From the Principal

PRAYER

WISDOM

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

1 Corinthians, 3:18-19

WORRY

I was reading a newsletter called Vital this week as it relates to wellbeing. In it, it gave some sound advice regarding worry. I would just like to share a couple of points with you that may be helpful with your own wellbeing. Consider this:

- **Worry is the most unproductive of all human activities**
  A day of worrying is more exhausting than a day of work......and, for all that worry, what have we gained? Most likely, a bad headache and not much else.

- **Most of what we fear never comes to pass**
  Fear has a viral effect - it replicates itself and spreads into other areas of our life and the way we live it.

- **Problems can only be faced as they arise**
  The only thing we can do well is the present moment. We cannot do yesterday well, it is gone. We can only do tomorrow well when we get to tomorrow. So focus on what is in front of you now.

P&F COMMENCEMENT MASS

Congratulations and thanks to the P&F for a wonderful welcome to new parents. Over 300 parents, students and teachers were in attendance. A great night for all.

ISA SPORT

I take this opportunity to congratulate all players and coaches on their representation in the summer ISA teams. This weekend sees the final round of competition. Best wishes to all our teams as they try to make the semi-finals.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPS

We wish well our Years 5 and 6 students as they go on their first camps for the year. Year 5 will go to Milson Island and Year 6 are off to Canberra. Sincere thanks to Mr Long and the Junior School teachers for making this available to our students.

VALE MR GRAHAM ROBERTS

The College was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Graham Roberts, father of Fr Paul Roberts (SPX College Captain 1979), Michael Roberts (SPX 1978) and Kevin Roberts (SPX 1990). Please remember Mr Roberts in your prayers.
From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

Dear Parents and Students

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks for the very warm welcome I have received here at St Pius X College. Everyone has been very generous in helping me to settle in and become part of this very warm and caring community.

This Friday, we as a College community have the wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the academic achievements from Semester 2, 2013 as well as the outstanding HSC results. Alex Gan, our College Dux, will be our guest of honour and will also be assisting with presentations to students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 who will be receiving either Fide et Labore, Waterford or Academic Colour Awards. If parents have received an invitation to attend the assembly, please ensure you RSVP to Student Services. A full list of recipients will be available in next week’s Woodchatta.

By now, all students should have established a regular homework routine that provides them opportunity to become responsible for their own learning. Each evening, students should be undertaking revision, completing homework and steadily working on assessment tasks.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Following the announcement by the Hon Christopher Pyne MP that there will be a review of the Australia Curriculum, there is good news that its implementation will proceed as scheduled.

2014: Kindergarten to Year 6 - English (Mathematics, Science & Technology optional)
Years 7 and 9 - English, Mathematics, Science, History

2015: Kindergarten to Year 6 - Mathematics, Science & Technology (History optional)
Years 8 and 10 - English, Mathematics, Science, History

2016: Kindergarten to Year 6 – History

HSC STUDENTS MAJOR PROJECTS AND ORAL EXAMINATIONS FOR LANGUAGES

Any student studying English Extension 2, Design and Technology, Visual Arts, Music and Languages will be interested to know that the BOSTES has just released important dates for completion of major works and oral examinations for Languages. Further information available from your teacher and the BOSTES website.

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

The Community Involvement Program (CIP) involves voluntary work from our Year 10 and 11 students working in the community with people who are marginalised in society. It provide students with an opportunity to experience the fact that they can make a positive difference in the lives of others, thus learning in a practical way of the power of the Gospel, as expressed in the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund’s main message to us was “To give to the Poor in Handfuls”. This enables our young men to embrace the example of Edmund Rice in their own lives through their involvement of in such meaningful community programs.

CIP sees our Year 10 and Year 11 students complete 20 hours and 25 hours of community service respectively. The importance of CIP is to develop a spiritual maturity and social conscience amongst our students. The aim is to really push our young men out of their comfort zone so they get a real understanding of the marginalised in our society. So I invite our Year 10 and 11 parents to continue to encourage their sons in organising a community involvement that will allow our young men to put their Faith into Action.

Please feel free to contact your son’s respective Guidance Coordinators, Ms Schuster specifically for Year 11, or myself for any further information.

Your P&F in Action!

The link to the Minutes from our recent P&F Committee Meeting can be found here.

P&F NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Please put Monday 3 March 7.30pm into your diaries for the next P&F General Meeting. We’ll hear from a number of key presenters on what is happening around the College, and what is planned for 2014 and the future.

YEAR TEN PARENTS - COFFEE CATCH UP

Please book your calendars for a 9.30am coffee Thursday 27 February at Carre Noir Café on the Concourse. Re-acquaint, renew and refresh for the 2014 school year! Any enquiries to nicola.bento@optusnet.com.au and you can download the flyer right here.

YEAR EIGHT PARENTS - CAFE CARRE NOIR

Year Eight Parents are warmly welcomed to join your fellow parents from 10 am Monday March 3 at Carre Noir Cafe. Please RSVP to spxyeareight2014@gmail.com You can find more details and contact numbers here.

Steve Johnson
A Massive Thankyou to the P&F

During the summer break, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday up until Christmas and in the new year, a constant number of 20-30 students attended the St Pius X gym to lift weights and stay healthy over the holidays. Students from sports such as athletics, swimming, cricket, basketball and rugby attended under the guidance of trainer Francis Cullimore.

We would like to thank the SPX Parents and Friends Association for allowing the gym to be open and for their financing of this project.

Fraser Toohey, Year 11
on behalf of students at St Pius X College

MindMatters for Families

PARENTING PROGRAMS: Please see the flyers in Woodchatta Extras for information on Positive Parenting Courses available through Catholic Care, Diocese of Broken Bay.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

Performing Arts News

HONEST IAGO: Congratulations to all students who auditioned last Friday. Mr Combes was thrilled with the level of enthusiasm from all who attended. We are in the process of finalising roles and will publish the full cast in next week’s Woodchatta.

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. The first concert is next week. Students will be given their tickets in class.

There are extra tickets available for other members of the College community who wish to attend, $100.00 for the four concert series or $25.00 per individual concert. Please contact the Performing Arts Coordinator, Ms Tracey Bates (TBates@stpiux.nsw.edu.au) for further information and concert details.

ENSEMBLE PLACEMENTS: Positions in all ensembles have now been finalised. Any future vacancies will be advertised in the Student Daily Notices and Woodchatta.

ENSEMBLE ATTENDANCE: As a matter of courtesy, all students should let their Ensemble Director know (preferably in advance) if they are unable to attend a rehearsal. In recent weeks boys have missed rehearsals due to excursions and this has made learning new repertoire very difficult. There is an expectation that if an excursion does not depart the College until 8.30am that boys will attend normal morning rehearsals. The only exception to advance notification is if a student is absent from the College due to illness.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE: All instruments which are brought to the College for lessons MUST be taken to the Instrument Store Room (in the Band Room), as soon as a student arrives at school. In the last week several instruments have gone “missing” as boys have left them in the playground or in corridors. Instruments are only removed from the store room for a rehearsal or lesson. They are then returned to the store room and collected at the end of the day. Parents are asked to remind their sons of this and encourage them to follow the correct procedure. Could parents also check that their son’s instrument is labelled with his name and a contact phone number.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Careers News

Congratulations to this year’s TAFE students in Year’s 11 and 12. They have all made an excellent start to the year in a variety of courses including Electrotechnology, Construction, Automotive and Human Services.

Students attend classes every Tuesday afternoon as part of their Preliminary or HSC courses. All TAFE courses involve industry placement and practical workshops, students can make valuable contacts and get real, hands-on experience. Students will be ready for the workplace and will often find their first job through contacts they make at TAFE. We wish them all the best for a successful year.

To find out more about NSW TAFE visit: www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au

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

Ms D Janes
Debating and Public Speaking

PUBLIC SPEAKING
This Friday evening, 21st February, Pius Public Speakers will be travelling to Marian College, Annangrove Road, Kenthurst. This is quite a distance as the crow flies but we have the Motorways to get us there fairly quickly (31 minutes) and we are arranging travel for the students at the moment.

Registration for all speakers is at 6.00pm. A map of the school has been given to all students presenting and is also available from Google Maps and from the CSDA website: www.csda.nsw.edu.au and click on the “Find a School” link. Please ensure that you are at the school to collect your son before 9pm. Students will be able to telephone their parents once registration is closed with a more definite time for their pickup. It should be a great night. We are competing against 10 schools on the night. I will be the only Pius staff member at the venue and I will be adjudicating. I always try to stay with the boys for as long as possible on the night but if I am put onto a Senior event I will go into the event before our junior speakers move to their events. Of course there will be other teachers in the convening hall and, as our wonderful St Pius boys have shown time and time again, they know how to behave at such events, even if they are not closely supervised.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN DEBATING
PIUS NEEDS YOU! WE USUALLY HAVE 12 DEBATERS A YEAR IN YEAR 7 BUT THIS YEAR WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR ONE TEAM ONLY AND NEED THREE MORE DEBATERS.
It has been very difficult to access Year 7 as we are competing with the Beauchamp Park lunch run, but yellow forms can be picked up from the front office and returned to the box marked “Debating & Public Speaking forms” on the verandah outside the front office.

DEBATING
All students need to get their debating registration forms (yellow this year) from the front office, have them filled out and signed and returned to the box marked “Debating Registrations Forms” on the front veranda. The coaches will be contacting their teams in Week 5 (next week) to organise training times to commence in Week 5. You are expected to undertake two hours of training each week (one half hour before or after school early in the week and 3.30 – 5pm on a Friday afternoon). The half hour training session will be organised with your coach and your team. At 5pm on a Friday afternoon students can go over to Westfield to get some dinner. They are expected to be back inside the school grounds by 5.45pm to help to set up on the nights when Pius is hosting debates.

All CSDA dates are listed on the CSDA website www.csda.nsw.edu.au and in the Pius Woodchatta in Week 1 of this term. We plan to host three ‘friendly’ debates before the CSDA season commences. We will debate against Brigidine College, St Ives on Wednesday afternoon 19th March and against St Greg’s on Friday 21st March. We are still to confirm the Mercy College debate date.

MACQUARIE SCHOOLS CUP – SENIOR COMPETITION TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
Yesterday 5 Pius teams debated in the three rounds of the Macquarie Schools’ Cup Senior Competition. We had 3 Year 10 teams and 2 Year 11 teams competing in this Year 11 and Year 12 Competition. The debaters (listed below) presented solid arguments on the three topic areas:

Topic 1: That we should teach a nationalistic history curriculum in every school, at every school level.

Topic 2: That policies that may have significant environmental consequences should be subject to a veto by an independent group of scientists.

Topic 3: That we should grant all refugees, regardless of their means of arrival, permanent residency in Australia.

We deserve to be proud of their significant DEBATING SKILLS (no reading of prepared statements for St Pius debaters). Well done!!

Year 11: Matthew Harris, Jakob McDermott, Adam Meitzer, Hans Lee, Harry Vinter, Lyndon Maher
Year 10: Nektary Kotlaroff, Keenan Smith, Josiah Lising, Nicholas Parker, Thomas Magill, Robert Macpherson, Ryan Attard, Timothy Abbott, Zac Triantafilis.

Mrs M Waterson – Convenor
From the Art Department

**HSC INTENSIVE STUDIO PRACTICE**
The National Art School is offering short courses (4 and 5 day) for Year 11 art students in July and September. Students may choose from courses in Ceramics, Sculpture, Life Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Digital Photography and Black and White Darkroom Photography. Application forms are available from the Art Department.

**FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA**
Year 9 students are studying photography and are showing their potential. We aim to produce a show of photographs in Term 2. Here is a sample – ‘Pic of the Week’ by Lachlan Smith.

Mr M Anderson - Coordinator

From the Senior Resource Centre

**RESOURCES FOR BUDDING RESEARCHERS**
Term 1 is well underway and many students are busy seeking the information that their first assignment requires.

Students can access key library resources by logging into the school’s library catalogue ‘DESTINY’ on their Personal Learning Device (PLD).

From Destiny’s home page, students can access Encyclopaedia Britannica for high quality factual information. All the information students need will be there, as well as links to authoritative websites, video, images and ebooks. This trusted publisher provides the information that students require without the hit and many misses of many web searches.

But of course the web provides ways to make richly rewarding searches. Year Seven’s Working Scientifically assignment requires students to locate Science related articles in magazines and newspapers.

Students can try advanced Google searching techniques for finding newspaper articles. For example - site:dailytelegraph.com.au ~scientist

This search string is an effective way of finding articles in the Daily Telegraph related to science. The tilde (~) operator in front of the keyword ‘scientist’ ensures that both synonyms and alternative endings are searched. Try it out!

At school, students can browse the library’s display of newspapers and magazines. Online, students can use the library catalogue to find online magazines articles.

For visual learners, ClickviewOnline provides access a vast educational video collection. All students can access this resource from home using their PLD. Sometimes, students forget their password, no problem, use the College email to execute a password recovery. It is easy.

And remember the library is here to help and it is service with a smile. Students struggling to find information are encouraged to see me before or after school, recess and lunch. Let’s find the info and nail those first assignments!

Ms K Keighery

Homework Help

Homework Help 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 ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

Mrs K Martin

Chess

**Chess Training has begun:** D1 & D2 every Monday afternoon from 3.30 -4.30pm. All students are invited to attend regardless of their level of experience with the first two sessions free for any newcomers. The NSW Chess League competition rounds begin in Term 2. Students who indicate an interest in playing in a school team will shortly receive an email documenting all required information along with a permission slip to be signed by a parent. Please encourage your son to make a move and join in the intellectual pursuit that is Chess.

Ms D Ramsey
From the Junior School

SENIOR PREFECTS AND THE YEAR 5 SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Leon Warren and all the senior prefects on running an excellent spelling bee for the Year 5 boys. It began with the prefects running an 15 word test in the classroom last Wednesday which then gave them 12 finalists. Last Friday afternoon the Year 5 boys went to the Junior resource centre for the final.

To set the scene Harry Morton gave Elijah Rayner a simple word to spell and Elijah gave a very amusing rendition of an extremely nervous boy spelling a word and then the spelling bee began. They then introduced the finalists, including their biographical details and accompanied by ‘Rocky’ music “Eye of the Tiger”. Really important biographical details were revealed like he enjoys soccer, meat pies and lollies. It was a lot of fun and a great way for the new students to meet the ‘big’ boys. It was a great initiative by our senior prefects. Congratulations to our 2 winners: Emerson Ansted & Alec Ramsbottom.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thankyou to all the parents have been coming to the parent teacher conferences this week. A few parents didn’t respond or turn up, if you still wish to have a conference where you inform the teachers about your child you need to contact them.

CAMP/CANBERRA

The boys have the second note which tells them all the details about what to bring for the excursion. Year 6 need to take note about the school clothing they will be wearing each day. If you haven’t got the note or it is covered in mashed banana from your son’s bag, it is also available on eAccess.

P & F MEETING

You are most welcome to attend the P and F meeting on Monday 3rd March at 7.30 pm in the Sarto centre. I hope to see you there.

CLASS PARENTS

Thankyou to the parents who have volunteered to be class parents. In 6 Green we have 2 parents sharing the role. It isn’t too onerous and if you are social and can send some emails then it is the job for you.

Thankyou to: 6 Green - Mrs Janine Hearne and Mrs Julianne Bowen
5 Blue - Ms Jane Wilkins
6 Blue - Ms Jennifer Sheldon
5 Gold - Mrs Catherine Dixon

Any other takers for 5 Gold, 5 Red, 6 Red and 6 Blue would be appreciated – two Class Parents for each class would be ideal.

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@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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Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL – I spent a long time thinking about what to write after Saturdays games. Our A and B teams suffered at the hands of our opposition. However after some reflection I realised that I am disappointed in some of the results but I am very proud of the way our players handled themselves. Also amongst a lot of pain there were some extraordinary moments. Daniel Aposhian (13As) shot two free throws to send his game into overtime. Ryan Moore (Firsts) slammed one down to the cheers of his team mates. The 2nds won an absolute cracker to beat St Patrick’s at St Patrick’s and the 3rds snuck home to beat Oxley’s Firsts thanks to Patrick Chetham slotting two free throws to win the game. I guess it depends on what you want to find, the positives or the negatives. I’d like to stay positive. One last thing I’d like to mention is to not let last Saturdays losses interrupt our path to the finals and beyond. I want to look towards better results when it counts, in the finals and even next season. There is work to be done, let’s take on the challenge to improve our game.

We have a massive day at Oxford Falls this Saturday. It’s up to us to make it a great day for all. A-teams will need to organise their own transport to the Central Coast on Saturday.

Venues:
CCGS: Central Coast Grammar, Arundel Rd Erina Heights, Left off The Entrance Road
Oakhill College: Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

Round 10 Sat 22nd February

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13E = Ben Johnson, Declan Dowling, Sam Kafer,
14E = Charlie Fisscher, Julian Di Ciano, Chris Kastropil,
15D = Ruben Ghannoum, Ashley Seeto, Joel Pilkington,
15E = Aidan Mann,
17B = Matthew Rath;
17D = Chris Keyes, Corey Carter, Brandon Ceravolo,
4ths = Clement Cupido, Matthew Oliver, Aidan Diaz;
5ths = Matthew Nichelsen, Robert Blanch

Last Week’s Scores

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor

1st XI 10/78 defeated by SPC 2/79 at Breen Oval – Sat 15 Feb 14

This match can only be described as a day when absolutely nothing went SPX’s way. The loss of early wickets and tight bowling by SPC made scoring runs difficult. SPX being bowled out for 78. Michael Roberts and Danisha Ediriwira top scoring with 15 each. SPX bowlers bowled some good lines with Mark Loughland and Ned McDermott Healey both taking a wicket but it wasn’t enough. SPC passing the total 2 down. A very disappointing day all-round for SPX who will need to lift for the final round prior to the semi-finals.
**SPX 2nds Cricket Report –  
Round 9: SPX V. St Patrick’s College at Oxford Falls**

In an excruciating nail biting game that went down to the wire, St Pius regrettably were defeated by the black, blue and gold, by one run, at Oxford falls on Saturday. Start of play was delayed by a heavy downpour, which meant a reduced overs game (46).

SPX won the toss, and sent St Pats into bat on a wet pitch. Three wickets in the sixth over had the SPX off to a flying start. Then the St Pats mid order dug in, and added to the run total. At the end of the reduced over innings (46 overs) Pius had taken 8 wickets for 115 runs. Best bowler was Luke Humphrey with 3 for 34.

St Pius openers Liam Mann (23), Michael Jordan (24), and first drop Luke Humphrey (4) had SPX off to our best start this season. At Over 18, we were sitting on a healthy 1/55, with St Pats 2nds looking very worried. Mid order batter, Jackson Brislan (35) took out total up to a healthy 7/108 with five overs to play out, and only 8 runs to win. Matt Kennedy (7) brought that run chase down to 4 runs, with one of the only 4’s in the game, before being dismissed.

Similar to the previous game, the pressure was on out tailenders. But this week, they came up two runs short of a victory. *St Pats could not believe their luck, with the loss of three quick wickets in over 44. SPX were all out for 114, unfortunately, one run short of a draw.*

This coming weekend sees us at home again against Central Coast Grammar - the final round of the competition. Then hopefully onto the ISA Semi’s.

*Carroll Inc. / Mr. Listo (Team Manager)*

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**ISA CRICKET AND ISA TENNIS REPRESENTATIVES 2013/14**

**Cricket:** Thomas Slack (12) and Michael Roberts (11)  
**Tennis:** Michael Jordan (12) and Daniel Filipe (11)

**NSTA TENNIS –** It was a very wet start to the tennis season with all games cancelled. In the case of wet weather, please check the wet weather on the school site or twitter. Please do not phone the tennis phone. We need to keep the line free to update the wet weather site and to contact the other teams playing at our home grounds. Only contact the tennis phone in emergency. Teams who are playing away are reminded that they are to contact the wet weather contact for the venue they are playing at. St Pius players are to be commended on the use of the wet weather procedures last week.

Hopefully the weather will be kinder next week. Please see the draw in *Woodchatta Extras.*

*Ms J Collings*
FOOTBALL: Dear Parents and Players, Results of the football grading will be announced to the students as soon as they are sent from the graders. This will occur hopefully sometime next week.

In exciting SPX football news, Socceroos World Cup coach Ange Postecoglou will lead an all-star panel when Chatswood’s St Pius X College holds a football luncheon on Friday 11 April. Joining Ange to discuss the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil are former Manchester United and Socceroo goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, Football Federation Australia CEO David Gallop and Fox Sports expert commentator Andy Harper. More information can be found in the woodchatta extras. Tickets can be purchased through trybooking www.trybooking.com.au/ECPF. Full details can be found in the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr Simon Yue - Senior Football 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: Regular sport at Oxford Falls. Training continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Trials for the Armidale Rugby Tour take place at lunch (see below). Pick-up is at 2.20pm in the carpark.

Rugby and Football (Soccer) - Winter Season: Just to clarify…. In the Junior School, we are able to cater for all boys who wish to play Rugby or Football for the College. As long as boys have elected to play for the school (via their sport choice form) and turn up to trial, they will be guaranteed a place in a team. Trials will begin in Week 8 of this term. We use external professional coaches to assist in grading our Rugby and Football players.

Rugby Tour: We will again be taking a Prep 1st XV Rugby Squad to Armidale for The Armidale School Rugby Carnival. This tour departs on 11th April and returns on 13th April. Selection trials for all Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport for the next two Thursdays (13th and 20th Feb). Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.

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* Knox Prep Outdoor: Sutherland Ave, Wahroonga (NB. Prep School, not Senior School)
* Weigall #4 : Enter Alma St, Paddington (drive past White City carpark and Grammar playing fields. Carpark and courts in NE corner at end of laneway).

Tennis: Roseville Tennis Academy whose staff run our Thursday Coaching Program have a pick-up service from the College should parents be interested in after school coaching (http://rosevilletennisacademy.com/index.php?main_id=1&sub_id=1)

NSTA Tennis: Please see Senior Sport section. The draw can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Softball Report Round 2: This week our game against Grammar Edgecliff was washed out. Next week we play against Tudor House, Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale. Please refer to school website for directions. Note time: 8:45 am for a warm-up.

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Mrs J Williams - Softball Convenor

St Pius X College
35 Anderson Street, CHATSWOOD  NSW  2067
Phone: 9411 4733    Fax: 9413 1860
Email: admin@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au  Website: www.spx.nsw.edu.au
The following information is contained within this week’s Woodchatta Extras.

Click on the link below to take you straight to that section:

1. MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES: Parenting Courses
2. CAREERS NEWSLETTER
3. NSTA TENNIS – DECODED DRAW
4. FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS
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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
TAX FILE NUMBERS – YEAR 10, 11 & 12
To obtain a Tax File Number via the College please collect a form from the student office and return ASAP. See Ms Janes for more details

THE AUTUMN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (ASE)
Applications now open! Apply now. Dates: Monday 14 to Thursday 17 April 2014.
ASE is an initiative organised by Engineers Australia, Sydney Division, ‘Engineering’ Universities and participating Rotary Clubs. The objective of ASE is to give Sydney metropolitan area high school students a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life.

ASE will bring together 50 Year 11 and 12 Students from Sydney Metropolitan Area and who are facing choices which will influence their future careers.

Engineers cultivate creative, enquiring minds, a strong interest in mathematics, science and the environment, and want to contribute to improving the quality of life for everyone. Within each engineering discipline there are many career paths from management to research and teaching, from construction and maintenance to sales and marketing. Engineering is a prestigious profession and is essential for a nation’s future development, creating wealth and employment which increases living standards throughout our societies.

For more information and application form see Ms Janes or visit www.engineersaustralia.org.au

UNSW SCIENCE PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING
UNSW Science invites Year 11 and Year 12 students and their parents to attend an information evening with guest speaker Professor Fred Watson AM, astronomer and popular scientist. Wednesday 26 March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington campus. Register online from February through www.science.unsw.edu.au/infonight

2014 ACS SEMINARS DATES ANNOUNCED
The Australian Careers Service is pleased to announce the dates for the 2014 ACS Seminars. Held in various locations across the country, expect all new speakers and presentations in 2014, along with information about exciting trades and courses that you can discuss with your students and clients. The ACS Seminars are free to attend and are a way to receive up-to-date career information directly from the source. For more information visit www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ACS or email acs@hobsons.com.au.

AIT INFO NIGHT
Tuesday, Feb 18 @6-8pm. AIT Info Night is for students and parents who want to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industry. This interactive seminar is a great way to get further information on AIT curriculum, course requirements, study pathways, and talk to AIT friendly staff & students. RSVP required: AIT Info Night (http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/info-night/info-night-18-feb-2014/).

THE GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE AS A FREE EBOOK
From the publishers of Job Guide, The Good Universities Guide has been redeveloped for over 23 years with the input of Australian career advisers, students and universities. Taking up from where Job Guide leaves off, what makes The Good Universities Guide unique is that it rates the quality of institutions and courses on offer against a comprehensive list of criteria relevant to students and their advisers. The digital edition of the Guide can be viewed at http://ebook.gooduniguide.com.au.

UNSW SCHOLARSHIPS EVENING (YEAR 11 & 12)
Save the Date: Tuesday 24 June – more information will be provided when available

UTS - IT COURSES AND SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION EVENING (YEAR 11 & 12)
Save the date: 11th June, booking is essential – (register on line from April) www.uts.edu.au

DISCOVERY DAY AT UTS (YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS) ENGINEERING AND IT
An all day, on campus program designed to excite, engage and build aspiration for Engineering and IT! Students participate in a series of hands on activities, hear from students and young professionals and have the opportunity to learn from senior academics. Dates: 18th July & 5th December. Contact Faculty Outreach Office (9514 2666) feit@uts.edu.au. Please see Ms Janes if you want to make a booking.
PROFESSIONAL CADETSHIPS AUSTRALIA
Our cadetship programs enable you to combine study at the University of your choice, with paid work at leading companies. To find out more about the opportunities available visit: www.businesscadetships.com.au. Applications are made online and open on 10th March 2014. Applications close on 14th May 2014. See Ms Janes for further information.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES: SCIENCE PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION
Wed 26th March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus
This information night for Year 11 & 12 students and their parents will introduce the Faculty of Science, give an overview of the science programs on offer, and provide information about student life at UNSW.
http://science.unsw.edu.au/events/infonight

FIVE STAR RATING FOR MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Macquarie University has been awarded a 5 star rating by the QS Stars rating system. The only other Australian universities to receive a 5 star rating are the ANU, UNSW, University of Queensland and Monash University.
http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/parent_information/connect_with_macquarie_newsletter/all__connect_articles/five-star_rating_for_macquarie/

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES & UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY FOREIGN LANGUAGE PARTNERSHIP
Under a new partnership between the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney, students at UNSW will be able to study Indonesian, Modern Greek and Italian at the University of Sydney from 2015 onwards.

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY: NEW DEGREES ON OFFER IN 2014
New degrees on offer from the University of Technology Sydney include the Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation, the Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Digital and Social Media), and the Bachelor of Design in Landscape. http://newsroom.uts.edu.au/news/2013/11/new-frontiers

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES: YEAR 12 MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING FOR NETWORK SCHOOLS
Thu 13th March, 6.30pm to 7.30pm
This evening provides a general overview of the Medicine degree offered by UNSW, as well as information about applications, admissions and more.
https://www.network.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.splash

ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT: INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE DAYS 2014
Wed 16th April, Wed 9th July & Wed 1st October, 10am to 3pm
Canberra & Sydney Campuses: These days are a great opportunity for students to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Registration is free for students in years 11 & 12.
http://www.aie.edu.au/ied

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2014
Fri 4th to Sun 13th April: National Youth Week is Australia’s largest celebration of young people aged 12-25. There are events to be held around the country, with a variety of opportunities to get involved available for young people. Event details will be released closer to the week.
http://youthweek.com/

ICE OPEN ACCESS 2014 PROGRAM
Runs weekly on Wednesdays, 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Information and Cultural Exchange, 8 Victoria Road, Parramatta
The ICE Open Access 2014 Program will be focusing on digital music production. People interested in producing music of any genre and who are of any skill level are invited to attend. The workshops will look at lyric writing, song structure, digital recording, digital instrument and beat production, and general use of technology and software. Register by calling Christian on 8821 9150 or Mayor on 9687 9901.

25 HOTTEST SKILLS THAT GOT PEOPLE HIRED IN 2013
LinkedIn, a social network for people in professional occupations, have released their 25 top skills that got people hired in 2013. The top 3 are Social Media Marketing, Mobile Development and Cloud & Distributed Computing.
http://blog.linkedin.com/2013/12/18/the-25-hottest-skills-that-got-people-hired-in-2013/

CPA AUSTRALIA CAREER EXPO 2014
The Certified Public Accountants Career Expo is a chance for students to connect with industry experts and employers. During the expo students will be able to get advice and information about careers within the accounting and finance industry.
Sydney: Tue 18th March, 5:30pm to 8pm at Sofitel Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney
Contact: careereXpo@cpaaustralia.com.au

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MY RESUME BUILDER
This website contains informative articles, resume samples and templates to ensure that you create an impressive

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CADETS
People between the ages of 12.5 and 20 can learn leadership, team building and survival skills, all while discovering
what life is like in the armed forces. Cadet groups are available in most areas and in the three main branches of the armed forces, the Army, Navy & Air Force. http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/cadets/

HSC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE
The calendar for 2014 HSC Practical Examinations has been released, and some dates have changed from 2013. Changes of note include the hand-in date for IT major projects (3pm on Thu 7th August), and the hand-in date for Design and Technology major projects (3pm on Thu 21st August).
The HSC Languages Oral Examination Timetable will be available on Wed 5th March.
Contact: examsupport@bos.nsw.edu.au or (02) 9367 8105.

10 WAYS AN ARTS DEGREE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
This article by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney, Duncan Ivison, highlights
10 ways that studying arts and social sciences can change the world. http://sydney.edu.au/arts/donors/change_world.shtml

SMALLER EARTH AUSTRALIA
Small Earth Australia provides numerous work and travel opportunities to Australian students. Their programs include
gap year opportunities, summer and winter season roles abroad, internships and volunteering. All programs include
sponsored VISA’s, medical insurance and continued support whilst overseas. These work and travel programs are
available in various lengths of time, ranging from one week to 18 months duration.
To find out more about the opportunities available and to apply for a program, visit:
http://www.smallerearth.com/au/

THE SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE: MID-YEAR EXAM REVISION LECTURES
Sat 8th to Sun 16th March, University of Sydney Camperdown Campus
These lectures are designed to help Year 12 students get ahead of their peers and increase their final ATAR. Subjects
covered include Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English, Mathematics & Physics

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WORLD CUP FOOTBALL LUNCHEON – 11 APRIL
Tickets are already selling fast for the inaugural Pius World Cup Football Luncheon at Doltone House on Friday 11 April. Some people have purchased entire tables! Tickets will be limited so get in early if you really want to come. Apart from the fabulous celebrity panel, you will be treated to a 3-course luncheon (from an award-winning chef) and all drinks. Please refer to the flyer on the following page.

We do seek further sponsors and donations for the silent and live auctions. In particular, we need a restaurant prize to accompany the “Lunch with Bozza” live auction item. Please contact: footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au if you’d like Mark Bosnich dining in your restaurant!

GRADING SELECTIONS
Danny Hurwitz, our Specialist Coach, will be finalising the recommendations from the grading sessions over the next week for Mr Yue. Please remember SPX is limited in the number of senior teams we can form because of the ISA competition (and the need to have opponents!). With well over 200 boys registered for grading, unfortunately a significant proportion will miss out on a Pius team.

NSFA CLUBS
Every year, for a variety of reasons, many Pius boys play for local clubs, often in addition to their school team commitment. Some clubs, such as Northbridge, Lindfield and Chatswood Rangers, field teams which are largely based on Pius players. In the past, local clubs have advised that whole team or individual registration may still be possible, even though the official registration period has closed. Parents of Pius boys who miss out on a school team, may consider contacting their local club to play football this season.

OPENS TEAMS (YEARS 11 & 12)
Any boy interested to play in one of the Opens teams should register through trybooking now! Trials matches have already started for the 1st XI, as Mr Quilty and Mr Yue work to finalise their final squad selections. Along with Mr O’Byrne, the senior coaches will then select the 2nd XI, 3rd XI, and possibly 4th XI (if the ISA competition allows). Use the link below, which will require you 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

GRADING FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAMS
Grading for Years 5 & 6 will occur within the regular sport time at Oxford Falls later this term. Please see Mr Scanlon (Junior Football Convenor) if you have any questions.

BBQ VOLUNTEERS
Sincere thanks to Maryann Back, Tanya Ceravolo, Rodger Paino, Luis Orbegoso, and Fran Lelli from the FC, along with the other wonderful parents - David Kelly, Cate Schyvens, Tim Johnson, Robyn Ventura, Sean Byrne, Mary Thompson, John Courtney and Katie - who managed the BBQ over the last two Sundays. A great profit of $900 will be put toward specialist coaching to support our boys’ teams.

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL SKILLS – YEARS 7 (13S), 8 (14S) & 10 (16S)
Football development sessions within sport time have commenced. 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 endeavor to organise extra training opportunities for them in March. 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)
If you would like to play a role in your son’s football experience at SPX, please consider joining our dedicated committee. 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
St Pius X College FC is proud to present the inaugural Football Luncheon celebrating the 2014 World Cup in Brazil

Guests of honour include

Ange Postecoglou
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

ST PIUS X COLLEGE
2014 WORLD CUP FOOTBALL LUNCHEON

Friday 11 April 2014
12pm—2:30pm
Doltone House
Jones Bay Wharf
Pirrama Rd, Pyrmont

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.

Sponsors welcome!
Contact: footballclub@poxdf.spx.nsw.edu.au

Book online at: www.trybooking.com.au/ECPF or complete credit card authority below and return to SPX College Administration Office

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Thank you!
St Pius X U12 Blue – 15/02/14 – Round 14
SPX Blue 67 (K. O’Brien 13, B. Sutton 10) defeated by Gordon Red 7/123 (A. Peterson ½, J. Healey 1/6)
The weather was overcast and lightly raining when players arrived at the field. The rain continued at varying intensity throughout the morning. Fortunately, the artificial surface at Northbridge Oval remained safe, though somewhat slow.

Gordon won the toss and elected to bat first. The first wicket taken was an impressive catch by Zac Bull off the bowling of Alec Paterson. Not long after Matt Bradley also took a catch off David Cass’s bowling. Matt then dispatched the next batsmen with a solo caught and bowled effort. At drinks, Gordon was 3/64, including 27 sundries due to some expensive fielding mistakes by our team. The second bowling spell saw the taking of four more wickets. Olli Sheather performed some excellent fielding back to the keeper for a run out. Jack Healey took the next wicket, clean bowling one of the Gordon players. Jack’s lightning reflexes and keen throwing arm also ran out another batsman. Wicket keeper Alec Paterson successfully stumped a batsman off the bowling of Adam Greenwood, possibly a first for the team. Well done boys. Also of special mention are Alec Paterson who achieved 1/2 including a maiden over, Jack Healey on 1/6 with a run out, Sam Barrell and Harry Clayton both on 0/5 off 3 overs, Baily Sutton on 0/6 off 3 overs, and Olli Sheather on 0/2 off 2 overs.

In reply, our batting proceeded slowly. Opening batsman Harry Clayton was caught unusually cheaply. Shortly after that Zac Bull was bowled, but only after before smacking a boundary. Of our batsmen, the best scorers were Kiefer O’Brien on 13 and Bailey Sutton on 10. Gordon gave away 23 sundries off their bowling which greatly assisted our tally.

Our bowling continues to improve, keeping the opposition run rate reasonably low. However, there were several fielding mistakes that Gordon was able to capitalise on, having a big effect on the outcome. Out total sundries were 56 against their 23. Whereas Gordon’s run scoring took advantage of the difficult fielding conditions, our run scoring was overly conservative and cautious given the four runs per over needed to be competitive.

Richard Boxall

St Pius X U13 White – 01/02/14 - Round 11
SPX White St Pius 150 (D Hall 35rtno, J Rayner 31) defeated by St Ives Johnson 5/164, Chatswood High School
This was the conclusion of our two day match in which, on Day 1, we stuttered at the start, then recovered with a very good ‘dig’ from Josh Rayner and Daniel Hall and, later, we bowled 19 solid overs to complete the day.

Day 2 required more of how we finished Day 1, but with rain never far away, the humid, muggy conditions seemed to affect our players and energy levels were low from the start. Many shoulders were down and it took little to distract our players in the field. Despite some extra urging from Rob, Ernie and other anxious parents during the game, nothing seemed to lift the mood.

Not long into the game, the thought of a good solid downpour and a draw made real sense, but the rain stayed away and we had to play-out the balance of the match.

Josh (0-9) was the pick of our bowlers with an excellent economy rate of 1.5 off 6 overs. Lukas Papangelis (0-10) was also very economical in his 4 overs. James Robinson (1-5) grabbed a wicket in his 2 over spell, which added to his solid effort with the bat on Day 1. Brendan Aikin (1-12) took a wicket as reward for his good bowling and made a big effort in the field; at one stage stopping a very difficult ball that was otherwise destined for the boundary. Harrison Crowe-Maxwell (0-17) may not have got a wicket and occasionally got hit, but overall his was a good spell of bowling. Pat Cass (0-10) also bowled well, delivering some nice full length balls. Tom Zwart (0-13) played his first game for The Whites this week and was nimble in the field and, had good enthusiasm.

While Harry Drewitt-Smith and Josh took good catches, this was the area of the match where we let ourselves down badly, dropping numerous balls over the two days, often at critical times. We had real chances to dismiss top-order St Ives batsmen that went down and this hurt us greatly.

Behind the wicket, we continued to let byes past (16 byes again this week) with monotonous regularity and our ‘no ball’ rate creep up to 15 by the end of the match. Coach Rayner had pleaded for a containment of ‘extras’, but his call went unheeded and we amassed 41 again this week ... at that rate, approximately 300-400 for the season so far. Ouch!

We have now let two good chances get away from us in the last 3 weeks and it’s hard not to be just a little disappointed, as we now face a ‘top 3’ team next week in what will be a tough game. Still, we’ve beaten top teams already this season and we’ll proceed to next week and have another ‘real go’, before we get to the semi/finals stage.

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St Pius X U14 Green – 15/2/14 – Round 14
St Pius X Green 5/118 (Liahm Williams 37, Alexander Bain 16no, James Brown 14) defeated by Lindfield Gilchrist 4/122 (James Brown 1/4, Martin Hopkins 1/5, Alexander Bain 1/9, Nathan Ignatius 1/6)

Captain James Brown won the toss for St Pius X and elected to bat. Opener Liam O’Connell (4) turned one off the pads beautifully for four runs behind square leg and showed some good form evading bouncers however he was out early when bowled on the last ball of the first over. Whilst St Pius Green continues to show some improvement in their batting unfortunately as a team they once again struggled to score a large total and put some scoreboard pressure on their opponents. The good line and length bowling and very good fielding and field placements of their opposition made it quite difficult but when there were opportunities to score more runs they were generally not taken. Liahm Williams (37) did get the scoreboard ticking over with four boundaries including two sixes but when attempting another big shot he skyed one high back to the bowler. Alexander Bain (16 no) and Bradley Pascoe (7 no) managed to put together a decent partnership before the close of innings. Alexander Bain (1/8) dug one in short on his very first ball and drew the batsmen into cutting the ball straight into the safe hands of Ryan Kelleher at point. Alexander was extremely unlucky not to grab a second wicket in his second over when two difficult chances were dropped. The opposition showed plenty of intent to score early scoring three boundaries in the first four overs, however some very good bowling once again by our first and second change bowlers, Martin Hopkins (1/5) and Ryan Kelleher (0/4) put the pressure right back onto Lindfield. Martin Hopkins bowled yet another fine short spell of bowling, really troubling the talented opposition batsmen on almost every ball and was rewarded with a key wicket, Andreas out LBW. The good bowling did not go unnoticed and the opposition coach was very complimentary of Martin and Ryan on their great short spells. James Brown (1/4) also bowled well again this week and although our first five bowlers applied plenty of pressure, kept the run rate down and went very close on a number of occasions, unfortunately the key wicket of Reynolds did not come in those early overs and he later went on to score a fine 42 not out. Lindfield went on to score victory after 19 overs however St Pius players can still feel proud of their performance.
WELCOME TO 2014 SEASON
SPX Rugby Club welcomes all players, Coaches, parents and supporters to the upcoming 2014 Rugby season.

The Rugby Club Committee has been working closely with the College sports staff during the off-season to ensure that we build upon the successes of the 2013 season and ensure that the 2014 season will be another fantastic year for SPX Rugby.

SPX Rugby is delighted to confirm the re-appointment of Francis Cullimore and Mike Penistone to the positions of SPX 1st XV Coach and Rugby Development Officer respectively for the 2014 season. This will provide SPX rugby with the continuity of high calibre external Coaches to build on the training & development programs which they established across all age groups in 2012 and 2013.

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2014 SEASON
Player registrations for the Senior School for the 2014 season will be done via an on-line registration system. All senior players must register on-line before 28th February to be eligible to trial for teams.

Please register for the 2014 season via the following link: http://www.trybooking.com/DZGA

Please note that you will require to indicate “1” for the quantity of tickets in order to proceed to the registration form for an individual player. Multiple players (siblings) can be registered in one transaction.

2014 SEASON – SPX TEAMS
Whilst the final numbers of teams for the 2014 season will be dependent on player registration numbers, it is likely that SPX Rugby will field similar numbers of Senior Rugby teams as in the 2013 season:

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Player numbers for the Junior Rugby teams are also currently being finalised.

2014 SEASON FIXTURES
The Senior Rugby teams will play 5 Trial matches (vs opponents from the GPS, CAS and ISA competitions) and 7 rounds of ISA Competition matches in 2014.

With the ISA Competition being structured in 3 Divisions again for the 2014 season, this season’s fixture list contains a BYE for the A teams in Round 1 (24th May). SPX Rugby will endeavour to arrange friendly fixtures on this date.

Details of the fixture dates, opponents and venues will be issued when all matches have been finalised.

TRAINING DAYS/TIMES/VENUES
Formal training sessions for the Rugby Season will commence during the week beginning Monday 17th March (Wk 8).

Details of training days, times and venues for each Age Group will be communicated closer to this date.

EASTER HOLIDAYS RUGBY CLINICS
After the success of the Rugby Clinics held over the past two seasons, we will again be running Rugby Clinics during the Easter holidays from Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April. Further details on these Clinics will be issued closer to the date.

SPX RUGBY CLUB DINNER 2014
Following the success of the SPX Rugby Club Luncheons in 2012 and 2013, in 2014 we will be moving the event to an Evening Dinner to enable more SPX supporters to attend this Annual function. The 2014 SPX Rugby Club Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 16th May.

We encourage all SPX parents & supporters to get along to the Luncheon which is the key fundraiser for SPX Rugby, with all proceeds going to fund Rugby training and development programs across all SPX Age Groups. Get together with a few other parents to make up a table for your son’s team or Age Group. We want all Age Groups to be represented at the Luncheon.

More details will be communicated shortly, but in the meantime please note this date in your diaries.

TEAM/AGE GROUP MANAGERS
All SPX teams will need a parent to act as Team/Age Group Manager to support the Coaches. The Managers will coordinate any assistance required by the Coaches by way of:

- communication with parents and players about arrangements for training/games; and/or
- any support needed on game days when the Coaches are busy warming up and preparing the boys for their games eg if any assistance is required to get parent volunteers to organise waterbottles, act as touch judges etc

Please contact me if you can assist you son by acting as a Team/Age Group Manager this season.

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KEY DATES IN 2014 FOR SPX RUGBY SUPPORTERS
Please note the following dates in your diaries – more details will be communicated closer to the dates:

- 14 March – P&F Cocktail Party
- 21-23 March – Opens Pre-Season Training Camp (Bundanoon)
- 29 March – Trial Match #1 vs Redfield (Home)
- 11-12 April – Prep 1st XV – Armidale Tournament
- 14-17 April – Easter Holidays Rugby Clinics
- 16 May – SPX Annual Rugby Club Dinner
- 24 May – ISA Round 1
- 24 May – P&F Trivia Night
- Term 2/Term 3 Holidays – Opens Rugby Tour (Queensland)
- 25-26 July – Parents & Supporters Trip to Orange
- 19 August – Rugby Presentation Night

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