The St Leo’s newsletter, “The Pride” is now posted as a Website.
http://web.me.com/stleos/The_Pride/Welcome.html
This mail out will contain The Principal’s message and hyperlinks to other content. A print only version will be archived on the College Website and as a hard copy available from the College reception.

Principal’s Message

First Sunday of Lent –
“...He remained there for 40 days and was tempted by Satan...” (Mark 1:12-15)

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

Last Friday our Year 11 students led each Tutor Group of Years 7-10 in a “tutorial” on the meaning and significance of Ash Wednesday. Yesterday, Fr Robert Borg led us in our Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall. This marked the beginning of the season of Lent.

In accordance with our 2011 – 2014 Strategic Plan, (Goal No 1), our Year 11 students became “the deliverers” of the message rather than the recipients. By teaching their younger peers they should have a deeper understanding of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Also the younger students may have connected just a little more with the older students about the meaning of Lent.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Mark tells us Jesus was driven into the wilderness where he was tempted by Satan. We each experience in our lives this wilderness – in times of crisis; moments when choice and change are forced upon us. Lent invites us to share Jesus’ experience of a wilderness time (40 days) to allow us to prepare for the most significant event in our Christian calendar – the Resurrection of Jesus from his crucifixion. We have this time set aside to reflect upon our choices and how we respond in our ever changing world.

Over these past two weeks we have witnessed many whole school events at the College. The Year 7 BBQ; Parents in Partnership Evenings for Years 7,8,9, 10 and 11; Ash Wednesday Liturgy and our College Opening Mass. All these are examples of working with our parents so together we can travel along the one road to improve our student’s outcomes.

As I was reading various reports about the Gonski Review, I came across Danielle Cronin (Executive Director of the Council of Catholic School Parents) who stated that as a parent she knew it was not just school funding that made a difference to a child’s education.

“...It’s often the non-financial contributions the non-financial ways that parents engage with the school, that make the most difference to kids’ learning...”

Many of the ways you can engage in with the College were outlined at our recent Parents in Partnership Information Evenings.

It was great to see the many parents (and students) who made the effort to be present at their particular meeting.
One parent has already written to me about their view of the evening –
“...Thank you for the very informative meeting last night. These forums certainly help parents support their
childrens’ progress at school and adds significant weight to discussions at home...”

It was also disappointing to see the number of parents who were not present. Much information was given in order
to improve the outcomes of our students. I hope the students and parents will not be at a disadvantage because of
their non-attendance.

The College will mail out the Assessment Booklet and other associated information to each family who were not
present.

Mr Reicher has listed the topics that were covered in these evenings by each of the presenters.

**Change of Director of Schools – Catholic Schools Office**
On Thursday afternoon and evening, many St Leo’s staff, along with Catholic School staff across the Diocese of
Broken Bay will gather at Mass and then afterwards in the Cathedral Hall to farewell our Director of Schools, Br Tony
Whelan cfc. Br Tony has been Director for the last eleven and a half years in Broken Bay and we are grateful for all
he has contributed to the young people in Catholic Schools in Broken Bay during this time. We were able to farewell
Br Tony at our Year In Review Evening in December last year. As Br Tony finishes his tenure in the Diocese, his legacy
will continue, not just here, but throughout Broken Bay.

Mr Peter Hamill is the new Director for Broken Bay Catholic Schools and he will be formally inducted by Bishop David
at the same Mass and celebration. Mr Hamill has showed much understanding of our journey here at St Leo’s. We
look back with gratitude, and forward with anticipation as we enter into a new era in Catholic schooling in Broken
Bay.

**25 Years Contribution to Catholic Education**
Each year at the Diocesan Staff Schools Mass, staff are recognized for 25 years service to Catholic Education.
Congratulations to Mrs Susan White (our Director of Mission) on her 25 years contribution to Catholic Education in
Australia.

**Acting Mathematics Coordinator**
After the conclusion of school last year, Mr Zerounian was successful in his application for Curriculum Coordinator at
a school closer to his home. It is with great sadness we say farewell to Mr Zerounian not only for his expertise as a
middle leader but also as a very keen sport coach. Throughout his time here at St Leo’s he has been a classroom
teacher, Sports Coordinator and his most recent position of Mathematics KLA Coordinator. On behalf of the College
we wish him well in his new position and he will also become a very proud father in a few months time!

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Glen Charlier has been appointed as Acting Mathematics Coordinator for
2012. Mr Charlier is an experienced Mathematics Coordinator as well as a very deep and creative thinker.

I also welcome Mr Bruce McHardy to our Mathematics department for 2012.

**Our First Parent Partnership Evening for 2012**
The first of our Parents in Partnership Evenings – will take place on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm in the College
Library.

I will address the group (of which you are all invited) on a number of areas that will deal with bringing to life our
three strategic goals for 2012.

I would urge all parents to attend – so you can also be in partnership with improving your son/daughter’s school
outcomes.

**Open Day**
As you would all be aware – Friday 9th March is our College Open Day. It commences at 9.30am. All are invited – as
the students showcase not only the College but more importantly positive relationships and their particular activities
and achievements.
MySchool Website
Last Wednesday, the Federal Government relaunched the MySchool website. This year more data and comparisons are available than last year, including some components of our financial data. Interpreting this data and the analysis is not a simplistic exercise and it’s well worth noting the comparison between income and expenditure. It is not measuring the same thing. The simplest explanation is that our grants are entire and the expenses are simply in relation to capital works (building related). Grants and fees pay for expenses such as salaries (over $9 million), systemic costs (as we are part of a large system that in turn supports us) and even basic essentials such as electricity. It is also worth noting that per capita, Catholic Schools, on average, have a lower total income than for government or independent schools.

In regards to NAPLAN, I am very proud of our students’ achievements. Over the past four years – our results in NAPLAN (across both literacy and numeracy) have been improving and for the first time (over the past 4 years) – we have achieved either similar or above average scores (either clears or green shading, as opposed to red) to both National and our similar schools.

I urge you to visit our school and see the improvement particularly in our literacy over the past four years.

It is great to have data to assist in our decision making in terms of our School Improvement Plan. We also use Allwell Testing, School Certificate, College Reports, Classroom observation, Assessment Tasks and personal reports. NAPLAN is another piece of useful data.

“…Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things” - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (10.3.1874)

AF Gleeson, College Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

Parent Information Evenings
I would like to thank all those parents who attended the Parent Partnership Information Evenings over the past two weeks. As mentioned on the nights, the partnership between home and school has a significant affect on student learning outcomes. Hopefully you have had a chance to read the parent information booklet and the Assessment Schedules.

If you were unable to attend, the following topics were covered:

• College Strategic Plan
• Annual School Improvement Plan
• HSC, School Certificate & NAPLAN results
• College Master Plan
• Quality Teaching here at St Leo’s – Professional Development Strategies
• The NEW attendance and punctuality procedures from the Catholic Schools Office.
• An outline of the new Merit/Mistake diary communication system
• Homework
• Assessment schedules and how to assist in getting your child organised.
• Class structure and allocation
• Reporting and tracking student performance
• The new RoSA certification for Years 10 & 11
• Tutor Program
• General administration, attendance, uniform, lateness, camps etc.

If you need any clarification on any of the points raised please contact the relevant person.
Teachers and Parents Working in Partnership – Diary Communication

Merit/Mistake System
The College Diary is an excellent communication tool between parents and teachers. This year a new section called Merit/Mistake has been included in the back of the diary. Students must bring their diaries to class every day, so teachers are able to recognise the wonderful work your child is doing by giving them a ‘Merit’ and encouraging them to take responsibility for their learning. When a student is awarded a ‘Merit’ they will also receive one House point that feeds into the House Cup competition. Teachers will also record issues that need to be addressed - ‘Mistakes’. Once a student has 4 or more mistakes for the week, they will be referred to their Year Coordinator for a discussion on how the issues can be fixed. This may include consequences designed to fix the problem.

All parents from Year 7-12 are asked to check and sign the Merit/Mistake section of the College Diary once a week.

Enhancing the Reputation of the College
Whether we like it or not, first appearances make huge, long-lasting impressions. We are very proud of the gifts and talents of students. We appreciate the productive partnerships we are continuing to develop between students, parents and teachers and we are blessed to have a staff who are focused on continually improving their teaching to meet the needs of individual students. Unfortunately these features of the College are rarely seen by those in the wider community and all they have is our appearance and behaviour to make judgements about the school.

The uniform and behaviour travelling to and from school has improved greatly, however there are still a small number of students who are letting the rest of us down. I ask that all parents support our expectations of students wearing the school uniform appropriately at all times and discuss with their children the importance of being respectful and courteous to those they are travelling with. Below are some of the issues that need addressing by some of our students.

Behaviour travelling to school
Students need to be aware of the travelling public around them and show respect to other people. Some issues that need addressing are:
- When walking in large groups try to stay to one side of the footpath or stairs at the station.
- When boarding a train, move aside so that passengers can get off before trying to get on the train.
- Keep your conversations at a low volume and do not use inappropriate language.
- When travelling on buses and trains, give up your seat for all paying passengers.
- For senior students who drive to school, park in legal spaces and drive with care.

Uniform and Grooming Issues
The uniform and grooming expectations can be found on pages 19-21 of the student diary. The major issues that may need attention are:

Boys
- No belt causing pants to ride low and shirts to come out
- Shirts not tucked in
- Shorts are being rolled up
- Piercings are to be removed for school

Girls
- Length of dresses and skirts should be to the knee
- Ballet style open shoes that do not meet WHS standards
- Make-up should be very lightly applied so that it is not noticeable.
- Extra piercings are to be removed for school
Appropriate Shoes for School

I would ask parents to ensure that the “soft shoe”, ballet type or canvas shoes (Ravens) are not to be worn to school. This type of shoe is not suitable for school or sport. For safety and support black leather lace up shoes must be worn as part of the school uniform. For sport, “joggers” / lace up sport shoes are the only sports shoes that can be worn.

The “Ravens” are popular with the boys and girls during sport and the ballet-style shoes are popular with girls but unfortunately neither of these shoes meet our Work Health & Safety requirements. Students who wear these types of shoe will be in breach of the College Uniform Policy.

Senior students will be sent home to fix up their uniform issues and there will be a loss of their senior privileges. Middle school students will be put on an afternoon detention. For their own safety, students that breach this expectation will be removed from some speciality classrooms e.g. Science labs, TAS rooms, Art rooms. I thank you in anticipation of your support with this issue.

Board of Studies, Special Examination Provisions (now called Disability Exam Provisions)

The applications for students in Year 12 that require special exam provisions are now open. Students that wish to apply should collect an application form from me in the next week.

The applications are very detailed and require input from the school as well as health professionals. As soon as the forms are returned to school, we will complete the relevant sections and process the application on-line. The decision on whether the exam provisions are granted is made by the Board of Studies based on the evidence you supply. Any provisions that are granted will then also be available for students in our major exam blocks. Applications close at the end of Term 1.

Mr Marc Reicher, Assistant Principal

News from around the College

College Shop – Change of hours
The College Shop will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.

Winter Uniform Outfitting
We will be outfitting the Year 7 students for their winter uniforms from the 15th March to the 29th March. Letters will be going out to the parents setting out the things students will require, and their prices.

Parents are not required to be present as the outfitting takes place during school time.

Kim and Narelle

Book Supply
All students should have received their textbooks for the year. There are some students who have not received their books because they haven’t returned the books that they borrowed last year. It is important that all books are returned so we have enough for the following year of students. Can you please check that your son or daughter have their textbooks and that they have returned all the books that they borrowed in 2011.

Ellen Shanahan, Book Supply Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Information Session (Year 9 students)
An information session will be held for students and their parents in the College Library on Tuesday 20th March at 6.30pm.
Music Department

Music rehearsals are already in full swing, any students interested in joining an ensemble should see Ms McFarlane or Ms Gauci - it’s never too late to enrich your musical life.

All ensembles perform regularly throughout the year; at the Autumn and Winter Soirees, PAWS@ Café de Leo and the PAWS Ensemble Evenings held at the end of each semester as well as at festivals, College events and community functions.

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All instrumental ensemble members will be given an envelope for the payment of band fees ($90 per year) and the fee for the Music Camp to be held at Galston in June ($150) and this should be returned to the College Office by the end of Term 1.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Carolyn McFarlane
Artworks in focus this issue

Year 10 Visual Arts appropriations of the Mona Lisa in the 21st Century.

Year 11/12 Visual Arts life skills photographic self portraits as a chosen character.

Year 11 Photography using Macro setting.

Juliette Carson
Visual Arts Coordinator
Sports Desk
Bring on the Semi Finals. The Boys are back in Town!

What a fantastic past Week it has been in sport, the College has 5 out of 10 boys teams who have qualified for the Semi Finals this Week.

The Cricket teams have 3 from 3 this season with our U14’s, U16’s and A Grade all making the Semi Finals.

Our Squash team led the ladder most of the way through the season to find themselves in a Semi Final showdown, something that has not happened here at the College for at least a decade.

Oh what a season our A Grade Basketball team has had. With our new pre-season Basketball program we have seen our teams go from strength to strength particularly our A grade team who will be playing Randwick at Bankstown this Week in their Semi Final.

Last year at the end of Term 3 Mr Trotz put a challenge out to the boys after a fantastic year of Grand Final victories from the girls. The boys quickly answered back with a counter strike and have now almost accomplished the challenge that once looked like the mission impossible. If the boys play their cards right and not get big heads they may find themselves in a Grand Final with a shot at the number one spot.

The College would like to wish the boys the best of luck in their Semi Finals!

Girls out to prove themselves
What a fantastic start to the season for the girls.

Our Oz Tag Inters drew their first game against a larger team that were very intimidating for some and the Juniors gained their first experience at Oz Tag in the MCCS Competition.

There is currently a rumour going around in the Oz Tag camp how one of our own players grew wings and dived for the try line swooping underneath the defensive team to score a try that no other has scored before just as an eagle would swoop down to catch its prey. I believe the players name was Emily Soutter. Once again well done to the Inters and the very inspiring story told by Emily.

New to the Leo’s Sporting World
New to St Leo’s this year is our afternoon/evening sport in Barker Competition for our girls.

Our Open girls touch team has been playing touch each Friday evening and have so far managed 2 wins from 2 games. I was privileged to get out to their first game against Barker and see them win 5-2. The girls have a very tight team and are really enjoying the experience. The team possesses a lot of talent if anyone gets a chance to watch a match, watch these girls you will not be let down with their enthusiasm, high energy and camaraderie. Good luck for the rest of the season girls.

Our Open girls touch team is not the only sporting team we have in the Barker competition. St Leo’s has also entered an Opens Water Polo team on Tuesday afternoons/evenings. The girls are really enjoying the experience and are playing oppositions one to two years older then them gaining many new skills and knowledge of the game.

Changes to the NSWCCC Sporting Association
As of 2012 the student and parent will complete all individual NSWCCC sport entries online.

A password will be allocated to students who wish to enter an event.

Events MUST be entered by the closing date specified on the website and the College Sports Calendar.

For further information visit the website at:

Coming Soon to St Leo’s…

St Leo’s Soccer Trials
- Monday 27th February, Girls U13’s & 15’s
- Tuesday 28th February, Boys U13’s, 14’s & 15’s
- Tuesday 6th March, Girls & Boys A & B Grade

Broken Bay Gala Day
- Friday 24th February, Open’s Touch + Basketball
- Tuesday 6th March, U13’s & 15’s Touch + Jnr & Inters Basketball
- Wednesday 14th March, BBSSSA Swimming Championships
- Tuesday 20th March, U15’s Soccer

Mr L Trotz, Sports Coordinator

Congratulations to Keeley Bowen of Year 7
Keeley was nominated as a 2011 Junior Sports Star for his participation in Aussie rules, indoor soccer, touch football, athletics, swimming, and his favourite - rugby league.

Keeley has played league since he was 4, and has racked up a total of more than 100 games with Asquith Magpies. He took up Aussie rules in 2010, but already the Hornsby-Berowra Eagles player is part of the Sydney Swans Under-12s Academy.

Keeley attended an Awards Presentation this week.

Please refer to the end of the newsletter for the Term Sports timetable and Rep sport arrangements.

Pastoral News

Students leading Students
During our extended Tutor lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays, students are taking on leadership roles and are presenting to fellow students in the College.

On Wednesday 15th February, Year 10 Peer Support leaders met with their Year 7 Peer Support Groups to focus on the importance of Positive Relationships. Team work skills were put to the test with each group building the tallest tower they could from the simplest materials of newspaper, two very long straws, eight smaller straws and a roll of sticky tape. The students were encouraged to us William Glasser’s Seven Connecting Habits of Listening, Supporting, Encouraging, Respecting, Trusting, Accepting and Negotiating to complete a problem solving, team building activity.

Congratulations to Year 10 Peer Support Leaders.

On Friday 17th February, Year 11’s visited Tutor Groups from Years 7 to 10 and presented a key note on Ash Wednesday. This was to support students in understanding the relevance and meaning of Ash Wednesday and the receiving of ashes that will occur on Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday. Congratulations Year 11.
**Year 7 Family BBQ**
What a fantastic night with hundreds of members of our community attending. This evening provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet other parents, the friends of their children and College staff. The St Leo’s Catholic College Parent Network group and their sons and daughters in many cases, ably led by Mrs Marinela Mendes, worked tirelessly all night to ensure sausages and onions were cooked, sandwiches served, fresh fruit provided and a welcoming Leo’s greeting was there for all.

A true community of Positive Relationships!

**Camps**
Camps form an integral part of the educational program at St Leo’s and all students are expect to attend. The outcomes for the St Leo’s Catholic College Outdoor Education Program are:

For students to gain a clear sense of identity and belonging; demonstrate resilience and adapt to changing situations; display an ability to function independently; apply school values to self, others and the environment; solve problems and act decisively.

Planning for Year 7 camp is now underway.

Camp dates are:

- **Year 7**: 12 – 14 March Challenge Ranch
- **Year 8**: 15 – 18 May Camp Somerset, Colo River
- **Year 9**: 30 July – 1 August Morisset
- **Year 10**: 3- 5 December. Venue to be advised.

**Mrs Louise Fentoullis, Director of Pastoral Care**

**Year 12**
On the 8th of February, during pastoral time we had our first year group liturgy as Leaders of the College. It was in the College Chapel, which was a tight squeeze but in reflection it made the occasion more intimate and special.

We reflected on our purpose in the year ahead and wrote our goals on paddle pop sticks, which will be buried in the Peace Garden. It was nice to pray together as a year group, with Ms Roberts and our homeroom teachers and share a sacred space. It was a very relaxing and peaceful way to start the busy year we have ahead of us.

A reflection by Rebecca Dimmock & Lisa Brown.

**Year 11**
Year 11 are settling in well to Senior School. Over the last week all students were given the opportunity to prepare all Tutor groups from Years 7 – 10 for Ash Wednesday. Under the guidance of Mrs White, Director of Mission, students were trained in a Keynote presentation explaining the significance of Ash Wednesday and why we celebrate it. Students were then allocated to a tutor group to present the information. After this they led the students in writing down what their Lenten wishes were. These will be presented at our Easter Liturgy. Staff and students all enjoyed the experience and we will continue to give Year 11 some responsibility throughout the year.

Over the next few weeks Year 11 will be looking at their assessment handbooks and how to plan their time so they are not overwhelmed by the increasing work load of Senior School.

Can I also please remind parents and students to check the College guidelines regarding the length of the girls’ skirts and also remind the boys that if their shorts are too long they need to be shortened and not rolled up.

**Mrs Kate Todd, Year 11 Coordinator**
Year 10
Following on from the Year 10 Student Parent Evening held on Tuesday 21st, students have had the opportunity to construct their own personal assessment calendars. The purpose being that it ‘visually’ maps out their assessment task due dates for the semester. This will assist students to track, prioritise and organise.

All Year 10 Students have had the opportunity to represent their year group on the SRC. The self-nomination forms were due on the Wednesday 22nd.

The forms will be analysed and an interview with the nominated students will be conducted in the coming week.

The selected Year 10 Peer Support Students have successfully begun working with the Year 7 students. This has been an excellent opportunity for growth for both Year 7 & 10.

Angelo Solomonides, Year 10 Coordinator

Year 9
In Tutor Time Year 9’s will be having Ash Wednesday Liturgy, looking at how to travel safely and show courtesy on Public Transport, going through the Assessment Booklet to record key dates in their diaries and also activities to do with Clean Up Australia Day.

Peter Trainer, Year 9 Coordinator

Year 8
Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Information Night on Tuesday. If you did not receive the Assessment Booklet, please have your child come and get one from me this week as we will be working on these during Tutor lessons next week.

Last Friday, Year 11 students came and discussed the significance of Ash Wednesday to each of the Tutor groups. I must compliment Year 8 for their attentiveness and the positive questions that were asked after the talk. This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

On Friday, Year 8 will be presenting a Road Safety talk to Years 7 and 8 during tutor time on Friday. This has been arranged through their PDHPE classes.

Next Week students will be working through their Assessment Booklets and setting their short term goals for this term and for the remainder of the year.

I appreciate all the excellent communication I have continued to receive from the parents so far this term. It is vital that the school, Year Co-ordinator and Parents keep in touch with any issues or concerns that do arise over the course of the year.

Andrew Betty, Year 8 Co-ordinator (andrew.betty@dbb.org.au)
**Year 7**

What a pleasure to see so many parents and students enjoying each other’s company at the Year 7 BBQ. The rain held off, the long queues and delighted smiles showed the jumping castle was great fun, parents and teachers had a chance to chat informally, and the parent’s network manned the BBQs in great style. Thanks to all those who attended and helped.

In tutor time Year 7 have benefited from the leadership of older students. Year 11 presented powerpoints in preparation for Ash Wednesday, and with the help of year 10 peer support, Year Seven students practiced teamwork, creating fast creative towers out of paper and straws.

This week students will be receiving a leaflet about Cyber Safety and proper computer use. Please have a look through it with your child and discuss the issue as it is one that can cause concern for students. Later in the term, Mr Paul Harmon will be giving a detailed talk to students around use of computers and social media.

Camp is coming up! Notes will soon be coming out re the camp at Challenge Ranch, 12th, 13th, 14th March. Permissions and medical forms will need to be returned by the due date so our planning can be completed in time.

If your son or daughter has had issues with lockers, please ask them to see me if they haven’t done so already.

*Megan de Kantzow, Year 7 Co-ordinator*

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**Mission News**

Come Join Us in Eucharist  
Every Tuesday from 8 am  
Every Friday from 1.05 pm  
Mass in the College Chapel
LENTEN PENANCE

Lent is a preparation for Easter, the focal point of the Church’s liturgical year. As we prepare for the most important of the Christian feasts we are reminded of the love that God has shown in sending Jesus to us. Lent is a time of thanksgiving for what God has done for us. Jesus’ announcement that the Kingdom of God had come was a proclamation of the divine intervention, which was intended to draw all humanity to a share in the divine life.

The preparation to receive the Kingdom is to repent: “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” In the presence of Jesus, we are called to conversion. This is not just something that takes place once. Conversion is a continuing transformation of ourselves which opens us up more and more to God’s presence in Jesus. Conversion is an ongoing reality in our lives.

We remember this especially at this time of Lent. Lent is a period in which we focus in a special way on turning our hearts towards God. To do this we must be ready to surrender ourselves. We need to find ways which are personally meaningful for us to bring about this surrender.

Practices of penance are meant to help us to come to openness to God. They need to be educative, transforming us so that our hearts may turn more easily to God. The choice of Lenten penance is important. It is not just what we do; it is why we do it, and the effect that it has on our lives. Choose wisely and Lent can become a time of many graces and significant growth in our relationship with God.

DAYS OF PENANCE
Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any of the following:

a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to the church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor.

c) Helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

In 2012, Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (22 February) to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (5 April) inclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday (22 February 2012) and Triniti Sunday (5 June 2012); unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

David L Walker
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

February 2012
Ash Wednesday’s clear message is one of invitation to enter forty days of prayer, penance and almsgiving in preparation for our greatest feast day, Easter! In the early Church these forty days were a time of retreat for those about to be baptised, writes Bishop David Walker, of Broken Bay.

What is it about Ash Wednesday that holds universal appeal, almost as if this day suggests there is something written into our DNA!

The season of Lent begins with ashes on our foreheads. It seems our heart understands this ritual more than our head as evidenced by huge numbers of people who attend church on this day. Why are ashes so popular?

Let us focus on three aspects of Ash Wednesday.

As a symbol, ashes are blunt and primal; they speak the language of the soul: ‘Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return!’ We know instinctively why we take the ashes and it is no accident that ashes have been a major symbol in most religions.

To put on ashes recognises we are in a reflective, penitential mode; no longer are we in ordinary time but we are becoming attentive to important work going on silently within us. Every so often, then, we need to make this journey, be marked with ashes, lose our lustre and wait for ashes to do their work.

I recall that centuries old wisdom tale, the story of Cinderella that speaks about the value of ashes. The very name, Cinderella, already speaks most of it: a young girl sitting in the cinders.

Before the glass slipper is placed on her foot, before she gets to put on the royal clothes, go to the ball, and dance with the prince it is necessary to spend time sitting in the ashes, tasting some emptiness, feeling some powerlessness, and trusting that all of this is necessary to help bring about the maturity needed to do the royal dance. In the story of Cinderella there is a theology of Lent.

Not surprisingly, then, the church taps into this well of wisdom when it signs our foreheads with ashes at the beginning of Lent. This is the season for us to sit in the ashes, to spend time, like Cinderella, working and sitting in the cinders of fire, grieving our wrongdoings, renouncing the dance, refraining from the banquet, refusing to do business as usual, waiting while silent growth takes place within us, simply being still so that the ashes can do their work in us.

The ritual, marked by ashes, seeks our response: when are we most willing to let God into our lives? Often, it is when we are most vulnerable; when we are able admit our inadequacy in "standing alone." Ash Wednesday’s ashes provide the beginning of an ideal time to remember that we, in a truly profound manner, need to learn our total dependence on God.

There is another aspect to Ash Wednesday’s ritual. A recent conversation brought this home to me. Our Lenten journey commences with an unusual anointing. On Ash Wednesday we enter our churches in quiet reflection and exit with a death mark on our foreheads, ashes applied in the shape of a cross with the accompanying words inviting us to "turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel." Two deaths are highlighted – the death of Jesus and our death.
Ash Wednesday, in a myriad of ways, using images and symbols, encourages us to ponder what it means to share Christ’s life through our baptism. The Scriptures, this day and every day of Lent, seek to shape us and conform us more closely to the Risen Christ so that at the culmination of these days, in the great feast of Easter, we may rise again from ashes knowing, as St Paul says, ‘it is no longer I that lives, it is Christ who lives in me.’

The daily death of self – giving over all those parts of our being that are resisting God – that we attend to with renewed vigour over the coming forty days. There is the future death of our physical body – “remember you are dust...” – yet our hope is for growth in new life with Christ.

We are reminded in the Gospel of another anointing, one prior to Christ’s death, and Jesus telling his disciples it is a preparation for burial. Many around him were unable to understand this action, even ridiculed it.

A rich image portrayed by the Gospel is that of the desert where Jesus went freely to fast and pray. For forty days and nights he ate nothing but, as Ronald Rolheiser suggests, Jesus deprived himself of all physical supports (including food, water, enjoyments, and distractions) that protected him from feeling, from his vulnerability, his dependence and the need to surrender in deep trust to God. Yes, he was hungry and vulnerable to temptation from the devil but he was more open to God.

The desert, while taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, strips us bare and leaves us naked before God and the devil. Thus we are brought face to face with our own chaos.

“For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.”

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

**Project Compassion**

Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and community engagement appeal, Project Compassion began in 1966 and is now one of the largest humanitarian fundraising campaigns in Australia.  

In 2012, Project Compassion carries a simple, yet insightful message: "If you want Peace, work for Justice" – Pope Paul VI. This message of hope remains as powerful as ever.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter. Starting on Wednesday 22 February (Ash Wednesday) 2012, we are asking people across Australia to help us raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every single day.

Students of St Leo’s are asked to give generously to the appeal. During Tutor time senior students will visit each tutor group to collect donations.

Justice and Peace is your doing. Embrace Project Compassion 2012.
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
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

BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY
Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines!

A place to call home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas
"Australia seems very interesting, I like the climate and I’ve heard that Australians are nice and friendly." ~ Daniela, Finland
"I want to discover something else and enrich me with a new and beautiful experience." ~ Marie, Belgium
"I am curious to explore a different country. I hope to create friendships with others and be part of different customs." ~ Matteo, Italy

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!
RFCA LEARN TO FLY
SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
2011/2012

Entry by Trial Introductory Flight at
SYDNEY FLIGHT COLLEGE

Commences: 1st November 2011
Closing Date: 31st March 2012
Sponsored by: AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA
Value: TWO Prizes valued at $7700 each (including GST)
        (Total prize value $15400)
Age: Must be 16 years at announcement of winner
Flying Completed: Flying must be completed within twelve months from winning competition
How to enter: Just take a Trial Introductory Flight at Sydney Flight College
Flight: 1 Hour in a Piper Warrior
Cost: $150 including GST
Bookings: Phone 02 9709 8488 or mail@schofields-flying-club.com.au
How does it work: Names will be put into a barrel and the two winners will be drawn.
Prize: The $7700 worth of flying is not redeemable.
Announcement of Winner: At RFCA Annual Flying Training Conference on 17th April 2012; and The Australian Newspaper
MEDIA RELEASE

HELP GORDON NORTH SYDNEY HOCKEY CLUB FIND AUSTRALIA’S NEXT HOCKEY STAR

Hockey Australia and Hockey New South Wales are excited to announce that the Gordon North Sydney Hockey Club is running a Hookin2Hockey program in 2012.

Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia’s national recruitment program and provides an environment where young participants learn the fundamental skills of hockey in a safe and fun environment.

After over four thousand excited youngsters participated in 2011 and the program is back in 2012 ready for another successful year.

Gordon North Sydney Hockey Club is running the Hookin2Hockey program to provide children with the opportunity to learn basic hockey skills in the hope of finding the next Australian hockey star such as Jamie Dwyer (pictured) of the Kookaburras (five time world player of the year) or Kobe McGurk of the Hockeyroos (2011 FIH All Star Team).

Every participant can receive a participation pack which includes a fold out backyard hockey goal, a t-shirt with the newly designed Hookin2Hockey logo, a sweat band and a welcome message from one of the Hockeyroos or Kookaburras.

For further information please contact:

Andy Skidmore - 0422 202 775
Venue: Ku-ring-gai Hockey Centre, Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School, Bobbin Head Rd, North Turramurra, 2074
Email: juniors@gnsyhockey.asn.au
Hello and Welcome,

On behalf of the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC) I would like to welcome and congratulate your family on joining the Broken Bay Diocesan Catholic schools community. We hope your family’s transition into Kindergarten and Year 7 goes well.

The Diocesan Parent Council (DPC) is the official parent body working in conjunction with the Catholic Schools Office to represent all parents of children in schools in the Broken Bay Diocese. The DPC aims to support you in your role as the primary educator of your child and to assist your school P&F. The council is made up of parent representatives from each school’s P&F – in other words, we are an association of the P&F teams from Broken Bay schools.

The DPC organises and hosts a series of Parent Seminars throughout the year. Quality speakers providing information on parenting and educational topics present at convenient day and night-time sessions. Dates for Term 1 Seminars are on the back of this newsletter and there is no cost. The DPC Family Camp provides families with the opportunity to share outdoor adventures together and our Women’s weekend, time out and reflection for mothers.

More information about the Diocesan Parent Council and resources can be found at www.brookenbayparentcouncil.com.

We encourage you to have a look to stay in touch with what is happening around your diocese.

We look forward to welcoming you to the various school and diocesan events this year and invite you to attend our Term 1 Parent Seminar ‘Engaging the Generations at Home’.

Warmest Regards,

Mark O’Connell (DPC President)
Diocesan Parent Council
Representing parents of children in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Broken Bay Parent News
Term 1, 2012
www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

What is happening with the DPC this term?

Diocesan Parent Council Website
www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Want to know what's happening in our diocese?
The new DPC website aims to keep parents in touch with what is happening within our diocese and education.
Available information for parents and schools includes:
- upcoming parent seminars,
- parent seminar presentations & notes
- relevant links for education & parenting issues
- practical resources for P&C teams

It is easy to register on-line for FREE Parent Seminars
Simply select which venue you will be attending, enter your name, email address and submit.

It is easy to locate websites to support your child at home
Simply click on "Parent Resources" and follow links to practical websites in and around our diocese.

It is easy to find out about DPC events & register for newsletter.
Simply click on "Events" for details on camps, seminars workshops and other DPC functions.

Term 1 Parent Seminar “Engaging the Generations @ Home”

In an age where children are exposed to thousands of marketing messages every day, the role of parents in providing leadership and boundaries to their children is more important than ever.

Michael McGee

Monday March 19th – Mater Maria Catholic College, Warrandyte
7:30 – 9:00pm

Monday March 26th – OLSSS Catholic School, Terrigal
7:30 – 9:00pm

For further details watch your school newsletter, talk to your P&C or visit the DPC Website www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com to register on-line.

Presenter: Michael McGee

is a much sought-after speaker, author and social researcher.

ALL WELCOME NO COST
**Parent Network**

**Principal’s Update - save the date**  
**Wednesday 7th March 2012 7pm – 9pm**  
College Library, from 7pm cheese and wine followed by presentations from 7.30pm and then questions and open discussion.

**Reading Support – volunteers for Monday and Wednesday period 1, please**  
Please assist if you can spare approximately an hour from 8.30am on Mondays or Wednesdays to assist with reading and spelling  
For more information about the Literacy Program and volunteering on Thursday’s period 3 - 5, please contact  
Sarah Szacsavay, Literacy Program Parent Co-ordinator  
Phone: 9875 2843, Mobile: 0413 601 496, Email: sbutfield@hotmail.com

**Seeking 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 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 one of your child’s Year Parent Representatives.

**Seeking Year Parent representatives … including Dads**

We want and need more people involved, including Dads.

College parents / families should be aware that **“We welcome you and your family’s participation, regardless of whether you can spare a little or a lot of time. Every event and call for volunteers is an opportunity to get to know other families and college staff and thereby partner with St Leo’s college”**.

College Year Parent Representatives **work in teams both to maximize the networking, share effort and ensure back-up contacts.** Also, please note that family and work take priority over volunteering.

Your participation, as a Year Parent Representative will help ensure that parents/families are included in the communication and notices for events for each St. Leo’s College year groups.

If you are interested please email or contact the parents listed in current teams below or contact Marinela Mendes <mendes@bigpond.net.au>.

**Year Parent Representatives – Teams**

The overall aim of the Year Parent Representatives is to build a sense of community by making St Leo’s parents (**mums, dads, grandparents and carers**) feel welcome, connected and informed. Within each year group there will be volunteer parents who will work as a team in building a dynamic St Leo’s Community.

The Parent Network volunteers feel very strongly about the concept of working in **teams** and believe it is critical to the success of the Parent Network and parent/family volunteering at the college.

There are several parents who have already volunteered to make up the teams for each year group.

There is room for many more parents to get involved, as well as plenty of volunteering opportunities. Please continue to **encourage families to read the Parent Network section of The Pride newsletter** – so they too can become aware of opportunities to get involved.
Currently the St Leo’s Year Parent Representative teams are:

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**Aims**

The overall aim of the Year Parent Representative team is to build a sense of community by making the parents / families feel welcome and informed. More specifically, the Year or 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 Year or Class Parent Representative would commit to the role for a school year (or more - if you wish), 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 and join the team(s), please contact one of the abovementioned parents or email Marinela Mendes via email: <mendes@bigpond.net.au> or call 9487 5757 or 0418 22 40 31.

St John's Wahroonga - Soup Van
Volunteers/ families prepare and serve hot meals and the comfort of friendly faces, to those without a home in the Hornsby area. 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

College Dinner and Dance - Saturday 4th August 2012 – save the date ...
College Dinner and Dance to be held at Hornsby RSL on Saturday 4th August 2012. Invite adult friends and families. For more information or if you have any queries please contact Kathryn Carmody, Team leader via email kathryn_carmody@yahoo.com.au or telephone Virginia Gahan, Committee member 9476 8724.

St Leo’s College Parent Network
Structure
The Parent Network is a forum for direct two way communication between the Principal, College Leadership team and the parent body. The St Leo’s Parent Network operates as a sub-committee of the College Board and promotes parent engagement and community building through:

- Forums, including social functions, for parent inclusion and education
- Opportunities for community conversation
- Faith development and reflection.

Guiding Principles
The principles on which the Parent Network is founded are:

- On-going openness and transparency
- Build flexibility into the outcomes (i.e. processes and decisions)
- Simplicity
- Consistency with existing financial operations of the College
- Aligned with and supporting SLCC Board and Broken Bay Dioceses
- High awareness and engagement from parent and student community.

Meetings / Get-togethers
The Parent Network holds one main meeting (Principal’s Presentation) each term. Next meeting is Wednesday 7th March 2012. The format for the Principal’s Presentation meeting is:
7pm-7.30pm Wine and cheese, informal conversation
7.30pm-8.30pm Presentation/Update by Principal
8.30pm-9.00pm Questions from the floor - discussion

The Parent Network may also run a couple of workshops each year on topics of interest or assistance to parents and at least one session each year with a faith based/reflective focus.

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 with the St. Leo’s community is to ensure that you are on the St. Leo’s Parent Network distribution list. Another way is to assist with college events. Please advise of your interest via leosparentnet@y7mail.com or contact Marinela Mendes <mendes@bigpond.net.au>.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your participation.
All students wishing to play a rep sport need to apply via an application form located at student reception. The form MUST be returned to reception no later than the scheduled closing date in the table below. Players will trial for a team ONLY if they have completed the application form.

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