The St Leo’s newsletter, “The Pride” is now posted on the College Website under St Leo’s News. This print only version will be archived on the College Website and as a hard copy available from the College reception.

Principal’s Message

*One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’*

*Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’*  
*(Mark 12:28-31)*

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

Staff Spirituality Retreat

Last Friday we had our staff spirituality retreat at the Mount St Benedict Centre at Pennant Hills. Staff were broken up into groups to work through a number of sessions before coming together to celebrate a beautiful Mass in the chapel. It is extremely important that staff have these opportunities to nurture and challenge their own spirituality, if they are to facilitate a similar experience for our students. One of the many highlights was the use of Fr Pat McMaugh’s chalice during Mass. Fr.Pat bequeath his precious chalice to the College and I would like to thank Mr Newnham, the Executor of Fr Pat’s estate and Fr. Vince Casey for allowing us to use it before the formalities have been finalised.

At our retreat the staff were taken through a lectio divina to unpack the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke’s Gospel and we had an inspiring discussion about dealing with the struggles and pain that we sometimes face in life. The power of forgiveness that comes out of this parable and the freedom that forgiveness can give to the individual, resonates nicely with Sundays Gospel by Mark, that the two most important commandments are, that God is the one Lord that we must love with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and the second is to love your neighbour as yourself.

I would like to thank all parents for their understanding if this pupil free day caused any disruption to your normal week.

**St Leo’s ‘Year in Review’ Presentation Night - Years 7 - 11**

I quick reminder that the Presentation Night will be held on Friday 14th December, in the Light of Christ Centre this year. This night is a celebration of the entire year for all students Year 7 through to Year 11. The planning has already started to make this a true celebration of all things good about St Leo’s. I have no doubt that our new format will include as many students as possible and make the evening a slick, entertaining event. Please look for more details in the upcoming weeks.

**Parent Network Connections meeting**

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting last week to hear about the wonderful work our new Year 12 leaders are currently doing and to take part in an open discussion regarding representative sport at the College. I would like to thank our new school captain Alex Drum and SRC Presidents, Sophie Carse, Nathan Elliott and Charlotte Ball for their outstanding presentations.
Representative Sport - ‘St Leo's continues to offer Representative Sport!’

I would like to thank the parents that attended the Parent Network Connections meeting last week for their time, feedback and willingness to be involved in such an important discussion. During the meeting, I was informed of a misunderstanding that has been circling around the community in regard to representative sport at St Leo’s. Although the MCC has made the decision to exclude St Leo’s from their competition we are still continuing our involvement in the BBSSSA events that have always been our pathway to NSWCCC representative honours. Our involvement in the MCC and MCCS have never offered a pathway for our students.

We are currently in the process of finalising a number of representative sports options for 2013. These options will be presented to students, parents and staff for their feedback before a final decision is made. Information on our options for 2013 will be produced and distributed in the next Pride edition for parent feedback.

We are at a time of change for sport at St Leo’s however we see this as an opportunity to build on what we already have being part of the BBSSSA and to increase the participation of sport in the College. I can not express strongly enough that St Leo’s will continue to provide opportunities for both boys and girls to represent the College in a variety of sports.

Congratulations to the cricket, tennis and beach volleyball teams for their efforts so far this term. Please check out some of the outstanding results in the sports section of the Pride.

Marc Reicher, Acting Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

What's on in November at St Leo’s Catholic College.

Week 5
Wednesday 7th: Permitted early leave at 2.25
Friday 9th: Yr 12 Formal – Waterview, Bi-Centennial Park. Starting at 7 pm
Friday 9th: selected students to attend BBSSSA Surf & Life Saving Carnival and Biathlon Carnival. Separate excursion note with details
Friday 9th: St Leo’s Feast Day Liturgy starting at 10.25

Week 6
Monday 12th: Year 10 exams start. See timetable in Assistant Principal Page
Monday 12th: Remembrance Day Ceremony starting at 10.45
Tuesday 13th: Year 9 exams start. See timetable in Assistant Principal Page
Wednesday 14th: Years 7 and 8 exams start. See timetable in Assistant Principal Page

Week 7
Tuesday 20th: Excursion-Year 10PASS:Sailing. Separate excursion note for details
Wednesday 21st: BBSSSA Softball Trials.
Wednesday 21st: Permitted early leave at 2.25
Friday 23rd: College Swimming Carnival. Separate note explaining details of timing and venue.

Week 8
Monday 26th: BAT Camp. Monday to Separate note to selected students
Tuesday 27th: Broken Bay Primary Schools softball trials at St Leo’s 4-5.30pm
Tuesday 27th: BBSSSA Lawn Bowls Gaia Day
Thursday 29: Pre-departure check for students involved in World Challenge 10am to 12 noon.
Friday 30th: PAWS Ensemble Evening 6 pm LOC Centre

Examinations
All students have been given an individual copy of their year group’s examination timetable. Expectations of material to be covered in these exams have been given out for each subject. Hopefully since the start of the term students have been engaged in revision of work.

However it is not too late to start now. Below are some ways to help your son/daughter make the best use of this time.

1. Become organised!
Most teenagers have a habit of being disorganised so the best way to start a study technique is to create a study planner. Without a good study planner, a student may lose focus because he or she might be overwhelmed with the school works and activities in school and social life in the couple of weeks left. They can make a planner wherein they will place all their activities into three columns, that is school, sports or hobbies and family and friends. This planner will organise the school and social life and they will also learn to prioritise things that are important to them. Successful students in school always plan their studying ahead of time.

Follow a daily timetable, on the first day it will be a challenge; second day it will become a practice and the third day it will become a habit.

2. Choosing what to study!
Another habit of students when studying is to start with their favorite subjects or lessons. When they eventually come to the less interesting subjects or topics, the students tend to procrastinate and stop studying. Since a person has more mental energy at the start of a study session, the priority has to be the most difficult subjects or lessons. It is better to save the favorite or the best topics for last.

3. Finding Motivation
Students who always associate their studying to their goals and ambitions in life always do better than their peers. Motivation is one great factor in being successful in school.
4. Not letting Anxiety overwhelm

Every student experiences anxiety when taking exams, especially if this is an important test. The only problem with having anxiety is if it affects your performance before, during and after the exam. If experiencing anxiety can cause you poor studying performance then there is have a serious problem. So how do you avoid or reduce exam anxiety? Or how do you reduce exam anxiety?

Always think positive and study thoroughly so you would not have any reason to worry. Motivation is a good driving force to so that you can have more a positive outlook. You should also study with students who are also hardworking. You should study in weeks before your final exam. If you start only the night before the exam, you would leave you stressed and anxiety would result.

Make sure that you arrive on at school with enough time to settle prior to the exam. Rushing will only leave you anxious.

It might be better to look at your test paper first and start with the easier questions. This can build up your confidence in answering the test and it can also reduce anxiety. For those difficult questions, answer them as best as you can. If you are having a hard time with that question, you can skip it and go to the next question. Having time at the end will enable you to go back to these questions.

Create a glossary of any words belonging to your subject matter that you may be able to incorporate in your exam responses.

Practical things to do before the test

# Be sure to find out the following details ahead of time.
  ◦ what material the test will cover
  ◦ what type of test it will be (multiple choice, true false, short answer, essay)
  ◦ how the test will be graded

# Study in a place that is free of distractions. Have ready all the things you will need, such as paper, pens, or a calculator.

# Study at a time when you are alert and not hungry or sleepy.

# Don't wait until the last minute to study! Short daily study sessions are better than one long session the night before the test.

# Set a goal for each study period. If you are being tested on three chapters, set up four study sessions, one for each chapter and one for a review of the main ideas in all three chapters.

# Repetition is key! Read and reread your class notes and the relevant chapters in the textbook.

# While you are reviewing your notes, cover them up periodically and summarize them out loud. Pretend that you are explaining the material to someone else.

# Create your own study aids.
  ◦ Make an outline from your notes of just the main ideas.
  ◦ Make a timeline of important dates or the order of events.
  ◦ Make flashcards for studying vocabulary or events and important dates.
  ◦ Make up your own quiz based on your notes and have a friend, parent or sibling test you.

# Get help from the teacher if you do not understand something.
## Year 7 End Of Year Exam Timetable 2012

(Wednesday 14 Nov to Friday 16 Nov)

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**Good luck!**

Mrs Susan White, Acting Assistant Principal
Pastoral News

Welcome back to Term 1 of Year 12!

At the Year 12 Information evening all students should have received their copy of their Semester 2 report for Year 11 and also the assessment hand book for Year 12. During Tutor time students have worked on a planner to map out when their assessment tasks will take place. This should be placed in a conspicuous place so that students and families are aware of when assessments take place. If students are feeling stressed they need to let either myself or Mrs Sykes know so that we can put things in place to deal with what can become a very stressful year.

Students and parents should read the assessment hand book so that they are aware of not only when the major exam blocks are, but also when "heavy" assessment times are.

Our Student Leaders have been involved in helping with Year 7 Orientation day for our incoming Year 7’s in 2013. Loyola House and Aquinas house have both had House breakfasts this week. Students were asked to bring a particular item to contribute to the breakfast. It was a great occasion and all students enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air.

Mrs Todd, Year 12 Coordinator

Year 10

Students in Year 10 have been continuing their work on the “Study Skills” program during Tutor lessons.

In addition, all students have received their Exam Timetable and information for the End of Year exams to be held in Week 6.

Information and RSVP forms have been sent out by post regarding the Year 10 Semi-Formal.

If your young person is continuing their education at the College next year, they will be required to purchase a Senior College uniform prior to the close of the College Shop on 13th December 2012. The College shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1.45pm. The expectation is that the girls skirt is worn on the waist and reaches to the knee, the blouse is left untucked. For further information, please refer to the College diary.

Angelo Solomonides, Year 10 Coordinator

Year 9

Year 9 Students will be completing study skills workshops in the run up to their exams.

Peter Trainer, Year 9 Co-ordinator

Year 8

Examination timetables have been distributed to all students. These occur during Week 6 and it is hoped that all students have now developed a systematic study plan.

To assist with this, Tutor time is focusing on study methods and examination preparation techniques and strategies that can be adopted or modified for use at home. I am more than happy to help students develop a study plan for themselves.

Thank-you to all members of Aquinas and Loyola Houses for their wonderful contribution to the first of the House Morning teas held yesterday on the oval. This was a great initiative by the Year 12 House Leaders and was a wonderful opportunity for all students in their respective houses to meet as a group.

A reminder that the School Swimming Carnival will be held at Homebush on Friday, November 23. Separate details will be sent out shortly. All students have selected their events but it is not too late to enter others!

Please email me if you have any concerns or questions. andrew.betty@dbb.org.au
Year 7

**Exam Timetable**
Year 7 students have now been issued with their exam timetables. If your son or daughter does not have a timetable, they should see me for a copy. After each exam, Year 7 has some study time for the following exam, so students will need to bring appropriate materials & books to make best use of this time.

Study guides and exam notifications are available from teachers and on the Year 7 Pastoral page which can be accessed through myclasses (on CEnet through the St Leo’s website).

**Tutor Programme**
In tutor time the last few weeks, students have been getting organized for their exams, and preparing for the Year 7 Mass (5th December, 9.30am OLOR) and some students have also been preparing to present an assembly about St Leo to the rest of the form.

**Swimming Carnival**
A reminder that the Swimming Carnival is on the 23rd Nov. at Homebush. We will be travelling there together from school as a group. Students will be given more detailed information closer to the date.

Megan de Kantzow, Year 7 Co-ordinator
Remembrance Day Service
The College will be marking Remembrance Day with a special service at assembly on Monday, 12th Nov. It will serve as a reminder to students about the significance of the day and the sacrifice and resilience of all those who have fought for Australia, and those still involved in the various wars and peacekeeping missions around the world.

This service will be organised by the staff and students of the HSIE faculty.

November – Month of the Holy Souls
In the Catholic calendar, November is the month that has been dedicated as the ‘month of the Holy Souls’. This has been a practice since the sixteenth century, as a reminder to pray especially for the deceased members of our families and our community.

There will be a Book of Remembrance in the chapel, and all members of the College community are invited to write the names of people for whom they would like masses and prayers offered.
A simple prayer that can be said often for the repose of souls:
“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Vinnie’s Christmas Hamper Appeal

Dear Parents,

Christmas is approaching and there are some families who are unable to have a Christmas day and lunch that we know of. That is why this term the Xavier house captains have organised 'The Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal' for all of St Leo's. The Appeal started at the beginning of week 4 and will continue until the last day of school.

Each colour house of each year group eg. year 7 Xavier, year 9 Chanel, has been assigned a specific family for which they will create a hamper for. These house year groups will then donate gifts and foods specific to that family.

Below is a hamper food and gift suggestion sheet of possible items students may wish to bring. Please note that the foods and drinks must be non-perishable as they will have to stay fresh until Christmas Day.

We encourage each student to bring at least one item. Remember the hampers are going to disadvantaged families and with the support and involvement of the St Leo's community we can help out the people in our local community so that they can have a memorable Christmas Day.

Thankyou,

Xavier captains
Nicolette McArdle, Tobruk Sloane, Adam Page
News from around the College

Second hand textbook and uniform trading
I am delighted to inform you of the school’s new initiative to provided parents with the ability to trade second-hand textbooks and uniforms via the Sustainable School Shop. This service replaces the yearly second hand book and uniform sale.

The school is conscious of recycling levels and for the need of an improved mechanism that can service all families.

We welcome the Sustainable School Shop’s offer of free access for 12 months, and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment etc all year round. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our school.

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 1300 683 337 or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on their website.

Website:  www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Ellen Shanahan
Book Supply Co-ordinator

College Shop
Please note that the price of College backpacks is $65, not $60.

Also, volunteers are urgently needed to assist with the Year 7 uniform outfitting on Saturday 10th November, 9am to 2.30pm. Even if you can only help for a couple of hours, that would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea, lunch etc are provided. Please contact College Reception on 9487 3555.

Library News
St Leo’s Reading Challenge
Next Wednesday 75 students from Years 7 and 8 are invited to a pizza lunch in the library. The lunch is to celebrate student reading both within school during wide reading and at home. These students have read at least ten books this year and in many cases many many more. This term just over 130 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive Certificates of Merit or Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates to commend their reading efforts.

Welcome to 2013 Year 7
Last Friday saw a constant stream of next year’s Year 7 students coming into the library as part of their orientation day. We always like to hear the unscripted comments as the student leaders guiding the groups describe the library in glowing terms. I have a wonderful memory of the day: I was telling one group about the wide reading program where for one period a cycle students sit and read fiction. The eyes of two girls lit up with absolute joy at this prospect and they came back during the lunch break to inspect the collection. Many students commented on how much space and how many books we have in this library.

Neryle Sheldon
Teacher Librarian

Debating News
Year 9 vs Year 10 in-school debating mini-comp
Congratulations to the Year 10 team for their narrow win against the Year 9 team. The topic was: That reality television is educational. The Year 10 team members were Dominic Cantrall, Ben Field and Corben Smith and the Year 9 team members were Juliette Dahdah, Andrea Dingley and Bianca Italiano. Thank you to Mrs Champ for her adjudication and very comprehensive feedback.
**Debating Tournament**

We have registered a Year 10 team to compete in the University of Sydney's Junior Debating Tournament to be held next month. The team will compete in three debates against a very high standard of debaters. The student adjudicators provide substantial feedback which makes the day a very worthwhile learning experience.

Neryle Sheldon
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

**Wanted Host families to host a Japanese student at St Leo’s for a period of 9 nights between the 17th March and 26th March 2013.**

The Japanese Students are here to experience Australian Culture and our style of family life and to improve their spoken English. It is important they are supervised, treated as an extension of your family and participate in all family activities during their stay with you. It is also important that the student/s is not allowed to remain in their rooms for excessive periods and that the host family make a conscious effort to encourage the Japanese student in speaking English. If your family speaks a language other than English, please make a conscious effort to use English as much as possible whilst with the Japanese student.

You will receive $50 per student per night to cover your costs for the duration of your student’s visit, and in return you are required to provide:

- Transport to and from school as required. Should any unexpected circumstance arise and you are unable to provide the necessary transport, you will be responsible to make safe suitable alternate arrangements for your student. If not providing transport by car, the cost of the student's bus fares for travel between home and school will be provided by you. Students should never be asked to walk or travel by public transport alone.
- Instruct your student how to keep their money and valuables safe while in your home. You will explain your house rules and set down guidelines for Telephone and Internet usage.
- Provide them with a clean comfortable bed of their own. They may share a room but not a bed.
- Provide three meals and morning tea per day, including school lunches as required. Should no packed lunch be provided, you will provide money for your student to purchase lunch from the school tuck-shop.
- Prior to embarking on any proposed Sightseeing Trip, costs involved will be discussed with your student and decisions made as to who is expected to pay. Students should not be expected to pay for petrol or any normal everyday household usage.

It’s important we have accurate information about your family on our records. If your family situation changes in any way, please give us a call so we can update our records. Pet information is also very important.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Mrs Kate Todd via College Reception on 9487 3555.

**Careers News**

**University of Notre Dame**

New for 2013, Notre Dame’s School of Business is introducing a [Bachelor of Advertising & Public Relations](#) and the School of Philosophy & Theology will offer a double degree option with the [Bachelor of Theology/ Bachelor of Philosophy](#).

The Bachelor of Advertising and Public Relations course provides students with a greater level of specialisation, and adds to a growing range of business degrees at Notre Dame, including the Bachelor of Commerce and the Bachelor of Marketing and Public Relations, as well as newly introduced Masters and other postgraduate programs.

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology double degree option has been developed as a response to the [2011 Decree on the Reform of Ecclesiastical Studies of Philosophy](#), where the Vatican has placed greater emphasis on philosophy and metaphysics as a part of theological study.

For full course description please visit our [Sydney Campus undergraduate course information page](#).
Instructor Internship Opportunity - Applications Now Open

EA have released a limited number of places on their Ski & Snowboard Instructor Internship Programs for the 2013/14 winter season in Canada.

The Program is offered in conjunction with top ski resorts (such as Revelstoke, Big White and Lake Louise) and is very popular with school leavers because it provides an opportunity to obtain paid employment at a top Resort, and complete an internationally recognised ski or snowboard instructing qualification.

11 internship places have been released for Ski Schools in Canada.
Programs start November 2013

EA are looking for students who:
- Have a passion for skiing or snowboarding (Low level intermediate to advanced ability welcome)
- Have a willingness to learn through training and working
- Have an interest in travel and adventure
- Are available between December 2013 and April 2014
- Are looking for a life changing experience
- Have the financial support to participate (the all inclusive program costs start at approx NZ$7200)

* Limited employment positions available in 2013:: Due to limited instructor employment positions and increasing popularity, it is very important that students apply early. Many miss out each season.

* How to apply: contact EA by emailing sstraining@educatingadventures.com. This will also give you access to their online instructor starter kit which includes really handy (and FREE!) information, tips and advice on taking a winter season and entering the ski industry.

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- Are you soon to be a school-leaver?
- Uni isn't for you?
- Want to gain on-the-job experience and earn $$$ from the start?
- Want the right qualification to get your career of to a flying start?

Approaching the busiest time of the year we currently have 13+ different Industry entry-level opportunities for individuals hoping to become Australian Apprentices and/or Trainees. With our reach across all major trades and industries, we are expecting to receive many more.

We are holding 6 assessment days over the next few weeks and hope to see you there. Please submit your application to gain further details.

Industries include:

Apprenticeships:
- Electrical (Current)
- Chef (Current)
- Plumbing & Roofing (Current)
- Shop Fitting & Joinery (Current)
- Refrigeration & Air-conditioning (Current)
- Beauty Therapy (Current)
- Carpentry & Construction
• Manufacturing
• Horticulture
• Mining

**Traineeships:**
• Business Administration *(Current)*
• Information Technology *(Current)*
• Animal Care *(Current)*
• Child Care & Aged Care
• Transport & Logistics

We are holding 6 Assessment days where you will undertake an interview, gain details on our current opportunities and advice on how you can achieve your desired career! This is a chance to be considered for our numerous roles. These sessions will take place in North Sydney, Parramatta & Penrith.

Extrastaff Apprenticeships offers workplace support, paid TAFE training and job security! Once you're a registered apprentice/trainee with Extrastaff Apprenticeships, it's our job to ensure you successfully complete your workplace training and gain your qualification!

To register your interest, please submit your resume via the “apply” link. Alternatively, call Tyron Lawless for a confidential chat on 9458 7450.
Sport News

Broken Bay Tennis
On Tuesday 30th October the St Leo’s Broken Bay Tennis team travelled to the Australian Tennis Academy, Oxford Falls, to compete in the BBSSSA doubles tournament. We entered a total of four teams to take part in the 13’s boys, 15’s boys, open’s boys and opens girls events. The St Leo’s teams competed very well on the day and showed good sportsmanship on court.

All teams faced some tough competition, however, the 13’s Boys and Open’s Boys teams displayed a high quality of doubles tennis to remain undefeated during the three rounds, finishing 1st in their respective pools and moving through to the semi-finals. Congratulations to the 13’s Boys team consisting of Joseph Robinson, Ryan Tulia and Mark Tobin who convincingly won their semi and went on to play in the final. The boy’s hard training was evident on court as there was a significant improvement in their doubles match play, however after gaining an early lead, the boys unfortunately lost in the final to St. Edwards, 1-2, finishing runners up.

The highlight of the St. Leo’s performances was the Open Boy’s team, consisting of Ryan Drewett, Harry McAllister and Sean Heffernan. This team was solid on court all day and were clearly the team to beat going into the final rounds. The boys also convincingly won their semi and went through to the final, continuing their unbeaten run and defeating Mater Maria 2-1. Congratulations to the boys on this fantastic achievement.

St Leo’s tennis is now looking to further expand our competition by taking the finalist teams from the BBSSSA tournament as well as the finalists from the MCCS Girls tournament held last week, to compete in the state-wide NSW Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Tennis Tournament. This will be held later in the month at Pennant Hills Tennis Centre. We wish all the St. Leo’s team the best of luck in this higher level of competition.

Justin Mack
Representative Tennis Coach
A confident St Peter's won the toss and sent in a St Leo's side they know little about, and obviously underestimated. Little did they know that our #11 and 12th man were both coming off tons on the weekend. This shows the depth we've got this year. Guy Seymour and Alby Watts opened up and got things going under way. Guy hit a cheeky 162, which included 20 4's, 5 6's, 4 switch-hits and a scoop shot to bring up his 150. The partnership was finally broken on 233 when Guy was caught on the fence. This triggered a mini-collapse which saw us reeling (not really) at 3-258. Tubby Ahern continued the onslaught with a quickfire 38 before Alby ran himself out in the 90s for the second time this week, finishing on 99. Bourkey hit a quickfire 57 and received support from Utti (31) & Tanner (15*) as we posted a hefty 428-6.

Our turn to bowl as St Peter's sent out their two second grade players to open the batting. They took to Tanner & Utti until Utkarsh broke through in the 10th over with the score on 45. St Peters put up a respectable fight, but lost regular wickets in pursuit of an unrealistic chase of 428. From 4-107 they collapsed to all out 125. Tubby Ahern ripped through the lower order with 5-7 off 7 overs which included a hat-trick. Other wickets to McNay, Don Bourke, DA and John Anderson.

Not a bad start to the competition, but we appreciate this was a once in a lifetime freak win. After all, we lost our way to an extent after being 3-299 with 16 overs to go! A great start to Alby Watts, John Anderson and Nick McNay in their A Grade debuts. Hopefully this is a positive sign of things to come.
Parent Network

The last Parent Network meeting for 2012 was this week.

These meetings are held so parents and caregivers of St Leo’s feel connected:
• Connected as parents with teenagers or pre-teens keen on achieving the best for their children
• Connected to the College and its values

This connection comes from sharing our experiences as parents and supporting the school to achieve its goals for our children by being informed and engaged.

It was wonderful this Term to hear from our 2013 College leaders and what they have to offer next year.

Thank you to all who supported these meetings by attending and we hope to see others next year. Thank you also to the College Leadership team who came, delivered information and gave us a chance to know them better.

It is not too late to answer the call from the last Pride Newsletter to:
1. Support Mr Gleeson
2. Help at the Year 7 information evening
3. Come along to Year 7 social celebration with your children

Over recent articles we have highlighted ways as parents you can become more engaged in the school, its activities and your children’s learning. Over the next month there are many practical ways to get involved on offer:

Mr Gleeson Gift Hamper – Will be packed up this Friday 2 November. Mr Gleeson’s 6 month “anniversary” Hamper will be to delivered to him at home this weekend.

If as part of the parent community you would like to practically assist Mr Gleeson please bring into the College reception donations of:

Non – perishable food items for 3 growing boys for morning & afternoon teas etc. These may include muesli bars, popcorn, fruit bars, lunchbox snacks, biscuits, juices, cake mixes or any other creative ideas
Monetary donations to assist with hired help for garden and house maintenance.

Please bring in to college reception by Friday 2 November.

Seeking servers for tea & coffee for Year 7 2013 Information evening on Tuesday 6 November

Could you help welcome our new parents for 2013 into the school by serving a cup of tea or coffee at school from approx. 6.45pm. If you can help please email Marinela Mendes: mendes@bigpond.net.au ASAP.

Year 7 Social event for Families – Sunday 4 November

Year 7 families look out for the invite that went coming home to celebrate the end of the first year of high school. The opening BBQ was such a great success, let’s get together at the end of the year and meet the new friends!

Please RSVP by Friday 2 November so we can reserve tables

Sunday 4 November from 5.00pm
Hotel Pennant Hills, Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills
Come for drink, dinner or coffee
Parents, children and siblings all invited
Playground, TVs etc. all on site

We will be reserving tables so we are all together and can identify each other.
RSVP via email to Julie Kelly on jojukelly@bigpond.com if you are coming. Julie just needs your family name and number of family members attending.
Uniform Fitting 10 November
Uniform Shop outfitting for Year 7 2013 is Saturday 10 November 9am-2.30pm.

Uniform fittings for Year 11 2013, are per the Uniform hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you evening for all St Leo's College volunteers
Tuesday 13 November 2012 from 6pm.
Look out for your invitation and join in to celebrate the achievements resulting from our collective contributions.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, St. Leo's parents and Year 11 and 12 students prepare and serve hot meals to those without a home in the Hornsby area. We are currently preparing the roster for the December/January school holiday period, when we will take some extra shifts. Volunteers can choose to cook, serve or even drive the van. A wonderful way to serve those in need and get to know your fellow St. Leo's parents at the same time. Please contact Connie Klimko cklimko@au1.ibm.com or phone 0407 603 877 if you are interested in volunteering.

In other parent news:

Who were What was the crowd of 600 parents at St Leo's hall on 19 September?

Thanks for the great feedback we also received from the College Board last week on the very successful seminar by the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC) Guest speaker Celia Lashlie on Growing Good Boys into Gorgeous Men.

There will be other free talks advertised in 2013 and the DPC website has great resources for parents with questions so please take a look at:
Diocesan Parent Council Website  

Want to know what’s happening in our diocese?

The new DPC website aims to keep parents in touch with their child’s education and events within the diocese.

Available information for parents and schools includes:

- upcoming parent seminars
- parent seminar presentations & notes
- relevant links for education & parenting issues
- practical resources and support for P&F 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.

Register for Parent Seminar

[Form]

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An Invitation

The College Leadership team invite all parents who have helped out at the College throughout the year to a thank you celebration on

Tuesday November 13
From 6pm – 8pm
In the College Library
Light refreshments will be served

If you have helped at the College this year please contact College reception on 9487 3555.

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Saturday
24th November 2012
9am – 3pm

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9am – 3pm
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Come along for a fantastic day full of fun!

For more information please contact
Groome Gates Phone 0418 485 322

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