Our Theme - “The Joy of the Gospel - Putting our Faith in to action”

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord –
“...Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified, has risen...”
(Mt 28:1-10)

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

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. ‘What's wrong?’ she asked. ‘I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny’, he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. ‘What in heaven’s name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?’ The woman showed the man the label. It said: ‘Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.’

For many people in today’s society, the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.
In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus’ corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today’s story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection.

Over the Easter break I always find that this provides an important opportunity to stop, spend some time with my family and reflect on the great events which give us our purpose as a Catholic School. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus remind us of our ongoing challenges as human beings and call us to be renewed, to be hopeful and to work for a better world.

As a Catholic school, the liturgical season of Easter represents a time of renewal. The resurrection of Jesus calls each of us to consider the new life we can bring to our relationships with family, friends and colleagues. Easter continues to challenge me to be hopeful in my dealings with others – the way I speak, the way I act and the way I make decisions. Ultimately, just as the death and resurrection of Jesus transformed the world, we are challenged to be agents of forgiveness, compassion and transformation. Each St Leo’s student has the opportunity to consider the Easter message in this way.

This year we have decided to be bolder and braver by having an Easter Liturgy on Holy Thursday that will be conducted in Tutor Groups. It will be led by two students in each Tutor Group. I would like each parent to have an idea of what we are doing in our Easter Liturgy. To this end – I will send out (via the College app) a copy of the order of ceremony we are using for Thursday. You may like to discuss how it went sometime over the weekend.

**Years 7 to 11 Interim Reports**

Over the past week I have had the pleasure of getting to know more of our students through the viewing and analysis of their Interim Reports. Parents should receive these reports this week via mail. These interim reports comment on the students’ application to their studies rather than their academic achievement. Detailed reports will be distributed at the Parent Teacher Student meetings at the end of Term II.

Once again the criteria I used for the awards were as follows:

Gold Award – those students who achieved all consistent grades (100%) across all of their subjects. Those students who received Silver Awards achieved 90% or more in being consistent across all of their subjects.

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Congratulations to these students on performing at this high level. Using this criteria all of our students are capable of achieving Gold Awards in their personal profile regardless of your academic ability.

What happens from here? – Each of the Year Coordinators analyse each of their reports and takes appropriate action with the student with the support of the parents. The goal is for every student to improve upon their previous report via their own actions or with support from the College. Students and their parents should spend sometime self evaluating their report to strategize ways for improvement in each of these areas. A suggestion - a more effective way to use the College Student Diary for upcoming Assessment Tasks or homework. Please contact the appropriate Year Leader if you are “stumped” for ideas for improvement.

**Thank You to Parents – Parents In Partnership Evenings – Years 9 and 10**
Thank you to the 150 parents who attended our Year 9 and Year 10 Parent Information Evenings last week. The feedback I have received from both of these evenings has been excellent. Informative, challenging, engaging and empowering parents to deal with the various issues that face our young people today. The only thing I could say for an improvement on both evenings – was that these messages could be heard by all our parents/care-givers – not just a few. Again this was a comment I heard many times on those evenings.

**Year 11 Drama Production**
Last Thursday about 70 members of our community were treated to a fabulous performance of “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” by our Year 11 Drama class. Not one student forgot their lines or even had to be prompted in this 60 minute version of Sweeney Todd. In speaking with a very proud Ms Murphy, the students decided to sing and even dance in the shortened version that was performed. All up – a very successful Assessment Task. Congratulations to all.

I hope you as a family can go to your parish over the next few days and participate and pray in one of the many ceremonies over the next few days. This is our faith’s most important event – celebrating the resurrection of Jesus so we can be born into eternal life.

**Mr AF Gleeson**
Principal

“...The Cross is my portion – it is also my sweet rest and support...”
*St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (26/2/1872)*
Assistant Principal

Interim Reports
Interim Reports for Term 1 will be posted to parents of Years 7 - 11 students this week. Year 12 will have Mid Course reports distributed at the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews next term.

Start of Term Two
Term 2 starts for students on Wednesday 22nd April (Day 3). I thank everyone for their support this term with the uniform and grooming expectations. It is apparent that students are wearing the uniform with increased pride.

A reminder that all students should return in full winter uniform at the start of Term 2. It may be timely to have a look at the blazers to see if they require any dry cleaning over the holiday break.

Boys – Blazers are the compulsory outer garment in winter when travelling to and from school. All boys must wear long trousers in winter. Shorts are not an option.
Girls – Blazers are the compulsory outer garment in winter when travelling to and from school. Year 7-10 girls wear the pinafore.

Hairstyles and Piercings over the two week break
When students return to school, all aspects of uniform and grooming are expected to be as per the uniform and grooming guidelines in the College Diary. The College’s Policy on Uniform and Grooming can be found in the College Diary.

I am sure that with parental support, we will be able to avoid situations that sometimes occur when students return from the holidays in regards to hairstyle and piercings. Given that the Term 1 holidays are only two weeks in length it would be unlikely that radical/extreme styling/colouring would be able to be “fixed” before the return to school. Students that return to school with piercings will be asked to remove the piercings for school. A new piercing is not a reasonable excuse for breaking the guidelines. Should students refuse to co-operate they will be sent home and parents will be contacted to discuss the issue. Once again I ask for your support with these matters.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
A reminder to parents of Year 11 and 12 students that our Stage 6 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held from 2.30pm – 8pm on Tuesday 20th May (Week 5 of Term 2).

The Year 7 - 10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 25th June (Week 10) from 8:35am until 8:30am. The following day will be a Staff Spirituality Day, which means that the last day of classes for Term 2 will be Wednesday 24th June.

The normal procedure will apply for booking these interviews – through the online booking system used in past years. Your booking codes and instructions will be distributed during next term.
New Medication Policy
In light of new Diocesan WH&S procedures, staff at St Leo’s Catholic College will ONLY BE ABLE TO administer medications to students when accompanied by written instructions from a medical practitioner. This includes all PRESCRIBED medications such as for diabetes or ADHD, and all NON-PRESERVED medications such as Panadol and Nurofen. This policy relates to every student at the College, and is applicable when a student is on campus or at any school related activity such as excursions, camps or sporting events.

If you have any queries regarding this notification, please email your young person’s Year Leader.

I wish everyone a very holy Easter and encourage parents and students to attend Easter services in their local parishes. Have a safe and relaxing break and I hope to see you all return re-energized for another busy term.

Please note: The College Shop will not be open on Tuesday 21st April. Apologies for any inconvenience.
Catholic Life and Mission

Youth Ministry Report

World Youth Day Launch Festival in the Light of Christ Centre

Last Friday Bishop Peter officially launched the Broken Bay pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland. He is planning on taking 500 young people from around Broken Bay to join an estimated 3.5 million other Catholic youth from around the world in the home of Pope Saint John Paul II in Krakow next year.

Bus loads of students from the Central Coast and Northern Beaches for the the launch which began at OLOR Cathedral with a WYD style catechesis – music, drama, a sharing by the Bishop and prayer. Following this we headed down to the Light of Christ Centre which had been transformed into a night market for a Polished themed celebration. It was a night filled with dancing, music, food and lots and lots of FUN!

St Leo’s is inviting this year’s Year 10s in particular to go next year from 14 July – 5 August. At the start of next term they will be given more information and be asked to complete expressions of interest. For more info about the pilgrimage go to: http://www.dbb.org.au/wyd/ or contact our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mr Gomez.
Term One has been extremely busy for Visual Arts students, especially those in the senior years.

Year 12 have been working on their HSC Bodies of Work and are currently sitting their half yearly exams. Staff and students will be busy during the holidays involved in HSC workshops, giving students a chance to work in a studio environment.

**Year 11 Photography Excursion Cockatoo Island**

On Monday, March 2\(^{nd}\), an enthusiastic group of photographers discovered the delights of Cockatoo Island in the heart of Sydney Harbour. Accompanied by Mrs James, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Kitic, Year 11 Photographers discovered the beauty in disused and decaying urban environments. On the return journey, students focussed on the city environment and the reflective qualities provided by the abundance of glass and polished surfaces. This served as a pristine visual contrast to the previously crumbling and disintegrating environs of Cockatoo Island.

The task for the students was to collect a range of images for use as resources. Back in the classroom students are assisted in the processes of reviewing and saving their images. They then learn to manage their files and storage, to crop and frame their images and how to enhance them by applying a range of digital manipulations. The photography course provides students with skills and techniques that can be used throughout their lifetimes.

We were lucky with the weather, which, whilst overcast was fine and provided us with some stunning saturated colour. I would like the opportunity to thank Mrs Coleman and Mrs Kitic for their pleasant and invaluable support during the excursion and the Year 11 Photographers who were enthusiastic, beautifully behaved and good company.

Victoria James
Visual Arts and Photography Teacher
BUNDANON & RIVERSDALE
Year 11 Visual Arts camp to Arthur Boyd’s properties

Year 11 Visual arts students enjoyed a productive and inspiring time at their Art camp at Bundanon, which is the Estate of Arthur and Yvonne Boyd.

We began with a tour of Arthur Boyd’s homestead and studio, which has been preserved as it was when he last worked there. The students were given a guided tour of both of these sites. We were also fortunate to view the artworks of a range of famous artists who have created artworks whilst Artists in Residence.

The remainder of the camp was spent at Riversdale, completing art workshops run by the St. Leo’s Art Staff as well as the Bundanon Education staff. Time was spent drawing and painting by the river and in the rainforest as well as photographing sculptures, made previously at school, in the beautiful environment. Students and staff even got up early to watch the sunrise over the river.

The Year 11 Art students were praised by the Bundanon staff for their high quality art works and their commitment to learning. Many students did not want to leave.

Arthur and Yvonne Boyd’s gift of the Bundanon properties and collections has given Australia a unique cultural and environmental asset. The gift was borne out of Arthur Boyd’s often stated belief that ‘you can’t own a landscape’ and the deeply felt wish that others might also draw inspiration from Bundanon. Gifted to the Australian people in 1993 by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd the Bundanon property (which includes the Bundanon Homestead site and the Riversdale site) is located on 1,100 hectares of pristine bushland overlooking the Shoalhaven River, near Nowra in New South Wales, two and a half hours south of Sydney.

http://www.bundanon.com.au/content/bundanon-trust

Juliette Carson
Visual Arts KLA Leader
BUNDANON & RIVERSDALE
Year 11 Visual Arts camp

[Images of students, artwork, and outdoor activities related to the visual arts camp at Bundanon & Riversdale.]
Around the Grounds
U13’s Broken Bay Touch Football

U/13 Boys Team
The St Leo’s under 13’s boys touch team participated in a strongly contested gala day on Tuesday the 17th March 2015. The team had six games to play and looked forward to putting into practice what they had been learning in training. Out of the six games, St Leo’s were unlucky to come away with only one win, as there were many close games. All of the boys showed great heart in each game and fought hard to the very end. Special mentions go to Aiden Brophy, Mitchell Macdonald and Nathan Hassan who played outstandingly in each game.

Team Members
Nicholas Andersen, Nathan Cosgrove, Samuel Hassan, Patrick Nowland, Angus Farrell, Aiden Brophy, Callum Atwood, Ryan Whalley, Tinotenda Knight, Reece McDonald, Nathan Hassan, Mitchell MacDonald, Connor Hurley, Jackson Do-Rozario, Samuel Molloy

Harry McAllister & Jack Penny (Coach)

U/13 Girls Team
The girls were in a really challenging pool, facing tough and experienced opposition with the likes of Mater and Bennies. Most of the players in the team had very little match experience, but they gave it their all and by the 4th game, the girls were competitive as a team. They came such a long way that they were only narrowly defeated by the winners of Pool B in their final game. They kept their heads held high and learnt a great deal about the game of Touch. The girls were ably led by captains Mia Hing and Madeleine McMahon. All girls showed team spirit and sportsmanship. Well done, girls!

Team Members
Mia Hing, Jennifer Wylie, Mia Walker, Monique Sinicco, Sienna Odd, Sarah Croft, Georgia Powys, Penelope Chan, Ebony George, Taeh Fleming, Madeleine McMahon

Mrs McMahon (Coach)

Winners are Grinners
Congratulations to our inters girls touch team who defeated Barker College 4-2 in their Grand Final last Week on Friday. The game was very tight at half time but in the second half St Leo’s came back strong. Special mention to Brittany Wells for her outstanding leadership on the field and her exceptional vision to create gaps in the game. Sophie Thompson and Gabriella Chan also played well running their lines with precision. A well deserved win to all the girls and a great team effort!

Special mention to Ms Beattie for giving up her time at training and after school every Friday for games. Thank you to Shannon O’Keeffe and Meg Fletcher for helping coach the girls.
**Rugby League/Union**
At the last Principal's Assembly our U16 and Open Boys Rugby team were presented with their NEW jersey's. This is the team to watch out for within the next 2 years. They are a committed bunch of individuals that understand ‘team’ and have talent to really do well if they stay committed.

On Friday 20th March St Leo’s entered three teams into the Rugby 7’s Gala Day Competition. It was a clean sweep for us with all of our teams winning the Final.

The Juniors boys team were determined to make up for last years loss and certainly did that. The Inters Girls team were defending their title from last year and went into the competition with more confidence and awareness of the game and now have a record of two from two. The Senior boys team went into the day very focused and pumped to improve on their success from last year. They were undefeated on the day and proved that they now have what it takes to go all the way.

Players who performed outstandingly throughout the entire day were: Tegan Reed, Tahlia Macri, Hannah La Torraca, Billy Pollard, Joshua Christy, Rowan Wood, Joseph La Torraca, Keeley Bowen, Jake Seiler, Connor Devine, Jordan Do-Rozario, Alec Arnold, Holden Osbourne-Snell and Russell Yates.

Special mention needs to go to the Coaches involved on the day Andrew Privett & Judith McCrea.

Please enjoy the photo’s over the page.
The College Track & Field Carnival

Our College Track & Field Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 28th May 2015. The Carnival will be held at Foxglove Oval.

Students who are interested in competing in a mainstream or championship events need to register via the College Sport Website.

How do I Register?
1. Log onto the College website - http://www.stleos.nsw.edu.au
2. Click, ‘Sport @ Leo’s’.
3. Click on the sport website link provided.
4. Go to the ‘Upcoming Events’ page of the website and click the link, ‘SLCC Track & Field Carnival 2015’ or go to the ‘Representative Sport’ page of the website and click the link ‘Track & Field Carnival’.
5. Complete the online form.
6. Click, ‘submit’.

There will be no entries taken on the day due to the professional athletics program being used. Students entering only novelties need not apply online.

Closing Date for all entries will be Monday, 11th May 2015 at 6pm.

Our rising star at the College

Keeley Bowen is a talented Rugby League player and Touch Football player. He plays representative Rugby League for the North Sydney Bears and Touch Football for the Scorpions.

In the last year his confidence has really grown and he has come of age as a student and as an athlete. He has become our school’s leading try scorer so far this season.

I look forward to hearing more about his success in the future.
BEACH TOUCH BRILLIANCE!

On the 25th March, six Leo’s teams competed in an All Schools’ Beach Touch Gala Day at Maroubra Beach. We competed against a variety of schools such as Reddam, Kambala, Plumpton, Strathfield, Hurlstone and Sylvania. All four coaches present were amazed by the athleticism, attitude and sportsmanship of all of our boys and girls. Sand is very, very hard to run in!!! Five teams were eligible to compete in finals and all five teams were successful in making them. The Open Girls and Inter Girls were winners of their respective divisions and the Open Boys were runners-up in the Champion Division. The junior boys, girls and inter boys fought gallantly and had some fantastic wins. There were many oohs and ahhs as we watched the students dive, duck, weave and dodge to the line. The 55 students were impeccably behaved and were a credit to the College. It was particularly pleasing to see the Year 10 /11 girls and boys stepping up in a leadership role on the day. The teams were supportive of each other (as you can see from the pics) and it was genuinely a pleasure to spend a very long, hot day with them. Many thanks to ex-students Meg Fletcher and Harry McAllister, who were absolutely wonderful coaches.

Mr Smith and Mrs McMahon
St Leo’s College Sport Program
NEW Sport Website

For all your sporting information please refer to the College Sports Website.

How do we access the website?
Log onto the St Leo’s College website and on the front page click sport and then click on the link provided. This will take you to the sports website.

Representative Sport
In order to be part of the representative sport program there will be various trials scheduled throughout the year in many different sports prior to the competition. Students interested in representing the College in a particular sport will be required to attend the trial and should they be selected there will be a mandatory training session at least once a Week.

A student selected for a representative team will need to purchase the correct team wear available at the uniform shop unless advised otherwise. In most cases a jersey will be supplied and returned at the end of the season.

As part of the representative sport program students will participate predominately in the Broken Bay Secondary School Sport Association (BBSSSA). This is our pathway to higher representation for most sports. There will be a range of other tier 2 competitions which we will be involved in for certain sports.

Who can I speak to about a particular representative sport?
For your first point of contact please speak to the head coach of the sport. Should there be any concerns or for further information you can contact the Leader of Sport as a second point of contact.

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For sports not listed above please refer to the Leader of Sport for further information.
**Sport For Life Program**
As part of year 7-10 students will engage in the Sport For Life Program (Internal Sport). Each cohort will have the opportunity of participating in a wide variety of sporting activities throughout the year on their allocated days.

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The aim of the sport for life program is to allow students to gain an appreciation for sport and physical activity regardless of their fitness levels or talents. The College endeavours to make it “sport for life”. Meaning that sport and physical activity form part of the daily lives of our students, it becomes a lifestyle and hopefully a routine that students can continue within their lives after school just like the way they brush their teeth each day.

To maximise participation and allow students to achieve our male and female students are separated during sport. For Years 8-10 there is an extension program called the Accelerated Sport Program (ASP) for students who compete at a higher level of sport and are passionate about sport & physical activity. This allows our sporting program to be more specialised and cater for the needs of our students just like in the classroom.

**Higher Representation in Sport**
Our pathway to higher representation is through BBSSSA and should you be selected into the BBSSSA team you have the opportunity to be up for selection at NSWCCC (NSW Combined Catholic Colleges), NSW All-Schools and then School Sport Australia. Some sports require you to register directly with NSWCCC.

All sporting events in NSWCCC and All-Schools require parents to register and approve their child online. For information on your chosen sport including closing dates, upcoming events, calendar of events and registration please visit the NSWCCC website on:

To register your child for a particular sport for the first time you will need to be allocated a username and password. This can be done by clicking the login button. Following this you will need to click the links below and then follow the prompts:

- ‘What’s my password?’
- ‘I am a parent /guardian of a student’
- ‘Secondary school student’
- ‘I am having trouble logging in’
Where can I access Sport Information?

For all sport information students can check the sport notice board attached to ‘c’ block, access information via the College App, Website, The Pride Newsletter and the Daily Notices.

I cannot emphasis enough how important it is to download the College App. This will have all the important information you need to know about sport.

Eg.

- Training & Trials Schedule
- St Leo’s Representative Sport Calendar
- BBSSSA, NSWCCC & All Schools Calendar
- Sport For Life Program
- Wet Weather - Postponing of an event
St Leo’s App.

Version 2.2.2. has been released!

This update addresses an issue for users on older devices in which attachments would not complete the download if service was interrupted.

It also allows users to download attachments to other apps on their device. This ability will be important as we will soon start issuing instructions for students and parents on how to set up email, how to back up, how to use software for specified tasks etc.

If you haven’t already updated to the latest version of the app, please do so as soon as possible.
Community News
Second hand uniforms
If you would like to purchase any second hand uniform items or if you have any to sell, this can be done through an online website called Sustainable School Shop.

You will need to register on the site and elect the school community to which you would like to sell to or purchase from. There is also a fee for this service.

All correspondence should be made to Sustainable School Shop through the following link:

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au