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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
“…Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men”. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him…” (Luke 5:1-11)

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

Welcome to the opening term of 2013 at St Leo’s Catholic College, Wahroonga. The College community has much to be proud of as it looks back on the achievements of 2012 and it is with great anticipation that we look forward to the year ahead.

A warm welcome to our 174 new students and their parents in Year 7, our 26 new students in Years 8-11 and our two German Exchange Students – in Year 11 this year. I am sure you all feel very comfortable in our community already.

I am very privileged and proud to be again leading this community after my initial injury I sustained in May last year. In my absence I would like to very much thank the College Leadership Team who took on extra duties and roles and ensured that the very essence of our unique community here at St Leo’s was always at the forefront of all decision making. I am very much aware of the sheer volume of work each one did to not only maintaining the College but also to continue to enhance the outcomes for all.

It is a great sign in sustainability that the College can continue to improve if one of the key players takes unexpected illness for 7 months.

Our Leadership Team:
Mr Marc Reicher – who was the Acting Principal (now seconded to Mater Maria, Warriewood as Acting Assistant Principal).
Mrs Susan White – Acting Assistant Principal – who will remain in this role for the remainder of 2013 whilst Mr Reicher is on secondment.
Mrs Jamila Torpy – Acting Director of Mission – who will also continue with this role in 2013
Mrs Louise Fentoullis – Director of Pastoral Care and the Middle School
Mrs Julie Macri – Director of Administration
Mrs Lindy Sykes – Director of the Senior School
Mrs Brenda Timp – Director of Learning and Teaching
Mr Paul Anicic – Business Manager

I could not wish for a better team. Thankyou.

As I have experienced the goodness of our community, particularly over the past few months from our parents and students. Each family will shortly receive a letter from me to thankyou for your prayers, best wishes and gifts.

Last Monday we had our Welcoming and 2012 ATAR Assembly in the Light of Christ Centre with our new students, current students, staff, past students and their parents. The purpose of the Assembly was to set
the theme and expectations for 2013 as well as to announce and recognise the excellent results from the HSC and NAPLAN 2012. I also highlighted some of the many great events and achievements from 2012.

It was great to hear wise words of wisdom from our three top academic students. I am sure our students will take up the proven suggestions made by these past students and use them to maximise their own results – whatever Year group they are in this year.

2012 HSC Results
St Leo’s has continued its consistent performance and improvement in the Higher School Certificate. From a total of 723 examinations attempted, 36% of results were in Bands 5 and 6 and 76% of scores were in Bands 4.5 and 6. Excellent results were achieved in all Key Learning Areas. Wade Pedderson received the top ATAR or 95.45. As of last Friday 14 students received an ATAR of 90 or above. Seventeen students appeared in the Board of Studies Distinguished Achievers List. Further information and TAFE entrance will be provided to the Leo’s community on the upcoming Parent Information Evenings. Congratulations to Yr 12, their families and the staff who supported their HSC journey.

Staffing
On behalf of the College community, I welcome 4 new members to the College staff:
Mr Michael Kember (PDHPE & Mathematics), Ms Michelle Montiero (HSIE), Ms Angela Renwick (Mathematics) and Ms Melanie Sandbach (Religious Education).

Opening College Mass and Ash Wednesday Liturgy
All parents are invited to our College Commencement Mass which will take place in the Light of Christ Centre on this Wednesday 13th February at 9.30 am. This significant event, which officially celebrates the beginning of the school year, will also include the distribution of Ashes, a Commissioning Ceremony for our new members of staff and a Blessing of new students. This year for the first time will be joined by OLOR and as well as the parishioners of our Cathedral Parish, Waitara.

Strategic Directions
Our 2012-2014 Strategic Plan is well under way. With input from staff, students and parents last year – a 2013 College School Improvement Plan was devised. This “SIP” will enable us to meet our goals for the Strategic Plan. The plan is based on three areas -
The understanding and participation of members of the College community in faith development, liturgy and mission.
Staff gearing their teaching to address the individual needs of students. At the same time students taking responsibility for their own learning and self evaluation, whilst parents working in partnership with the College.
The development and implementation of the College Master Plan for our buildings and facilities.
I will be addressing each of these in our upcoming Parent Information Evenings.

Last week I had a meeting with a parent of one of our Year 11 students. I would ask for your prayers to be offered for Kiernan Damayo who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. We will see Kiernan back in June or July this year.
At this week’s assembly we dedicated a prayer for him which will be said at all our gatherings till he returns.

Good luck to our Senior Cricket team for next Friday who are playing the National Champions, (Downie Trophy) St Gregory’s College here on Donnelly Oval. This is the furthest we have achieved since we have been in this competition.

There will be many exciting developments at St Leo’s during 2013. These will be outlined at our upcoming Information Evenings. I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

“…We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them…” St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 1882)

AF Gleeson, College Principal
Message from the Assistant Principal

Welcome back all existing students and staff of the St Leo’s community and a welcome to all new staff and students.

Welcome to our new students for Years 8 to 11

Yr 8 – Jenny Nguyen, Raymond Takchi, Georgia Simmonds, Tara Livermore, Elena Jack, Joyce Wong
Yr 9 – Gio Olivar (returning), Amar Gehra, Tim Swanson, Lucy Jenkin, Camilla Hanlon, Nicholas Lee, Elizabeth Fallance
Yr 10 – Sidney Chan, Emily Swanson, Adair Sheppard, Jack Burgman, Lachlan Campbell
Yr 11 – Lillian de Kantzow, Joanna Keen, Adelaide Fragiaccomo, Lachlan Nicholls, Cory Kirby, Jad Nazha
Marie Waizenegger and Judith Thanner - Exchange Students from Germany.

I am sure the College community will make these students feel very welcome.

Year Coordinators:
The Year Coordinators for each Year Group have as their responsibilities the Pastoral Care and Academic progress of each student, as well as supervising attendance, punctuality and breaches of the College behaviour code. Please don’t hesitate to contact the appropriate person for any concerns that you have.

Yr 7  Ms Jane Roberts
Yr 8  Mrs Megan de Kantzow
Yr 9  Mr Andrew Betty
Yr 10  Mr Peter Trainer
Yr 11  Mr Angelo Solomindes
Yr 12  Mrs Kate Todd

KLA Coordinators:
The KLA Coordinators oversee the Teaching and Learning within their particular KLA.

Religious Ed  Mrs Jamila Torpy  Creative Arts  Ms Juliette Carson
Drama  Ms Jennifer Viski  English Mrs Melissa McMahon
HSIE  Mr Pat Gallagher  PDHPE Mrs Jamie Stimson
Learning Support Mrs Sharon Blanchard  Music  Mrs Carolyn McFarlane
Learning Technology Mr Paul Harmon  Mathematics  Mr Glen Charlier
Science Mr Dean Lomaca  TAS Mr Andrew Rotolo
Teacher Librarian Mrs Neryle Sheldon  Vet/Careers  Mrs Lindy Sykes
Academic Support Ms Louise Weihen  Sport Coord  Mr Luke Trotz

Senior Student Leadership for 2013:
COLLEGE CAPTAINS
Jordan Barnes and Alexandra Drum
The College Captains represent the College community at both formal and informal occasions within and outside the College, lead all College assemblies and lead and monitor the work of the Student Leadership body.

SRC PRESIDENTS
Charlotte Ball, Sophie Carse, Nathan Elliott
SRC Presidents organise and chair SRC meetings, monitor the work of the SRC members and regularly liaise with College Leadership team

AQUINAS HOUSE GREEN
Lachlan Hinds, Jordan Macri, Alexander Schultz

CHANEL HOUSE BLUE
Ryan Drewett, Alicia Hickey, Harrison Millard
The role of House Captain is viewed not only as leadership of sporting activities but an important focus in generating school spirit. Within their House students will identify with a significant example of Catholic leadership – their House Saint. They will engage in House social activities such as Breakfasts and lunchtime sporting programs. Importantly each student will be involved in a House Liturgy and social justice activities during the year. As well as being involved in House athletics, swimming and cultural events.

Managing the return to school
1) All students have received their College diary. This diary contains information not only for the students but also for their parents. Three points of contention that always arise are:
   * the proper wearing of uniform (Middle School pages 19-21, Senior School pages 18-20)
   * what to do when absent or late to school (Middle School page 9, Senior School page 8)
   * bringing of valuables onto school property such as i-pods and i-phones (Middle School pages 8 & 28, Senior School pages 7 & 27)

We would ask that all property that students bring to school have their name on/in it. This is especially the case with uniforms. It is extremely difficult to return lost items when we cannot identity whose property it is!

Please take the time to read your child’s diary to gain an understanding of expectations and responsibilities. Parents are reminded to check and sign the College Diary at least once a week.

A reminder to all parents that staff supervision of students on the College grounds commences at 8.15am. Students on entering the College should make their way to the Quadrangle where the teacher on duty will supervise them. Students are expected to wait quietly in the main yard – no football, cricket, chasings or similar games are to be played during this time.

All parents and family members visiting the College grounds during school hours must first present to the Front Office and be officially ‘signed-in’. This is a legal requirement.

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.

Important Events in February

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Parent Student Information Evening LOCC Hall starting at 7.45 pm
Year 11

Thought:
Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. - Saint Francis of Assisi

Mrs Susan White, Acting Assistant Principal
YEAR 7 WELCOME B-B-Q

YEAR 7 STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS
Are invited to the:

WELCOME B-B-Q

WHEN: Friday 22nd February 2013
WHERE: Bottom Oval, outside the Light of Christ Centre
Unwin Road Entrance
TIME: 6.30pm onwards
PROVIDED: Sausage sizzle, fruit poppers and water, fruit plates
Tea and coffee.
and
A JUMPING CASTLE

TO BRING: Picnic gear, chairs, tables, rugs, your own drinks and
salads

Please return the slip below to the College Office/Tutor Room or call the Office on (03) 5729 3200
RSVP: by Thursday 14 February 2013
STUDENT NAME:
FAMILY NAME:
TUTOR ROOM:
NUMBER ATTENDING:

ST. LEO’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
INFORMATION EVENING for
PARENTS and CAREGIVERS
of YEAR 7 STUDENTS 2013

EMPOWERING PARENTS AND
CAREGIVERS TO SUPPORT THEIR
CHILD’S LEARNING
- ST. LEO’S STYLE 1

ON: TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2013
WHERE: LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE
Unwin Road and of college
Parking available in school grounds
TIME: 7:00 pm

The purpose of this evening is to provide you with
information that will support you in being involved in your
child’s learning.

A positive partnership between home and school is important
to assist students in their learning therefore we ask all
parents and caregivers to attend.

A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening.
2013 ATAR Assembly

Monday the 4th of February was a very important day for a number of 2012 HSC students. In fact it was a significant day for all members of the St Leo’s Community. Monday the 4th was St Leo’s Annual ATAR assembly, a chance to come together as a community to recognise excellence in education. Mr Gleeson spoke about the importance of faith as we all face challenges in our day to day lives, in particular he highlighted the need for students to have faith in their self. A sense of self worth can be linked with a desire to achieve and the students who came to celebrate their high marks certainly demonstrated a desire to achieve early on in their senior years. It was wonderful to welcome back our students of 2012 and learn of their choices for the future. Choices that are broader and more satisfying as a result of their excellent ATAR results. Well done to all graduating students of 2012 in achieving their Higher School Certificate and congratulations to those who achieved an outstanding ATAR.

Ms Roberts

Year 7, 2013

Welcome to the newest students to St Leo’s. Year 7 2013 have settled into high school very well, finding their way around and meeting new students and friends. On their first day Yr7 were guided through many College procedures, including reading timetables, finding classrooms and managing homework. They were assisted by our very capable and informed Yr 10 Peer Support team who will remain with Yr7 throughout the year and meet with them at different times to assure their transition is smooth. It is a very exciting time for everyone, including parents! The Yr7 homeroom teachers and myself look forward to meeting with parents at the Yr7 information evening Tuesday 12th February at 7pm. We understand there is a great deal of new information to learn when you have a child in high school and the night will be instrumental in assisting you in your transition too. I look forward to meeting you.

Ms Roberts
Year 7 Coordinator

Year 9, 2013

Welcome back to all students and their families for 2013. I trust you all had a safe and happy vacation We especially welcome our new students to the College:

Timothy Swanson
Amar Gera
Lucy Jenkin
Camilla Hanlon
Elizabeth Fallance

Thank you to their “buddies” who are showing them the ropes for the first 2 weeks and introducing them to new friends in the Year Group.

Some housekeeping matters:

Every student has been issued with a new College Diary. This is an important tool for both recording of homework but also as a means of communication between parents and teaching staff. Can I ask that parents check these diaries each week and sign them as a record. You will also be able to see any Merits/ Mistakes at the back of the Diary.

Attendance: School commences at 8.35am. It is expected that students arrive in advance of this. I have noticed a few late arrivals over the first few days. Whilst unexpected transport delays are unavoidable, sleeping in is not. Please ensure that students arrive at school by 8.20am
Uniform: Students are expected to be in full school uniform on their way to and from school each day. The exception is when Year 9 has sport, which for this year is on Monday afternoon. Correct PE uniform is to be work. If there are any issues with uniform on a given day please ensure there is a note written in the students’ diary noting why.

Early Departure: Students who require early departure from the College to attend appointments etc must have a signed note. This needs to be signed by Mr Betty before recess. Students are then to sign out through Reception at the appropriate time.

Advance warning of the Parent/Student Information Night to be held at 6.30pm in the LOC Hall on Wednesday, February 27.

At this important evening, Assessment Booklets will be given out along with general information on classes, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the School Camp and other important BOS changes. An official invitation to this evening will be distributed early next week.

It is expected that all students attend in school uniform. The evening will only last an hour.

If any parents wish to contact me please do so either by phone or email: andrew.betty@dbb.org.au

I look forward to another successful year as we build on our year group theme of maintaining positive relationships.

Andrew Betty
Year 9 Co-ordinator

Year 11

Welcome Back!

Hoping all students in Year 11 had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break. The journey into Senior College and the academic demands of Stage 6 has begun. I’m sure that the journey will be exciting for all involved.

This Year’s theme is the “Year of Faith.” I will be unpacking this theme and relating this to all our Year 11 students throughout the Year.

I would like to welcome the 6 new students and families into Year 11 here at St. Leo’s Catholic College:
Lachlan Nicholls
Adelaide Fragiacomo
Joanna Keen
Lillian de Kantzow
Cory Kirby
Jad Nazha

In addition, I would also like to welcome two exchange students from Germany:
Marie Waizenegger
Judith Thanner

The College received the very sad news that Kiernan Damayo was diagnosed over the holidays with Hodgkin Lymphoma. He is currently receiving chemotherapy. Please keep Kiernan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
The College Youth Minister, Mr Ralph Kershler has invited students in Year 11 to take part in the St. Vincent de Paul Night patrol program. Students were briefed late last year in 2012 and again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to “make a difference.” Please see Mr Kershler for any enquiries.

The Year 11 Parent & Student Information night will be held on the Wednesday the 27th of February, 2013. It will begin promptly at 7:45pm. Please pencil this date in your diaries and calendars.

Chris Smith, Ben Reidy, Jack Newton and Sebastian Fong have safely returned from their overseas experience. Here is what two of them want to share:

“The trip to Vietnam and Laos run by World Challenge was a trip of a lifetime. The views, people and the intense atmosphere in the cities was just amazing. The project phase in Laos is something I will never forget. The joy out of helping poor people with just running water; a feeling which I will want more of because it is the greatest pleasure which one can receive. Now I know what it was like to be Jesus when he helped poor people” Sebastian Fong Yr 11

“World Challenge gave me the experience of a life time as challenging ourselves was the purpose of the trip and all four of us were personally challenged with our choices, actions and responsibilities on the trip. There were many highs through meeting local villages and experiencing their way of life. Also, the local foods, language and values that they hold gave us new perspectives to who the vietnamese are and how our lives are so different to theirs. There were many challenges that created tension amongst the group, but once that passed and we got on with the job, we experienced the most amazing rewards of our lives. Personally, world challenge has changed my views on life and others which now influences me to take more action to help those in need.” Chris Smith Yr 11

Angelo Solomonides
Year 11 Coordinator
Year 10 Peer Support Leaders

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who are Peer Support Leaders for 2013.

Their first commitment was to attend the Year 7 Students' first day and take responsibility for guiding Year 7's through important aspects of College Life such as ‘Understanding My Timetable’ and ‘Knowing my Diary’.

Tijannaya Abela
Jacklyn Ansahah
Bruce John Britto
Phoebe Cook
Daniel Cronin
Sheldon Crossan
Lucy Crothers
Emma Cryan
Juliette Dahdah
Nichole Deggens
Timothy Demasi
Josh Dickerson
Andrea Dingley
Lauren Fitzsimmpns
Laura Goldsworth
Monica Gonzales
Lor’ence Gosbee
Kaitlin Green
Rebecca Ison
Bianca Italiano
Ryan Jennis
Hannah Hayes
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| **Come Join Us in Eucharist**  
**Every Tuesday from 8 am**  
**Every Friday from 1.05 pm**  
**Mass in the College Chapel** |
Schoolkids Bonus

As you may be aware, the Federal Government’s first Schoolkids Bonus cash payments will begin to be paid this month. Given our ongoing commitment to engage with our communities on government policy and funding issues, you may wish to consider including the following in your next school newsletter: The Federal Government’s Schoolkids Bonus - worth $410 for each child in primary school and $820 a year for each high school student - is paid in two instalments in January and July. Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A, as well as young people in school receiving Youth Allowance, and others receiving certain income support or veterans’ payments are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus. Some families who claim their Family Tax Benefit at the end of the financial year will receive their payment then. The Bonus can be spent in any way a family thinks will meet the needs of students including on uniforms, clothing, stationery and school books. Families can also set money aside to pay for future school excursions or other school related expenses like sports registration fees and music lessons. Further information about the Schoolkids Bonus, can be accessed at www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or by ‘liking’ the Australian Families Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FamiliesInAustralia.
Sport News

St Leo’s Catholic College
Targeted Sports Program 2013

Representative Sport will continue to hold a strong profile at St Leo’s Catholic College in 2013.

The College will support students in their quest for academic and sporting excellence. St Leo’s Catholic College has a long proud history of success in sport. We would like to continue with this success by introducing a targeted sports program for selected sports in 2013. The program aims to enrich our whole school internal sports program as well as our representative sports program by providing targeted students with greater opportunity to develop their proficiency and abilities in their chosen sport. Furthermore, the program aims to increase the profile of SLCC and promote opportunities for our students through sport.

In 2013, St Leo’s Catholic College will offer students the opportunity to trial for a place in our targeted sports program.

Targeted Sports Offered in 2013:

- Basketball
- Touch Football
- Athletics
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Cross country
- Netball

The Targeted Sports Program (TSP) is a training program for years 7 to 10 of 1-2 sessions per Week. The program is coordinated by the Head of Sport with a teacher assigned as a mentor (ie. Basketball – LTG)

In 2013, internal sport will run as per usual for each year 7 to 10 group on their timetabled days for period 5 and 6. During this time the TSP will run for that particular year group.

The TSP will have 1 session during internal sport (with the exception of Athletics & Cross Country) and 1 combined session of an early morning or afternoon (depending on the sport) in preparation for the competitive season. The early morning or afternoon session will cease when the competitive season is finished.

The St Leo’s All-Star Sport Teams (Representative Sport Teams) will be selected from the students involved in the TSP for competition.

Applications for the TSP will be considered and assessed via a merit selection process, to be formulated in consultation with a panel of sports organisers, coaches, mentors, the head of sport and possibly a member of the leadership team. Numbers selected will be based on logistics associated with each sport (training needs, duty of care requirements, etc.). A SLCC official sports jacket will be designed for each squad and worn to events.

The training sessions are conducted by external coaches and the opportunity exists to represent at school, region, state and national level should members of the squad qualify.

Selection Policy, Criteria & Application Process

The TSP is intended for students who have demonstrated ability and interest in one or more of the targeted sports.

Students MUST complete an application form online by the set due date.

The selection criteria for entry into the TSP are designed to identify students that are not only talented or show an interest in sport but are able to fulfill their academic schedule and uphold the values of our College, especially when representing under the St Leo’s College banner.

In summary, our criteria is:

- Skill level / technique
• Fitness level
• Potential for development in that sport
• Demonstrated commitment to school studies
• Satisfactory level of school conduct

Stage 1 of Selections:
Students must first be successful through the online expression of interest application stage. All questions should be addressed and student details completed.

Stage 2 of Selections:
Students who are successful through the first stage will be invited to trial at which their skill level, fitness level and potential for development will be assessed. They will receive an invitational note with details of the trial (dates, times etc.).

Stage 3 of Selections:
Students who are successful through the second stage will receive an information package that will include a formal application of acceptance, an agreement form and an order form. From the TSP the SLCC All-Stars team will be formed to compete against other schools.

Steps for Application:
Steps for Application for TSP 2013 are as follows:

1. Register your Expression of Interest Application in a particular sport by going to the front page of the St Leo’s Catholic College website and clicking on sport survey. All information will need to be completed.
2. Successful students will be invited to selection trials in 2013. They will receive a permission note with details for their trial (dates, times etc.).
3. A selection panel will review each application and will select squads for 2013 after the trial.
4. Students will be notified by the end of the Week after the trial.
5. Successful candidates will receive a full information package including a formal application of acceptance and an agreement form.
6. Unsuccessful students will receive a feedback sheet and will be invited to trial again in 2014.

Frequently Asked Questions

What sports are offered?
Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Soccer, Athletics and Cross Country.

How many sports can I trial for?
As many as you like but you must commit to one targeted program after the trial.

When do students train?
During internal sport and of an early morning or afternoon (depending on the sport) during the competition season.

Will my child miss any class time as a result of being in TSP?
No, training sessions for TSP will NOT run during classroom time except for one off sporting competitions that may occur.

Is there a fee involved?
No, There will NOT be a fee however there will be an order form for uniform within the package should your child be selected into the TSP.

Where are the venues?
Venues are at school when possible or will be at local venues. Students may be required to travel around the metropolitan, other regions of NSW and possibly interstate for competitions on the rare occasion.

When are the trials?
Upon completing the online EOI Application from the College website and your application has been accepted you will be sent an invitation of the trial dates, venues and equipment required.

**Who conducts the trials?**
The trials are conducted by the Head of Sport, Coaching staff and/or mentors of each Targeted Sport.

**Who are the St Leo’s All Stars?**
The St Leo’s All Stars are students that are NOT only part of the Targeted Sports Program but have been selected to represent the College for competition (representative sport).

**What is a Mentor?**
Each TSP sport has a teacher attached to coordinate and assist in coaching students during allocated times. The mentor fulfils an important welfare role and liaises between the coaching staff, the head of sport, the leadership team and parents.

**What is expected of my child if they join the TSP?**
Attend all training sessions and participate with commitment and enthusiasm.
Attend all competitions outlined in the agreement form.
Demonstrate a sustained and diligent commitment to school work.
Maintain a high standard of behavior and conduct at all times.
Wear the College colours proudly including the correct school uniform.
Be an ambassador of sport by assisting in the development of school culture and spirit within sport.

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Parent Network

Thank you

Thank you to all the families of new students who attended the morning tea on their child’s first day at St Leo’s Catholic College. It was wonderful to be with you and to have shared your experiences. We look forward to many more get-togethers of parents and friends of the St Leo’s community.

Soup Van volunteers’ report. Inspirational!

If you have wondered about the work of our St Leo’s Soup Van volunteers, then please read the report of Tuesday 5th February 2013. HUGE thanks to all involved – you are inspirational! Thank you.

Hi Team,

Tonight the St. Leo’s crew fed nine homeless friends at Hornsby Park. We were blessed with good weather and wonderful food prepared by our fantastic volunteers! Tonight our friends enjoyed a vegetable soup courtesy of Anne Dempsey, followed by a pasta bolognaise made by Lisa Lloyd, a macaroni/cheese and vegetable dish prepared by Hannah Browne and a huge shepherd’s pie expertly baked by Karen Perrett. This was followed by spectacular dessert of homemade shortcrust fruit parcels, ice cream and chocolate cake bars from our illustrious dessert chef Lyn Osborne.

Most folks had two helpings of everything and we were also able to provide some take home packs to our friends.

Chris De Graaf, kindly drove the van and was one of the three serving crew we had on tonight (along with myself and Karen Perrett. Karen, a new volunteer who is a nurse, ran rings around veterans Chris and me, and dived in like an experienced pro.) The number of friends who turn up seems to vary from week to week; some weeks we have had up to 14 and others as few as five. The last two weeks have held steady at around 10 per shift. Tonight we saw several new faces and did our best to ensure they felt welcome. The weather was so pleasant that everyone stayed and visited with each other, and two friends helped us pack everything away at the end of the shift, waving us off as we left.

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.

Thank you for your continued help, God Bless and take care.

Kind regards
Connie Klimko

To Join the Soup Van volunteer families to prepare and serve hot meals to those without a home in the Hornsby area, or to obtain more information please contact Connie Klimko, St John’s Soup Van Coordinator on Mobile: 0407 603 877 or Email: leosparentnet@y7mail.com

Volunteer to help at Year 7 Welcome BBQ

Friday 22nd February 2013

Many of you may remember the wonderful Welcome BBQ given to Year 7 families last year (and the year before) to start their high school year.

The College with the assistance of the Parent Network are hosting the Year 7 BBQ again this year on Friday 22 February.

If you would like to extend a similar welcome and are available to assist with the night we are seeking volunteers.

There are opportunities to assist before, during and at the conclusion of the evening with:

- Set up from 5.00pm
- Serving from 6.15pm
- Cleaning up until say 9.30pm

If you would like to become involved please indicate by return email to jojukelly@bigpond.com with how you may assist.

A mobile contact number would also be useful.

Thanks Julie Kelly
Volunteer to help at St Leo’s Open Day

Friday 8th March 2013

There are opportunities to assist before, during and at the conclusion of the Open Day with:

• Set up from approx. 8.30am
• Serving from approx. 9.45pm
• Cleaning up until say approx. 12.30pm

If you would like to become involved please indicate by return email to jojukelly@bigpond.com with how you may assist.
A mobile contact number would also be useful.
Thanks Julie Kelly

About the Literacy & Numeracy Support team

Who are they?
This is a wonderful group of men & women who volunteer to help the students of St Leo’s. This group is run and organised by a mother of past students who still dedicates her time and energies to develop children. The leader, Sarah Szacsvay, works very closely with the school’s Director of Learning and the leadership team.

Students of all ages requiring support or assistance in Literacy or Numeracy see their volunteer on a regular basis for guidance and practice of their skills.

What could I add?
One of the best outcomes of the support for the student is simply the encouragement and safe environment to give their work a go.
You do not need any finely developed skills!

How will I know what to do?
The group leader, Sarah, provides all the help you need and the other volunteers are a great support and a social group amongst themselves. Training is also provided by Tony Guilliford, the Literacy Coordinator at St Leo’s. You pick up some great tips for your own children as well!

How can I join or find out more?
If you can spare approximately an hour to assist with reading and spelling, then please contact Sarah Szacsvay, Literacy Program Parent Co-ordinator
Phone: 9875 2843, Mobile: 0413 601 496, Email: sbutfield@hotmail.com

Upcoming events - save the dates

Tuesday 12th February 2013 Year 7 Information evening
Friday 22nd February 2013 Year 7 Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 26th February 2013 Year 8 and Year 10 6.30pm - Year 8 Information evening 7.45pm - Year 10
Wednesday 27th February 2013 Year 9 and 11 6.30pm - Year 9 7.45pm - Year 11
Friday 8th March 2013 St Leo’s Open Day
Wednesday 20th March 2013 Parent Network meeting

Meet other St Leo’s families and /or suggest social events …
contact your child's Year Parent Representative …

If you would like to meet other St Leo’s families and /or have suggestions for social events and /or would like to get together with other parents in your child’s school year, please contact one of the Year Parent Representatives team members below. Our teams welcome new and more volunteers.

Year 7:  Seeking volunteers Year 7 - 12!

- Anne-Lii Hardy
  alhardy1@bigpond.com
  0425 305 950
- Genevieve Funk
  david@barnettsroad.com
  9456 4663
- Theresa Meury
  theresameury@hotmail.com
  0432 813 929

Year 8:

- Ron James
  ronjamesdesigns@yahoo.com.au
  0421 346 190
- Julie Kelly
  jojukelly@bigpond.com
  0448 484 897
- Julie Birrell
  thebirrells5@bigpond.com
  0411 817 604
- Gerry Enriques
  gequez@hotmail.com
  0425 216 786

Year 9:

- Deb Innis
  debrainnis@optusnet.com.au
  0407 706 244
- Genevieve Funk
  david@barnettsroad.com
  9456 4663
- Josephine Schultz
  josephineschultz@bigpond.com.au
  0403 194 361
- Vivienne Zaarour
  vivienne.zaarour@gmail.com
  0414 337 830
- Kate Ferry
  k.ferry@bigpond.net.au
  0401 996 279

Year 10:

- Julie Gonzalez
  jgonzal@optusnet.com.au
  0427 706 966
Year 11 and 12:

- Vivienne Zaarour  
vivienne.zaarour@gmail.com  
0414 337 830
- Julie Kelly  
jojukelly@bigpond.com  
0448 484 897
- Genevieve Funk  
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9456 4663
- Joanne Oliver (Harrington)  
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- Joanna Jarmusz (McFarlane)  
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- Carol-Ann McLean  
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- Debra Barnard  
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- Josephine Schultz  
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0403 194 361
- Connie Klimko  
edsklim@bigpond.net.au  
407 603 887
- Karen Walsh  
karenwalsh2083@bigpond.com  
0413 383 931
- Cathy Bastick  
cathybastick@yahoo.com.au  
0427 877 576

Please note: To ensure your contact details are up-to-date to receive information and invites from the Parents Network or the Parents and Friends of the St Leo’s Community, please contact the St Leo’s Catholic College reception and admin staff.

**Do you enjoy a glass of wine and some cheese?**  
**Like to hear the latest about ‘what is going on at the College’?**  
**Interested in information which will benefit you & your teenager?**

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you should come along to the **Parent Network meetings**

Parent Network meetings which include the Principal’s Updates are held once a quarter in the College Library and are a great chance to catch up with the Principal and often other Leadership team staff members in a relaxed, informal setting.

We start at 7pm with wine, cheese, tea/ coffee. The Principal addresses the group about what’s been happening and any other topical issues. There is usually a specific topic for discussion and/or a guest speaker. Finally the floor is open for any questions. It generally wraps up between 8:30 & 9:00pm.
We are very fortunate at St Leo’s that our Principal and other staff are happy to spend time with the parents to share their news and views, and are keen to hear our questions and comments. So don’t miss this great opportunity!

The next Parent Network meeting including the Principal’s Update will be on Wednesday 20th March 2013 in the Library starting at 7pm for cheese & wine. Please save the date. Details about the topics of discussion will be provided mid-term. We hope you can make it.

Look out for more information about the Parent Network in the next few issues of The Pride.

Find out:
- Who are the St Leo’s Parent Network or the Parents and Friends of the St Leo’s Community?
- How is it organised?
- How much time is involved?
Community News

Invitation

The New South Wales Police Force is presenting a Forum on Cyber Space Crime Prevention
India Club is hosting the Forum

The Hills Local Area Command Team will share a wealth of information on “Cyber Space Bullying & Safety”

Topics:

• Social Networking
• Bullying
• Internet filtering and safe chat
• Chain email/letters
• Cyber Crime
• Gaming and parental responsibilities
• Mobile phones

Guest Speakers:

Rob Paterson Senior Constable- Youth Liaison Officer
Josh Maxwell Chief Inspector - Manager for Project Eyewatch

Day & Date: Sunday the 17th February 2013
Time: 2 pm to 5.30pm (Assemble @ 1.45pm for 2pm start)
Venue: Castle Grand Pioneer Hall
Castle Street Castle Hill (Corner Pennant and Castle Street)

It is a free event and the Forum is open to all communities.
We invite you to benefit from the presentation and contact & encourage your friends to attend.

Enjoy over Tea Coffee & Snacks
If you have any specific concerns or questions, please let us know in advance so those can be addressed at the Forum

RSVP:
Shubha Kumar: 9873 1207 / 0402 257 588   Em: shubha_kumar@hotmail.com
Rob Paterson Senior Constable: 9680 5399, Castle Hill Police: 9680 5399
Youth Mass at St Patricks’ Catholic Church Asquith

All young people are invited to join in the ministries to celebrate our community Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. Mass starts at 6pm, music practice at 5, welcoming ministers and readers at 5:40. Young volunteers (12-35 years) are needed to take on leading roles for this liturgy.

Dates for 2013

- February 3rd
- March 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 7th
- August 4th
- September 8th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 8th

Youth Group at St Patricks’ School Hall Asquith

In 2013 Youth Fellowship will be held on the third Friday of each month from 7 to 9:30pm. For young people from year 7 to 12 this is an opportunity to spend time with friends in a welcoming and friendly community. A range of activities will be held over the year so check the Parish bulletin regularly for details of upcoming programs. The 2013 program kicks off in February.

As the year starts a special invitation to all young people particularly our new year 7 students for a social on the 15th of February.

Dates for 2013

- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 21st
- July 19th
- August 16th
- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 20th

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Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Find out more!
- Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
- Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
- Call 1300 884 733

Upcoming Information Sessions

**Melbourne**
12 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm
Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street
Northcote

19 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm
Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean H’way
Moorabbin

13 March 2013 / 7:30-9pm
Kew Court House
188 High Street
Kew

**Sydney**
13 Feb, 13 Mar, 14 May 2013
7:30-9pm
Bowlers Club of NSW
Level 2 / 95-99 York Street
Sydney

**Brisbane**
21 Feb, 14 Mar, 30 Apr 2013
/ 7:30-9pm
Garden City Library
Cnr Kessels & Logan Roads
Upper Mt Gravatt

**Sunshine Coast**
28 February 2013 / 7:30-9pm
Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre
2 Fifth Avenue
Cotton Tree

**Toowoomba**
19 March 2013 / 7:30-9pm
Cedar Centre
36 Baker Street
Toowoomba
PLAY HOCKEY IN 2013

- Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team
- Small field “Minkey” games for U5 - U9
- Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park
- Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Pennant Hills Park, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills
Further information:
Adrian Wilson  0419 299 808
Robert Nicoll  0438 119 729
Rego forms & information at  www.ndhockey.com.au

St Leo’s Netball Club Registration

Come and play for St Leo’s Netball Club. Registrations for the 2013 winter competition are being taken now. The club was established in 1992 and, even though it is independent of the school, is a small and friendly club run by parents and players. Players from all schools are welcome to join, so why not join and encourage your friends to form your own team. Registration forms can be either obtained from the School Office or from our website http://www.stleos.netball.asn.au/default.asp. If you have any queries please contact Elizabeth Campbell, the Club Secretary on 9476 6100.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
Learn to Drive

The Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) and Hornsby Shire Council are holding a free two-hour workshop on the evening of Wednesday 27 February at Hornsby Central Library. This workshop offers practical advice and information to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. We also recommend that the learner driver also attends. The workshop will provide information about: Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders. Completing the Learner driver log book. Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience. Supervising learner drivers. Young Driver Issues.

The workshop details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 27 February, 2013
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: Hornsby Central Library
Address: 28-44 George Street (Entrance in Hunter Lane), Hornsby.
To Book: Phone Lesley Tipping on 9847 6856 - bookings essential.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!
Weekend date: 15 – 17 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au