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


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

There are a couple of billion people in the world today who call themselves ‘Christians’ – followers of Jesus Christ. However, if you were to ask each of them, ‘Who do you say Jesus is?’ you would get thousands, even millions of different answers. When I speak about Jesus, his teachings and values, I have certain characteristics and beliefs about Jesus. I can’t be certain the person listening has those same concepts. Just because we use the same language doesn’t mean we’re talking about the same thing.

We have all heard that actions speak louder than words. I believe Pope Francis’ actions certainly demonstrate Jesus’ teachings and values. Two examples come to mind; Pope Francis washing the feet of prisoners and the image of him embracing and giving comfort to a severely disfigured man.

Hopefully by the example we as parents, staff and older students can provide for our children and younger students we are helping them and ourselves get a little closer to answering the question – “...Who do you say I am?...”

Contract Renewal – Mr Anthony Mahoney – Assistant Principal
Last week the Catholic Schools Office commissioned a panel (Chair - Ms Diann Hynes, current North Shore Schools Consultant, Mr Ray Werren, past Secondary Schools Consultant, and past Principal at Mater Maria, and myself) to conduct Anthony’s contract renewal. A selection of parents, staff and students were interviewed. Anthony completed a self-reflection questionnaire and results from a staff and parent survey were examined and analysed.

Congratulations to Anthony as the panel made a recommendation to the Director that his contract be renewed for another three years.
Anthony was commended on his very positive contribution to the College community, particularly in his management of the day-to-day running of the school and for his academic and pastoral leadership.

After having been an Assistant Principal in two diocesan schools, I appreciate the concern and individualised attention Anthony affords members of our community. I am very pleased with the outcome of this review and delighted to have Mr Mahoney in this role.

Mr Anthony Gleeson
Principal of St Leo’s Catholic College
invites you to join our community at the

60th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Date: 18 June 2016
Time: 6.45pm
Place: Hornsby RSL
Dress: Smart
Band: 8 piece band
Ticket Price: $80

For more information:
leosdbsbooking@gmail.com
To book:
www.trybooking.com/KQHM
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Sydney Eisteddfod Results
1) A very tightly contested 3rd Place (89%) was awarded to St Leo’s Catholic College Symphonic Band in the Secondary School Intermediate Concert Band last week at the Sydney Eisteddfod. There was only 1 mark difference between 1st - 3rd place! Knox took out first position. Congratulations to the students and Ms Lemin Luu who conducted the band for this annual event.
2) From our 1st Place last year in the Intermediate Stage Band section of the competition, the bar was raised and we were placed in the Secondary School Premium Stage Band section this year. Congratulations to our Stage Band (under the baton of Ms Ellen Kirkwood) who received a Highly Commended for their first efforts in this top grade!

Of course these fantastic results do not just happen. Hours of rehearsals and organization take place, much of it behind the scenes, in the early mornings and at an intensive Band Camp last month.

Thank you Ms Williams, Ms Gauchi, Ms Luu, Ms Kirkwood and all the music teachers for their passion and commitment to the students and the Music Program at St Leo’s.

Aerobics – State Finals this Sunday at Sutherland Entertainment Centre
We wish the Aerobics teams and coaches all the best for the State Finals at Sutherland this Sunday. From this highly competitive event, successful teams will be selected for the Nationals in Queensland in Term 3. One step closer girls … and of course our two boys who are part of the teams this year.

Tier One – Regulatory Requirements Results
As you would be aware, last year in Term IV the College successfully completed the Tier Two six yearly review which has enabled us to produce our new School Improvement Plan for the next three years. This thorough review is known as Tier Two-Quality Assurance.

As part of the Catholic Schools Office School Review cycle, each year three random KLAs are examined to ensure each are meeting the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) requirements. This is known as Tier One-Regulatory Requirements.

In this Tier One Review a school can either be judged to be Compliant or Non-Compliant. I am very pleased to announce all three KLAs that were chosen: (Human Society and Its Environment-HSIE, Science, and Technical and Applied Studies-TAS) were judged by an external panel to be compliant.

As well as reaching this standard the KLAs received the following feedback:

HSIE: commended in five areas. These ranged from having a variety of IT teaching strategies, to teaching programs that provide differentiated learning and teaching strategies catering for a large range of student abilities.

Science: commended for their learning intentions that were clearly outlined for each lesson, plus there was ample evidence of high quality work in this KLA.

TAS: commended in four areas from excellent integration of new technologies into units of work, through to the excellent use of student feedback to inform quality teaching.
I would like to congratulate the staff of each of these three KLAs on their performance and attitude. Given we are currently undergoing a very significant (but much needed) building works program it is very pleasing to see that the excellent standard of teaching continues and is still being enhanced.

The Leaders of each of these faculties need to be acknowledged: Mr Pat Gallagher (HSIE), Ms Josephine Cali (Science) and Mr Andrew Rotolo (TAS), congratulations on your Leading of Learning with each of your staff.

Our great team of Leaders of Learning is headed by our Director of Learning and Teaching, Mrs Melissa McMahon. A large part of Mrs McMahon’s demanding role is to oversee the work of each of the KLAs, this includes assessment and reporting. Currently they are working on a revised Reporting paper to ensure the reports that you receive are closely aligned to the new Australian Curriculum. I publicly thank and acknowledge Mrs McMahon for her leadership in this key area.

Debating – Year 11 Team
Our Year 11 Debating Team will be competing in the Elimination Round 2 on Friday 17 June at 6pm at St Patrick’s Marists Brs Dundas. Our successful team is debating with OLMC Parramatta!

Best of luck to Mrs Monteiro who will be coaching and leading Luke Antoun, Reo Rebello, Max Wrightson, Rohan Knight and Sophia Groundwater.

The College App – “Skoolbag”
Skoolbag is an excellent communication App that has been embraced by St Leo’s Catholic College. Just over 600 people have now downloaded this App. It proved very useful last week when there was an incident at Westfield Hornsby, as we were able to send out an instant message to all of our students, staff and parents who have downloaded the App, advising them we had liaised with local Police and decided against conducting a lockdown at the College.

Skoolbag is simple to use, provides instant messaging, calendar information, wet weather updates, sport information and contact details. It will be widely used by the school. The App is FREE and in both IOS (Apple) and ANDROID versions.

You can download Skoolbag either from the “Google Shop”, “The App Store” or “Windows Mobile” using the links below:

iPhone/iPad

Android
Windows mobile

Or

Simply type in St Leo’s Skoolbag into Google or App Store.

If you have any questions, please direct them Glen Charlier at glen.charlier@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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Mr AF Gleeson
Principal

“...More than ever should we be humble and patient, charitable and forgiving...”
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (4/11/1884)
From the Assistant Principal

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
The Year 7 – 10 Parent Student Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 30th June (Week 10) from 8:35am until 8:30pm. Interviews will be held in the bottom floor of the Science Building and A Block. There are no classes on this day, however, the College will remain open and minimal supervision will be provided between 8.20am and 3.10pm. The College canteen will NOT be open and no students would be permitted to leave the College grounds once they are signed in for the day. If you would like your son/daughter to attend school on the day please contact the College reception so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Each interview will be of five minutes duration. Student reports will be available for collection in the College Main Reception area. We encourage parents to arrive 20 minutes before their first interview to give time to collect and look through your child’s report before the interviews commence. It is important that students are present at these interviews in full school uniform so that we can continue the partnership of learning between students, parents and the College.

Parents are able to book interviews online through the Parent Teacher Organiser (PTO) system from 9am on Tuesday 21st June. Please note that interview time slots are limited and that the earlier you can open the website and book – the more options you will have. An email will be sent to all Year 7 – 10 parents this week providing details about how to make interviews.

The following day will be a Staff Spirituality Day, which means that the last day of classes for Term 2 will be Wednesday 29th June.

Uniform
As the cold weather sets in, I would ask parents to ensure that their son/daughter’s jumper and tracksuit tops fit correctly. A reminder that students who are without their correct uniform on a day should have a note from their parents and should see their Year Leader for a uniform pass. Students who are out of uniform without a uniform pass will receive a Uniform Slip. Three uniform slips lead to a Friday afternoon uniform detention.

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

A reminder that students should be carrying the College Backpack to and from school.
Important Upcoming Events

Week 8
Monday 13 June       Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 15 June   Cafe de Leo & PAWS (TLOCC)
Thursday 16 June     Year 7 vaccinations (HPV2+DTPA)
Friday 17 June       Year 12 Careers Expo Periods 3-6
Saturday 18 June     60th Anniversary Dinner Dance 6:45pm for a 7:15pm start

Week 9
Wednesday 22 June    Photo day –year groups
Thursday 23 June     Track & Field Carnival - Foxglove Oval

Week 10
Wednesday 29 June    Last Day of Classes
Thursday 30 June      Year 7 – 10 PST Interview Day 8:35am – 8:30pm (Science/A & B Block)
Friday 1 July         Staff Spirituality Day

Classes resume on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

The Pride Extras

Around the Grounds – Sports Report
Juniors and Inters Basketball
NSWCCC Touch
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State Championships Aerobics

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**Around the Grounds – Sports Report**

**Juniors and Inters Basketball**

At the recent Broken Bay Juniors and Inters Basketball competition, St Leo’s had three teams enter (1 x Junior Boys, 1 x Inters Boys, and 1 x Inters Girls), with some great success. This was the first opportunity that the Juniors Boys have had to play as a team in a competition and started off fantastically well qualifying through the early rounds, and facing Mater Maria in the semi-final. In a close battle, the boys had the game taken away from them in the dying seconds losing by 2 points. Well done boys on such a great result. The Junior Boys teams consisted of Angus Burton, Daniel Hoare, Dominic Leech, Oliver Wright, Peter Baynie, Reece McDonald, Sam Molloy, and Wilson Bestic.

The Inters Girls played exceptionally well throughout the day and showed such determination to make it through the elimination stages. With tough opponents at hand, the girls marginally missed out on the semifinals, but should be commended on the hard work and effort that they put in. They have been attending training sessions after school and have built a team chemistry that really showed through the event. The team consisted of Kayla Mahfoud, Sabrina Della Franca, Jessica Knight, Ashleigh Funk, Courtney Hickman, Kate O’Callaghan, Georgia MacDonald, Tegan Reed, Christine Baynie, and Maisie Punt.

The Inters Boys are a strong side with many of the boys backing up from the Open’s teams that played earlier in the year. In the words of Mr. Tiglao on the day the ‘Boys played with a mission.’ This mission was to step off the court with a gala day victory after falling agonisingly close last year. The boys achieved their goal going through the competition undefeated and now move onto the NSWCCC championships later in the year as the Broken Bay representatives. In a team that is full of champions it is difficult to point out a particular player as a stand-out but a special mention needs to go to Paul Khamis who impressed every coach on the day as he displayed a level of basketball that only others could dream about. The team consisted of: Bailey Waldron, Cody Jervis, Dominic Della Franca, James Fisher, Matt Cassarchis, Paul Khamis, Ryan Sweeney, Thomas Drum, and Tomas Bonato. Well done boys.

St Leo’s has a strong tradition in the Broken Bay Basketball competitions and this does not only apply to the teams on the court but also the calibre of helpers that we send to assist in the running of the events. It was no different this year and I would like to congratulate Brandon Leslie (Year 12), Christina Habkouk (Year 9), and Emily Mostyn (Year 8) on your efforts throughout the day, as you represented St Leo’s with upmost Pride.

**NSWCCC Touch**

On the 7th June, Keeley Bowen represented St Leo’s as a member of the Broken Bay Open Boys Touch team which competed at the NSWCCC Touch Championships in Dubbo. The Open boys side from Broken Bay were one of the standout sides and after strong wins in the early rounds of the competition, they made the grand final. In the final they played MCS and unfortunately went down 5-2. Well done Keeley on your fantastic results
Peninsula Cup
The Peninsula Cup Competition is moving into the pointy end of the season with the last regular season games being held and the semi-finals being held over the next few weeks. All three of our boy’s teams have been in action over the last few weeks in a number of games.

The U/14 Boys are a team that is getting stronger by the game, and are a young side for this year’s competition as our whole team is only U/13 so it was always going to be tough for the team. In their most recent fixtures they have played Northern Beaches Christian School and unfortunately went down 5-0, and then in the last regular season game they faced St Luke’s Grammar and after a strong start the boys went down 5-1 with Ethan Lush scoring the only goal. We are awaiting results to find out if the boys play again this week in the semi-finals but if not, the boys look like being a force at the upcoming Broken Bay Gala Day in term 3. The U/16 Boys have had an up and down start to the season and knew moving into their next few games that they needed positive results to have any chance of making the semi-finals. On the 31st May the boys travelled down to Pittwater House who were undefeated in the competition and played out a 0-0 draw, and then backed up on the 1st June and played Northern Beaches Christian School and won 7-0 (Jacob Stewart x 3, Patrick McLoughlin, Owen Muller, Nic Todarello, Mitchell Haigh). The boys face St Paul’s on the 14th June, and need a win to make the semi-finals. We look forward to hearing about this result in the next edition of the Pride.

The Open Boys have enjoyed the last few weeks off in the Peninsula Cup with a Bye and a wet weather round and now move into the Semi-finals of the competition as the Minor Premiers. This is a fantastic achievement as we have only played in the competition for the last two years. On Wednesday 15th June the boys travel to Mater Maria to play the semi-final and know that it will be a tough match after our previous encounters have ended with a 1-0 win, and 0-0 draw this year. Good luck boys and we hope that in the next edition of the Pride we are hearing about a Peninsula Cup Grand final berth.

Track and Field Carnival
The Annual St Leo’s Track and Field carnival is being held at Foxglove Oval on 23rd June. This is a big whole school event for St Leo’s and has a number of both competitive and fun events for the students to be involved in. Over the last two weeks, students have had the opportunity to enter events both online and through paper entries. These entries close on Wednesday 15th June.

State Championships Aerobics
This coming Sunday (16th June), the State Aerobics Championships are being held at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. The seven teams from St Leo’s have been working hard at regular morning trainings since the start of this year and we wish them the best of luck at this event. They have previously competed at the Preliminary Championships in May with fantastic results. These championships are a qualifying event for the Nationals that are held later in the year. A big thanks to Mrs Jamie Stimson, Miss Portia Beattie, and the Aerobic coaches for having the teams prepared for this weekend.
Upcoming Events and Next Pride:
- NSWCCC Cross Country (17th June)
- State Championships School Aerobics (19th June)
- Athletics Carnival (23rd June)
- Peninsula Cup Matches (Listed earlier)
- Netball Training and Gala Day

For more information on any of the upcoming competitions, or to find out more information about a particular sport, or to inform the College about recent sporting performances outside the College please don’t hesitate to contact me on michael.kember@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Michael Kember
## Music News

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Girls Night In

Friday 15 July, 5pm - 9pm
AWOL Youth Hub
799 Pacific Hwy, next to Gordon Library

For girls 12-24yrs

It's a girls night in - yep, make-up tutorials, pizza and a chick flick. Come along and hang out with your girls! It's going to be *like* totally awesome!

It's free!

9424 0981 | youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services

Kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
Hornsby Gang Show 2016: [LIVE]

Performances:
- Friday: July 1 – 8pm
- Saturday: July 2 – 2pm and 8pm
- Sunday: July 3 – 3pm
- Wednesday: July 6 – 8pm
- Friday: July 8 – 8pm
- Saturday: July 9 – 2pm and 8pm

Tickets:
- Adult: $22
- Concession: $17
- Child: $12 (under 16 yrs)
- Family: $60 (2 adult + 2 child)

Bookings: www.gangshow.com

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