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

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and comments during my recent unexpected illness. I have returned to work, something which I enjoy immensely, as I am privileged to be leading this great learning community.

As I have said before the College Leadership Team are exceptional and continued the work of steering the College in my absence. I believe this is a good indication of the strength, understanding and depth of commitment and expertise that are amongst this group of professionals. I would particularly like to mention Mr Anthony Mahoney, my Assistant Principal, who suddenly took on more work and responsibilities over the past 3 weeks and has performed this role brilliantly.

Thank you to one and all.

During my convalescence I came across this story – about Church attendance. I thought I would share it with you.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. ‘I’ve gone for 30 years now,’ he wrote, ‘and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.’

This started a real controversy in the ‘Letters to the Editor’ column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: ‘I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one...’

(Mt 28:16-20)

The Most Holy Trinity –
“...And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time...”

Diary Dates

Monday 1st June
Year 8 and 9 Parent and Study Skills Evening - 7pm to 8.30pm, The Light of Christ Centre

Tuesday 2nd June
Photo day (Portraits)

Thursday 4th June
Year 8 Reflection Day

Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Photo day (Groups)

Wednesday 10th June
PAWS @ Café de Leo - 6.30pm to 8.30pm, The Light of Christ Centre

Tuesday 16th June
PAWS Ensemble Evening - 6pm to 7.30pm, The Light of Christ Centre

Wednesday 24th June
Last day of classes

Thursday 25th June
Year 7 to 10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 8.35am to 8.30pm
of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually hungry today!

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!
Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

Over the past three weeks I have been getting notifications (as hopefully you have been) through our College App – and snippets from staff (and proud students!) of many triumphs in many areas. Here is a selection:

**2015 Da Vinci Decathlon** – Year 11 1st Place (out of 27 schools) in Engineering and Year 7 2nd Place in Philosophy and 3rd Place in cartography (out of 50 schools)

**Year 11 Retreat** – I snuck down to the Retreat held at Stanwell Tops to witness a meditation session – with 160 drums – all playing in unison!

**The U13s and U15s Rugby League** Teams competed in the All Schools Cup competition

**Swimming:** Thomas and Georgia Peregrina represented St. Leos College at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championship. They both competed in multiple events and finished all their events in the top six for their age group.

**Debating** – The completion of the CSDA Debating Competition

**The Dish** – Once again our parents have gathered and are leading players in this social justice initiative of feeding the people that are less fortunate than ourselves in our local area. I have included part of the report from last month”... “Tonight was very successful – 16 friends fed well, with conversation, enjoyment and lots of gratitude “you lot always do good food” was one compliment we received amongst many others. So much food was eaten and so much was sent home, nothing was wasted...”

**Study Skills Seminar- “Tools for Success”** Years 8 & 9 and parents with Dr Prue Salter next Monday evening from 7pm – 8.30pm in The Light of Christ Centre.

**Peninsula Cup** – the Inter Girls Netball and the Open Boys Soccer wins

**Bill Turner Cup** – U15s Soccer Team victory

**Track & Field Carnival** – conducted yesterday

Our two Immersion experiences are gaining momentum – Kiribatti Immersion during the upcoming holidays and the Outback NSW experience in just over 3 weeks time.

**Building works** – the staff and students have moved into their new work and learning spaces in A and B Blocks. The remaining building refurbishment is on track and we are looking forward to our new Library by the end of this term.
I wish the **College Symphonic Band, Stage Band and choir** all the best for their performance at the Sydney Eisteddfod at The Concourse in Chatswood next week. The musicians and choristers will be at a Music Camp this weekend at Galston Gorge. Thank you to Ms McFarlane, Ms Gauci and Mr Byatt for giving up time from their families for this camp.

It is rewarding to see the many experiences that are on offer and taken up by students here at the College. These activities certainly support our College mission statement of developing Catholic, confident, competent young men and women of conscience.

Our College Literacy and Community Tutoring Coordinator, Mr Tony Gulliford has announced his well deserved retirement. Tony will be spending his time with his ever growing responsibilities as a father as well as a Grandfather. The College (parents, staff and students) are indebted to Tony and his pioneering work with establishing a secondary school community Tutoring program with one of our past parents, Ms Sarah Szascvay. This program to assist individual students in both literacy and numeracy is unique to St Leo’s and credit must be given to Tony. I am sure we wish him all the best in his retirement.

I am pleased to announce Mrs Leisa Crane has been appointed and will take up Tony’s position with enthusiasm and continued commitment in gaining the best from our students. Leisa joins the staff and has a wealth of experience in literacy, data testing and training parents in literacy programs.

I would ask you to remember in your prayers the family and friends of a past student of the College – Mr Andrew Ryan (LC 1994) who unexpectedly passed away after a diving expedition on holidays in Fiji last week. The funeral today is at 3pm at St Pat’s Asquith.

Mr AF Gleeson
Principal

“We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them.”
(Blessed Mary MacKillop – 1882)
Assistant Principal

Boxercise Program

The College is launching a new program focused on student and staff health and wellbeing. Starting this coming Monday 1st June, the College will be offering free Boxercise classes in the Berg Hall on Mondays and Thursdays after school until approximately 4:30pm. The classes are being run by a qualified personal trainer Martin Scheib.

There is no need for students to book. They just need to show up on the day and change into appropriate exercise clothes. Students should bring a towel and water bottle. I would encourage all students to come along and make use of this free program designed to improve physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all staff, parents and students for the very positive and productive discussions that took place during the Stage 6 Parent Student Teacher Interviews last week. These meetings are an important part of the process in ensuring that the three way partnership, between parents, students and teachers works effectively in assisting students to achieve their own personal best.

We now look forward to the Year 7 – 10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews which will be held on Thursday 25th June (Week 10) from 8:30am until 8:30pm. 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.

Working Bee - Sunday 21st June

The College will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday June 21st from 10am until 1pm. I would invite all parents to come along, meet some new people and support the College in improving the school grounds. Please bring gardening gloves, sunscreen, hat, water and tools. Morning tea is provided.

Lockers

As you would be aware, we have moved to a system where students will leave their books in their locker throughout the day. This is an important WHS and organisational step.

Thank you to parents for ensuring that your son/daughter has a secure lock for their locker. I would recommend that students keep a spare key for their lock at home. Alternatively, students may choose to hand a spare key in an clearly labelled envelope to their Year Leader.

Students should by now have made suitable arrangements for carrying their books and other equipment to class. This can easily be done by using an appropriate pencil case or small bag. The College sport bag is a good option. The carry case or bag should be small enough to easily fit into students normal College Backpack or be left in their locker. Please note that students are not permitted to use large backpacks or handbags to carry their equipment between classes.

Students are still expected to use their College backpack when travelling to and from school or while on excursions.

To assist students in getting used to this important change to routines, students this year will have the option of carrying their bags to Periods 5 and 6.
Uniform

It has become apparent that a number of students have grown and are finding it difficult to do up their top button. I would ask parents to have a close look at their son/daughters shirts and ensure that if they are not able to do up their top button that a new shirt is purchased. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Sports uniform is the normal sport shirt and shorts with the College tracksuit if students are cold. Students are not to wear their woollen school jumper on sports days.

Please note that any students wearing ‘hoodies’ or other jumpers and jackets either under or over their uniforms will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Building Works

We are getting closer to opening the new Senior Outdoor Recreation area and new girls bathrooms. This week I have invited interested Year 11 students to work with the College Social and Environmental Prefects to make recommendations about the furniture for this new space. Already there have been some interesting discussions around possible options.

Upcoming Events

I would particularly draw your attention to the following upcoming events this term:

**Week 7**
- Monday 1st June
  - Year 8/9 Study Skills Parent and Student Evening
- Thursday 4th June
  - Year 8 Reflection Day

**Week 8**
- Monday 8th June
  - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Tuesday 9th June
  - Photo day (groups) – (TLOCC)
- Wednesday 10th June
  - PAWS@Cafe de Leo

**Week 9**
- Friday 19th June
  - Year 12 Careers Expo
- Friday 19th – Friday 26th June
  - Outback Pilgrimage

**Week 10**
- Wednesday 24th June
  - Last Day of Classes
- Thursday 25th June
  - Year 7 – 10 PST Interview Day 8:35am – 8:30pm
- Friday 26th June
  - Staff Spirituality Day
Catholic Life and Mission

Year 11 Retreat – Stanwell Tops

Pilgrimage was the theme of Year 11 Retreat – our physical journey to Stanwell Tops then led to our spiritual journeys of self-reflection, discussion, mediation and liturgy. The beautiful bush setting of the Tops Conference Centre was a perfect setting for the fun, friendship and faith development that was experienced on retreat this year.

Highlights on our pilgrimage included personal sharings from staff members, an energizing African drumming workshop, a bushwalk to a nearby waterfall, separate reflections on Manhood (by the male teachers for the boys) and Womanhood (by the female staff with the girls) culminating in special initiation ceremonies on the first night, a moving reconciliation service on the second night and concluding with a special celebration of the Eucharist.

Special thanks to Mr Sadler, Religious Education Coordinator, and Mr Gomez, Youth Ministry Coordinator, for running the retreat as well as to Mrs Todd for her organisation and the other staff members who generously came to support us for the three days.

The Abbey

A little reminder that Expressions of Interest by Year 11’s to participate in the Abbey Retreat - 22nd to 24th July are due to Mr Gomez by Monday. This experience of Benedictine life and prayer at Jamberoo Abbey, facilitated by Sr Hilda, has been offered at St Leo’s for over 10 years to a small group of students and has been a very powerful and memorable experience for the participants.
Broken Bay Youth Ministry Conference & Praise & Worship
On Friday 15 May, twenty-two students from Years 10 and 12 attended the Broken Bay Youth Ministry Conference in the Light of Christ Centre, joining two hundred other students from schools around the Diocese. The main presenter was American Catholic musician and composer, Steve Angrisano, who inspired the students with his stories, humour and message on how to share their faith with their friends.

That evening those who stayed were joined by other youth for a Praise & Worship Night, MC’ed by ex-Leo’s student Dominic Cantrall, with music led by Steve and backed up by some familiar local faces. The heart of the celebration was when Bishop Peter set on display the Eucharist for a time of quiet prayer and led a reflection. The Light of Christ Centre went from flashing lights, joyful singing and dancing to sacred silence, incense and deep reverence in the presence of Jesus. It’s hard to believe from the photos that this was the same place and people only moments apart!

Bishop Peter also reminded the young people of his invitation to participate in World Youth Day next year. All of Year 9 and 10 have been given information about WYD16 and 45 Expression of Interest forms have been given out – due back 12 June. For more information please contact Mr Gomez, Youth Ministry Coordinator.
Curriculum News

Parent and Student Study Skills Evening
For further information about this evening, please contact Mr Angelo Solomonides, our Leader of Senior Student Academic Care via email - angelo.solomonides@dbb.catholic.edu.au

TO: PARENTS & STUDENTS OF YEAR 8 & 9

Would you like to know the secrets to success in high school?

Years 8 & 9 Parent & Student ‘Study Skills’ Evening

Monday 1st June 2015, 7 - 8.30pm
St Leo’s Catholic College
The Light Of Christ Centre

An interactive evening for parents and students outlining tools and techniques for students to achieve their personal academic best.

Prue Salter is the founder of ELES (www.enhanced-learning.net) and an expert in the area of study skills. She has conducted over 4000 study skills seminars across Australia and Asia, has written 20 study skills resource kits for schools and is the creator of the online and interactive study skills website used by more than 120000 students (www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

Prue has recently completed her PhD exploring whole-school integrated approaches to developing students’ self-regulated learning skills.

Parent/Guardian(s) and students should attend together.
As the session is very interactive, the session will not be of full value unless both the students and a parent attend.

Both students and parents also need to bring along a pen each (and one highlighter for the family) and the College diary.

The main areas that will be covered are:
- Managing homework and assignments effectively by efficient time management.
- Learning to be more organised for school and at home.
- Working and studying effectively in high school.


DETACH AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL:
The following people from our family will be attending

Student
Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Enhanced Learning
Educational Services
“the study skills specialist”
www.enhanced-learning.net

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HSIE News

Visiting the wetlands at Homebush with Year 8 was a great experience for the students and teachers.

We did a lot of hands-on activities like measuring water quality as well as netting bugs and classifying them.

Going out into the wetlands engaged the senses; licking the salty mangrove leaves, feeling the pneumatophores, squishing and smelling the mangrove sediment to name a few activities. Special moments included the little observations of tiny crabs in the mud and watching the little fish. A surprise visitor appeared - a white egret landed in a tree just as we were learning about migratory birds!

The best thing is that the day is about teamwork and cooperation. Enjoyment comes from learning in a different setting and remembering that experience on our return to the classroom.

Mrs Champ
HSIE Teacher

PDHPE “Big Day Out”

Twenty eight Year 12 PDHPE students took the opportunity to be part of the PDHPE Big Day Out held in the Sydney CBD on the 18th of May.

Students sat in a lecture style situation for the day with a range of guest speakers presenting on a key area of the PDHPE syllabus.

Highlights of the included a lecture from John Quinn who is currently the fitness coach for GWS Giants (AFL) and an informal Q and A with Matthew Mitcham (2008 Olympic 10m Platform Diving Champion - Australia).

It was a great chance to listen to experienced people talk about their passions, successes and beliefs. It allowed our students to deepen their knowledge and gain those extra examples that might be useful in assessment tasks and exams.

Overall it was an enjoyable and informative day for both students and teachers.

Ms Jamie Stimson and Mr Peter Trainer
Year 12 PDHPE teachers 2015
This term has been a very busy time for Visual Art students, who have all been working towards finishing practical assessment tasks, amongst other things.

**Year 12 Visual Arts excursion**
On Thursday 14th May, Year 12 Visual Arts students were Art Critics for the day, visiting smaller Art Galleries around Paddington.

Mrs James and myself accompanied students to visit Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Australian Galleries and Stills Gallery. Students experienced a variety of artworks, including Photography, Digital Media, Painting, Drawing and Sculpture. Students have been asked to critically respond to the gallery settings and to the artworks, mirroring what an actual art critic does, as part of an assessment task.

Students are to be congratulated for the way in which they conducted themselves on the day, they were a credit to themselves and the College.

**Year 11 and 12 Incursions**
During the week, Richard from Dark Star Photography came to discuss photographic paper stock and printing possibilities for HSC students working in Photomedia.

Andrea from Art Scene worked with Year 11’s and 12s, giving them a mixed media workshop, allowing students to experiment with various daring and painting media.
**Year 11 Mini Exhibition**
On Monday evening the 18th May, Year 11 Visual Arts students and their families were invited to the College for a mini exhibition of student work from the Art Camp to Bundanon and Riversdale.

Parents were able to view all the amazing works students created whilst on the Art camp and the artworks that were then created back at school in response to the landscape surrounding the Shoalhaven River and the work of artist Arthur Boyd.

Over drinks and nibbles, artworks were admired and a slideshow of the Art camp was enjoyed.

**Year 8 Visual Arts**
Year 8 students have been exploring Still Life this semester, using their iPads to take photos of various objects and then edit them to create dramatically lit black and white images. They have also worked in watercolour looking at exotic fruit and are currently using acrylic paints to learn tone and a variety of painting techniques.

Juliette Carson
Leader of Visual Arts
**Music News**

Good luck to the College’s symphonic band, stage band and choir at the Sydney Eisteddfod next week. The Sydney Eisteddfod is an Arts Competition where thousands of local and regional performers take part, performing at The Concourse in Chatswood. Symphonic Band will be performing on Monday June 1st in the Premier Group Instrumental Section. The following night they will be joined by Stella Maris College, Manly, to compete in the Intermediate Section. Stage Band will then perform on Wednesday June 3rd and the choir will complete our entries with their performance on June 9th. All the best for a successful performance.

The Music department is holding a Performing Arts Workshop, (PAWS), evening on Wednesday 10th June supported by the staff and students from Hospitality. The Stage Band, Max 12 and Jazz Band will provide the musical entertainment for the night. All members of the College community are invited to this evening to experience the varied gifts and talents of our students and enjoy a relaxed and friendly occasion. Please see the invitation for details of this double treat - music and food held in The Light Of Christ Centre.

**Debating Competition**

Our debating teams have finished the first round of the CSDA debating competition. There was much travelling involved as we were unable to host any debates because of our building works. The Year 10 team won four of the six debates. Congratulations to our debaters and the families and coaches who support them. We look forward to a good season of debates next year, being able to use our fine new classrooms for three of the six debates.

**Debating Workshop**

On Friday 29 May I will be taking one Year 10 team and two Year 11 teams to an all day debating workshop run by students from Sydney University Debating Society. This society is considered one of the best in the world. The experience for our students will be invaluable. Later in the year there will be workshops for our junior teams.

Neryle Sheldon  
Debating Coordinator

**Library news – our move is beginning**

We are preparing for our move downstairs to the former Tech Centre. The furniture, shelves and colour scheme are going to be fabulous and a true reflection of how a library should work in the 21st Century.

The new shelves will not be as high as the current ones (still going strong after nearly 25 years) so there is a need to cull more books from the non-fiction section. These culled books will be placed on the large tables in the library. Students, staff and parents are welcome to take any books.

Neryle Sheldon  
Teacher Librarian
From the Director of Administration

Vaccinations
The next round of vaccinations will be on Thursday 3rd September: HPV dose 3, Chicken pox (Year 7 girls/boys), MMR (Year 11). This is for students who have previously handed in consent cards.

If your child missed the first round on 7th May, they will be given a catch up vaccination on 3rd September

Lockers
Colour house lockers have been issued to all students. This assigned locker will be that student’s responsibility for the rest of the year.

Each student should have organised a lock for their locker.

Students have been asked to leave their heavy school bags in their lockers for at least periods 1-4. Lockers can be accessed before and after school, at recess and lunch.

Students are not to change their locker number unless it has been authorised by Mrs Macri or Mr Mahoney.

School Photos
Portrait photos will be taken Tuesday 2nd June and Year group photos on Tuesday 9th June.

Information packages have been issued to students during tutor classes.

Sibling photo order envelopes are available from the front office. These will be taken on the 2nd June during assembly.

Orders envelopes must be brought in on the first day of photography. Students are not to hand these to their tutor teachers.

J Macri
Director of Administration

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities
In 2015, all schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities. The national data collection is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. Catholic schools in NSW gather this data according to government criteria. The Catholic Education Commission collate the information from the schools and submits the total numbers of students in each school requiring adjustments to access and participate in the school curriculum. For further information please refer to the following link https://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-and-resources-nationaldata-collection.

Please note that this initiative has an opt-out policy for parents who are opposed to the possibility of their child being counted (as a number) in the total number of students recorded as receiving adjustments for a disability.
SAVE THE DATE!

St Leo’s Catholic College
Working Bee
Sunday 21st June
10am - 1pm

Join us for a fun morning - all welcome!
Meet new people while helping make our school grounds even better.
Please bring gardening gloves, sunscreen, hat, water and tools.
Meet in the Quadrangle under the shade sails.
Morning Tea provided - please RSVP using the link below:
Stay tuned for more details.

St Leo’s Catholic College
**Around the Grounds**

The last few days have been very fruitful in the proud traditions of sport at St Leo’s with a number of successes, with wins by the Bill Turner Cup Squad at Fortress Donnelly, the Inters Girls Netball in the Peninsula Cup, and the Open Boys Soccer in the Peninsula Cup.

**Bill Turner Cup: (Tuesday)- St Leo’s 3/ Marsden 2**

On Tuesday during lunch-time the Under 15 Boys Bill Turner Cup Squad played in the second round of the competition on Donnelly Oval in front of a strong and boisterous crowd of around 300 students. We couldn’t have asked for better conditions to play the much anticipated match, and with the crowd behind us the boys began strong, and it became evident that it was only a matter of time before we would find the back of the net. However, as half time approached we could not find the break-through and it was evident that a number of the boys began to get frustrated at the countless chances that we couldn't convert. Half-Time 0-0.

With the half-time talk being very low key and the boys being told to relax it will come, the second half began, and it was down to the experience of Year 8 Midfielder to George Medojevic to take the task of scoring on his shoulders, with his fancy footwork being too much for the Marsden defenders. Early in the second half George took the ball from halfway before crossing a pinpoint accurate ball onto the foot of striker Ryan Stack. St Leo's 1-0. This goal fired up the boys and it wasn’t long before the advantage was doubled, with a goal that will be talked about by the students and teachers present at the match for years to come at the College. Off a goal kick the ball was chested by Jacob Stewart and volleyed from halfway into the top right hand corner of the goal. A goal of this calibre is rare and would win goal of the season in any of the major professional leagues around the world.

St Leo’s 2-0. The pace of striker Rowan Wood was too much for the Marsden defenders, and an individual run down the right hand side of the pitch around and past multiple defenders he scored a brilliant individual effort. St Leo’s 3-0 with 10 minutes to go.

In the last 10 minutes the physical efforts that the boys put in started to show as they become tired, and simple tasks were difficult, and led to two quick Marsden goals before holding out for the final two minutes. Final Score St Leo’s 3-Marsden 2.

The boys now move into the Quarter Finals of the Sydney North Area and have another home game against Holy Cross Ryde to be played in the next few weeks.

**Peninsula Cup Soccer (Wednesday) - St Leo’s 5/ St Paul’s 0**

On Wednesday afternoon our Opens Boys soccer team were scheduled to play in our second match of the Peninsula Cup Competition against Broken Bay rivals St Paul’s. At the recent Broken Bay Gala Day the two teams clashed with our boys being narrowly beaten 1-0, and hence our boys were fired up ready for a big game. After the initial warm-up and the day getting later we were given the news that St Paul’s had forfeited and we were awarded the 5-0 win. With only two Peninsula Cups game being held at St Leo’s this season we are undefeated from our two games.

Next match for the boys is against Mater Maria next Wednesday afternoon away at Warriewood.
Peninsula Cup Netball (Tuesday)
Game 1: St Leo’s 11 – Mater Maria 11
Game 2: St Leo’s 14 – St Lukes 11

On Tuesday afternoon our Intermediate Girls Netball team travelled down for their second week of games in the Peninsula Cup Netball competition. The girls were taken by surprise in Week 1 having to play on grass courts, and were narrowly beaten against Mater Maria 1, and Barrenjoey but bounced back this week with strong performances against Mater Maria 2, and St Luke’s. In the first game the level of netball was exceptional with a high intensity match. The girls missed a number of chances late in the game to win, but drew 11 all.

In the second game of Week 2, it was evident that the girls had grown used to the grass courts and played well in a hard fought contest, coming away with a win. Well done girls and good luck in all your upcoming matches as I am sure there is more success to come.

St Leo’s Aerobics
On Sunday 3rd May, the St Leo’s Aerobics Squad took the stage at the SchoolAerobics 2015 Preliminary Competition. The competition was held at Sutherland Entertainment Centre and was a long but successful day for all.

All girls performed beautifully with every team qualifying for the State Championships. St Leo’s finished the day as follows:

Stage 1 - Dynamite: 1st Place
Stage 1 - Intensify: 5th Place
Stage 2 - Terminate: 4th place
Stage 2 - Activate: 5th Place
Secondary Aerobics - Vivacious: 2nd place
Open B - Blitz: 1st Place
Open B - Fortius: 2nd Place

All teams are training incredibly hard (two early mornings a week currently) in preparation for the State Championships on the 21st June. All teams have their eyes firmly on the prize of National Championships on the Gold Coast.

A huge congratulations to all competitors and a big good luck for the upcoming competition in June. Also a big thank you to all the parents and siblings that came and supported the girls during prelim’s.

To our five fabulous coaches – Sarah Baynie, Maddie Hogarth, Katy Oswald, Charlotte Ball and Ellen Moran, you are amazing and so patient. Thank you from all the girls, parents and St Leo’s community.

Ms Jamie Stimson and Miss Portia Beattie
Team Managers
Rugby League

Sports do not build character. They reveal it.

THE NEW BOYS IN TOWN!!!!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the “New boys on the block”

On Tuesday 26 May at the Northern District All-Schools Rugby League Gala Day, I witnessed what every teacher should see. The boys needed to show courage as they faced up against an opposition three times their size. They worked hard as a team and put their bodies on the line over and over again. Whilst we didn't win we were courageous and walked away proud. Our boys wore their hearts on their sleeves and represented this school with great passion.

Excitement was in the air on a bright and sunny day as our Year 7 boys shaped up for their first gala day. Our Under 15s and 13s Boys Rugby League teams represented the Northern Districts Region at the All Schools knock out competition.

The round robin format had Balgowlah Boys, Narrabeen Sports High, Forest, Davidson, Pittwater, Chatswood, St Paul’s and St Leo’s vying for a place.

The message was clear for both teams; line speed is going to be the key. We needed to be up quick and standing in a line to prevent their big players gaining momentum; tackle in numbers; ensure the first two players wrap the ball up top and the third player comes in and takes out the legs; with the first and second marker playing a vital role in placing pressure on their first receiver.

For our Under 15s this advice went out the window in the first game. We started with sloppy line speed, playing the ball too slowly, and not peeling off the player in the tackle fast enough. Harsh words at full time saw a massive improvement in the next game as the team clicked and we belted our rivals Barrenjoey.

Under 13’s - Semi Finalists
Mitchell Macdonald, Connor Hurley, Nicholas Anderson, Nathan James, Nathan Hassan, Alex Singh, Jackson Do Rozario, Joseph La Torraca, Luca Persechino, Oliver Davis, Kairo Brennen, Sam Park, Lachlan McCredie and Aiden Brophy
Billy Pollard is to be commended for leading the forwards with hard running up the middle of the paddock. Jack Dempsey organised our potent back line, whilst Nathan Guptil handled the forwards. Harry Haig, Joshua Christy, Mark Futakava, Jamie Payne and Reg Townsend were all putting in a tremendous effort in the middle of the park. Sam Italiano chased down every kick, and was well supported by Ray Habkouk. The last encounter of the day didn't go our way, but we played an unbelievable game.

Our Under 13s are a very exciting team and one to watch in the future. Our Semi Final felt and played like a Final. Great defence, hard hits and fast play balls with some outstanding moves from all over the park. Whilst I am no doubt biased, we were the best team on the day, and if it were not for an opposition player built like a State of Origin forward it may have been a different result. Led by Captain Joseph La Torraca, our forwards kept on tackling and running the ball up hard. This gave plenty of space for our backs to run the ball and score plenty of tries. Really looking forward to seeing how this team goes over the next few years.

Under 15’s Man of the match: Billy Pollard
Under 13’s Man of the match: Joseph La Torraca and Aiden Brophy.

Well done boys. Champions keep playing until they get it right.

**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: [https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx](https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx)

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 emphasise 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 etc.
# Representative Sport Schedule

## REPRESENTATIVE SPORTING EVENTS - TERM 2

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<td>BBSSSA Cross Country</td>
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<td>St Ives Showground</td>
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<td>Wed, 29/4</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Swans Cup AFL (U15 &amp; Opens)</td>
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<td>ELS Hall Park Ryde</td>
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<td>Sat, 3/5</td>
<td>3.10pm</td>
<td>Aerobics Preliminary Rd</td>
<td>Presentation @ 9.25pm</td>
<td>Sutherland Entertainment Centre</td>
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<td>TBC</td>
<td>Buckley Shield R/League (U14)</td>
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<td>CCC Swimming</td>
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<td>BB Basketball (Jnr &amp; Inters)</td>
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<td>All Schools Touch (Yr 9 &amp; 10)</td>
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<td>Sydney North R/League (U14, 16)</td>
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## REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TRAINING SCHEDULE - TERM 2

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