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

Sunday 20 December, 2015 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent – “...Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made by the Lord would be fulfilled...” (Lk 1:39-45)

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

The story of the visitation to Mary keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is – it’s true!

As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let’s make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and certainly always gives the gossips plenty to talk about.

As we know there are challenges we face as a community of faith-filled people. At this time of year we must remember what is the true meaning of Christmas; the act of giving and showing compassion to others; our friends, family and even strangers. It’s not easy to ignore the huge marketing consumer locomotive that storms our society, but we must remember our role as Christians in our community.

I have witnessed some examples of Christmas spirit already in the St Leo’s community over the past, very busy, two weeks...

• At one of The Year 10 Student Conference projects – a group of four students (Ben, Francesco, Joel and Logan) journeyed to Woolloomooloo to buy “Subway” style sandwiches and feed the homeless. This followed on from the Year 10 Street Retreat program held earlier this year.
• Our Year 12 (2016) Prefects and Student Rep Council members gave their time and energy in preparing for Mass and celebration of St Leo’s Feast Day last Thursday, including our BBQ and Fair event.
• “The Dish” roster is being finalised for 2016. St Leo’s families (yes, not just parents) giving their time in order to prepare meals for those in need, particularly during the various holiday seasons.
• The staff of the College contributing to two of our families who are experiencing extreme difficulties this Christmas.

Diary Dates

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• The St Vinnies Christmas Appeal – many hundreds of families who have brought in food stuffs and donations (staff are currently walking over many of the boxes and baskets full of this food in the RE staffroom).

There are many more I am sure – but I know if everyone contributes it makes a huge difference to others who are not so fortunate. Giving, the real spirit of Christmas! I believe this “spirit” and the opportunities like the above that the College is able to provide our community is the best life lesson one can experience.

**The Year In Review**

Last Friday in the newly “fanned” Light of Christ Centre we conducted our Year In Review with the company of the Very Reverend Fr Borg, Deacon Roberto, Mr Greg Miller –Secondary Schools Consultant from the Catholic Schools Office, The Honourable Matt Keen, MP for Hornsby, Mr Paul Fletcher Federal MP and Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects, Mr Robert Brown, representing the Mayor, members of the College Board, past students of the College, parents staff and of course our students.

We recognized and congratulated the students in a range of areas including Catholic Life and Mission, Music and Co-curricular, Sport, as well as a number of major awards in each year group. (The 2015 Academic Awards will be presented at the Academic Awards Ceremony at the start of 2016).

We also witnessed our national leaders in Aerobics as well as a number of fantastic musical items from our Sydney Eisteddfod winning musicians and vocal groups. It was a terrific opportunity to launch the Musical for 2016 – with those students who have been successful in their auditions for *Disney's A High School Musical (Junior)* – with a song and dance routine from the production.

Thank you to all involved in the staging of this Assembly, particularly the Assistant Principal, Mr Mahoney. Over 150 students were presented with awards and we had over 180 parents and families in attendance.

I have listed the Major Award winners in The Pride. Congratulations to all these students on achieving this pinnacle in 2015.

**Year 7 Major Awards**

Sportsman of the Year
**Mitchell Macdonald**

Sportswoman of the Year
**Penelope Chan**

Most Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Life and Mission of the College
**Emily Mostyn**

Most Outstanding Contribution to Instrumental Program
**Sophie McKern for Concert Band**

Most Outstanding Contribution to Vocal Ensembles
**Emily Mostyn for Bel Canto**

Best All Rounder
**John Cosgrove**
Year 8 Major Awards

Sportsman of the Year
Jacob Leavy

Sportswoman of the Year
Georgia Peregrina

Most Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Life and Mission of the College
Peter Helou

Most Outstanding contribution to Instrumental Program
Justin Chou – Symphonic Band

Most Outstanding contribution to Vocal Ensembles
Ian D’Souza – Bel Canto/Max 12

Best All Rounder
Georgia Peregrina

Year 9 Major Awards

Sportsman of the Year
Joshua McLeod

Sportswoman of the Year
Tahlia Macri

Most Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Life and Mission of the College
Jeremy Browne

Most Outstanding contribution to Instrumental Program
James Fisher – Jazz Band

Most Outstanding contribution to Vocal Ensembles
Tamara Manktelow – Max 12

Best All Rounder
Aiden Hose

Year 10 Major Awards

Sportsman of the Year
Keeley Bowen

Sportswoman of the Year
Sarah Dever

Most Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Life and Mission of the College
Reon Rebello

Most Outstanding contribution to Instrumental Program
Jefferson Ortiz – Symphonic Band

Most Outstanding contribution to Vocal Ensembles
Sophia Groundwater – Max 12
Vanessa Anderson Award for Excellence in Sport
**Mason Francis and Anthony Kelly**

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
**Reon Rebello**

Best All Rounder
**Sarah Dever**

**Year 11 Major Awards**

Sportsman of the Year
**Rohan Bright**

Sportswoman of the Year
**Elouise Princi**

Fr Patrick McMaugh, Most Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Life and Mission of the College Award
**Melissa Kurishingal**

Most Outstanding contribution to Instrumental Program
**Daniel Hose – Stage Band**

Most Outstanding contribution to Vocal Ensembles
**Lanii Strong**

The Gellert Josef Bakos Memorial Encouragement Award
**Charbel Saliba**

Michael O’Brien Award for Contribution in the Field of Computing
**Mark Rogers**

Matt Kean Prize for Citizenship
**Carmen-Mary Maatouk**

Best All Rounder
**Madeleine Bonato**

**Staffing**

It is the nature of the teaching profession that staff move schools from time to time. Some staff are moving to new stages of their life journey and I wish them well in their new directions (and at new schools) particularly Jeannie Sainty, Debra James and Carlie Deppeler.

In many cases staff were only on temporary assignment with St Leo’s and we bid them farewell and thank them for their contribution: Ashley Sadler, Mark Aarts, Andrew Introna, Matthew Prosser, Simone Wallington and Anita Jain.

Of course our two “retirees” Mrs Louise Fentoullis and Mrs Di Griffin were farewelled with a special Assembly a couple of weeks ago. On the one hand they are two very different ladies in their own right but on the other hand they are two ladies with similar beliefs, ideals and values. Louise has held many roles in her 27 years at St Leo’s. In each of those years she has taught English mainly, however I dare say that back in the earlier days, Louise probably taught every subject across the curriculum. She has been a Year Co-ordinator, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Acting Assistant Principal and your current role of Director of Partnerships.
Within each of these roles Louise has always lived by the College Gospel values of Justice, Hope, Integrity, Respect and Dignity.

In 1989 Di Griffin was employed here at St Leo’s as the Text Book Hiring Scheme Supervisor. Di then moved into the position of AV Technician and later Library Assistant. Besides her skills in the Library, I believe as Principal that our support staff do not just work behind the scenes and assist staff. They also have a very important role in interacting with the students. The little “hellos”, the comforting “can I help you” are just as important, in fact a little more important than what you learn for the HSC. Di knows her students not as members of a class – but as individuals. This is the honour of being a member of our support staff.

On behalf of the College I wish them well in “retirement”.

60th Year of Catholic Education at St Leo’s - 2016
1956-1959

Br Sebastian Crohan headed a tiny but very enthusiastic staff in Brothers Leonard Hanlon and Alonzo Boyd and there was plenty of outdoor work to merit attention. Anyone who was handy with an axe, pick, shovel, or mattock among the brothers or the parents could find something to do at St Leo’s on weekends. A creek flowed across the present site of number 2 oval and a bridge was put over this to facilitate access to Yardley Ave; some thirty trees were felled to make way for the main oval that was being planned; the grounds were being beautified with shrubs and gardens; a Lourdes shrine was erected; bricks from the old dairy near the creek were used to build a wall against the bank on which the chapel now stands across towards the main oval site. There were Fathers’ and Mothers’ Committees set up to direct fund raising and working bees. In those bad old sexist days, curiously enough, women did not rush to wield pick axes and men did not see their talents in the preparing of afternoon teas or running fashion shows. However, there must have been a lot of harmony for all that, for great things were done and there were no government hand-outs in those days. The setting up of the school and improvements came out of the pockets of parents and the sweat of their labours and those of the staff.

As the school year draws to a close, the Staff and I wish all the students, parents and families a very safe and restful holiday. We thank you for your support and preparedness to partner with us in your young person’s education.

May Christmas and the New Year be a time filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

Mr AF Gleeson
Principal

“...I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all...”
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (28/11/1898)
Assistant Principal

2016 Term Dates and Bell Times
Included again with this edition of the Pride are the Term Dates and new Bell Times for 2016.

St Leo’s Day and the Year on Review
Last Thursday 10 December the College celebrated the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Leo the Great. The day began with a wonderful St Leo’s Advent Mass. Fr Borg’s homily inspired us all to consider how we will put our faith into action in this year of Mercy.

This was followed by the St Leo’s Day Fair filled with wonderful food, outstanding music at the talent quest and an array of fun activities including the giant jumping castle, dunk machine (I think I got dunked over 20 times), and many more. I would like to thank Mr Smith for all his work in organizing this day as the SRC Mentor. I would also particularly acknowledge our student leaders (badged and not badged) for the tremendous work in making this such a great day.

2015 Academic Awards Ceremony – to be held in 2016
The College will hold a special awards ceremony on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 10:30am in The Light of Christ Centre to acknowledge and celebrate students’ 2015 academic achievements and efforts.

All parents are invited to attend the awards ceremony. Personal invitations will be sent at the start of next year to parents and caregivers of students who will be presented with an award.

School Bags
Parents would be aware that this year we provided all students in the College with new lockers. We also asked students to leave their bags in their lockers between classes. At the end of this year we spoke to all year groups about how this had worked for them. I was impressed with the maturity shown by students involved in the discussion. Based on student feedback and recommendations, we have made a few changes to our current practices. Please note the following:

Years 8 – 12 will have the option to carry their books between classes in either their College Backpack or the new College Satchel. No other bags will be permitted. Students will be expected to ensure that their bags are stored under their chair in the classroom to avoid them becoming trip hazards.

Year 7, 2016 will be required to place their bags into their lockers between all classes. They have the option to carry their equipment between classes either by hand or in the new College satchel. Students will be expected to use this system throughout their time at the College.

All students will be expected to store their bags in their lockers during Assemblies and major school events.

The new satchel is available from the uniform shop – Cowan and Lewis, 1315 Pacific Highway, Turramurra (Ph: 9449 9777 Web: www.cowanlewis.com.au)
2016
Staff return to the College on Wednesday 27th January. All new students in 2016 return on Thursday 28th January. Peer Support Leaders and Senior Student Leaders will also be here on the day to assist students in their transition. All other students return on Friday 29th January.

This year we have spent much time talking to students about the importance of wearing their uniform correctly and with great pride. The College uniform is important as it gives students a sense of belonging to the College. By wearing the uniform with pride students create a positive identity for the school in the community. There is significant research which indicates that a school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically.

Next year we will continue our focus on uniform. I would ask parents, prior to the start of school, to ensure that students have all items of the College uniform and that these fit appropriately.

School Zones
A reminder that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

School zones for our school will end on 18 December 2015 and resume on 27 January 2016.

I wish everyone a very safe and joyous holiday.

Anthony Mahoney
Assistant Principal

Term Dates 2016

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| **Tutor time**   | 10.25 – 10.35   | Assembly 10.05-11.00 | 10.25 – 10.50  | 10.25 – 10.50  | 10.25 – 10.50  |
| **Recess**       | 10.35 – 10.55   | 11.00 – 11.20   | 10.50 – 11.10    | 10.50 – 11.10    | 10.50 – 11.10   |
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| **Period 4**     | 11.50 – 12.45   | 12.05- 12.50    | 12.00 – 12.50    | 11.50 – 12.45    | 12.00 – 12.50   |
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**Note**: In Terms 2 and 4, Assemblies occur in Week B instead of Week A. This means that there will be a swap of Bell Times on Tuesdays Periods 1 – 5 in Terms 2 and 4.
Catholic Life and Mission

As we bring the 2015 schooling year to a close I am very confident in saying that the St Leo’s community has continually put their faith into action at all stages of the year. In particular, it has been the nature of giving of the St Leo’s community to those who are less fortunate in their time of need. This was most recently shown to its full potential through the giving of goods to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Below is an email from Shirley Kelynchack, the president of the St Vincent de Paul centre, Waitara, which really highlights the impact that the staff, students and parents at St Leo’s are having on our local community.

I thank you all for your generosity, your deep sense of faith and your ability to approach social issues from a Catholic perspective. Have a merry Christmas and please maintain your commitment to faith into the New Year.

Ashley Sadler
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

TO THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF ST LEO’S COLLEGE WAHROONGA

On behalf of the members of St Vincent de Paul Conference Waitara we wish to thank you most sincerely for the very generous donations for our Christmas Hamper appeal, we were overwhelmed with your generosity.

On Sunday 13th December we were able to deliver 89 hampers to families in our area who would have faced a Christmas with very little food on their tables and not a present, from your donations we were able to fill some very nice hampers.

Volunteer drivers reported back to us people were very happy with their hampers and one family the children said this means we can have presents for Christmas.

Some families shed tears of joy when they received their hampers.

The gifts and food which you collected for us was very well chosen and most suitable for our families.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for caring for our families and your support for St Vincent de Paul we really appreciate your help ever so much

We wish for you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, peace and much happiness.

Thank you so much

Shirley Kelynchack (President of Waitara St Vincent de Paul conference Waitara)
Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Adelaide 2015

Over 3,000 enthusiastic young Catholics gathered in Adelaide from the 3-5 December to celebrate the second Australian Catholic Youth Festival. St Leo’s was proudly represented by 18 students who all got a lot out of the experience: “ACYF has blown me away. It exceeded my expectations,” reported Reon. A highlight of the program were the morning and night plenary sessions where everybody gathered in the Adelaide Convention Centre to be inspired by a range of national and international speakers, join in the singing and worship and get a sense of the vibrancy and joy of the young Church. There were also a variety of workshops, prayer, justice and expo spaces for pilgrims to experience. “The plenaries where all of us gathered together - it was powerful to have so many young Catholics celebrating their faith together,” reflected Melissa.

The tone was set early on when Perth Archbishop Timothy Costello echoed the words of Pope Francis in calling young people to be bearers of hope, builders of the future, encouraging them to make a world of goodness, beauty and truth. We were also welcomed by the Governor of South Australia, a true Australian statesman, His Excellency Hieu Van Le. He arrived in Australia as a refugee from Vietnam 36 years ago and spoke of the importance of compassion in our nation. The Polish Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr Pawel Milewski, was warm and enthusiastic as he invited the youth to come visit his home in Poland for World Youth Day next year.

But what really made the greatest impact were speakers such as American Catholic musician Steve Angrisano who had the crowd singing a clapping in one moment and then fighting back tears in the next. “Listening to Steve - every time he tells a story it is so inspirational and touches you deeply. He knew several of the young people who were killed in the Columbine High School shooting, and did music for 3 of their funerals. He told us the story of a student who had been shot 18 times but survived. She was asked by the killers "do you believe in God?" She said that she didn’t want her last words to be ‘no’ to God,” remembers Matt.

Several of our students had been on retreat at Jammeroo Abbey earlier this year and spent three days being led by Benedictine nun Sr Hilda. It was great to see her holding the thousands of young people in the palm of her hand with her warm and passionate message of God’s love, and remember that last term we had her all to ourselves. “Sr Hilda is a beautiful woman who touched the hearts of people and brought us to tears. She has a passion and joy that always lightens your day. I remember she told us, ‘When you cry, God cries with you. The pain in your heart is a pain in God’s heart too,” said Andrea.
Another popular speaker was Maltese-Australian Fr Rob Galea a priest-musician who made it through the auditions on “The X Factor” this year. His workshop was packed out with hundreds of people so half our group weren’t even able to get in. Jessica was particularly touched by his message: “Don’t do something because it’s what others say you should do. Do something you want because God has put the desire in your heart to make you happy. Fr Rob explained why he pulled out of ‘The X Factor’ after getting through the auditions to boot camp - everyone else was so desperate to be successful in music, but he realised that he was so happy being a priest, life in the service of God had so fulfilled him, that he had no desire to pursue fame or a musical career.”

The eight Year 10 boys all attended a workshop by Australian speaker Sam Clear who spent 18 months walking across the world on his “Walk 4 One” pilgrimage to pray for peace and unity. During this time he was beaten up and robbed several times, had encounters with a variety of deadly animals, faced injury and sickness, held at gunpoint and met an amazing variety of characters. “Sam Clear used his personal stories to explain a larger message for all of us about having faith and overcoming adversity,” said Tom. “I remember how Sam (who is quite tall) spoke of being robbed of his backpack at knifepoint by a small man in South America. He had the opportunity to beat up his assailant, but managed to hold himself back and stay true to his mission of peace,” said Sean.

The Festival ended with the Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, inviting the youth of Australia to join us in Sydney in 2017 for the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival. This will kick off the Australian Catholic Bishop’s “Year for Youth” which will include a celebration of the ten-year anniversary of Sydney’s World Youth Day of 2008. As one of the hosting dioceses, we are looking forward to getting involved with the preparations and celebrations of this exciting opportunity.

May you all have a healthy, happy and holy Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year. God bless,

Adrian Gomez
Youth Ministry Coordinator
**eLearning @ St Leo’s in 2016**

At St Leo’s Catholic College students use iPads as their main learning technology. The College views our 1:1 iPad Program as an opportunity to create a learning environment more conducive to effective innovation in pedagogy. Through experience we have found that ICT-enabled teaching and learning activities enhance active engagement and facilitate the development of such skills as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication. We design authentic, real world programs and learning activities that enable students to thrive in an information-rich world and promote global connectedness.

**iPad Requirements**

Students are expected to bring a fully charged iPad to school everyday. Families have the option to purchase any iPad from the range.

For families that are upgrading iPads or purchasing accessories, St Leo’s has just recently secured a school discount at Apple Stores. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores or via the Apple contact centre. If you are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Specialist know our school’s name.

**Other Requirements**

**Apps**

A core collection of apps is required on students’ devices. This allows teachers to prepare learning activities accordingly. The required apps list has been updated this year to take into account changing technology and pedagogy. It is expected that all students will have these apps on their devices for the start of the new school year.

**Family sharing**

If you are uncomfortable with you child having their own Apple ID or they are under 13, we recommend setting up Family Sharing. This means that your child will still have their own username however there will be parental control of purchasing. You also have the ability to share apps with all member of the family, eliminating the need for multiple purchases.
Extended warranty and robust case
We recommend the purchase of an extended warranty on all new devices. Additionally we strongly recommend a robust case to minimise potential damage.

Back up
It is expected that students are regularly backing up their iPads either on iCloud or to their home computer. This ensures that if something does happen to your child's device, there is the ability to recover their work. It is also vital that students have iCloud Drive on for Pages, Numbers and Keynote.

Tips for Home Supervision
The iPad is an important tool for learning; that is its main purpose. We support parent decisions about the setting of boundaries at home as long as school work can be completed. Students do not need games and entertainment apps on their iPads for school. Whether parents allow games and entertainment apps on their child's iPad is a family decision however the school strongly discourages having games on the device.

Set Boundaries
• Students must be able to complete homework and assessments, however, students do not need to use the iPad all the time at home.
• Teenage children need their sleep, so we strongly suggest that the iPad is not taken to bed. We recommend setting a consistent time each evening that the iPad (and mobile phones) are left turned off to charge in a common area of the house.
• If you are experiencing problems, we recommend that you specify:
  - where in the house the iPad can be used.
  - where it is to be stored when not in use (this can be the charging location).
• Whether children are allowed to install games and entertainment apps on their iPad is a family decision.
• Apps such as iMessage and FaceTime can be deactivated if they are proving to be a distraction.

Share the Experience
• Ask your children to teach you how to use the iPad.
• Have a play with the iPad and apps your child uses.
• Have discussion with your children on safe practices such as not broadcasting personal details, locations or images.
• Have a look at what your child is viewing, listening to and playing.

Removing Distractions
• Before starting school work at home, ask your child to:
  - close all irrelevant apps;
  - close all irrelevant webpages.
• if you are experiencing problems with off task behaviour there is the option to set up Guided Access in the accessibility settings. Guided Access limits the iPad to a single app and lets you control which app features are available.
Around the Grounds

Figure Skating
A well-kept secret at St Leo’s has been the blossoming ice-skating career of Year 8 Student Chiara Donagemma. In late November she competed at the Australian Figure Skating Championships which were held in Penrith. Chiara’s team from the Majestic Ice Australia Club did extremely well, with Chiara and her iceskating colleagues winning a silver medal in the Novice Advanced section and a Silver in the Junior team competition.

Well done!

PASS Sailing Excursion
Thursday 26th November 2015.

In late November the two Year 10 PASS classes went on the annual sailing excursion on Sydney Harbour. The sun was shining all day, with wind gusts up to 30km per hour which made for perfect conditions.

Shortly after arriving at Rushcutters Bay the students were split into four groups and schooled by four master sailors, who had previously competed in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. Under motor we left Rushcutters Bay and entered the stunning Sydney Harbour with the Harbour Bridge and Luna Park our target. The students were given control of the yachts on the homeward journey to Rushcutters Bay with the St Leo’s sailing race between the four yachts.

The students and teachers loved the experience. To wallow in our backyard with the backdrop of the Sydney Opera House, The Harbour Bridge, along with the opportunity to view one of the five massive cruise ships that had spent the evening in the harbor was a privilege for all.

Over the day the students experienced teamwork, cooperation, goal-setting, and a large dose of competition, which these students strive on.

Thank you to Miss Watts and Miss Wallington for accompanying us on the day.

We (Mr Wilson and Mr Kember) wish our classes the best of luck as they move into the senior years of the College. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching them over the last two years.

Mr Kember & Mr Wilson
Year 10 PASS teachers
Biathlon
On Thursday 26th November 2015 St Leo’s took a Biathlon Team to Shelly Beach ready for the championships. Unfortunately the opposition got scared due to the hot weather and made a late call to call it off.

In true St Leo’s style we make the best of each situation and attempt to give our students every opportunity in the classroom and outside. We made the decision to run our own Biathlon which gave our competitive students an avenue to test their skill and practise for the lead up to the new date.

Our team thoroughly enjoyed the day and still managed to challenge themselves walking away from the day satisfied and exhausted.

The final bash of the year
St Leo’s vs Killara HS in the Northern District Cup.

St Leo’s went into bat second really owning the pitch. We displayed great strength on bat and ball achieving some outstanding runs. Out on the field our captain carefully positioned our players covering the inner field and boundary well against our opposition. The words of our First XI coach was, ‘We have the home ground advantage and know our pitch really well. Let’s place the ball and make it hard for the opposition to achieve the runs’.

The First XI team won very convincingly putting us into the semi finals to be played next year in 2016.

Pacific School Games
Rohan Bright & Thomas Peregrina are two names that pop up regularly when it comes to sport. When we hear these names we think great attitude, great sportsman and fantastic swimmers.

Most great athletes have the full package. These two gentleman stand for what an athlete should be about. Talent alone does not make them great athletes.

Rohan and Thomas recently headed to the Pacific School Games to represent their country and school in this prestigious international event. What a privilege and honour it was for them to be selected into the Australian Team.

With over 4000 athletes Thomas finished in the top 10 for his final and Rohan finished 4th in his division.
Upcoming Super Star
George Medojevic is one of our many great soccer players here at the College at the moment. However, what makes George special is his unique noticeable talent and his sheer determination and passion to make it to the big time. George has great ball control and can position the ball with pinpoint accuracy at the click of a finger.

His skill and talent is not only recognised here at school but also within the wider Australian community and internationally.

Recently George was selected to travel overseas to train with one of the top European Clubs - FC Schalke from Gelsenkirchen in Germany for two Weeks and the top Serbian Club FC Partizan in Belgrade for one Week. His experience training with some of the top European football players has developed him further making him the player to look out for in the future.

The College Sport Website
The College Sport website opened in Term 1 to give parents and students a gateway to gain quick information on sport as well as acknowledge the achievements of some of our sporting people.

People are still not aware of its existence so when you get an opportunity take a look and keep up to date with information regarding sport.

The website is accessible via the College App or at www.SLCCSport.com

New Broken Bay Sport Website
The Broken Bay Secondary Sports Association (BBSSSA) have been working on a new website which is to reflect the NSWCCC website.

The website will give you all the necessary information regarding sport our College is involved in within the Diocese of Broken Bay. The website will provide a calendar of events, upcoming events, closing dates, registration, results, pathway information and much more.

Broken Bay is proud to present our new website:
www.brokenbaysport.org.au

Please take a look!
**NSWCCC Sport Information**
For all your sporting information at a NSWCCC level including **event dates, registration** for an event, **closing dates, calendar** of events, **results, qualification** process and any other information please visit their website on:


**Need to Register for a NSWCCC event?**
All sporting events in NSWCCC and All-Schools require parents to register and approve their child online.

To register your child for a particular sport for the first time you will need to be allocated a username and password. This can be done by clicking the login button. Following this you will need to click the links below and then follow the prompts:

- ‘What’s my password?’
- ‘I am a parent/guardian of a student’
- ‘Secondary school student’
- ‘I am having trouble logging in’