From the Principal

The College community continues to mourn the sudden loss of Mr Bryan Hoy who passed away during the school holidays. As the boys returned to school today, we prayed for Mr Hoy and his family. I share with you part of this prayer for your reflection.

We begin this Term with the sadness of losing a teacher, a work colleague, a friend and a parent of the College. Lord Jesus, Listen to our prayers; look with love on all who mourn and pray for Mr Hoy and show us the immense power of Your goodness to strengthen our belief that he has entered into Your Presence.

Mr Hoy was a truly humble, hard-working talented teacher and a very proud Old Boy. He would want all of us to focus on the new Term, ready to take on the challenges of Term 4 with a fresh and positive vision to the best of our ability.

We remember Mr Hoy’s concern for others and his passion for life. May his witness inspire us to live out, just as he did, our college motto, Fide et Labore, through faith and hard work. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

We particularly remember all Mr Hoy’s extended family and all who mourn at this sad time as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Lord hear us

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray: We commend Mr Hoy to you, Lord. Now that he has passed from this life, may he live on in Your presence. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him.

College Prayer Services for the late Mr Bryan Hoy will be held on Thursday 9 October and parents are welcome to join us. These prayer services will be for about 15-20 minutes.

- Junior School: 10am in the College Gymnasium
- Senior School: 1.30pm in OLD Church

Included in today’s Woodchatta Extras is Mr Tony Cunneen’s beautiful tribute to Mr Hoy, along with the Eulogy I delivered at the Funeral last week.

HSC BEGINS MONDAY 13 OCTOBER
We pray for our Year 12 students who commence their Higher School Certificate examinations on Monday with English Paper 1. They graduated with great distinction at the end of last term and we are extremely proud of them. They are an extraordinary group of young men and we wish them every success in their examinations.
REFURBISHMENTS DURING TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

Your Building Levy In Action

In the absence of students over the break the following building refurbishments were conducted in addition to programmed maintenance and cleaning operations:

D Wing: Classrooms D1 to D4 have been repainted, recarpeted and LED lighting added with rendering, new lockers, painting and carpeting to be completed in the Blue Room in December.

Assembly Podium: The podium has been lined, reinforced and repainted to protect this very public and often used facility in the College.

Sarto Centre Roofing: Roof working and repairs to the Sarto Centre Meeting Space and Gym continue into this week and next. All students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour in respecting and maintaining these facilities which have been upgraded to improve the College as their learning and living environment.

Mr J Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During the month of October, the Catholic Church dedicates it to the praying of the Rosary. The Rosary is the story of the New Testament. Each decade is recited in honour of a Mystery in Our Lord’s Life and that of his Blessed Mother. The very mantra of the Rosary allows us to reflect upon our special intentions that are deep in each and everyone’s heart. Through these Prayers made in union with Our Heavenly Mother, we can obtain the great gift of conversion of hearts and peace within ourselves and throughout the world.

As we remember the loss of Mr Hoy, we will be holding College Prayer Services for Years 7 to 11 at 1.30pm this Thursday, 9th October in Our Lady of Dolours Church and for Years 5 and 6 in the College Gymnasium, also on Thursday at 10am. All are welcome to attend either Service to remember our colleague, friend and teacher Mr Hoy.

Throughout the holidays, Ms Rocca attended the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention in Adelaide. Ms Rocca shares the occasion with us below and the joy of meeting three of our old boys at this uplifting Conference.

Mr M Casey

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION, ADELAIDE

During the holidays I travelled from Sydney with three SPX Old Boys to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention. Six bishops, 13 priests and over 400 youth ministers and teachers from around Australia gathered to provide a platform for growth and education for Youth Ministers such as Adrian Brannan (1990), Rian Galliott (2000) and Randell Robosa (2010) to reach out to and engage with the young people of our Church.

“I had the opportunity to participate in discussions of various topics ranging from the theological foundations of Youth Ministry to nurturing positive mental health in youth. These discussions provided me with skills to be a more engaging and empathetic youth leader. I had the privilege to become friends with, and speak to, a variety of inspirational people including the Archbishop of Adelaide and a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart who is a very passionate volunteer assisting asylum seekers in Australia. It was clear that all participants shared the unified goal to strengthen and increase the number of passionate and active catholic youths in Australia.” Randell Robosa (2010)


Ms Natalie Rocca
MindMatters for Families

‘MEN ALIVE’ WEEKEND FOR FATHERS & SONS: 14-16 NOVEMBER 2014 AT MULGOA
Cost is $220 per person which includes 2 night’s accommodation, meals from breakfast Saturday to and including lunch on Sunday, morning and afternoon teas and supper. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for further information and booking details.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

MindMatters Team: Running for Rowie BBQ

Congratulations to the following members of the Year 11 student leadership and MindMatters teams who represented the College at the Willoughby Park ‘Running for Rowie’ fundraising BBQ on the first Saturday of the holidays. They were highly commended by the organisers of this important local fundraising event.

Fraser Toohey, Matthew Buskariol and James Brannan (School Captain and Vice Captains elect), Prefects – Tyler Jarvis, Ben John, Declan Ward, Tyran Collins, and MindMatters team members Jack McCutcheon, Hudson O’Brien, Hayden Tutill and Aaron Hammond.

Performing Arts News

YEAR 12 INTERNAL GRADUATION: Thank you to the Senior Concert Band under the direction of Mrs Stella Talati, for their spirited contribution to this important College event at the end of last term.

MANLY JAZZ FESTIVAL: Congratulations to the Senior Jazz Band under the direction of Mr Geoff Power, on their stellar performance at the Manly Jazz Festival on Monday. The boys performed to a large and appreciative audience. Particular thanks go to all the Year 12 musicians who took time out from their HSC studies to play one last time with the group.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL: This is on next week! Days and venues are as follows:

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)

Each evening commences promptly at 5.30pm and a finish time of no later than 7.30 – 7.45pm is anticipated. All students are expected to stay for the duration of the performances. Full summer uniform is to be worn. Programs are being finalised this week, so any student learning an instrument outside the College who would like to perform, must see Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom before the end of this week.

PAPA AGM: The annual general meeting of the Performing Arts Parents Association will take place on Monday 27th October at 7.00pm in the Band Room. Parents who have sons involved in Music and Drama at the College are encouraged to attend and support our growing program.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Careers News


Mr D Blake – Acting Careers Adviser

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

Junior School News

Welcome back to all the boys and staff. The loss of Mr Hoy was obviously a sad shock and it was lovely to see some of his tennis students with their families at the funeral. Thank you for attending. We will be having a College Prayer Service tomorrow morning in the College Gymnasium at 10am for the Junior School boys. You are most welcome to attend.

We have a busy term ahead and it is important that the boys get into the rhythm and routine of the term as soon as possible so that they can achieve to the best of their ability.

In the next Junior School Newsletter I will mention the wonderful win by the mighty Rabbitohs with a photo of my office! It has been a long wait!

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

SPX – CGHS (Mercy College) Class of ’84: 30 Year Reunion

Please see Woodchatta Extras for information on this event.

Uniform Shop

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

Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au. Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms. Enquiries 9414 4339.

A price list is available on the College website http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

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Senior School Sport
Welcome back to Term 4. All ISA competitions commence next weekend, 18 October. Please ensure that all boys have the required uniform for their sports. I will look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Mr M Stearn – Senior School Sportsmaster

CRICKET
1<sup>st</sup> XI Trials v St Aloysius’ College


2<sup>nd</sup> XI Trial v St Aloysius’ College – 2 October 2014 – SPX 5/176 (Joe Unwin 76*, Nic Frane 25) defeated SAC 10/175 (Rory Beattie, Sam John and Dominic Easy 2 wickets each).

McGrath Foundation Day. This Saturday, 11 October 2014, at Oxford Falls the 1<sup>st</sup> XI will trial against Blue Mountains Grammar School. This match will promote and raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

Cricket Training. Reminder that training recommences this week for district teams at Oxford Falls as per club and team arrangements. This training is conducted by professional coaches and is compulsory for all players. Players are to ensure that they have their personal protective equipment and are correctly attired for all training sessions.

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Mr D Reay - Convenor

NSTA TENNIS
The NSTA Tennis Competition will start NEXT Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Team lists are circulating around the College. Final draws and competition information will be circulated next week.

Mrs J Schuster - Convenor

BASKETBALL
Round 1 of the ISA will be season next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please check Woodchatta every week for game times and venues. Training starts next week for all teams. Players need to check the training schedule for their training day and time.

Score Bench Course: Next Thursday evening (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct) I will be running a ‘How to score course’ at school in the Gymnasium, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. It is essential that parents assist with scoring and it is a requirement of the ISA that an adult is running the score bench. Please contact the College Admin or Danielle O’Donovan (Basketball Club President) and leave your name and an estimated time of arrival if you will be attending the course. The basics of scoring should take about 20 minutes to learn.

Our First V competed in the Sydney Kings Shootout at the end of the holidays. The Shootout includes all of the best Schoolboy teams in Sydney. The Firsts were competitive in all their matches and it was a very pleasing effort from the team. My thanks must go to Alek Horenko (Firsts Coach) who has been preparing the team throughout the off season. Thanks also to those parents and friends who supported the team.
All new players will need to purchase a singlet and shorts from the Uniform shop next week prior to Round 1 Sat 18th October. Please contact the uniform shop for prices.

Please note that the Navy Blue PE shorts and Soccer shorts are NOT part of the Basketball uniform. All players who do not have a pair of the old or new versions of the Basketball shorts will need to purchase the correct shorts. Students who cannot purchase a singlet or shorts for the first game of the season must see me.

Next week I will make a comment about the ISA code of conduct and the Round 1 Game times and venues table will also be included. This Saturday our Firsts will be competing in the ISA Firsts round robin at Oakhill College. Good luck to Coach Alek and the Team.

Mr N Gibson - Convenor

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: at Oxford Falls. Training continues for respective summer sports (Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis).

Basketball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 4 season begins this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place for the I/J Blue teams as the court is outdoor. All relevant information is on the College website (http://bit.ly/1uGgCM0). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform and at their venue 20 mins prior to tip-off.

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Softball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 4 season is against a Pius guest team this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place (as per the season draw and information letter). All relevant information is also on the College website (http://bit.ly/1uGgCM0). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform, have protective equipment and are at the venue 20 mins prior to commencement time.

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NSTA Tennis: Rd 1 is next Saturday the 18th Feb. Boys will be given further team draw and venue details early next week. Please check under NSTA Tennis in the Senior School Sport section for all future correspondence.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster
The following information is contained within this week’s Woodchatta Extras.
Click on the link below to take you straight to that section.

1. MR BRYAN HOY: An Appreciation
2. EULOGY FOR MR BRYAN HOY
3. CAREERS NEWSLETTER
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6. SPX – CGHS (Mercy College) CLASS OF '84: 30 YEAR REUNION
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   - GO4FUN – Free 10 Week Fitness Activity for 7-13 year olds
   - STUDENT EXCHANGE – Scholarships and Early Bird Submissions

The sudden death of Bryan Hoy has left a gap in many lives that will be impossible to fill. He was taken from us at far too young an age – he still had so much to give in so many ways. He was a husband, father, son, brother, teacher, sportsman and many people called him a friend. He was the sort of intelligent, honest, decent, hardworking man who is the rock upon which any community depends. Whether it be a family, a school, a church, a suburb or a sport’s team, any group of people relies on men such as Bryan to live the spirit in practical ways, making sure that the daily round of organisational detail is fulfilled in its most efficient form. People were in awe of his ability to juggle so many things with such efficiency.

Bryan was a true son of the Northern Beaches: tall, powerfully-built, quietly spoken and with a shock of blonde hair – the personification of a true local. He loved his surfing, had been a fine rugby player and coach, and he loved Manly Rugby League Football Club. He was always a devoted Wallabies supporter and was proud that the current Captain, Michael Hooper, and another top ranking player, Luke Jones, had both been in his Science class. He took great interest in their careers, as he did in all his students. Bryan also combined his physical prowess and interests with great intellectual capability – his studies at the Australian Catholic University had culminated in him being awarded a Masters in Education.

Bryan was devoted to his family. He had met his wife, Donna, through St Pius X. Their love lasted for over 25 years. They had a very happy marriage and Donna remains his most loyal admirer, along with his boys, Jeremy (13) and Daniel (11). The boys loved their dad mightily and appreciated the many ways he supported them, always attending their sports days and other activities. Bryan continued the St Pius X connection in that both these boys attend the College, as did his father, Dermot. It is a rare combination that someone should combine so many connections to a school: as teacher, ex-student, son of an ex-student and a parent of current students. Truly Bryan was a part of the DNA of the College.

Bryan was the ultimate professional at St Pius X College - a quietly spoken tower of strength on staff. He was a fine Science teacher, who never cut corners and made sure that he was always doing the best for his students. He was sincerely concerned for their welfare in many ways. This desire to be of service to his charges extended onto the sporting fields where he was variously a rugby, cricket and tennis coach. As the College’s General Coordinator he was responsible for much of the daily organisation of the school: allocating the daily variations to the timetables, organising exam supervision rosters, movement to various venues and endless staff allocations for excursions and inservices. This role meant that he was rarely able to leave the College premises and was often the first one to arrive at work in the morning, ready to answer the phone and allocate the classes of those who were unable to attend work at the last minute. Bryan handled this often stressful start to the day with great aplomb. It is no easy task to making sure that one thousand sometimes recalcitrant school boys are in the right place, with the right teacher at the right time on a daily basis. The task requires a person of great organisational ability, tact, resilience and equanimity. Bryan was indeed such a man. He was constantly on duty, responding to the many pressures of a fluid environment, reorganising tasks on a short time frame and often having to ask others to change their own plans to do different duties – never an easy task in a busy environment.

While the loss of Bryan is an intolerable burden for many, it is also easy to find the joy that was a part of his life, and for those close to him to recognise how lucky they were to have him for a time. The memories of him will live on through the stories of his favourite activities, through the love of his family, through the admiration of his many friends and the lasting legacy of the many students who were fortunate to have been in his class. Bryan Hoy balanced many skills and attributes with calm and determination. His loss is deeply felt. He was a fine man.

Tony Cunneen
Good morning everyone. My name is John Couani and I am the Principal of St Pius X College. I notice that there are at least two former Principals of the College here – Br Michael Walsh and Br Michael Hoffman along with many other Christian Brothers, past and present College staff members, Old Boys (especially from 1985), current students and recent Old Boys who Bryan taught and many, many parents of the school. There are also Donna’s friends and colleagues from Our Lady of Dolours Primary school, St Joseph’s Primary school, Mercy College along with Mr Jeff Croser Director from Edmund Rice Education Australia, Mr Tony Bracken Assistant Director from the Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office. Thank you all for being here to join with Bryan’s family and friends in celebration of Bryan’s life.

I have received tributes and reflections about Bryan and I will share some of these with you this morning. Bryan began his time at St Pius X College Chatswood in Year 5, 1978. I was going to show a photo of Bryan on his first day but instead all you need do is to look at his extraordinary sons Jeremy and Daniel to see Bryan. They are his exact image as a young student at the College. I went back to Bryan’s early reports and he was a capable lad with his grades largely being As and Bs. He excelled in Science and Maths and it is no wonder he became a passionate and most able teacher of both of these subjects. Bryan started in Year 5G with Brother Downs as his teacher. His classroom was actually where the current Bookhire room is. He completed Year 12 (1985), room A6, with Ms Fran Emtage as his home room teacher.

In Year 12 he won “The Father Cahill Prize for Religious Education”. He played in the Rugby 1st XV of 1985 and he played cricket from as early as Year 6.

Mark January, one of his classmates recalls: Back in Year 7, 1980, 34 years ago, when we were doing some particularly boring study in the library, Bryan turned to me and asked, “What song is playing in your head now?”

Obviously he was really into music, as was I. For the rest of the year, most days we would ask each other this question, and as far as I know, he asked it to only me. It was good to have this little bond between us, maintaining the friendship.

I could be wrong, but I think he said his father (Dermot?) was a DJ.

Bryan graduated from St Pius in the class of 1985 and after completing his teacher training, Bryan joined the staff in 1989. He held a range of positions over the past 25 years including Year 8 Coordinator and for the past many years he has been the College Administration Coordinator. Bryan’s incredible capacity for organisation, eye for detail and hard work ensured the smooth day to day running of the College. In this role he organised casual teachers when staff were absent, organising examination rosters and timetables as well as managing the School Photo Days.

Bryan arrived at the school early, well before 7.00am to make sure that absent teachers were covered and that the day would run smoothly. Every morning between 7.00-7.30am I would call in to see Bryan. I would ask the same question - What’s the damage today Bryan?

“Not good today, John – Year 8 are on excursion, Year 10 are doing exams, Casey’s on Inservice again, Mr Smith (name changed to protect the innocent) is still off sick and Steve Quilty’s CIS Cup team have won another game and they have to leave early this afternoon for their next game.” It’s OK, Bryan would say – “I’ve got it all covered.”

I would wish him well and shake my head in awe. Nobody did it better. By 8.30 every morning Bryan would have placed the “Extra Class” sheets which are mauve or soft violet on the staff noticeboard to be collected by the teachers for the day ahead.
Mr Pat Whelan comments Bryan was the silent assassin when it came to visiting the notice board prior to visiting your home room each morning. It was a little like conscription, you hated him because of the mauve sheet but Bryan did his job without compromise or favour.

In his beautiful tribute to Bryan Mr Whelan says:
I have taught side by side with Bryan for the past 12 years. He was never walking through the playground alone. He always was accompanied by his Science tray full of prepared notes, writing implements and neatly compiled corrected papers ready to hand back to his students. He would regularly cross paths in room A4 with me, either going into or out of a lesson. Very often there would be very little said, but that was Bryan, a man of very few words. That never stopped him from being the envy of classroom practitioners. He was clinical in the way he conducted his classes.

Bryan was also the school’s Fire and Emergency Warden. Mr Andrew Ballesty, The College Business Manager and former 1985 classmate of Bryan recalls:
Late last year during a Wormald staff Emergency Procedure Training at the College, the trainer asked if someone could explain the current evacuation procedure. Bryan identified himself as the Chief Fire Warden and proceeded to explain that the procedure was written and available for distribution on laminated cards from the Emergency Control Point (ECC). This was at his office and he gestured to the right to indicate its location. At this point the trainer thought this an acceptable answer, however, Bryan was far from finished. Bryan proceeded to explain in infinite detail the two types of warning sirens that would sound, that there was a red hat for Chief Warden, white hats for Assistant Wardens and that staff were allocated in pairs to inspect specific areas of the College to ensure they had been appropriately evacuated. He went on to explain that other staff were at the same time supervising the evacuation of all students to the Emergency Assembly area in the yard or to the alternative point at nearby Beauchamp Park as directed. His description then also detailed the processes for the reporting back of wardens, management of students throughout the process, the exclusion of vehicles entering the grounds at this time, the announcements that would be made and more. Suffice to say that 10 minutes later we were all more than confident that Bryan had it in hand!

One impressed staff member from the back of the room (Mrs Ramsey I seem to recall) then said what we were all thinking: “Can we just get out there and have a fire? I so want to see all that in action”.

As Mr Tony Cunneen puts it – “Bryan was a true son of the Northern Beaches: tall, powerfully-built, quietly spoken and with a shock of blonde hair – the personification of the local boy. He loved surfing, was a keen rugby player, representing the College in the First XV as a second rower and later coached Rugby. He was always a devoted Wallabies supporter and was proud that the current Wallaby Captain, Michael Hooper, and Luke Jones (also a capped Wallaby), had both been in his Science class. Bryan took great interest in their careers, as he did in all his students. Bryan also combined his physical prowess and interests with great intellectual capability – his studies at the Australian Catholic University had culminated in him being awarded a Masters in Education.”

Mr Greg Virgona says what many other staff have also remarked, “Bryan was a keen Manly fan (he’ll definitely be fast tracked to Heaven!). Whilst his head occasionally ruled his heart when tipping them, he was a passionate fan and always good for a post game debrief or hearty NRL banter.”

Bryan has also been described as a cricket tragic and for many years coached and convened Cricket at the school. In most recent years he has taken on Tennis as both Jeremy and Daniel love tennis and represent the school in this sport. One of the tennis parents, Mrs MacManus recalls:

Mr Hoy was from the outset organised, efficient and so proud of not only his sons but all the boys in the junior school tennis team at Pius. You could tell he was in his element, he was having a great time. Mr Hoy was friendly and chatty and and I knew straight away the boys were in good hands. Mr Hoy set a fine example of sportsmanship to both St Pius and the opposition. I felt that Mr Hoy enjoyed wearing his St. Pius tennis cap each Saturday almost as much, if not more, than the boys. He gleamed as his sons played, as we all did when our sons were battling it out, but there was no favouritism. Mr Hoy just simply loved being there amongst it. It was wonderful to see a father, a teacher, a tennis coordinator and an obvious tennis enthusiast helping, coaching and guiding the boys and most of all loving every minute of it.

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There have been many tributes sent to me about Bryan Hoy and I can’t share them all but just a few short comments.

“Well I loved and admired most about Bryan was the way his face lit up whenever he talked about Donna, Daniel and Jeremy. He absolutely loved and adored them.”

“Bryan was a very special person. His professionalism, his friendship, his humour and his honesty will be sorely missed.”

“I know that time will heal and that we are all feeling this loss, but I guess for me I feel like I have lost a good friend, wonderful colleague and amazing Pius big brother.”

“It will not be the same coming back to School without him there. He will always remain emblazoned in the hearts of the St Pius X Community.”

“My question would be about who will change the bell/period clock? Only Bryan seemed to have the knack.”

“Always a gentleman. Bryan had a dry sense of humour and brought his Far Side cartoons over to me for the Staff News on Fridays with just a hint of a smile. We'll all miss him.”

“Bryan the father, the teacher, the consummate professional. I have nothing but respect for the man who passed far too early. His time was limited but not wasted as he has left in the hearts and minds of the many students he has taught and the teachers he has taught with, an enduring memory of a man of many colours.”

Farewell Bryan – we are all the richer for knowing you – till we meet again – may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

John Couani
MindMatters For Families

‘GROWING GOOD MEN’ Weekend

The relationship between a FATHER and his SON is one of the primary and most crucial undertakings in MAN and will have particularly in the teen years. The impact our Fathers have on us and how they shape our childhoods is profound and ill always be determining.

Every young man needs to receive a ‘blessing’ as Mary Stanley, former from his Father. He needs to hear with his ears, see with his eyes and believe in his heart, that the person he is is good enough in his Father’s eyes. Every boy needs his Father to give him a sense of who he is, affirmation, and affection. Boys who don’t receive this from their fathers are more likely trying to prove themselves and to others that their actions, accomplishments and their characters are worthy of their father’s respect.

Every man was once a boy. How do we learn to become a man? Every boy dreams of being a hero and making a difference in the world. But what becomes of these dreams?

How does he come to understand masculinity? What sets him apart, who will lead him, who will inspire him, who will influence him into the role of MAN?

MEN ARE VITAL. This is a big challenge and a very difficult job. Certainly one that cannot be done alone.

This is a chance for FATHERS to be part of the team - the Men, their wives, and their boys. Men who know what it is to be and what they are here for.

What is the promise that binds every Man?

GROWING Good Men is a program that invites Fathers and their sons to work through their questions.

GROWING Good Men is an experience for fathers and their teenage sons and has been developed by menALIVE.

menALIVE was founded in Brisbane, Australia in 2005 and is an ongoing mentor program for the hearts and homes of men. menALIVE offers a unique way for men to impact their communities. menALIVE now has over 40 mentors in 21 communities across Australia and New Zealand and over 21,000 men.

For more information, see the menAlive website at www.menalive.org.au

Register now! You will never be the same again.
OLD BOYS NEWS

VALE PATRICIA SMITH
Sadly Patricia Smith has, after a long battle with ill health, recently passed away peacefully in her sleep aged 87. Mother of Michael ’75, Linn ’79, Margaret ’83 and Geoffrey and Robyn and Grandmother of 12 including Sam in Yr8.

The funeral will be held at 10.30AM this Thursday, 9th October, Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood. Following a short service at Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Linn and the family invites you to share your memories of Patricia at the Lounge at Forestville RSL between 1 and 1.30PM. Please remember Patricia in our thoughts and prayers.

VALE ADRIAN WALKER (Class of ‘84)
Adrian ’84 passed away suddenly in Tweed Heads. Adrian was one of four boys who attended SPX including Robert ’81 and Michael ’82. A private family service was recently held in Tweed Heads for Adrian, please remember Adrian in our thoughts and prayers.

VALE MARK BURTON (Class of ’73)
Mark ’73 recently passed away after an illness. Please remember Mark in our thoughts and prayers.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE WALLABY
Here’s our chance to support Michael Hooper and vote for him as our favourite Wallaby, go to; http://www.rugby.com.au/wallabies/FanZone/2014JohnEalesMedal.aspx

Please vote!

NEW OLD BOYS WEB SITE
The new Old Boys web site is currently under construction and it is hoped that it will be launched soon. Stay tuned!

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

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BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2014:

THE GRAND FINAL RESULT: 1ST GRADE - BARRACLough CUP

Brothers Captain, Vinny Byrne (Number 9) and Newport Captain, Neil Glassie (Number 4) hold the Barraclough Cup

After 100 minutes of rugby, nothing could separate these two sides and the final result was a 13 all draw, the teams were declared premiers for 2014.

The match was always going to be a tight one as these teams finished 1 & 2 after the regular season and were clearly the best performing teams in the competition. During the home and away season both teams had tasted victory against each other, so it would come down to the team that turned up to play on the day.

After a tight first half, Newport went into the half time break 6-3 up, with no tries. The second half was even tighter with Brothers getting the equaliser, the only score of the half, with minutes remaining after a wobbly penalty kick from Capt. Vinny Byrne. 6-6 was the full time score. 20 minutes of extra time would follow and if still a draw, joint premiers would be announced. Brothers started that first period of extra time well by scoring the first try of the game and converting, Brothers 13 Newport 6. It was only a matter of minutes later that Newport hit back with a try of their own and a conversion from the sideline, 13 all. Brothers were on the ascendancy late in the game and attacking the Newport line when the final whistle was blown.

Although not an outright premiership, a premiership nonetheless and the second Barraclough Cup in as many years. Brothers are certainly in a (blue and) golden period with the following titles under the belt in the last few seasons:

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A great season all in all. Congratulations to all involved.

To get involved with your old boys club, go to: www.brothersrugby.com.au

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SPX-CGHS (Mercy College) Class of ‘84 – 30 Year Reunion

30 Year Reunion for the Year 12 Class of 1984 and Year 10 Class of 1982
Rag and Famish Hotel, North Sydney
October 18th 2014 @6pm

VENUE:
Rag and Famish Hotel
199 Miller Street
Level 1 (Private room)
North Sydney, NSW 2060

TICKETS
$25 per person - includes Finger Food and Room Hire - Drinks can be purchased over the bar on the evening

CONTACT DETAILS:
Bill Donohoe - donohoeb@ozemail.com.au - Mob: 0417-527-929
or Trish Crampton - trish.crampton@bigpond.com

Go get your tickets !!!!

SPX CGHS - Class of 84 - 30 Year Reunion
GENERAL NOTICES

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Catie Latham, Go4Fun parent

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**WHERE**

Fix Australia

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SCHOLARSHIPS & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS — APPLY BY 31ST OCTOBER

Each year 12 scholarships, valued from $2,500 up to $10,800, are open to students between 12-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.

Students’ language skills improve, their independence and maturity is enhanced and they gain an important edge when it comes to future career and study opportunities.

Students don’t need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn’t necessarily win.

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Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off the program fee with an Early Bird Discount:

- $1,000 discount for programs of 10-12 months
- $500 discount for programs of 8-12 months
- $250 discount for programs of 4-6 months

The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for programs departing between April 2015 – September 2015 is Friday, 31st October 2014.

To request an information pack or for all the details please contact 1300 135 331, or email info@studentexchange.org.au or visit http://studentexchange.org.au