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

2nd Sunday of Lent –
“...While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, This is my chosen Son; listen to him....” (Luke 9:28-36)

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

In this Sunday’s Gospel - like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to hear the prophet-like-Moses in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved. Just as Jesus did - some of us actually need to go alone or together to a mountain top or place of extraordinary natural beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I have given some examples below of how some members of our community have gained strength – from some of the simple things in life – giving to others.

Over the past few months whilst I have been recuperating I have been doing quite a bit of reading, both professionally and recreation. One of the great reports I read was from the Australian Family-School & Community Partnerships Bureau. The report certainly not only supports but strengthens our 2013 School Improvement Plan (SIP), particularly in Goal No 2 -

Optimising every student’s learning outcomes through: staff gearing their teaching to address the individual needs of students, students taking responsibility for their own learning and self evaluation and parents working in partnership with the College.
(Data used: Staff, student and parent feedback, analysis of NAPLAN, Allwell and HSC results).

The report (which I distributed to members of the College Board last evening) highlights “…the key to facilitating positive change in a child’s academic attainment is the engagement of parents in learning outcomes in the home…” (2012: Pg 8). This is in the vicinity of around 40-60% of home contributes to student achievement.

A great way to start this year for you as parents is to come along the upcoming Year Group specific Information Evenings -

Yr 8 – Tuesday 26 February at 6.30pm    Yr 10 – Tuesday 26 February at 7.45pm
Yr 9 – Wednesday 27 February at 6.30pm    Yr 11 – Wednesday 27 February at 7.45pm

At these meetings the Assessment Booklets will be distributed. These will give valuable information to you as parents – so you can have informed discussions with your children about their learning at St Leo’s. I will also be addressing our current issues and our future plans for 2013. I hope to see you all there on the respective evening.

Some Great News Stories from Around the College in the past Two Weeks:
Our first combined Opening Mass & Ash Wednesday Liturgy with OLOR (Yrs 3-6) and the Parishioners from Hornsby Cathedral Parish in the Light of Christ Centre last Wednesday week. Mass and Liturgy were celebrated with our Priest In Charge – (Very Rev) Robert Borg. Below are just one of the emails congratulating your children on their respect and behaviour during this great occasion.

“...Just a quick comment to say how impressed I was by both your staff and students at this liturgy. You, and they, obviously take pride in the way they conduct themselves…”

The terrific work that our “The Dish” parents and friends have done over the Christmas holidays. An excerpt from the latest report –

“...I am truly humbled by the cheerful dedication that our volunteers demonstrate, week after week. Over the last eight Tuesdays including Christmas, St Leo’s has staffed six shifts and each time our cooks have prepared food that is tasty, nourishing and made with love and care. Our servers are no less fantastic, not just at providing food and drinks to our friends, but genuinely connecting with them, sharing a laugh and lending an ear. And the great thing is, I know that as volunteers, we are getting as much value from this as those we serve…”

11 of our Year 11 students will be following in the footsteps of three of this year’s Year 12 students who are training to become assistant Catechists for the local State schools.

1st XI Boys Cricket team have reached the Semi Finals in the Northern Districts Cup – playing Hills Sports High School today. This team have also reached the Semi Final in the Downey Trophy – Vs De La Salle Revesby. This is the highest we have ever reached in the competition to date!

Blues Award – Kieran Toner – Australian Schoolboys Representative – Touch Football.

An increased number of parents and friends giving up their time for training and coming together to mentor our students in both the Literacy and Numeracy Support Groups for this year.

Great examples of our St Leo’s community living out the Gospel values.

“...Help one another and forgive and forget anything painful in the past…” St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 1882

AF Gleeson, College Principal
Wearing the Uniform with Pride

As with any organisation that has a common uniform for its members there are expectations to go with the wearing of that uniform. The community of St Leo’s Catholic College has chosen to have a uniform for its student body.

Students are expected to wear their college uniform for a number of reasons. For one it allows the wearer to focus upon the purpose for being at school rather than caught up in the cultural identity of “what to wear”. Though a myth the Albert Einstein concept of wearing the same type of clothing each day so that the mind could be focused upon more important affairs does hold some truth. For another reason the school uniform is part of the public identity of the College and we all want St Leo’s to be viewed in the best light possible.

When enrolling your child/ren at the College you were very aware of this identity and agreed to assist the College in maintaining this positive corporate image.

While many students present themselves in an appropriate manner most days all too often teachers are having to spend time on this most basic area of compliance to College rules. We ask parents in their partnership with the school to please assist where possible in this area.

The rules of uniform and personal grooming are prominently identified within the College Diary. This weekend could parents please make themselves familiar with this section. Areas of concern are:

- boys’ failure to wear a belt so that their shirts can stay tucked in, in the appropriate manner.
- length of the senior girls skirts. Unfortunately in a number of cases in Year 11 the skirts have been shortened – this needs to be addressed with the hem let down to the appropriate length
- wearing of make-up and nail polish.
- the number and placement of piercings

Teachers will be issuing uniform infringement notices through tutor classes over the next few weeks. If such a note or comment is brought home it would be helpful if parents assisted their child in meeting the expectations of the College rules.

As all parents would appreciate allowing your child to deflect responsibility for their own behaviour by comparing themselves to others and “what they get away with” does not lead to a mature formation of the concept of individual responsibility. The challenge is to each child to do the right thing by themselves and the College and for every parent to support the College when the challenge is put to their child.

Congratulations to Ciaran Toner (Year 12, 2012) for his NSWCCC Blue Award for sporting excellence for Touch in 2012. This award is presented to students who achieve state or national representative level in selected sports.

Up Coming College Events for Your Calendars

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Please note **Year 12 Half Year Examinations** are from **Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12 April**. A separate timetable will be published for the students closer to the starting date.

*Mrs Susan White, Acting Assistant Principal*
Pastoral News

Year 7 News

Yr 7 Learning about St Leo’s
Every year Yr 7 students learn about the history of the College in their religion class. Students engage in a number of learning activities which include such things as sketching the inside of the Chapel, researching the life of St Leo and going on a tour of the College. Ralph Kershler has been showing students around the College for more than 20 years and his expert knowledge and enthusiastic presentation becomes a highlight students remember well after the lesson has passed. Yr 7 Religion teachers assist students in class to complete all components of the assessment. Whilst providing an opportunity to learn about St Leo’s the assignment is a creative way to start the year!

Ms Jane Roberts
Yr 7 Coordinator

Year 11 News

I would like to welcome 2 new students and their families who joined us in week 2 into Year 11 here at St. Leo’s Catholic College:

Chloe Tysoe
Marika Suzuki

During week 4 tutor lessons, Year 11 students have had the opportunity to discuss the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Perhaps this discussion could continue at home:
What is the main message of the story?
What is the message for us?

The Year 11 Parent & Student Information night is just around the corner. It will be held on the Wednesday the 27th of February, 2013. It will begin promptly at 7:45pm.

Angelo Solomonides
Year 11 Coordinator
Vinnie’s Night Patrol

Senior students volunteer to help the hungry and homeless of Sydney

Last Friday night, when most of us were unwinding and relaxing at the start of the weekend, eight students from year 11, accompanied by Ralph (youth minister) and Barbara Kershler went out into the streets of Sydney’s CBD and distributed food and drink to the hungry and homeless of Sydney. A significant aspect of this monthly initiative at St Leo’s, is the connection and conversation that both students and the people ‘being ministered’ to, experience. The students always come back with a new perspective on life, and are almost always surprised that poverty of this nature exists on their doorstep.

As preparation for this exercise, students from other year groups, as well as other year 11 students, spent their lunch-time preparing the food that was taken out, and distributed.

Saint Leo’s staff and students volunteer their time once a month on a Friday night toward this social justice activity.

Opening College Mass - Ash Wednesday 13th Feb 2013

The College celebrated its Opening Mass for 2013 in the true spirit of ‘integrating faith and life’ as the one thousand strong St Leo’s College community joined with Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, as well as members of the parish community to share a very special Ash Wednesday Mass. This was followed by the College opening traditions of the blessing of our candles, and statements of commitment to the faith life, ethos and values of the College. This special occasion was presided over by Fr Robert Borg, the Parish Priest of the Cathedral, and Dean Roberto.
News from around the College

Competitions
Movie making and writing
Movie making

Entries are now open for the 2013 IPAF ATOM awards. This year’s awards span twenty-nine diverse categories, with six categories specifically for primary and secondary students:
Best middle school (7-10) film production
Best middle school (7-10) animation (claymation, drawing, cell, 2D & 3D)
Best senior secondary animation (claymation, drawing, cell, 2D & 3D)
Best senior secondary documentary
Best senior secondary fiction
Best senior secondary music video
There are also seventeen open categories. Students who feel that their productions will be competitive at the highest level are welcome to enter these too.

www.atomawards.org  Enter online. Entries close 28 June.

Writing
www.write4fun.net
Entry is free and open to all students. Stories and poems can be on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE with stories to be no more than 500 words and poems no more than 16 lines in length. Great prizes are up for grabs including $1000 cash first prize and an iPod Touch, an Xbox 360 or a Kindle Fire E-Reader. Entries close 31 March.

Information about competitions is on the noticeboard near the library entrance.
Neryle Sheldon
Competitions Coordinator
Chess

OzSchools Chess Challenge
This is a 7 round lunchtime competition starting soon. All students are welcome to enter. Please register your interest with Mrs Sheldon in the library. More updates and information coming soon. Watch this space.

Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge
To be held at Macquarie University on Sunday 24 March 9.30am - 3.30pm. Entry fee is $36 per team. A canteen will be provided with food and drinks for purchase. Closing date for entries is 15 March.

Social chess
All are welcome to come to the library and play friendly games of chess. Invite someone to a game of chess and head to the library for a chilled atmosphere.

Neryle Sheldon
Teacher Librarian

Debating News

CSDA Debating Competition starting soon
Teams are being formed for this year’s competition. This year the competition consists of six rounds which means an earlier start. Round one will be held on Friday evening 5 April (Week 10) and Round two will be held on Friday evening 12 April (Week 11). The earlier start ensures the competition will finish in Term 2.

We are especially looking to encourage Year 7 students to participate in debating. Watching students develop their skills and confidence as they progress through their secondary years is always a wonderful experience for teachers and parents.

Neryle Sheldon
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

Public Speaking

CSDA Public Speaking competition
On Friday evening, five students in years 7 to 10 are competing in Round one of a three round public speaking competition run by the Catholic Schools Debating Association. The topics for the competition are: Paying the price; Our biggest failure; The price of freedom; Life in the fast lane; and Are we there yet? We wish our students well.

Neryle Sheldon
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator
Our Rising Stars In Athletics

The Nationals

Jordan Barnes and Bethany Halmy of year 12 recently participated at the National Athletic Championships.

Bethany placed 2nd in her 800m event and she also placed 5th in her 400m event.

Jordan placed 4th in the 110m hurdles event, with a time that gave an Under 20’s national ranking of 5th. He also placed 3rd in the 200m event.

Both Jordan and Bethany competed in the Under 20’s age category.

What a fantastic achievement for both students who have competed in an age division two years higher then their own.

Both students are currently completing their HSC this year and still manage to balance their training at such an elite level with study.

Credit must be given to the both of them. Well done!!

ST LEO’S COLLEGE MAKES HISTORY

Our First XI Cricket Team

What a fantastic start to the year in sport.

Our College First XI Cricket team played in their Quarter Final for the Downie Shield against St Gregory’s College, last year’s national champions.

It was a slow start to the day with a little rain which meant the cover needed to go on to protect our turf wicket.

Eventually the rain blew over and we were able to begin our match.

St Leo’s won the toss and elected to field first.

St Gregory’s College was all out for 50 runs. Although it was only 50 runs St Leo’s was not going to underestimate the experience of St Gregory’s team. In the end we came through to take the win.

This has put us in finals contention with the semi-final just around the corner against either St Stanislaus College Bathurst or Edmund Rice College Wollongong.

From my understanding, this is a first for St Leo’s Catholic College. I must commend the team who have really gelled together over they years not only as schoolboy cricketers but now as men, who for most prepare to finish their final year of school.

A big congratulation also needs to go to the coach Will Fiedler who has been there and supported the boys along their way.

Our current first XI team are two time MCC Cricket Champions of who did not get the chance to go for number three. The Downie Shield competition has been a great opportunity for our team to prove their worthiness in the Cricket world and to earn them the respect they deserve from many great players and teams across the country.
Not only have we made the semi-finals in the Downie Shield but we have also made the semi-finals in the Northern District Cup. We are to go up against Hills Sports High School next Week.

I would like to encourage the St Leo’s Community to get behind our boys and support them in their endeavors of reaching the Grand Final something they are truly capable of accomplishing.

The boys have a lot of hard work ahead of them in making this dream a reality. Personally I would like to wish them the best of luck!!

Good luck guys, you are doing us proud!

- Luke Trotz (Head of Sport)

Another Australian Representative

St Leo’s continues to shine in the world of school sport.

Ciaron Toner who finished year 12 in 2012 was selected to represent the Australian School boys in Touch Football.

It was only a couple a Weeks ago that he was jet setting to New Zealand to take on the Kiwis.

Throughout the numerous pathway events at Broken Bay, NSWCCC & All-schools Ciaron really stood out from day one as a talented athlete and went onto represent his Country in school boy Touch Football.

Early in 2013 Ciaron was awarded a Blues Award by NSWCCC in recognition for his elitism in the sport of Touch Football and as an Australian Representative.

St Leo’s College would like to wish Ciaron the best of luck in his future endeavors. Well done!!

THE TARGETED SPORT PROGRAM (TSP)

The sporting year has begun with our first selection trials taking place for Basketball and Touch Football in preparation for the upcoming Broken Bay Gala Day.

Broken Bay serves as our pathway to a higher level in sport.

Students who have not made the St Leo’s All-Stars Representative team will form part of the Targeted Sport Program (TSP).

The TSP acts as a development squad in selected sports and allows students to receive that specialised training they deserve in order to grow as an individual and as a team in their interested sport.

The TSP stops that gap between your high achieving athletes and those fringe athletes who don’t make a representative team. It gives students the confidence to grow and develop together in their skills as a team rather then turning an individual away from a sport because of their fear of failure. The TSP also helps the high achieving athletes develop and refine their skill and knowledge of a particular sport at a much higher level then your typical school sport.

Students who have been selected in the All-Stars team will also be required to train in the TSP. Should a student in the TSP improve throughout the year or someone becomes complacent in the All-Stars team can mean they potentially loose their position in the All-Stars team. Another individual then takes their place. The TSP is the feeder to higher representation known as our All-Stars team.

Students who have been selected into the TSP and All-Stars team will receive a letter of acknowledgement and an agreement form.
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**St. Leo’s Catholic College**

**Sports Calendar for Term 1 2013**

As of 24th January 2013

*Please use as a guide only – subject to change*
Greetings from all the staff at WEP Australia!

Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. It is also a great way for all your students to learn more about another culture and help each other with their language study.

Would you please help us inform your students and parents about WEP’s wonderful hosting program, by including the below short message in your next newsletter?

Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

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.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au
MEDIA RELEASE: OPEN WEEKEND
SATURDAY 16th & SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2013
CHILD’S PLAY:
DOLLS, TOYS & GAMES

Join us for our first open weekend of 2013 to celebrate the nostalgic wonder of ‘dolls, toys and games’ from the past to the present day. Highlights of the day include displays and demonstrations from the Doll Collectors Club of NSW, the Meccano Modellers Association (Sydney) and the Australian Pedal Car Club. Unveiled as part of the intriguing Wirth Circus family doll, recently donated to the Powerhouse Collection, is a new mini workshop to get crafty using felt to create a small toy or picture. Young discoverers can make their own ‘wheely box car’ and adult visitors can book to go behind-the-scenes on our Big Toy tour to view objects from our transport and model collections.

OPEN WEEKEND PROGRAM – 10.00am—4.00pm

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL PROGRAMS OFFERED OVER THE TWO DAYS ARE FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION.

DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Dolls Collectors Club of NSW
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

For our open weekend the Doll Collectors Club of NSW has commissioned a number of doll displays from the collections of their members. Displays will include a special themed doll display to mark St Patrick’s Day, a display of collectible Australiana dolls including Nelly, Nana and the Kiwi dolls, as well as a beautiful Japanese orientated doll display and a display of Islamic Thaliath dolls. On the Sunday morning a special behind-the-scenes visit to dress dolls will be conducted. These delicate dolls are the work of adoring mothers for their daughters and some are well over a century old. On Sunday all visitors can bring along their dolls for advice and valuation. A gold coin donation to the Guide Dogs Australia, the 2013 non-profit charity for the Doll Collectors Club of NSW, would be appreciated for all valuations. Please note all doll valuations are provided by members of the Doll Collectors Club of NSW and are not endorsed by the Powerhouse Museum.

Persian Doll Making
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Recently donated to the Powerhouse Collection by the Wirth family and publicly exhibited for the first time, this exquisite composition doll was forged and carved in Northern Persia, Iran — c. 1800. The doll is a traditional portrayal of a young girl in traditional clothing. Persians, who are known for their craftsmanship and fine detail, began doll-making as early as the 18th century. Join Carmen, one of the world’s greatest dollmakers, and create your own Persian doll on Sunday.

A Very Unusual Doll from the Wirth Circus Collection
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Recently acquired by the Powerhouse Collection, the Wirth family and publicly exhibited for the first time, this magnificent composition doll is one of the last remaining Wirth dolls. Taken from the Wirth family’s private collection, the doll has been made to commemorate the Wirth Brothers’ “Dolliest Show on Earth.” Join Carmen in creating your own Wirth Brothers Circus doll. A ‘faux’ coat button and “Dolliest Show on Earth” printed on the coat also become part of the doll. Available for $50 each.

Carmen’s Pixie Dolls
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—2.00pm

Carmen Lestonnac’s love of miniature toys led her to make her handmade, pixie dolls for her daughter and for friends as birthday gifts. Carmen will demonstrate the display of her handmade miniature dolls in an imaginary world of dolls and miniatures. Visitors will create their own miniature dolls and take them home with them. Suitable for ages 5-7 years. $25 each.

DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS (CONTINUED)

Meccano Modellers Association (Sydney)
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Join members of the Meccano Modellers Association Sydney as they display and demonstrate a selection of their working Meccano models. Highlights include: Nobby 30 classic locomotive, as well as trucks, trains, a Chinese dovecote, an extraordinary ferry and other machines.

Mysterious Anniversary Display
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Enjoy a display of 1940s Earls Toyland and a selection from the Museum of Western Australian Treasures to mark the 60th anniversary of Wrigley collectable toys.

Rubby’s Cubie Scube: Mindstorm Inventor
Saturday 16th March 2013
10.00am—3.30pm

Join young mind inventors. Juri, vlk the world’s leading Lego® Mindstorms N1 building project, the Rubby’s Cubie Sober. With his little Rubby’s Cubie Sox he will play fridge, soccer and the Rubby’s Cubie Sober using Lego® N1 components, a new play on the Rubby’s Cubie Scube game. Other Mindstorm Inventor projects can be viewed online at Juri’s website http://mymindprojects.juliom.com.

Animal: The Art of Japanese Hand-Drawn Animation
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Jovanta Costis has been hand drawing anime since she was 12 years old. Jovanta developed her passion for anime during childhood and she has never lost her interest in Japan and is now enrolled in the National Art School in Sydney. On our open weekend, Jovanta will display examples of her anime drawings as well as demonstrate her anime drawing technique for visitors.

Australian Pedal Car Club Inc
Saturday 16th March 2013
10.00am—2.00pm

Pedal car enthusiasts in the 1940s and 1950s, people also became one of the most desirable collectibles. Join members of the Australian Pedal Car Club Inc, for an outdoor display of beautifully restored pedal cars from Australia, manufacturers Cudgel, Pedalee, J. O. Mike and Butler, including a home-built pedal motorcycle and steamer, a lovely wooden Overland, a replica of the Castle Hill race locomotive, 1928 Cudgel pedal aeroplane and 1930s Cudgel wooden horse ‘Pony Express’.

MINI WORKSHOP

Fun with Putty
Saturday 16th March 2013
11.00am—12.30pm and 1.00pm—2.30pm

Saturday Doll Collector Club of NSW member, Sandie Hensey, will conduct workshops to introduce children to the art of working with felt to create your own felt picture to take home. $6 per child (30 per child Powerhouse members. Suitable for 4-7 years. Children aged 4-7 years must be accompanied and assisted by an adult. Spaces strictly limited to 20 children per workshop. Book online at www.carmen@powerhousemuseum.com.au or call 9706 5129.

MAKE-AND-DO ACTIVITIES

Wholey Blair Cars
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Make a ‘wholey’ box car using cardboard box with paper plates for wheels! Then decorate your vehicle and get ready to explore the Discovery Centre in your new hot rod! Suitable for 4-7 years. Wholey Blair cars sold.

Meccano Programs
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Young discoverers are invited to join in to create stunning machines using Meccano construction components courtesy of the Meccano Modellers Association (Sydney). Please note that this activity does not include Meccano to take home. Suitable for 5-7 years. Adult assistance and supervision is essential.

The Senses at Play
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
11.00am—3.00pm

Join us in the Conservatory and Sculpture, Capehorn or maybe even Twilight! Test your skills with a lula hopscotch a skipping rope or an egg. As part of our open weekend program, we will host a selection of nostalgia celebrated games for children and to enjoy our outdoor lawn and weekend area. Suitable for 4-7 years. Adult assistance and supervision is essential.

Discovery Trails
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013
10.00am—4.00pm

Enjoy a self-guided treasure activity trail that links young discoverers on a journey of discovery through the Discovery Centre, focused on the senses. A discovery trail on one of the senses, seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing, feeling, rational and creating. Suitable for 5-7 years. Adult assistance and supervision is essential.

Face Painting with Fairy Jasmine
Sunday 17th March 2013
11.00am—2.00pm

Jasmine’s face painting is a delightful activity designed to create a fabulous face design and ensure a delightful appearance. Suitable for 3-7 years. Adult supervision is essential.
OBJECT SHORT TALKS

Enjoy a weekend program of short informal talks by Discovery Centre volunteers on stories behind some of the iconic museum objects on display at the Discovery Centre, including Miss Goddard's and maharani of the Dehli International Exhibition of 1879, steam locomotives, a giant Australian Friesian ewe and a solar sail robot called Brysa. The weekend program will also include talks by members of the Museum's Maritime Association (Snr.), the Australian Postal Car Club and the 22nd Collection of NSW on their respective open weekend displays. The object short talks program will be available from the admissions desk on the open weekend.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

$15 adult / $10 concession, members (includes general admission). Spaces are strictly limited to a maximum of 20 participants per tour, pre-booking is essential. Limited to visitors aged 12+ years. Conditions apply.

Big Toys: Transport Collection
Saturday 16th March 2013 | 11.00am—12.00pm (Duration: 60 minutes)
Sunday 17th March 2013 | 11.00am—12.00pm (Duration: 60 minutes)

Travel, planes and even automobiles! Come behind the scenes for a guided tour revealing the fascinating stories of some of the iconic objects in the Powerhouse Museum's Transport Collection. Highlights include a barge, from the 1860s, a beautifully restored, locally built Yarra and Sons ship model, which is a significant example of a traditional wooden horse-drawn passenger vehicle, an early 20th century Stanley Steamer, a 20th century electric-powered Puch mop car belonging to the Druitt family, the Australian designed and built Noise Fang sports car and a selection of bicycles, including early Penny Farthings and an Olympic Surprise.

Big Toys: Aero Collection
Saturday 16th March 2013 | 12.30pm—1.30pm (Duration: 60 minutes)
Up, up and away! Join Discovery Centre volunteers for an insightful tour of aero-related objects stowed at the Castle Hill site. The tour begins with a tour of various scale model aircraft, early and extremely rare "light" models by Sir Lawrence Hargrave, and the full scale "Airship" Geronimo VH-LCD, built by celebrated balloonist G. Henry in the 1930s. The tour also includes the highly significant Sir Henry Bessemer Collection, one of the world's last collections of early 20th century aero engines. This collection includes a 3-cylinder Anzani engine, a French "Ly Rest" and "Grumman", the American "Liberty" engine, a rare Whitley W27/700 Turboprop, a Rolls Royce Merlin, and an Australian designed Harkness Romney.

Models and Their Makers
Saturday 16th March 2013 | 1.30pm—2.30pm (Duration: 60 minutes)
Sunday 17th March 2013 | 1.00pm—2.00pm (Duration: 60 minutes)
Do you remember making an Airfix model plane or playing with a model tank set as a child? Model making is a very meditative process, sometimes taking years to complete one single scale model. Come behind the scenes to view highlights of the Powerhouse Museum's extensive, worldwide collection of models stowed at Castle Hill. The collection includes a wide range of models of engines designed for industrial and agricultural applications, as well as transport-related models including ship, aircraft, road and rail vehicle models, and fictional models and rare late 19th century botanical and geological models.

FOOD & DRINK

1st Callville Scouts | 10.00am—12.00pm, Saturday 16th March 2013
1st Dual Scouts | 10.00am—12.00pm, Sunday 17th March 2013

Support the fundraising projects of the 1st Callville and 1st Dual Scouts by purchasing your lunch or snack from their open weekend bakeries.

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