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

This Sunday's Gospel I feel is very significant, particularly for our community here at St Leo’s. Staff, students and parents strive to give meaning to the Gospel values of respect, dignity, hope, justice and integrity. The College community has adopted and continues very much to support these values that are lived in the Gospel by Jesus and his disciples. In our world today – wherever we turn - we see advertising and the promotion of products and causes. Millions of dollars are spent on this advertising. Our election tomorrow is a classic example. In Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the utter commitment needed to be a disciple. He says “Take up your Cross”. It is hardly a slogan that would sell Christianity. But this is just the point. Jesus is not after 50/50 followers. Jesus wants people who know what they are taking on and give whole-hearted commitment.

In our community of St Leo’s – we try to realise this type of commitment to be followers of Jesus. Things may seem harder and sometimes we ask why? Things such as compulsory RE lessons, treating each other with respect and dignity, regular worship with our wider community, living our faith through social justice activities, the wearing of a school uniform, recognising the way Jesus lived these College values whilst he was on earth, the expectation on parents and staff for a true partnership, attendance at school based retreats etc. Our College expects a “greater than average” position on most areas. Hence “personal bests” and the tracking of our students' progress is so important in our College. These things come at a cost.

Our faith should give us the answer the benefits of these costs we experience in our lives.

A Family Prayer for the appointment of a new bishop for Our Diocese of Broken Bay

God, eternal shepherd,
Who governs your flock with unfailing care,
Grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Retirement of Mr Jake Heeringa –

Mr Jake Heeringa has announced he will be retiring from teaching at the end of this term. Mr Heeringa is our longest serving staff member. After 36 years (commencing 1977) here at St Leo’s he will be doing some travelling and spending some real quality time with his extended family. He is well known to many of our community – both present and past students and staff.
Mr Heeringa has just more than influenced many thousands of students in his career. He has walked and supported the journey with many students (and staff) past and present in not only the classroom, but also in many sporting arenas, particularly swimming, athletics and many sporting teams. As KLA Coordinator of HSIE he also organized and conducted many outside the classroom excursions and experiences, particularly the famous Yr 9 excursions to Canberra and Kosciusko.

In the time he has been at the College he has experienced the school under the direction of the College founders - the Christian Brothers. He has seen two Christian Brothers as Headmasters; he has “survived” another 5 Principals; the introduction of girls into an all boys school; the many reforms of rolls; discipline; assessment; teaching; reporting; technology etc. In fact he has most likely seen many of these systems do a 360 degree turnaround!

If we look at the mathematics of it – teachers (on average) teach about 150 students each year) – after 36 years of teaching – Mr Heeringa has been part of over 5000 students’ lives. In recognition of his long service to the College – he has asked that all members of the College staff be part of this recognition and celebration on the last day of this term at 1.30pm. For this reason students will be dismissed at 1pm Friday 20th September.

In today’s society some people see remaining at one place of employment as not good for your career. Well I feel without this long term commitment and dedication to your place of work and more importantly it’s people, the significance of the history and past stories and events are simply not passed on to future generations. If that is the case we are the ones losing out.

With him will go many stories, memories and past cultures that have formed our present St Leo’s Catholic College. It is important that this input in our history is not lost and Mr Heeringa will still remain not just a very valued member of our community (if he can find the time in his busy retirement!), but continue to be our wise mentor in the many teachers he has supported in their beginning careers.

Besides being in charge of History (in his role as KLA Coordinator), he is also part of the history of the College, but more importantly his role as a teacher in making and forming that history.

It is very fitting that I have invited Mr Heeringa to be our “Guest of Honour” at our Assembly of Excellence this afternoon. Below is a picture of Mr. Heeringa addressing staff and students - just prior to a spontaneous standing ovation.
Staffing:

The Appointment of St Leo’s Catholic College Assistant Principal:
It gives me great pleasure to announce that our Assistant Principal is Mr Anthony Mahoney. He is currently Assistant to the Principal (Teaching, Learning and Curriculum) at St Pius X Chatswood. Mr Mahoney will take up this role at the College from 2014.

Mrs Brenda Timp:
It is with mixed feelings that I also announce that our current Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs Brenda Timp has been appointed at Assistant Principal of another of our schools in the Diocese – Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood commencing 2014. I will now start the process for advertising for a new Director of Teaching and Learning. Next term we will have an opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Timp as well as to welcome Mr Mahoney to our community.

Art / TAS / Music / Drama Showcase:
Over the past few days I have received much feedback from various members of the community about the very successful Showcase last week. Certainly in my time here at the College this was not only the largest Showcase we have had – but also the most well attended and supported. The quality of all works – Music, Drama, TAS and Visual Arts were of the best standard I have had the opportunity to witness. Congratulations not only to our prize winners – but also to all the students from across the College who had their works on display.
I received numerous comments that due to the quality of the works on display, the items should be for sale!
An event like this does not automatically happen. It involves months or preparation and planning (and hard work by the students) by the staff in Visual Arts, TAS, Music and Drama. I would particularly like to thank Ms Juliette Carson (Visual Arts Coordinator) for her passion, time and effort in coordinating this event. I see the pieces of work on display – are a great reflection of the very positive relationship between the staff and the students.
Well done to all and to the many hundreds of people who attended the Opening night.

Stage 6 Students (Yrs 11 & 12):
On behalf of the College community we wish our Year 11 students all the best for their End of Preliminary Exams that commence on Monday. At the start of Term IV – they commence their HSC Courses. Our Year 12 students are in their final 2 weeks of their secondary schooling. Farewells, Graduation, handover of student leadership and preparations for their HSC exams are well under way. All practical HSC exams have now been completed and the practical components have been marked by the BOS Marking team.

Father’s Day Mass and Breakfast:
Last Friday over 75 families were represented at our Father’s Day Mass and Breakfast. Fr David’s sermon centered around the significance of the father in the family. By request we have it posted on our website. Than you to the fathers and father figures who participated – also to Mrs White, Ms Torpy and Mr Kershler for their wonderful organisation.

Board Retreat:
Last Saturday the College Board conducted it’s annual Discernment Day. The day was broken into three sessions. We started the day celebrating Mass with Fr Robert and the Hornsby Cathedral Parish. The second session we started reviewing our current Strategic Plan as well as gathering data for our 2014 Annual Plan. The third session was discussion around the Parent Network and developing our Timor Leste Project. Thank you to the College Board not only for your time but also for your wisdom.

Around the College on Wednesday Morning:
Below are two photos of two more “unusual” sights one would see around the College. The first is of a “Periodic Table” cake that was made by Jackson Barnard (Yr 11) for his Chemistry class. The second is Kaitlin Daoud (Yr 12) being pregnant for a day – Yr 12 Community and Family Studies class – “are babies really this heavy?”

Mr A F Gleeson
Principal
How good God is to me and how much reason I have to be grateful”
(Saint Mary MacKillop –22/02/1899)

The Great Work our Students Do
“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate.... By Ralph Waldo Emerson
We sometimes take for granted the wonderful work our students do in the area of helping others. Sitting in the Assistant Principal’s chair I get to see and hear of the many ways the students of the College reach out to people in need.
In recent days we have concluded the many charitable activities that our current student leadership have initiated over their twelve months as student leaders. The four charities:
World Vision, United Way, Mission Australia and Vinnies have received or will be receiving donations totaling over $6,800. Local organizations such as Red Shield Appeal, Rotary and Legacy have received enthusiastic support of either donations or time. Our students donated their time during the Red Shield appeal and $550 will go to Rotary to help with their disadvantaged children program. On Friday morning a number of students were collecting for Legacy at Wiatara Station.

In the Street Retreat Year 10 see the life of the homeless and gain a sense of their responsibility to these members of our community. This responsibility is then lived out in the once a month Vinnies Night Patrol which gives our students the opportunity to offer service to the homeless in a very hands-on manner by providing food and an opportunity to talk to someone.

Project Compassion, Christmas Hampers and the Winter Appeal are part of a long tradition at the College and it’s assistance to local Catholic organisations. On Wednesdays our senior students help with the catechist program at local primary schools and our students have had a long tradition of working with nearby elderly residents in aged care facilities.

In recent days a number of our students have undertaken training so that they can assist at the Vinnies holiday Kids Camps.

We have also had projects close to our students’ experiences with fundraising for Cancer Council and Canteen.

When we reflect upon the good our students do we see them living God’s Law in their hearts!

**Uniform**

Students and parents were notified earlier this week that due to the hot weather our students are able to wear their summer uniform during the concluding weeks of this term. Students have the choice of either their full summer uniform or full winter uniform. They are however unable to mix and match.

Please note below the summer uniform expectations:

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In term 4 students will be expected to start the term wearing their summer uniform. Uniform shop hours are: 10am till 1.45pm Tuesday and Thursday.

**Upcoming Events**

Monday 9 Sept to Friday 20 Sept – End of Preliminary exams for Year 11
Wednesday 11 Sept – early permitted leave
Tuesday 17 Sept – Year 12 Graduation activities
- 11.30 Thanksgiving Liturgy & Leadership Induction Ceremony Friday 20 Sept – school concludes at 1pm. Students will be dismissed at the end of period 4

**Term 4**

Public Holiday Monday 7 October.
Staff returns to school on Tuesday 8 October Students return to school on Wednesday 9 October.

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Susan White
Acting Assistant Principal

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As Year 12 approach their final weeks at school they are reminded of the importance of attending school. seeking teacher's advice with regards to revision and exam techniques. It is essential that students stay on track in order to maximise their results for the HSC.

Congratulations to the Year 12 Visual Art, Drama, Industrial Timber and Music students whose fantastic work was showcased last week at the Annual Art Show.

Best wish to our students studying Japanese for their Oral exam on 14th September.

Please remember to return all graduation notes as well as any outstanding absentee notes and library books.

Below is a timetable for Graduation Day, 17th September. Looking forward to seeing you there

**Mrs. Todd**
Yr 12 Coordinator
The Year 11 Preliminary HSC exams begin on Monday 9th September and continue until the end of Term 3. All students received a timetable for these important exams along with the rules, expectations and procedures. I would like to wish all students the very best during this stressful period.

In addition, all students in Year 11 received a “text book list” for the 2014 HSC courses. The deadline for these HSC textbook orders is due to the College by Thursday 19th September. Any orders after this date cannot be processed by the College and will need to be acquired independently.

Angelo Solomonides
Year 11 Coordinator

This week Year 10 students will be continuing to work through the Career Exploration Programme. Students will need to use the results from the ALLWELL testing for this. A number of students attended the Broken Bay Social Justice day from Year 10 with some students also presenting a workshop about the Outback Pilgrimage.

SRC Nominations will be also be completed next week for Term 4 and Year 11 all students are invited to apply.

Peter Trainer
Year 10 Coordinator
We welcome back Rohan Bright form the World Dwarf Games where he represented Australia in both the pool and on the track. Rohan achieved 5 Fold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medals – a fantastic effort across 2 disciplines. Well done Rohan!

Tomorrow a number of students will be assisting with the sales of badges for Legacy. This important charity supports the widows of servicemen and women who been killed in action across all wars and conflicts in which Australia has taken part. Thank you these students:

Georgina Simpson
Carmen-Mary Maatouk
Eleanor Henderson
Petrea Cantrall
Nadya Shturman

Year 9 have been engaged in a study skills program during tutor time as a lead up to the final examinations next term. It was great to walk around and see the discussion and group work being completed.

Full summer uniform can now be worn – it is important that students do not wear a combination of summer and winter uniforms

Andrew Betty
Yr 9 Co-ordinator

Over the last few weeks in Year 8, we have been spending time in the chapel meditating. Two classes at a time have been able to unplug from their e-worlds and the noise and rush of school to be truly quiet. The tutor team have led the students in meditation and reflection and in being thankful for the good things in life. Students have written some
beautiful prayers of gratitude for their families, friends, talents, and opportunities. All of us face difficulties at various times, so the ability to pray, to relax, reflect and put problems into perspective is a valuable skill.

In other tutor lessons, we have been looking at study skills, and have also revisited the issues surrounding internet usage, for example, the problems caused by the site AskFM. At home, please check that your son or daughter’s uniform is in line with College expectations. All students need the correct school shoes for our environment, especially, for example, in Tech rooms. Boys do need a belt and correct socks. Girls should have hair tied back and no nail polish.

Megan de Kantzow
Year 8 Co-ordinator

Congratulations to all students who had works on display on the evening of Wednesday 28th August for the CAPA and TAS showcase held in the Light of Christ Centre. The evening was a huge success with approximately 650 people in attendance. Audience members were entertained by HSC Drama and Music Students and were able to view works from Years 7-11 in Visual Arts and TAS, and HSC artworks and Timber projects.

Thankyou to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Hasman, who along with Year 11 Hospitality students served amazing refreshments.

Our guest judges were Miss Maddie Hogarth and Miss Bella Castle from the class of 2011. Below is a list of prizewinners, who will have certificates presented at the Assembly of Excellence for term 3.

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XAVIER HOUSE

The role as Xavier House Captains was to promote participation and house spirit. Every house was allocated a focus term in which we undertook all our activities and money raising events. It was Xavier’s turn first with our focus term being term 4 2012, our chosen charity was St Vinnies De Pauls.

Our first job was to organise a Christmas hamper appeal for Vinnies where we made over 40 hampers to be distributed to different families of need in the Hornsby area.

We also raised over $1600 to donate to Vinnies through a red themed mufti day. The St Francis Xavier feast day was also held in term 4, where a Xavier only liturgy took place to inform students who Francis Xavier was and to celebrate what house we are in. Also with the change in leadership roles came house assemblies every third Monday, giving us a chance to run activities such as breakfasts and small fun sporting events.

All in all we have loved being Xavier House Captains for what has been a very successful year, and hope house spirit increases into the future.

Adam Page, Tobruk Sloane and Nicolette McArdle

COLLEGE CAPTAINS AND SRC PRESIDENTS

The experience of being a leader was one of the most rewarding aspects of our time in high school. We learnt a level of co-operation and communication that we never would have found if we hadn’t been leaders. Unlike in previous years, we had major assistance from our house captains, as they had the most important and influential role that had ever been given to them. Our task was instead to organise and liaise with the house captains, ensuring that events and fundraisers went according to plan. This was seen in great detail on St Leos Day, when all leaders and year 12 students banded together to put on a fun day for the students to end 2012. The experience of being a leader of the college was one that we would never forget.

Thanks,

Jordan Barnes, Alex Drum, Sophie Carse, Charlotte Ball and Nathan Elliott
AQUINAS HOUSE

Throughout the year of 2012-2013 Aquinas House Captains Alex Schultz, Jordan Marci and Lachlan Hinds have been busy from day 1. Being a House captain is not an easy job it takes complete dedication throughout the whole year not just on the key calendar dates such as the Athletics carnival and Swimming carnival. Dedication as a year 12 student trying to complete their Higher school certificate (HSC) is hard enough but with the added stress of House breakfasts, Liturgies, mufti-days and St Leo’s day (Only a couple of events run by Aquinas), it adds a lot more pressure and stress and sometimes we never thought we could make the deadlines but we did. This is why we where selected by the teachers and students so only the best candidates where given the opportunity of this amazing Leadership role in the school.

Meetings after school were held with Mr Gleeson, Mrs White and Mrs Todd allowing communication to be between all Houses, Teachers and the Student representative Council (SRC). This allowed optimum impact through the school an example of this through charities such as our Mufti-day and Valentine’s Day stall which raised just over $1,500 dollars which is amazing as all money went directly to Mission Australia. Reflecting on impact that the we as the Captains of Aquinas had on St Leo’s Catholic College by getting everyone involved at Swimming and Athletics carnivals, holding the best House breakfasts in the school and we are proud of our house. It took a lot of hard work but looking back it was all worth it and to serve the school in the best possible way we all agree.

Alex Schultz, Jordan Marci and Lachlan Hinds

St Leo's Junior Basketball Team

Hi All
I just wanted to inform everyone about the results of our St Leo's Junior Basketball Team at the Combined Catholic Schools Competition at state level. The boys were ever so eager to get to Tamworth and compete at a level that our basketball teams have yet to be invited to until the start of this week. The five hour drive on Sunday was full of enthusiasm and motivation and I, as the coach, couldn't wait until our boys got onto the court on Monday. For a successful trip we trained for weeks prior and ensured that we were prepared mentally and made sure that our fitness was up to scratch.

Our pool consisted of All Saints College Lochinvar, St Paul's Port Macquarie, St Dominics College Kingswood and Xavier HS Albury. Even with a tough pool, the students were able
to achieve 1 Win 1 Draw and 2 Losses. Because there is no extra time provided during a draw according to the by-laws, the game that we drew ended up being crucial as we ended up 3rd in our pool, and the top two make it into the semi finals the following day.

The boys played well throughout, displayed great team chemistry and showed great sportsmanship with the other school teams. (We even had a cheer squad from Patrician Brothers College Fairfield).

If you teach or know the students from the team, please congratulate them on their efforts and commitment in representing the school.

The Junior basketball team that travelled to Tamworth consisted of:
Paul Khamis Oscar Fricke
Ben Fricke Anthony Kelly
Matthew Stein Thomas Drum
Matthew Millar Dominic Della Franca
Cody Jervis Raymond Takchi
Coach: Louie Tiglao
Manager: Jessica Watts

A special thanks to Jessica Watts for managing the scoring table on the day of the event and also for organising dinner for both nights, along with the snacks.
A special thanks to Luke Trotz for organising our bus, school notes, medical forms and WHS summary.
Diligence Awards

At today’s Assembly of Excellence, students whom were nominated by their class teachers for diligence awards had their names displayed on the big screens in the Light of Christ Hall.
Congratulations to those students listed.

Yr 7 Diligence Awards

Jordan Andersen
Madison Atwood
Pocholo Bajar
William Banham
Thomas Barrington-Molloy
Ben Batchelor
Marley-Raj Bayniet-Nougher
Johnathan Bradshaw
Jeremy Browne
Joshua Butler
Nathan Carey
Matthew Cassarchis
Camille Chin
Amy Cornale
Emily Cruden
Caleb Cull
Chris D’Cunha
Zane Davis
Dominic Della Frana
Thomas Fletcher
Rachel Geha
Charles Gleeson
William Grant
Deanna Hambous
Jessica Hall
Maxwell Hall
Monte Hanlon
Elise Hardy
Madeleine Hassan
Courtney Hickman
Jeremy Jakovecic
Morgan Jefferys
Christine Joshua
Jessica Knight
Angela Leech
Caitlin Littleton
Georgia MacDonald
Tamara Manktelow
Riley Matthews
Aisling McGill
Max McKern
Lauren Mund
Vivien Nguyen
Kate O’Callaghan

Alex Papp
Jessica Pennings
William Perret
Sean Ponnapanalam
Maisie Punt
Sophie Rawsthorne
Tegan Reed
Hayley Rodda
Emily Smith
Harry South
Ryan Stack
Joshua Stagg
Amy Supple
Brendan Sutton
Isabelle Theseira

Thomas Treloar
Chelsea Tuilla
Ansha Varghese
Luke Wanden
Joshua Watkins
Stephanie Yu
Yr 9 Diligence Awards

Wilson Murphy
Tynan Murray
Jose Navarro Díaz
Emma O’Brien
Jessica O’Neill
Giorgia Oastler
Gio Olivar
Nicholas Oud
Alexander Payne
Jerome Peries
Nicole Phoebeus
Monique Placko
Andrew Plant
Elouise Princi
Joseph Robinson
Matthew Robinson
Mark Rogers
Charbel Saliba
Madelyn Scott
Kiah Seville
Georgina Simpson
Lanii Strong
Joshua Taylor
Arthur Treloar
Mitchell Trott
Ryan Tullia
Rebecca Wilton
Miles Wood
Brittany Zaouric
Ivan Zaggozkin

Yr 10 Diligence Awards

Tjannaya Abela
Natalie Barker
Robert Barker
Sam Batchelor
Nathan Birrell
Samir Chahine
Matthew Chamberlain
Paul Charteris
Andrew Cleave
Sheldon Crossan
Emma Cryan
Juliette Dahdah
Nicole Deggans
Timothy Demasi
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Isabella Ford
Sean Friend
Laura Goldsworthy
Monica Gonzalez
Lor’ence Gosbee
Kaitlin Green
Jillian Haertsch
Hannah Haldenby
Hannah Hayes
Fraser Henriksen
Matthew Hickman
Bianca Italiano
Ryan Jenkins
Danny Jong
Anna Kane
Tannay Kapani
Paul Kazatchek
Nathan Khoudair
Callum Little
Tristan Lopez
Matthew Machado
Sebastian Madden
Simbarashe Majaji
Diana Masters
Samantha Millard
Joshua Millen
Luc Modde
Frank Morris
Tinomutenda Shone
Makwala
Amy Nguyen
Conrad Nitschke
Jenni Mennin Odd
Sebastian Olczak
Amy Pannell
Isaac Rodda
Jasmine Sansone

Yr 10 Diligence Awards

Bronte Savvas
Annabelle Sawyer
Rebekah Sharpe
Adair Sheppard
Connor Staggs
Kai Stevens
Rea Tewani
Brendan Tracy
Daniel Trotz
Rebecca Van De
Werff
Nicholas Wood
Ryan Wreyford
Oscar Xie
Debating & Public Speaking

UN Youth Evatt Competition
Two Year 11 students, Connor Dare and Tobias Hilton, won through to the semi-finals of this competition. Evatt places young Australians in the shoes of UN Security Council representatives, making them debate on issues of international security, human rights and current affairs. In this round, our team was designated to take and vote in accordance with the views of Russia. Alliances are everything in the competition. Unfortunately the team representing China did not attend on the day, so our team was not able to demonstrate a wide range of their political skills and did not proceed. They are to be congratulated on their knowledge of the country and the UN process and the quality of their debating.

UN Youth Public Speaking Competition Term 4
Students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to enter this competition, to be held on 15 and 16 October at Loreto Normanhurst. All rounds start at 4.30pm. Any number of students may enter this competition. Students can register at http://www.unyouth.org.au/nsw/public-speaking/ and need to tick the box – please invoice my school.

Neryle Sheldon
Debating & Public Speaking Coordinator
Library News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now finished and we have a record 60 students who completed the challenge in Years 7, 8 and 9. The St Leo’s Reading Challenge, which has no rules and no real timeframe, continues. A large number of students are on track to receive an Outstanding or Highly Commended certificate at the Assembly of Excellence in Term 4.

Neryle Sheldon Teacher Librarian

Careers News

University of Technology Sydney: Engineering Year 12 Bonus Scheme Questionnaire
Questionnaire closes Fri 29th November.
Students wishing to study engineering can receive bonus points based upon the submission of the Engineering Year 12 bonus scheme online questionnaire. The questionnaire is evaluated based on motivation, interest in engineering and affinity for the engineering discipline.
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/engineering-year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Open Day
Sat 31st August, 10am to 5pm
Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Corner of Bridge & Macquarie Street, Sydney
http://sydney.edu.au/music

Australian Government Cadetships, Scholarships and Work Experience Opportunities
A large number of Australian Government departments and agencies offer cadetships, scholarships and work experience opportunities.

The Hotel School Sydney Open Day
Sat 7th September, 9am to 1pm
The Hotel School Sydney, 60 Phillip Street, Sydney

Australian Film Television and Radio School: September School Holiday Courses
The Australian Film Television and Radio School offers a range of school holiday courses throughout September for students aged between 9 and 17 who have an interest in filmmaking, game design, animation or screenwriting.
Book at least 28 days in advance to receive a 10% early bird discount.
Some courses include:
Intro to Game Design: Mon 23rd to Wed 25th September
HSC Video Intensive: Wed 25th to Fri 27th September
Writing a Short Film: Wed 2nd to Fri 4th October
Contact: 1300 065 281

University of Technology Sydney: Bachelor of Property Economics Competition
Entries close Fri 7th September, 5pm
Submit a 500 word essay or a 5 minute or shorter video that responds to the question “Is
Sydney’s Property Market over-valued?” for the chance to win $1000.

University of Technology Sydney: Photography and Situated Media Competition
Entries close Fri 7th September, 5pm
UTS is offering a total prize pool of $1000 to the best photographers and situated media designers currently studying Year 11 or 12.
The winning entries will be original works which make a social, cultural or personal comment, that redefine and/or combine the disciplines of photography, moving image and situated media. Entries can take the form of digital images or of a video.


Australian Institute of Architects: ArchiCAREERS Day
Sat 7th September, 12pm to 3pm
Find out more about a career in architecture at ArchiCAREERS Day where you can discuss your future with representatives from the University of Newcastle, University of NSW, University of Sydney, and more. Register at monica.love@architecture.com.au

Get THAT Job Day
Thu 5th September, 9am to 3pm
Novotel, 350 Church Street, Parramatta
Students can undertake an interview for a range of positions throughout the day with a variety of companies and group training organisations.
RSVP to Kara Oliver on (02) 9633 7100 or kara.oliver@aussip.com.au by Wed 28th August

Young and Well CRC: Youth Brains Trust 2013-2014
Applications close Mon 2nd September.
Young and Well CRC are looking for people aged 12 to 25 to join their Youth Brains Trust. The Youth Brains trust offers advice to the Young and Well CRC to ensure that their research agenda is relevant and meets the needs of young people.


World Youth International Gap Year Programs
World Youth International offers Gap Year programs where students can undertake either general volunteering or a placement as a nurse in Kenya, Nepal, Peru or more.
For more information contact admin@worldyouth.org.au or (08) 8340 1266.

Australian Youth Affairs Coalition: Youth Vote Ambassadors
The Australian Youth Affairs Coalition is looking for young people to become youth vote ambassadors.
Ambassadors will receive advocacy, media and campaigning training and will consult with young people in their local area about issues of concern and will talk about the importance of voting.


Police Open Day
Sat 7th September, 10am to 3pm
Fairfield High School, The Horsley Drive, Fairfield
Hear from a wide range of police units about roles in the NSW Police, including the Dog Unit, Aerial Unit, Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics Unit, and more.
Contact: Alex Sentana on sentlale@police.nsw.gov.au or 9728 8407

Sydney Dance Company Spring Workshop
Thu 3rd & Fri 4th October
Pier 4, 15 Hickson Road, The Rocks
Sydney Dance Company is holding a workshop with some of Sydney’s leading choreographers and dance teachers for people aged 14 to 18. Contact: 9258 4818 or sdc@sydneydancecompany.com
www.sydneydancecompany.com

The School for Excellence: HSC Exam/Study Tip 23 – Brain Food
This website gives an overview of the career of the veterinarian and the salary range that a new graduate might expect. The site also provides a list of Australian universities that facilitate the Bachelor of Veterinary Science. http://essendonvet.com.au/career-veterinarian

Character Strengths Challenge
Character strengths are traits that come through in our thoughts, feelings and behaviours. You can complete an online questionnaire that will identify your character strengths. https://www.viame.org/survey/Account/Register

Job Outlook Career Quiz
The Job Outlook Career Quiz takes students’ answers to a small range of questions and provides them with detailed career profiles for jobs in fields that might suit them. The career profiles include future job prospects, skills needed for that job, vacancies, training opportunities and any relevant reports or links. Students with a specific job or field in mind can also search directly for detailed information. http://joboutlook.gov.au/pages/careerquiz.aspx

National Careers and Employment Expo: Online

Vinnies Kids Camp
We are very proud of our senior students; they are great examples of Catholic discipleship. Last Friday Sat saw 7 of our students attend the Vinnies Kids Camp leaders training at Somersby. The actual camp is in last week of holidays That’s commitment! These students have been selected by Broken Bay Vinnies and will assist and lead activities at the camp, that will benefit disadvantaged children in our community.
What a great leadership opportunity
Dominic Cantrall, Scott Stevens, Sophie Livermore, Natasha George, Chris Matkowski, Sam Arthur and Courtney Scarth (Lilly de Kantzow absent)

Broken Bay Annual Social Justice Day
‘Together for Humanity’

Our students participate and lead the discussion by sharing their Outback Pilgrimage experience.

The aim of the day was for students from all over the Diocese to gather, learn and be challenged to live out their Catholic faith by contributing to a more just and sustainable society.

Our students demonstrated a deep understanding of the theme of the day ‘Together for Humanity’, through their engagement in the workshops, and by sharing the experience of their pilgrimage to the outback, as leaders of one of the workshops.

We love our dads!
Father’s Day celebrations at the College

On Friday, 30th Aug, we celebrated Father’s Day with Mass and breakfast. It was a beautiful morning, with Fr David Ranson starting the day off with Mass and a moving, thought provoking homily. Breakfast followed, and dads and students enjoyed coffee and other goodies set up, and served by our students. Thank you to all the dads that came along, and shared this experience with their children and the College community. Thank you to Mrs White who bought the breakfast goodies, and the students who set up and managed the breakfast, Mr Kershler, who prepared the Chapel for Mass and Fatere David, who presided. There was a palpable sense of a vibrant faith community.
Come Join Us in Eucharist
Every Tuesday from 8 am
Every Friday from 1.05 pm

In the College Chapel
Thank you to our priests who will celebrate Mass with us this week:
BROKEN BAY ATHLETICS TEAM

Our St Leo’s athletics team does us proud at the Broken Bay Athletics Championships. Once again we displayed some fierce competition proving to be very strong on the day. The students that were selected into the Broken Bay team are listed below and will compete at NSWCCC next Friday.

The Broken Bay Athletics Team from St Leo’s

Jordan Barnes (18) - 400m, 200m & 100m (Age Champion)
Bethany Halmy (18) - 1500m, 800m & 400m
Nicollette McArdle (17) - 400m
Frank Morris (16) - Javelin Throw
Nicholas Wood (16) - 110m Hurdles, 200m & 100m (Age Champion)
Justin Hardy (15) – Discus Throw
Sarah McIntosh (15) – Discus Throw
Keeley Bowan (14) - 100m Hurdles
Gabi Chan (14) - 200m
Jack Dempsey (13) - Long Jump
Jessica Knight (12) - Discus Throw
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Earlier in the year our junior basketball team qualified for the state basketball championships. It was only on the 25th August that our junior basketball team headed to Tamworth for the State Basketball Championships. The championships went for two days of non stop action. Our junior team proved very strong and did really well but unfortunately missed out in the semi finals by only one point. Their efforts need to be commended, they represented the College in the true spirit of sport.

I look forward to hearing more about our junior team over the next few years as they become seniors. They will definitely be a talent of the future. A huge thank you must go to their coach Mr Tiglao and the team manager Ms Watts for giving up their time for the team.

Well done!!

Junior Basketball Team

1. Paul Khamis
Congratulations to Rohan Bright who qualified for the Australian team in the World Dwarf Games and competed in Michigan, USA.
The Aussie team achieved a total of over 87 medals from 32 Athletes, England, 123 from 112 Athletes and the USA, 225 from 300+ athletes.
Rohan arrived home in Australia with 9 medals. What a phenomenal result.
The results are listed below:

3 Gold in the pool
1 Silver in the open mens 50m freestyle
1 Gold in the open relay freestyle
2 Bronze in the 100/60
4th in the 200 open mens
1 Silver in discus and javelin
Rohan is definitely a rising star to look out for in the future. Well done!
For further information regarding the World Dwarf Games see the following facebook link:
https://www.facebook.com/wdgaustralia
A fantastic result was also achieved by our Bethany Halmy of year 12 who competed last Saturday & Sunday in the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships over in Launceston, Tasmainia. Bethany travelled there with the NSW team. Saturday consisted of the 6km U/20’s course in which Bethany finished 21st and in the school competition she finished 6th in Australia. Overall the NSW school team finished in 2nd place in the Country. Sunday was the 2km relay. The top 5 from each state qualified for the team. Bethany Halmy was part of the team. The NSW team finished in 2nd place. Well done Bethany, a great result! As this is Bethany's final year of school she has done well to balance study, training and competition. We look forward to hearing about your success in sport outside of school and hope that one day you will be representing our Country. Keep up the good work!

HAVE YOU ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT THIS YEAR?

If you have accomplished a great sporting achievement we would like to hear about it. Please click on the link below and complete the details that follow:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d1XkjuSwbpu1PAbU8tvRAVNZm1HYNlKtn6ZzKE9UyF5ao/viewform
YR 7/8 ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH

CCC ATHLETICS

BERG/DOWNIE CRICKET BEGINS

BBSSSA TENNIS + BBSSSA VOLLEYBALL

BBSSSA BIATHLON

BBSSSA SURF LIFESAVING
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.
Community Forum: Effects of Underage Drinking & Drinking Culture

The Bankstown-Sydney Liquor Accord is holding a Community Forum on the Effects of Underage Drinking & Drinking Culture. Experts in their fields will discuss underage drinking and its health effects on minors. There will be an open Q&A forum for you to discuss matters of concern for you and your family.

If you have young teenagers, this is one night you don’t want to miss.

Representatives from NSW Police, NSW Health and City of Ryde will also present information on ‘Teens have a Safe Night’, how to ensure underage parties at home don’t get out of control, and how to contact for more advice and information.

Guest Speaker: Professor Sandra Jones

With over 30 years of research and teaching experience, Professor Sandra Jones is one of the world’s leading experts on the effects of alcohol on health. She will discuss the impact of underage drinking on mental health, academic performance, and social development.

MC: David Citter

David Citter is an experienced youth worker and has a strong background in working with young people. He will moderate the discussion and facilitate the Q&A session.

For Parents:

- Do you suspect your child is being bullied or is bullying others?
- Do you worry about their mood and social interactions?

Wednesday 15th September, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Event: Crows Nest Rue Raine Street, Suite 501
Free Entry

For Teachers:

- What are the signs and symptoms of bullying?
- How can we support our students who are being bullied?

Monday 19th September, 4 - 5pm
Event: Crows Nest Rue Raine Street, Suite 501
Free Entry

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The Australian Brewery, Rouse Hill
Friday 16th November 2018 from 8pm
All profits to Cancer Council NSW

Auction, raffle, door prizes and more

To donate: nsw.cancerfundraising.org.au/soundproofed
St Ives Junior Cricket Club
Registrations for Season 2013/14
NOW OPEN
REGISTER ONLINE at www.stivescricket.org.au

AGES 6-8: no Cricket at St Ives Village Green Sat mornings 8-9.30am. A fun-filled, clinic-style, introduction to cricket for boys and girls with our superb team of professionally accredited coaches.

AGES 8-14: Under 9 through to Under 16/17 teams play against other North Shore teams on Saturdays or Sundays depending on the age group:
- Sat am - U8, U10, U12, U14;
- Sat pm - U10, U12, U14
- Sun am - U12/13, U14/15, U16/17 (jun eams)

GRILS: Girls from 4-8 can join the u20 program. From around 8 years old, girls can either play with the boys or can play for St Ives in the Northern Sydney Girls’ Cricket Association Twenty-20 competition on Saturday afternoons, 2pm. Another option for girls and NEW for season 2013/14: Friday night T20 for girls aged 8-12, 5:30-7:30pm, at Bledis Park, Chatswood.

For more information or to register online go to www.stivescricket.org.au

or contact Rachel Scholefield at operations@stivescricket.org.au ph: 9011 7514

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For more information call 1300 884 733

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Children's rights
You have the right to:

1. be treated fairly no matter what
2. have a say about decisions affecting you
3. live and grow up healthy
4. have people do what is best for you
5. know who you are and where you come from
6. believe what you want
7. privacy
8. find out information and express yourself
9. be safe no matter where you are
10. be cared for and have a home
11. education, play and cultural activities
12. help and protection if you need it

Feedback from the Commissioner on the Rights of the Child

You can also read about your rights in the book "The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child".