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2014 COLLEGE OPEN DAY

The College Campus Inspection will be held on Saturday 22 March from 10am to 2pm. There will be opportunities to meet the Principal, staff and students at both our Chatswood and Oxford Falls campuses.

Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for further details.

From the Principal

ASH WEDNESDAY – THE SEASON OF LENT

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”
“Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return”

The College received the Ashes today as we entered the Season of Lent. Our focus this year is from Caritas Australia. “Have life and have it to the full” John 10:10. During Lent we pray, seek penance and give to those in need. We seek to build the human dignity of each person. We pray that we may renew ourselves in God for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ at Easter.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2014

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of Lent when we invite people across Australia to help raise money to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year, we focus on the desire for everyone to have a full and beautiful life, within the surroundings of a safe and secure home. “Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life... a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to its fullness.” - Pope Francis.

We will have a collection each day at school during Lent for Project Compassion.

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**SUMMER SPORTS FINALS**

Congratulations to the 10 basketball teams through to this week’s finals. We have had a brilliant season across the courts and commiserations to all those sides that did not go through to the Finals. Special mention to the First, Second and Thirds who had a great season but missed out.

In cricket, rain made the decision for the finals and commiserations to the First XI. Congratulations and good luck to the Second XI who made the Final.

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**COCKTAIL PARTY – FRIDAY 14 MARCH**

Please see the Parents & Friends section for details of the cocktail party on 14 March. This is a great night and I encourage all parents to get involved.

**P & F EXECUTIVE**

The Parents and Friends Executive is a hardworking team. Below is a photo of some of the Executive: Helen Mortimer, Christine Pedersen, Steve Johnson, Paul Hunt (President), Sandy Chetham, Mario Rosetto.

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**From the Assistant Principal - Mission and Identity**

Today our College marked the beginning of the Season of **LENT** with our **ASH WEDNESDAY** Liturgy in Our Lady of Dolours Church. Our Mission & Identity Prefects, Ryan Leigh, Sean Reidy and Andrew Silva, led the Liturgy with the readings and the reflection being a video from Caritas Australia on the great work they do, all due to the great support they receive through the Project Compassion Appeal.

The palm tree branches used on Palm Sunday last year to commemorate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, were burned during today’s simple ceremony to make the Ashes which were placed on our foreheads. This symbolic gesture that we use in our Church today certainly reminds us that we are all part of the creation of God.

Our Mission and Identity Prefects were joined by our Eucharistic Ministers and five Special Ministers from Year 11, Calum Fitzsimons, Nathan Mowad, Isaac Rayner, Oliver Szabo and Monty Weller, who offered our collective blessing on the Ashes that they distributed in our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. These ashes are the ancient symbol of both repentance and renewal. They are a reminder of change and growth – glorious new life arising out of death; care for others replacing individual concerns; the possibilities for transforming the world into an even more just and compassionate one. They remind us to turn to God and to our sisters and brothers, near and far, in a renewed spirit of love and generosity as we turn away from sin, being faithful to the Gospel.

Each member of the congregation were also presented with a Eucalyptus pinuclata leaf, reminding us of our land, paying our respects to the Cameraygal people but also as a reminder we too are a part of God’s creation. All were invited to keep the leaf over the next forty days of Lent; to feel and smell its natural oils but most importantly for it to be a constant reminder of our devotion to the penance of alms, fasting and prayer in this season of Lent.

Monday saw our commitment to **Willowood** continue with Matthew Buskariol, Anthony Saba, Tyran Collins and Chad Hazouris joining with Mr Whelan for this very warmly received weekly visit to the residents of Willowood. We received a lovely note from Samantha Scott, the Diversional Therapist at Willowood who wrote: “It was great to have you and the boys back visiting our resident’s at Willowood. They really do thoroughly enjoy your visits, especially chatting to the young boys.” Our Year 11 students will be visiting Willowood every Monday so please encourage your son to organise his visit with Mr Whelan or myself.

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Mr John Couani

Mr M Casey
From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN
Dear Parents,
Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests on the following dates: Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May.

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learnt and provides the College with valuable information that is used for further improvement of student learning.

Please ensure that appointments for your son are not scheduled for these days as it could mean he misses components of the testing.

Mr A Damo

From the Deputy Principal

APPRECIATION PAGES
Could I bring to the attention of parents the use of so-called ‘Appreciation Pages’ on Facebook and similar areas of social media and networking. It is highly likely they are not for the appreciation of the individual named at all, and can cause real issues for the person(s) involved, their parents and the College.

Such venues often become the arena for internet cyberbullying, inappropriate treatment of each other and a perfect place for so-called “trolls” to be negative and destructive.

Here are some sound questions upon which to base a conversation:
- Do you have a Facebook account?
- Do you have more than one or another (dual) social media accounts?
- What are your privacy settings?
- What do you think of appreciation pages?
- What have you been taught at school about such things?

The College runs a number of explicit programs in these areas: Digital Citizenship (Year 7), acma Seminars etc. and continues to recommend that parents inform themselves and each other in this vital area of their son’s development.

More information can be found at www.acma.gov.au and www.cybersmart.gov.au

Mr J Olson

Your P&F in Action!

FOOTBALL CLUB WORLD CUP LUNCHEON: Just a quick mention that the very exciting SPX Football Club World Cup Luncheon, with special guests Socceroos Coach Ange Postecoglou and former star keeper Mark Bosnich can be booked here at TryBooking

P&F GENERAL MEETING: A General Meeting took place on Monday night this week, and we thank all those parents who attended. We heard College progress reports from John Couani and Tim Long; a status report on the school’s emotional well-being from Rick Russo; and we gained insights into planned curriculum priorities from our new Assistant Principal for Learning, Alex Damo. Thank you for sharing your valuable time, gentlemen.

We also heard reports from the Football Club, Performing Arts Parents, Basketball Club, and we received a written Report from the Cricket Club. These reports, and the the Minutes from the meeting, will be available from this Friday on the new P&F Web Site here.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 CLASS & YEAR CO-ORDINATORS: The following wonderful Mums are helping us to get the good message to all parents: Ellen Coulits, Leanne Jacobson, Catherine Dixon, Jane Wilkins, Karen Fusca, Jennifer Sheldon, Janine Hearne, Juliane Bowen, Alison Green, Daniela Castro, Nerissa Davey, Clare Hamilton-Bate, Gabrielle Robinson, Isabella Hawthorne, Glenda Mullins, Tanya Ceravolo, Glenda Ryan, Carmel Sparke, Nicola Benlo, Kathleen Wellard, Jill Shadbolt, Christine Pedersen, Lisa Eismen, and Carmel Sparke.

YEAR 10 PARENTS BAREFOOT BOWLS! You don’t have to walk on to the SCG to feel a luscious lawn under your bare toes! On Friday 4 April you can join your fellow Year 10 parents and go Barefoot Bowling from 6.30pm-10.00pm. $30 per head includes tuition, 2 games of bowls and dinner. Drinks at club prices, at Chatswood Bowls Club. Book here at TryBooking You can also download more details here: Invitation Barefoot Bowls

COLLEGE OPEN DAY: The College will hold an open campus day on Saturday 22 March. If you have any friends or family who are considering an education at the College for their sons, it is an excellent chance to do some exploring.

2014 COCKTAIL PARTY! One of our premier social events is the Cocktail Party, and it is arguably our most fun! Friday evening 14 March at Oxford Falls. Only $40 per person which includes drinks and plenty of fine canapes! Click right here to book your tickets now!
MindMatters for Families

“MINDMATTERS FOR FATHERS”

- **A Retreat Day for Fathers Saturday 15 March 2014.** All fathers are invited to a day of spiritual reflection on their roles as husbands and fathers, and to hear some practical tips about raising a family. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

- We are also hosting this speaker for a **MEN ALIVE WEEKEND for dads and their teenage sons** later in the year. The P&F are sponsoring the event so please save the dates: 14th-16th November 2014. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

**FREE EVENT:** **ALCOHOL FUELLED VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY** - Tuesday 25 March, 6.45 – 9.00pm at Hornsby. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

MindMatters Activity: Paddleboarding - Friday 7 March 2014

A Paddleboarding activity is being held **this Friday 7 March.** The boys will leave the College at 3.15pm and travel by bus to Balmoral Beach, accompanied by several staff members. They can either be collected from Balmoral at 5.15pm, or return to school by bus for a 6pm drop off. This is a free activity and the boys will only need to bring money for a drink or for public transport home. They will need board shorts, cossies and towel, casual clothes to change into and a water bottle.

Please ensure your son has returned a signed permission slip to me, indicating how he is to get home.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

**Enrolment 2016**

The **ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR 2016** has commenced. Enrolment application forms are now available from the Registrar’s Office. Applications for enrolment for 2016 will close on Wednesday, 30 April, 2014. Please check the College website under the heading of “Enrolment Information” for further details.

The **COLLEGE OPEN DAY** will be held on Saturday, 22 March from 10am to 2pm. The Principal, Mr John Couani, will make an address at 12 noon.

Ms C Jennings and Ms M King

**Summer Sports Photos**

Summer Sports Photos (Senior & Junior) will be taken on Wednesday 12th March during Periods 1 & 2 in the Junior School Yard. Sports involved include Cricket, Basketball, Swimming, Squash, Softball & NSTA Tennis (Summer comp only).

All students require their full kit for all sports except Swimming & Squash who will be required to wear summer school uniform. 1st X1 & 2nd X1 Cricketers are to wear their cricket cap & College blazer over their whites.

Basic rule on the day is no sports uniform no photo. Students will have the opportunity to purchase photos at a later date.

Mr B Hoy – General Coordinator

**Performing Arts News**

**MEET THE MUSIC:** Students in Years 9 - 12 Elective Music Classes were treated to a fantastic concert last Thursday evening, featuring the film music of John Williams. Works performed included music from the soundtracks of Jaws, Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, E.T, the Extra Terrestrial, Empire of the Sun, Schindler’s List, Jurassic Park, Amistad, Harry Potter and Saving Private Ryan. There was animated and lively discussion in Music classes the following day, as the students re-lived some of their favourite moments.

**CAMPUS INSPECTION:** The Senior Jazz Band, Senior String Ensemble, Intermediate String Quartet and principal cast members of Honest Iago, will be performing and rehearsing at this event on Saturday March 22nd. A note will be sent home in the next week with all the details.

**HAJNOWKA CHORAL FESTIVAL:** Congratulations to Nektary Kotlaroff (Year 10) who will be touring to Poland and participating in this festival as a member of the Australian Russian Orthodox Church Choir. This is a once in a lifetime experience and we wish Nektary well with his preparation, as the youngest member of this group.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Thank you to the Senior Choir and Br Rafferty for your contribution to the two liturgies today.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Co-ordinator

**Homework Help**

Homework Help is held every **Monday to Thursday inclusive** after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre. 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
Attention Year 10 Parents

REMINDEERS:

1. **First Suitability Check**, The Year 10 Teaching Staff will be asked to complete the First Suitability Check for progression to Year 11, 2015 during the next two weeks.

2. **Year Ten Reflection Day #1**, All Year 10 students will be attending the Reflection Day at Oxford Falls next Friday 14th March. Casual clothes and enclosed footwear to be worn. Lunch will be provided.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Coordinator

Debating

Training has commenced and all teams are meeting from 3.30 – 5pm on a Friday afternoon as well as one other training time during the week. This has been organised with coaches and students are expected to attend all training sessions. Our friendly debates take place on Wednesday afternoon, March 19th and Friday evening, March 21st. Watch this space for Juggling News!!!

Mrs M Waterson – Convenor

Learning Enrichment Notices

- **Writers Wanted! Write4Fun Competition**
  Entries are open for any boys wishing to enter this competition. Writing can be any style on any topic such as poetry or short story on any theme. Great prizes to be won. Entries close **30th March**. Those boys interested can visit [http://www.write4fun.net/competitions](http://www.write4fun.net/competitions) to find out more to enter and come Compass Club Wednesday lunchtime to work on your entry.

- **Year 5 Willoughby Council Our Local Wildlife Short Story Writing Competition**

- **Harmony Day Poster Competition: Theme ‘Together We Can’**

- **What Matters? Writing Competition**
  What Matters? Is a writing Competition that gives students from Years 5-12 a chance to say what matters to them in society today.
  What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society?
  What would you change if you could?
  What do you want other people to care about?
  **Competition Closes Tuesday 6th May 2014**

Submissions are to be handed in at the student office – Attention: Mrs Spanyik by Friday 2nd May 2014.

Mrs B Spanyik - Learning Enrichment Teacher

Year 11 Geography

Our Year 11 Geographers travelled to the Sutherland Shire last week to investigate the changing impact of human activities along the Kurnell Peninsula with particular emphasis placed on The Towra Point Reserve. An investigative day had by all!

Mr M Pawlak – Geography Teacher

Old Boys vs Students Gala Day

**OLD BOYS VS STUDENTS GALA DAY SUNDAY 16TH MARCH**

Mr Quilty will kick off proceedings with a 10am Kickoff between his 1st XI Football squad and a star-studded team of past 1st XI Captains on Walsh Oval. This will be followed immediately by an 11.30am T20 Opens Cricket vs Parents/Friends/Old Boys match on Watkins Oval.

Meanwhile an Opens vs Old Boys Basketball match in the Christian Brothers Centre and an Opens Rugby – Old Boys Colts Training session at 12pm, coordinated to finish with an Old Boys BBQ lunch at 1- 1.30pm.

All welcome with positions still to be confirmed in the Basketball, Cricket and Rugby squads. Please contact Mr Brannan (9411 4733) for catering purposes or to register interest.

Mr S Brannan
Careers

Many students in Years 10, 11 and 12 took the opportunity to get informed and ask questions at lunchtime presentations this week. Both MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and the DEFENCE FORCE sent representatives to provide students with information about education and career pathways. Lunchtime presentations allow students to gain valuable insight into various occupations and educational opportunities available to them after they finish their secondary schooling. Visit www.mqu.edu.au and www.defencejobs.nsw.au for more information.

Over 100 students have applied for a Tax File Number this year. Once applications have been processed by the Tax Office, students will receive their TFN via Australia Post to their home address.

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

Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor

SPX Kokoda Expedition 2014

A wet Sunday provided a humid, if not hot, training opportunity for our June Kokoda Track preparations. Hiking from Mt Kuring Gai to St Ives via Bobbin Head, the Expedition Party made good time and paid our respects through a visit to the Sphinx Historical War Memorial at Turramurra along the way.

Our preparations now turn to Monday 17th March when balance of payments are due along with Full Medical Check forms for the booking of flights; April 9th Anzac Ceremony (Hyde Park); April 12th - 13th overnight hike; and local RSL Anzac services. Participating students should see me ASAP for their copy of “Kokoda Wallaby” to be read prior to the historian/author visit to Years 9, 10 and 11 History students on Friday May 2nd.

Mr S Brannan - Expedition Coordinator

Junior School News

CAMP AND CANBERRA: I trust that you all received the Junior School Newsletter last Monday and that the photos from the camp and Canberra prompted some good discussion with your son(s). The Year 5 camp and the Year 6 Canberra photos are now on eAccess. Please use your son’s password and go to eAccess, then Pastoral Care-Junior School.

I would like to thank the staff their dedication and for leaving their families so your sons could enjoy such a rewarding experience. Thankyou to the boys for their co-operative and helpful spirit while away on camp. A special mention to Mrs Iwatani and Mrs Williams (when she was on Year 6 last year) for their organisation of the Canberra trip. Below is a synopsis of the Camp and Canberra.

Further details and photos of the Years 5 camp and the Year 6 Canberra trip can be found in the Junior School Newsletter.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. As stated in the Junior School Newsletter, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of lent where we prepare for Easter by trying to become the best person we can. In order to do this we either give something up or promise to do something else. Giving up homework doesn’t count! It may be giving up soft drink and giving the money to the poor. We collect for Caritas, a Catholic NGO which provides aid within Australia and overseas.

P & F COCKTAIL PARTY: Don’t forget the P & F Cocktail Party on Friday 14th March. This is a great chance to catch up and meet new people in a social environment. I might see you there

AIS MATHS CAMP: Well done to the four boys who are at the three day AIS maths camp which concludes today. I hope that Cameron Fernandopulle, Keegan Aikin, William Oner and Samuel Walters are honing their problem solving skills.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
From the Junior Resource Centre

We need your HELP in the Library. We have over 600 new books which need covering. Mrs Iwatani has offered to open the library on Thursday to help with this. If you are able to come along to help cover the books we would all be very grateful. The teachers are anxious to get the books for the boys to begin their literature study. Mrs Martin and Mrs Hunt would be very grateful because we are feeling a bit overwhelmed with covering. If you can help on Thursday would you let Mrs Iwatani know by emailing her, siwatani@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au?

If you are able to help us in the library ongoing as well that would be wonderful. We need help with shelving, particularly the non-fiction section and there are always books to be covered and repaired in the workroom. If you are able to help on another day or regularly would you please email either Mrs Hunt or Mrs Martin. (rhunt@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au ; emartin@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) We would be very grateful.

Ms E Martin

We have received brochures from SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB for March; they have been handed to your son. Book Club orders are due Friday 21st March. If you wish to order books please send the order in with CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD RECEIPT NUMBER. We cannot take cash. Please ask your son to put the order in the silver box.

REMEMBER the PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE has now begun; the boys will be able to log on at the end of the month to record the books they have read. All the boys in Year 5 and 6 are expected to complete the challenge. Happy Reading

Ms R Hunt

Shorelink/Transdev Bus Passes

SHORELINK/TRANSDEV BUS PASSES have arrived for boys in Years 8-12 only and they have been asked to collect them. We have been advised that the passes for Years 5 - 7 will be here in the next two weeks - boys will be notified when their passes have arrived.

Ms R Gaston

Uniform Shop

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

- Uniform shop is now selling the winter uniform. All students return Day 1 of Term 2 in winter uniform.
- Blazers due approx. Week 10 (1/4/14). When payment has been received Blazers will be sent to students.

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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**BASKETBALL**

Excellent sportsmanship was what I saw. I was extremely impressed with the way our teams played and how they were willing to offer a hand to opposition players who had been knocked down in game play.

For those of you who like stats, last year we were in seven grand finals, this year we are in ten grand finals. All teams including those teams who were knocked out can be proud of their efforts and the exceptional way they represented us all. I was very proud of ‘us’ as a community including parents and friends supporting. Everyone’s approach to the day made for a competitive but pleasant day.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 2013 Basketball Awards Ceremony will be held at the College on Tuesday 18th March in the evening, starting at 7:00pm. All players are expected to attend. All players will be presented at the ceremony along with the presentation of all the Team Awards and Major Awards.

**Venue:** Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre; Herbert Street, Cambridge Park

### Grand Finals Saturday 8th March

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**Play of the day:** Harry Clay (Firsts) draws a foul, scores the basket and gets the ‘and one’ against a player who was twice his height. Harry’s contribution added to one our Firsts best games of the season. Well done.

**Game of the day:** The 5ths victory sets up a Grand Final bonanza; Mr. Brannan’s 4ths V Mr. Anderson’s 5ths

**Deserves a mention:** Tom Aposhian (Firsts Captain) saved his best till last with a a true captain’s knock.

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**ST PIUS X RUGBY 2014**

Training commences on the Tuesday the 18th of March for all sides from 13s to 16s. Opens training is well underway at Oxford Falls on Tuesdays and Thursdays with solid numbers attending. An important meeting of Open Rugby players and their parents will be held in the Sarto Centre on the 6/3 from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. This will cover our plans for the 2014 season and we will provide important information about nutrition and training.

Our first trial match will be against Redfield College on 29 March with a second trial against St Aloysius on 5 April. Venues and times will be advised in the coming weeks.

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**Waratahs play the St Pius X way**

Watching the first two Waratahs games is like watching some of our Pius games of last season and very much how we want to play the game this coming season.

Quick ball at the ruck, an attack line, playing close to the advantage line with good footwork, ball carriers looking to offload, more energy throughout the team and willingness to support, effective lower body tackling enabling Pius Hooper’s to get over the ball quickly and have a player at 15 with X factor if you kick the ball badly to him. Playing this way you have a pretty potent attacking philosophy and style.

This is very much how we want to train to play this season. We want our 7s to get to the ball quickly and produce more international players just like Michael. We want support from depth and in numbers. We want accurate passing and we want to chase any kicks with pace and enthusiasm.

This is a very simple approach but also a very rewarding one for players, spectators and coaches.

All our sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays should have team runs with everyone involved going the length of the field with accurate passing and support play. We should play this way for at least 20 mins at the end of each session. These 20 minute sessions can be started from any aspect of the game be it scrum, lineout, kick off, drop out etc. We have limited time so we have to train as close to the game as possible to maximise the time.

March 18th is our first session … see you then.

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**Mr S Hopley**

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**Mike Penistone** - Rugby Development Officer
CRICKET
1st XI Eliminated from ISA Division 1 Final Series. Finishing third after the home and away season placed the 1XI in the position of being eliminated should there be inclement weather. Unfortunately this proved to be the case. Congratulations to the players on a successful season and thanks to the Year 12 students: Danisha Ediriwira, Sam King, Mark Loughland, Ben Kennedy (Cricket Captain) and Sean Reidy (1XI Captain) and Tom Slack, who have now played their final matches for SPX.

2nd XI Progress to the ISA Division 2 Final. After the home and away season the 2XI finished second. Wet weather last Saturday which washed out the semi-final at Oxford Falls; therefore the 2XI progress to the ISA Division 2 Final against All Saints College Bathurst. SPX Cricket wishes the team the very best of luck and knows that they will play hard and determined cricket for the championship.

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All other matches washed out

Mr D Reay – Convenor

FOOTBALL
Dear Parents and Players,
We are still awaiting the final results from the external graders, as soon as I receive these, they will be posted on the Football noticeboard located outside the science block.

Have you got your ticket to the SPX World Cup Football Luncheon? Don’t delay as tickets are limited and selling fast. Check out this week’s Woodchatta Extras to read about some of the amazing prizes on offer including a lunch with former Manchester United and Socceroo goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, dinner with the A League all-stars and Juventus at ANZ stadium, VIP tickets to the Socceroos farewell match and a behind the scenes exclusive tour of Fox Sports Match Day. Make sure you buy your tickets through the trybooking website in order to secure your chance to get your hands on one of these exclusive and amazing prizes www.trybooking.com.au/ECPF. More details and advertising flyer can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr S Yue - Senior Football Convenor

NSTA TENNIS
Please see the decoded draw in Woodchatta Extras.

SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

YEAR 7: House: 1st Purton, 2nd Rice, 3rd Treacy, 4th Barron
        Individual: 1st James Bragg, 2nd Jack Berte, 3rd Thomas Hunt

YEAR 8: House: 1st Barron, 2nd Purton, 3rd Treacy, 4th Rice
        Individual: 1st Charlie Hammond, 2nd Griffin Kirwin, 3rd Luis Jerusalem

YEAR 10: House: 1st Tracey, 2nd Barron, 3rd Rice, 4th Purton
         Individual: 1st Sean Gilloot, 2nd Liam Houlihan, 3rd Kane Eden

Students selected to represent the College for the ISA championships will be handed out this week. The event is held at Chevalier College on 22nd March.
Training continues every Monday and Wednesday morning at Beauchamp 7.30 am start.

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: At Oxford Falls as per normal. Summer training for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis continues.

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. Final selection trial for all Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport on Thursday 6th March. Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.
Basketball: Congratulations to Michael Fakhoury who was selected for the CIS team for the State Championships. Michael will train with team until May and then compete in Bathurst over 4 days. Well done on a fine achievement.

*Please note the change of venue for the I and J teams

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

SOFTBALL Report Round 4
This week our game against Trinity Summer Hill was washed out. Next week we have a BYE.

Jennifer Williams – Softball Convenor

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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. **COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

2. **MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES:**
   - Fathers’ Retreat Day Flyer
   - A Weekend for Fathers & their Teenage Sons Flyer
   - FREE EVENT: Alcohol Fuelled Violence in our Community Flyer

3. **CAREERS NEWSLETTER**

4. **NSTA DECODED TENNIS DRAW**

5. **CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

6. **FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

7. **FOOTBALL CLUB LUNCHEON FLYER**

8. **FOOTBALL CLUB LUNCHEON – LIST OF PRIZES**

9. **RUGBY CLUB NEWS**

10. **OLD BOYS NEWS**

11. **GENERAL NOTICES**
    - Student Exchange Program to France next Christmas
    - Catholic Care: Funded training opportunities for single parents
ST PIUS X COLLEGE
Open Day
SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
10AM - 2PM

Meet the Principal, staff and students at our Chatswood and Oxford Falls campuses
• School tours, exhibitions, band performances, BBQ
• Principal’s Welcome - 12 noon - Chatswood

Enrolling for Years 5, 6 and 7, 2016 from 3rd March, 2014.
Applications close 30th April 2014.

35 Anderson Street
Chatswood NSW 2067
PH 9411 4733

Treacy Education Complex
1 Dreadnought Road
Oxford Falls NSW 2100

www.spx.nsw.edu.au
MindMatters: RETREAT DAY FOR FATHERS

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RETREAT DAY FOR FATHERS

INCLUDES

- THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD
  Bishop Terry Brady will draw upon his pastoral experience to explore the vocation of fatherhood.

- TOOLS OF THE TRADE
  A Fatherhood Workshop with Robert Falzon (menALIVE). Get practical tips about raising sons and daughters.

- SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

- BBQ LUNCH
  Get to know other dads over a BBQ lunch

RSVP & INQUIRIES 9390 5290 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org

The Life, Marriage and Family Centre of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites all fathers to a day of spiritual reflection on their roles as husbands and fathers, and to hear some practical tips about raising a family.

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2014
8:45AM BEGINS WITH MASS
3:00PM RETREAT CONCLUDES
MARYMOUNT MERCY CENTRE,
36 DAVID ROAD, CASTLE HILL
COST $10 INCLUDES BBQ LUNCH

Robert Falzon  Bishop Brady
Growing Good Men

A weekend for dads and their teenage sons (13-17 years)

Enquiries
Joseph Calia
0416 863 814

Simon Hyland
soil@exemail.com.au
0427 991 272

REGISTER NOW!
Spaces are limited.
...get reconnected!

'Stating Good Men' is a unique opportunity for dads and their teenage sons to embark on a quest of discovery.

A son's relationship with his father can be a powerful guiding force as he wrestles with the questions of what kind of man he is becoming. The most important ingredient in this relationship is time.

Take time out together to get reconnected in an environment which fosters honesty, mutual respect and a hunger for more out of life.

GOD IS GLORIFIED WHEN MEN ARE FULLY ALIVE
St Irenaeus

www.menalive.org.au

The journey to manhood should not be taken alone!

SYDNEY
NSW

14-16 November 2014
at Mulgoa
Alcohol fuelled violence in our community

Essential new information for parents, professionals and local services covering:

- Alcohol issues in Australian society – what can we realistically do?
- Teenagers and alcohol

Featuring Paul Dillon – keynote speaker and bestselling author of Teenagers Alcohol and Drugs. Regarded as a key social commentator, Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth Development Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide insight and answer your questions.

When: Tuesday 25 March 6.45pm-9pm
Where: Hornsby RSL (main showroom)
4 High Street Hornsby
(Hornsby RSL supports local community initiatives)
RSVP: Please call Paul Stuart on 9477 8729 or email pstuart@nsml.com.au
DEFENCE JOBS AUSTRALIA: ARMY OFFICER FACEBOOK CHAT
Thursday 6th March, 6:30pm – 8pm (AEDT). Speak to a current Army Officer and find out what happens day to day, what training you will receive and see how you could become a leader in the Australian Army. https://www.facebook.com/events/728640210489205/

UNSW: HEALTH CAREERS KIT 2013
This document, developed by the University of New South Wales, contains information about going to university, allied health/medicine/nursing programs at a range of universities, and more. http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/rcshealthcareers2013/

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY: THE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS
The Academy at UWS offers substantial financial support for high-achieving students who are committed to academic excellence and to making a contribution to their community. Scholarships include the VC Leadership Scholarship, valued at $10,000 per year, and the Dean’s Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship, valued at $5,000 per year. The University of Western Sydney also offers other scholarships. http://www.theacademy.edu.au/scholarships

METRO SCREEN: SCREEN & MEDIA CAREERS INFO NIGHT
Wed 26 March, 6pm to 7pm, Corner of Oxford Street & Oakley Road, Paddington
Hear from industry professionals about how they started and what has helped them achieve careers in the screen and media industries. http://metroscreen.org.au/event/screen-media-careers-info-night

THE SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE: GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE TIME SPENT AT SCHOOL
This article discusses some ways for students to make the most of their time at school so that they can spend less time after school working. http://www.tsfx.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/HSC-2014-Study-Tip-2.pdf

HSC IN THE HOLIDAYS: HSC TERM 1 SEMINARS
Mon 17th & Tue 18th March, UOW Wollongong & UOW Southern Sydney
These seminars provide students and parents with the opportunity to hear from experts about how students can achieve their best during the HSC this year. http://hscintheholidays.com.au/term-1-hsc-seminars/

SYDNEY DESIGN 2014
Sat 16th to Sun 24th August. Sydney Design is a festival that focuses on how designers and producers are harnessing the new technological revolution to create their products. The festival will include workshops, exhibitions, and more. http://sydneydesign.com.au

CAREERS IN THE SIGN AND GRAPHIC DESIGN INDUSTRY
This website focuses on the range of careers in the Sign and Graphic Design Industry. It includes a list of available apprenticeships by state, career guidance & more detail about the Sign and Graphic Design Industry. Contact: peterh@visa.org.au or (02) 9868 1577 http://www.signcareers.com.au/

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA AUTUMN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
Mon 14th to Fri 17th April. The Autumn School of Engineering is for Year 11 & 12 Students from the Sydney Metropolitan Area who want to meet professional engineers and get more information about future careers in Engineering. http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney-division/valemus-autumn-school

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA UPCOMING EVENTS
Engineering Careers Expo: Tue 18th March, 2:30pm to 6pm – Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney-division/engineering-careers-expo

A CAREER IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY
Students interested in a career in radiation oncology or those exploring their options can use this site to gain better insight into the field of radiation oncology and what the job entails. Students are able to read career stories and learn how to start a career in this field. http://www.acareerinradiationoncology.com.au/

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AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC ANZANG NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

DEFENCE JOBS AUSTRALIA YOUTUBE CHANNEL
The new Defence Jobs Australia YouTube Channel is the organisation’s sole video channel. The site can be of use to future ADF applicants to research job roles and get an understanding about life in the Defence Force. http://www.youtube.com/defencejobsaustralia

CAREER BULLSEYE POSTERS
The Bullseye posters reflect possible career options and training requirements for 33 subjects. The occupational titles are in line with Job Guide’s profile titles. There are also ten Biographical Bullseyes that feature a subject Bullseye and photographs with short career biographies of two young people who studied that subject and the pathway they followed. http://education.gov.au/career-bullseye-posters

Do you enjoy or are you good at ART?
Have you considered the occupations above?

Usual training requirements
LEVEL 1 Usually has a skill level equal to the completion of Year 10, the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, Certificate I or Certificate II qualification. Australian Apprenticeships may be offered at this level.
LEVEL 2 Usually has a skill level equal to a Certificate III or IV; or at least three years relevant experience, Australian Apprenticeships may be offered at this level.
LEVEL 3 Usually requires a level of skill equal to a Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Study is often undertaken through TAFEs or Registered Training Organisations. Some universities offer studies at this level.
LEVEL 4 Usually requires the completion of a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification. Study is often undertaken at university.

This chart shows a selection of jobs that have some relation to the subject of ART. The four education and training levels are to be used as a guide only. These levels indicate the most common education and/or entry requirements for these jobs.
For further information visit www.jobplus.education.gov.au and www.myfuture.edu.au

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St Pius X U12 Blue – 1/3/14 – SF

On a rainy wet morning down at Gore Hill Park, it was with great disbelief that the umpires gave the go ahead to play. The boys were as enthusiastic as ever – the parents a little less so.

North Sydney Gold won the toss and elected to bat. Their opening batsmen, one with more than a passing resemblance to Clive Lloyd, were tough to get out in the wet, sticky conditions.

After they scored 20 quick runs, Matt Bradley eventually broke the partnership with a brilliant return to the keeper, Alec Paterson for a run out. Matt created further havoc when he took 2 consecutive wickets in the 7th over. Everyone held their breath for the next ball, hoping for the illusive hat-trick. Although that was not to be, Matt finished the over with his first maiden. Another of their batsmen dug in scoring 22 runs before Keifer O’Brien clean bowled him. Jack Healey took a cheap wicket before he too executed a great return to keeper for a runout. Unfortunately, he rolled his ankle in the process and was unable to bat. Oli Sheather, bowling beautifully all day, completed his final over with 2 consecutive wickets – both clean bowls. We’ll be holding our breath all the way till next season to see if Oli manages a hat-trick! North Sydney Gold finished their innings on 101, certainly an achievable tally for the Blues so no amount of rain was going to stop them from trying.

Zach Bull and Harry Clayton opened the batting with a strong partnership that lasted for 7 overs before Zach was bowled out. The next wicket fell cheaply and Harry retired on 13 to have a rest and warm up. Bailey Sutton and David Cass took over and although not a high scoring partnership, did preserve their wickets well. At drinks we were 4/44, only 4 runs behind our opponents. This was his longest stint at the crease this season. Our final score was 81. With a bit more aggression with the bat, we could have made it over the line in this match.

So, the Blues sign off for this year. They’ve all improved so much over this season, but above all, they’ve enjoyed playing together, learning together and having a whole lot of fun together.

Nancy Healey

St Pius X U14 Red – Rain Delay - Replay of Rnd 15
SPX Red 7/133 (J Maclaine 23no, B Jones 18no, T Lowe 10, P Howe 5 on his birthday, J Brown 40no, A Bain 33no, L O’Connell the winning run no) Defeated by SPX Green 5/134 (N Slack 3/10, P Howe 1/10, L Williams 1/15, R Kelleher 2/18, P Leahy 1/0)

SPX Green Won the toss and elected to bowl on the pristine Oxford Falls pitch. The weather a perfect cricket day, a light breeze to temper the late summer sun. Brislan and Jones faced off the new ball, a less familiar task of late but both challenged the line and length of Williams and Bain. It was the first change bowlers of Kelleher and Hopkins that made the first breakthrough with an LBW apiece.

Jones shuffled partners with May taking up the striking role but another breach this time by Leahy just before the drinks break saw the red team amble to 3/56. The batting plan saw Lowe slip in for the not out Jones at the break and join Maclaine for a short sharp blast, having scored 10 runs in his entire career, Tom shone with solid strikes and great running to reach his a new PB of 10.

Continued quality bowling restricted the run rate and took crucial wickets at opportune times, the Red team continued to pursue the challenge but when the more traditional batsmen arrived much of the time had been lost. One hundred and thirty three runs was about par, a challenge to get but certainly not out of reach. The view taken by the Green team batsmen would be to build a foundation, make a start and see where the path leads.

Slack was having none of this of course, his second over saw Hopkins caught by Thompson, his third saw good mate Kelleher walking back having claimed the catch himself. Brown and Williams set about a rebuild whilst the Red team rotated their attack effectively. Drinks saw the Green team only 9 runs shy of Red team mark which both teams would have used as evidence of the chance of success.

The Red team used all 12 players to bowl and whilst there was an occasional erant over, the run rate was pinned down substantially limiting the effect of the strong middle order of Williams, Bain and Carrall. As the required rate climbed to 17 off the last 2 overs there was nothing left but to hit out, 10 runs made a big impact and transferred the pressure back onto the Red team. Captain Robertson tossed the ball to Slack seeking resolution and first ball saw a sharp caught behind to dismiss Carrall. An uncharacteristic wide saw an extra ball bowled, a bye, a single and the Greens were a run behind.

Parker took the gamble but delivered the ball to Slack who took his 4th wicket this time a run out and the sidelines began erupting. 2 balls, 2 runs. Bain faced a good ball and secured the draw leaving O’Connell to face the last, a fast delivery swung into the stumps and made contact with Liam’s swinging bat to pop over the top of the field.

As it turned out a great way to finish the season for both sides, success was written not in victory but in the manner in which the game was played. Respect is earned and players on both sides have enjoyed 2 great battles. Some of these players will no doubt play together in years to come, they will do so confidently having played out a memorable moment of SPX Cricket.

Coach : Alex Slack
FOOTBALL LUNCHEON – Ange’s ONLY Sydney appearance before World Cup!
Tickets are already selling fast for the inaugural Plus World Cup Football Luncheon at Doltone House on Friday 11 April, with several companies buying whole tables! Apart from the fabulous celebrity panel, you will be treated to a 3-course luncheon (from an award-winning chef) and all drinks.

The fun football prizes are rolling in. How about a VIP LUNCH WITH MANCHESTER UNITED AND SOCCEROO LEGEND MARK BOSNICH for you and two friends?

You could do DINNER WITH THE ALL STARS AND JUVENTUS at ANZ Stadium.

Or, you could have VIP tickets and merchandise for the SOCCEROOS FAREWELL MATCH FOR THE 2014 FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL which is on 26 May!

What about a unique insider’s view of TV football with a FOX SPORTS MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE for two, with the crew at an A-League match?

Check out the World Cup Football Luncheon FLYER AND PRIZE DETAILS on the following page. Please note, we are still seeking a restaurant donation/sponsor for the “Lunch with Bossa”.

Please contact: footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au if you’d like Mark Bosnich dining in your restaurant!

BOYS WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL…
Grading recommendations have been delayed in getting to Mr Yue but he hopes to have squads up by the end of the week. We had over 250 boys register for 160 spots, so unfortunately around 90 boys will miss out on a Pius team. Neighbouring local clubs, including Chatswood Rangers, Wakehurst, Northbridge, and Lindfield have indicated there are player vacancies in some of their teams. Once SPX squads are out, the FC will alert those who’ve missed out and link them up with others in their year level, so you may consider going as a group or individual to a particular club.

ISA COMPETITION 2014 – 14 TEAMS!
The college executive has tried very hard to increase the number of SPX teams who can play in the ISA competition. There’s been some success. SPX will field 13ABC&D, 14A&B, 15A&B, 16A&B, and four Opens teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th XIs).
Any Open age players who haven’t registered should do so now!

http://www.trybooking.com/EDQ8B or http://www.trybooking.com/72749

AGM
It was disappointing to not see any new faces at the AGM last night. The current committee have worked very hard to improve the quality of your football experience at SPX but we do need some more help. We have an ambitious agenda for 2014 and some additional “general members” to undertake many of the smaller tasks of the FC would be welcome. It’s not too late. Just come to the next meeting on Tues 1 April or contact the FC to offer your help. Thank you! All the new office bearers are the old office bearers! We are all continuing on doggedly this year. Thank you to the dedicated committee.

GRADING FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAMS
Grading for Years 5 & 6 will occur within the regular sport time at Oxford Falls from Thurs 20 March. All boys who want to play football will be graded into teams. Please see Mr Virgona (Junior Sports Master) if you have any questions.

FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP - APRIL
Following the great success last year, Danny Hurwitz will coordinate another quality football skills camp in the first week of the April Holidays. Exact days will be confirmed shortly, but will include bus transport to and from Chatswood. Stay tuned!

Donna Patterson (President) – patt.donna@hotmail.com
SPX Football Club Luncheon Flyer

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

Brett Emerton
World Cup Socceroo 2006 and 2010

Andy Harper
Fox Sports commentator and NSL Championship winner

Mark Bosnich
Fox Sports commentator and ex-Socceroo

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@panef.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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VIP LUNCH WITH MANCHESTER UNITED AND SOCCEROO LEGEND MARK BOSNICH
Mark Bosnich is Australia’s most decorated footballer, winning a World Club championship and the English Premier League title with Manchester United and the English League Cup at Aston Villa. He played 17 times for the Socceroos and was the No. 1 goalkeeper at the Barcelona Olympics, the 1997 FIFA Confederation Cup and throughout the campaign for the 1998 FIFA World Cup. Now a leading football analyst with Fox Sports, “Bossa” is one of the most popular celebrities in Australian sport. You and two friends can share an exclusive lunch with Mark Bosnich at a leading Sydney restaurant. A lifetime of memories and football stories over a sumptuous meal. Once in a lifetime opportunity to rub shoulders with greatness. Prize courtesy of Mark Bosnich.

DINNER WITH THE ALL STARS AND JUVENTUS
The FOXTEL A-League All Stars face the mighty Juventus FC at ANZ Stadium on Sunday 10 August. The Italian champions will bring a glittering array of stars to Sydney – Tevez, Pirlo, Buffon and Vidal. The A-League All Stars will be captained by the maestro Alessandro del Piero, the former Juventus captain who will play against his former club for the first time ever. A night of history and scintillating football awaits you and a friend. This package includes two VIP tickets and dinner. Courtesy of ANZ Stadium.

SOCCEROOS FAREWELL MATCH FOR THE 2014 FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL
Let’s get behind the Socceroos on the road to Brazil. Two VIP tickets and Socceroos merchandise will get you in the mood and close to the action at ANZ Stadium on Monday 26 May. It’s the Socceroos v South Africa just days before the team heads to the FIFA World Cup and a showdowns with the world’s best. The nation will unite for the Socceroos and your voice will be adding to the roar! Prize courtesy of Football Federation Australia.

FOX SPORTS MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE
Ever wondered how the magic of television works? Take an insider’s view on the exclusive Fox Sports Match Day Experience. You and a friend will go behind the scenes as the Fox Sports producers and commentators prepare for live coverage of a Hyundai A-League match. Visit the multi-million dollar outside broadcast trucks, join the pre-game production meeting and watch the match unfold with the Fox Sports crew. It’s live TV like you’ve never seen it before. Prize courtesy of Fox Sports.
2014 SEASON – PLAYERS TO REGISTER ASAP: 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 ASAP before being eligible to trial for teams.

Please register for the 2014 season via the following link: [http://www.trybooking.com/D2GA](http://www.trybooking.com/D2GA)

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 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 co-ordinate 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.

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

Liam Ward - SPX Rugby Club - 0417 981827 - maildraw@bigpond.com

> WARATAHS VS REBELS – FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2014

Save the date! The SPX Rugby Club will be organising a bus to go to the Waratahs Vs Rebels on Friday night 21/3/14 for interested boys and parents. There are only 48 places available. Information with regards to costs and times will be in next weeks Woodchatta.

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SPX OLD BOYS AGM
Last night the SPX Old Boys Association was held and I’m pleased to announce the 2014 committee;

Barry Wong ’68 – Vice President
John Reid ’68 – Treasurer
Charles Kilby ’80 – Secretary
Sean Brannan ’86 – College Liaison
Br David Curtin ’68 – Committee Member
Bill Gleeson ’72 – Committee Member
Brett Laird ’82 – Committee Member
David Bullard ’82 – President

Thank you to all those who have given up their time to serve on the committee for the betterment of the College and all Old Boys. I look forward to working with the committee in 2014.

GALA DAY – STUDENTS VS OLD BOYS – SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2014
The annual Gala Day will be held at Oxford Falls on Sunday the 16th March where a variety of sports will take place followed by a BBQ.

EDMUND RICE DINNER – 30TH MAY 2014
Save the date! The annual Edmund Rice dinner will be held on Friday 30th May at Daltone House in the city. More details will be provided in the coming weeks

OLD BOYS NEWS
If you have some news for the old boys that you would like included in this section, please let us know at; info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au

SPX OLD BOYS RUGBY – BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB SYDNEY

BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2014:
Preseason training is well underway and we are eagerly awaiting the start of the season. It’s not too late to join in, so check the website for details; www.brothersrugby.com.au

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Student Exchange Program to France next Christmas

Exchange your family for a very nice French one.
Vendez-vous échanger votre famille contre une famille française?

The Hunters Hill-Le Vesinet Friendship Committee is looking forward to go to France for winter Christmas vacation. Le Vesinet, one our municipalities, is 20 km from Paris. 

When you have been in France, you will fall in love with French countryside and its winter following high quality. You will have a chance to experience French culture and tradition in our famous chateaux.

A dedicated committee of students has not yet finished their exchange program for over 20 years. We are happy to announce that it is a great opportunity for you to join in their new exchange program. Please visit our website for more information or contact us at schooladmin@huntslevesnet.org.au

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