DIFFERENT THREADS
What do we stand for?
PEACE JUSTICE
RESPECT DIGNITY
FAITH IN ACTION

When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.
He said, “I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest: for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.” Luke 21:1-4

DIFFERENT THREADS
In reflecting on the special community day entitled Different Threads that we enjoyed as a College on Friday, I pay tribute to the leadership of our new Year 12. The day was brilliant, the student body was engaged and responsive, the parents and friends were so supportive and every presentation was so well done and so well received. The drums were so much fun. The school was well fed throughout and somehow the weather held off for us. The students from St Edmunds Wahroonga, Eddie’s Entertainers were superstars. The staff band has still got it too!

As a social justice day, the College was challenged to think about what we are about and what we stand for and the self-belief that we can make a difference.

Phil Gielenning from the Edmund Rice Centre at Homebush called upon us to realise that “Just because you live in poverty, it doesn’t mean you live without dignity.” “Put yourselves in the other guy’s shoes.”

Rhys Wesser – Indigenous sportsman and Rugby League star told the boys, “I am a Catholic. I went to a Catholic school, I go to Church. We believe that respect goes a long way.” When speaking of encountering racism Rhys said “People didn’t believe in me. I was told I couldn’t make it.” But his determination overcame this. “If you have the drive, the passion comes from you, you can do anything.” He encouraged our young men. “You have the power right now to do something with your life.”

Combining the funds raised through our Junior School Walkathon we were able to send cheques of $10,000 each to St Mary’s Bowraville, St Joseph’s Walgett and Callan Services in PNG. We are also able to support the recent Philippines crisis by sending a cheque of $5,000 to the Edmund Rice Foundation to support the work being done for our Brothers Schools in this region. Finally, by topping up the money raised at the Bushfire Appeal Cake Stall, $2,000 was then sent to this Appeal and a further $1,000 to support the work done at the Edmund Rice Centre. The generosity and support of all from the Pius community is greatly appreciated as we ensure to never forget those in need.

I know that there are so many people to thank but I especially thank Mr Pat Whelan and Mr Ross Masters for their vision and planning to pull off such an extraordinary day. I thank Mrs MaryAnne Back and Mr Emad Berro for their contribution and coordination of the morning tea and lunch with their huge band of parent helpers. Congratulations to all – the school finished on a great high and I am so delighted and appreciative of everyone.

Please see Woodchatta Extras for a selection of photos from the day.
CHRISTMAS APPEALS

The College has a Christmas Giving Tree in the foyer. This is a Year 7 initiative where we donate gifts such as toys for children aged 5 – 12, both boys and girls. These gifts should be wrapped with Gender and Age suitability noted on the wrapping. All these gifts are sent to the school communities in Bowraville and Walgett. Please dig deep and send a gift to be placed under the tree.

The Year 9 students are leading the appeal for Christmas Hampers to go to our local SVDP families. Please send in with your son any donations of non-perishable foods for this very worthy cause. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

2014 SCHOOL FEES

The College Board has determined the school fees for 2014 and these have been approved by Edmund Rice Education Australia. There is a modest increase of 5% to the school fees as well as an increase in the reduction for the second child from 10% to 15%. I am sure this will be of welcome help to families.

The letter outlining these changes from Mr Peter Hughes, Board Chair, may be found in Woodchatta Extras.

BR CARL SHERRIN

The College is delighted to have another Christian Brother working in the College. Br Carl Sherrin, who has retired from teaching and lives in the St Mary’s Cathedral College Christian Brothers’ Community, has joined us as the College archivist. Br Carl is an ex-student of the College, graduating in 1953.

VOLUNTEERS’ LUNCHEON

A volunteers’ lunch will be held on Monday 9 December at Oxford Falls commencing at 12.30pm. This lunch is to show appreciation to all volunteers who have assisted at the College, either with cocurricular activities, in the classroom, in the canteen or uniform shop, or in any particular way in the College. Please see the invitation in Woodchatta Extras. An RSVP is required by Wednesday 4 December for catering purposes.

Mr John Couani

From the Head of Mission and Identity

Last Wednesday, Father Barry from Our Lady of Dolours Parish, spent the day with Matthew Buskariol, Liam Carroll, Hans Lee, Joshua Maggiora, Aaron Parker, Anthony Saba, James Saouma and Patrick Saouma in preparing the eight gifts for the children of St Joseph’s Primary School, Walgett. If you are able to send forth a present, please indicate on the card whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and age bracket (5 to 12 years). This has been a great tradition between Pius and St Joseph’s Walgett, a fellow Christian Brothers ministry and we appreciate any contribution you are able to make.

Finally, Mr Hopley launched the Annual Year 9 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, inviting donations of non-perishable goods as soon as possible to ensure hampers can be made up to deliver to the needy of our society.

Mr M Casey
Your P&F in Action!

YEAR 5 FAMILIES - END OF YEAR BBQ and PICNIC
Year Five Families, put Sunday 1 December into your diaries! We look forward to seeing you at Davidson Park (under the Roseville Bridge). See Woodchatta Extras for details and please RSVP Danielle Alan dal66492@bigpond.net.au

YEAR 6 FAMILIES - END-OF-YEAR PICNIC
Picnic time! Sunday 1 December at the Willoughby Park Hall and Park. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided, invitation attached in Woodchatta Extras, and please RSVP to rachelgrewal@me.com as soon as possible so we can manage catering.

YEAR 7 FAMILIES - END-OF-YEAR PICNIC
Picnic and sport with free sausage sizzle for all Year 7 boys and siblings, Parents BYO! Sunday 1 December at O.H. Reid Memorial Park in Chatswood West, 3-6pm. Please see the invitation and trybooking link in Woodchatta Extras. RSVP required for catering purposes by Thursday 28 November.

YEAR 9 PARENTS – END OF YEAR PARTY!
On Saturday 30 November at 7pm the fun starts for Year Nine Parents! See invitation attached in Woodchatta Extras!

Steve Johnson

Movember
A dozen staff have once again sacrificed their upper lips for this worthy cause. The concept of growing a moustache is about ‘changing the face of men’s health’. A key aspect of the charity is to raise awareness of men’s health issues, some of which are largely untreated by ‘invincible’ males. The Charity has raised $443 million worldwide and supports 577 projects, most around mental illness, predominately depression, and prostate cancer.

Here at Pius we hope to de-stigmatise mental illness and provide a community that is supportive and accepting of all, irrespective of state of health. At Assemblies throughout this month, School Captain Leon Warren and myself have addressed the students on the scope of the issue, finding help and being a support person. We also hope to raise some funds for Movember, most notably through an Assembly collection this Friday 29th or via online donations. For those who may wish to donate online, we are Team ‘Slug Posse X’:
http://au.movember.com/donate/find-results/

Thanks for your support of this great men’s health initiative.

Mr G Virgona (Mo Bro)

Study Skills
Many students going into the senior years can use the coming break to work. Year 12s will all be given work and Year 11s for 2014 may wish to consider starting some reading or looking at the prospective courses.

While the College will give advice to students some people may find it helpful to take advantage of one of the summer schools on offer. There is one on both Year 11 and Year 12 available in January. Details are on www.tsfx.com.au.

Mr T Cunneen – Senior Studies Coordinator

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
Careers News can be found in Woodchatta Extras at the end of this newsletter.

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor

From the Science Department

USYD Science Gifted and Talented
On Tuesday this week 41 of our talented students from Years 8 and 9 competed for a place in the University of Sydney Science Gifted and Talented program to be run in 2014. Many of these students have given up their lunch breaks in recent weeks to train for this qualifying examination. They have been inspired, encouraged and mentored by a group of Year 10 students previously identified by The University of Sydney as Gifted and Talented in Science.

These students are Robert Morgan, Lachlan Finch, Jakob McDermott, Harry Vinter and James Brannan. We wish all our competitors success.

Ms J Black - Science Coordinator
Performing Arts News

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT CONCERT: A reminder that our annual Christmas Twilight Concert is THIS FRIDAY in the Junior School playground, commencing at 5.00pm and finishing at approximately 7.30pm. The ensembles performing are: Junior, Senior and Chamber Choirs, Senior Guitar and Percussion Ensembles, String Ensemble, Intermediate and Senior Jazz Bands, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands. Should the weather be unfavourable, then the Concert will be held in the College Gymnasium. Please come and join us to celebrate the end of another busy year of music making.

In addition to the wonderful music, the Art Department is opening up the Br C. J. MacDonald Visual Arts Centre and will be displaying works from Years 7 – 10 students.

The Performing Arts Parents will be holding a raffle during the Twilight Concert. First Prize is a $200.00 voucher from Turramurra Music.

MUSIC TUITION APPLICATIONS 2014: If your son is intending to commence tuition on an instrument, voice or in Music Production next year, could you please download an application form from the College website and return to Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Department BEFORE the end of term. It greatly assists with planning and staffing for the new year, to have this information sooner, rather than later.

AMEB RESULTS: Congratulations to the following piano students and their teachers Mrs Stella Waddington and Mrs Stephanie Gan on these commendable results; First Grade - Jonathan Ling (Year 6), Jazzie Pagobvi Dyakij (Year 8), Marcus Huth (Year 9) Honours; Daniel Mooney, Oliver Tysoe, Dominic Wright and Michael Scaiff (Year 6) Credit; Piano for Leisure Grade 6- Herman Fung (Year 9) Credit and Sixth Grade- Luke Davies (Year 10) Credit.

DRAMA WORKSHOPS: The second workshop was held last Thursday afternoon in the Sarto Centre. Students continued working through scenes from the play which will be staged at the end of Term 2 next year. Once again, all students commented on the positive experience and said that they were looking forward to studying Drama as one of their elective subjects next year. Thank you to Mr Joshua Combes for commencing his teaching duties at the College early and providing the students with this wonderful opportunity.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY: A huge thank you to staff (Mr Pete Clark, Mr Mark Casey, Mr Sean Brannan) and students Lachlan Wrenford (Year 12), Christian Sharpe, Alex Roberts, Hayden Rolls, Victor Voleynik (Year 11), Robbie Swan (Year 10), and Mitchel Tutill and Tom Benson (Year 9) for your help with organising the sound and lighting requirements for this event. Your efforts went a long way towards contributing to the success of the day.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Co-ordinator

From the Art Department

THE BISHOP DAVID WALKER PRIZE FOR SPIRITUAL ART 2014 invites students to submit works about Biblical themes, events and/or people. We wish to encourage students to participate in this competition which attracts prizes, makes a useful CV addition and gives the prestige of being in a major exhibition. More details to come.

STUDENTS FROM YEARS 5 -11 ARE INVITED TO EXHIBIT WORKS AS PART OF THE TWILIGHT CONCERT this Friday 29th November. Works will be on display in the new gallery space in the Br Colin McDonald Visual Arts Centre from 4:00pm – 7:00 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRISON WITSEY whose HSC Body of Work Now Stopping has been nominated for ArtExpress. The series of 25 oil paintings on train tickets show still moments of suburbia and recalls the famous 9 by 5 exhibition of 1889. Final selections will be posted on 2nd December.

A group of YEAR 9 STUDENTS will have their works hung in C block this week. Thanks to our maintenance staff for managing this. The works are based on the theme Technology and will reside in C Block until the students leave in 2016.

KU-RING-GAI ART CENTRE IS RUNNING COURSES IN JANUARY. For a brochure contact the Art Staff or visit the website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/artcentre

Mr M Anderson – Visual Arts Coordinator
Australian Business Week

This week our Year 10 students have been participating in Australian Business Week. This is a cross curricular program which involves students forming companies, collaborating in decision making, designing new products and presenting their ideas across a range of technological platforms.

On Monday we were fortunate enough to have a group of 23 external mentors come in to work with the groups. These mentors were former students, parents and members of Chatswood Rotary. This is our twelfth year of running Australian Business Week and by Friday afternoon our Year 10 students will have acquired a valuable insight into how Business works.

Thanks go to all those who have made the student centred program such a success, especially Mrs Cathy Jellema who has once again provided such immaculate planning and organisation.

Mr S Quilty

From the Senior Resource Centre

**AUTHOR REVEALS HIS PERSONAL SIDE TO THE BOOK CLUB**

![The Shadow Girl book cover]

John Larkin’s book, The Shadow Girl, was the hit book this year in the Book Club. Others agreed, inspired by personal experience, The Shadow Girl won the prestigious Victorian Premier’s Literary Award’s first prize of $25,000. So it was a thrill to have Larkin pay a visit and answer our many burning questions about his book. In the process he gave us a fascinating insight into the way he writes - ‘method writing’.

Like a method actor, John immerses himself in the character. Larkin is in the company of literary giants, such as Twain, Salinger, and Melville in being a ‘method writer’. He emotionally identified with the main character, a homeless 16 year girl, and was able to intuitively respond to both characters and events.

We were thrilled to learn that we have The Shadow Girl movie to look forward to, in which John Larkin hopes to have a cameo role.

John also spoke about his new book Pause, giving us a sneak preview of the plot line and convincing us that it is possible to write an ‘uplifting book about teenage suicide’.

We could not have imagined when our fledgling Book Club started this year that it would be such a success, and our last meeting proved to be a real climax. We are extremely grateful to John Larkin for taking the time out of his busy schedule to get up-close and personal with us.

For us passionate readers and writers in the Club, it was a great gift.

Mrs K Keighery

From the Language Department

**Bon Appétit!**

As part of their unit of study on ‘Food and Drink’, the Year 8 and 9 French classes were fortunate enough to experience an authentic French cooking class at St Pius X College on Monday.

Piatto Perfetto, a company specialising in school cooking class incursions, visited the College and transformed the Sarto Centre into a training kitchen. The students were lead through a hands-on workshop under the guidance experienced chef and teacher, Luca Roncarli. They prepared and created ‘galettes’ (savoury crêpes with zucchini, béchamel sauce, ham and brie) and sweet crêpes with lemon and sugar. The boys were given careful instructions and advice on how to make the perfect crêpe, such as the importance of temperature control, consistency of batter and monitoring their cooking, carefully.

This was a very exciting and practical incursion for the students and a wonderful way for them to finish a year of studying the French language. The boys have each received a copy of the recipes and are keen to practise at home for their families. We hope to see some of them on Masterchef in years to come!

Ms K Manga – Teacher in Charge LOTE
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CREATIVITY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.
On Monday two Junior School boys, Ben Laumont and Oliver Tysoe plus two Year 8 students, Daniel Butler and William Maniatis along with Mrs Spanyik and Mrs Waterson went to this conference. Ben and Oliver informed me that it was a fun day where they attended various presentations around teaching and learning. One of the courses was on a website called edmodo and other ones were around different programs to teach such as google drive being used simultaneously or using gaming in education. For example you could use mindcraft to make a sustainable city. Another session was around student/teacher feedback. This course was run by students for teachers. It sounded like a wonderful experience.

PERSONAL LEARNING DEVICE (PLD)
A reminder to please sign the white contract and send it back to your son’s teacher by this Friday, 29th November.

YEAR 6 FAMILY PICNIC DAY
Please note the following message from Mrs Grewal regarding the Year 6 Picnic Day:

Thank you for all the replies to the Picnic in Willoughby Park for this coming Sunday at 2.30pm. We are looking forward to great weather and good times. If you have not had chance to reply, not to worry, please just come along. We are expecting around 200 people so lots of fun for all. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cake / biscuits provided. BBQ's available. Bring picnic rugs, kids, bikes, scooters, balls and additional food if your family requires. Looking forward to your company - Year 6 Class Reps.

YEAR 5 AND 6 PICNIC DAY – 1ST DECEMBER
Please refer to Woodchatta extras for details and I hope to see you there.

TERM 4 SPORT: SWIM/ SURF SAFETY PROGRAM
This Thursday is the final day for the Swim/surf safety program.

PRIZEGIVING AFTERNOON – 5 DECEMBER
We are having a Prize giving afternoon on Thursday 5th December at Oxford falls in the Christian Brothers Centre. The event will commence at 1 pm and we envisage it will finish by 2.45 pm. If you are attending and wish to take your son home at this time you are most welcome. The boys who are coming back to school on this day will be a little late as the buses will pick us up at 3.15 pm so we would be back by approx. 3.40 pm.

CHICKEN POX ALERT
Please note that one boy in Year 5 has been diagnosed with a case of chicken pox. Please be alert to any symptoms your son may exhibit.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Uniform Shop

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

Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to uniformshop@stpiux.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.

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

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**BASKETBALL** - It was no surprise to me that St Augustine’s teams were going to be tough to beat from the scores they have produced this season. They have only lost one game from all five age groups through five rounds. Therefore amidst a lot of pain on Saturday there were a couple of highlights for our A teams.

The 13As had a very pleasing win, but it was our Firsts that gave St Augustine’s a genuine challenge to eventually go down by only 9 points. This is a significantly better result than all of the other Firsts teams in the Division. St Augustine’s Firsts are a much taller team than us and I’m pleased to say that the size difference didn’t stop our First’s from taking it to them for every second of the match. Great work team and coach Mr. Wilson.

All A teams will be travelling to St Stanislaus’ Bathurst this Saturday. I expect all players to travel with me on the bus. I only need to know who will NOT be catching the bus. The bus will leave Anderson St at 8:30am. We should be back in Chatswood around 6:30pm.

**Game Times:**

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**Games of the Day:**
The 13As solid win against St Augustine’s and the 13Es with their first win for the season.

**Deserves a Mention:**
13D = Aidan Ryan, Flynn Paino, Brad Woo,
14E = Julian Di Ciano, Charles Fissher, Max Dal Santo,
The 17B and 17E teams had another good spirited match against each other.
4ths = Jack Masone, Clement Cupido, Matthew Oliver

**Last Saturday’s Scores**

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor

**CRICKET:**

**Player of the week:** Luke Humphrey (2nd XI) - 6 wickets for 5 runs, including at hat-trick, and 29 runs!

**1ST XI v BMGS, ISA ROUND #6, SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2013 AT OXFORD FALLS #1**

Winning the toss and electing to bat on another outstanding Oxford Falls wicket (even after the large amount of rain this week; thank-you Mr Noort) the 1st XI were very keen to maintain their winning momentum. Max Magee and Danisha Ediriwira confidently commenced the SPX innings against a solid BMGS attack. With the ball swinging and a slow outfield the conditions for scoring runs were difficult but the SPX opening batsmen were equal to the task with the first wicket, Danisha Ediriwira (52), falling at 102. An excellent first wicket partnership. Max Magee (59) was out soon after but Michael Roberts (54*) and Nick McCamley (13*) steadied the innings and were pressing BMGS bowlers hard when rain intervened with SPX 2/164 at 43 overs. Disappointingly no further play in this match was possible. However, SPX is well positioned for the rescheduled ISA Round #1 (due to bushfires) at BMGS this Saturday.

**Saturday 30 November 2013** - 1st XI v BMGS at Main Oval BMGS.

**3 Day Development Clinic - December 2013:** All Players and Students are invited to register for the 3 Day Cricket Development Clinic held at Oxford Falls - Tuesday 10th Dec to Thursday 12th Dec 2013. Read more in the Cricket Club News in Woodchatta Extras. For those who want to go straight to booking: [http://www.trybooking.com/BUKY](http://www.trybooking.com/BUKY)
2nds Cricket Report - Round 6 - V St Andrews College at Sydney Uni.

An Outstanding Player!

Luke Humphrey (Year 9) after scoring 26 runs, managed to take six ISA wickets for five runs off his 7 overs. His straight line and length saw him hitting stumps, or pads all day. He narrowly missed a hat-trick at the opening of the innings, only to score one at the closure.

For the fifth time of the season, Captain Liam Mann won the toss and elected to bat, on a day heavily influenced by the weather but saw wickets fall. Pius were on the back foot early, with the fall of two wickets in the third over. Pius then settled in to a pattern of clever singles, spearheaded by Christian Sharpe (48) and Luke Humphrey (26).

At 10:20 the covers came out, as the edge of a storm cell moved across the city. Twenty minutes later, play resumed and the clever singles continued to frustrate the St Andrews attack. Michael Jordan (19) came out hitting, striking a number of boundaries, before lightning stopped play at over 40. The covers came out again, and lunch was taken early.

After lunch, the storm had passed, and Pius completed their 10 remaining overs. They batted for 49 of them, before being all out for a very respectable 186 runs – our best innings to date in this competition.

The sunshine came out with the start of the St Andrews’ innings. In a similar start to the Pius innings, St Andrews had lost two wickets by the fourth over. This was when Luke Humphrey, who finished the match with figures of (6/5) narrowly missed out on a hat-trick in over number three. The St Andrews’ opener then started to strike some runs off the willow, while his team mates were steadily being dismissed. The game turned after a Dominic Easy catch removed the opener, with the score at 5/41 after the 17th over.

Michael Jordan (2/9), Liam Carroll (1/8) and Liam Mann (1/10) made inroads to the mid order, but it was Luke Humphrey’s time to bask in the sunshine. His straight line and length saw him hitting stumps, or the pads, all throughout his 7 overs spell. He was duly rewarded with a hat-trick at the closure of the St Andrews’ innings.

SPX 10/186 defeated St Andrews 10/70 in over 28. In what was a serious team effort, our young men heeded Mr. Steam’s direction to chase the singles, -at the cost of a few run outs. With better calling between the wickets, the seconds should stay on top of the competition ladder when the competition resumes in February.

Carroll Inc. / Mr. Listo (Team Manager)
With wet weather looming, it was St Pius tennis teams turn to ‘reign’ supreme with wins on every court at Talus Street. With the majority of Pius teams recorded resounding victories, only Pius 6 won by the slenderest three game margin. The teams’ captain, Tom Rubic was philosophical in victory, saying his team was a “bit lucky on the day”.

Both Pius 2 and 4 continue their top form to go into next week’s Finals as the undefeated favourites. For Pius 2, the opposition had no answer to the serving powerhouse, Dante Muranty, who clocked up a whopping 13 aces.

Pius 10’s dynamic trio of Niall Darby, Juwan Dianzon and Lyndon Maher provided some entertaining tennis for parents and their team-mate, Tim Starnawski. The fatal combination of lightening-strike serves from Niall, unreadable top spins courtesy of Lyndon and a volley of ricocheting net shots from Juwan proved an engaging spectacle.

St Pius has succeeded in having 11 teams make the finals this Saturday 30th November. All teams will be playing at Talus Street except for Pius 2 who are playing at Lane Cove. Please check the Draw in Woodchatta Extras.

We wish all players a great day on Saturday.

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.

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**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** Final session of the aquatic program tomorrow. Macquarie University Pool (Year 5) and Dee Why Beach (Year 6). Pick up time is 2.10pm for both venues. Further details on the school website:

**Athletics:** Can those squad members who have not yet done so, please return any borrowed athletics singlets to myself ASAP.

**Basketball:** Can all players who have not yet done so, please return their basketball singlet to myself ASAP as the season is now completed. Those playing in 2014 will be re-issued a singlet upon returning in Term 1.

**Junior School End of Year Awards:** Due to the alterations to the end of year calendar, sports awards for the summer season will now be presented at an Assembly in school. Extra-curricular Pennants will be awarded to all students at the End of Year Graduation / Awards Ceremony at Oxford Falls on Thursday 5th December.

_Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster_

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

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The School for Excellence: HSC Summer School
Lindfield – Killara Parish Fete
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continuing support of the College for the education of your sons. St Pius X College is a Catholic learning community in the Edmund Rice tradition with a vision to help your sons strive for “personal best” and to make a positive difference in life in the 21st century.

The College Board works collaboratively with the Principal and Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) to provide quality stewardship aimed at offering the best possible learning environment for the students at the College. It is responsible for governance of Mission & Vision, Strategic Planning & Review, Policy, Finance & Risk Management as well as support to the Principal and the College Leadership Team.

This year, the College continued the successful implementation of its 2012-2016 Strategic Improvement Plan for its mission of Catholic life, pastoral care, teaching and learning. The Strategic Plan also sets the College’s intentions for improvement in other areas of school life such as curriculum and co-curricular programs, human resources and development, ICT, facilities and resources.

The College successfully launched its new eLearning Plan in 2013 to use ICT and digital technology to deliver improved learning and teaching outcomes. Next year, the College will continue the roll-out of Personal Learning Devices together with an increased spend on ICT infrastructure and technical support.

The College is very much dependent on Commonwealth and State Government funding to help keep fees affordable. Last year, the NSW Government decided to cap funding for the next 4 years at the existing 2012/2013 levels. On the other hand, funding from the Commonwealth Government has been maintained. Taking this into account as well as the increased ICT infrastructure and support costs and our long term capital development plans, the Board has approved a modest tuition fee increase of 5% for 2014. We also approved increasing the sibling discount for a second son at the College from 10% to 15%. Overall, we do believe that the College continues to compare very favourably with other independent Sydney metropolitan schools.

We thank the Principal, Mr. John Couani, and the College Staff for their commitment to providing a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, striving as they do to promote the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical growth of the boys. We wish the Year 12 boys well as they wait for their HSC results and look forward to them going forward to make a positive difference in our world.

In closing, the Board congratulates the College on a very successful year and we are very confident the College will continue to thrive and succeed into the future. Thank you again for supporting the College and, on behalf of the Board, I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas, safe holidays and a fulfilling year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Hughes
Board Chair
‘DIFFERENT THREADS’ – Social Justice Day At Oxford Falls

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**ATAR release Thursday 19 December**
Year 12 students will need their UAC PIN (and BoS student number or UAC number) to access their ATAR. They can call UAC Customer Service on 9752 0200 if they've lost their PIN and it's best to do that before ATAR day.

- **The Australian National University, Canberra Walk in Wednesdays** for face-to-face advice, 12 noon – 5pm, ANU Student Exchange, 121 Marcus Clarke St; ANU Advisory Sessions 9am-2pm in Sydney on Thursday 19 December, Grace Hotel (corner York & King Streets) and Canberra on Friday 20 December, Melville Hall, Ellery Cres, ANU. Staff and students available to answer questions about ANU programs, admissions, pathways, accommodation, student support services etc... To register or for more information visit [http://students.anu.edu.au/events/](http://students.anu.edu.au/events/)

- **University of Sydney Info Day**.
  Friday 3 January 2014, 9am – 4pm - Info Day Explore the University of Sydney and speak to staff and students about options before finalising UAC preferences for the main-round offers. Academics and advisers are on hand to answer questions about courses, admission and scholarship. Download the Info Day app [http://sydney.edu.au/infoday/mobile](http://sydney.edu.au/infoday/mobile) and plan your day. For more info and registration, visit [http://sydney.edu.au/infoday](http://sydney.edu.au/infoday)

- **Flight Centre Travel Academy**
  Flight Centre Travel Academy provide national qualifications for the travel industry. Regular information session are run. Contact them to find out more information about the courses they provide and how students can break into the Tourism Industry. 1300 369 694 Level 9 234 Sussex St Sydney 2000

- **University of Canberra** If your students are looking for alternative entry pathways to study the University of Canberra offers access programs into our undergraduate degrees via the University of Canberra College. Our Don’t Panic Information sessions will be held on campus on December 12th and 19th and January 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Additionally, if any of your students are high achievers we have an Outstanding Scholars Program and scholarships available for eligible school leavers (raw ATAR 95+). For more information see; [http://www.canberra.edu.au/seasu/programs/outstanding-scholars](http://www.canberra.edu.au/seasu/programs/outstanding-scholars)

- **Academy of Interactive Entertainment School Holiday Program**
The AIE School Holiday Program is in place for high school students to learn some of the fundamental skills in game design, animation, programming and visual effects. Courses will be running in January and there are a range of courses to suit all ability levels. If students are thinking of a career in the digital creative industries, this opportunity will give them the chance to experience what it is like first hand. For more information head to [http://www.aie.edu.au/courses/holiday_courses/Sydney_Holidays](http://www.aie.edu.au/courses/holiday_courses/Sydney_Holidays) or call 8514 8800.

- **Join teach.NSW** on social media for information about careers in teaching in Public Education. Find them on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/teachnsw](https://www.facebook.com/teachnsw), Twitter [www.twitter.com/teachnsw](http://www.twitter.com/teachnsw) or follow us on Instagram ‘teachnsw’

  YHA is a not-for-profit membership based organisation, and part of the world’s largest budget accommodation network – Hostelling International – with 3,500 places to stay in over 90 countries.

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Antipodeans Abroad: Gap Year Information Night - When: TONIGHT Wednesday 27th November 2013, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Antips HQ: 303a / 282 Victoria Ave, Chatswood NSW. A free presentation about Antipodeans Abroad’s GapBreak volunteer and work programs in over 16 destinations such as Argentina, Kenya, Canada and Nepal. Projects might involve teaching, animal conservation, summer camp jobs, sports coaching, childcare, conservation and community work. To book go to: http://www.antipodeans.com.au/info-nights.htm

Find out about AFL SportsReady Certificate and Diploma course at http://www.aflsportsready.com.au/education/courses For answers to questions about course content, enrolment details, fees and career pathways Ph 03 8413 3528.

Sydney Design School is on the move! From 2014, their interior design and decoration courses will continue on Level 2, 40 Oxley St, St Leonards. In addition, they are launching an Advanced Diploma of Interior Design (LMF60208). Their Succeed Program, for 18-25 year olds, will start up again in February, offering a great alternative to University. Students will become qualified with a Diploma Of Interior Design & Decoration (LMF50408) by December 2014. VET-FEE HELP and career coaching is also available. Find out more at: www.sydneymdesignschool.com.au or email careers@sydneymdesignschool.com.au

ICMS – Undergraduate Information Evening - Thursday 5 December from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Find out further information on courses at ICMS including our Event Management, Hospitality Management, Sport Management, International Tourism, Property Management, Business Management, Retail Marketing as well as 4 of our new programs Marketing & New Media, Global Business Management, Entrepreneurship and Logistics. Hosted on campus at 151 Darley Rd, Manly, NSW 2095. Questions? Call 94661030 or register online at wwwstudycms.com.au/info

William Blue College of Hospitality Management & APM College of Business and Communications joint Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 10th December 2013 - Parents and students are invited on campus to attend the Parent Information Evening to gain a better insight into William Blue’s unique offering. The event will offer parents information on courses, FEE-help and VET-FEE help assistance and students will be on hand to discuss the benefits of studying at William Blue. Further details and registration information can be found at; http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about-william-blue/upcoming-events/parent-info-evening http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/parent-information-evening

William Blue College of Hospitality Management and APM College of Business and Communications joint Open day – Saturday 18th January 2014 - Prospective students are invited to the Open Day. Talk to Course and Career Advisers, meet Industry Partners and Career Management Team, take a tour of the campus, get involved in workshops and meet the current students! Further details and registration information at; http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about-william-blue/upcoming-events/william-blue-open-day http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/apm-open-day

projectABLE, the free careers workshop that inspires students to consider a career in disability in community care, is pleased to announce a new staff member. Rebecca Whitford joins projectABLE as Student Placement Coordinator. Rebecca is available to assist you with sourcing placement opportunities for students who have participated in a projectABLE workshop and are keen to gain practical experience in the sector. To get in touch with Rebecca contact her on 02 9256 3184 or via email at rebecca.whitford@nds.org.au.

UTS Info Day - Info Day on 3 January 2014 - find out about entry pathways and alternative courses before main round applications close the following day. Register at www.infoday.uts.edu.au

Brand New UTS Courses – UTS has a number of new courses while are available for the 2014 intake:
- Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation (combined degree only)
- Bachelor of Design in Landscape
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Writing)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Cultural Studies)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Digital and Social Media)

For more information, search course areas at www.uts.edu.au/future-students

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UTS Course Updates – The below courses have also undergone name changes for the 2014 intake:
- Bachelor of Human Movement is now the Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Management in Sports and Exercise is now the Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Management
For more information, search course areas at www.uts.edu.au/future-students

University of New South Wales: A Day @ UNSW
Tue 26th November & Thu 12th December, 9:30am to 2:45pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
This day for year 10 – 12 students will feature all of UNSW’s faculties offering activities and lectures to help students find out what university program is for them. The UNSW Museum of Human Disease and the Careers & Employment Office will also be providing information to students. Registration is required.

University of Sydney: Free HSC Guide
Each year the University of Sydney prepares a free HSC guide for students, which includes advice on how to best approach your HSC exams.

University Bridging Courses
Many universities offer bridging courses in a range of areas. These courses are designed to provide students with the necessary information to study certain courses and replace pre-requisites for certain courses. For example, bridging courses can be offered in science so that students can undertake a science degree without having studied science at high school. These courses are generally run in the lead up to first semester admissions.
For more information, check your desired course & university to see if bridging courses are available.

National Youth Week: National Youth Awards 2014
Applications close Wed 8th January, 12pm
As part of National Youth Week the Australian Government is running the National Youth Awards. The National Youth Awards aim to celebrate, acknowledge and recognise the achievements of Australia’s youth. Applicants must be aged between the ages of 12 and 25 as of Mon 9th December and must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. Awards are available for work in promoting health & wellbeing, safer communities, community leadership, cultural understanding or for acts of personal courage.
Contact: nya@deewr.gov.au or 1300 363 079.
http://www.youthweek.com/nya

The School for Excellence: HSC Summer School
Mon 6th to Fri 24th January
University of Sydney Camperdown Campus
This summer school for Year 11 & 12 students is designed to provide students with a head start to Year 11 and Year 12. Students will take part in working through Term 1 materials in advance of school, receive expert notes, learn strategies and more.
Registrations are required and can be done online.
http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=summer-school

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations: Employment Outlook to 2017
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has released its employment outlook to 2017. It projects that the Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade & Construction industries will have the largest employment growth.
It also projects that the Cafes, Restaurants & Takeaway Food Services, Child Care Services and School Education sectors will have the largest growth.
The report also features other projections, including which states will have the highest growth & what level of qualifications will be in highest demand.
Contact: Carmel O’Regan on (02) 6240 2599 or carmel.oregan@deewr.gov.au

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Job Outlook
This website made by the Department of Employment provides information on prospects, trends &
other data for a huge range of occupations. It also provides links to job vacancies, education & training
courses, and more. Occupations can be searched by name, keyword, industry or category. The website also features a career quiz which can help students to find what type of work they like the best.

Board of Studies NSW: HSC Showcases and Exhibitions
Each year the Board of Studies NSW holds a variety of HSC Showcases and Exhibitions.
ARTEXPRESS: HSC Visual Arts Exhibition:
Art Gallery of NSW: Wed 12th March – Sun 11th May 2014
DesignTECH: HSC Design & Technology Exhibition
Powerhouse Museum: 21st February – 18th May 2014
Seminars: Mon 24th – Fri 28th Feb 2014 (Year 12) & Mon 31st March – Fri 4th April 2014 (Year 11)
ENCORE: HSC Music Showcase
Sydney Opera House: Mon 24th March 2014, 1:30pm or 7pm
InTech: HSC Industrial Technology Exhibition
Homebush: Fri 25th to Sun 27th July 2014

Defence Jobs: The Mentor – Experience Life as an Engineer in the ADF
Follow an engineer and experience what it's like to work in the Australian Defence Force. This online adventure takes you inside the Navy, Army and Air Force, where your duty will be to support missions from your mobile and computer.

Casual & Part Time Jobs for 2013
Now is the time to start searching for casual and part time jobs that can complement tertiary studies or provide money for a Gap Year.
Many retailers and fast food chains accept online applications and expressions of interest.
Many job opportunities and careers websites can be found by googling a business name and the word “careers”.

‘Get Ready for Uni’ Resource for Students with Disability
This website provides information for high school students with a disability who are planning on going to university. The site provides information about how to prepare for university and includes a range of tips, hints and links to further information.
http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready/

National Institute of Fitness Career Profiles
Ideal for anyone interested in a career in the fitness industry, this webpage contains a number of profiles on how to become a fitness professional and what attributes fitness and health organisations are looking for in potential employees.
http://www.fitness.edu.au/employment-partner-profiles

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor
VOLUNTEERS’ LUNCHEON 2013

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Co-currucular, Classroom, Canteen, Uniform Shop and P&F Helpers

DATE: Monday 9 December
TIME: 12:30pm
LOCATION: Falls Room at Oxford Falls
RSVP: 4 December to Ann Brady
TO: abrady@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
SPX Yr5 Year End Event
FAMILY BBQ PICNIC

Celebrating a great first year!
New friends & big achievements

Sunday 1st December
12:30 at Davidson Park
Under Roseville Bridge, Forestville.
Healey Way, off Warringah Road.

FREE Sausage Sizzle for All Kids
Compliments of SPX P&F – RSVP Danielle Alan
dal66492@bigpond.net.au

BYO - Parents’ Food – Salads – Drinks & BBQ gear
Bats – Balls – Chairs – Kids
Year 6
END OF YEAR FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER  2:30-5:30
Willoughby Park – Meet at the Hall
Cnr McClelland St & Warrane Rd, Willoughby.

Let the kids ride bikes, play cricket & run around, while parents relax.

Free tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes/biscuits & facilities available in the hall. BBQs nearby.

BYO Picnic/BBQ goodies–Bats/Balls–Bikes–kids–etc.

RSVP please for catering:
Rachel Gréwal  rachelgrewal@me.com  0431 899 430
YEAR 7 FAMILIES
PACK YOUR PICNIC GEAR AND SPORTING EQUIPMENT AND GET SET TO ENJOY THE

YEAR 7 END OF YEAR PICNIC
at
O.H. REID MEMORIAL PARK
(Reid St, Chatswood West)
on
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3PM-6PM

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE (courtesy of SPX P&F) FOR ALL YEAR 7 BOYS AND SIBLINGS

PARENTS BRING ALONG YOUR FAVOURITE PICNIC FOOD
RSVP number of children attending to:
spxyearseven2013@gmail.com
by Thursday 28th November for sausage sizzle catering!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!
Gabrielle Robinson 0448 059 179
Clare Hamilton-Bate 0407 930 586
Year 9 Parents
End of Year Party!

Press Here for Fun

“Let’s celebrate the end of another school year!”

7pm on Saturday 30th November
@ 41 Johnston Cr. Lane Cove

Catering is provided / BYO drinks
RSVP by 25th November

Nicola.bento@optusnet.com.au
0417 110 722
**NSTA TENNIS DRAW**

**NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc**

**TERM 4 2013 SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR COMP**

**FINALS SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2013**

- Firstmentioned team to supply balls and result cards
- Trophies for winners and runners up will be at the venues

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**LANE COVE** = (Redlands) Lane Cove Tennis Club, Central Park, cnr Kenneth Street and Longueville Road, Lane Cove

**TALUS** = NSTA Headquarters, Talus Street, Naremburn

0412 669 697
9901 3144
3 DAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC - DECEMBER 2013
Following the success of the past 2 development clinics, SPX Cricket is delighted to invite all players to take advantage of some intensive specialised coaching within the SPX community. The 3 day program will be run at Oxford Falls by our coaching partners at Mosman Cricket Club and Cricket Appeal. This season we will enjoy the international experience of Nick Brown from Essex as well as a number of highly experienced and qualified current grade players. Places are limited and a good number were booked during the pre-season registration process, please use the following trybooking event to register your son’s place ASAP, all SPX students are welcome to attend but strictly on a first come first served basis.

http://www.trybooking.com/BUKY

Dates: 10th Dec to 12th Dec  Times: 9 to 3pm
Lunch will be provided (served by parents)
Transport: At this stage we DO NOT have access to either the school bus or an authorised bus driver. Please direct all questions to: secretary@stpiuscricke‌‌t.org.au

St Pius X U12 Blue – 26/10/13 – Round 9
SPX Blue 5/113 defeated by St Ives Watson 7/114

SPX Blue achieved their top score for the season in a gripping game against St. Ives Watson. Big thanks to SPX Black boys Liam Johnson and Luke Ebbs who gave up their morning so that we could field 11 players. SPX Blue continues to show consistent improvement with some great catching (Barrell, Sheather, Bradley, O’Brien), solid bowling performances (Paterson (season best figures) 2/8, Greenwood 2/12, Ebbs 1/5) and swashbuckling batting performances.

Highlights included Ebb’s 24no, Barrell’s 12no and Sheather and Greenwood’s partnership that saw Sheather knock 20no off nine balls. Boxall and Bull’s time at the crease was characterised by great running and sneaky singles to see SPX Blue on 5/113 at the change of innings.

Jill Greenwood

St Pius X U13 White – 23/11/13 - Round 8
St Pius X White drew St Ives Haddin, Toolang Playing Field - Match abandoned

No play on Saturday as the skies opened and the thunder and lightning started just before our scheduled start time.
THE SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE
HSC Summer School – Year 12 Head Start Lectures 2014: Monday 6/1 – Friday 24/1, 2014 at the University of Sydney, Camperdown

- Save 100s of hours in study time
- Get ahead and maximise HSC marks
- Receive thorough A+ notes (not basic summaries)
- Receive exclusive bonus lectures and resources FREE
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- Developed and delivered by qualified HSC teachers and markers

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