From the Principal

**PRAYER FOR YEAR 12**
Loving God, as Year 12 begin this time of exams,
Help them to stay focused. Give them a clear mind,
to perform to the best of their ability.
Help them to study with dedication, faith and hard work.
Grant them silence so that they may process the knowledge they have obtained.
Let them sleep peacefully at night, so that they will be refreshed and renewed
for their upcoming exams.
Be with them, gentle God, during these days.
Please sustain them, O Lord.
Help them to be satisfied with the work they have done.
Amen.

Blessed Edmund Rice  Pray for Us
Live Jesus in our Hearts  Forever.

**AUNT GRACE’S 5 TIPS** *(From the Vital Staff Newsletter #29)*
Great Aunt Grace lived by Six Daily Rules:
1. Do something for someone else.
2. Do something for myself.
3. Do something I don’t want to do but needs doing.
4. Do a physical exercise.
5. Do a mental exercise.
6. Do an original prayer that always includes counting my blessings.

This Thursday the leaders from the student MindMatters team will promote **R U OK Day** within the school. The theme of the day is “A conversation could change a life”. **R U OK day** aims to promote mental health and wellbeing. Some of the world’s smartest people have been working tirelessly and developed credible theories that suggest there’s power in that simplest of questions – “Are you OK?”

At St Pius we are proud of our community and our connectedness in Christ. We aim to empower the boys to integrate both psychological and spiritual opportunities when they are struggling with life’s difficulties. Our student leaders go a long way in building a supportive community.
PARENTS AND VISITORS COMING TO THE SCHOOL: A reminder to parents that St Pius X College is protected by the Inclosed Lands Protection Act. Unauthorised entry during school operating hours is prohibited.

All visitors (including parents) must report to College Reception. Parents should not enter the school playground to see their son but rather come to the office where he will be contacted.

YEAR 11 END OF PRELIMINARY EXAMS: Year 11 have commenced their end of Preliminary Year Exams. Please keep them in your prayers.

NAPLAN: The NAPLAN results for Years 5, 7 and 9 were distributed to students on Friday of last week. Parents are asked to check that they have received the NAPLAN results for their son. If there is an issue please contact Mr Long (Junior School) or Mr Damo (Senior School) at the College as soon as possible.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: Students should be at school every day right through to the last day of term, Friday 19 September.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: Fr Paul would like to extend a welcome to all staff (and students) at St Pius X College, Mercy College and OLD Primary School to attend our Parish Feast Day celebrations this Sunday 14th September. We are having an International Food and Cultural Fair and this will be held in the Rotunda area from 12 noon. Please come along and join in our celebrations.

OLD BOYS’ DINNER: The St Pius X College Old Boys Association Annual Dinner was held last Friday 5 December at the Chatswood Club, and the assembled alumni were led in prayer by Old Boy Priest Fr Paul Roberts (College Captain ’79). Please see the full report and photos in the Old Boys section in Woodchatta Extras.

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

NO MID YEAR EXAMS IN 2015 FOR YEARS 5 TO 9

WHAT IS THE ANSWER OR WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Recently the College has decided that from 2015 there will no longer be Mid Year Examinations for Years 5 to 9. This may seem a simple decision yet it is a fundamental step in transitioning from an Industrial model of teaching to a Post Industrial approach to learning. This is a challenge for most schools.

The Industrial model of education was developed in an era that prepared students for employment in an industrial workforce. Testing was the fundamental method to assess if students had achieved the required skills. It is a system that was dependant on memorisation and students were assessed on their ability to recall key facts and concepts. These are still valuable learning tools but are they the best methods to encourage critical thinking?

During the Industrial era, life was divided into stages: School, work and retirement. The often heard statement, ‘I didn't learn that at school’ promotes this view. We now value the idea of ‘lifelong’ learning and this is critical in the new technological era because if we limit our knowledge to what we learnt at school we will soon become obsolete.

In the Industrial Model of Education, students are asked, ‘What is the answer’? This emphasises discipline and ‘learning to the test’. Even today, we hear our students ask, 'will this be in the exam?’. In Post Industrial, we ask, “what do you think”? It encourages ‘character’ and a love for learning. If we can engender in our students a love for learning we are on the way to developing them as lifelong learners and ensuring they keep pace in a rapidly changing world.

Moving away from examinations in the Junior years provides more opportunity to be able to ask our students what they think. It aligns with the EREA Touchstone, ‘Liberating Education’ where we open hearts and minds through critical reflection and engagement.

However, in NSW we are still faced with the responsibility for preparing our students to sit the HSC examinations. A question is, how early should we start? If we start too early are we maintaining the Industrial model of education and limiting our educational endeavours? We need a balanced approach.

The Australian curriculum promotes this shift to Post Industrial Education and this will gain further momentum as new courses are implemented across all stages.

At the dinner table ask your son, “what do you think”? Let me know on feedback@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Mr A Damo

Mr J Couani
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

On Monday 8 September, Brother Rafferty’s Year 10 RE class led our College Assembly in Prayer in celebrating the feast day of the **birth of Our Lady**, Mother of God and our Mother. As we celebrate Mary’s birthday we continue to ask her to show us the way to Jesus. Happy birthday Blessed Virgin Mary!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Last Wednesday the following Year 10 students - Hamish Book, Thomas Bleasdale, Alex Di Ciano, Marcus Huth, Kane Eden, Adam Gaskill, Alex Halliday, Liam Houlihan, Tom Graziotto, Michael Haratzis, Harry Heaney, Nic Parker, Matthew Kennedy, Josiah Liang, Billy Moran, James Sutton, Benjamin Rigby, Adriano Riviezzi, Matthew Ross, Hugh Roberts, Christian King, Jordan Smith, Keenan Smith, Sinclair Suhood and Adrian Talarico - joined with 300 fellow Year 10 students across 15 schools in the Broken Bay Diocese at a **Social Justice Day** to learn and be challenged to live out their faith and contribute to a just society. Pius once again offered its facilities at Oxford Falls to the Diocese to host the event run by the Broken Bay Office, including input provided from speakers from The Edmund Rice Centre.

As our leaders of tomorrow, it is a powerful lesson for our young men to take on board that can certainly have an effect on Justice and Peace in our world. Our boys on their return commented how appreciative they were of this opportunity, as well as the opportunity and freedom in which they are allowed to discuss these issues within their classes at Pius.

Congratulations to these young men who represented us so proudly so much so that we received a very positive phone call from a Year 10 girl’s mother from St Josephs’ Gosford. Her daughter who is just 16, relayed the following to her mother:

“The boys were extremely polite – they all stood up when the girls came into the hall and then did not sit down again until all the girls were seated. Bags were taken off chairs to make way for the girls. They really were very courteous, throughout the day”.

Manners are not old fashioned but very much alive and well. Well done, young men with a special thanks to Ms Waterson for taking and looking after our boys at this event.

Mr M Casey

Your P&F In Action!

**FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST**

The smell of grilling bacon and sound of gurgling espresso machines drew over 500 for the Fathers’ Day breakfast! Our fantastic turnout was serenaded by the Guitar Ensemble which was the perfect start to a working day.

Our sincere thanks to Mr Cranney and our talented guitarists who gave up their time to lead the boys on the morning. Thank you also to the tireless Christine Pedersen and her willing team of mums and boys who helped make the morning so enjoyable.

More photos can be found in **Woodchatta Extras**.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The P&F will hold its AGM in November. At that time a number of P&F positions will become available. We have a very active and congenial group of people, so the workload is spread across our team quite well.

As boys complete Year 12, though, we often lose talented and valuable team members. Would you like to help us out? Perhaps you have a particular skill in communications, organisation, photography, or you just like to make things happen. The one common theme is that we always strive to have fun.

Give Steve 0408 118 116 or Christine 0414 579 664 a call and have a chat about what we do. No strings attached!

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications
Performing Arts News

PERFORMANCES: Congratulations and thank you to the Senior Jazz Band and their Ensemble Director Mr Geoff Power for contributing to the Winter Colour Awards Ceremony last week. Thank you also to all three Guitar Ensembles and their Director Mr Shane Cranney, for adding to the festive atmosphere of the Fathers’ Day Breakfast last Friday.

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: There will be no rehearsals for the College Orchestra or Intermediate Jazz Band, due to the HSC Music 1 Practical Examinations.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL: Takes place Week 2 of next term.

| Monday 13 October: | Strings/Voice (BMR) and Woodwind (Gym) |
| Tuesday 14 October: | Percussion (BMR) and Brass (Gym) |
| Wednesday 15 October: | Piano (BMR) and Guitar (Gym) |
| Thursday 16 October: | Music Production (BMR) |
| Friday 17 October: | Theatre Sports Final (LC1) |

All students who undertake instrumental tuition or participate in Co-curricular Drama at the College are required to perform. Students who learn an instrument outside the College are also welcome to participate. They should see Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Office before the end of term.

CONCERT AND JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS: The results from these auditions have been posted on the Performing Arts Noticeboard. With the exception of the Senior Jazz Band, all students should commence rehearsals with their new band(s) THIS term.

AMEB EXAMINATION RESULTS: Congratulations to Nicholas Parker (Year 10) who received a Credit in his recent Grade 6 Piano Examination.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL: Audition information for this musical can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Careers News

ADFA AWARDS
The ADFA Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of outstanding achievement exhibited during the recruiting process for entry to ADFA. Lieutenant Marrion Rouwhorst presented Patrick McManus, Robert Dean and Christopher McCartney this award at Monday’s assembly. The award comprises of a laptop computer and certificate, along with a plaque in recognition for the College. Congratulations to these young men on this fine achievement.

For more information about the ADFA Award and career pathways in the Australian Defence Force visit: http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Winter Sports & Group/Performing Arts Photo Orders

If you wish to purchase Winter Sports & Group/Performing Arts Photos, print off a copy of the Photo Order Form found in the Woodchatta Extras. Place the completed order in an envelope with payment and drop into the silver box at the back of the Administration Building verandah by Thursday 18th September. The Student Office will also have some copies of the Photo Order Form.

Mr B Hoy - General 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 – Special Education Teacher
Year 10 Social Justice Day

The annual Broken Bay Year 10 Social Justice Day was held on Wednesday 3 September 2014 at the Treacey Centre, Oxford Falls. Up to 25 students from every Catholic school across the Broken Bay Diocese and students from Government schools were invited to attend the day.

The theme was 'We're all in this together'. The aim of the day is to provide the opportunity for senior students from schools across the Broken Bay Diocese to gather, learn and be challenged to live out their Catholic faith by contributing to a more just and sustainable society. We are very fortunate to have Catholic Mission facilitating a simulation activity focussed on the experience of children in detention and an exploration of the human rights' issues from a Catholic perspective. 25 Year 10 Pius students attended the day and participated in forums on the The World We Live in. Students were encouraged to SEE, JUDGE & ACT in line with outlined social justice strategies. These are some of their comments on the day:

As part of Year 10, a body of students with a growing desire for leadership, and as a member of the Edmund Rice Society, I can truly say that this event is exemplary in cultivating a sense of leadership, social justice and awareness. In addition, we are presented with an opportunity to relate to and communicate with a number of students from different schools, all of which are of different personality but have a shared desire to see justice take place in their community. One part of the day which I thoroughly enjoyed was having lunch with other people. I found myself talking to a number of people I had never met before, but nonetheless thoroughly enjoying our conversation. In addition, I found myself speaking about numerous social justice issues which I had been taught about earlier in the day. This proved to me that not only are you taught about certain issues and social dilemmas, you are compelled to really think on those issues, discuss them with others and try to find solutions. This Social Justice Day has really been a fun and informative experience, one that I will never forget. (Josiah Lising)

The Social Justice Day was an enjoyable and eye-opening experience for all the St Pius boys. The day was a unique experience which allowed students from within the Broken Bay Diocese to express their views and opinions on various social justice issues. In my experience, I learnt the reality of how differently those who are homosexual are treated to that of heterosexuals. It was interesting to see how the opportunities for homosexual people are restricted, often as a result of social stigmas and stereotypes. The day was excellent and a great opportunity for all the boys. (Jordan Smith)

Many of the teachers attending this wonderful day approached me to praise the Pius students regarding their beautiful manners, their engagement with other students and staff, their insightful and sophisticated understanding of, and contribution to, the content explored in each forum. All I can do in these situations is expand on their comments, develop their praise and anchor it back to our amazing school and our amazing parents. I don’t know exactly what it is that makes our students stand out so much when we are out with other schools but we do - again and again. Other teachers notice our students: their confidence; their elegance; their polite, good natured humour.

I stood with these other teachers watching 300 students playing on the lower fields at Oxford Falls and our students were the ones that they were talking about. The St Pius boys were mixing more with students from other schools, including them in their games. They had the greatest number of girls in their ‘rugby’ game and the other teachers were commenting on how wonderful our boys were to take the time to teach the girls the rules and strategies of playing rugby. I could only smile! We even received an email from a mother of one of the girls’ schools attending the day...she was full of praise for the Pius students. Her son attends one of the other boys’ schools taking part in this Social Justice Day, but it was our boys that she was praising wholeheartedly. How lucky are we to have such wonderful students to work with every day.

Ms M Waterson

Junior School News

GRANDFATHER, FATHER AND SON SPORTING AFTERNOON: We were blessed to have great weather. It rained when we had a scheduled half time break and then it fined up again until after the barbeque. Yes we were fortunate! We were also fortunate to have over 140 dads turn up ready to demonstrate their skills! It was a great afternoon enjoyed by all. Mr Virgona did a wonderful job of organising the sporting activities and the mothers were amazing in the barbeque hut; they were a well-oiled machine. Thank you to everyone including the boys for making it such a lovely afternoon.

ST JOSEPH’S WALGETT VISIT: A reminder that St Joseph’s Walgett will be visiting us tomorrow and we will be leaving for Oxford Falls at 9.00am, so the boys need to bring their recess and lunch. Normal pick up arrangement and end of school times on a Thursday apply.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

CRICKET
Registration has closed. Registration for district cricket this season has closed and teams will be announced by the Committee this week. Questions and enquiries regarding selections for district (non-ISA teams) should be directed to the SPX Cricket Club Secretary at secretary@stpiuscricket.org.au.

Manly Junior Cricket Association competition starts this weekend. Players are reminded to be correctly turned out in the correct SPX cricket clothing available from the Uniform Shop.
Pre-Season Training. Mid-week pre-season training continues this week on Tuesday and Thursday with qualified coaches from Mosman Cricket Club in attendance to oversee the conduct of the sessions. Players are encouraged to take part in this coaching “to kick start” their season.

ISA 1st XI and 2nd XI Pre-Season Training. 1st XI and 2nd XI pre-season continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at Oxford Falls.

NSTA TENNIS
Almost all grading for summer NSTA tennis has now been completed, with the exception of the Junior School, who will be graded this Thursday during sport. To all boys playing NSTA tennis this year, the competition dates are:

First round: Sat 18th Oct
Last round: Sat 15th Nov
Semi Finals: Sat 22nd Nov
Finals: Sat 29th Nov

More information regarding the competition and teams will be available either at the end of the term or beginning of next term.

BASKETBALL
The 14A, 15A, 17A, 2nds and 1sts will play Scotts teams this Saturday at the Scotts College, Bellevue Hill. Game times:

14A 9.00am
15A 10.00am
17A 11.00am
2nds 12.00noon
1sts 1.00pm

There will be basketball training camps run at Oxford Falls during the second week of the holidays. The camps will run for Years 5 and 6 students on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September from 9.00am until 3.00pm, and for Years 7, 8 and 9 students on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd October, 9.00am until 3.00pm.

Last Saturday the 14As, 15As and 1sts had good wins against St Aloysius teams. The 13As and 2nds unfortunately lost their matches.

BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN
Boxercise 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: Summer training/trials continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis.

NSTA TENNIS (TERM 4): This Thursday all players who have elected to play in Term 4 will be graded at Roseville Park Tennis in lieu of regular sport. They will be bussed to and from the venue with a member of staff. They will be dismissed from school by 3pm as per normal protocol.

CRICKET: Please look to the Senior School section for all cricket updates and news. As the competition is seasonal and crosses Jnr and Snr boundaries, Cricket is run as a whole school sport with great assistance from the parentally-run Cricket Club.
BASKETBALL: Well done to the A team who played in the Scots Hoops tournament on Saturday. The boys only lost one game by a few points to eventual winners Waverley, meaning a 3rd place finish. Team lists for the Term 4 Season will go online by next week with the season draw and information letter also available [http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/junior-school-activities/basketball](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/junior-school-activities/basketball). The first game of season is on Saturday 11th October.

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SOFTBALL: A season draw and team list will be available by next week online: [http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/junior-school-activities/softball](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/junior-school-activities/softball). The first game of the Term 4 season is on Saturday 11th October.

FATHER & SON SPORTS DAY: Thanks to the wider St Pius community for supporting this annual event. We had a huge number of participants, numerous spectators and an army of mums on the BBQ, who must be highly commended for feeding such a ravenous horde so efficiently. We were extremely lucky with the weather, a light shower during our intermission barely affecting proceedings – we are certainly lucky to have such quality facilities at our disposal year round. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to bond with their dads, grand-dads and uncles, and I sincerely thank all for taking the time to be a part of their sons’ day to day schooling. (Go to Woodchatta Extras for photos from the day).  

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

NSTA TENNIS: For the third Saturday in a row there was no play due to the wet weather. It must be a record. As a result we are in the strange position of playing finals this week after only completing three rounds out of a possible seven. Well done to the two St Pius teams that have made the final in their respective divisions.

Draw for the Finals Saturday 13th September
St Pius 1 (Division 9) play Barker 4 at Talus Street (Court 2)
St Pius 2 (Division 12) – no game
St Pius 3 (Division 12) play Redlands 5 at Talus Street. (Court 3)

Mr B Hoy - NSTA Convenor Term 2 & 3

Uniform Shop

TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 1.30PM

Last day of trading for Term 3 is Wednesday 17 September.
The Uniform Shop reopens Tuesday 7 October (Staff Development Day)

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.

- **Cricket shirts available $45. Hats and caps $20.**
- **Reminder that students return to school in Term 4 in summer uniform.**


Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

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MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Roald Dahl's
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

DENNIS KELLY
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CHILDREN'S AUDITION INFORMATION & CASTING BRIEF

Matilda The Musical was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company ("RSC") and is based on the beloved novel by best-selling author Roald Dahl (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr. Fox). It is the story of an extraordinary girl who dreams of a better life. Armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, Matilda dares to take a stand and change her destiny.

Matilda The Musical creative team - Matthew Warchus (Director), Peter Darling (Choreographer), Rob Howell (Set & Costume Design), Chris Nightingale (Orchestrations & Additional Music), Hugh Vanstone (Lighting Design), Simon Baker (Sound Design), Ellen Kane (Associate Choreographer Worldwide), Nik Ashton (Associate Director Australian Production), Fabian Aloise (Associate Choreographer Australian Production), Tom Hodgson (Australian Associate Choreographer), Stephen Amos (Australian Associate Music Supervisor/MD).

Matilda The Musical will be produced in Australia by the Royal Shakespeare Company, Louise Withers, Michael Coppell & Michael Watt with Andre Ptaszynski and Denise Wood as Executive Producers.

PRODUCTION DATES
Rehearsals commence in Sydney at the end of April 2015
Performances at the Lyric Theatre, Sydney commence end July 2015
Contracts will be Run of Play Sydney

CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS DATES

Preliminary round: November 7th – 11th, 2014 (subject to change)

* Please note that the 'preliminary round' is an initial stage of the casting process. Children not seen at this time, will still be considered to audition in January & February. Some children who are seen in this November round, may be still be required to attend in January & February per below.

First round: Monday 12th January - Tuesday 20th January, 2015 ( *subject to change )
Second round: Tuesday 27th January – Wednesday 28th January, 2015 ( *subject to change )
Final round: Friday 13th February, 2015 ( *subject to change )

*During the First to Final Rounds, children's auditions may be scheduled on any day between Monday 12th January and Saturday 14th February 2015. We understand some of this time falls during school holidays and school term times, but children will only be able to be considered if they take part as required in this January/February period.
REQUIREMENTS

• Children’s auditions will be held in Sydney only. All children auditioning must ordinarily reside and be based within 90 minutes travel to the Sydney Lyric Theatre in Pyrmont and within 90 minutes to the rehearsal location (venue tbc) according to Google maps.
• Children must be born between April 27th, 2002 and April 27th, 2005.
• Boys must have unbroken voices.
• Please refer to character descriptions below for height requirements. You are welcome to submit for particular characters however you will not necessarily be seen for that character.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please post a photo and resume (in hard copy only) to:
Matilda The Musical – Children’s Casting
LRC, PO Box 123, Montmorency VIC 3094

Please be sure to include ALL the following information:

• child’s full name
• date of birth
• current height
• home suburb & postcode
• name of guardian
• guardian’s contact phone numbers (home and mobile)
• guardian’s email address
• any relevant experience / training
• ONE current photo, head and shoulder’s only, NO production/costume shots.
• no photos will be returned.
• please do not include any dance or eisteddfod certificates, or copies of awards.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS –
CLOSE OF BUSINESS, THURSDAY OCTOBER 23rd, 2014

The Casting office will be in touch will all applicants regarding the progress of their application.
MATILDA THE MUSICAL - CHARACTER NOTES

MATILDA
Height  Up to 130cm. Short as possible.

AMANDA
Height  132cm
Essential Slight framed. Strong dance and vocal ability.

LAVENDER
Height  135cm

ALICE
Height  142cm
Essential Strong and Bold. Strong dance and vocal ability.

HORTENSIAS
Height  142cm – 147cm
Essential Feisty. Strong dance and vocal ability.

ERIC
Height  Up to 127cm. Small as possible.
Essential Cute. Small. Ability to learn.

BRUCE
Height  142cm – 147cm
Essential Vocal ability for “Revolting Children”. Acting ability. Comic.
As part of the action on stage this role is required to eat chocolate cake, cream & icing. Must not be allergic to latex (material of the prop cake) or cake/icing ingredients

NIGEL
Height  140cm – 145cm
Essential Vocal stamina for spoken dialogue. Strong dance ability. Strong vocal ability.

TOMMY
Height  147cm
Essential Strong dance and vocal ability.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note that the children’s roles in Matilda the Musical have very particular height and vocal requirements. Should a child cast in the show mature beyond these requirements, they may no longer be able to remain in the production.

- We are aware that some businesses have been offering workshops ‘focusing on’ Matilda or offering to prepare children for Matilda auditions. Please be aware that these workshops are not officially associated with the production, and therefore we cannot guarantee auditions will be granted to all workshop participants. Each applicant will be assessed independently. It is a preference of the ‘Matilda’ auditioning process that young people auditioning for some of the roles have no training or coaching, with the creative team liking to work with raw talent. This preference has been applied in respect of auditions for the London and New York productions.

- Please note that auditions may be photographed and/or recorded as part of each child’s participation in or attendance at such auditions for casting purposes. Any recording made of auditionees during the audition process may be included in any future official Matilda production use, including but not limited to, a documentary, Matilda social media clip, film or program, news story or promotional reel, without compensation.

- A child may not be able to be in the show if their school and/or Education Authority do not approve the child to be absent from school in periods as required. This approval will need to be sought by the Parent with the support of the Producer prior to the child being contracted for the show. A proposed outline of rehearsal and performance requirements will be outlined, so schools understand the time requirements of the child – please note, however, that production schedules will vary and change, and therefore flexibility is mandatory.

- It is the Producer's preference that children cast in Matilda the Musical remain at their usual school throughout their employment on the production, however please be aware there may be key production periods either during rehearsals, before opening the show or during the season where it may not be possible for a child to attend their normal school due to the production schedule requirements at the time. During such periods the Producers may then choose to supply a tutor in order for children to be schooled at the workplace to maintain their level of school. The appointed tutor would liaise with the individual school in terms of curriculum and work to be covered during this time.

- We continue to work closely with The NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian and Education Authorities to ensure that we meet all the states requirements in keeping the health and wellbeing of the child first at hand.

- We trust that you will support and accommodate the child’s requirements if cast in the production of Matilda the Musical in Sydney. We believe working on a world-class production such as Matilda the Musical is an excellent opportunity to provide a positive educational and life experience for a child. Should the child be chosen to move through the audition process, the producers will provide ongoing information to keep agents, parents and the child informed about next steps, and the requirements of the production. As involvement in the production will require school co-operation, family co-operation and a considerable time commitment from the parents and the child, it is imperative that the child only remains in the process with the full support and commitment of their family, school and agent (if applicable).

- Matilda Australasia is a committed equal opportunities employer with responsible child safeguarding practices in place.
Football Club News

CHECK OUT ‘SPX FC SEASON IN REVIEW’
We did it. Thanks to an enormous effort from Danny John, Rodger Paino, Mary Ann Back, Tanya Ceravolo and Christeen Berte, along with all the wonderful parents who sent in photos and reports of their son’s team. Well done everyone. Check out the ‘Season in Review’ now at http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/index.php/sports/football

NSW SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP
Yesterday saw our fabulous 1st XI, the CIS champions, battle it out with the top Catholic School team (Holy Spirit College) and the top Public school team (Westfield Sports High) in the NSW Schools Championship! Unfortunately, SPX 1st XI went down in both matches to some awesome opposition. We had a small but enthusiastic crowd in attendance for our last fix of football for 2014. Congratulations to Mr Quilty, Mr Yue and all the players. Thanks for a great season.

FC MEETING: TUES 16 SEP @7PM IN SARTO CENTRE
Season wind-up and planning for 2015. All welcome!

HOW ABOUT SUMMER FUTSAL?
Check out the new local competition being played at the recently created pitches at Lindfield Sports Centre. Lindfield FC is managing this comp. If your sons need more football and want to improve their touch over the Summer with some friends, this could be the thing.

Lindfield Sports Centre Summer Timetable

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Donna Patterson (President) – patt.donna@hotmail.com
Last Friday 5th December marked the St Pius X College Old Boys Association Annual Dinner at the Chatswood Club. The assembled alumni were led in prayer by Old Boy Priest Fr Paul Roberts (College Captain ’79), before our own Mr Couani provided a well received and informative address on the state of the College.

MC Mr Adrian Brannan (College Captain ’90) gave a brief summary of the 2014 Brothers Rugby season to date, including the claiming of the 2nd division club championship, which will see the club in first division in 2015. We wish 1st grade good luck in the grand final this Saturday.

Mr Sean Brannan (OBA exec & ’86) then introduced a report on our recent Papua New Guinea, Kokoda and EREA Callan Services Immersion Expedition which inspired overwhelming interest in the proposed 2016 Expedition from the gathered throng. Fittingly we paused to remember, among other members of the SPX Community who have passed on, College Old Boys, Jacob DeSisto and Anthony Gillespie, both KIA in WWII, just as we did at Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby in June.

Association President Mr David Bullard (’82) then explained the many opportunities and various contributions of the SPX OBA to the college including Student Academic Scholarships, Science Forum, Kokoda Expedition, Snowy Hike, Sports and Music student sponsorships, as well as running student leader speechcraft courses, grants to sports for coaching and Queensland Tours, and building and capital expenditure contributions.

A good time was had by all on the night, with many a connection made or reinvigorated among our Old Boys, young and old. Guests of honour included head of the Chatswood Christian Brothers community, Br John Henry Thornber, SPX Board Chair Mr Peter Hughes, P & F President, Mr Paul Hunt (’89), Professor Simon Darcy (’81), Mr Bob Heath (Class of ’51), and Br David Curtin (’68).

It is hoped that a significant number of our HSC class of 2014 join the Association and ensure it continues to go from strength to strength in looking out for our own as an inclusive community, and maintaining a long and positive association with the College and their mates.

Mr S Brannan - Resources Coordinator and Kokoda Immersion Expedition Leader

Continues over the page ...
SPX OLD BOYS RUGBY – BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB SYDNEY

BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2014:

Good luck to 1st Grade in Saturday’s Grand Final against Newport at T G Milner Field – kick-off at 3pm. All are welcome to come and support.

David Bullard (’82) – President SPX OBA & Brothers Rugby
info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au
0407 864 357
GENERAL NOTICES

JUNIOR SAILING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Spring Sailing Madness!!

Course Highlights
Safe, supervised holiday fun on the water!
Cruise to Balmoral on the last day for Fish & Chips

Spring Program 2013-14
Tackers 1, 2 & 3 Programs (Ages 7 - 13)
Learn to Sail 1 & 2 (Ages 13 - 18)
Learn to Sail Race (Ages 13-18)

Course Dates & Times
Tackers, Learn to Sail & Learn to Sail Race Holiday Fun Camps
22nd September - 25th September
30th September - 2nd October
9:30am - 3:30pm

Cost for 4-day camps
$435 for MHYC Junior Members (includes Tackers Kit)
$550 for Non-Members (includes MHYC Junior membership, Yachting Australia fee and Tackers Kit)

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Arriving in January:

Ilaria (17) from Italy tells us that she is incredibly fond of animals, and that if she had her own way, she would turn her house into a zoo! She enjoys drawing in her spare time, as well as travel. She believes that being so far away from home will help her broaden her mind, and she can’t wait to be live with a welcoming family.

Marco (17) from Italy is an animator at his local church group and enjoys playing both football and basketball with his friends. He also enjoys staying active by going to the gym for an hour or so after school. He is looking forward to sharing his Italian culture with you, and hopes you will share your culture with him here “down-under”.

+ MANY MORE

Find out more:

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