As the calendar year draws to a close, family schedules and personal agendas fill with meetings, programs, parties, and annual obligations. The carol ‘Silent Night’ could not have been written at the beginning of the twenty-first century, when its title evokes the peace and stillness that our lifestyles can only imagine.

Yet this busiest time of year calls us to draw close to others, above all to God, who became flesh and lived with us. How do we carve out moments of quiet when we can open ourselves to God’s presence?

Perhaps we need to find new ways in our busy lives to find time. We decorate our homes with Nativity sets and Christmas lights but then do we take the time to stop in reflection and prayer and to just sit with these Christmas symbols? Try this – informally - sit quietly around the lighted Advent wreath. Once a day, once a week, or perhaps only once during the Season of Preparation and give thanks for the coming of our saviour, the birth of the Christ child - Jesus.

Let us listen to the words of hope of Isaiah the prophet:

Isaiah 25: 8-10a
Then the Lord God will wipe away
The tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
From the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:
“Lo this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us!
This is the LORD for whom we waited:
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

REPETS
Parents please note that student reports for Years 5 and 6 will be mailed home on Friday. Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be sent home early next week.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU
On behalf of the College I thank all the parents, students and staff for an outstanding year. One full of challenges and high achievements.

In particular I wish to thank staff departing the College: Mr Anthony Mahoney, Mr Brad Milner, Ms Kath Ramsay, Mr Michael Lane, Ms Asheeka Nand, Ms Lucinda Legere and Mr James Kennedy. We wish Ms Bridie Barrett well on her maternity leave, and Mr McCreath as he retires.

YEAR 12, 2014 YEAR MEETING
Special Guests: Constables Michelle Hurley and Denis Goodwin
Last Wednesday 27 November, the Chatswood Police School and Liaison Officers, Constables Michelle Hurley and Denis Goodwin, addressed the Year 12, 2014 students regarding their responsibilities and actions towards one another and as young men growing up in our modern community. In particular, behaviours such as bullying, cyber bullying, threatening behaviour and the responsibilities of our young men in our community were discussed. The Police also outlined to the students what they can do if they are subject to such behaviours and the consequences of their actions.

On behalf of the College, Mr Couani gave emphasis to our College values of respect, dignity, justice and equity. The responsibilities of our Senior Students must centre upon giving good leadership and example and this starts with the way we must treat each other every day.

College Captain Leon Warren gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the students and particularly offered appreciation to the local Police of Chatswood.

STOP PRESS – HARRISON WHITSEY (YEAR 12 2013) MAKES ART EXPRESS!
You will remember last week we reported that Harrison had been nominated for possible inclusion in the HSC Exhibition of Outstanding works. We have now received notification that Harrison has been selected. This is a wonderful achievement and the College congratulates Harrison.

In 2013 nine thousand three hundred and thirty nine (9,339) students submitted bodies of work for examination. Three hundred and five (305) students’ works were nominated for ARTEXPRESS. From these nominations two hundred and twenty five (225) bodies of work were selected to create eleven exhibitions, representing schools from across NSW.

From the Head of Mission and Identity
Last week Mr Whelan along with Matthew Buskariol, Harry McCutcheon, Joshua Maggiora and Declan Ward spent the week at St Mary’s Primary School Bowraville. The school is 20 kilometres inland from Macksville, on the north coast of New South Wales and is made up of 90% indigenous students whose backgrounds are less fortunate than others. The staff, led by their Principal, Troy Baker, provide an amazing level of education that goes way beyond the classroom. We were able to work as Teacher’s Aides in the classrooms and prepare lunch for them all on Wednesday. We were equally fortunate due to the generosity of Mr Mick Onslow and Gordon Junior Rugby, to take bags of brand new sporting clothing and gear that were greatly appreciated.

At this same time James Brannan, Tyran Collins, Nick McCamley and James Saouma accompanied by Mr David Reay ventured to St Joseph’s School Walgett for our Immersion experience with our fellow Christian Brother school. Our boys similarly enjoyed the interaction with the children at St Joseph’s with half the students being Indigenous. The twelve hour trek by train and car to Walgett from Sydney on Monday certainly highlighted the isolation of this area. Our boys learned much of the struggles the children face as well as the different challenges that life in the bush presents. The contributions that Pius have given over the years are greatly appreciated and our College is well known to both the Bowraville and Walgett children.

We also commenced our third immersion experience this year with St Edmund’s, Wahroonga. St Edmund’s is an independent co-educational EREA school for students Years 7 to 12 with a wide range of disabilities including sensory impairment, intellectual disability and autism. St Edmund’s is the closest in proximity of our fellow EREA schools, so all the more significant to build upon our relationship with them. Our four boys Tyler Jarvis, Francis Phillips, Patrick Saouma and Fraser Toohey, worked closely with the students and assisted the Staff in duties in a very full four days program, sharing with the students their skills and equaling coming to know about the gifts and vast array of talents of the students at St Edmund’s.

Finally, Liam Smith and Hayden Tutill capped off our Immersions for 2013 with an exchange visit to St Joseph’s College, Geelong being fine ambassadors for our college. This then saw two of the Geelong boys spend a couple of days at Pius and with Hayden and Liam’s families. This certainly was a great opportunity to visit another EREA school and learn about different cities.

These immersion experiences are a truly wonderful opportunity and life changing experiences for our young men and all fourteen of the Year 10 gentlemen were outstanding in all they did. Mr Pawlak, Mr Whelan, Mr Reay and I have received constant praise of these young men’s involvement, initiative and kindness that gained our College, their families and themselves the greatest respect and admiration.

Many thanks for the contributions to the Giving Tree of Christmas presents for our fellow EREA school at St Joseph’s, Walgett. We would dearly appreciate any more gifts that you may like to contribute for the children of St Joseph’s Walgett. If you can simply label the present with gender and age, that would be greatly appreciated.
Also a very warm thanks for your equally generous contributions to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Both collections are gathered tomorrow, so please feel free to send any final donations by tomorrow, Thursday, 5th December.

Our final Monday College Assembly was led in Prayer by Ms Iwatani’s 6 Blue class. Our young men explained the Season of Advent and the Advent Wreath, sharing the significance of LOVE, FAITH, JOY and HOPE as we prepare to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but also his presence in our lives.

May the message of Christmas reverberate with all our families as we continue through this Season of Advent as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. As the second purple candle is lit on this coming second Sunday of Advent, may our prayer be:

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,  
only joy of every heart,  
come and save your people.

Mr M Casey

Year 7 Giving Tree

Dear Parents and Students,

We request your continued assistance in donating gifts for the Bowraville and Walgett school communities. We are only able to keep this going through your generosity. We ask for gifts to be placed under the Giving Tree in the College foyer, wrapped with a card indicating the suitability of the present.

Thankyou for your assistance.

Mr S Yue – Year 7 Guidance Coordinator

From the English Department

“Dare to Walk in the Enchanted Forest….”

Primary students could not resist being enriched by an uplifting visit from their older peers. It was a wonderful opportunity for young people to share their written fantasy stories and delight in passion, spontaneity and secrets of magic tales. Even Mr Couani tapped into the magical atmosphere of the event with inherent enthusiasm and verve by recounting Andrew Jackson’s adaptation of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”.

In collaboration with Year 5 Literacy classes and Mr Listo’s Year 8 English class, the Junior Resource centre was filled with the enchanting essence of “Fantasy and Fables”. Given the commitment of both Mrs Spanyik and Mrs Martin focussing on “Literature Circles”, gifted students were able to engage with the ingenuous stories composed by their prolific older peers. The boys have been studying novels of different genres with the aim of extending their literary selections. It was wonderful to see the older students mentoring, sharing and recommending their own unique tales. Through this annual edifying experience, students are encouraged, challenged and inspired to read more widely and to have a go at nourishing a possible legend, which may be passed on by many generations to come.

Mr A Listo - Assistant Coordinator, English
Performing Arts News

TWILIGHT CONCERT: The weather could not dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of either the performers or the audience for the final Twilight Concert of the year. There are so many to thank for making this fantastic night such a memorable experience: Performers: Senior Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Senior Guitar Ensemble; String Ensemble; Intermediate and Senior Jazz Bands; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands; Ensemble Directors: Mrs Stella Talati, Mr Jonathan Doolin, Mr Geoff Power, Mr Shane Cranney, Mr Ian Talati, Ms Kath Ramsay and Ms Natalie Rawle; Accompanists: Ms Stephanie Gan and Br Chris Rafferty; Performing Arts Captain: Christian Sharpe; Cultural Prefects: Elijah Rayner, Bernard Sia, Nicholas Kitromilides and Kam Wan; Stage Crew: Year 12 Music 1 and Music 2 Students; Sound and Lighting Engineers: Mr Pete Clark, Mr Brendan Jones and Robbie Swan; Support Staff: Mrs Cathy Jellema and Ms Katy Donoghue; Maintenance Staff: Mr Pat Knox, Mr John Moscato and Mr Mark Harvey; Art Department Staff: Mr Mark Anderson, Ms Donna Janes, Ms Annie Bryant and Ms Frances Doyle; Photographer: Ms Julie Ingram; and last but by no means least the Performing Arts Parents Association!

AMEB RESULTS: Congratulations to Ned McDermott Healey (Year 9) for achieving a credit in his recent Grade 6 Trumpet Examination. Well done!

JUNIOR JAZZ BAND: A reminder to all students in the Junior Jazz Band that you will be performing at the Junior School Prize Giving and Sports Awards at Oxford Falls tomorrow. A note was sent home with all the details several weeks ago.

JUNIOR CHOIR: A reminder to all students in the Junior Choir that you still have one final performance for the year, on Friday, at the Years 5 – 10 Closing Mass. There will be a rehearsal Friday morning at 8.00am in the CMR. Parents are warmly invited to attend the Mass and sit with the boys in the Choir loft. Mass commences at 10.00am.

HOLIDAY PRACTICE: All students are reminded to take their instrument[s] home on Friday afternoon, so that practice can continue during the holidays. Rehearsals in 2014 will commence on the first day of the College year, Wednesday 29 January with Senior Choir at 7.30am.

AND FINALLY……: Thank you to all students who have participated in the Performing Arts Program at the College this year. There have been some incredible performances and many fond memories have been made. I wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Co-ordinator

From the Mathematics Department

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
This year 636 St Pius X students took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Of these students William Maniatis (Year 8) was awarded the Prudence Award for the most consecutive correct answers, a very fine achievement.

A further 34 students were awarded Distinctions and 182 Credits. Well done to all participants in this highly regarded and difficult Mathematics competition.

Mr D Reay – Mathematics Coordinator

From the TAS Department

CONGRATULATIONS TO ADAM THOMPSON (YEAR 12, 2014)
Congratulations to Adam Thompson on winning one of the Wollongong University Design and Technology Competition Major Prizes for his Year 11 Lamp Project and Folio. Well done Adam.

Mr N Gibson – TAS Coordinator

From the Senior Resource Centre

Hayden Falzon takes out ‘Tournament’

Congratulations to Hayden Falzon (Year 12) for his stand-out 50 word creative writing piece which won him a hand signed copy of Matthew Reilly’s latest, mature-read, Tournament. Competition among our creative writers was fierce with works by Andrew Chui (Year 9) and William Maniatis (Year 8) highly commended.

Ms K Keighery

Homework Help

HOMEWORK HELP HAS FINISHED FOR 2013 but will begin again in Week 2 of Term 1, 2014 - every Monday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Leary Learning Centre. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

Mrs K Martin
Careers

YEAR 12 – CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE
A FREE service run by the NSW Government Education and Communities for 2013 Year 12 students. Get online at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or call 1300 300 687 between 19th – 24th December 2013. (9am-5pm). Explore your options. Useful links for school leavers.

CAREERS NEWS can be found in Woodchatta Extras at the end of this newsletter.

Macquarie Debating Junior Schools Cup

Eight enthusiastic Year 7 debaters, accompanied by Miss Sumner, attended the Macquarie Schools Cup at Macquarie University on Tuesday the 3rd December. This was an excellent experience for our debaters as they competed against a variety of schools from the Sydney area. The students involved were Jasper Choi, Ben Johnson, Amachi Okwechime, Lukas Papangellis, Jordan Payard, Liaam Rao, James Saddington and James Spencer. Special mention must go to Ben Johnson and James Spencer who, as a mere but mighty team of 2, bravely battled teams of 4 members. After their 3rd team member fell ill, the boys stepped up and went through the 3 rounds by doubling up on speaking roles in their debates. The challenging topics included issues such as the legalisation of guns, lowering the voting age to 16 and the right for criminals to sell and publish their accounts.

We are very proud of these boys, particularly as they were often against Year 8 teams on the day. This was an excellent opportunity for the boys to gain more experience in debating and have a chance to try speaking in different roles. Although we did not progress through to the Grand Finals, we did come away with a few wins. Well done, gentlemen.

Ms S Sumner

From the Junior Resource Centre

DR WHO CELEBRATIONS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Dr Who Turns 50?

To help celebrate The Day of the Doctor, the anniversary special was screened at lunch time in the Junior Resource Centre on Wednesday. We had a huge turn out with three Doctors and Mr Couani making a special guest appearance. Thank you to Sam Schyvens, John-Paul Shahady and Liam Benson.

Ms Elena Martin

Junior School News

Tennis: Congratulations to the 11 St Pius tennis teams that battled it out in the finals last Saturday. We were guaranteed 4 winning teams as 8 teams were playing each other. I believe we achieved 6 winning teams on the day which is a great effort. Best of luck in your future tennis matches.

Year 5 and 6 Picnics: We were blessed with perfect weather for 2 great picnic days at Davidson Park and Willoughby Park. Thankyou to everybody who attended and made it a special afternoon. At the Year 5 picnic a special thankyou to the ‘chefs’ who cooked the hundreds of sausages, and thankyou to the parents who bought the feast for the Year 6 picnic - there was an amazing amount of food!

Uniform Reminder: Tomorrow, Thursday, the boys come to school in their full school summer uniform (NOT their sports uniform) as we have the Prize giving concert in the afternoon. Please remember to pack morning tea and lunch tomorrow.

Prizegiving Afternoon – 5 December
Venue: Christian Brothers Centre, Oxford Falls.
Time: 1 pm – 2.45 pm approx.
Transport: You may collect your son at the conclusion. If your son is travelling back to school the buses will pick them up at 3.15 pm so we would be back by approx. 3.40 pm.

Reports: Reports will be mailed home on Friday.

Stationery Equipment: A list of all stationary equipment will be included in the final Junior School Newsletter sent on Friday.

Best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
**Senior School Sport**

**BASKETBALL** - The long trip to Bathurst was not exactly a successful day for our teams; however I was impressed with the boys’ behaviour in general, and during those tougher moments in their game. The 13As were victorious and the rest of us were gallant in defeat.

Training times in Term 1 of next year will remain the same as this term. There will be no trainings on the first day back next year. Round 7 is Saturday 1st February 2014.

Thanks again to all who have helped this year and Merry Christmas.

Last Saturday’s scores:

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**Game of the Day:** The 15As fought hard and kept their cool under difficult circumstances to eventually go down by only four points.

**Deserves a Mention:** Oliver Jacquot (Year 7) had a run in the First V match on Saturday against St Stanislaus’ Firsts. Coach Mr. Wilson said he put in a sound effort. Well done Oliver.

Mr N Gibson - Convenor

**CRICKET**

**Player of the week:** Keifer O’Brien 2/7 off 4 overs and 26.

**SPX 1st XI v BMGS, Rescheduled Round #1 at Main Oval BMGS - Saturday 30 November 2013**

Losing the toss and being asked to field on a cool, overcast day with a wet outfield is never an easy task. BMGS capitalised on these conditions and finished with 7/248 after their 50 overs taking full advantage of some poor SPX bowling and fielding. Best bowlers: Tom Slack 0/18 of 10 overs, Sean Reidy 2/29 and Ned McDermott-Healey 2/41. Many team would have given up at this point, the current 1st XI in not one of those teams. Requiring 5 runs per over SPX’s run chase started quickly and positively; but regular wickets by BMGS slowed the run chase and eventually put the match beyond reach. While being bowled out for 178 the SPX batsman demonstrated bowling and fielding. Best bowlers: Max Magee (74), Danisha Ediriwira (27*) and Michael Roberts (21).

**ISA Standings update** - At the end of the first half of the season both 1st XI and 2nd XI are in second position in both 1st and 2nd Division. Both teams are well positioned for the second half of the season thanks to hard training, commitment and playing positive cricket. Well done.

**3 Day Cricket Development Clinic** - All attendees of the 3 Day Cricket Development clinic have been sent an email with schedule details and BBQ Roster, if no email has been received please contact: secretary@stpiuscrickeetr.g.org.au

Late enrolments can still be made goto: www.trybooking.com/BUKY

**Other Cricket Happenings**

- The following players have been selected to play in the prestigious A.W. Green Shield (U16) Competition, Michael Roberts, Max Magee and Christian King (Gordon DCC), Harry Heaney (North Sydney DCC), Nick Onslow (Northern Districts CC), Ned McDermott-Healey (Manly Warringah DCC) and Joe Unwin (Mosman CC). Congratulations on your selection, play well.
- Max Magee is currently representing the CIS at the NSW Schools U15 trials.
- A combined 1st and 2nd XI Squad will participate in the Christian Brother Cricket Week in January 2014.

**Team** | **Results (30/11/13)** | **07/12/13**
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SPX Blue U12 NSJCA | SPX Blue 87 (K O’Brien 26) defeated by Lindfield Watson 7/159 (K O’Brien 2/7, S Barrett 2/22) | West Pymble Blue, Lofberg Park
SPX Gold U12 NSJCA | SPX Gold 6/155 defeated Mosman Stingers 8/154 | Roseville Rockets, Oxford Falls
SPX Grey U13 MWJCA | SPX Grey 8/156 (T Colgan 52no, N McLachlan 29) defeated by Cromer 6/234 (T Colgan 2/19) | 2 day game Wakehurst Green, Oxford Falls
SPX White U13 NSJCA | SPX White 7/111 (N Chan 35no) defeated West Pymble Gold 7/110 (N Chan 3/7, N Talarico 2/9) | RHH Pirates, Gladstone Reserve
SPX Black U13 NSJCA | SPX Black 44 defeated by Mosman Battlers 4/207 | Lindfield Lindwall, Oxford Falls
SPX Green U14 NSJCA | SPX Green 8/30 defeated by Gordon Red 9/228 (P Leahy 3/29, N Ignatius 2/39) | Lane Cove Rogers Forestville Memorial Field
SPX Red U14 NSJCA | SPX Red 8/202 (J Thompson 43no, AJ Brislan 40, N Slack 26) defeated by Lane Cove Rogers 3/225 | RHH Pirates, Buffalo Creek Reserve
SPX Orange U15 MWJCA | SPX Orange 40 and 72 defeated by St Augustines Green 9/57 dec (P Purcell 2/3, H Roberts 2/14, D Butler 2/15 and 3/59) | 2 day game Peninsula Firefish, Jacksons Road
SPX Yellow U16/18 MWJCA | SPX Yellow 147 ( N Frayne 26) defeated by St Augustines Green 9/240 (A Parker 2/24, M Kennedy 2/35) | 2 day game St Augustines Red, Nolans #5

Mr D Reay – Convenor
**NSTA TENNIS:** Last Saturday final fever hit Talus Street courts with 11 St Pius teams qualifying after six rounds of blood, sweat and tears and some exciting games of tennis. The great sportsmanship shown by all competitors has made this tennis season a competitive yet enjoyable experience for all involved. The rain held off and all games went ahead.

St Pius 2 – Jaycob Fong, Ashley Lauericks, Marco and Dante Muranty
St Pius 4 – Domonique Ta, Calvin Baker, Isaac Fong and James Rozos
St Pius 13 – Gary Wang, Connor Cunningham, Robert Swan, and Marco Princi
St Pius 15 – Alexander Marx, Harry Skinner, Thomas Wong and Thomas Jamieson
St Pius 18 – Alessandro Muranty, Patrick Dijzmedjian, Corey Johnson and Thomas Wilson

These 5 teams won their finals and played extremely challenging games with more than a little tension at times. There were many outstanding rallies and backbreaking shots. All games were entertaining and enjoyed by all spectators.

For every winning team there has to be an opponent giving their all, which is what our other 6 St Pius X runner-up teams did and proudly so.

St Pius 5 – Steven Kechichian, Lucas Lung, Nathan Mellino and Dennis Webber
St Pius 8 – Liam Shatford, Harley Allison, Miles Fitzgerald and Jackson Edwards
St Pius 10 – Juwan Dianzon, Lynden Maher, Niall Darby and Tim Starnowski
St Pius 14 – David Trani, Godwin and Geoffrey Cipriano
St Pius 16 – Daniel Stack, Marco Luliano, Marcus Rossetto and Robert Parisi
St Pius 17 – Connor Terry-Lloyd, Alan Cooper, Michael and Adrian Currington

With so many great teams within the St Pius X College, next year is looking pretty successful too. Well done to all the players. The Tennis teacher team would like to thank the parents for their great support throughout Term 4 and we look forward to the Term 1 competition that will start in Saturday 15th February 2014.

Ms J Collings

**BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN** is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Blue Room. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.

**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** No Sport tomorrow. The Junior Concert and Academic Awards Ceremony takes place in lieu of Sport. (See Junior School Newsletter for full details)

**Uniform return:** Please return any borrowed items of clothing before term’s end (Basketball singlets, Athletics singlets, Football goalie jersey etc.)

Thanks once again to all for another jam-packed year of Junior School Sport. The involvement and sportsmanship displayed by all students was superb and I acknowledge our cohort for this. We once again had much success but more importantly we developed our boys holistically and gave them an opportunity to form closer ownership of the College culture. I must sincerely thank parents for their support over the year. Have a happy and safe Christmas period and I look forward to doing it all again in 2014!

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

**Uniform Shop**

**TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00am–1.30pm.**

The Uniform Shop has closed for 2013 and will re-open on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 9am

Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au. Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms. Enquiries 9414 4339.

An updated price list is now available on the College website. **Cricket Floppy hats** have arrived and are available for collection from the Uniform Shop. **Stationery kits** for Years 5 & 6 ($50) and **Year 7 Maths kits** ($60) are available now. The Uniform shop also stocks grid, exercise & music books.

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

**Canteen Roster**

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The following information is contained within this week’s Woodchatta Extras.

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From the President of the P&F

St Pius X College
Parents & Friends Association
35 Anderson Street, Chatswood NSW 2067
Phone: 02 9411 4733

Dear Parents

29 November 2013

On behalf of all the P&F Committee, welcome to new parents to St Pius X College for 2014 and welcome back to continuing parents. The SPX P&F Association is very active in the College, and has four primary objectives:

To act as a liaison between parents and friends and the College - We achieve this in a number of ways, but especially by providing organisational and financial support for all the many Clubs your boys may become involved in, and also working with the College to support those families who require support from time to time.

To assist the College with all its undertakings - We have been called upon to assist in many areas, from the running of the Inauguration Mass, to hosting an annual Teachers Breakfast, providing feedback to the College on key policy areas, and also in communicating College events throughout the parents and friends community, amongst many others.

To assist the College financially - Each year we financially support a large number of College initiatives. For example in a past year the P&F provided funding for the beautification of the Prayer Garden, improvements and upgrades to the Oxford Falls site, support for individual students who achieve representative level, sports uniforms for our wonderful teachers who coach our boys in their own time, as well as improvements to the Staff Kitchen, contributions towards teacher initiatives, language tours, camps, student well being programmes etc. The P&F are also the primary financial supporters for our SPX Clubs, which includes Cricket, Rugby, Football, Basketball and Performing Arts Clubs.

To provide opportunities for social contact among the Parent Body - The P&F run a number of social events each year. We have the Welcome Cocktail Party (and we will see you there!) as well as Mothers Day and Fathers Day events, and our one and only SPX Clubs fundraiser, the Trivia Night.

This is all in addition to Class and Year Groups, who are supported by the P&F to host various social events throughout the year.

P&F Levy
Rather than holding fund-raising activities such as fetes, chocolate drives and the like, we ask each family at the College to contribute an amount to enable us to continue our work. The 2014 P&F annual subscription is $195 and will be shown on your fees statement, to be paid with your school fees to the College.

We thank you in advance for your support as we continue to assist the College to be an even better place for our sons to learn and develop.

Yours sincerely

Paul Hunt (‘89)
President, SPX P&F.
WELCOME MORNING TEAS FOR 2014

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SPX  Mums Welcome Mums
New Year Morning Teas

Year 5 - Jan 29th 9:30 am
Enquiries: Helen Mortimer  m: 0400 550 540

Year 6 - Jan 30th 9:30 am
Enquiries: Danielle Alan  m: 0404 880 154

Year 7 - Jan 31st 9:30 am
Enquiries: Andrena Brewer  m: 0438 698 993

The Concourse, Chatswood
Between Ferguson Lane & Victoria Ave.

Across the lane from SPX,
Opp. Chatswood Library

Come along to Carré Noir Café for a quick cuppa or stay and chat. Please feel welcomed and meet with the Mums of your boy’s year group.
CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications close Sun 23rd Feb, 10pm
Charles Sturt University has scholarships available to applicants starting study at CSU in 2014 with an ATAR of 80 or above. Scholarships target a range of courses, including the Bachelor of Medical Science, Computer Science, and more. The scholarships award successful applicants with $4,000 per year for up to four years.

HSC-TO-UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS FOR TALENTED STUDENTS
The University of New England, the University of New South Wales, and Macquarie University have set up a program of first-year university courses that students can undertake while finishing their secondary schooling.
This program is open to students who have accelerated in at least one HSC course and achieved high-level results, or who have otherwise demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.
Applications will need the support of school principals, and applications are made via the universities. Courses begin in Semester 1 2014.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY: NEW BACHELOR OF VISUAL ARTS DEGREE
This new part-time and full-time degree will allow students to pursue their passion in art while increasing their career prospects in the creative industries. The course is offered by the Sydney College of the Arts & will begin in 2014.

SYDNEY TAFE: COURSE INFORMATION SESSIONS
Hospitality Degree Information Session: Tue 3rd December, 6:30pm at Ultimo College
Business Degree Information Session: Wed 4th December, 6:30pm at St George College
http://www.sydneytafe.edu.au/

ALINK NSW
This website provides information about the building and construction industry in Australia. People interested in the industry can find out more information about how to get ahead in the industry.
http://www.alinknsw.org.au

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN’S HORTICULTURE APPRENTICESHIP
Applications close Thu 5th December.
Apprentice horticulturists are employed for up to four years and work a 38-hour week. Apprentices study Parks and Gardens Certificate III at TAFE one day per week, and receive their practical training at the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney.

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100 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction
APTT is a Registered Training Organisation that offers courses, traineeships & work experience in the tourism industry.
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LeavingSchool.com.au is an online magazine that aims to provide secondary school leavers with advice, information and resources that will help them with the transition from secondary school. The first edition of the magazine includes information on finances, resumes & advice for parents about how to support their students through end-of-year exams. http://www.leavingschool.com.au

YHA AUSTRALIA’S TIPS FOR TRAVELLING OVERSEAS
These tips for travelling overseas would be of value to students who will be undertaking a gap year after graduating this year. http://www3.yha.com.au/Planning-Your-Trip/Travelling-Overseas/

LATITUDE GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING: LAST MINUTE AVAILABILITY FOR 2014
There are still a small number of placements available for programs departing 2014. You can be a teacher in China or Fiji, a medical assistant in Japan, an Outdoor Activities Instructor in the UK and many more.
For these placements applications must be submitted by Tuesday 10th December 2013. http://www.lattitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=164

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor
The Basketball Club would like to wish all our school families a wonderful Christmas break. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our junior and senior school basketball convenors Greg Virgona and Neil Gibson. They both work hard at turning a logistical nightmare into a smooth sailing enjoyable basketball season. The basketball club has felt tremendously supported by you both throughout the year and would like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication you both give to basketball at SPX.

Congratulations to our raffle winners……..

1st – Mr. Terry Patterson
2nd – Rachelle Moait (sister to Jonathan 13A’s)
3rd – Mark Hettler (Dad to Matthew 14A’s)

Team of the Week – Junior F Team
2013 has been a fabulous year for this team of superstars who have managed to go through the whole year undefeated! A BIG thankyou to their awesome coach Phil Matevski and manager Maria Walters. Team members are Samuel Walters, Timothy Boys, Andrew Collins, Benjamin Gangemi, Daniel Habib, Willoughby Hay, Thomas Paterson (absent from photo), Antony Shahinian, Zack Whylie.

Danielle O’Donovan – 0412 588 371 (President)