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

This Sunday’s Gospel supports my speech to Year 12 Students and their guests at last Tuesday Evening’s Graduation ceremony.

Jesus uses a parable stressing we must serve God rather than give into wealth and greed. Luke’s Gospel tells us we have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world. However we cannot do this free of the responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are called to live in this world gently, using just what we need and sharing what we can.

At our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony I spoke of the students using their many gifts they have been given and developed over their years at school. They now must continue to develop and use these gifts – so they can make a difference. I have included part of my speech below:

“…Recently I read a book titled “High Noon” by JF Rischard – he states that you people – 17/18 yr olds must face 20 global issues – and that you have 20 years to solve them. You need to start thinking about our flat world;
My generation can’t – we have probably added to them – it is up to you.
These issues that you must address are based around three areas – “Sharing Our Planet”; “Sharing our Humanity” and “Sharing our Rule Book” these encompass Biodiversity and ecosystem losses; water deficits; digital divide; illegal drugs down to reinventing taxation for the 21st Century.
Who can solve these issues? – you can - you must.

I have seen you in operation at a local level here at the College – when you outside of the walls of St Leo’s - the world is yours – When you are leaders in your industry – it is up to you - You have about 20 years to do so.

I firmly believe you can make a difference in this world – you must…”
On behalf of our College community I wish all our Year 12 students all the best for their upcoming HSC Exams and their futures.

**Congratulations to our Major Year 12 Prize winners:**
- Arthur ‘Choppy’ Collins Award for respecting the Rules of Sport
  - Bethany Halmy
- The Award for Year 12 Sportswoman of the Year
  - Bethany Halmy
- The Award for Year 12 Sportsman of the Year
  - Jordan Barnes
- Ray Slattery Shield for Excellence in Athletics
  - Jordan Barnes and Bethany Halmy
- Leopold Art Prize
- Annabella Perakis & Joshua Southgate
  - “Reach For the Stars”
  - Lachlan Hinds
- Visual Arts Body of Work Judges’ Choice Most Outstanding
  - Ryan Drewett
- The College Board Design & Technology Showcase Prize
  - James Dorn
- Walmsey Award for Band Member of the Year
  - Jordan Macri
- The Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts
  - Alexandra Joyce
- The Award For Outstanding Contribution to the Arts
  - Sean Longhurst
- Kai Farokhzadeh Prize for Mathematics
  - Luke Khoudair
  
  **The Deborah Buscall Award for Outstanding Effort in Studies**
  - Andrew Antoun, Charlotte Ball, Jordan Barnes, Bridget Campbell, Lily Derrig, Hannah Derrig, Ryan Drewett, Alexandra Drum, Johnathan Fornasier, Bethany Halmy, Nicholas Maddison, Harrison Millard, Daniel Salvador, Madison Sloane, Tobruk Sloane and Krisna Wongsamak

**Macquarie University School Partners Academic Prize**
- Bridget Campbell

**University of NSW Academic Achievement Award**
- Luke Khoudair

**The Award for Service and Initiative**
- Sanchia Bright & Enmarie Talens

**The Award for Leadership**
- Sophie Carse

**The Caltex Award for the Best All Rounder**
- Charlotte Ball

**Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award**
- Nathan Elliott

**The Father George Kolodziej Award for Contribution to the Religious Life of the College**
- Nathan Elliott

**The St Leo’s Medal**
- Elizabeth Drum

**Dux of the College**

Awarded to the student who has achieved the highest ATAR. To be conferred 2014.
That morning the College hosted a cooked breakfast (Year 11 Hospitality and Year 10 Food Tech students). Mid-morning we conducted a Graduation and Handover of Leadership Ceremony in the Light of Christ Centre. In the evening we were able to celebrate the Eucharist. Fathers, Robert Borg, David Ranson, Nathan, Anselam and Deacon Roberto led us in celebration at the Mass. Our magnificent musicians and choir led us in song!

We were then treated to a magnificent supper before moving into the larger auditorium.

In all – the day was a very fitting way to farewell our Year 12 students and their families.

I would like to congratulate our new Student Leadership Team for 2014 who were “badged” by their 2013 counterparts during the afternoon liturgy:

**College Captains:** Conor Quinlan and Jazmine Reid-Zinck
**SRC Presidents:** Dominic Cantrall, Joseph Jones and Ellen Moran

**House Prefects:**
- **Aquinas** – Corinne Mack, Elizabeth Maher and Annastacia Schultz
- **Chanel** – Rosalie Hopkins, William Kepreotes and Indiana Luthra
- **Loyola** – John Kohne, Shannon O’Keeffe and Jack Penny
- **Xavier** – Stephanie Harant, Vanessa Mawby and Harry Pryor

**Parents’ Network Meeting – Wednesday 9th October – 7 for 7.30pm:**
You are all warmly invited to our next Parent Network Meeting. The details are:

- **Date:** Wednesday 9th October (Wednesday of Week 1 Term IV)
- **Time:** 7pm (cheese and wine) for a 7.30pm start (finishing around 9pm)
- **Venue:** College Library
- **Agenda:**
  - 7.30pm – Prayer
  - Principal’s Update
  - NAPLAN Results (Years 7 & 9 students 2013)
  - College Refurbishment
  - Sport (Internal and Representative) for 2014
  - 2014 School Improvement Plan
  - 8.15pm – Questions / Open Forum
  - 8.30pm – Parent Network Workshop
  - Discussing assignments, exams or report results with your child,
  - Encouraging self-evaluation of their own competencies and learning – sustaining motivation and teaching ‘taking responsibility’
  - Achieving personal growth

Through the discussion, let’s capitalise on the experience of teachers and parents who offer insight on understanding this important area.

We will also be asking for parents and care-givers to take on Parent Year Reps and assist with the coordination of the Parent Network structure.

We hope to see you there. Please RSVP [http://bit.ly/Parentevening](http://bit.ly/Parentevening) so that we can cater for the evening.

**NAPLAN Results:**
The NAPLAN results were released to schools last week.
We are very pleased with our results – particularly the value added with our Year 9 students. As previously notified by ACARA, Parents in Years 7 & 9 will receive their report in the week beginning 8 October.
These are the national assessments in literacy and numeracy by our students in Year 7 and 9. This is one piece of data we use to improve on the outcomes of our students. We use this data (as well as other types of data such as Allwell Testing, ESSA, Reports, Assessments and informal assessments) in producing a longitudinal study of our students. The staff will be analyzing the NAPLAN results for each of their classes, ensuring that our College Goal No 2 (improving student outcomes) is being targeted during the upcoming Staff Professional Day at the start of Term IV.

**Overseas European Cultural Tour:**
After 18 months in the planning – I wish the European Tour (departing this Sunday) all the best and to stay safe in their journey to France, Italy, Germany and Belgium. Experiencing other countries is a great education and an opportunity to live outside of the students’ normal “comfort zone”. Mrs Lappin, Mrs White, Ms Kitic and Mr Tiglao and the students will have some great stories and memories when they return at the start of Term IV.

**Good luck to 4 of our Students:**
Well done to (Arkadia) Raphael Smith (Guitar, keyboards and vocalist) and Daniel Trott (Guitar and vocalist) both of Year 10, Mitchell Trott (Year 9) who have progressed to the Grand Final in the Hornsby Hotshots this Friday 7pm at Kuring-gai PCYC Performing Arts Centre. The cost is $15. They started off as one of 36 bands – now they are 1 of 6 bands. Good luck to Arkadia!

Have a listen to Arkadia [http://www.triplejunearted.com/Artists](http://www.triplejunearted.com/Artists)

**Seussical – The Musical!** – Two of our Year 9 students – **Mitchell Trott and Monique Placko** are performing in Seussical musical next month. They have been rehearsing for 2 nights each week for the past 4 months. The show is performing between the 19th – 26th of October at the Berowra Community Centre. Any further details and ticket bookings can be found at [www.bmsi.org.au](http://www.bmsi.org.au)

I wish all students, parents and staff a chance to recharge their batteries over the next two weeks. Stay safe and see you all back on Wednesday 9th October.

“…I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all…”
*(Saint Mary Of the Cross MacKillop –28/11/1898)*

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Mr A F Gleeson

**Assistant Principal’s Report**

Mrs Sue White

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Return to School
Students will return to the College Wednesday 9th October in full summer uniform.

Uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 1.30pm during school term.

Please check the College Diary for the requirements of the College summer uniform. Of current concern is the number of students particularly boys, who are wearing black canvas shoes in place of the required fully enclosed polished leather shoes. Students who present with an incorrect summer and sports uniform will be required to go home until the matter is properly addressed. Families will have the two weeks of this holiday to address these uniform issues. If there is a concern for the family, please notify the Year Coordinator for your child/ren.

Could the length of the girls’ summer uniforms also be checked during this holiday break. If “too short” then there is time to have it adjusted.

We would request that families also take responsibility for the grooming of their child/ren. Too often during the holiday children obtain haircuts, hair colouring or acquire piercings that contravene our college grooming rules. Difficulties are then presented when teachers expectations then they will be sent home until their obligations in these areas can be met.

Advance notice of a number of important events in Term 4

Year 12 Student Leaders Camp – 14/14 October
Year 12 (2014) Information Evening – 23 October at 7 pm
Year 7 (2014) Information Evening - 29 October at 7 pm
Years 9 & 10 Exam Week – 11 to 15 November
Year 10 Camp – 4th to 6th December
St Leo’s Mass and Fair – 12 December
Years 7 to 11 Celebration Day – 13 December at 10am

Term Dates for 2014
Term 1
Wednesday 29 January: Year 7 commence and new students in Yrs 8 to 12
Thursday 30 January: All students return
Friday 11 April: end of term

Term 2
Tuesday 29 April: Students return
Friday 27 June: end of term

Term 3
Tuesday 15 July: Students return
Friday 19 September: end of term

Term 4
Wednesday 8 October: Students return
Friday 19 December: end of term

May the next two weeks of school holidays be safe for you and your family.
Congratulations to the Graduating class of 2013.

It has been a privilege to work with and watch your mature into the fine young men and women who are indeed Competent, Confident Catholic men and women of Conscience. Please remember to push yourselves all the way to the finish line - you're not quite there yet. Work hard, good luck in the exams and achieve the rewards you deserve.
As exams continue, and the official start to Year 12 is only two weeks away, we celebrate those amongst the cohort who have been chosen to lead. Congratulations to the students named below.
Angelo Solomonides
Year 11 Coordinator
As the end of a very busy term for Year 10 draws to a close, I wish you are a happy and safe break. Early in the new term, iPads will be ‘rolled out’ at a parent information evening. You will be emailed and posted details of this meeting.

Regards,

Peter Trainer
Year 10 Coordinator

As we commence the vacation period, it is refreshing to acknowledge the activities for the Year group over this term.

During Tutor Periods, students have been working through their study skills booklets with an aim to get them on track for the upcoming Examinations in Week 6 of Term 4. These booklets are very useful and contain some excellent study tips and practical ideas to help students improve their approach to learning. We will continue with this program next term.

As part of our pastoral focus, students have commenced a study of Safe Behaviours and the risks associated with unsafe practices. So far we have addressed the topic of Teenage drinking – next we look at the exposure that teenagers have to different types of drugs, especially at parties. Walking around the various rooms, the students have all been actively engaged in discussion with their tutor and their peers.

At the Assembly of Excellence we also acknowledged 36 students who received an award for Academic Diligence.

My thanks to Georgina Simpson who, along with 5 other Year 10 students, assisted on Legacy Badge day at Waitara station – it was great to see 5 students at 6.45am in the morning collecting for this important charity. I believe we raised in excess of $850.00 in a matter of 90 minutes.
I wish all students and their families a very relaxing vacation period

Andrew Betty
Yr 9 Co-ordinator

Megan de Kantzow
Year 8 Co-ordinator

Dear Parents/Guardians
As some families may be aware, Mrs Moran, the current Year 7 Coordinator is taking leave for Term 4 of 2013. In her absence I have been appointed to act in her position for the remainder of the school year. As a member of the Technology faculty, I have been at St Leo’s since 2000 and been acting Year Coordinator on two occasions. I am looking forward to working with the Year 7 students during Term 4.
As part of my role, I will be finalising student absenteeism, so if parents could continue checking diaries and provide any outstanding notes for their child’s absence it would be appreciated.
If you have any concerns regarding your child during Term 4 please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College on 9487 3555 or email Christopher.sammut@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Mr C Sammut
Year 7 Coordinator (Acting)

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast

Arriving at school at 7am on Tuesday was completely worth it when we saw the Year 12’s coming through the doors and their faces changing from excited to scared when they saw the “Farewell & Good Luck Year 12” sign.
From the sizzling bacon, the hot coffees, the golden potato gems all the way down to the fruit platters was worth coming in on our day off to ensure the Year 12’s had a perfect as well as tasty farewell breakfast.
Also, a big thank you to Mrs Hasman, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Turner for helping us with the preparation, serving and making sure we stayed focus all while making sure everything ran smoothly on the day.
On behalf of Mrs Hasman's hospitality class, good luck & farewell year 12!
We'll miss you!!"
Courtney Scarth, Year 11

Demonstrating real talent in the Art Room.

The Visual Arts Department recently exhibited a collection of exceptional artworks as part of the Annual Visual Arts/ Technology and Applies Studies Showcase. As the Yr7 Coordinator I was very proud of the collection of fine artworks produces by our current students. Moreover, as a teacher of three Yr7 Visual Arts classes I understood the challenges, achievements and the excitement that was the artwoking process.

Visual Arts in Yr7 exposes students to new opportunities to explore their own ideas and develop their own style. Whilst classes follow set criteria, no one artwork looks the same. Students interpret the directions and teachers guide them to achieve their own personel best. For some students this means pushing the boundaries with new materials, skills and concepts.
I am delighted to share with you the works of some of my students who have demonstrated a keen interest in Visual Arts this year. These students have been a joy to teach due to their innate ability in the subject and their willingness to learn new things in Visual Arts.

Visual Arts Coordinator

UN Youth Public Speaking Competition Week 2 Term 4
This is an opportunity for students in Years 7 to 10 to present a 3-5 minute speech outlining a solution to a given world problem such as: How can we boost levels of education around the world? or How can we prevent gender-based violence in communities around the world? The competition will be held at Loreto Normanhurst on either Tuesday 15 October or Wednesday 16 October. There is a 4.30pm start. Any number of students may enter this competition. Students can register at [http://www.unyouth.org.au/nsw/public-speaking/](http://www.unyouth.org.au/nsw/public-speaking/) and need to tick the box – please invoice my school.

Neryle Sheldon

Debating & Public Speaking Coordinator

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**All-Schools Touch Gala Day – Year 7 & 8**

**Girls Team**

The girls played well through-out the day and finished the tournament with one win, two draws, and two losses. There was great improvement from our first game to our last with passes sticking and communication improving. Our defence was superb all day however we just lacked conviction with our final passes in attack. The girls did themselves and the College proud with their efforts and behaviour all day.

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Become a Catholic

Do you have a husband, wife, children other family members or friends who are Catholic, but you're not? Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? If so, the Hornsby Catholic Parish (Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara and Queen of Peace, Normanhurst) warmly welcomes you.

The parish prepares and welcomes new members into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Through the RCIA, members of the parish community walk with enquirers, sharing their living faith and allowing each enquirer to deepen their own relationship with God in a Catholic context.

If you've thought of becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith, and would like more information, without any obligation, please contact the parish office on 9483 2300 or Therese on 9481 9226.
DONOR MOBILE VISITING SOON

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Hornsby War Memorial Hall,
2 High Street

Tue 1st October, 10.00am - 3.00pm (35 appointments still needed)

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Make an appointment »
Join us for ‘Indigenous Education Day’ at Taronga Zoo
Monday 30 September
9.30am – 2.30pm

Dear Teachers,

Taronga Zoo’s Learning Team has worked together to provide you with a unique professional learning opportunity – the “Indigenous Education Day”.

Indigenous Australian communities have distinct cultures, languages and traditions. Taronga proudly acknowledges the Cammeraigal people, their country, spirit and traditions as customary owners of the country upon which the Zoo stands.

At our Indigenous Education Day teachers will gain valuable resource ideas from our expert panel of presenters and learn more about Taronga’s Indigenous Programs.

“Aboriginal History is Australian History – it belongs to us all!”

Pat Anderson, Aboriginal Elder and member of the National Teacher Union

Outline for the day includes:
- Aboriginal Programs at Taronga Zoo
- Integrating Aboriginal perspectives into teaching: Presentations from DEC, Catholic Schools Office and Taronga Aboriginal Education Consultants.
- Sharing and connecting with local Aboriginal communities and teachers.
- Bush Tucker in the classroom, some practical ideas and tips with a tasting opportunity
- The Aboriginal Walking Tour for Schools with one of our experienced Aboriginal hosts.

Cost:
TTA members (free of charge)
Non TTA members – $50 (includes Zoo entry)
or become a member today for only $65

For bookings & enquiries T 02 9978 6244 E education@zoo.nsw.gov.au
Or complete and return the attached booking form.

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Experience Life As A French Teenager with WEP

From Jonathon in France:
My summer holidays have started really well and I seem to be getting a lot into them. I think that today must be one of the first days I have had to just be around the house. The school year rounded out nicely with some great memories including the school ball which was a great event with all my friends and I from school dressed up and having a good time to enjoy freedom one last time before they had to study for the Baccalaureate. The teachers were very pleased with how I was progressing and although my marks are not officially counted in the system I think that the school side of the program is going well.
I've had the chance to do some really interesting things and see some wonderful places with my host family and friends and just yesterday I saw for the first time Le Mont Saint Michel which is exactly as incredible as it is acclaimed to be. I've been able to be a bit more autonomous as the time has passed and especially now that it is light until nearly 11 and the weather is warm enough to allow me to ride or walk to friends houses nearby or to the local towns.

So basically the point is that my exchange is still going very well and it's incredible how fast the first six months have already passed, it doesn't at all feel like such a long time.

Find Out More!
WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs give secondary students the opportunity to choose from over 20 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or even a year. Our programs are designed to fit into the academic schedule to complement your secondary studies with an international exchange experience!

Request Information
If you would like to go overseas or invite an exchange student into your family, simply request a FREE information pack, including our brochure, fee sheet and FREE application form:
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- call 1300 884 733