We acknowledge the Cammeraygal and the Guringai people, their spirits and ancestors, traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRAYER

Lord, Our God,
Watch over us and guide us,
to enable us to bring your goodness
To all with whom we share our lives.
Help us to embrace our touchstone of Justice and Solidarity,
To enable each of us the opportunity to make a difference
As we put our faith into action.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AN ACT OF RECONCILIATION

At our first full College Assembly for 2014 we welcomed Mr Sean Ryan, a highly acclaimed Indigenous artist, performer, dancer and didgeridoo player from the Black Cockatoo people of Far North Queensland, the Kuku Nyungkal bubu bamanga nyadimunku clan.

It was with great excitement that we unveiled a Reconciliation Artwork painted by Sean depicting our St Pius X College identity with our indigenous culture. Sean’s address was most inspirational and informative and he is an outstanding role model for the students to witness. This artwork embraces our St Pius symbols and Sean articulately explained its connection to our theme for the year, Justice and Solidarity.

Four hands represent the founding Fathers and Brothers and create the crown in our College Crest.

- There are four "U" shapes representing the four school houses around the central circular symbol which represents the faith of the school.
- The gum leaves are the Eucalyptus paniculata or Ironbark tree which is endemic to the area linking to the Cammeraygal and Guringai people, the native custodians of this land. The 48 petal on the flowers represent the 48 schools and ministries that are part of the Edmund Rice Education Australia.
- The five radiating lines represent the Five Steps to Heaven that are also featured in the rays at the foot of the College Crest.
- The four EREA Touchstones form a crucifix and are connected to the central symbol and forms the basis of the school’s ethos and values.
- The College colours are captured throughout the painting in pastel blue and gold.

The painting will be exhibited in our new Administration Foyer for all to enjoy, acknowledging our reconciliation and connection with our Indigenous people.
You are invited to
THE P & F COMMENCEMENT MASS
The College community is warmly invited to attend the P&F Commencement Mass which will be held at Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood at 5.30 on Saturday 15 February. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the College Grounds. Further details can be found in the P&F section below.

LEADERSHIP TEAM
The College Leadership Team consists of:

John Couani  Principal
Jim Olson  Deputy Principal
Mark Casey  Assistant Principal - Mission & Identity
Alex Damo  Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning
Tim Long  Head of Junior School
Br Chris Rafferty  Pastoral Care Coordinator
Andrew Ballesty  Business Manager

As you will notice we have strengthened the leadership structure through the appointment of two Assistant Principals as well as the Deputy Principal.

BOSTES CONGRATULATES ST PIUS X COLLEGE
In Woodchatta Extras, I share with you a letter of congratulations to the College from Mr Tom Alegounarias, President of BOSTES, on our excellent HSC results.

STOP PRESS: SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

SENIOR SCHOOL: Barron
JUNIOR SCHOOL: Purton

Full results will be published in the sports sections of next week’s Woodchatta.

Mr John Couani

Your P&F in Action!

FAMILY COMMENCEMENT MASS
Please put aside Saturday 15 February 5.30pm for the College’s Commencement Mass. The Mass takes place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, right next to the College on the corner of Archer and Kirk Streets, Chatswood. After Mass, you can mix with other SPX families and enjoy the refreshments and finger food on offer in the College grounds. Follow the link below to RSVP (it is a free event!) and for more details.

RSVP  www.trybooking.com/70038  DETAILS  Commencement Mass

ARE YOU A NATURAL ORGANISER?
Did you know the group who have the most fun in the P&F are our Social Co-ordinators? Yes, it has been a well-kept secret but now we would like to invite you, our practical, can-do parents who love organising things to consider joining our experienced team. We would love your help!

If you’d like to help us to contribute to the quality of College life for our boys and parents, give Christine Pederson a call on 0414 579 664 or email her on ctpedersen@optusnet.com.au. She’s very approachable and can answer all your questions, letting you know how your special talents can benefit the College!

Come and join us, you will make great new friends and, most importantly, have a lot of fun.

YEAR 9 PARENTS
Please join us for a catch-up coffee at 9.00am on Thursday 13 February. Come along to Carre Noir café in the Concourse. Please call Glenda 0412 404 927 or Isabella 0413 386 914 if you have any questions, otherwise we’ll see you there! Link to flyer

Steve Johnson
College Refurbishment

Below are some photos of our refurbished areas in action over Weeks 1 and 2 of St Pius X College school year 2014.

- New Student and Services Reception Office
- Newly commissioned Sean Ryan - St Pius X College – Edmund Rice Indigenous Art piece
- Year 7 Synthetic Grass Area
- Year 9 Lower C Wing Lockers
- S Wing Security shutter
- Admin High Achievers Veranda
- Art Theory Room Film Green Screen
- Gym Change Rooms
- Re marked Junior Playground

Performing Arts News

ENSEMBLES: all ensembles are now underway for the year. Rehearsal times for each group are included in Woodchatta Extras. The start time for each rehearsal means that boys should be sitting in their seat, with music and instrument out, ready to play.

DRAMA AUDITIONS: auditions for the College’s first drama production (to be staged in Term 2) will be held in the near future. Further information will be placed in the Student Daily notices.

AUDITIONS: will be held for Junior and Intermediate Percussion Ensembles next Monday, 10th February at 1.00pm in the Band Room.

INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL TUITION: all students who applied for tuition have been placed with a teacher.

MEET THE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES: students of Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music, Preliminary and HSC Courses will attend this concert series on 27 February, 17 July, 21 August and 6 November this year. Each concert commences at 6.30pm and concludes at approximately 8.30pm. A note has been sent home with all details.

Performing Arts Parents Association

All music and drama parents are invited to attend the TERM 1 PAPA MEETING which will be held at the College on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm in the Band Room. Come along and meet other parents, and hear about our plans for 2014.

Jill Shadbolt – President (0413 307 431)

From the Science Department

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) ATTENDED BY KANISHK PUROHIT AND SCOTT WATTS FROM YEAR 12, 2014

Written by Kanishk Purohit

Nothing could prepare Scott and me for the amazing and life changing experiences we would walk away with after attending the NYSF in Canberra for two weeks in January. At separate sessions of the NYSF we each met 150 like-minded students, not only from around Australia, but from around the world. Together we attended lectures on topics such as ‘Forensic Decomposition’, ‘Climate Change’ and ‘Genetic Engineering’. In addition we had many visits to specialist laboratories where we were able to have hands-on experience in our chosen fields of Science. We were fortunate to have a video conference with scientists at CERN. Questions were asked about the latest developments in Particle Physics and about research possibilities for the future. The NYSF also provided great opportunities to socialise with amazing students, both NYSF and University, and charismatic scientists. We attended several events including an NYSF Dinner, a Rotary Dinner and a disco which also provided opportunities for us to build our own ‘Science Network’.

We have left the NYSF with an even deeper passion for Science and Engineering, many new friends and a sense of what the future may hold for us.

Ms J Black - Science Coordinator
Welcome back to all families to our new school year! The counselling team, consisting of Carolyn Hartevelt, Joe McCarthy (on maternity leave) and Rick Russo, look forward to providing confidential emotional support and guidance for your son and family if the need may arise. Our best contacts are as follows:

**Rick Russo**
Phone: 9414 4359  
Mobile: 0418 438 325  
Email: rrusso@stpiux.nsw.edu.au

**Carolyn Hartevelt**
Phone: 9414 4322  
Email: chartevelt@stpiux.nsw.edu.au

In particular, 2014 will be an important step forward in our MindMatters journey as we seek to promote and provide positive mental health and wellbeing for all our students. This year’s focus will be on the introduction of Positive Education through the implementation of the concepts of POSITIVE EDUCATION with such themes as inclusiveness, student engagement, resilience, self-confidence/self-esteem, connectedness and flourishing being central to the implementation of our positive education focus in 2014.

Finally, if your son is experiencing any difficulties settling back into the new school year, please do NOT hesitate to make contact – sooner rather than later. Early intervention is the key to resolving these normal responses to a new school year.

The College can offer a mentoring BUDDY SYSTEM where a Senior Year 12 student provides additional support through a well-structured, caring friendship program.

The ONLINE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns, and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for details on accessing the Handbook.

Are you struggling with a teenager who answers back? Also in Woodchatta Extras is a flyer containing details of a PARENTING COURSE which will be held at Lane Cove on 22 May 2014.

Have a great year!

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

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### 2013 Year 11 Snowy Hike Expedition

The December 2013 incarnation of this 30 plus year tradition at St Pius proved to be an eventful one. Attended by 67 St Pius and Brigidine College St Ives students and 8 St Pius staff between the 4th and 10th of December, we were graced by an unseasonal but expected low pressure system, resulting in the following highlights of the 100km 6 day trek between Round Mountain, Jagungal Wilderness, Main Range up to Kosciusko, Pilot Wilderness through to Cascade Hut and finally Thredbo.

**30cm of snow fell on us in a blizzard on Day 1. We dug our way out of our snowed in tents on Day 2.**

Days 3-6 we crossed “The Rolling Ground”, “The Main Range” and summited Mt Kosciusko, Australia’s tallest peak in 125km/h winds and returned 67 students (St Pius and Brigidine) and 8 SPX staff to Chatswood after the conclusion of the 2013 School year. (A good time was had by all.)

The photos show a range of examples of our students learning resilience in overcoming adversity in extremes. Some pretty good life lessons really!

Additional photos and a detailed report can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr S Brannan - 2013 Snowy Hike Co-Leader

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### Year 11 Matters

**Permission slips** for Reflection & Study Days were due back last Monday, and a reminder that the **Parent Information Night** will be held next Monday beginning at 7.30pm in the College gym.

Mr B Batchelor – Year 11 Coordinator

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### Attention Year 10 Parents

**Reminder**: The **Year 10 Parent Information Meeting** will be held at the College next Monday 10 February in the Blue Room, commencing at 7:30pm.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Coordinator
Debating and Public Speaking

Please see Woodchatta Extras for information and dates relating to Debating and Public Speaking.

Mrs M Waterson

Chess

CHESS AS AN EXTRA CURRICULA OPTION: LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

When: Monday afternoon 3.30-4.30 * Where: D1 and D2 * Cost: Free trial for 2 weeks from Feb 11th then $7 per lesson

Attendance: Compulsory only for those students enrolled to play Chess for School, but all beginners welcome to trial

Why: Chess is a powerful educational tool which can enhance concentration and help develop your ability to solve problems!

Please consider CHESS as your extracurricular sport for Terms 1 & 2. We would love to see more students involved!

Ms Ramsey and Ms Dempsey – Convenors

Homework Help

Homework Help started for Term 1 on Monday, and is held every Monday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre. (Please note the change of venue.)

Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All years and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

Mrs K Martin

Handwriting Course

Ms K Martin

Careers

The CAREERS NEWSLETTER can be found in the Woodchatta Extras section of this newsletter. It is updated on a weekly basis and contains useful information about university open days and courses, scholarship information and career options and ideas for the future. All senior students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will have the newsletter emailed to them directly on a weekly basis. Information about how to contact me can be found in this week’s newsletter.

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor

Student Travel Passes

Travel passes (except for Shorelink/Transdev) have been received and distributed to students. However, free travel will be granted until Friday 14 February to students travelling to and from school on school days using Sydney Train services, State Transit Bus services, Transdev (Shorelink) and Forest Coachlines. Free travel will be allowed on Hillsbus services until 12 February.

If you son wishes to change the route he takes to get to and from school, please note that this can only be done in the first three weeks of Terms 1 and 3.

Please also note that any change of address during the year, even if your son will be using the same travel route, requires a new application form.
With over half the boys in the Junior School new to the College it is always a busy and exciting start to the year. The boys are settling in as are the parents! It has been great to see the numbers of parents turning up to the morning teas and the impressive number of parents who came to the afternoon tea at Oxford Falls. If you couldn’t make the information evening I have placed my powerpoint on eAccess which you can get to through the College’s website using your son’s password. Look for external access in the bottom right hand corner. The teachers gave out a handout so please get your son to ask for a copy. I will place the handout on eAccess in the coming days. (When in eAccess click on Pastoral care and then Junior School to get copies of all the notes.)

Both Years 5 and 6 have their Camp/Canberra notes. Please return the medical form as soon as possible.

Please use the website to look at sport information (under extra curricular) and I would suggest becoming a twitter follower of Mr Virgona - the note is on the website and a link was emailed to you. Information can also be found in Woodchatta Extras at the end of this newsletter. If you don’t want to do twitter you can look at the website.

Some social dates to keep clear in your diary are

12/2 - P and F commencement mass and social- 5.30 pm – Chatswood
26-28 /2 - Camp/Canberra- organise a date night!
14/3 - P and F cocktail party- Oxford Falls
9/5 - Mother’s Day Mass and morning tea (10.30 am to 12.30 pm)

Later in the year: 4/9 – Junior School father and Son sporting afternoon at Oxford Falls
5/9 – P and F - Father and Son Breakfast before school

These are just some dates I thought I would point out as it can be difficult to decipher all the information when you are new. Please refer to the blue college calendar for a full list of events.

Please remember to read the Junior School Sporting News which can also be found in this newsletter.

I look forward to meeting you all as the year progresses. 

Mr T Long - Head of Junior School

From the Junior School Resource Centre

For those parents new to St Pius, in the Junior Resource Centre we provide the boys with the opportunity to order books from SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS.

If you wish to order books please send the forms back with cheque or credit card references in an envelope with your name on it. I am sorry but we cannot accept cash. Envelopes for the orders can be placed in the silver box in the office. Scholastic provides an easy way for you to encourage your child to read and a cheaper way of purchasing books. Please put the order into the office by Friday 14 February. Please ensure they are in on time, late orders make the process very difficult.

Thank you parents for your support of the Book Club, we are able to purchase extra books for the library with points awarded to us through Scholastic Book Clubs.

Mrs R Hunt

Junior School Chess Club

The NSW Junior Chess Competition is pleased to invite the SPX Junior School to take part in the 2014 Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition.

WHY CHESS? There are tremendous benefits for children involved in the competition – new outlook, new friends, intellectual stimulation, improved concentration, a new reason to develop self-esteem. Registration is Week 3, 2014. In Woodchatta Extras you will find a Chess Newsletter with all the relevant information. If your son is interested please print and complete the form and return it to Mrs Martin / Mrs Hunt by Friday 14 February 2014.

Training begins Week 6, Tuesday 4 March 2014 at 7.30am in the Junior Resource Centre.

Mrs E Martin/Mrs R Hunt
**BASKETBALL** - There will be a bus travelling to St Stanislaus’ Bathurst this Saturday for the 17E team. The bus will leave from Anderson St at 7:45 am and will return to the College around 3:30 pm.

Thanks to all. Saturday was a successful day and a great start to the back end of the season. That includes those teams who may not have walked away victors. All the coaches message me through the day with results and I was very impressed with the number of coaches who said it was a great team effort, the whole team deserves a mention. Great, great and great.

All B team players will need to organise transport to Blue Mountains Grammar this Saturday.

**Venues:**
- **BMGS:** Blue Mountains Grammar, Matcham Avenue Wentworth Falls
- **Oakhill College:** Old Northern Road Castle Hill
- **St Stanislaus:** Brilliant St, Bathurst

**Round 8: Saturday 8th February**

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**Game of the Day:** The Firsts snuck home in a close one at St Patrick’s. A good spirited genuine battle.

**Play of the day:** Team spirit and a great effort from all our players.

**Deserves a mention:**
- 13D = Lachlan Lowick, 13E = Jamieson Bennetts, Matthew Murphy, Thomas Avanus
- 14D = Patrick Oliver, Jacob Morabito, 14E = Chris Kastropol, Julian Di Ciano, Max Dal Santo
- 17D = Liam Tierney, Jakob McDermot, Chris Keyes, 17E = Matt Buskariol, Nick Refenes, Tyran Collins

**Last Week’s Scores**

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**CRICKET - Welcome to NEW students to the SPX Cricket family**

SPX Cricket extends a warm welcome to new students who have joined Years 6 & 7. Our district cricket teams are midway through their NSJCA & MWJCA district competitions. While no new teams are formed at this time there are a couple of U12 & U13 teams that have room for an additional player or two. If you are interested in playing please contact Alex Slack ([secretary@stpiuscicket.org.au](mailto:secretary@stpiuscicket.org.au)) for further details.

Player of the week: **Nic Frayne** (11), U16-18 Yellow – 100 runs! Well done Nic on a fine knock.

**1st XI – 4/87 defeated Chevalier College – 10/84 at Oxford Falls - Saturday 1 February 2014.**

Losing the toss and be asked to bowl the SPX 1XI set about continuing their winning ways after the Queensland Tour. While the Chevalier scoring rate was slow, wickets were hard to get; Chevalier being 1/57 after 22 overs. However the sustained pressure of tight bowling and good fielding eventually enabled the SPX 1XI to then take 9/36 in the next 17 overs. Chevalier all out for 85. Bowling honours to: **Sam King** 4/17 of 10 overs, **Tom Slack** 1/8 of 6, **Nick Onslow** 1/16 of 10, **Mark Loughland** 1/15 of 6, **Ben Kennedy** 1/0 of 1, and **Ned McDermott-Healey** 1/25 of 6. SPX batsmen quickly set about chasing the 86 required to win playing some good shots to finish at 4/87 in the 29th over. **Michael Roberts** 38, **Sean Reidy** 15 and **Max Magee** 13.
1st XI – 2/55 (9 overs) defeated Hong Kong Cricket Club Touring Team 8/54 (20 overs) at Oxford Falls - Monday 3 February 2014.

In the first ever T20 for the 1XI, the HKCC won the toss and asked SPX to bowl. Good line and length bowling with excellent fielding saw SPX severely restrict HKCC to 8/54 after 20 overs. Best bowlers: Tom Slack 1/2 of 2 overs and Nick Onslow 2/2 of 2. SPX’s run chase started slowly; losing 2 quick wickets to be 2/13 after 4 overs. Michael Roberts (38 not out) and Nick McCamley (17 not out) steadied the run chase and quickly achieved the total in the 9th over.

SPX 1 XI v HKCC Touring Team at Oxford Falls (Monday 3 February 2014)

SPX Cricket wishes to thank the HKCC for their visit to Oxford Falls and looks forward to future association.

Saturday 8 February - SPX 1st XI v Oakhill College at Oxford Falls:

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<td>SPX Red 6/205 (T Ventura 40no, A Brislan 30no) defeated by St Ives Ponting 125 (A Vinci 2/3, O Sheehan 2/7, A Graffeo 1/2)</td>
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SPX 2NDS CRICKET REPORT - ROUND 7 V ALL SAINTS COLLEGE 1ST'S AT BATHURST.

The Seconds made the long trek out to Bathurst in the school bus on Saturday. SPX lost the toss and, surprisingly, all Saints elected to bat. It was already a hot morning in Bathurst, and forecast to reach 37 degrees later in the day.

Pius was off to a great start, with the loss of two All Saints wickets in the first over. All Saints then bought out their star player, Tom Galvin, hitting a 4 off the first ball he faced. For the next 20 overs, his 99 run partnership with the opener remained unbroken, until caught by Luke Humphrey.

Pius managed to dismiss All Saints in the 44th over for 175 runs, with Dermott Beattie scoring a fiver - five All Saints wickets for thirty-five runs. Also Matt Kennedy was bought into the bowling lineup late in the game, taking 2 for 2 off his 4 overs.

After lunch, and a quick swim, St Pius set about scoring some runs in the hot afternoon sun. With the loss of a wicket in the first over, the Liam Mann (22) Jackson Brislan (21) partnership started making some progress. Unfortunately, the All Saints attack left Pius well short of the goal, being all out for 86 in the thirty-first over.
SPX 2nd’s 10/86 were defeated by All Saints 1st’s 10/175 in over 31. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Martin Carroll for his overwhelming driving efforts to Bathurst and to the SPX parents who travelled to All Saints College to support the players. The Seconds will need to concentrate on their batting performance if they are to make the finals.

Carroll Inc. / Mr. Listo (Team Manager)

FOOTBALL - Dear Parents and Players, A reminder that Football grading for all Year 7-10 students is on over the following two Sundays. Times and trybooking link can be found on the registration form in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr S Yue - Convenor

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: All-day Sport at Oxford Falls. Sports uniform and full packed lunch required. Trials/Training continues for respective summer sports (Basketball, Softball and Tennis). Parents may collect boys at 2.20pm from the car-park.

Twitter / Wet Weather Procedure: Follow @SPXJuniorSport for instant updates regarding late sporting changes, cancellations etc. Details in Woodchatta Extras.

House Captains: Congratulations to the following students voted by their peers and staff as leaders for 2014.

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Basketball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season begins this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place for the K team as the court is outdoor. Boys will be notified of their team and issued a singlet on Friday morning. All relevant information is on the College website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/extra-curricular/junior-school-activities/basketball). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform and at their venue 20 mins prior to tip-off.

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Softball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season is against Trinity this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place (as per the season draw and information letter). All relevant information is also on the College website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/extra-curricular/junior-school-activities/softball). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform, have protective equipment and are at the venue 20 mins prior to commencement time.

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NSTA Tennis: Rd 1 is next Saturday the 15th Feb. Boys will be notified of their team and will be given further team draw and venue details early next week. Please check under NSTA Tennis in the Senior School Sport section for all future correspondence.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Australian Army Cadets

Is your son interested in joining the Australian Army Cadets? There is an Information Night next Tuesday 11 February, 7.00pm at Marist College, North Sydney. Please contact Jackson Ellis in Year 9 for further information or collect a flyer from the Student Office. The flyer can also be found in Woodchatta Extras.
Uniform Shop

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

***Blazer orders need to be returned to the Uniform Shop or Silver Box by 12 February 2014, but payment is not required until Week 10, 31 March 2014. Please note that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand blazers.

Orders can 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.

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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   Student Exchange and Scholarship Opportunity
Mr John Couani
Principal
St Pius X College
35 Anderson Street
Chatswood NSW 2067
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr Couani

Congratulations on your school’s inclusion on the 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achievers list. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of your students, teachers and school community.

All students appearing on the 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achievers list have been sent a letter of congratulations and signed certificate from the Premier of NSW.

The names of students who have earned a place on the 2013 Higher School Certificate merit lists are available through Schools Online.

Many schools hold ceremonies in Term 1 to acknowledge the achievements of previous Year 12 students. This may be a suitable occasion to celebrate the success of your 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achiever(s).

Yours sincerely

Tom Alegounarias
President
28 / 1 / 2014

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ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH A TEENAGER WHO ANSWERS BACK?

This is a 2.5 hour workshop for parents and carers of teenagers that includes:

- Learning how to restore a respectful and positive relationship between you and your teenager
- Understanding what it’s like being a teenager today
- Learning how to talk so they will listen and how to listen so they will talk

When: Thursday 22nd May – 6:15-8:45pm
Where: Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove
Who: Presented by Northern Sydney & Central Coast Child and Adolescent Parenting in partnership with Lane Cove Council and CatholicCare Naremburn
Cost: Free

Places are limited so BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
To make a booking call 8425 8700 and ask for the intake worker, or email: naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au
MUSIC ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
DAYS & TIMES – 2014

MONDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Intermediate Concert Band (BMR)
- 8.00 – 8.30am Senior String Trio (EMR)
- Lunchtime Senior Guitar Ensemble (EMR)
- Lunchtime Junior Percussion Ensemble (BMR)
- Lunchtime Junior String Ensemble (CMR)
- 3.15 – 4.00 pm Chamber Choir (CMR)

TUESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Jazz Band (BMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Jazz Band (CMR)
- 8.00 – 8.30am Intermediate String Quartet (EMR)
- Lunchtime Junior Guitar Ensemble (EMR)

WEDNESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Choir (CMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Concert Band (BMR)
- Lunchtime Intermediate Guitar Ensemble (EMR)

THURSDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Concert Band (BMR)
- 7.45 – 8.30 am Junior Choir (CMR)
- Lunchtime Senior Percussion Ensemble (BMR)

FRIDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Intermediate Jazz Band (CMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior String Ensemble/Orchestra (BMR)
- Lunchtime Intermediate Percussion Ensemble (BMR)
SENIOR MACQUARIE SCHOOLS’ CUP

The Annual Macquarie Schools’ Cup - Senior Division (Years 11 & 12) is to be held at Macquarie University on Tuesday 18 February 2014.

The Macquarie Schools’ Cup provides a unique debating opportunity to students, as it is one of the few debating tournaments in the Sydney Metropolitan region that is run without prejudice to religious, government or non-government school affiliations. Last year nearly 200 teams participated in the three divisions of the tournament.

The upcoming Senior Division of the tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds of debating and a grand final between the two best teams at the end of these rounds. Entry into the competition is $100 per team.

We need to have our formal registration to the University by Wednesday 12th February. The senior division fills quickly so I want to have our places booked next week. One of our debating coaches will be accompanying the students on public transport to the University. The boys will need to make their own way home from the venue. Whilst lunch is provided the boys can access the coffee carts at the university so they will need to bring some cash on the day. You can visit the website macquarie.schools.cup@gmail for more information.

Permission slips will be sent home with Year 11 and Year 12 debaters this Wednesday 5th February and need to be returned to Mrs Waterson ASAP.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following three Friday evenings. Information on venues and times will follow as soon as Pius is informed. Students have the opportunity to register their interest in participating in the CSDA competition at meetings in the JCR from 1.00pm this Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February. We will have some brainstorming sessions on the topics during these lunchtime prep sessions so bring your lunch and relax.

Public Speaking Competition dates

| Round 1: February 21 | Zone Final: February 28 | Final: March 7 |

Public Speaking Topics 2014

- Who cares?
- The things that matter
- It's time
- From a distance
- True Colours

DEBATING

Registration forms become available at the front office this Friday, 7th February (WEEK 2). Forms need to be returned to the box on the front verandah marked “Debating and Public Speaking Registration Forms”.

We will be hosting a ‘friendly’ debate against St Greg’s Campbelltown on Friday 21st March and will host a ‘friendly’ debate against Brigidine College St. Ives and Mercy College, Chatswood. (Dates to be confirmed.) We may decide to have one more practise debate before the CSDA season commences if we have time.

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The CSDA competition dates are as follows:

**Term 1**
Round 1: 28 March  
Round 2: 4 April (Not the last night of term 1)

**Term 2**
Round 3: 2 May  
Round 4: 9 May  
Round 5: 16 May  
Round 6: 23 May

Generally teams that win three of their five debates go through to the playoffs and each win will take them through to the next round.

**Elimination 1:** 30 May  
**Elimination 2:** 13 June  
**Quarterfinals:** 20 June (For private schools, the last night of term 2)

**Term 3**
Semifinals: 18 July  
Finals: 25 July

If you want to be a part of the terrific debate team it is essential that you attend ALL of the first five rounds. If your team makes it through to the Elimination round (and beyond) you also need to keep the above dates free.

**REMEMBER:** registration forms become available at the front office this Friday, 7th February (WEEK 2). Forms need to be returned to the box on the front verandah marked “Debating and Public Speaking Registration Forms”.

Mrs Michele Waterson  
Public Speaking and Debating Convenor
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY: BIG DAY IN
Wed 26th March
The Great Hall at the University of Technology Sydney, Sydney
Students in years 9-12 interested in careers in technology, careers advisers, and teachers are all invited to attend the BiG Day In. There will be a wide range of exhibitors and speakers from organisations like Google, Microsoft, Westpac, KPMG, and more. Tickets are $10 per student with no charge for teachers. Contact: Kerrie Bisaro on Kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au, (02) 8296 4444 or 0417 409 069

COCO REPUBLIC DESIGN SCHOOL: INFORMATION EVENING
Tue 11th February, 6pm to 7pm
Coco Republic Design Centre, 24 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria
The evening will consist of a tour of the facilities, information about studying interior design, and a chance to talk with students and alumni about the right course for you.
RSVP to designschool@cocorepublic.com.au

WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN: ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION
Thu 6th February, 5:30pm to 8pm
2 Short Street, Sydney
Students can come along and find out about Whitehouse Institute of Design’s courses in interior design, fashion design, and creative direction and styling courses.
To register, contact: enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au or 1300 551 433.
http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/events-calendar.html#sydney-enrolment-information-session-06feb

BLUE MOUNTAINS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL AUSTRALIA: MULTICULTURAL OPEN DAY
Sat 22nd February, 10am to 1pm
1 Chambers Road, Leura
At this open day, interested students can find out more about studying hospitality at Blue Mountains. Throughout the day students can find out about campus life & hear from current students and staff. The day will also feature foods, events & activities from around the world. Registration is required.
http://www.bluemountains.edu.au/events/blue-mountains-multicultural-open-day/

ACTORS COLLEGE OF THEATRE & TELEVISION: OPEN DAY
Sat 14th June, 10am to 3pm
41 Holt Street, Surry Hills
Come along to the ACTT Open Day and learn what a career in acting, stage management, technical production or music theatre would look like & how ACTT can help you get there. Registrations are required & attendees will be sent an event schedule closer to the day.
http://www.actt.edu.au/events/open-days/

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**MARTIN COLLEGE: NEW DIPLOMA OF WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Martin College has launched a new nationally recognised Diploma of Website Development that’s available on-campus full-time or online part-time. The Diploma of Website Development is a practical course for students who want to learn how to build websites using a range of programming languages.

Contact: 1300 762 129

**AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY: INFORMATION SESSION**

Wed 19th March, 6pm
Level 5, 11 York Street, Sydney
Find out about the courses on offer at the ACAP, take a tour of the campus, and speak to staff and students about student life and studying at ACAP.
http://www.acap.edu.au/events-container/information-sessions-and-open-days/

**FIAFITNATION: OPEN NIGHT**

Thu 20th February, 6pm to 7pm
Level 3, 815 George Street, Sydney
Find out more about the fitness & personal training education available at FIAFitnation.

**Y20 DELEGATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Applications close Fri 21st February.
Australians aged between 18 & 30 are invited to apply for the opportunity to represent Australia at this year’s Y20 Youth Summit. The summit will be held in Sydney from Sat 12th to Tue 15th July in the lead up to the G20 summit in Brisbane in November. The Y20 is one of the supporting engagement groups for the G20 summit.
Contact: y20@y20Australia.com or 1300 857 536.
http://y20australia.com.australian-delegates

**ANTIPODEANS ABROAD: GAPBREAK INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Throughout the year Antipodeans Abroad holds regular information nights and online webinars for students & parents who are interested in their programs. Their GapBreak program offers students the opportunity to take part in programs around the world as part of their gap year. Registrations are essential in order to attend.
Sydney: Wed 26th February & Wed 26th March, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at 282 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood
Online: Wed 12th February, 6pm to 7pm

**MAAP MY FUTURE CAREERS IN AUTOMOTIVE**

Find out information about pathways to careers in the automotive industry, different employment opportunities, industry news, and get in touch with an automotive career adviser or mentor.

**HOBSONS COURSE FINDER: GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE 2014**

Hobsons Course Finder allows you to search through the Guide’s unique five-star ratings, which cover every university in Australia. The independent ratings cover all aspects of university life.

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UMAT REGISTRATION REMINDER
Students completing their final year of high school and intending to apply for a course that requires a UMAT in 2015 are reminded that registration opened in December 2013 and won’t close until 6th June 2014, at 5:00pm AEST.
Students will sit the UMAT exam on 30th July 2014.
http://umat.acer.edu.au/

FIRE & RESCUE NSW: 2014 FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT
The NSW Fire & Rescue website has a large amount of information on how to join Fire & Rescue NSW as either a permanent firefighter, part-time firefighter, in a non-firefighting role, or as a Community Fire Unit volunteer.
Contact: recruitment@fire.nsw.gov.au

MARTIN COLLEGE: HOW TO IMPROVE CONCENTRATION
This article details some things that students can do to improve their concentration & remain focused.

PROJECTS ABROAD INFORMATION EVENING
Tue 18th Feb, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Sydney
At this information session, you can find out more about the opportunities that Projects Abroad offers, ask any questions, and chat to staff and past volunteers. Registrations are required.

IEP WORKING ADVENTURES WORLDWIDE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS
Wed 19 March, 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Work Canada Job Fair & Work Canada
Wed 19 March, 6:30pm – 7:00pm: Work USA
Wed 19 March, 7:00pm – 7:30pm: Summer Camp USA
Wed 19 March, 7:30pm – 8:00pm: Work Britain & Work Britain Visa Kick Start

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS
AVI runs a range of volunteer programs throughout both Australia and the rest of the world. Find out more about what they do & how you can get involved at one of their information sessions.
Sydney: Wed 12th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Erskineville Town Hall, 104 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville
http://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteer/information-sessions.aspx

TECH TOOLS TO ASSIST LEARNERS WITH DISABILITY
This article outlines a range of programs & tools that can be of use to learners with disability. The various tools are all designed to make access to computers easy for people with disability.

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor
31 January 2014

Dear Parents,

NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION

Your son has expressed an interest in playing chess for the school in the New South Wales Chess League competition. Before he enrols you need to be made aware of the following:

When is the competition?
All games take place in Term 2 and 3 on Friday afternoons after school. The first match begins in Term 2. Any teams reaching the finals will play their final matches early in Term 3.

Where does it take place?
The season draw for each team is divided approximately into equal home and away games. Home games are played at St Pius X College. Away games are played at a number of primary schools in the Metropolitan North Region. Examples of regular opponents are St Aloysius College, Milsons Point; Artarmon Public School; Beauty Point Public School, Mosman; Loreto Convent Junior School, Kirribilli.

Game Times
Games commence by 4.00pm and are completed no later than 5.00pm. Some games are much shorter. Students travelling to away venues are given until 4.00pm to arrive to allow for difficulties in transport. Students playing home at St Pius are expected to remain in the school grounds after school, set up their team’s playing boards and be on hand to greet their opposing team when they arrive.

Cost
The registration fee is $96.00; this will include the cost of a professional coach being brought into the school once a week (should your son be chosen to represent the school this would be added to the Term 2 school fees).

Teams
A team of four plays each week. A team may have four or five players enrolled. If five are enrolled, it is expected that all players will have similar playing opportunities.

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Transport
The school regularly has 4 teams travelling to different venues each Friday. **Responsibility for transport is the responsibility of the parents.** After the teams are chosen I will set up a roster system for the parents to drive the 4 teams’ members to the away games. You will be responsible for driving for one Friday, possibly two.

When playing away, team members must wait for the whole team to finish and then the parent is responsible for driving all team members back to school, where the students will make their own way home.

Behaviour
Players must obey competition rules on behaviour. Two main rules set down are:

- Players are forbidden to distract or annoy their opponents in any way.
- Players and spectators must remain silent during play. Players are forbidden to have recourse to the advice or opinion of a third party, whether solicited or not.

Commitment
Students are expected to attend every game that they are selected for. In case of absence from school, students are required to contact another team member, if possible. Also, a message must be left for me at the school office by 8.00am on Friday morning.

Students are expected to attend away games. It has been emphasized when nominations for players were taken that only students who were able to organise transport were to apply.

Students must attend all games in full school uniform.

Students are required to attend the weekly training sessions. These will be held on Tuesday mornings for 1 hour from 7.30am to 8.30am. Commencing on Tuesday 4th March, 2014 (week 6).

Trials will start in Week 4 at lunch time to choose the best 20 boys and to organise the four teams.

If your son is interested please complete the form on the following page, detach and hand it to me by Friday February 14th, 2014.

Yours faithfully,

**ELENA MARTIN**
Junior School Chess Convenor

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NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION

I give permission for my son ___________________________ in Year _____ to attend Chess trials and lessons on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am to 8.30am (training will begin on Tuesday 4th March 2014) in order to POSSIBLY REPRESENT the school in the New South Wales Junior Chess League Competition.

I am able to transport and watch the boys play. Please provide me with a contact name __________________ and number ________________.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________
29th January, 2014

Re: Sport updates via Twitter

Dear Parents/Friends,

We have implemented a new and easy way of disseminating key sports information to the St Pius Chatswood community. Follow us on Twitter to receive last minute updates regarding fixtures (ground changes, wet weather updates, cancellations etc).

We would highly recommend that you set up a Twitter account and follow us. Messages can be sent directly to your phone, allowing for instant updates as to your son’s sporting commitments. This could also mean that you avoid unnecessary travel in the event of cancellations and that you are aware of your son’s whereabouts with regards sport.

NB. These updates will be one-way transactions that are designed purely as an information dissemination tool. We will not ‘follow’ you on Twitter and you will not be able to respond or communicate with us.

How do I set-up an account?

Set-up takes 2 minutes and is free. You are not obliged to send any ‘tweets’ or follow anyone else.

Go to: [https://twitter.com/](https://twitter.com/) Search for the relevant account holder and click follow.

To receive updates to your mobile phone:

1. Download the Twitter App to your phone (this is available from the App Store on iOS devices, the Google Play store on Android devices and the Windows Store on all Windows Phones and Tablets).
2. Then, to enable your phone to be notified when we send an alert, go to Twitter.com on your desktop or laptop computer and once you are logged in, choose settings.
3. Go to the ‘Mobile’ tab and follow the prompts (You must text ‘GO’ to the number provided)

4. From the Twitter home page, click ‘Following’ Tab on the left menu bar. Click the person icon next to the relevant Sportsmaster and select, ‘Turn on Mobile Notifications’

Not a Twitter person?

Twitter feeds will also be updated to the school website as per the previous wet weather system. This does however require you to access the wet weather page on the website and you may miss late changes due to unforeseen cancellations: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/wet-weather

Kind Regards
Greg Virgona & Matthew Stearn
St Plus College Sportsmasters
2013 Snowy Hike lives up to its name and reputation with a blizzard and 25cm snow dump on Day 1!

Under the shadow of a significant low pressure system, 50 Year 11 St Pius students and 17 Brigidine College students walking with staff in 10 groups, enjoyed unseasonal conditions, for which they were fortunately well prepared, including over 20cm of snow dump in the Jagungal Wilderness, Pilot Wilderness, Rolling Ground and Main Range of the Kosciusko National Park of Australia's alpine region between the 4th and 10th December 2013.

After a gruelling 8 hour bus trip and 6am hike start on Day 1, all the groups encountered and camped in significant snow falls and sub-freezing temperatures overnight before conditions gradually cleared and improved. The 6 day expedition adventure culminated in a summit of Kosciusko in extremely high winds before a hike descent to the very welcome experience of a shower, expedition meal, debrief and bed in Thredbo.

We gratefully acknowledge the support and financial sponsorship of the St Pius P&F Association who again this year generously supported us through the purchase of tents, lightweight cooking stoves, gortex jackets and overpants, which undoubtedly made the difference between a comfortable hike under adverse conditions and the potential for hypothermia related injuries.

The Snowy hike, which is a 30 year plus, tradition of the College, annually provides students with some valuable life lessons in planning and preparation, resourcefulness, teamwork, resilience and overcoming adversity in extremes. Highlights of the 2013 expedition obviously included the amazing snow and conditions of Day 1, the manner in which our students and staff rose to the challenges presented, swimming in the Snowy River, the navigation of the Rolling Ground and Main Range sections, negotiation of massive snow drifts across Mueller’s Pass and across the ascending track to Kosciusko, the amazing High Country Huts, and a very enjoyable expedition meal and debrief session in Thredbo Village.

Finally I would again pass on behalf of the expedition students, a massive vote of thanks to the College staff who over many years have seen fit to take out time to prepare and train students, and then leave families, friends and a myriad of responsibilities, at a very busy time of year, to ensure the safety well-being and success of our students in this immeasurably valuable learning experience.

Mr S Brannan - St Pius X College Snowy Hike Expedition Co Coordinator
Australian Army Cadets – Info Night

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Australian Army Cadets

INFO NIGHT

7pm Tuesday 11 Feb
MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE
270 miller st, north sydney

www.206acu.org.au
Ph: 0400 369 312
St Pius X U12 Blue – 1/2/14 – Round 12
SPX Blue 18 (A Patterson 5) defeated by St Ives Haddin 196 (H. Clayton 2/13, D Cass 2/15, K. O’Brien 2/15)
Northbridge Oval
We always knew that St Ives Haddin (ranked No 1) would be an insurmountable obstacle for the SPX Blues (ranked No 11), but the Blues were keen to gauge whether our fledgling team had improved since their first encounter in Round 1.

Having conceded 253 runs, including 45 sundries for 3 wickets on that occasion, they should feel proud of having limited St Ives Haddin to 196 runs, with only 12 sundries for 6 wickets. Sam Barrell and Keifer O’Brien started the attack on the front foot. Sam bowled a maiden over in the 3rd and the run rate was only 3.5 after the 4th over. David Cass come on and claimed the first wicket in the 5th with a wicked delivery that sent the bails flying. St Ives took a few overs to settle after that, but started to find the boundary by the 8th. By drinks the run rate had climbed to 6.6 per over with only 1 wicket taken.

After drinks, the wickets started to fall. Harry Clayton came on late in the bowling order and claimed 2 wickets. Keifer O’Brien on his return was deadly, with a spectacular caught & bowled followed by another wicket. David followed up his first effort with another great delivery claiming his 2nd wicket. The run rate had dropped to below 6, until St Ives star batsman slammed and slashed his way to 30 runs off the last 3 overs, scoring a mighty 71 for the match.

After the break, our batsmen took to the crease. Unfortunately the years of experience and the sheer pace of the deliveries from the St Ives bowlers were too much for the Blues. No-one really got a start and this along with a couple of run outs put paid to any chance of scoring runs. Alec Paterson and Adam Greenwood showed great courage in facing 30 blistering deliveries before Alec was caught out for 5. Adam remained not out at the end of the match.

Although on paper this is annihilation, the boys should take heart from the great improvement in their bowling, especially in the reduction of the sundries down to a competitive level. Many have attended cricket clinics, been to the nets with their Dad’s and taken notes from the experts having attended many Australian v’s England matches with their families over the holidays, so have earnestly worked to improve their skills.

The match ball this week was awarded to Zach Bull for consistent effort at training and in matches throughout the whole season, always giving his full effort to the team.

Nancy Healey

St Pius X U13 White – 01/02/14 - Round 11
St Pius X White 10/77 (J Furlan 22, J Rayner 19no) defeated by Lindfield Siddle 7/133, Oxford Falls
We started the season with 4 straights wins, but then had some ‘down time’. However, after two wins at the end of 2013, we hoped that our ‘mojo’ had returned. Game 1, 2014, would tell us. We were missing a couple of regular players, but thanks to our very worthy fill-in, Tom Colgan, we had a full team. We opted to bowl and Coach Rainer encouraged the team to think positively and target a maximum runs total for our opposition of no more than 120-130.

Our bowlers were generally solid, with just a few allowing a ‘blow-out’ to around the 7 runs-an-over mark. Six bowlers claimed a wicket a piece, while four fielders took a catch each. We also got two run-outs. These figures suggest a fair performance with pretty much everyone involved. However, the ugly figures were the extras totals; 53 overall with 21 no balls, 15 wides, 4 leg byes and 13 byes. This was not good enough and Coach Rayner’s ‘half-time’ talk covered the point. There seemed to be a few rust flakes falling off one or two of our ‘post-holiday’ players.

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Despite the 'glitches', the Lindfield total of 133 runs was still very much within Coach Rayner's pre-game range. It would now require some steady batting and positive, but not reckless, running between the stumps to win the day. Josh Rayner (8) and Tom Colgan (16) took guard first and put on 25 runs before pushing too hard for a second run that ended Tom's very encourage start. Josh continued-on with Nick Chan (2) before Nick tried to squeeze a shot through mid-off, which was in the air and snapped-up by a waiting Linfield player. Jordan Furlan (22) entered the fray and anchored the rest of the innings, playing some solid shots, including 3 boundaries. Daniel Hall (2) tried to pick-up the run rate, but swept across the line and was bowled cheaply. Harrison Crowe-Maxwell (3) showed much-improved style, but struggled to get runs on the board before stretching to a short ball and getting stumped by a quick reacting keeper. Nick Talarico (3) was intent on playing defensively, to a point that he didn't trust his natural hitting instinct, and he then played the wrong shot to a very hittable ball and was bowled. Liam Jackson (2) struggled to move his feet and overreached to a short ball, popping it into the air and into the waiting hands of a short cover fielder. Harry Drewitt-Smith (1), our erratic 'round-house' thrasher, held his nerve until there was a run on the board before returning to his 'across the line' style, which soon had him out to an easy catch. Pat Cash (2) was perhaps the pick of our batters, even if the runs total doesn't show it. He showed a marked improvement in style and played some very solid shots before failing to make his ground chasing a quick single. This brought the match to an end. Brendan Aitkin (0) was left stranded with no partner and the winning total a long way off.

Our 77 run total was nowhere enough and Coach Rayner explained that while the match was disappointing there were still good signs and the team must still stay positive. Our stumpings were good, calling between batters was generally good, we took some good catches and several player showed the benefit of holiday batting practice. The team also generously thanked Tom Colgan for helping out and making a good contribution to the day.

We had very good family support for the match and everyone looked very content sitting/lying around our beautifully maintained Oxford Falls ground.

Brian Hall

St Pius X U14 Red – 01/02/14 – Round 12
SPX Red 6/205 (T Ventura 40no, A Brislan 30no) defeated St Ives Ponting 125 (A Vinci 2/3, O Sheehan 2/7, A Graffeo 1/2)

Cricket hostilities resumed for SPX Red at the Forestville’s home of backyard cricket, once know as the Mellwood lake, the team were grateful of the stepladder loan to enable the bowlers to climb down to the playing surface.

Our opposition St Ives are in the lower section of the table however with a small very challenging ground, SPX Red were not taking anything for granted. A top 4 finish is within the teams own control by winning all remaining rounds games, as such each game is effectively a semi-final.

Winning the toss Captain Ventura chose to back his batting line up and asked only one thing, a big return for your wicket. SPX Red have spent the season to date building depth and confidence in the order and this was clearly displayed throughout the innings. A confident start saw the Red’s at 1/88 off 16 with a further instruction to break 200 by the end of the innings.

Only a single wicket was lost for less than 10, a solid Captain’s knock of 40 rno and a strong finish from Alex Brislan 30no saw SPX Red reach 6/205 at the innings break.

With 34 Sundries the second highest scorer the bowling innings needed to be accurate and controlled, chasing 6+ and over would be tough for St Ives and SPX Red did not need make it any easier despite the tough pitch conditions.
All bowlers contributed to the result either by pinning down the batsmen with line and length or taking wickets. Alex Vinci once again proved a handful with 2/3 off 3. Oscar Sheehan managed to land 3 full overs of spin taking 2/7 off 3 and Alex Graffeo tested their metal with 1/2 off 3.

Energetic fielding saw many balls cut off without score or pulled up before the very short boundaries, The ball followed Nick Slack around somewhat with 2 well struck balls finding their way into his large mits and another couple being a breath away from being held. After several exceptional attempts Tim Robertson managed to get a stumping confirmed, a runout to team VinciSheehan and Brislan closed the innings with a runout off his own bowling.

All in all a few cobwebs were blown away but SPXRed confirmed their intent to reach the finals improving their quotient to further protect their position. Next stop is the crucial game against Lindfield Gilchrist who are challenging for a top 4 spot against.

Coach: Alex Slack

SPX 2nd XI 10/86 defeated by All Saints College 10/175
The Seconds made the long trek out to Bathurst in the school bus on Saturday. SPX lost the toss and, surprisingly, All Saints elected to bat. It was already a hot morning in Bathurst, and forecast to reach 37 degrees later in the day.

Pius were off to a great start, with the loss of two All Saints wickets in the first over. All Saints then bought out their star player, Tom Galvin, hitting a 4 off the first ball he faced. For the next 20 overs, his 99 run partnership with the opener remained unbroken, until caught by Luke Humphrey.

Pius managed to dismiss All Saints in the 44th over for 175 runs, with Dermott Beattie scoring a fiver - Five All Saints wickets for thirty-five runs. Also Matt Kennedy was bought into the bowling lineup late in the game, taking 2 for 2 off his 4 overs.

After lunch, and a quick swim, St Pius set about scoring some runs in the hot afternoon sun. With the loss of a wicket in the first over, the Liam Mann (22) Jackson Brislan (21) partnership started making some progress. Unfortunately, the All Saints attack left Pius well short of the goal, being all out for 86 in the thirty-first over. Credit to All Saints star player, Tom Galvin taking 5 SPX wickets for 12.

SPX 2nd’s 10/86 were defeated by All Saints 1St’s 10/175 in over 31. Thanks to team manager Mr. Listo for organizing the trip, and all the SPX parents who travelled to Bathurst to support the team. The Seconds will need to concentrate on their batting performance if they are to make the finals.

Carroll Inc. / Mr. Listo (Team Manager)
Football Grading Days

St Pius X College has developed a strong football culture and reputation over the past several years achieving outstanding results in the ISA competition and in other arenas. This has created great interest in the sport at the college. However, there is a limitation on the number of teams St Pius is permitted to field in the ISA Football Competition – usually two per year group.

The Football Club conducts a grading process early in the school year, well before the timing of registration for district football. This is to maximise the opportunity for St Pius boys to play football. The FC has secured Danny Hurwitz as the college’s Specialist Coach for 2014 and he will coordinate the grading days.

All boys wishing to play football for the college must attend grading, regardless of their participation last year. Some boys may be advised that they are not required for the second grading day. Registration should be done on-line prior to trialling. Mr Yue (Senior Football Convenor) will notify successful players in the coming weeks.

On-line registration is due by 8 February, via the link below, and will require you to indicate “1” for the quantity of tickets in order to proceed to the registration form.

http://www.trybooking.com/EDQB

When: 9 & 16 February 2014

Where: College playing fields at Oxford Falls (Dreadnought Rd)

Times:
- 8.30 – 10.15 U13 (Yr7)
- 10.15 – 11.30 U14 (Yr8)
- 11.45 – 1.00 U16 (Yr10) - 9 February only
- 11.45 – 1.00 U15 (Yr9) – 16 February only

Equipment: Football boots, shin-pads (you will not be able to play in the trials without these), drink bottle, and sporting clothes.

Food: A sausage sizzle and coffee will be available for purchase.

It should be a fun day so come along and show us what you can do!

Mr Simon Yue (Senior Football Convenor)
& SPX Football Club Committee
WELCOME to the St Pius X College football club for 2014! We are a parent-run club which aims to support the efforts of SPX staff and coaches, for the benefit of our boys, and keep you informed about all football matters at Pius. Please consider lending a hand during the year, as many hands make light work! 2014 will be an exciting year with even more boys choosing football, the beautiful game, and with the scheduling of our inaugural Pius World Cup Football Luncheon in April. We’ll keep you updated via Woodchatta and emails, and you can check information on the ‘football’ tab of the P&F website:


PLAYER REGISTRATION – ALL SENIOR BOYS YRS 7-12
On-line registration is now open, with registration for all interested players in Years 7-10 due by 7 February, via either link below. You will be required to indicate “1” for the quantity of tickets in order to proceed to the registration form.

http://www.trybooking.com/EDQB or http://www.trybooking.com/72749

All players in Years 11&12 should also register on Trybooking to play in Opens teams, although grading is undertaken via trial matches across the term (see below).

GRADING DAYS FOR YEARS 7-10
Football grading days are scheduled for this Sunday 9 and 16 February at Oxford Falls. Danny Hurwitz, our Specialist Coach, will coordinate the mornings, along with several other coaches.

8.30 – 10.15 U13 (Yr7)
10.15 – 11.30 U14 (Yr8)
11.45 – 1.00 U16 (Yr10) - 9 February only
11.45 – 1.00 U15 (Yr9) - 16 February only

Please see Mr Yue’s information in Woodchatta. All grading information is also available on the ‘football’ tab of the P&F website: www.pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au

All teams will need a parent Team Manager, so please consider offering to fulfill that role on the form.

Again, the Team Manager role statement is on the website.

BBQ VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE OFFER!
The FC operates the BBQ kiosk at the grading days, to feed hungry boys and their families. Come along for an hour to help serve drinks, cook on the BBQ, and meet other parents your son will be playing with. The BBQ will operate from 8.00-1.00 & everyone loves the service we provide. We particularly welcome Year 7 parents. Please email Mary Ann Back directly if you can help - backs@bigpond.net.au.

TRIAL MATCHES – OPENS
Last Sunday saw the first of several trial matches for the 1st XI squad. Any boys interested to be considered should register (on Trybooking) and see Mr Quilty, the 1st XI coach. He will then form teams for each trial match as not all boys can be considered every match. Trial matches are currently scheduled for most Sunday mornings this term. There will be further matches scheduled for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th XI squads over the term, so players will need to register online to be considered.

WORLD CUP FOOTBALL LUNCHEON – 11 APRIL
The FC is delighted to announce the inaugural Pius World Cup Football Luncheon at Doltone House on Friday 11 April. We have organised an outstanding panel of some of the game’s biggest personalities – Ange Postecoglou (Socceroos Head Coach); David Gallop (Football Federation Australia CEO); Andy Harper (Fox Sport commentator and former NSL championship player); and Mark Bosnich (Fox Sport commentator and ex-Socceroo). You get to ask your burning questions directly to the panel! There are discounts for table bookings, and a special parent-son (senior students only) package. We do seek further sponsors and donations for the silent and live auctions. Please contact: footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au

Please see the flyer which follows this report for full details.

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SPECIALIST FOOTBALL SKILLS – YEARS 7 (13S), 8 (14S) & 10 (16S)
Richard Lacey (Head of PDHPE) and the FC have organised for Danny Hurwitz and Drew Taylor (our other specialist coach) to run football development sessions within sport time at Oxford Falls on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Term 1. This is an exciting opportunity, and will effectively give all Year 7, 8 & 10 footballers four sessions each of pre-season training within school hours. Unfortunately, the timetable could not accommodate Year 9, but the FC will endeavour to organise extra training opportunities for them in March.

2014 PLANNING
The college is working on the final composition of the ISA competition with its associated schools. Mr Yue (Snr Football Convenor) has advised that there will be a minimum of two teams per year level in the senior school. Additional teams are possible but are dependent on having other ISA teams to play. The junior school forms a minimum of four teams per year level in the IPSHA competition.

The FC has many plans in place for 2014 but we need committed parents to ensure we can make things happen. We have the strong support of the college executive and P&F. Building on from our achievements of 2013, the FC has the funds to support a stronger, higher quality football program for all teams at SPX in 2014.

AGM TUES 4 MARCH @ 7PM IN SARTO CENTRE (CNR DAISY & ANDERSON STS)
Most of the current office bearers are prepared to stand again but we definitely need additional “general members” to undertake many of the smaller tasks of the FC. All welcome!

Donna Patterson (President) – patt.donna@hotmail.com
SPX 2014 World Cup Football Luncheon

St Pius X College FC is proud to present the inaugural Football Luncheon celebrating the 2014 World Cup in Brazil

Guests of honour include

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Head Coach of the Socceroos

David Gallop
CEO of Football Federation Australia

Andy Harper
Fox Sports commentator and NSL Championship winner

Mark Bosnich
Fox Sports commentator and ex-Socceroos

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2014 WORLD CUP
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Friday 11 April 2014
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Get an insider’s view of the World Cup and Australian football from the game’s biggest personalities. Ask your burning football questions directly. Plus, there’s an exclusive football auction and great prizes to be won.

Net proceeds will help fund the technical development program for St Pius X College footballers

Book your table today. Fully catered 3 course luncheon. Autographed ball prize on every table.

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Contact: footballclub.b@panif.spx.nsw.edu.au

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FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING FOR St Pius X College STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2014

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We would like to invite your students and families to a FREE Information Evening in Sydney on Thursday, 6th February. The session is being held at the Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney, Corner Kent & Bathurst St, Sydney and starts at 7:30pm.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014. "You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world" Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

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