Correct College uniform should be worn at all times travelling to and from school, at school and at any school function.

All uniform items are available from the College Shop (Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-1.15pm).
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<td><strong>Trousers/Shorts</strong></td>
<td>Grey, flannel wool worn belted at the waist with a conservative black belt. Shorts are optional in summer: Seniors navy with long white socks, Juniors grey with long grey socks.</td>
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<td>Seniors – white, Juniors – ice blue Shirts must be ironed and tucked in to trousers/shorts. Long-sleeved options available.</td>
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<td>Grey, College neck stripe, well fitted. Optional navy woollen coat may be worn in winter.</td>
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Hairstyles/ Grooming

The College clearly sets out the regulations regarding hairstyles in the College Diary. Initially, it is the Year Coordinator who determines whether a hairstyle is within College regulations. However, ultimately it is the Assistant Principal who makes the final determination. When a haircut is outside College regulations, parents will be contacted. Depending on the circumstances, the child may remain at school for the remainder of the day or maybe required to have their hairstyle changed immediately.

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Sometimes students have alternative hairstyles or hair colouring during holiday periods. It is necessary for parents to ensure that their child returns on the first school day with a hairstyle acceptable to the College.

Please note that with the increase of piercings and tattoos it is also necessary to make the following statement. Any student with a tattoo must have it covered at all times whether at school or at sport and/or when representing the College. Students will be asked to remove their piercings. Should a student refuse to do so they will be sent home until they are willing to meet the College’s expectations.

**Classroom Behaviour**

Students are encouraged to identify their behaviour as being purposeful, to self-evaluate the ways they are meeting their needs and to choose appropriate behaviours that meet their needs in the most positive way for themselves and all members of the College community.

As students develop these skills they become more and more self-disciplined. Their behaviour is motivated internally and they need fewer external sanctions to meet the high standards of behaviour expected at the College.
Students are encouraged to develop self discipline where behaviour is self evaluated and specific plans are created to display the values we hold at the College.

**The point we wish to make is that every class is important and misbehaviour in class is a serious offence.** It affects the individual child but often other students are disadvantaged. **Misbehaviour in the classroom is simply not acceptable and will not be tolerated.**

External sanctions are given to students and behaviour reflection activities are given. These are outlined in the College Diary.

**Travel**

**Driving/Parking Around the College**

Of an afternoon and morning, to help ease congestion around these streets the following has been agreed upon by the College and our neighbours.

When travelling to the College before or after school we ask that students and parents once you have turned off the Pacific Highway to travel down Woolcott Avenue, then continue straight ahead along Wyndarra Crescent. Follow this until you reach the College. When departing the College please travel along Woolcott Avenue until you reach the Pacific Highway.

By using this “circular one way pattern” you can alleviate passing motorists thereby making traffic flow a great deal easier. For staff and students safety, during the school day (8.10am-4pm) parents are asked not to drive through the College from Woolcott Avenue to Unwin Road and vice versa. Please note the driveway ramp has been blocked using a removable bollard to meet OH&S regulations.

**Parking at the College**

- Visitor car parking is available near the Chapel. Please park in designated spots. Please do not park in the playground area as it presents a safety hazard.
- If parents intend to pick up their child at the end of school, it is a great idea to arrange to a pick up point in Woolcott Avenue, Yardley Avenue or Unwin Road. Often the College is quite congested at around 3.10pm. **This idea would save time for the parents. Parents are requested to drive with great caution around these streets as there are many excited students around this time – from our school and also of the schools nearby.**

**Trains and Buses**

Students’ behaviour, grooming, language, poor wearing of uniform on public transport sometimes tarnishes our public image. Students are required at all times to give up their seat for public paying passengers when the bus or train is full. They should not wait to be asked to stand but rather they need to be proactive and offer their seat to passengers.

Extreme poor behaviour could result in passes being confiscated by State Rail / Bus Company. If this occurs it is the parents’ responsibility to organize the return of the pass from the particular coordinating organisation.

**Lateness**

The College chimes sound at 8.30am indicating the start of the morning and Period 1 starts at 8.35am. If you are not in class by the commencement of Period 1, present your ID card at Front Office for signing in, and then proceed to where you are scheduled to be. Show your sign in slip to the appropriate person: class teacher, tutor teacher.

Like in the work place lateness is unacceptable at school.
Mobile Phones, MP3 Players and other such items

The policy on mobile phones, MP3 players, Ipods, cameras and the like is both simple and common sense. Firstly, students are strongly advised not to bring these items to school. The College takes no responsibility if any such items are misplaced or lost. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk and the College does not have insurance cover for such items.

Where an item is used during the day – the following will happen: A staff member sends the student to the Year Coordinator, who keeps the item during the day for safekeeping. A suitable time for retrieval is negotiated. On the first occasion for a student, the item is returned to him/her at the end of the day, with student given directions on safe use and travel with the item. On subsequent occasions, parents will need to collect the item from the College, making an appointment time with the Year Coordinator to do so.

The Mobile Phone Policy is contained within the College Diary. Parents and students are asked to read, discuss and sign the agreement in the College Diary.

Use of IT within the College

Contained in the College Diary is the My Internet / Email Student Usage Agreement. This is a document, which you are to read and discuss it with your child and sign it as you have understood its content and you support the College in the proper use of IT.

The connection of the College to My Internet will offer a unique opportunity for students and staff of engage in a dynamic learning environment, however along with the college network, clear guidelines for acceptable use of this resource must be outlined and agreed to by all parties concerned. Included in the My Internet desktop will be E-mail facilities, which are intended for educational purposes and not personal use. Any misuse or inappropriate language or content will result in the user having access rights to the network denied and further disciplinary action taken where appropriate.

Please read and discuss this agreement with your child at the start of the year.

Students are not permitted to use this equipment without this document being signed by their parents.

Student Attendance

All students are expected to be at school on all mandatory school days. If your child is sick enough to remain at home then they should attend a GP to be properly diagnosed. Feeling “off colour” or “tired” is not enough to stay home from school as valuable class time is missed.

If your child cannot attend school, parents are asked to ring the College (9487 3555) before 9.30am. Students are to hand in a written explanation note from a parent/carer on their return to school. New amendments to school attendance law will mean that after 7 days an absence that is not verified by a written note will be considered unjustified/unexplained. A letter will be posted to you in the next week outlining the amendments that have been made to the law regarding school attendance.

Unfortunately the “SMS” communication of absences is no longer functional with our new system. We are looking to have this up and running again.

Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs

Smoking by students is prohibited at all times, including to and from their way to school and at all school organized activities whether during the day or evening or conducted during holiday times.

Parents rightly expect that schools provide a safe environment for their children. Whilst “not placing our heads in the sand” and pretending that drugs, whether they be illicit, illegal or restricted legal drugs (eg alcohol or tobacco) do not exist or are not used by adolescent youths, we do not condone their use under any circumstances at St Leo’s College.

This policy also extends to students using or providing prescription drugs to unauthorized persons. Parents are reminded that all medications to be taken at school must be registered with the College Office. Students are not allowed to self administer prescription medication.
The College response could include a range of the following:
- informing and consulting parents at the earliest possible opportunity;
- loss of any office held;
- involvement in relevant learning experiences and activities;
- counselling and/or conferencing;
- informing the Police;
- review of the student’s position at the school;
- suspension;
- expulsion, determined by CSO Director of Schools.

It must be remembered that the welfare of the whole student body is paramount in these cases.

**Students Driving to School**

Any student who wishes to drive to school can only do so after they and their parents have read and agreed to the conditions set down by the College. These conditions are to ensure the safety of your child and other students. Students should see their Year Coordinator for the driving to school form.

**The College House Cup and Student Recognition**

This year the College House Cup will continue, however it will focus on the involvement and participation in all facets of school life. Students will be receiving points for their House for their involvement in liturgical life, class work, assessment tasks, sporting achievements, involvement in other extra curricular activities and service to the College and the wider community. We wish to acknowledge the talents of our students and encourage everyone to use their talents to benefit the community.

I conclude by wishing everyone all the very best for 2012. I am sure we will all have another successful year here at St Leo’s striving to do our personal best.

**Mr Marc Reicher, Assistant Principal**

**News from around the College**

**College Finance**

Uniform shop - if you plan to claim the cost of the uniform on your tax return you will need to retain the receipts issued by the uniform shop. Please note that we are unable to provide duplicate receipts. Please refer to the ATO website for further details [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

Fees - invoices will be posted shortly and the enclosures will provide details of payment methods and due dates. Please note if you are paying monthly (ten payments) the first instalment is due on the 15th of February. (a copy of the Standard Collection notice is attached to the end of the newsletter).

**Visual Arts**

**Congratulations** - Student Achievements – HSC results

Congratulations to all 2011 HSC Visual Arts students, who produced excellent Bodies of Work, achieving outstanding results well above state average. It is pleasing to see that student and teacher dedication resulted with all students achieving above a Band 4 (a mark of 70 or higher), with the majority achieving a Band 5 (above 80) or Band 6 (above 90).

Nine of our students achieved a Band 6 (above 90), well done to; Jacob Baxter, Sarah Baynie, Rachel Campbell, Bella Castle, Gemma Crawley, Edwina Farrell, Eloise Flanagan, Rachael Maher and Hayley White.

**Art Express**

Rachael Maher, Annika Stromquist and Tara Whyley were nominated for Art Express, a remarkable achievement, from over 10,000 students sitting HSC Visual Arts in 2011. ArtExpress is an annual exhibition displaying outstanding HSC artworks from across the state. Rachael and Annika’s work have been accepted for exhibition, at Olympic Park and Griffith Regional Gallery respectively.
Rachael’s work Corroded Allure explores the erosion of various natural and manmade objects through photography and watercolour paintings. Annika’s work of black and white photographs, Life’s Hidden Art, requires the audience to look beyond the everyday. Tara’s work titled Iridescence consists of a series of 13 colour photographs of coloured water droplets frozen in action.

**Career Paths**
Rebecca Bastoli, Jacob Baxter, Eloise Flanagan, Rachael Maher, Julian McMahon, Brooke Porteous, Caitlin Robinson and Annika Stromquist will be furthering their Art careers, studying diverse courses such as Fine Arts, Art Education, Industrial Design, Product Design, Graphic Design, Media Arts, Games Design and Development and Visual Arts and Design, at the College of Fine Arts, UNSW, UTS, Macquarie University, ACU and Enmore TAFE. Best wishes to the students who have chosen other career paths.

**Current Students**
Equipment
All students involved in the study of Visual Arts in 2012 have been asked to bring the following equipment to each lesson -
- Visual Arts Process Diary (College crested available from the College shop)
- 2B pencil, eraser, ruler, glue, scissors and coloured pencils.
- Year 7 and 8 Art Kit which includes watercolour palette, paint brush, 2B pencil, and eraser.

Year 8 students are not expected to purchase another kit this year and can use the kit they bought in Year 7.

Could you please ensure that your sons and daughters have the correct equipment as soon as possible.

The Visual Arts Department looks forward to seeing how students will unleash their creativity this year.

**Juliette Carson, Visual Arts Coordinator**

“Corroded Allure” by Rachael Maher
Am I beautiful to you?
So often people overlook the beauty and detail that can be found on objects that are normally dismissed as being ‘ugly’, such as moss on rocks, water marks on buildings or rust. These to me are all forms of art in themselves, even if they are not what is commonly seen as art or beautiful. By removing these generalised perceptions, focussing more on the patterns, colours and designs, the way in which you view such objects changes allowing you to discover their true beauty as an art form. I have taken photos of rusted, decayed and corroded materials depicting them through the use of watercolour paintings in an attempt to provide an insight to my perspective.

“Life’s Hidden Art” by Annika Stromquist
My Body of Work, “Life’s Hidden Art” uses photography to explore the continuous growth and changes in technology which have assisted in developing and advancing every aspect of photography. By using the iphone’s camera I captured mundane, everyday objects of my life and photographed them as secluded art. The water colour paper gives the photographs a new texture and adds character to each square. The sequence of photographs captures objects of people’s daily routines. By capturing everyday objects my work hopes to evokes memories of past and present expressing life as art.

I chose to represent aspects of my world as they are aspects that have been influential in the creation of my artwork. I believe photography has had a huge impact on both the past and present and would like the show its significance. Photography is part of our everyday lives, we see it everywhere, and I am influenced by the objects and people around me.
My artwork/photography entitled “Iridescence” was created without the use of photoshop, but by having pure patience and confidence. My body of work explores the natural formations and movement of water, by capturing with a lens the special moments where a perfect shape or figure is created from something that is naturally so impermanent and fragile. I hope to show that it is possible to make these normally impermanent moments which appear in only a split second, permanent. Inspired by the fundamentals of natural movement, I feel that my photos are not simply pictures of splashes, but are a play of quality, lustrous, changing colours that reflect my passion for colour and the ability to capture unique moments.

Farewell to St Leo’s

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the extended St Leo’s Community as I prepare to take up my new role of Leader of Learning and Curriculum at Marist Sisters’ College Woolwich.

I have enjoyed my ten years at the College immensely and hope that I have contributed in some small way to the development of the students that I have had the privilege of teaching, coaching and mentoring in the many roles that I have held at the College.

A successful College can only work with the collaboration and support of its parents and guardians. I truly believe this happens at St Leo’s and is one of the reasons why the College is so unique and successful in so many ways.

The Leo’s community is my family and would like to think that I will forever be a part of that extended family.

I will always have the fondest memories of my time at St Leo’s Catholic College, and I leave with God’s Law in My Heart

Mr. Greg Zerounian

Sports Desk

Welcome back to 2012.

In sport last year, particularly representative sport, we had a phenomenal year with an all time record by winning one or more grand finals each term.

In the last couple of years we have seen more teams qualify for semi finals and grand finals than we have seen over the past 5-10 years.

A big congratulations must go out to those students who gave up their time to participate in representative sport in 2011, it certainly paid off with all the wonderful results we have received in not only team sports but individual sports like tennis, athletics, cross country etc.

We currently have numerous boys teams in the MCC finishing off their season from last year in the sports of Cricket, Touch, Squash and Basketball.

With all the grand results last year coming predominately from the females, I personally put a challenge out to the males late Term 3 to see if they can match the girls in their results and so far the boys have taken on the challenge and are delivering exceptional results.

The results of our leading teams so far are as follows:
- Cricket – All teams are on top of the table
- Squash – On top of the table
- Basketball – A Grade are on top of the table
- Touch – A huge improvement from last season proving very competitive
Where to in 2012?
A number of changes have occurred in both our internal and representative sport structure.

Internal Sport
- Each year group will have a set day for their internal sport
- Each student has a time table indicating what sport they will be participating in for the year (subject to change)
- Each year group will need to participate in a swimming assessment which will be placed on the school file
- Sport will be run in House Teams and points will be allocated to winning Houses
- Winning Houses will also receive various prizes/incentives
- Students who demonstrate great participation, improvement, or sportsman/ladyship behaviour will also receive House Points
- The selected sports are related to the PDHPE syllabus and Broken Bay Rep Sports

Representative Sport
All students have received a sport calendar and a table outlining closing dates for applications, dates for representative trials and the start of the competition.

Students should take good care of this and ensure they consistently view it to keep up to date with events. This is also available on the student pastoral page and the sports notice board.

Important information for students interested in Rep Sport:
- Prior to playing a representative sport, students will need to apply via an application form located at the student office
- All application forms MUST be returned prior to the closing date
- Trials will begin after the closing date (No student will be able to trial without the completion of the application form prior to the closing date)
- All training will be scheduled for a Tuesday unless otherwise specified by the Coach
- Training is compulsory in order to play on a representative team
- Students who participate in a representative sport need to manage their time appropriately to catch up on work missed during representative sport
- There will be no early departure and during wet weather students will attend normal classes
- Students interested in higher representation will need to obtain a form from the Sports Coordinator or go on the NSWCCC website.

Aerobics
Aerobics will continue in the same format as previous years with training after lunch every Thursday. This year the Nationals will be in Sydney.

On behalf of the College Community I would like to wish all teams and other individual athletes the best of luck this year in sport.

I am sure this year is going to be just as rewarding as last year. I look forward to seeing more fantastic results. Refer to the end of The Pride for the Term 1 sports calendar.

Good Luck!!

Mr L Trotz, Sports Coordinator
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Association U14 Moore Shield Representative Team

Rags to Riches

Congratulations to John Anderson and Matt Chamberlain who represented the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Association (HK&HDCA) U14 Moore Shield Representative Team. John Captained the side, batted number 4 and bowled leg-spin. Matt was the number 3 bat and 1st change bowler. Daniel Anderson (Year 11 and 1st X1) was the Assistant Coach.

Matt is a long time Emerging Blue player and John played for NSW PSSA last season in the National Championships.

The Leo’s boys, who both play for our U16s played a big part in helping the HK&HDCA Rep side to an amazing turnaround. Last season the Team lost every game. This season they won 14 out of 16 games.

The achievements of this Team are significant:

1) The prestigious Moore Shield for only the 2nd time since it was started in 1956/57. This Competition has 16 teams representing every major District in NSW
2) The Graeme Malcolm Invitation Carnival in Newcastle for the first time since it was started in 1982
3) The NSW State Final representing City Vs Country played at the SCG on Sunday 5th February.

The SCG game was for the State Championship against the Country Champions (Illawarra). The Boys scored 132 from their 20 overs to lose in a close game. Matt top scored with 43 batting at number 3 and John scored 19 with both scoring at a run a ball. John also took 2 catches.

Pastoral News

A very warm welcome back to all members of the St Leo’s Catholic College Community – students, staff, parents and caregivers.

Our Parent Network group provided a friendly face and morning tea outside the Chapel for the parents of new students to the College on Monday 30 January 2012. Thank you to our Parent Network Group.

Year 7’s commenced their secondary school education under the leadership of the Year 7 Co-ordinator, Mrs Megan de Kantzow. 56 Year 10 Peer Support Leaders gave up the last day of their holidays to facilitate Peer Support group activities with the Year 7 students – helping them to navigate the College diary, read a timetable, be organised by going through an organisation checklist and find their classrooms by taking them of a tour of the College.

All other new students in Year 8 to 11 were met by their Year Co-ordinators.

Information nights for each Year Group 7 to 11 will be held this term. Parents and caregivers are expected to attend these evenings and important documentation will be handed out.

The Year 7 family BBQ is on Friday 17th February – a separate invitation will be given out with the relevant details.

Wishing you all a very successful 2012.

Mrs Louise Fentoullis, Director of Pastoral Care
Year 12
Year 12 have shown they are ready to lead the school by way of enthusiasm and attentiveness in the first week of 2012. My observation was that something changed when they collected their Yr 12 jerseys’ at the end of last year. To quote Olivia Princi “I am looking for every chance to wear my jersey and I was happy for the cool, wet weather last week so I could wear it”.

It is clear that a sense of pride exists between the Year 12 students and I can see that they are ready to face the challenges of the HSC. This is a very significant year for our senior year group who have always maintained a close friendship. From speaking to students, I get the feeling that they are a little anxious about the year ahead but eager to get it under way. I may be a little biased when I say that the current year 12’s have always been a special cohort. I know I am looking forward to guiding them on this journey, especially as I have been watching them grow in faith and learning since Year 7.

Jane Roberts, Year 12 Coordinator

Year 11
Welcome back to all students in Year 11. We have had a great start to the year with everyone wearing their Senior Uniform with pride.

A special welcome to all our new students in Year 11, as well as our two new tutor teachers. We hope that you enjoy your years at St Leo’s.

In our pastoral lessons at the start of the year, students have been addressed by Mrs Macri and Mrs Sykes about subject selections and how to change them if they wish, TAFE and what to do if they have a study period at the beginning or end of the day. In our other tutor period, we did some activities about “getting to know you” as we have changed the structure of the tutor groups.

Wishing you all the best

Mrs Kate Todd, Year 11 Co-ordinator

Year 10 Welcome Back!
During the first week in Pastoral Lessons, Year 10 students have participated in various “Know my Class” activities. They have also arranged and organised a Prayer Space and a daily Prayer Roster.

Students have also been asked to have the relevant diary pages (Pg1, 23, 26, 27) signed by a parent or guardian.

During Week 2, Selected Year 10 Peer Support Students will be working with the Year 7 students. The remaining Year 10 students will be analysing their Year 9 Semester 2 Report and then setting goals for Year 10 Semester 1.

Angelo Solomonides, Year 10 Coordinator

Year 9 Tutor Time
Students will be going through their diaries and getting parents to sign the required policies in their diary.

Students have also been moved into new House Groups for Tutor Time this year. Tutor teachers will be doing some “getting to know each other” activities.

Students will be analysing their Term 4 reports from last year and setting targets for this term on the basis of last Terms results.

Peter Trainer, Year 9 Co-ordinator
Year 8

It is with great pleasure that I take over the reins of Year 8 this year. Firstly, I would like to thank Louise Fentoullis for all her assistance in ensuring a smooth transition. I look forward very much to working with your students on a day to day basis and in meeting you in due course over the next few terms.

The Term has begun in a very settled way – new bell times, a new day for Sport and Tutor groups based on Houses to try and strengthen House spirit in the school. It was most pleasing to see all the Tutor groups actively engaged in getting to know each other and their tutor teachers last week.

We welcome the following new students to Year 8:

Isabella Daaboul
Anthony Nguyen
Mark Rogers
Holden Osborne-Snell
Tynan Murray

They were formally welcomed into the College and the Year group last week.

During the longer Tutor periods, the students have been getting to know each other as all the tutor groups are now based on their Houses. This week they will be completing a detailed evaluation of their Semester 2 Reports and analysing what steps they need to take this term in order to improve their results. Next week we will be looking at how to set realistic and achievable goals.

If you wish to contact me for any reason, please email me at: -andrew.betty@dbb.org.au

Andrew Betty, Year 8 Co-ordinator

A big welcome to Year 7!

Our newest and youngest students have dealt with a myriad of challenges in the first week of school: meeting new classmates and teachers, finding their way around, negotiating canteen lines, new trains and buses, ‘giants’ in the playground, lockers, timetables and diaries, and seemingly endless amounts of rain. Though a few worries have surfaced, students have managed remarkably well, and teachers report that Year 7 is settling into St Leo’s well. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

This week in tutor time, we’ve focused on the practical, using timetables and the diary, and the social, practicing friendly habits. As a ‘pride’ of Leo’s lions, we want Year 7 to be proud of the way they welcome, accept and support each other. Friendly habits we’ve discussed are

• smiling and greeting people,
• asking questions that show you’re interested in other people
• doing ‘random acts of kindness’.

In following weeks in the Pastoral programme, Mr Paul Harmon will be taking to Year 7 about Cyber Safety, Yr 10 Peer Support will be working with their Year 7 buddies, and we’ll be preparing for Ash Wednesday. I’m looking forward to meeting parents and carers at the Year 7 Information Night, 7th Feb, and the social evening for Year 7 parents, carers and students on the 17th Feb.

Megan de Kantzow, Year 7 Co-ordinator
Mission News

“Grace isn’t a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It’s a way to live.”

This year the Australian Catholic Community has been called to the theme of a ‘Year of Grace’. It is a summons to undertake a spiritual journey. The ‘Year of Grace’ is not to be a purely head / theological programme, but rather a year long retreat, a time of listening, a Sabbath time, going back to basics – to discover afresh new ways to encounter Jesus. The call is to set out on a journey of faith not knowing the destination, result or outcome.

The Year of Grace is to have 3 major themes:
4) contemplating the face of Christ
5) building a spirituality of communion
6) undertaking mission for the new evangelisation

The Year of Grace is to built around the following elements:
1) Prayer
2) The Word of God
3) Key Liturgical Celebrations
4) Contemplation of the ‘Face of Christ’ in our actions.

The call to prayer is to respond to the following challenge: “Our Christian communities must become genuine ‘schools of prayer’, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly ‘falls in love’.” (NMI 33)

Prayer was intended to be an opportunity for God’s people to maintain an ongoing relationship with Him. It is something that should be alive and fresh every day. God’s mercy and grace are new every morning, and the prayers of His people should be also. For this reason, Jesus instructed His disciples to pray. In other words, “follow my example.”

Jesus showed by his example of prayer how to reverently enter the presence of God and daily build a relationship with Him.

At St Leo’s we have a wonderful opportunity to enter into a daily life of prayer with our God. Prayer is a part of Tutor gatherings. Assemblies are lead with a prayer.

In the next two weeks we will gather together for the Opening College Mass at 9.15 on Tuesday 14th February and Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10.30 on 22nd February. Both gathering will be in the Cathedral Hall. Please come and join the College in these to significant occasions.

Come Join Us in Eucharist
Every Tuesday from 8 am
Every Friday from 1.05 pm
Mass in the College Chapel
Meeting the Friars
On Tuesday 7th February students in Year 12 Studies of Religion and Catholic Studies classes had the opportunity of meeting two Australian friars from the Franciscan order Friars of Renewal. Brothers Francesco and Filchae spoke of their call to God’s service and their life in some of the disadvantaged sections in modern society working with the poor in USA and Britain. This order of friars began in the 1980s in response to a need to live more simply Francis of Assisi’s rule of service to the poor by being one with them. The brothers told of the lives they had lived as young men in Australia in the 1990’s and how each had responded, in a more unique way, to God.

St Leo’s Youth Ministry 2012
Welcome to Term 1, 2012
Youth Ministry at the College has a variety of activities to activate the faith and spiritual life of each student.

We celebrate Eucharist as a College community each Tuesday at 8.00am and Friday 1.05pm. Parents and friends and members of parish communities are most welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Each Wednesday at 1.05pm Bible Study is held in the Youth Ministry room. This activity is well attended and all students, regardless of their Christian tradition, are welcome.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) begins next week. It’s an activity that enables those students of other faith traditions to enquire into the Catholic Faith with a view to becoming a Catholic.

Seasons for Growth is a group that meets once a week and enables those students who have suffered the effects of parental divorce, separation or death in the family to come to terms with their loss.

If you wish to encourage your children to be involved in any of the above activities, please feel free to do so.

I can be contacted on 0418 477 846.

Further activities will be included in the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

Ralph Kershler, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Community News
Upcoming Meeting

There is a meeting for students who have registered to go on the World Challenge Trek with the coordinator of the event on Monday 27th February from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in the College Library. Please come along to find out the next stage of planning.

If there are any students interested in finding out more details they can see Mrs White for the Information Booklet and they are welcome to attend the meeting on the 27th February.
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset .
Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 23 – 25 March at St. Mary’s Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Seasons for Growth Adult Program
Everyone experiences loss and change in their lives. It may be through death, separation, divorce, loss of home, country, job, dreams or lifestyle.

Seasons for Growth provides a sound framework and a safe learning environment for adults to think about and understand their own loss experiences

The cost will be $25- for the participant’s workbook.

Next groups commencing: Tuesday Evenings Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20 … 7.30pm – 10pm

Nulty Meeting room
OLOR Cathedral Waitara
27 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
To register contact Linda Power
Hornsby Cathedral Parish 9483 2308, linda.power@dbb.org.au

TERMS 1 & 2 2012 – INTERRELATE COURSES
Positive Parenting
$25 per person – 13 February 6 – 9pm; 15 May 6 – 9pm
A 3-hour Seminar that will assist parents of children aged 3 – 8 years old to:
• Know and acknowledge each child as an individual
• Understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well
• Deal with what children do that is not working for themselves or others

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child
$25 per person – 19 March 6 – 9pm; 25 June 6 – 9pm
A 3-hour Seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2 – 12 years old to:
• Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
• Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
• Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Ideas for Parenting Teens
$25 per person – 26 March 6 – 9pm; 4 June 6 – 9pm
A 3-hour Seminar that will assist parents to:
• Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
• Help understand what is normal adolescent behaviour
• Develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

Being a Dad
$75 per person – 6, 13 & 20 March 6 – 9pm
A 3 session program that will assist fathers to:
• Be a better Dad
• Really connect with their children
• Be able to discipline constructively and deal better with conflict
Being a Mum
$75 per person – 29 May, 5 & 12 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 session program that will assist mothers to:
• Understand themselves as a Mum
• Really connect with their children
• Understand children at different ages
• Learn positive ways to discipline children and communicate more effectively

Seminars are held at Bella Vista & Rouse Hill locations
Please call 8882 7850 for more information or to book a place
Email: norwest@interrelate.org.au
Web: www.interrelate.org.au

Problems Hearing?
The National Acoustic Laboratories, a world-leading research facility, is currently investigating the efficacy of screening test for early identification of Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD). CAPD is the result of a breakdown in the hearing process. One of the biggest problems experienced by individuals with CAPD is difficulty listening in background noise.

If anyone in your family and friends aged between 6 to 60 years, have concerns about their ability to understand speech in background noise and would like to participate in the research study, please contact Sujita Kanthan on 9412 6844 or at Sujita.Kanthan@nal.gov.au or Anna Kania on 9412 6861 or at Anna.Kania@nal.gov.au.

This research study has approval from the Australian Hearing Ethics Committee.

PLAY HOCKEY IN 2012
• Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team sport
• Small field “Minkey” games for U5 - U9
• Mixed junior comps U11, U13, U15
• Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park
• Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Pennant Hills Park, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills
Further information:
Adrian Wilson 0419 299 808
Robert Nicoll 0438 119 729

Rego forms & information at www.ndhockey.com.au
Asquith Soccer Club
Looking for a fun team sport this year?
Want to get fit?

Soccer season is almost here and Asquith Soccer Club has a team for everyone, from Under 6 to Over 35s, mixed, men’s and women’s teams, complete novices to seasoned football players.

Join to make new friends or bring some with you!

Asquith Soccer club prides itself on being “the friendly club” and we would love to see old and new players at one of our upcoming registration days:
11am until 3pm at Asquith Bowling Club, Saturday February 11th

See our website, www.asquithsc.org.au for more information and registration forms

Mums… we want you too! Why not get off the sidelines this year and join our Women’s Over 35s team – we’d love to have you! No experience needed.

Dads… We are forming an Over 35 Men’s team this year.
Contact John Humphreys on 0425 411 633
**Parent Network**

Class Parent Representatives – Thank you for making the difference in 2011...
We look forward to your continued support in 2012

Seeking Year 7 Class Parent representatives ... including Dads
Your participation, as a Class Parent Representative will help ensure that all home rooms are included in the communication and notices for events for each St. Leo’s College year groups. If you are interested please email leosparentnet@y7mail.com. If you have queries or would like more information, please contact Marinela Mendes <mendes@bigpond.net.au> and consider attending the next Year Co-ordinator and Parent Class representative meeting Monday 20th February 2012 (St Leos’ College Library at 7pm – 8.30pm). For more information and to volunteer read the details at the end of this article.

Reading Support – More volunteers please literacy for 2012
For more information about the Literacy Program and volunteering, please contact
Sarah Szacsvay, Literacy Program Parent Co-ordinator
Phone: 9875 2843, Mobile: 0413 601 496, Email: sbutfield@hotmail.com

St John’s Wahroonga - Soup Van
Many thanks to the numerous families, who continued to enthusiastically volunteer during the festive season and school holidays. Collectively you brought the warmth of hot meals and the comfort of friendly faces, to those without a home.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Connie Klimko, St John’s Soup Van Co-ordinator on Mobile: 0407 603 877 or Email: leosparentnet@y7mail.com

Requesting helpers for College events during Term 1
If you can spare an hour or more, then we would appreciate your help (in planning, preparing, setting-up, serving and packing away) with the following up-coming events in Term 1:

- Friday 17th February 2012, **Year 7 BBQ 6.30pm** till sunset – **14 + volunteers** required please
- Tuesday 21st February 2012, **Year 8 and Year 10 Info evening** – 2 sessions (6.30pm and 7.45pm) – **2-4 volunteers** per session required please
- Wednesday 22nd February 2012, **Year 9 and 11 Info evening** – 2 sessions (6.30pm and 7.45pm) – **2-4 volunteers** per session required please
- Friday 9th March 2012, **College Open Day 9am** – 12noon, **9 + volunteers** required please
- Tuesday 13th March 2012, **Prospective Parents evening 7.30pm** – **4+ volunteers** required please

To express your interest please contact Marinela Mendes <mendes@bigpond.net.au> or your child’s Class Parent Representative for 2011.

The representatives for 2012 may potentially be the same and the list will be provided via the Parent Network section of The Pride Newsletter later in Term 1.

**St Leo’s College Parent Network**
Much research shows that parental interest and support in their children’s schooling positively contributes to the students’ overall outcomes. One way to be more involved or more part of the St. Leo’s community, is to ensure that you are on the St. Leo’s Parent Network distribution list. Please advise of your interest via leosparentnet@y7mail.com or contact Marinela Mendes <mendes@bigpond.net.au>.

The St. Leo’s College Parent Network is a voluntary circle of parents, carers and families who partner with the St. Leo’s Principal, College Leadership team, Board, and the parent community. In addition, the Parent Network assists from time to time with college activities.

The Guiding Principles for the Parent Network are:

- **Maintain openness and transparency**
- **Build in flexibility** into the outcomes (i.e. processes and decisions)
- **Simplicity** for all concerned
• Adopt existing financial systems of the college
• Aligned with and/or support SLCC Board and Broken Bay Dioceses
• Aim for high awareness and engagement from parent and student community.

Your interest and involvement in your children’s schooling makes an impressively positive difference. Working with the St Leo’s College teachers and enriches the student’s high school experience. We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your participation.

Class Parent Representatives - More details
The overall aim of the Parent Year Co-ordinator is to build a sense of community by making St Leo’s parents (mums, dads, grandparents and carers) feel welcome, connected and informed. Ideally within each year group there will be Class Parents (one or two per homeroom) who will work with the Parent Year Co-ordinator or team in building a dynamic St Leo’s Community.

The overall aim of the Class Parent is to build a sense of community by making the parents in your homeroom feel welcome and informed. More specifically, the Class Parent is expected to:

• Provide a first point of contact for other parents
• Communicate news and events to parents
• Promote the full range of school activities

The role is designed to supplement and enhance the students’ experience of the College.

Ideally a Class Parent and/or College Year Co-ordinator would commit to the role for one school year, in order to provide continuity.

The aim is to create a community that is:
• Involved and connected – communications, invites to activities and requests for volunteers
• Inclusive – ensuring various activities are available to all by catering to different cost, work and time considerations
• Welcome and caring – pastoral care support respecting individual wishes/privacy, support liturgies/masses, welcome new families
• Secure – confidentiality of all members of the school community MUST be respected. Class Parents operate on the premise of genuine respect and trust for each child and adult and their personal situations.

To volunteer, or to speak with those who have volunteered to become or assist as College Class Parent Representatives, please contact or email Marinela Mendes via email: <mendes@bigpond.net.au> or call 9487 5757 or 0418 22 40 31.

Want to know more about the Parent Network or parent involvement at St Leo’s?
For more information regarding the College Parent Network: www.dbb.org.au/schools/stleoscollege/Pages/ColegeParentNetwork Or contact or email Marinela Mendes via email: <mendes@bigpond.net.au> or call 9487 5757 or 0418 22 40 31.
1. The School and the Diocese both independently and through its Schools collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil’s enrolment at the School. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling for your son/daughter.

2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School’s legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.

3. Certain laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require that certain information is collected. These include Public Health and Child Protection laws.

4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.

5. If we do not obtain the information referred to above we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.

6. The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes. This includes -
   - government departments, government agencies and statutory boards
   - the Catholic Schools Office
   - the Catholic Education Commission
   - the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
   - systemic Schools within the Broken Bay Diocese and other schools
   - NSW Board of Studies and the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
   - medical practitioners
   - people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, (sports) coaches, volunteers and counsellors

In addition personal information relating to students and parents may also be made available, in accordance with Australian government requirements, to ACARA for the purpose of publishing certain school information relating to the circumstances of parents and students on the MySchool website.

7. The School from time to time may also collect and disclose personal information about current or prospective students in accordance with the Education Act or child protection legislation.

8. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in School newsletters, magazines and on our website.

9. Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the School. Pupils may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School’s duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.

10. As you may know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School’s fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

11. If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.
## St. Leo’s Catholic College
### Sports Calendar for Term 1 2012

**As of 30th January 2012**

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<td>* NSWCCC Tennis &amp; Girls Cricket Selections</td>
<td>6 * SLCC Girls Snr Rep Sport &amp; Boys Snr Rep Soccer Trials * NSWCCC Baseball Selections * All Schl Triathlon * BBSSSA Gala Day - Jnr &amp; Inter Tch &amp; BBall</td>
<td>7 * All Schl Triathlon</td>
<td>8 * MCCS Sport Rd 5</td>
<td>9 * NSWCCC Hockey - CLOSING</td>
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<td>8A</td>
<td>12 Mar</td>
<td>* All Schls - Girls Water Polo</td>
<td>13 * All Schls - Girls Softball * SLCC Girls Rep Sport Trials</td>
<td>14 * BBSSSA Swimming Championships</td>
<td>15 * NSWCCC Netball - CLOSING * MCCS Sport Rd 6</td>
<td>16 * NSWCCC Swim &amp; Diving - CLOSING * NSWCCC BBall Tourney CLOSING * BBSSSA Rugby Trial * MCCS Sports Meeting – LTR</td>
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<td>9B</td>
<td>19 Mar</td>
<td>* NSWCCC Golf * NSWCCC Hockey Selection * All School Cricket Selections</td>
<td>20 * All School Cricket Selections * BBSSSA Gala Day - 15's Soccer</td>
<td>21 * All School Cricket Selections</td>
<td>22 * MCCS Semi Final * MCC Sport TRIALS</td>
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<td>10A</td>
<td>26 Mar</td>
<td>27 * NSWCC Netball U15 Selections * BBSSSA Gala Day - 15's Soccer (Back-up)</td>
<td>28 * NSWCC Netball Open Selections</td>
<td>29 * NSWCC Volleyball - CLOSING * MCCS Sport Final * MCC Sport TRIALS</td>
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<td>2 Apr</td>
<td>* NSWCC AFL - CLOSING</td>
<td>3 * All Schl – Tennis Selections</td>
<td>4 * All Schl – Tennis &amp; Baseball</td>
<td>5 * MCC Sport Rd 5 Rep End of Term 1</td>
<td>6 * Good Friday</td>
<td>7 * Easter Saturday</td>
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