From the Principal

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,
Teach us the way of your Kingdom:
The way of justice, the way of love,
The way of peace.
You live and reign with the Father and
The Holy Spirit, one God,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

BISHOP PETER COMENSOLI APPOINTED NEW BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY
The College was delighted to hear the announcement that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop Peter Comensoli as the next Bishop of Broken Bay Diocese. The link to the Diocesan announcement is below. Bishop Comensoli will be installed on 12 December. He has asked everyone in the Diocese to pray for him as he takes on this new Ministry.

Loving God, we pray for your servant Bishop Peter as the Good Shepherd of the Diocese of Broken Bay. May he spread God’s message of love and faith through his Special Ministry.


FOUNDER’S DAY
Founder’s Day was an exceptional day at Oxford Falls last Friday and congratulations to our Year 12, 2015 student leaders and particularly Fraser Toohey (College Captain), James Brannan and Matthew Buskariol (Vice Captains) and the House Captains – Ben Murphy, Liam Calleja, Nicholas McCamley and Declan Ward. The students met their first true refugee, Zaky, and heard his tragic and moving story about leaving Afghanistan. The students learnt about Aboriginal culture from Wolungari of the Arunga people. They sang in House Choirs and competed for the House Cup (won by Rice House) and spent quality time in community with each other.
The day raised just over $20,000 which has been donated to Callan Services in PNG, St Joseph’s Walgett and St Mary’s Bowraville. A wonderful effort!

I would like to thank the parents led by Mrs Marianne Back, the Year 12 Student Leadership Team, the 2013 Immersions students and the 2014 Kokoda boys for their presentations. In a special way, we thank Mr Pat Whelan, Mr Mark Casey and Br Rafferty for their leadership of this event. Without them, this would not have happened.

Days such as Founder’s Day assist in the development of our social conscience and we see the lived experience of our 2014 Touchstone theme: Justice and Solidarity.

REMEMBER ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER APPEAL

A Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in the College foyer. This is a Year 7 initiative where we donate gifts such as toys for children aged 5–12, both boys and girls. These gifts should be wrapped with Gender and Age suitability noted on the wrapping. All gifts are sent to the school communities in Bowraville and Walgett. Please dig deep and send a gift to be placed under the tree.

The Year 9 students are leading the appeal for Christmas Hampers to go to our local St Vincent de Paul families. Please send in with your son any donations of non-perishable foods for this very worthy cause.

Very little has come in to support these appeals. We need so much more, and I urge families to be generous with their donations.

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT CONCERT - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2014

5pm – 7.30pm in the Junior School Playground.
All are welcome.

Please refer to the Performing Arts Section of this newsletter for further details.

IMMERSIONS TO BOWRAVILLE, WALGETT AND ST EDMUND’S WAHROONGA

On Monday we farewelled our Year 10, 2014 immersion students as follows:

St Mary’s, Bowraville with Ms Schuster
Tom Bleasdale, Clay Henry, Liam Houlihan, Matthew Kennedy

St Edmund’s, Wahroonga - Supervised by Mr Casey
Tom Benson, Kane Eden, Harry Heaney, Angus O’Donovan

St Joseph’s, Walgett with Mr Byrne
Josiah Lising, Max Magee, Jacob Saunders, Jordan Smith

VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA

This year we will be holding a Volunteers’ Morning Tea. This will take place on Monday 8 December in the Sarto Centre commencing at 10.30 am. This morning tea is to show the College’s appreciation to all volunteers who have assisted throughout the year either with cocurricular activities, in the classroom, in the canteen or uniform shop, or in any particular way in the College. For catering purposes please RSVP to Ann Brady (abrady@stpiuxx.nsw.edu.au) if you would like to attend.

Mr J Couani
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

The Founder’s Day Festival last Friday was certainly a great day of celebration for our College. The students split into their four Houses and were led by their Year 11 Leaders through four different activities that entertained, involved and provoked our young men to reflect about social justice issues, particularly focusing upon our indigenous people and the plight of asylum seekers.

This year also saw the inaugural House Choir Cup, where every boy was involved in his respective House performance. Practices throughout the term, guided by Br Rafferty and the respective House Leaders, produced a very entertaining end to the day with Rice being winners of the House Choir Cup. Special mention to Joshua Fox from Barron whose conducting performance was a treat to behold. Congratulations to all boys for the great enthusiasm and spirit they all entered into this event.

Congratulations must go to a great team of helpers, starting with Mr Whelan, Mr Brannan, Ms Bates, Br Rafferty, Mr Clark, Mr Batchelor, Mr Olson and Mr Twynam who all played significant roles in the day’s success. They were ably supported by fellow hardworking Staff as well as our Year 11 students who all ensured a most successful day due to full involvement in all of the activities from presenting, setting up, distributing, directing and leading their respective Houses.

Due to the generosity of Mr Emad Berro, Mr Guy Russo and Kmart, MaryAnn Back and our team of parents, along with our Presenters, Walangari, Zaki and Mr Brannan with our Kokoda Expedition trekkers, all helped to ensure we were able to raise funds to continue support of our partnerships with St Mary’s Bowraville, St Joseph’s Walgett and Callan Services. The generosity and support of all from the Pius community is greatly appreciated as we ensure to never forget those in need.

As Advent begins this Sunday, we see our preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ draw near. To mark this occasion we appeal once again to the incredible generosity of the Pius community in supporting the following campaigns. Year 7 have launched our Annual Christmas Giving Tree, where we invite people to donate presents for the children of St Joseph’s Primary School, Walgett. If you are able to send forth a present, please indicate on the card whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and age bracket (5 to 12 years). This has been a great tradition between Pius and St Joseph’s Walgett, a fellow Christian Brothers ministry and we appreciate any contribution you are able to make.

Our weekly roster of helping to serve the clients of the Matthew Talbot Hostel continues with help from Justin Gonzalez, Jayden Wall, Isaac Rayner, (all from Year 11), Ryan Price, Varto Zaitounian, Marcus Huth, Tom Graziotto and Mitchell Fear (from Year 10) continuing over the last weeks. Our commitment to Matthew Talbot continues each Wednesday throughout the holidays so if anyone is able to offer any help with this simple service, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Tina De Souza or myself.

We are also collecting again suitable donations for the men of the Matthew Talbot Hostel to go into their Christmas hampers. The organisers are targeting donations of the following gifts that can be placed in the hampers around the nativity scene in our foyer:

- Toiletries (in particular deodorant and shaving foam)
- Keyring torches
- Small packets of lollies
- Packets of playing cards and puzzle books
- Inexpensive wallets (e.g. from $2 shops or Woolworths)
- Men’s handkerchiefs
- Men’s underpants and socks (various sizes)
- Small writing pads and pens
- Caps
- Environmentally friendly shopping bags to put the gifts in (e.g. the green ones)

And finally, Mr Hopley launched the Annual Year 9 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, inviting for all non-perishable goods to be donated to ensure hampers can be made up to deliver to the needy of our society.

We really appreciate any support you can give to any of these three campaigns.

Mr M Casey
TRIAL OF AUTOMATED SMS NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE

In the interest of improving communication and the welfare of all our students, on Thursday and Friday of this week the college will trial, for Years 7 and 8, an automated SMS notification to parents if their son is absent. This may extend to Years 5 through to 11 next week.

This SMS is sent when the student has not attended the Morning Roll Call and therefore has been marked absent. The message will request parents to ring the college ONLY if they are unaware of their son’s absence.

The SMS is generated from a Do Not Reply number and cannot receive responses.

An important reminder is to please send in a written explanation of your son’s absence on his return.

The trial will provide information that we will use to improve our processes. Please let me know if you experience any issues with this process. Email: adamo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 94114307.

YEARS 5 TO 10 SEMESTER 2 ACADEMIC REPORTS

Following the completion of the Years 5 to 10 examinations, teachers have been busily marking, collating and analysing marks that will then be used to write students’ Semester 2 Academic reports. These should be ready for posting towards the end of next week.

On receiving the report, should you wish to discuss specific aspects or issues, most teachers will be available to be contacted during our Staff Development Days on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December. Please keep in mind that some teachers will be absent as they are accompanying our Year 11 Students on the Snowy Mountain Hike.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email or telephone if you require assistance in this process.
Email: adamo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 94114307.

From the eLearning Coordinator

YEAR 8 & 10 PLD RETIREMENT

Parents and students in these year groups are reminded that the reimaging of devices will occur shortly. Year 8 devices will be re-imaged on Friday, 28 November and Year 10 devices will be re-imaged from Monday, 1 December 2014. All content on SD cards should be backed up appropriately.

A number of parents have enquired about the Microsoft Office suite. These applications will be removed or re-imaged. However, your son through his OneDrive account will have access to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint on-line and free of charge. Any user can also sign up for OneDrive and use these products. Each account received 7GB of storage and you can upgrade. Your son’s new PLD next year will have the complete Microsoft Office suite installed (effectively our College licence moves with your son while he is at the College).

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

Your P&F In Action!

YEAR 8 PARENTS’ SOCIAL NIGHT

Next Wednesday night from 7.00pm is your night of Fun at the Willoughby Hotel! Come along and have a drink and a chat – snacks are provided by our P&F, and the great company comes courtesy of your fellow Mums and Dads. See the flyer for details here

Help us to cater by sending an RSVP by next Monday to Clare at spxyeagreight2014@gmail.com or 0407 930 586.

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Camp Gallipoli

Camp Gallipoli preparations continue with our Student Leadership Group launching the initiative to the students at Monday’s Assembly. A trybooking site http://www.trybooking.com/110052 has been established to collect the $110 per person payment so that we can attend as a St Pius X College Contingent, departing school Friday 24th April 2015 for Centennial Park and what should be an significant occasion on the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landings. More details on the event are available on the Camp Gallipoli Website - https://www.campgallipoli.com.au

Students from Years 5 – 7 will need to be accompanied by an adult family member.

Mr S Brannan
MindMatters for Families

BUDDIES BEACH WALK LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON – LONG REEF TO DEE WHY

What a wonderful way to conclude our mentoring program for 2015! Over 30 senior mentors and their younger “buddies” (mentees) participated in a thoroughly enjoyable 2km walk from Long Reef to Dee Why, followed by a game of beach footy, a swim and a barbeque prepared by several of our parents and our hard-working Mrs Sue Cheney. The parent helpers included Mrs Ridley, Mrs Szafranek and Mr Santelli. Thanks to you all.

This mentoring program, now in its fourth year at SPX, provides a wonderful opportunity for our volunteer senior leaders (mentors) to develop a close friendship and supportive guidance to our younger students in the College. I cannot praise more highly the collective efforts of this group of senoir mentors who have embraced their positions as ‘key supports’ for the mentees during their first turn as Senior Leaders at the College.

Finally, I wish to especially thank a loyal and caring group of staff who have willingly given of their time to get behind this ‘volunteer’ program which embraces the MindMatters program of enhancing relationships and connectedness throughout our school community. So thanks to Mr Brannan, Mr Stollery, Mr Steam, Mr Virgona, Ms Mowle, Ms Leedham, Ms Rawle, Ms Ramsey and Mr Ticli for their wonderful contribution to the mentoring program throughout the year.

“MEN ALIVE – GROWING GOOD MEN” WEEKEND

Recently, several fathers and their sons attended this weekend. I give you the following thoughts for ALL fathers to reflect on. There is also a ‘Dad Checklist’ which can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

The program was highly successful and will definitely be run again next year.

7 THINGS A SON NEEDS FROM HIS FATHER

1. He needs you to love him.
2. He needs to see you fail. Not just succeed.
3. He needs your servant leadership.
4. He needs you to be present.
5. He needs your love regardless of his choices.
6. He needs you to affirm him.
7. He needs you to discipline him in love.

Christmas Cards

Congratulations to Year 7 art students Patrick Baker, Oliver Tysoe and Jeremiah Cuachon whose vibrant linoprints were selected for the College Christmas cards this year. Cards are available in packs of 10 from the uniform shop for $10. They were very popular last year so don’t miss out!

Ms F Doyle

Careers News


Mr D Blake - Acting Careers Adviser
Performing Arts News

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT CONCERT: A reminder that our annual Christmas Twilight Concert will be held THIS Friday, 28th November in the Junior School playground, commencing at 5.00pm and finishing at approximately 7.30pm. All groups, with the exception of Intermediate and Junior Guitar Ensembles will be performing. Please join the Performing Arts staff, parents and students as we mark the end of another busy year of music making.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2015: Any student who is considering starting lessons in 2015, should pick up a lesson application form from the Performing Arts Staffroom and return it before the end of term. Some instruments have only a limited number of vacancies and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

PERFORMING ARTS PRODUCTION 2015: “I’m With Cupid!”, written by the College’s Drama Teacher, Mr Joshua Combes. Further details, including audition times and dates will be in the first Woodchatta for 2015.

EPPING BOYS HIGH EISTEDDFOD: Hot on the heels of their recent success at St Joseph’s College Battle of the Bands, “The Dissolutes” Ben John, Josh Fox (Year 11), Nick Wellard (Year 10) and Sam John (Year 9) competed on Friday night at Epping Boys High 24th Annual Charity Eisteddfod. This time the boys walked away with First Prize, which they promptly donated to The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia! Congratulations to these four amazing young men.

From the Senior Resource Centre

Writing 4 Fun Competition

Last Monday three exceptional Year 9 students - Carl Kava, Nicholas Brodie and Jean-Luc Blanc - were awarded Certificates of Excellence for Creative Writing. These three students entered the competition with their whole English class and after the class received their obligatory ‘Commendation Certificates’ (Participation Certificates) we all promptly forgot about this writing competition.

When Letters of Excellence arrived for Carl, Nic & Jean-Luc they were really cool about this achievement….but I could not be cool about this!!! These three students wrote short stories that were placed in the top 4% from 12,000 entrants!!! This is worthy of an embarrassing moment up on the Podium in front of the whole school I think. A very cool moment.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Mrs K Keighery – Senior School Librarian

Ms M Waterson
Personal Bests set by our Premier’s Reading Challenge Team

This year the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) was extended to include Years 8 & 9, increasing the opportunity for students to take on ‘the Challenge’ and enjoy all the reading along the way. This extension also means that students will have the chance to attain its highest award, the PRC Medal. This prestigious award is conferred to participants who have successfully completed the PRC since Year 3. It’s an exciting prospect to consider that a number of our Year 9 students will ‘medal’ in future years.

Platinum and Gold awardees received a deserved and rousing applause for their achievement at Monday’s whole school assembly. Well done! Platinum Certificates are awarded for successfully completing the PRC over seven years and Gold for completing the PRC over four years.

Congratulations to the many students from Years 5 - 9 achieving the PRC Certificate. A new record was set by Year 6 with 125 students completing the PRC. This outstanding result can be attributed to the tremendous effort of the Junior School’s teacher librarians, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Martin.

The names of boys who received Platinum and Gold Awards can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mrs K Keighery – Senior School Librarian

Homework Help

Homework Help has concluded for 2014 and will begin again in Term 1, 2015.

Mrs K Martin – Special Education Teacher

Transition Program for Year 6 Students

On Tuesday 25th November our Year 6 students underwent a transition program to facilitate their movement into the Senior School in 2015. The session was run by their Guidance Co-ordinator, Mr Paul Ticli, who spoke to the boys about pride in themselves and the school, uniform and discipline, organisation and preparedness for change. The boys responded well and have started mentally preparing for the transformation from young boys into young men. Their classroom teachers answered questions and took them on a brief tour of their Year 7 area and homerooms.

The boys are encouraged to continue to ask questions and to feel a sense of positive anticipation for the exciting opportunities the Senior School offers. There will be a further orientation and a parent information evening at the beginning of next year to help students and parents understand the new challenges ahead.

Mr P Ticli

Junior School News

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Mr Paul Ticli, the 2015 Year 7 co-ordinator, spoke to the Year 6 boys today and they have had a walk around the senior school. An information booklet regarding Year 7, 2015 is also available on eAccess, under the Year 6 notes section, it is entitled, ‘Booklet for 2015.’

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

I’m sure it will be mentioned thoroughly elsewhere but the theme was about the first Australian and the last Australian plus remembering those who fought for us to have our freedom and it finished in a team choral bonding experience. It is worth a conversation especially about the last Australian, an Afghanistan refugee who has an amazing story. Enjoy a conversation with your son.

REPORTS

We aim to mail the reports to you on Wednesday of next week. If you have a query and wish to speak to a teacher, we do have two staff days on the Monday and Tuesday when teachers are in various meetings but you can arrange to speak/meet a teacher. Hopefully, you know your son and this report is either telling you what you already know or is a pleasant surprise.
CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to all the tennis boys who reached their respective finals last weekend. Congratulations to the winners. In several cases it was a case of not whether St Pius would win but which St Pius team would win. All the games I watched were played with great sportsmanship. I also enjoyed some of the facial expressions when they are hitting the ball.

MOVEMBER
Last week the Junior boys had a very exciting basketball game where they raised money for Movember and many of them had Moustaches for the occasion. (Drawn on). It was a very exciting game between the C team and the B team.

Movember is for men’s health – both the mental wellbeing and the physical when it comes to cancer. It is about raising awareness so if it starts a conversation with your son about him being prepared to talk to you if there is an issue, then it has been worth it. It is also about raising funds so if you wish to donate to the St Pius X team please click on the link https://www.movember.com/au/donate/payment/team_id/1759465

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR BAREFOOT BOWLS PARTY
Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for more information.

YEAR 5 HOLIDAY EVENTS
➢ Tennis Day at Belrose Tennis Club - Monday 8th December
➢ Pool day at Ryde Aquatic Centre - 17th December

Please see the flyers in Woodchatta Extras for full details.

DATE TO KEEP FREE
Thursday 4 December: Junior School Prizegiving, 12 noon at the Treacy Complex, Oxford Falls.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

CRICKET
Player of the week: Dominic Easy (2nd XI) 56 and 2/18.
ISA Round 6 – 1st XI 7/245 (Jackson Brislans 46, Max Magee 42, Nick McCamley 38 and Nick Onslow 33*) defeated Blue Mountains Grammar School 10/83 (Ned McDermott-Healey 2/8, Nick Onslow 2/11 and Dermott Beattie 2/11)

Batting first the 1st XI were keen to assert dominance over the BMGS bowlers. This was quickly established by Max Magee and Nick McCamley who score briskly. Jackson Brislans maintained the pressure with some hard hitting for a rapid 46, including a six of the Oxford Falls rock wall. Nick Onslow powered the final over with a good 33 not out. The bowlers set about the task of taking ten wickets with both Tom Diggins and Luke Humphrey taking a wicket in their opening spells. Nick Onslow and Ned McDermott-Healey both bowled fiery spells taking two and one wicket a piece. Dermott Beattie claimed two further wickets and BMGS closed up shop to try and survive to the end of their allotted overs. Wicketkeeper Michael Roberts was thrown the ball and took and wicket. Ned McDermott-Healey closed out the BMGS batting all out for 83.

The 1st XI currently sit in first place in ISA Division 1.

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NSTA TENNIS

Last Saturday was the NSTA Finals and Play-Offs and the last weekend of the Term 4 NSTA Saturday Morning Competition. Luckily the weather was much milder and saw some brilliant and extremely close tennis matches. In our most successful season in many years, twelve out of the seventeen St Pius teams played in the finals. Three of the finals were Pius v Pius matches and many of the final scores do not truly reflect just how close these matches really were. It is also the first time St Pius has had a team in the Division 1 Final, so congratulations to St Pius 1 on your fine efforts in an extremely close match.

Congratulations to the teams below on your Finals success and commiserations to those of you who fought valiantly, but were out-played on the day. Special thanks to Mr Virgona, Mr Long and Mr Stearn for coming along to support the boys and take some photos. It has been an absolute privilege to work with these boys this season. They are true St Pius gentlemen and played their finals with integrity and spirit. A huge thank you again to all of the players, parents and Ms Keighery, Ms Iwatani and Ms Gipton for all of their assistance this season. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and look forward to the new format and competition in Term 1 2015. See you all then.

Mr D Reay - Convenor
NSTA Tennis Results Finals

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Mrs J Schuster - Convenor

BASKETBALL
Thanks to everyone who has helped make this half of the season run so smoothly. I could write a book of highlights and disappointments and we are only halfway through the season. Please be ready to go next year. We will be playing Round 7 Matches on Saturday 31st January, first Saturday back.

Game of the day: The 14As won a top of the table battle and our only win against St Augustine’s teams

Play of the day: Daniel Makerry slots the winner for the Open Black’s

Deserves a mention: The 13A’s with only five players for the second week in a row still gave St Augustine’s a run for their money. The Open Blues with only five players kept St Spyridon’s Firsts Honest. The Open Reds, two wins in row.

Lucas Whale – 13White, Alex Di Ciano – 17Red

Last Saturday’s Scores:

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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:** Final session of the aquatic program tomorrow. Macquarie University Pool (Year 5) and South Steyne Surf Club, Manly (Year 6). Pick up time is 2.10pm for both venues.

**Athletics:** Can those squad members who have not yet done so, please return any borrowed athletics singlets to myself ASAP.

**Basketball:** Can all players who have not yet done so, please return their basketball singlet to myself ASAP as the season is now completed. Those playing in 2015 will be re-issued a singlet upon returning in Term 1.

**Junior School End of Year Awards:** The End of Year Graduation / Awards Ceremony takes place at Oxford Falls on Thursday 4th December. Extra-curricular Pennants will be awarded to all students and all sports awards, including the summer season trophies and major awards will be presented. I personally will be away with the Year 11 Snowy Hike but I’d like to pass on my congratulations to all awardees and thank all students for their fine contributions over the course of a huge year of sport.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Uniform Shop

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

The Uniform Shop closes for 2014 on Wednesday 3 December and reopens 9am on 21 January 2015.

- Available now: Years 5 & 6 Stationery Kits $50 and Year 7 Maths Kit $60.
- Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to uniformshop@stpiuxx.nsw.edu.au. Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms. Enquiries 9414 4339.

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

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GROWING GOOD MEN – MEN ALIVE

Dad Checklist

1. How much time did I spend one-on-one with my child today?
2. Was I really engaged or distracted with calls, texts and emails when I was with my child?
3. Did I hug my child and say “I love you”? 
4. Was I calm when I disciplined my child?
5. Did I have a meal with my child?
6. Did I help my child with their schoolwork?
7. Did I monitor my child’s television and computer time?
8. Did I pray with and for my child?
9. What sort of example have I been? Do I need to say sorry and ask for forgiveness?
10. What have I communicated about the loving Heavenly Father today? Do they know Jesus?
YEAR 6 END-OF-YEAR BAREFOOT BOWLS PARTY

Year 6 End-of-Year Party

Barefoot Bowls

Sunday, 30 November 2014
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Willoughby Bowling Club: 13 Robert St, Willoughby East

BOWLS OPTIONAL:
Cost $20.00 per person who plays.
Get a team of 4 together – 2 adults and 2 children
or we can organise a team for you.
Please let us know your team name.

Register and Pay via:  www.trybooking.com/11205

Free Sausage Sizzle, cake and drink for children
adults $2.00 per sausage sandwich

Feel free to bring your own nibbles (no chips as they are for sale at club)
There is also an area close by available to play soccer, frisbee, cricket, etc

For catering purposes please R.S.V.P. by November 23 to:
fuscas@bigpond.net.au

For more information please call: Jenni Sheldon 0418693772
Year 5 – Game on!
Tennis Holiday Fun
Monday 8th December

Belrose Tennis Club
behind Glenrose Shopping Centre
9.00 am – 3.00 pm
(supervision from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm)
$36.00 per child includes
sausage sizzle lunch
Bring a racquet
(or borrow one from venue),
hat, drink bottle & morning tea

Bookings essential by 1 December
www.trybooking.com/111408

Limited places! Don’t miss out!!

Contact: Cathy Dixon cathmdixon@yahoo.com.au
Year 5
Get cool in the pool
Wednesday 17th December
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Victoria Road, Ryde

Try the SurfRyder and enjoy the super slide, wave pool and swimming for as long as you like!

Two sessions of SurfRyder available
(includes instructor and supervision)
11 am or 12.00 pm

All for only $17.50 per child

No supervision after instruction on SurfRyder.
Parent supervision required for this event
Kiosk available for lunch and snacks

Limited spots
Bookings essential by 1 December!

www.trybooking.com/111406

Contact: Fiona Felice: fi_tatts@hotmail.com
CRICKET CLUB NEWS

St Pius 2nd X1 (139 all out) lost to St Andrew’s Cathedral School (176 all out) by 37 runs

The Seconds have been left with some soul searching to do after letting slip another possible win as they went down to their fourth defeat of the season – this time against St Andrew’s College on a hot day at Sydney University on Saturday.

With the holiday break now upon the team, the boys know they will have to come back firing at the end of January if they are to make the finals following some so-so performances in the first six matches of this year’s competition. Yet, it could have been a brighter outcome and a more promising run-in to the latter part of the season if they had followed the lead of all-rounder Dom Easy. The young all-rounder played the anchor role with the bat after toiling away with the ball to take 2-18 off 9 overs when the opposition won the toss and chose to bat on a green top wicket.

Easy notched up his first half-century of the season and in doing so joined the ISA ‘50’ club with a disciplined and fighting performance which was always going to give his side a chance of victory while he was at the crease. Quelling some of his normal aggressive stroke play as he lost partners on a regular basis, Easy punished anything loose and kept the opposition on their toes with quick running between the wickets as he forced his way to 56.

Promising partnerships with Unwin (16), Robertson, Parker, Matar and White came and went as the score reached 124 before Easy fell to a catch at extra cover going for a drive as Pius looked to repeat their victory over the home team of a few weeks previously. The welcome return of wicket-keeper/batsman Tom Graziotto from injury saw him and Sam John (9) push the total to 136 before he and then John were out with Pius eventually falling short of St Andrew’s challenging target by 37 runs.

Earlier, St Pius suffered yet another “game of two teams” moment after a relatively promising start – in which St Andrew’s were first pegged back to 2-11 and then 2-48 off the first 17 overs – was thrown away when the home side piled on 85 runs with the loss of no further wickets from just 11 overs during the mid-drinks session. A superb piece of batting by St Andrew’s skipper Shephard (95) aided by some average bowling had Pius looking at a 200-plus total. But when Tim Robertson had Shephard caught by skipper Nic Frayne to make the score 3-135, the game swung back Pius’ way.

The next seven wickets fell for just 41 runs as Pius tightened the knot over the next 17 overs with Sam John leading the way in his second spell that saw him take three wickets for just one run off five overs, four of which were maidens. One of those dismissals produced a great contender for the catch of the season as Tim Robertson dived full-length at gully to pluck the ball out of the air one-handed in a stunning piece of fielding which the match day photographer failed to capture!

Easy then added another wicket to his earlier dismissal on his return with the ball - as did fellow opener Pat Dermott who rounded off a 1-9 first spell by finishing with 2-13 off an impressive eight overs in total. Unwin, Robertson and Carroll were the other wicket takers as St Andrew’s were bowled out for 176 from 46 overs with just 11 of those runs coming from extras, albeit that seven of those were wides as Pius managed to curb their previous collective no-ball problem.

Mr D John - 2nds Assistant Coach
NSJCA U14PM Division 1 - 22/11/2014 - Round 6, Oxford Falls
St Pius X Red 112 (J Miller 21, N McLachlan 21) defeated by Pirates 7/126 (L Jackson 2/6)

The match just didn’t seem to get going properly this week. Perhaps it was complacency, perhaps it was just an off-day. Pirates White were held to a fairly modest total with the bat. 126 – 7 is very ‘gettable’ on a normal day. However, like a number of matches this season, our bowling/fielding set us up with the chance of a result only to have our batting unable to rise to the challenge.

Liam Jackson (2-7) produced good figures with the ball again this week. He was supported by Laurence Sheehan, Alex Favelle, Nick McLachlan, Luke Ventura and James Miller all of whom took a wicket. James Quillan, Laurence, Nick and Harrison Crowe-Maxwell took catches in the field. However, seeing it from ‘the middle’, umpire Rob Rayner observed that there was a patchiness and a certain lethargy in our play that did not portend well for the batting to follow.

Sure enough, our top order didn’t ‘fire’. Normally reliable Tom Colgan (2), Josh Rayner (6) and Laurence (10) could not carry on to make bigger totals. Harrison (9) had a go and made a valuable contribution. James M (21) tried hard to ‘up the ante’, but stumbled in the 20’s. James Q (12) also got into double figures, but by then only a few wickets remained intact. At the end, Nick (23) tried to get us home with the day’s top score, but it was not enough and we fell 14 runs short by the close, at 112 all out.

They say you are supposed to learn more from a loss than a win, and a few theories were circulating at the end of the match … the right attitude is essential (always respect your opposition) … you have to ‘believe’ and work hard for a result (‘by faith and hard work’) … everyone is responsible for a win (every run gained, and denied, is critical) … whatever they are, we need to take the day’s ‘learnings’ into our two-dayer next week.

We are currently sitting second on the ladder, ahead of Pirates (on the same points as us) and just ahead of St Ives Haddin, who we play before the Christmas break, after S.J. Johnson in the 2-Day match.

St Pius X Yellow vs St Augustines Red 7/232 (L May 3/8) – Day 1

The education that cricket is continues for St Pius Yellow. The longer form game provides twists and turns throughout an innings, traditionally to avoid a draw the objective of the innings of the second team is either to take 10 wickets or to pass a total set. It is often a very hard decision to choose not to bat but there are some solid strategic reasons at times to do so.

In bowling first SPX Yellow asked the St Augustines’ team to set a total, they asked the batsmen to commit to scoring runs and thus expose themselves to risk. A confident bowling unit will back themselves to build pressure, limit scoring ability and to take wickets when the opportunity arises.

Lachlan May (3/8) & Nick Slack (1/16) set the tone early with little coming off the bat. Alex Brislan (1/19) continued his very impressive development with more very challenging and tight bowling that kept St Augustines batsmen contained as the overs ticked away.

Efficient and effective use of the whole bowling squad may have surprised them a little, as no weak bowler cropped up for them to take advantage of. In the latter 25 overs each time St Augustines took a chance to up the ante, a wicket would fall.

At 5/170 ish the batsmen were simply defending, at this point instead of chasing wickets we may have allowed a few more overs tick over to assist the overall game plan; a very mature decision for U15s bowlers fired up and eager.

The sun perhaps started to take effect and with a delicate balance of timing, well ahead of the over rate the last thing SPX Yellow wanted to do was bat a half dozen overs, our focus in the field dropped a little. It would have been nice to have restrained them to under 200 but still 232 is in reach if the SPX Yellow batting line turns up next week.

Coach : Alex Slack
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- **Xmas Gift Day** - Enjoy a day of creating beautiful and special holiday gifts for friends and family.
- **Camping Day** - Glue sticks and beads to build a fort and make a beautiful homemade treat box and camp out!
- **Magic Workshop** - Learn how to create your own magic.
- **Fantasy Beads & Jewellery Making** - Make your own magic for a real storybook finale.
- **Animal Caricatures** - Create animal caricatures for wild birds and wild mice.
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### Festive Fun Day

- **Christmas Party** - Enjoy a day of festive fun with games, healthy snacks, and a visit from Santa.
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EXPERIENCE the MAGIC of HOSTING

Are you interested in different cultures and ways of life? Why not invite an exchange student into your home next July? Travel from the comfort of your armchair as your exchange student shares his/her culture with you. It’s a great experience for the whole family and your local community!

Wendy Education Program (WEP) is looking for volunteer host families, and will welcome our students into their homes and help them see their own.

Victoria (17) from Italy enjoys playing the guitar, reading, dancing, cooking, and all kinds of sports. She wants to share her Italian culture with her Aussie host family by cooking them some tasty Italian dishes, yum!

Olivier (17) from Belgium loves the outdoors and exploring nature. He is fascinated by animals and hopes to come up close and personal with koalas, kangaroos, and crocodiles while in Australia. We hope not too close!

“First we shared our home and then we shared our hearts.”

Nikola Iliev and Melbourne host families of students from Belgium

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Sylvia Kelly, Inbound Program Manager

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