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

Sunday 22 May, 2016 – The Most Holy Trinity –
“...Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it...” (Jn 16: 12-15)

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

As a past teacher of the Year 12 Studies of Religion course, I know our students learn about many Christian and Non-Christian faiths. There are many similarities between these faiths, in terms of rituals, prayers, beliefs and customs. Christianity is the only world religion that believes that our God took our flesh. That is he became one of us who walked this earth in the person of his son, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus’ life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

The relationship between these “three persons in one” (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit), indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationship with one another. To be like the God we profess, is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch God, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

At St Leo’s we work hard on these relationships – particularly between students, parents and staff. It is not easy and sometimes we make mistakes – but we have an excellent reputation in the community for striving to maximize these relationships – in order to improve the many, many outcomes of our students. Some of these outcomes are measurable (for example HSC results, NAPLAN) but many are immeasurable – only to be seen as our students develop in to confident, competent, Catholic young women and men of conscious.

Being a proud Catholic Coed community, celebrating our 60th year of education here at St Leo’s this year makes the task of developing these relationships a great deal easier. Given our co-ed environment – understanding, dealing and constructing with gender on a natural day to day basis is a real life lesson for all involved. We are blessed in many ways to be part of this great community. Thank you for being part of it!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th May
Year 11 and 12 Parent/Student Teacher Interviews from 3.30pm

Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st May
High School Musical

Tuesday 24th May
Year 9 Pastoral Day
(Choices - Koblers)

Year 9 Parent Information Evening (Koblers)

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th May
Year 11 Retreat

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th May
Band Camp

Tuesday 31st May
Parent Involvement and Information Evening – Library, 6.30pm &
30th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay and Feast of Mary Start of the Sea. Diocesan Patronal Saint Mass – 7.30pm
Hornsby Cathedral

Tuesday 7th June
Photo day- Portraits

Sunday 28th August
100 Years of Faith Celebration in conjunction with Migrant and Refugee Sunday – The Light of Christ Centre, 11am (followed by sausage sizzle and activities)
Last week at the Edmund Rice Feast Day Mass, Br Michael Walsh cfc (staff member from 1979-1982) gave an address at the conclusion of Mass about the greatness of the education from St Leo’s and how it is linked to Edmund Rice – the founder of the Christian Brothers. I would encourage all to read it – by clicking on this link.

**Our New Religious Education Coordinator**

After a very rigorous selection process and a very strong field of candidates, I am very happy to announce that the Catholic Schools Office has appointed Mr Daniel Petrie as our new Religious Education Coordinator. Daniel has taught across three dioceses in both independent and systemic Catholic schools. He is currently Head of Student Spirituality and Service at an independent girls school in Sydney. Prior to this he was REC at St Agnes Catholic High School, Rooty Hill. He has taught in six schools – all with separate charisms – Josephite, Marist, Franciscan, Jesuit and Mercy. Now he can proudly add Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers to that list!

Given this experience and his studies (currently completing his Masters of Theology which has been built upon his Masters of RE, Grad Cert Religious Education, Grad Dip of Sec Edu (Vis Arts) and a BA Fine Art) that has not only enriched his vocation, spirituality and teaching in RE but he also has valuable insight into diverse approaches to RE. We welcome Daniel to our staff at the start of Term 3.

**A Very Busy Two Weeks For Our Staff and Students**

Schools are naturally busy places. Educating nearly 900 students over 100 staff in a Catholic Systemic school means that our staff work very hard – much of it in their own time. I would like to recognize the staff – particularly in these couple of weeks with the large number of activities/opportunities being provided for your young person.

**Debating** - Friday evenings during Term II – (Blacktown, Castle Hill, Hassall Grove, Kingswood and Normanhurst are some of the locations). 6 teachers involved as coaches

**Mothers’ Day Mass** – Friday 6 May at 7.30am

**Aerobics Preliminary Competition** at Sutherland – Mother’s Day (staff left at 6.30am for a 7.30am start). This day finished at 10pm at Sutherland. 3 teachers involved – one all day!

**Edmund Rice Mass and morning tea** – Thursday morning–Years 7-10 in The Light Of Christ Centre – Thursday 5 May

**Year 12 Retreat** – overnight at Stanwell Tops – Monday 2 May and Tuesday 3 May (11 teachers involved)

**Musical Rehearsals and 6 performances** – 2 days of the holidays as well as lunchtimes and after school Mondays and Wednesdays (2/3 teachers involved)

**Vinnies Van** – Friday 6 May (3 teachers on duty that evening)

Completion of **Year 12 Reports** (from Mid Year Exams) – due Week 4 of this term (all Year 12 staff)

**Sport** – Cross Country Training; NSW - All Schools State Touch Final (Div 2 Champions!)

**NAPLAN** – Years 7 and 9 – Week 3

**Music** – Four Seasons (vocal group) rehearsals;

**Year 8 Outdoor Learning Experience Camp** (4 days and 3 nights) at Colo River under canvas – Tuesday 10- Friday 13 May (12 teachers involved)

**Year 11 Retreat** (3 days and two nights) – Wednesday 25 May to Friday 27 May (11 teachers involved)

**Battle of the Chefs** – Friday 6 May - St Peter’s Tuggerah – which we won!!

**Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews** – Wednesday 18 May 3.30pm – 9pm

**Drama Teachers’ Workshop** at The Kings School – Saturday 7 May (1 teacher involved)

Not all our staff are involved in each activity – but all staff cover those teachers (or casual teachers) who are on these important and integral activities during the school day.
This does **not** include the most important — that is the 6 lessons a day, assessment tasks, feedback to students (excursions – Year 11 Biology and Year 10 PASS) and the professional development time each teacher gives once a fortnight in their particular KLA.

**THANK YOU for your expertise, professionalism and in most cases time away from your families.**

**College Musical – Disney High School Musical (Jr)**
It has finally arrived! This week the College is celebrating its 60th year in song, dance and drama! In my role as Producer – I am “over the moon” with the very high standard of the performers. This has been reinforced by the support from the community, via the ticket sales! The production had to release a second section of seats due to the demand. We are now virtually “sold out” on the Saturday evening and the two mid week matinees – with our primary schools. Our other shows are at 90% capacity! All up our students will have the valuable experience of performing in front of over 1500 people over the 6 shows.

I can guarantee a spectacular show – showcasing the many talents of our students and staff.

Please come along if you still have the opportunity. See the College website for further details. Our group who are heading to Kiribati next holidays will be selling refreshments and confectionery

**NB – Tickets will NOT be available at the door.**
Feedback from Year 8 Camp (Arrival back at school—last Friday afternoon)
I have received feedback from parents about the return of our Year 8 students from their camp last Friday afternoon.

The College needs to look at the venue for both the pick up and drop off areas for the buses upon their return. Unfortunately, Unwin Road has now increased traffic flow and it may be not be viable for the pick up and drop off of a year group of students. This will be discussed at Leadership before the Year 11 Retreat next week.

The other issue was the lateness of the buses. Unfortunately we cannot do much about the traffic on the way home from the Colo River – but we can improve the communication between parents and the College after hours.

The College has purchased the Skoolbag app. Skoolbag is an excellent communication App that has been embraced by St Leo’s Catholic College. Unfortunately our previous College App – Satchel was too unstable in its function and use.
Skoolbag is simple to use, provides instant messaging, calendar information, wet weather sport information and contact information. It is to be used widely by the school.

The App is FREE and in both IOS (Apple) and ANDROID versions.

All parents will receive an email about the use of this app and how to download it later this week.

This app (as well as other notifications) should ease the issue we had last Friday afternoon.

St Leo’s on Social Media
Join our Facebook page – St Leo’s Catholic College
Twitter - @stleos

Mr AF Gleeson
Principal

“...Time, charity and patience will make things right...”
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (2/6/1890)

From the Assistant Principal
Blessed Edmund Rice Mass
The Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice (founder of the Christian Brothers) on Thursday 5th May provided us with an opportunity in our 60th year to reflect on the history of the College and the charism that is an integral part of how the College has been shaped and formed.

The Christian Brothers founded St Leo’s College as a school for boys in 1956. They passed control of the College to the Archdiocese of Sydney and the College in 1983, with St Leo’s becoming coeducational, in 1984. The current St Leo’s community is indebted to the Brothers for the strong Catholic foundation that was established for the College.

Year 7 – 10 celebrated Mass together and were treated to some history from Br Michael Walsh, former Deputy Principal of St Leo’s. In total we had five Christian Brothers in attendance. They all commented on how impressed they were with the students and staff at the College. A big thank you to Mr Gomez, Ms Stimson and Greg Baynie for all their organisational work and to the music department for preparing the wonderful music.

Below is a quick summary of the story of Blessed Edmund Rice:

Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers was born in Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1762. As a young man, he came to the bustling city port of Waterford and worked in his uncle’s business. He was talented and energetic and became a very wealthy man. In 1785 he fell in love and married Mary Elliot. His happiness was shattered by the tragic death of his wife just four years later. Mary died in childbirth, and Edmund was left with a handicapped daughter, also named Mary. This shattering experience was the turning point in his life.

Edmund spent more and more time in prayer and in helping and empowering great numbers of people in Waterford who suffered poverty and injustice. In 1802 he set up a free school for poor young boys. Having provided for his daughter, Mary, he left his comfortable home and lived above the school he had recently founded.
Influenced by the work of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters, he gathered around him a group of men. These he formed into a community of religious brothers dedicated to “raising up the poor”.

Through Edmund’s meditation on the Gospel, he became more keenly aware of the oppressive social and political realities of his day. He recognised that the education system discriminated against the poor. In the unschooled and undisciplined boys of Waterford, he found images of God. With his sense of the God-given dignity of the poor, he saw education as a means by which to recognise and promote this dignity, through liberation for personal and communal empowerment.

Edmund is honoured as the founder of both the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. For more than two centuries, many have been and continue to be attracted by his vision and generosity. The mission continues today on all five continents through the ministry of Christian Brothers and laity called to serve in this vocation of Catholic Education.

The charism of the Christian Brothers call us to “give to the poor in handfuls”. This is very much in line with our current theme for the year – putting our faith into action.

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews
A reminder to parents of Year 11 and 12 students that our Stage 6 Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews will be held this coming Wednesday 18 May in the Lower Floor of Science Block and A Block classrooms. Parents should have received information about how to make the bookings through the PTO system. Year 12 Reports will be available for collection on the day.

The Year 7 – 10 Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 30th June (Week 10) from 8:35am until 8:30pm. 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.

I look forward to seeing you at these important events.

Year 8 Camp
Well done to Year 8 who returned from a wonderful camp experience. Many new friendships were formed, new skills learnt and students challenged in new ways. The Camp program is an integral part of our outdoor education program and is an important part of the education of the whole person. I would like to particularly thank the teachers who went on the Camp who gave up time away from their family to make this experience possible.

NAPLAN
Well done to Year 7 and 9 who completed the NAPLAN tests last week. The College now awaits the results of these tests and will use this data in future planning.

Upcoming Events
I would particularly draw your attention to the following upcoming events:

Week 4
Wed 18 May Stage 6 Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews 3:30pm - 8:30pm (last interview at 8:25pm) - Science & A Block classrooms

Thurs 19 – Sat 21 May College Musical – Disney’s High School Musical (TLOCC)
**Week 5**
Wed 25 – Fri 27 May  Year 11 Retreat  
Fri 27 – Sun 29 May  Band Camp  

**Week 6**
Tues 31 May  Parent Involvement and Information Evening (Library), 6.30pm  
30th Anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay and Feast of Mary Star of the Sea, Diocesan Patronal Saint Mass commencing at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.  

**Week 7**
Tues 7 June  Photo Day – Portraits  
Wed 8 June  PAWS Ensemble Evening  
Board Meeting  

**Week 8**
Mon 13 June  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  
Tues 14 June  Year 11(2017) Subject information Expo – Year 10 period 5/6  
Wed 15 June  Cafe de Leo & PAWS (TLOCC)  
Thurs 16 June  Year 7 vaccinations (HPV2+DTPA)  
Fri 17 June  Year 12 careers Expo Periods 3-6  
Sat 18 June  60th Anniversary Dinner Dance 6:45pm for a 7:15pm start  
Including Launch of Past Students Association  
College Tours prior to Dinner Dance  

**Week 9**
Wed 22 June  Photo day – year groups  

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

**Term 3**
Sun 28 August  100 Years of Faith Celebration in conjunction with Migrant and Refugee Sunday from 11am in the Light of Christ Centre. Mass will be followed by a family picnic (sausage sizzle) and some activities.
Catholic Life and Mission

Term Two is retreat time at St Leo’s, a special time for our Year 11 and 12’s to get away from the business of everyday life for some time out with God and each other. Senior retreats have often been described as the “jewel in the crown of Catholic education” as the most distinctive and valuable part of a Catholic education. Past students of St Leo’s, including myself, have many of our most treasured memories of our time at the College as experiences from retreats.

The Year 12’s began their retreat on Monday 2 May with a bus trip down to the beach at Stanwell Park. There they prayed and made sand sculptures representing their hopes for the future. Back up at the beautiful Tops Conference Centre they were introduced to the theme of the retreat with a reading from Dr Seuss – “Oh the places you’ll go…” This was followed up by Mr Smith sharing some of his own life journey as a model for students in small groups to reflect upon their own lives.

A panel including Fr David Ranson, Mr Spurtacz and Mrs Boguradzki reflected on where is God in times of trouble. Motivational speaker and musician Mr Simon Hyland also spoke about facing the future with the courage to “do hard things”. We had a beautiful night celebration of Reconciliation and completed the experience with an outdoor celebration of Mass, overlooking the sea, with Fr Peter of Carlingford-Epping.

Curriculum

From the Director of Teaching and Learning
Subject selection for Years 9 and 11, 2017 is fast approaching. You will shortly receive a letter documenting the process and your opportunities to learn more about the array of subjects on offer. The parent information sessions for both year groups will be held on the 21st of June in the OLOC side of the LOCC and we urge parents/caregivers of Year 8 and 10 students to attend. Students will receive a subject information handbook with an outline of each course and you are encouraged to carefully read through all of the options.

Please start engaging your son or daughter in discussion about what subjects they enjoy, what they are good at and what careers or fields might take advantage of their skills and interests. For students moving into Year 11, it is a good idea to find out early about any entry requirements for university or TAFE courses of interest. Students can access this information at http://www.uac.edu.au. There will be opportunities provided for students to talk to the expert subject teachers and KLA Leaders at key points throughout the process, however, students are encouraged to start asking their teachers for advice as early as possible.
Thank you from Science
On behalf of the Science Staff I wish to thank the St Leo’s community for their contributions of Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers that were collected in 2015. This enabled us to purchase the science resources shown in the accompanying photo. The science teachers and students have already benefitted from their use in our lessons.

Starting Assignments Straight Away
Ever leave your assignments until the last minute? Well here are 5 reasons to start work on your assignments immediately:

- **Get your brain thinking about the topic:** At the very least, read through the requirements of the assignment on the day you get your assignment. Even if you are not thinking about it directly, your subconscious will be hard at work.

- **Find library resources:** Although the library may not be your main source of reference, you should drop in soon after receiving the assignment. Reference books, resources and magazines will disappear quickly. It is not a good idea to only use Google.

- **Discover other resources:** You could also ask your local librarian for any additional direction on where to look for resource material for your assignment. Librarians know how to help people access relevant information, in books, journals and in computer based references.

- **Starting early means more time to explore and ask for help:** Your initial research might be on assignment points you’ve identified through the library, references your teacher may have given you, school textbooks, and/or general internet search engines. If you start this early, you could discover that you don’t actually understand important concepts and that perhaps you need to speak to your teacher to get further clarity.

- **Create a safety net:** Starting your assignment immediately will give you a safety net in case you get sick, or something unexpected happens. You should always have a schedule that allows for the unexpected.

You can learn more about being more effective with assessments in the Assignment skills unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

Username: leos
Password: community

For further information or queries, please refer them to Angelo Solomonides, the Leader of Senior Academic Care at angelo.solomonides@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Battle of the Chefs
Congratulations to Kobe, Brianna and Ryan on their involvement in the Battle of the Chefs. St Leo’s took out first place for the second year running. A very big thank you to Ms Jenny Marshall for teaching the team all they needed to know.

Community Tutoring Program
We are looking for at least three new tutors from the beginning of Term 2; more will always be welcome, and the bigger the pool of tutors, the more students can receive tutoring. At the moment we particularly need assistance on Mondays and Thursdays.

NO teaching experience is required, and all tutors are given training and guidance by the Literacy Co-ordinator.

If you can spare as little as one period a fortnight, please consider being involved.

Sarah Szacsvay
Community Tutoring Program Co-ordinator.

Phone 9875 2843
Mobile 0421 082 909
sbuttfeld@hotmail.com
Maths Help
Mondays after school

Be rational

Get real.

Maths Help
Where: Library
When: Monday 3.15pm till 4pm

Each Monday in the library there will be a Maths Teacher to assist any learner with issues they may be having. The teacher is there to assist learners not to provide extra teaching or worksheets. Please be prepared with equipment and what you would like help with.

All learners are welcome!
**Around the Grounds**

**broken Bay swimming**

At the end of last term the St Leo’s Catholic College Swimming Team competed at the Broken Bay Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. With 25 competitors competing over the carnival there were a number of strong performances, with many students swimming personal bests in their respective age groups. On the day, three St Leo’s students were selected to represent Broken Bay at the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) swimming carnival. These students were Georgia Peregrina (Year 9), Thomas Peregrina (Year 11), and Rohan Bright (Year 12).

Along with being selected for the CCC carnival both Thomas and Georgia were awarded Age Champions in their respective age divisions. Well done Tom and Georgia along with all the students who represented the College on the day. A big thank you to Miss Jessica Watts who looked after the students on the day as the team manager and organised all the entries.

**St Leo’s Swimming Squad:**

Daniel Hoare          Nicholas Andersen          Marina Grout
Riley Haydon          John Cosgrove             Penelope Chan
Deven Flanagan        Jo Stevens              Emily Mirosevic
Luke Van Der Tillart  Joshua McLeod           Lucinda Grout
Elliot Hinds          Riley Matthews           Sara Gondo
Cai Matejka           William Perrett         Sophia Groundwater
Aiden Brophy          Lachlan Cosgrove        Gabriella Chan
Jack Duncum
**NSWCCC Swimming**

After the success of the BBSSSA swimming carnival, three students (Thomas Peregrina, Georgia Peregrina, and Rohan Bright) represented the Diocese and St Leo’s at the NSWCCC swimming event at Homebush. On the day the students faced strong competition from around the state and achieved fantastic results.

Rohan Bright achieved 1st place in the 16+ Multiclass 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, and 100m Freestyle. These results come after Rohan competed at the recent National Swimming Championships in Adelaide where he made the final of the 50m Breaststroke. This year’s nationals also doubled as the Olympic and Para-Olympic trials and even though he narrowly missed Rio, Rohan is one to watch for future teams.

Georgia Peregrina, another name that is synonymous with swimming at St Leo’s achieved 1st place in 15 years 50m Butterfly, 2nd place in the 50m Backstroke, 2nd in the 200m Individual Medley, and 2nd in the 100m Butterfly.

Thomas, not to be outdone by his younger sister, also achieved selection in the NSWCC for the NSW All Schools carnival after achieving 2nd place in 17+ Boys 200m Freestyle, 2nd in the 400m Freestyle, and 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley.

Well done to these 3 students and the results from the NSW All Schools Championships will be published in the next edition of the Pride.

**Broken Bay Opens Soccer**

On Tuesday 10th May, both the Open Boys and Girls Soccer Teams competed in the Broken Bay Carnival at Cromer Park. During the day both teams played some fantastic football and these came through in their results. The boy’s team made the semi-finals after a strong win against St Augustine’s (3-2, Lachlan Rose scoring 3 goals), and a draw with Mater Maria (0-0). This meant a semi-final showdown with St Paul’s resulting in a hard fought 2-0 losses.

The girls played 3 pool matches throughout the day and after an initial tough game against St Josephs (5-0 loss), the girls found their rhythm and started to work together as a unit and were leading for the majority of the match against Semi-finalist Stella Maris before going down 2-1. In their last pool game of the day against Mater Maria the girls put a full game together and if they had played like this in all games would have gone close to winning the Championships with the eventually score 3-1.

Well done to both teams on their performances during the day. The day doubles as a selection trial for the Broken Bay Team to compete at the NSWCCC Football Championships on the 16th and 17th May. Congratulations to Tomas Bonato (Year 10), Lachlan Rose (Year 11), and Tahlia Macri (Year 10) on their selection in these teams.
Bill Turner Cup & Trophy
After the success of the U/15 Boys making the Sydney North Semi-finals in the Bill Turner Cup last year, the College entered both a Boys (Cup), and Girls (Trophy) team in this year’s competition.

In the 1st Round of the competition, the girls travelled to Killara High School and after only 6 weeks of training together as a side played extremely well. The competition is for school teams that are U/15 however the majority of our girl’s side is comprised of our U/13’s that have been playing together outside the College for a number of years. The girls after an initial slow start began to hit their straps and raced to a comfortable lead in the first half and didn’t let Killara back in the game. Final Score: St Leo’s 4 – Killara High 0

The 2nd Round for the Girls was a home game on Donnelly Oval against PLC Pymble. The girls were the first game in a double header at St Leo’s as the boy’s team played after the girls. The girls played well in patches throughout the game and after the shock of a boisterous home crowd that can be intimidating for both Leo’s and away teams, the girls began to find feet with passes and created chances. Being down in a cup competition at half-time is always difficult to come back from but early in the 2nd half Mia Hing gave the home crowd something to cheer about and got St Leo’s back in the game before a strong finish by PLC meant a loss for the girls. As a young side they will come back stronger next year ready for an assault on the competition. Along with this, the girls will play in the Peninsula Cup in Term 3, and also the Broken Bay Gala day where they will be difficult to beat. Final Score: St Leo’s 1 – PLC Pymble 6

The boys had a first round home game against Normanhurst Boys, and had the experience of playing in front of a home crowd in the second match of the double header. The boys started strong and their training efforts were evident as the opposition didn’t know where to look as the ball movement was exceptional. The back 4 of St Leo’s working as a complete unit breaking down all of Normanhurst’s efforts in the first half. The Leo’s boys took their foot off the pedal in the second half and let Normanhurst back in the game however came out as winners and move into the second round on the 18th May against St Ives away from home. Final Score: St Leo’s 6 – Normanhurst 2

Peninsula Cup
With Term 2 beginning it also meant the start of the Peninsula Cup for many St Leo’s teams. This term we have 3 teams competing (U/14 Boys, U/16 Boys, and Open Boys Soccer), with games being played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. These students travel down to the Northern Beaches after school to play and the results so have been positive.

The U/14 Boys are a very young side comprising of a number of Year 7 students playing up an age group. They have played well in both matches so far and even though results have not gone our way so far against Mater Maria (5-0), and Northern Beaches Christian School (8-0), the boys are starting to play as a unit and over the next few weeks expect that the results will improve. The next fixtures for the team are against St Luke’s Grammar (19th May) and Northern Beaches Christian School (2nd June).

The U/16 Boys have played one game in the competition against Oxford Falls Grammar School and after goals from George Medojevic (2), and Mitchell Wilson the boys came away with a 3-3 draw. The next few matches they play Covenant Christian (17th May), and Northern Beaches Christian School Team A (24th May).
The Open Boys side have played two competition games this season and have been playing and training together at the College over a number of years. The combinations they have developed have been evident in these two games with strong performances against Mater Maria (1-0 win – Cameron Neville goal), and Oxford Falls Grammar (2-0 Win, Ryan Stack x 2) meaning that the St Leo’s boys are top of the competition. In the upcoming weeks they face St Paul’s (18th May) in a rematch of the recent Broken Bay Gala Day Semi-Final and also last year’s winners Pittwater House (25th May).

We wish all teams luck over the next few weeks and look forward to hearing of their results.

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. Entries will be open to students U/12 – 17+ with all students receiving information this week about the event.

Cross Country
Over the last few weeks in our Internal Sports Program we have conducted our Cross Country Championships. All students were involved and performed to the best of their ability. Many of the students had been attending weekly training on a Friday morning, and these students had fantastic results. The top three places in all age groups are listed below, and will be part of the 50-60 strong team who will represent St Leo’s at the Broken Bay Cross Country on Tuesday 24th May.

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Upcoming Gala Days & Events

Over the next few weeks St Leo’s students will be involved in a number of gala days and competitions. These include:

- Rugby Sevens (17th May)
- Broken Bay Cross Country (24th May)
- Juniors & Inters Basketball (26th May)
- Athletics Carnival (23rd June)

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

Preliminary Aerobics Competition

Bright and early on Mother’s Day St Leo’s families, coaches and teachers headed to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre for the annual Preliminary Competition for School Aerobics.

St Leo’s had seven teams competing for a birth at the State Finals in June. St Leo’s was dominant on the day coming away with 3 first places, 1 second place, 5th place, 8th and 9th place. From these results all teams are through to State in June.

A huge thank you must go to our mothers who gave up part of their day for aerobics, our wonderful coaches (Maddie, Katy, Charlotte and Ellen), Ms Watts, Mr Kember and Mr Gleeson for your support on the day.

Teams continue to train until the 19th of June preparing for a State Final place and a trip to the National Championships in August. Good luck over the coming weeks to our fantastic aerobics teams and coaches.

Ms Jamie Stimson and Ms Portia Beattie
Senior Mixed Challenge – State Final
After qualifying for the NSW Touch All-Schools State Final Gala Day at Tempe, which was played on Wednesday 11 May, the St Leo's Catholic College Senior Mixed team have come away as Division 2 Champions.

The team played other schools from all over NSW. After losses in the first two rounds, the team was then undefeated throughout the rest of the tournament; playing 7 games in total.

In the Final, we came up against a very strong team from Hunter Sports High who comprised of a number of very good representative players. But our team remained strong & composed and held on for a 2-1 win in a very tight and tough tussle. The team’s defence was tested throughout with Hunter having plenty of ball on our line. But with strong performances from Keeley Bowen, John Anderson, Alec Arnold and Jake Seiler, our middle defense prevailed. Player of the Final was deservedly awarded to John Anderson and Alec Arnold accepted the trophy as team captain. Lachlan Henrisson and Keeley Bowen were jointly awarded Best & Fairest Players for the whole day's play and Gabbi Chan received the coaches award for Most Improved.

The team consisted of: Alec Arnold, Lance Bautista, Lachlan Henrisson, John Anderson, Keeley Bowen, Max Dakic, Jake Seiler, Jordan Penny, Ellie Princi, Maddie Bonato, Sophie Thompson, Gabbi Chan, Maree Habkouk, Sarah Dever, and Georgia Simmons.

Congratulations again to our Year11 and Year 12 boys and girls on this wonderful achievement. It is greatly deserved!

Mr Nathan Smith
Coach
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ST LEO’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PARENT INVOLVEMENT
AND INFORMATION EVENING
for all parents and caregivers

A positive partnership between home and school is important to assist students in their learning

ON: TUESDAY 31st MAY 2016
WHERE: COLLEGE LIBRARY
Parking available in school grounds
TIME: 6:30pm (wine and cheese served) for a 7:00 pm start
FOCUS: "Positive Parenting" with Glen Gerreyn

Glen Gerreyn has to date spoken at over 500 schools around the world. He is the author of four books, including the children’s book ‘Gifted for Greatness’. As a father of four, Glen understands first-hand how parenting can indeed be one of the toughest jobs in the world. He also knows how rewarding it is to see his children growing up feeling loved, re-assured, and closely bonded to their parents. You will leave feeling equipped with the skills to better connect with your children and to empower them to tackle a complex world. In this seminar Glen will share the five fundamentals of positive parenting.

For more information on Glen Gerreyn go to: www.glengerreyn.com

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Information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and submit data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to improve target support and resources to benefit students with disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g., allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g., ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g., extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e., primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff will count the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgments
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.


IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPELLARY?

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.


An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.cae.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/.
What is the School Opal card?

The School Opal card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel passes.

The School Opal card gives eligible school students free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school on trains, buses and ferries.

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on school days and doesn’t cover travel to after school care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school, so it’s a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for personal travel.

Travelling with a valid ticket

When travelling on public transport, you must tap on and tap off* with your Opal card or, if you’re eligible buy a single paper ticket to ensure you have a valid ticket to travel.

Authorised revenue protection officers and the NSW Police officers are responsible for enforcing ticketing compliance and monitoring public transport. They have Opal card readers to check your Opal card balance, recent transaction history and the fare status of the Opal card (Adult, Senior/Pensioner, Concession or Child/Youth Opal card).

Tap on and tap off, everytime

Whether you’re travelling with an Opal card or an Opal single trip ticket, always tap on and tap off. If you don’t you’re not travelling with a valid ticket and you could be fined.

To tap on or tap off hold your Opal card or single trip ticket against an Opal reader until it turns green and makes a sound that confirms you’ve tapped correctly.