Principal’s Pride Report – 15th November 2013

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus. (Luke 21:5-19)

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

We are currently seeing the images and hearing the many stories of the tragedy in the Philippines. This has come on the back of the bush fires here in NSW. In these times and in times past we hear of people who tell us we are heading for the end of the world! It was a similar story as we approached the year 2000. Some would use this Sunday’s Gospel to support their claims.

In Luke’s Gospel – Jesus is speaking to the people of Palestine who believed the end of the world was near. Given these people were being persecuted by the Romans and their nation was falling apart – one could understand that belief. Jesus offers God’s safety and trust regardless of the suffering we may endure. The Gospel is about the way we respond to despair and these tragedies. We are a people of hope.

We as a College community have to work at this continually. It is one of our 5 College values. The “hope” is not walking around with smiles painted on – but rather the meaning of hope is one that St Augustine describes as hope is based on the justice God wants in this world – that will be done in our life after death. Some examples that are pertinent to us both globally and locally – our care of our environment and the way we treat others.

We as a people of hope – need to constantly make the better choice – not being depressed or living in despair. We have choices – it is up to us how we live this life. We need to hold on to each other and our faith. Unfortunately there are many in our society where depression is a determining factor in their lives.

Sunday’s Gospel is about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

Our Parents’ Portal into Edumate:
“Edumate” is the student database we use for student management. This includes many facets of your child. Next week, all parents that have access to the internet will have the capability to be further supported in our “parents in partnership” plan by having access to your young person’s marks, rankings, attendance, merits and demerits, sick bay visits on a daily basis. We will be trialing this access for the remainder of this term.

In this edition of The Pride parents will have a link to a form that will allow them to register their name, email address and Child’s Year group. Our IT Team will respond within 72 hours with log in details and instructions.

Rather than having to wait for one of our 4 reports, contact from the teacher, or news from your young person about progress in assessment tasks, lateness, absenteeism and general progress you will have that opportunity 24/7!

Having that information at your fingertips will certainly strengthen you in your role as “parents in partnership” with the College – in order to improve the outcomes of the students.

As with any trial of a IT product – we expect glitches, so please extend us your patience in this upcoming trial of our Parents’ Portal in Edumate. Mr. Jones, our Edumate Coordinator
explains more of this process in his address found on the Curriculum page of this newsletter.

Year 12 Major Works Nominated for Board of Studies Showcase:
Last week I was informed by the Board of Studies that 4 of our students major works have been nominated by the markers for their particular subject’s HSC Showcase. To be nominated is a great honour – particularly 4 students in the one school! These major works done by the students reflect the highest standard that the markers have seen as they move from school to school.

Congratulations to:

**Hannah Derrig** – “Consume(d)” – ArtExpress Nomination 2014

**Lily Derrig** – “Four Different Kinds of Champion” – ArtExpress Nomination 2014

**Ryan Drewett** – “It’s the Simple Things” – ArtExpress Nomination 2014

**Jarrod Haldenby** – Major Design Project (Industrial Technology) – InTech Nomination 2014

Also congratulations to the Visual Art and TAS staffs, particularly Mr Sammut and Ms Carson for their expert guidance and leading these students in their major works.

Orientation Program for our new Assistant Principal:
Mr Mahoney will be joining for a few days over the next couple of weeks talking with many of our staff and students. This will mean a more seamless transition at the start of 2014 when he will be joining us permanently.

Congratulations to Students for some Sporting Highlights:
Last week the College 1st XI Cricket team played against Patrician Brothers, Blacktown in the Downey Shield. Congratulations to the team on an excellent and comprehensive win. (4/290 in response to 93.) Albert Watts was acknowledged at last week’s Assembly given his score of 198 not out. Other outstanding performances were Matthew Chamberlain – 45 and 3/8; Luke Modde – 3/20 and John Anderson 2/6.
The College witnessed (at recess and lunchtime) two other games on Donnelly Oval – Northern Districts (Vs Asquith Boys – a close loss) and our Junior Cricket team Vs Gilroy College (another comprehensive win) in the Berg Shield.
In the Girls Open Broken Bay Tennis competition – Natalie El-Hage (Yr 8), Nicole Deggens (Yr 10) joined with Corrine Mack (Yr 12) in playing very competitively in the competition with 9 other schools.

Stop Press News – Congratulations to Hunor Kicski (Yr 12) who will be receiving a coveted Blues Award for his outstanding achievements in Waterpolo (awarded by NSWCCC) in both State and National levels.

College Choir and Band –
For the second consecutive weekend St Leo’s Stage Band, Jazz Band and our Max 12 were giving up their time and supporting other members of our local community. Both Holy Name Parish and OLOR primary school have benefitted from our students performing. Not only are our students able to perform in these ensembles in front of a live audience – but also to showcase their musical talents. On behalf of our College community I would like to thank these students and their parents for interrupting their normal weekend routines for the benefit of others. Thank you.
I would particularly thank both Mrs Carolyn McFarlane and Mrs Gauci for their time and expertise in preparing the students and giving up their own time for our students.

Sport / Co-Curricula Photos Last Week:
It was pleasing to see so many of our students who represented the College in sport get photographed for our 2013 Year Book. Just on 43 teams have competed in a myriad of sports over the past year. The sports ranged from our Aerobics (of course) to Cricket, Touch Football, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby Union and Rugby League, Netball, Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming, Volleyball and Waterpolo. These sports are then further separated for boys and girls – most with three teams in each – Under 13s / Under 15s and Opens.
We also had over 15 of our students representing NSWCCC, State and National levels. It is great to see students taking the opportunity to partake in these teams to not only support the College but also to improve themselves in the many facets of team sports.

Major End of Year Events:
There are many whole school events coming up over the next few weeks. I would ask all parents to carefully read The Pride and email notifications about these events.

Thursday 21 Nov - College Swimming Carnival at Homebush. All parents have received an email about the arrangements from Mr Trotz our Sports Coordinator.
Friday 29 Nov – Assembly of Excellence for Term IV (9am – 10.30am). Again all parents are invited.
Thursday 12 Dec – St Leo’s Mass and Fair Day – (compulsory of all our students)
Friday 13 Dec – St Leo’s Year in Review – (compulsory for all our students) – again all parents are invited.

Year 12 Formal:
It was great to be with our 2013 Year 12 students last evening at their Formal at Springfield House, Dural. Their behavior, attitude, and manners were impeccable. Over 20 staff attended as well. It was a great and fitting evening as their last event as Year 12 2013. It was very pleasing to hear that many of our students are already accepted into University courses (prior admission), apprenticeships and looking forward to 2014 and beyond!

Mr A F Gleeson
Principal

Release Your Inner Child Day

On Tuesday 19th of November Xavier House will be hosting a ‘release your inner child day’. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite childhood character. This can be from a book, movie, show or game. Competitions will be held to determine best dressed, most creative etc.

The day is being held to raise money and awareness for CanTeen Australia, that helps children and families living with Cancer.
CanTeen believes that no young person should face cancer alone. That's why CanTeen provides a range of free programs, services and resources to help young people aged 12-24 deal with the emotional, physical and practical issues of cancer, so they can take back control of their lives.

All students are to bring a gold coin donation on the day. This will be collected during Tutor time.

*From the Xaviour House Student Leaders. An initiative supported by the SRC.*

**Remaining Focused**
It is important that all students remain committed to their learning goals and the College’s behaviour expectations for the next four weeks of in-class activities. Our Year 12 students are still working towards the completion of their first term of study and some of our Year 7 to 10 students still have assessment tasks due for specific subjects. The College Gospel values are the expected norm of all student interactions. Please stress to your children that it is important that they finish their school year off in the appropriate way and in a manner that does them credit.

**Attendance**
It is important that students attend all days of school till the end of the academic year. If for any reason your child is unable to attend then please follow the College policy. Phone the College on the morning of the absentee and upon the day of return to school the student must bring in a signed note from their parent containing a reason for the absence.

**Mufti Day**
Xaviour House will be holding their fund raising activity for CanTeen Tuesday 19 November. Students are encouraged to dress to the theme of “release your inner child”. It is expected that students will dress in an appropriate manner. If students are having practical lessons that day then both appropriate clothing and footwear is important so that the normal activities in the school day can go ahead. Year 10 will be having sport in the afternoon so students are to either wear clothing that allows them to engage in the normal Tuesday activities or they are to bring a change of clothing with them.

Students need to take responsibility for ‘sun safe’ awareness and either wear suitable clothing or bring sun-screen with them.

**Swimming Carnival**
Details of this event can be found on the Sports News section of the Pride. These activities are important in creating a concept of school identity and as such are considered a compulsory school activity. If your child is unable to attend then a phone call to the school on the Thursday morning is expected and a signed note is to be brought to the tutor teacher on Friday.

It is vital that the parents of our College support the school community in encouraging their children to attend this activity. A considerable amount of effort has gone into adjusting the format of this day so that more students can engage in water activities. The swimming carnival is not about the ability to swim 50 or 100 metres; it is about being part of the College community and participating via their House identity in activities with their peers. The College would ask our parent body to respect what we are attempting to do with these out of classroom activities and have your child/ren attend this day.

**Upcoming events:**
19th November: Xaviour House Mufti Day for CanTeen. Gold coin donation
19th November: Street Retreat for some Year 10 students
20th November: Yrs 9 & 10 French excursion
20th November: Thank you gathering for St Leo’s Volunteers from 5.30 to 7.30pm in the College Library
21st November: Swimming Carnival – compulsory school day
25-27th November: BAT Camp
27th November: Yr 8 transport presentations
27th November: PAWS Ensemble evening
27th November: St Leo’s Board Meeting
28th November: Yr 7 transport presentations
29th November: Assembly of Excellence – 9 to 10.30am in LoCC
2nd December: Peer support training
4-6th December: Year 10 Camp
5-7th December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival
12th December: St Leo’s Day Mass and Fair
12th December: Year 10 Semi Formal in the evening
13th December Year in Review 12.30pm in LoCC

Susan White
Acting Assistant Principal

It is pleasing to see the positive attitude and demeanor that the Year 11 students are showing to their HSC work. The self-evaluation process of semester 2 reports has definitely spring-boarded most students in the right direction.

In a recent Year assembly, I raised that most senior students are granted the privilege of private Study periods. These study periods are not “free periods,” students must have a purpose to achieve in every one of them.

Students are to use Study Periods to:
# consult their subject teachers for clarification and explanations; make a note of their teachers and who are available during these periods.
# explore resources available in the library catalogues and internet; this adds depth to their knowledge and understanding.
# discuss drafts of essays and assignments.
# work with and help classmates; deepen their understanding.
# seek counselling for problems that have arisen; don't labour in negative moods - it will affect your efforts.
When students use Study Periods to their fullest:
# reflects their development as an independent learner; a necessity for tertiary study if that’s their goal.
# allows them to focus on their individual subject weaknesses and address them.
# demonstrates to themselves that they are in control.

Students doing the above will be rewarded for their effort - its called “studying smarter.”

Perhaps the above can be discussed at home and make it a resourceful habit.

Regards,

Angelo Solomonides
Year 11 Coordinator

Year 10 students are currently doing their exams and we wish them the best of luck in them.

Please keep Nathaniel Patterson in your prayers as he has had further surgery this week.

Students are reminded that they need to return their Semi-Formal letters and Camp permission notes by Monday 18th November.

Peter Trainer
Year 10 Coordinator
Year 9 have completed their Yearly Examinations today.

If any student missed an Exam through illness, they must provide a Medical Certificate and arrange with their Subject Co-ordinator to complete the missed exams as soon as they return next week. These exams will be done in the College Library.

* A reminder that the St Leos Swimming Carnival will occur on Thursday, November 21. A detailed explanation of the transport arrangements will be given to the students next week.

Year 9 will meet at the Waitara Tennis Courts by 8.00am and then have their name marked off. The train will depart Waitara at 8.38am.

Note: Some 16 x Year 9 students will be assisting Mr Trotz and the staff on the day. They will depart the college by bus at 7.30am along with the Championship competitors.

Andrew Betty
Yr 9 Co-ordinator

As you know, Year 8 have been very busy with assessments and exams over the last few weeks. Teachers are now busy marking papers! Students’ reports will come out at the end of term.

Swimming Carnival: Next Thursday 21st November, at the Olympic Park, Homebush. As per previous years, St Leo’s has a specially designated train to transport the whole school there and back. **Students must be marked off by 8.15am** at the tennis courts near Waitara Station, in order for us to move to the station in time for our train. Students must wear sports uniform and bring sufficient water and food. They may bring House colours to wear at the venue.

In tutor time, students have continued with time in the Chapel, our cooking project and study skills. More photos of our cooks next newsletter!

Megan de Kantzow
Year 8 Co-ordinator
Having passed the half way point in the term, I am pleased that the Year 7 students have settled down quite well as a group. Many students are being more responsible and this is being demonstrated with continued improvement with untucked shirts and classroom behaviour.

The year 7 exams have begun. Many students have now completed a range of examinations during normal class lessons with a few left to be done. I have received a number of calls regarding absence from an exam. Any students who miss an exam due to an appointment or an illness will simply sit the exam during a lesson when they return to the college.

Next Thursday, the college will be hosting the annual swimming carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. All competitive swimmers will depart the college at 7.30am and travel by bus to the venue. The remainder of the students will board a chartered train at Waitara station. Competitive swimmers will need to make their way to the college and others are required to meet their homeroom teacher at Waitara Tennis courts in order to have their name marked off the role. Students are to be at the tennis courts no later than 8.15 am. As we have a very small window of time to board the train, it is very important that students find their tutor teacher as soon as possible. I have encouraged the students to attend the carnival and to get involved in this day rather than sit in the grandstand area. There are a wide range of competitive and fun events this year to cater for all students. The students are reminded that sports uniform is to be worn to and from the event, however, a change into suitable house coloured clothing at the event is permitted.

As we work towards the end of the year, it is very important that all students remain engaged in class activities and continue to work hard on all aspects of their work, particularly homework. Another aspect that needs to be maintained at this time of the year is that students are wearing correct school clothing and bringing the correct schoolbag to school. Support with these important facets of college life would be appreciated.

Mr C. Sammut
Year 7 Coordinator. (Acting)
Gold Year 11
Semester 2, 2013

Dominic Cantrall
Madeline Della Franca
Meg Fletcher
Adelaide Fragiacomo
Samuel Funk
Rosalie Hopkins
Joseph Jones
Corinne Mack

Silver Year 11
Semester 2, 2013

Terri Slater
Matthew Slee
Christopher Smith
Jaimee Stephens
Brock Thompson
Olivia Varga
Rebecca Waldron
Abbey Ward
Abbey Ward
Madison Wiles

Silver Year 11
Semester 2, 2013

Richard Andersen
Alexander Blinkin
Christine El-Hage
Benjamin Field
Nicholas Fransen
Natasha George
Ella Griffin
Stephanie Harant
Sean Heffernan
Elizabeth Khoo
Mickaela Lee
Maxwell Lewis
Sophie Livermore

Elizabeth Maher
Vanessa Mawby
Jad Nazha
Shannon O’Keeffe
Jack Penny
Claudia Phillips
Aaron Ponnampalam
Harrison Pryor
Conor Quinlan
Benjamin Reidy
Jazmine Reid-Zinck
Amelia Richards
Gabrielle Shanahan
This term has been a very busy time for Visual Art students, who have all been working towards finishing practical assessment tasks and completing end of year exams.

**Congratulations to Year 12 Visual Arts ArtExpress nominations**

The Visual Arts staff would like to congratulate Hannah Derrig, Lily Derrig and Ryan Drewett, who have been nominated for Art Express. This is a fantastic achievement for these students.

Hannah’s work titled *Consume(d)* consists of a series of 7 delicate paper sculptures, commenting on societies obsession with consumerism. Lily’s work *Four different kinds of Champion* explores the relationship between her father and siblings through the medium of lino printing. Ryan’s work *It’s the Simple Things* requires the audience to reminisce on childhood in a series of photorealistic pencil drawings.

As the class teacher of these students and all those students who completed HSC Visual Arts in 2013, I am extremely proud of their Bodies of Work.

*Juliette Carson*  
*Visual Arts Coordinator*

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Hannah Derrig  
*Consume(d)*  
*Handcut paper*
Through the weightless form of paper art my work seeks to reveal the heavy burden of our consumer world. From delicate pastries, to the mortar and brick of a first home, the art of spending has become an area of expertise for many in the Western World. Lost behind piles of clothes, plugged into playlists and with the joy of our first Christmas presents hindered by the distraction of ten others, my work challenges our unquenchable thirst for more. It raises the question, is your consumption enriching your life or have you like many succumbed to its vice and become consumed?

Lily Derrig

*Four different kinds of Champion*
Lino printmaking

Each of my LINO prints is a snapshot of the fun we had as “billy lids,” lead by the creative genius our father, as we followed his loping figure, conquering numerous projects. His many projects were all part of perhaps his biggest project of all, raising the four of us, as he shared his unique view of the world. Whether teaching us to ride a bike, how to play the guitar or even just enjoying a pillow fight he’d wear his customary lopsided smile armed with his most important rule, to “have fun;” he’d offer a bear hug at the end and state proudly “you are four different kinds of champion rolled into one.” And so in my own ‘BOW’ I have titled each print after his own songs, with his accompanying lyrics as I endeavor to depict my dad who taught me so much, as a father, ‘muso,’ comedian and philosopher; A true example of “four different kinds of champion.”

Ryan Drewett

*It's the Simple Things*
Drawing - graphite pencil

When you are a child, it is easy to find happiness and enjoyment from simple things. As we age and become preoccupied by complexity, sophistication and technology it becomes difficult to recognise what gives us true joy. The childish energy within all of us is never lost but sometimes we forget it’s presence. My body of work is aimed at making the complicated simple and reminding us of what holds the greatest importance in our lives. The materials and subject of each drawing adds to their inherent simplicity. My realistic application of graphite is non-distracting and concentrates on the significance in each image. Subjects such as bubbles and insects can relate to most people and show an expression of enjoyment.

It’s the simple things.

Year 10 Visual Arts
The ‘burbs'

Year 10 Visual Arts elective students have been exploring suburbia and printmaking this semester. Students took photos around their local suburb and used these to create a lino print. Below are examples of student work.

Juliette Carson
Visual Arts Coordinator
Parent Portal

It is with excitement that I am able to announce the opening of the Parent Portal of Edumate for Parents of the College. Edumate is the database staff at the college use to record data such as assessment results, attendance merits & disciplines and absenteeism. once enrolled on the database, you will be able to view upcoming tasks, results of tasks, and even live roll marking. A major benefit of this initiative that it enables the evolution of reporting from a once a term reflection to a dynamic interactive dialogue between the college and the home. Please note that this is a 'beta' release at this stage and whilst we hope any problems that arise will be small in nature, we are using the rest of this term as a trial period for 2014 and beyond. Below is a link to a form parents will need to complete to enrol in this program. We will begin processing these applications on Thursday 21st November and are anticipating that you will hear from us with your login credentials within 72 hours. As there will be an avalanche of requests as we begin this journey together, we humbly ask for patience if this 72 hour timeframe is extended. Click the link below to apply for a parent account after reading the terms and conditions by clicking here.

Request an account by clicking the link below


ALAN JONES.
Head of I.T. (acting)

Edumate Coordinator
Tuesday 19th November is Release Your Inner Child Day at St Leo's. Come dressed as your favourite childhood character from a book/game/movie, or in just plain mufti. All proceeds will be donated to CanTeen, and bandanas will also be sold on the day.
VOLUNTEERS OF ST. LEO’S COLLEGE

Thank You

CELEBRATION

To show our appreciation and to thank you for your support of St. Leo’s during 2013 you are invited to a:-

MOCKTAIL PARTY

ON

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013

5:30PM to 7:30PM

In

COLLEGE LIBRARY

Enquiries: Mrs Louise Fentoulia
Director of Pastoral Care

RSVP: Friday 15th November 2013 via
College reception: 9487 3555 or
Email: stleos@dbt.catholic.edu.au
Family Registration 2014

Finance Office
School Fees 2013

All fees are due to be finalised by the 15th of November 2013. Please ensure your monthly payment is made by this date. If you are unable to finalise your account by this date please contact the Finance office on 9487 3555.

2014 Family Registration Form

The Catholic Schools Office requires every family each year to complete a Family Registration Form and return it to the college Finance office in preparation for billing in the following year. We recently posted the form to all families which needs to be signed, where applicable, by both parents. The form must be returned no later than the 8th of November so the correct fees for the 2014 school year can be determined for your family.

To be completed by ALL families and returned to the College by the 8th November 2013.

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS FORM YET PLEASE SEND IT INTO THE COLLEGE A.S.A.P

To download a copy of the form, click here

Uniform Shop

The ladies in the College Shop would like to give a big thank you to the following ladies who gave up their time to help outfit the Year 7 students coming to St Leo’s next year. Without your help the day would not have run so smoothly. Once again thank you very much.

VIVIENNE DEMASI   CLARE BANKS
GENEVIEVE FUNK    JO JENNIS
TRINA BENTSEN     ALI HANLON
PAULA WANDEN      FREIDA KAUFMAN
ROBIN MCKERN      KELLY OASTLER
ANTOINETTE SALIBA MAUREEN THOMPSON
ANNETTE STANTON   GILL BENNETT
LISA HOGARTH      SHARON CROSSIN
DIANE DEGGINS
Last round of vaccinations for Year 7 and 9 students will be on **Wednesday 20th November**.
This will be for:
Dose 3 HPV (Year 7 girls/boys)
Dose 2 Hepatitis (Year 7 girls/boys)
Dose 3 HPV (Year 9 boys)

There will also be catch up vaccinations for any doses missed previously.

**J Macri**
**From the Director of Administration**

**Write4fun Writing Competition**

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Write4fun writing competition. Although we did not progress through to finals, St Leo’s was commended by the organisers for our level of participation.

Three students entered the UN Youth Public Speaking competition for students in Years 7-10. The topics require a level of sophistication and knowledge which has really extended our speakers. Topics include: How can we solve economic inequality in the 21st century? and How can we boost levels of education around the world?

**Neryle Sheldon**
**Competitions Coordinator**
Sustainable Schools Shop

St Leo’s college is supporting an online website that facilitates the sale of second hand items. Textbooks and other items can be purchased second hand which is a great saver to your pocket and the environment. Any enquires regarding this should be through the website: sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Ellen Shanahan
Book Supply

CAREERS NEWS

Macquarie University: School Leaver Information Evening
Wed 11th December, 6pm to 8pm
Macquarie University, Balaclava Road, North Ryde.
This evening is an opportunity for students to learn more about Macquarie University’s degrees, scholarships, student support, facilities and more.
http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events/school_leaver_info_evening/

UNSW: Australian School of Business Pulse Videos
ASB Pulse is the weekly video news segment that covers what life is like studying at the Australian School of Business. ASB Pulse will give students study tips, career tips from CEOs and industry leaders, business etiquette tips, even highlights & opportunities, clubs and societies, and networking opportunities.
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL46078A38E17C48C2

Bond University: Sydney Information Session
Thu 19th December, 6pm to 8pm
The Westin Sydney, 1 Martin Place, Sydney
This information session will give students and their families information about studying at Bond University at the Gold Coast. Students will also have the opportunity to engage with Bond University staff, students and alumni.
Contact: Terry Crotty on 0420 937 317, Annabelle Cottee on 0419 483 340 or the events team on events@bond.edu.au

Southern Cross University Virtual Information Sessions
Wed 6th November, Tue 10th December & Thurs 12th December
For students intending to study via distance or on campus but cannot make it to one of the information days.
Registration is required. Once registered times and details of where and how to access the nominated session will be provided.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: Online Open Day
Sat 30th November.
Course overview sessions will be run throughout the day about the range of online courses in 3D animation, game programming and design offered by AIE.
http://www.aie.edu.au/announcements/online-open-day-november-30th-2013

Screen Acting Essentials Workshops
This program is for people aged 16 years or older and will include 3 workshops covering acting, comedy and fight choreography, as well as ‘drop in’ classes that focus on getting a
headshot, script work and acting. All workshop activities are free.
Contact: Maria on 0433 803 449 or maria.tran85@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/sactessentials

**Physics Videos from Monash University**
Dr Chris Creagh from Murdoch University has produced two video tutorials that let physics students hear from experts discussing a relevant topic. The two currently uploaded videos cover the usefulness of diagrams, and how to properly understand formulas and what they are describing.
http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_zW442B84-s9m7NvypAcoQ?feature=watch

**The Differences Between High School and Tertiary Education**
This article by Hobsons Course Finder covers the difference between high school and tertiary education in order to give students an idea of what to expect.

**Job Outlook**
This government website provides facts and figures on over 350 jobs including average earnings.

**Youth Central Top Ten Study Tips**
Ten tips for students on the best study practices and habits.

**Youth Central Top Ten Exam Tips**
Ten tips for students on exam preparation and help to get you through exams.

**Academic Performance can be Improved by Exercise**
According to new research, children's academic performance can be improved if they decide to participate in intensive exercise. Based on their results, the study’s authors speculated that if students carried out 60 minutes of exercise each day their academic performance could be improved by a full grade.
http://www.teacherswhocoach.co.uk/2013/10/24/teenagers-academic-performance-can-be-improved-by-exercise

**Youth Central Career Profiles**
A comprehensive list of careers that allows students to gain insight into a job or industry by hearing from those already working in that job. Students are able to search through over 250 jobs to learn more about possible careers.

**MyFuture: My Guide**
My Guide is a personalised Career Exploration tool offered on the My Future Website. Individuals can build a profile and customise their career exploration to what suits them.

**Good Universities Guide Career Search**
The Good Universities Guide Career Search allows students to search from a wide range of possible jobs depending on the field of work, type of work, skill level. The tool can provide information on duties and tasks, working conditions, personal requirements and related university courses.

PDHPE drug and alcohol resources for students and parents
The State library has many resources to assist in the location of assignment information including overviews, statistics, media reports, policies and pamphlets. http://www.druginfo.sl.nsw.gov.au

The library is now hosting a Chess Club on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Neryle Sheldon**
**Teacher Librarian**

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Staff and students of the College marked Mission Week by celebrating Mass with Bishop David Walker and the staff and students of many schools in our diocese. The College is proud to support the great work done by Catholic Mission Australia as part of the Mission goal of the College.

Another group of students is privileged to have the chance to see what life on the streets of Sydney must be like. Many return with a sense of gratitude about their own lives, and the need to have a global perspective about the plight of the many marginalised people so close to home, in what most believe to be an affluent part of the world. The imperative to reach out, put faces and stories to the work of organisations like St Vincent de Paul, and others, is a powerful message for our young people.

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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:
With the annual College Swimming Carnival under a week away, please find below downloadable PDF's of the letter sent home to all parents, a map of the SOPAC, and a list of events.

Swimming Carnival letter 13
H - Aquatic Centre Map
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HOUSE SPORT

Term 4 has seen a fantastic start to sport with House Points being rewarded for not only performance but for participation, sportspersonship and improvement.

Congratulations to Chanel House who is leading the way.

So far the results for each house are as follows:

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**Year 9 & 10 Surfing Elective**
What a fantastic start we have had to surfing for year 9 & 10. Students in year 10 last Week thoroughly enjoyed their lesson and this Week on Monday our year 9 students had some really bad weather but still made the most of their sports afternoon out on the surf. The surf coaches commented on the enthusiasm displayed by our students. Well done!

**Year 9 & 10 Beach Activities**
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**REPRESENTATIVE SPORT NEWS**

**I am a new Year 7 Student in 2014**

Should you be starting at St Leo’s College in 2014 and would like to represent the College in a sport during the summer season please [CLICK ME](#) to register your sport selections.

**Representative Cricket**

**St Leo’s College First XI Cricket Team**

Congratulations to our First XI Cricket team who won their first round of the Downie Trophy against Patrician Brothers Blacktown on their home turf.

St Leo’s 4/290  
Patrician Brothers All out for 93

There were a number of standouts on the day including Matt Chamberlain who bowled 3/8 and received 45 runs, Luc Modde 3/20 and John Anderson 2/6.

By far the biggest stand-out was Albert Watts who achieved a massive 198 runs, ONLY just 2 runs short of a double century.

**St Leo’s College Junior Cricket Team**

What a flying start for our Junior team who last Week defeated Gilroy College in their Berg Shield Match.

St Leo’s 4/85  
Gilroy 10/84
Some great performances on the day were John Anderson who scored 31 runs and Mark Tobin who bowled 2/11.

Well done to our cricket teams. We look forward to hearing about some more fantastic results.

Stay tuned for the results of the upcoming cricket matches in the next edition of the Pride.

**High Honours In Sport**

Our own Honor Kicsi of now year 12, has been recognised with high honors by NSWCCC for his achievement in Water Polo at a National Level.

Early next year Honor will receive a Blues Award for his massive accomplishment in the sport at his age.

I have been privileged to hear about Honor’s success in Water Polo throughout his schooling life. He is a very dedicated and enthusiastic individual who will do extremely well. He continues to grow from strength to strength.

Congratulations Honor, a very proud moment for you and for the College!

**Representative Tennis**

Well done to our tennis teams who competed a number of Weeks ago in the Broken Bay Tennis Tournament.

All teams presented themselves well proving to be very competitive and displayed fantastic sportspersonship.

In our girls team we had a number of students playing up in the Opens with Corinne Mack who held themselves well.

Our outstanding performances on the day were in the boys U/15’s who placed 2nd in the competition and brought home a silver medal.
Representative Water Polo

What a fantastic day for both the female and male Open Water Polo team had out at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

Our female team consisted of mainly year 8, 9 and 10 students playing in an Open competition and did extremely well against the taller and stronger teams of the other schools.

The boys on the other hand displayed some strong, fierce competition with our own National player Hunor Kicsi leading the way.

Well done to both teams!

Save The Sports Date

Wednesday, 20th November 2013
St Leo's Boys Jnr & Inters Touch trials/training

Thursday, 21st November 2013

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St Leo’s Catholic College Swimming Carnival - SOPAC

Friday 22nd November 2013
BBSSSA Girls Softball Trials - Village Green, St Ives

Friday 29th November 2013
Beach Touch - Maroubra Beach

Friday 13th December 2013
3 on 3 Basketball Competition - Brikpit Sports Centre, Hornsby

NSWCCC - Pathway by Individual Application (see NSWCCC website)
Should your child be interested in higher representation at state or national level please refer to the attached calendar and log onto the NSWCCC website.

HOUSE SPORT

Year 9 & 10 Surfing Elective
What a fantastic opportunity to learn how to surf!
Year 10 students who have selected surfing as a sporting option will be attending their first session on Tuesday 5th November at Long Reef Beach.
Year 9 will be beginning their surf program on Monday 11th November 2013.
Students involved in the surf program will meet at lunch time and will depart for Manly beach. Students will arrive back between 3.30pm and 4pm depending on traffic.

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Year 10, Group 2 will be the first lot of students to participate in Beach Activities on Tuesday 5th November 2013.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT NEWS
How Can My Child Play A Rep Sport?
Students who wish to play for a rep sport team offered at Broken Bay and in local school competitions will need to register online.
There will be two opportunities to register - The summer season and the winter season. Registration is currently available for the Summer season (Term 4 2013 and Term 1 2013) and will close Friday, 25th October 2013.
Step 1: ! Step 2: ! Step 3:!!
Log onto the College Website
Click the Representative Sport Term IV 2013 icon in the scroll bar halfway down !the home
Complete all details and submit. The College will contact you closer to the date with trials and training.

Save The Sports Date

Tuesday, 22nd October 2013!

- BBSSSA Bay Tennis Championships - Oxford Falls Tennis Centre
- BBSSSA Open Beach Volleyball Championships - Manly Beach

NSW CCC Cricket Registration CLOSING DATE

Thursday, 31st October 2013

- BBSSSA Biathlon - Shelly Beach
- Monday, 4th November 2013

- BBSSSA Surf Life Saving Carnival - Terrigal Beach
- Wednesday, 13th November 2013!

- BBSSSA Open Water Polo Championships - Warringah Aquatic Centre
- Thursday, 21st November 2013

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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/d1XkjuSwbpu1PAbU8tvRAVNZm1HYN1Ktn6ZzKE9UyF5ao/viewform
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