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

I am sure no one will be surprised that my report this edition is focused on Year 12 Graduation. After more than 30 years of teaching I am still touched by the emotional energy this event evokes from students, teachers and family.

It would be remiss if I did not mention the extraordinary talents and dedication of our current Acting Assistant Principal, and new REC to St Leo’s, Mr Daniel Petrie. His creativity, style and grace brought not only colour and movement to our ceremony but a deeper, meaningful expression of our College values. This was fitting in our 60th Anniversary Year Graduation Service. Of course there are many other staff who ensured this event was such a success and I am indebted for your dedication to your students.

To Kate Todd, Year 12 Leader, an enormous vote of thanks for guiding and nurturing these students through such a critical time in their lives. I know so many of the parent community are grateful for the support you have provided, particularly in this final year. Enjoy a well earned holiday Kate!

On behalf of the College community I would like to thank Year 12, 2016 for the gift of the Bell of Discipleship. This was rung on Wednesday night as our Year 12 cohort graduated and will ring again as we welcome our new Year 7 students next year. This is the beginning of a great tradition marking our 60th Anniversary Year.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd September  
Last Day of Term 3

Tuesday 11th October  
First Day of Term 4

Auditions for School Musical - Period 4, 5 and Early Leave

Saturday 15th October  
Year 7, 2017 Allwell Testing

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st October  
Year 9 Camp

Friday 21st October  
Movie Under the Stars

Monday 24th October  
Parent Involvement and Information Evening – College Library

Friday 28th October  
Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day – The Light of Christ Centre
But of course the evening was about the 137 individual Year 12 students; an opportunity to acknowledge their role in the St Leo's community and their part in its history. Every student is a thread in the tapestry of this College, and were acknowledged by their Tutor Teachers on stage on Wednesday night.

Listed below are those students who received an Award and should be recognized for their efforts:

The Deborah Buscall Awards for Outstanding Effort in Studies are presented to students who have shown exceptional application to the pursuit of personal academic excellence: Bethany Baynie, Lauren Briscoe, Petrea Cantrall, Maegan Chin, Lachlan Ferry, Ruby Ford, Jessica Funk, Timo Godbold, Brigitta Handayani, Eleanor Henderson, Daniel Hose, Alexandra Hurden, Carmen-Mary Maatouk, Wilson Murphy, Charbel Saliba, Nadya Shturma, Arthur Treloar, Ryan Tullia, Rebecca Wilson, Layla Wreyford

The Arthur ‘Choppy’ Collins Award for respecting the Rules of Sport was donated by Elaine Hume, a College parent, in memory of Arthur ‘Choppy’ Collins, a referee who valued “Fair Play” was presented to Justin Hardy

Sportswoman of the Year: Lucy McNay

Sportsman of the Year: John Anderson and Rohan Bright

The Ray Slattery Shield for Excellence in Athletics: Rohan Bright

The Leopold Art Prize: Lance Bautista

The Year 12 Visual Arts Body of Work – Judges’ Choice Most Outstanding award was tightly contested given the high level of work. Joint winners - Monique Gaul and Ryan Macri

The Year 12 College Board Design & Technology Showcase award is Jason Martin

The Walmsley Award for Band Member of the Year for 2016: Daniel Hose

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music: Wilson Murphy

The Award For Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts: Mitchell Trott

The Kai Farokhzadeh Prize for Mathematics: Jessica Funk

The Award for Service and Initiative: Mark Rogers

The Award for Leadership: Liam Matthews

The Award for the Best All: Ryan Tullia

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award: Bethany Baynie

The Father George Kolodziej Award for Contribution to the Religious Life of the College: Charbel Saliba and Melissa Kurishingal
The **St Leo’s Medal** is the premier award of the College. It recognizes the student who best exemplifies a “confident, competent, Catholic young man or woman of conscience”. This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in a range of areas of school life: high achievement in studies, significant involvement in the religious dimension of the College, representation in sporting or cultural activities at the highest level, and a willingness to serve the College or wider community. This year it was awarded to: **Carmen-Mary Maatouk**

**The following students were presented with a certificate for attaining Principal Awards** in the large majority of their Term Reports since commencing at St Leo’s. These students showed consistency in behaviour, homework, effort, attitude and punctuality since commencing their secondary schooling at St Leo’s Catholic College.

Lauren Briscoe: 18 Awards  
Petrea Cantrall: 20 Awards  
Danesh Colah: 21 Consecutive awards  
Lachlan Ferry: 19 Awards  
Ruby Ford: 21 Consecutive awards  
Timo Godbold: 20 Awards  
Brigitta Handayani: 20 Awards  
Eleanor Henderson: 20 Awards  
Daniel Hose: 21 Consecutive Awards  
Alexandra Hurden: 21 Consecutive Awards  
Carmen-Mary Maatouk: 21 Consecutive Awards  
Wilson Murphy: 19 Awards  
Thomas Mutch: 6 Awards since starting with us in 2014  
Charbel Saliba: 20 Awards  
Nadya Shturman: 20 Awards  
Arthur Treloar: 20 Awards  
Rebecca Wilson: 21 Awards  
Layla Wreyford: 20 Awards

**AND a particular note of congratulations to Jessica Funk who received 21 consecutive Gold Awards since commencing in Year 7 at St Leo’s. Well done!**

Now it’s over to these fine young men and women to step confidently into their future using the gifts they have been given by God which hopefully have been nurtured here at the College. Good Luck!
Ku-ring-gai School Captains Dinner

College Captain Carmen-Mary Maatouk and Student Leader Ryan Tullia represented St Leo's Catholic College.

Mr AF Gleeson
Principal

“...Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard...”
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (1900)

From the Assistant Principal

Year 12
The College community celebrated the Class of 2016 Graduation on Wednesday in great style. It was wonderful to see the way students in younger years celebrated this milestone with Year 12 in such great spirit. Students in Year 12 now turn their full attention to the HSC examinations as they “run the last three steps”. Each family has been invited to particularly pray for one of our Year 12 students as they prepare for these important examinations.

Year 11
Year 11 have now completed their End of Preliminary Course examinations. When they return next term they will be the new student leaders at the College. They will be charged with ensuring that, like the Class of 2016, they leave the College a better place when they graduate.

Reports
The Year 7 – 10 Interim Reports will be posted today, Friday 23 September. We will endeavour to send you an online link so that you can view these reports electronically by 4pm today (Fri 23 Sept). Currently our software provider Edumate is experiencing network wide technical difficulties which are beyond our control. They are endeavouring to rectify this issue today (Fri 23 September). The mailing of hard copies is to ensure you have a full report in any event. Thank you for your patience. These reports provide the opportunity for you as parents to help your son/daughter reflect on their approach to their studies over the holidays.

College App
A very important reminder to download the College App – Skoolbag. This is the main communication device for parents and carers to log their child’s absence. Using Skoolbag allows parents to explain same day and future absences, quickly and easily. Please use this App, or email stleos@dbb.catholic.edu.au with the notification rather than calling the College, as these options are more efficient.

We would also encourage students to download the App to their phone/iPad as Daily Messages are sent out through the App.
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 (Or simply type in St Leo’s Skoolbag into Google or App Store)

**iPhone/iPad**

**Android**

**Windows mobile**

**Start of Term Three**
Term 3 starts for students on **Tuesday 11th October (Day 2)**. A reminder that students return to school in summer uniform.

The school holidays provide an opportunity to have uniforms cleaned and repaired, hem lengths on the skirts and tunics checked and lowered if needed and appropriate sports and school shoes purchased or repaired where needed.

May the next two weeks of school holidays be a safe and relaxing time for you and your family.
We look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

**Catholic Life and Mission**

Catholic liturgies have often been referred to as full of ‘bells and smells’. Bells are of particular deep significance for Catholic life.

On a ship’s maiden voyage, a bell would traditionally be rung to signal its voyage beginning. It would be a voyage that often involved exploring, venturing into the unknown, and required relying heavily on the preparation that led to that moment to set you in good stead for the voyage ahead.

The years spent in Catholic Education are years preparing for such a voyage – a voyage of discipleship. The coordinates for the destination are the shores of Heaven. The journey ahead will encounter times of calm seas and times of tumultuous storms. The wind in the sails are the Holy Spirit and the light guiding the ship is the Light of Christ.

To this effect, the Graduating cohort of 2016 gifted the college with the Bell of Discipleship. The College was honoured to have the Very Reverend Dr David Ranson, Vicar General to bless the Bell with the cohort in the Chapel on Monday 19th of September. Fr David explained the importance of a bell ringing as a call to prayer – this resonated with the students as they continue to discern how their life and the gifts God gave them can be used to serve Him and His world. Mrs Todd as Year 12 Coordinator revelled in ringing the bell on behalf of the cohort once it was blessed.

At the Graduation Mass the Very Reverend Father Robert Borg, Dean of the Cathedral offered words of wisdom through his homily where he challenged the students not to leave their faith and the living of that faith through action on ‘the college dock’. When they set sail they are called to use it as their rudder, to steer their ship towards their Loving God.
At the conclusion of the Graduation Ceremony, the students processed out by ringing the Bell of Discipleship as a call to a life of service, a life of faith in action, a life that in itself will be called a ‘prayer’. Guided by the light of Christ, they passed four trees. These four trees represent the four patron Saints of the College Houses. St Ignatius of Loyola, St Peter Chanel, St Francis Xavier and St Thomas Aquinas. Each sent their roots deep into Christ. Their roots drew nourishment from the four Gospels. As the branches developed and grew towards the ‘Son’ their canopy made room for all to take refuge and shelter. Each tree stands a testament to the fruitful growth that takes place when we send our roots deep into Christ.

Now that Year 12 2016 have graduated, we pray that as they set sail on the voyage of their life, that they know their mission of discipleship, that the Light of Christ guides them to the Heavenly shores prepared for them, that they rescue all that are lost or fragile on the sea, and that they redraw and rechart the maps of the world so that the world they sail is one of justice, reconciliation and peace.
Curriculum News

From the Mathematics Department
Maths Help will return in Term 4 Week 2, Monday 17th October 2016, in the library till 4pm. Success in Mathematics requires consistent effort and revision. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Over the holidays all students are encouraged to organise their mathematics notes to prepare themselves for Term 4. By practicing maths questions for 15 minutes each day over the holidays students can keep up their skills.

Well done to Justin Chou on answering the challenge that was put in the last newsletter. The mathematical pattern in the date of Father’s Day, 4/9/16, was that each number in the date were consecutive square numbers.

Year 8’s “Le Tour de France” – Jersey winners – 2016
Although a little late to start in Term 3, our much enjoyed, annual STLCC French class “TOUR DE FRANCE Scavenger Hunt” was celebrated by a number of winners this year.

4 FRENCH classes – 8R, 8N, 8M and 8D embarked on a thrilling ‘neck to neck’ race to the finish!

Each class worked in groups of 3 and 4 (named after LE TOUR’S cycling teams) to answer questions based on the TOUR DE FRANCE.

The students learnt about the history of the sport, how the race is set up and what earns points for the riders as well as how each rider can qualify for various jerseys and ultimately to win the coveted “LE MAILLOT JAUNE” – the yellow jersey. They also learnt about famous names and those that have tainted the great name of the event through illegal drugs use as well as learning about our own Australian cyclists and the great Cadel Evans winning the Tour.

Well done Year 8 – It was a lot of fun!
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**Extra Curricular**

**Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award**

The end of term 3 has been a busy time for Duke of Ed. As an optional extra curricular activity that challenges young people and asks them to go above and beyond it is particularly pleasing to see the effort that is put in by those participating.

Three of our Gold Award participants have completed their requirements recently and submitted their awards for final approval. Between them Cameron Neville, Wilson Murphy and Daniel Jones who have completed

- 350 hours of Physical Recreation activities
- 323 hours of Skill Development
- 180 hours of Service
- 24 days of Adventurous Journeys
- 15 days undertaking a Residential Project

The activities have included learning to drive, improving mastery of musical instruments, assisting at local libraries, gardening, volunteering as leaders on youth camps, playing football and tennis. For their Adventurous Journey 2 coastal walks were undertaken, one along the Great Ocean Road in Victoria and the other North and South of Sydney.

Four of our Bronze Award participants (Ryan Whalley, Caleb Cull, William Perrett and Jacques Godbold) undertook their Practice Adventurous Journey recently. For Caleb, Will and Jacques this was the second last requirement to complete their Bronze Award. In late October they will be undertaking their Qualifying Adventurous Journey. In conjunction with this we are hoping to include our new participants to undertake their practice journey.

The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is run by volunteers. In order for students to participate we require suitably qualified or experienced assessors and supervisors. If you are able to assist by being an assessor for the program please contact myself on andrew.intronai@dbb.catholic.edu.au or by phoning me at the College 9487 3555.
School Musical 2017
Guys & Dolls JR.
We are pleased to announce next year's show Guys & Dolls JR.

Auditions will take place on Tuesday 11th October period 4, 5 & Early Leave. This is the first day back of Term 4!

For more information please check Edmodo Musical Page (code for students to join ajuu8b)

On the Edmodo “Musical” page you will find a pinned post, this post has the link of the Audition information booklet.

In this booklet are audition pieces and scripts plus some information about being in a musical.

Rehearsals will start Week 3 of Term 4, Wednesday 26th October 3:10-5:00pm.

Tentative dates for performance are:
Thursday May 3rd, 2017
Friday May 4th, 2017
Saturday May 5th, 2017

Please see Mrs Gauci or Ms Murphy for any further information.
St Leo’s Sport

NSWCCC Athletics
On Friday 16th September 15 students represented the Broken Bay Diocese at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. On the day the students competed in a variety of both track and field events and performed exceptionally well. A number of student’s won medals in their respective events including:

James Gladman
• 1st U/12-15 Para-Athlete Long Jump
• 3rd U/12-15 Para-Athlete 200m
• 3rd U/12-15 Para-Athlete 100m

Sam Park
• 3rd U/14 High Jump

Liam Quinlan
• 3rd U/17+ High Jump

Bayden Little
• 3rd U/13 Javelin

A number of students narrowly missed the medals including Ryan Stack, Keeley Bowen, Jake Seiler, and Matthew Cassarchis in U/16-17 4 x 100m Relay, and Gabriella Chan 5th U/17+ Girls Discus.

Congratulations to all students who represented the College, and a big thank you to all the parents who came out to support the students throughout the day.

Peninsula Cup
The U/14 and Open Girls Soccer teams played their last few pool matches in the Peninsula Cup over the last few weeks, and the results of these matches had a big influence on whether they qualified for the semi-finals of the competition.

The Open girls travelled to Oxford Falls two weeks ago knowing that a draw was enough to qualify for the semi-finals even before their final match against Stella Maris. The girls dominated the game however were unable to break the deadlock - the game ended 0-0. This meant that even with one game remaining, the girls had qualified for the semi-finals and due to Year 11 exams the last game against Stella did not need to be played.
The U/14 girls played their final match of the season against Narrabeen Sports High and needed to win and hope for other results to go their way. The girls played extremely well and were unlucky not to score on a number of occasions before a goal to Narrabeen led to a close 1-0 loss. Unfortunately this meant that the girls missed the semi-finals. Well done girls on a great season, you have come so far as a team and playing up an age group for most of you has been difficult but you have performed extremely well.

The Open girls played Pittwater House in the semi-finals on Tuesday. The girls were down 2-0 after around 10 minutes. To the girls credit instead of dropping their heads they pulled up their sleeves and in true Leo’s fashion fought back and played all over the Pittwater House girls for the remainder of the 1st half, and pulled one back just before half time courtesy of a Claudia Jenkins (Year 9) strike.

Half-Time Pittwater House 2 - St Leo’s 1.

During the half-time break, Captain Maddie Bonato (Year 12) had some inspiring words for the team, with the main message that herself and Sarah Glendenning didn’t want to finish their school sport career in a semi-final, and this lifted the girls. An early strike from Tahlia Macri (Year 10) meant that at 2-2 it was all to play for, and the girls peppered the goal for the remainder of the second half but to no avail. Throughout the second half, our defence stayed strong and goal-keeper Rachel Geha (Year 10) hardly needed to make a save.

Full Time St Leo’s 2 - Pittwater House 2

The game then moved into extra time (5 minutes each way, first team to score being declared the winner), and again Leo’s had the better of the play with attacking raids from Sarah Dever (Year 11), Claudia Jenkins, Mia Hing (Year 9), and Monique Sinicco (Year 8) leading to no goals, but we kept Pittwater House out at the other end of the field. With the scores locked at 2-2 it meant that the girls moved into a penalty shoot-out, the worst way that a team can lose a game in soccer.

With a goal-keeper change occurring before the shootout with Monique Sinicco moving to between the sticks. First penalty both teams scored, and then as a nervous sideline watched on, the Leo’s girls missed both their next kicks. Advantage Pittwater House, before a stroke of what only can be defined as divine interference or interaction, the Pittwater House 3rd taker hit both posts before the ball finally missed, and we were back in the game. Our last penalty taker Sarah Glendenning (Year 12) stepped up and scored for the girls, before a wonderful save from Monique Sinicco meant that Leo’s girls prevailed and now move into the grand-final to be played against Mater Maria, or Oxford Falls earlier next term.

What made the victory just that little bit sweeter was that four sets of sisters are in the team with Sarah (Year 12) and Rachel (Year 7) Glendenning, Sarah (Year 11) and Monique (Year 7) Dever, Emily (Year 11) and Xara (Year 10) Hughes, and Claudia and Olivia Jenkins (Year 9).

A huge thank you to the coaches (Theresa Mimmo & Jessica Watts) for their support of the girls throughout the season. If you see the following girls around please congratulate them on the win.

Open Girls Soccer Team:
Year 12 Madeleine Bonato (captain), Sarah Glendenning
Year 11 Sarah Dever, Emily Hughes
Year 10 Rachel Geha, Xara Hughes, Aisling McGill, Sarah Panetta, Tahlia Macri
Year 9 Mia Hing, Darcy Watt, Claudia Jenkins, Olivia Jenkins
Year 8 Monique Sinicco
Year 7 Rachel Glendenning, Rachael Guptill, Monique Dever
BBSSSA Golf
On Friday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} September, 7 St Leo’s Students competed at the BBSSSA Golf Championships at Shelly Beach Golf Club. The students faced tough conditions on the day with heavy rain but still played extremely well. Jake Thompson Doolan in Year 7 finished Runner-Up in Stoke play event for the U/13 Boys, and Nathan Cosgrove and Blake Thompson Doolan narrowly missing the medals in their competitions. Well done to all students who represented the College at the Championships.

Representative Trials
During Sport last week representative team trials for Term 4 began with Mr Privett running Tennis trials for all year groups. 2016 trials for the tennis teams have seen a record number of students giving it a go. Students will find out either this week or early next term of the teams, but need to be aware that unfortunately we can only select 3 players in each age group (U/13, U/15 & Opens). It was pleasing to see that this year we are going to be able to enter girls teams in the competition.

Swimming Carnival
Next term the College Swimming carnival will be held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. The upcoming school holidays gives all students the opportunity to begin training for events, with the entry forms being handed out in Week 1 next term.

Upcoming Events and Next Pride
- Peninsula Cup
- BBSSSA Tennis
- BBSSSA Water polo
- Cricket
- Swimming Carnival

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 - michael.kember@dbb.catholic.edu.au