From the Principal

LIBERATING EDUCATION

This year the Touchstone Liberating Education is our school theme. It calls all members of the community to Strive for Excellence. We strive to develop ourselves so that we can become fully alive in our faith and through education we can become critical thinkers and people of action to make a difference in our world.

And so we pray:

Loving God. Help us to open our hearts and minds to see, hear and feel the vision of compassion and humanity that you desire for all in creation.

May our school use education as a tool of liberation, not just for us, but for all who desire to live life to the full as we embrace an education that helps us to liberate humanity.

Amen.

WELCOME TO THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The day began in very wet conditions but nothing could dampen the spirits of our students and staff commencing the 2015 school year. A very special welcome to all new students particularly those starting in Year 5, 6 and 7. I thank all parents for their efforts in preparing their son for school. They look great in their school uniform. Included here are a couple of first day photos. More may be found in Woodchatta Extras at the end of this newsletter.
WELCOME NEW STAFF
This year we welcome a number of new staff:
Ms Sarah-Jane Grove (Head of Staff Services)
Ms Jizella Akkari (REC)
Ms Sharon Blanchard (Learning Support Coordinator)
Ms Alexandra Foord (English)
Ms Lisa Guerrera (RE)
Ms Veronica Kuganathan (Science)
Mr Tom Pembroke (English)
Mr Jamie Twynam (Maintenance)

We are fortunate to have such talented teachers joining our school and we ask for God’s blessing on all our new staff, students and families.

OUR BRILLIANT 2014 HSC STUDENTS: The College congratulates the class of 2014 on their brilliant HSC results. A snapshot is included in Woodchatta Extras.

WORK DONE DURING THE HOLIDAYS – YOUR BUILDING FUND IN ACTION: A significant amount of work has been completed during the holidays and in response to feedback from students and parents in the surveys conducted last year.

- The 2 main student toilets blocks in the High School have been completely refurbished. “They are as good as those in the SCG!”
- The Blue Room and Year 10 classrooms have been fully refurbished, rendered, re-carpeted, lighting, flooring, airconditioning and new lockers. This has been a major refit and looks great.
- New lockers for Year 8.
- All classrooms have been shampooed and fully cleaned.
- The Oxford Falls Tennis Courts have been resurfaced.

These works have been completed on budget and on time at a cost of $450,000.

NEW PERSONAL LEARNING DEVICES ROLLED OUT: The College ICT helpdesk has rolled out new PLD technology to the students:
- Year 9 = Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- Year 11 = Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- Year 7 = Lenovo ThinkPad Tablet 10

In the next while new students in Year 5 and 6 will be issued with:
- Year 5 = Lenovo ThinkPad Tablet 10
- Year 6 = Lenovo ThinkPad Tablet 2

All students will need to ensure that their PLD is looked after and charged each night.

SPX FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY 31 JANUARY AT OXFORD FALLS: This Saturday, the 31st of January, will see the SPX Festival take place at Oxford Falls. The event is an initiative of the 2015 Year 12 Student Leadership Team, aimed towards students in Year 11 and 12 St Pius X College, Chatswood. The goal of the day is to showcase our school spirit through support of our sporting teams and create an enjoyable social occasion, with food stalls and music for all involved. Our aim is to get as many Pius boys and friends of St Pius X College to Oxford Falls on Saturday for what will be an enjoyable day. A bus has been kindly supplied by Forest Coach Lines and will leave the St Pius X College at 10.30am and return at approximately 2.30/3.00pm.

There will be a small donation for the White Knight Foundation for the bus and all money raised on the day will support this cause.

The College wishes to thank Forest Coach Lines for their generous support and provision of these buses. We also sincerely thank McDonalds at the Chatswood Interchange for their contribution and donation to the day of funds and vouchers. We also thank the Concord West Licensed Post Office for their financial support.

All boys and parents are welcome.

Fraser Toohey (Captain), Matthew Buskoriol (Vice Captain) and James Brannan (Vice Captain)
on behalf of Year 12 2015
KEY DATES FOR PARENTS IN TERM 1: Each student has been issued with a yellow calendar showing key dates for 2015. This calendar is also available on the College website: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/news-events/fx-calendar.cfm?loadref=17. Some of the key dates for Term 1 are:

- 2/2 Years 5, 6 & 7 Parent Information Night
- 3/2 Senior School Swimming Carnival
- 4/2 Junior School Swimming Carnival
- 9/2 Years 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening/Old Boys’ Association Meeting
- 11/2 Commencement Mass
- 14/2 P&F Commencement Mass & Social
- 18/2 Ash Wednesday
- 20/2 Academic Awards Assembly #1
- 23/2 Years 8 & 9 Camps to 25/2
- 2/3 P&F Meeting
- 10/3 Summer Sports Photos
- 14/3 Campus Inspection Day
- 17/3 Basketball Presentation Night
- 18/3 Year 5 Camp and Year 6 Canberra Trip begin
- 23/3 Year 12 Exams begin until 1/4
- 1/4 Term 1 concludes for students
- 2/4 Staff Development Day
- 3/4 Good Friday
- 5/4 Easter Sunday

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

A very warm welcome to our new families joining the Pius community, as well as a welcome back and a huge thank you for the amazing generosity in supporting our Christmas Appeals at the end of last year. It was so warmly received by St Mary’s School Bowraville, St Joseph’s School, Walgett, Eddie Rice Camps, Matthew Talbot Hostel for Homeless Men and the St Vincent’s de Paul Christmas Appeal. Mrs Helen Cooney, the Principal of St Joseph’s, summed up its significance and appreciation in her thank you letter to the College declaring, “the students were delighted and for some of our children it is their main Christmas present….Many thanks for the continued support you give to our school.”

In 2015 we are embracing as the theme, our touchstone of Liberating Education and our core value of “striving for excellence”.

We ask God to open hearts and minds, through the teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement we can feel full of hope and free to build a better world for all.

We pray for one another at St Pius X College that we are enlivened by the spirit of Christ and Edmund Rice in all our actions with each other, and for those who are new to the College this year, that they may enjoy the spirit of welcome and support as they adapt to their new surroundings.

Blessed Edmund Rice Pray for us.
St Pius X Pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts: Forever!

Mr M Casey

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

Welcome back and to our many new parents, welcome to St Pius. I do hope the extended vacation provided opportunity for your family to spend time together.

LIBERATING EDUCATION

Our theme for the 2015 school year is Liberating Education. Our aim is to open our hearts and minds through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.
During our recent staff days, I recounted to teachers an experience I had in a St Pius X classroom where a student questioned me as to why I didn’t just tell the class what they needed to know.

I responded to the student, that one of our important roles as educators was to guide students to become independent learners and to think for themselves. This is challenging for many students as often they are hesitant and lacking in confidence. If we can develop our students to become reflective and critical we are empowering them to build a better world.

**HSC 2014 RESULTS**

What a wonderful way to start the New Year by sharing with our students the amazing results of our HSC class of 2014. We are very proud of their achievements especially when it is a culmination of many hours of dedicated study. They are splendid role models and have certainly demonstrated that through commitment, the rewards will follow. We recognise and appreciate their contribution to the wonderful culture of learning we have here at St Pius.

We will acknowledge the achievement of many of these students at our Academic Assembly which will be held on Friday 20th February.

**YEAR 10 PDHPE**

It is with regret that I have to inform the Year 10 Parents and Students that the Oxford Falls PDHPE program will not be operating this year. Instead, the program will be based at the Chatswood campus utilising the nearby ovals wherever possible. This was not our desired outcome and decision was forced due to logistical constraints when constructing the timetable. This change will not affect the hours allocated to the PDHPE program and wherever possible we have tried to provide double periods where the students can still benefit from extended periods of physical activity. I understand that many students will be disappointed with this development.

Be Liberated!

Mr A Damo

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From the Head of Student Services

Welcome all members of the St Pius X College Community to another Calendar year of fulfilling growth, learning and reflection as we seek to develop our well-being as a faith community.

As students return from their summer vacation this week, they will no doubt notice the improvements to the College facilities, with particular attention having been paid to C Wing and D Wing Toilets, the Blue Room precinct and classrooms and Tennis Courts at Oxford Falls.

It is a College expectation that every student will demonstrate environmental stewardship by taking care to keep all facilities and resources of the College in top condition, respecting all other members of the community and reporting any issues where they arise.

In a similar vein students should take care to ensure that their uniform and grooming are of a high standard, as specified in the College Diary, including haircuts of an even grade and natural colour and College backpack used appropriately. The entire extended College community benefits from enhancing a reputation built up over more than 75 years of the faith and hard work of successive generations of our students and families. It is incumbent on us to uphold these ideals in a thoughtful, respectful and conscientious manner.

Looking forward to a great year enhancing the well-being of our students.

Mr S Brannan

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From the Business Manager

**Fee Statements by Email**

Further to the refinement in the presentation of fee statements in 2014, we are from this term sending them out by email. This change will reduce our paper usage per annum by approximately 7200 A4 sheets and 3700 envelopes. If your email address has changed recently could you please advise us this week through fees@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au and state your son’s name and year group. We will be sending out statements early in Week 2. Fees will be due by 20th February 2015 unless other arrangements have been made with the Finance Office.

In further reductions of our environmental footprint the College also continued during the break to install energy efficient lighting in all refurbished areas, hence, the C & D blocks toilets as well as the Blue Room and D block classrooms all now have LED lighting installed.

Mr A Ballesty
Performing Arts News

Welcome back to all students and parents. The Performing Arts Staff, Ensemble Directors and Instrumental Tutors look forward to working with you this year.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Boys Who Would Like To Learn An Instrument: If you would like to learn an instrument, voice or music production, please pick up a form from the Student Office. The form should be filled in and returned to Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Department as soon as possible. Please be aware that there are limited places available for some instruments. Students will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and then placed on waiting lists.

New Students - Instrumental Tuition: All boys new to the College who requested to learn an instrument have been placed with a tutor. The tutor has been given your details and should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from a tutor by the end of Week 2, please contact Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom.

Continuing Students - Instrumental Tuition: Unless you requested a change of tutor you have been placed with the same person you had in 2014. Your tutor should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from your tutor by the end of Week 2, please contact Ms Bates.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

A full list of Ensembles and rehearsal times is in Woodchatta Extras. Further information regarding the Digital Music Ensembles will be in next week’s Woodchatta.

New Students: New students to the College who expressed an interest in joining an Ensemble have been placed (with the exception of Guitar and Percussion Ensembles). Boys should check the lists on the windows of the CMR. If there is a problem, or your name does not appear, please speak with Ms Bates.

Guitar and Percussion Ensembles: Auditions will take place in Weeks 2 and 3 for these groups. Boys need to listen to the daily notices for further information.

Vocal Ensemble: Any student who is a member of the Senior Choir is eligible to audition. These will take place on Monday 2 February (next week) at 3.30pm in the CMR.

Rehearsals: The Senior String Ensemble and College Orchestra will have their first rehearsal for the year THIS Friday. All other ensembles will commence next week.

DRAMA NEWS

I’m With Cupid: Auditions for this year’s Drama production will take place on Monday 2 February (next week) from 3.30 – 5.30pm at the Sarto Centre. Auditions packs are available from Mr Combes in the Performing Arts Staffroom.

Drama Ensemble: Will commence next Thursday 5 February, 7.30 – 8.30am in LC1. All students from Years 5 to 12 are welcome.

For further information on either the Drama production or Drama Ensemble please email Mr Combes; jcombes@stpiux.nsw.edu.au

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Vale Mr Bede Tongs

The College community was saddened in mid-January to hear about the passing of Kokoda Track veteran and Military Medal recipient Bede Tongs. At the sprightly age of 93 Bede visited St Pius X College from Canberra last May, generously supported by his son Garry and SPX ex-student and Kokoda Track historian Bill James. Bede led his Company over the Track as a sergeant in 1942 and was later promoted to Captain, serving also in the Korean War.

While our Kokoda Expedition took place last June, Bede turned 94 and was awarded an Order of Australia Member for services to Australia. His simple and inspirational message to our Junior, Year 9 and senior History students was to treat life as an adventure.

Vale a great Australian.

Mr S Brannan - Kokoda Track Expedition Leader
Vale Mrs Vilma Roberts

Last week we also received sad news of the passing of a great supporter of the College. Mrs Vilma Roberts was an active participant in the SPX Community with her three sons attending the College through the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Michael graduated in the late 1970s, Paul (College Captain '79) is now a highly regarded priest and Director of Mission in Parramatta Diocese. Kevin (College Vice-Captain in 1990), represented NSW Cricket as a batsman, and is now a Board member of Cricket Australia.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to a true SPX Community family at this time.

Mr S Brannan - Head of Student Services

2014 Snowy Hike

As the College year culminated in December 60 of our Year 11 students and a group of Brigidine College students braved the challenges of Australia’s Kosciuszko alpine environment and some unseasonably wet and cloudy weather to complete the 100km Snowy Hike.

A College tradition of over 30 years, this trek while carrying food, clothing and shelter for 6 days in the alpine wilderness, teaches valuable life lessons is a fondly remembered, if challenging, experience for generations of our students.

Careers News

There is no Careers Newsletter this week. Future Careers Newsletters can be found at http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/news-events/dsp-resource.cfm?loadref=167

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Homework Help

Please note changes to days and times in 2015

Homework Help will begin in Week 3 on Tuesday 10 February, and will be held every Tuesday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.00pm 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.

Ms S Blanchard – Special Education Teacher
Debating & Public Speaking

SENIOR MACQUARIE SCHOOLS’ CUP:
The Annual Macquarie Schools’ Cup - Senior Division (Years 11 & 12) is to be held at Macquarie University on Tuesday 17th February 2015. All senior debaters will need to meet Mrs Waterson in the JCR at lunchtime (1.00pm – bring your lunch) this Friday to discuss the tournament.

The upcoming Senior Division of the tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds of debating and a grand final between the two best teams at the end of these rounds. Entry into the competition is $100 per team. Lunch is provided and participation in all rounds with feedback.

One of our teacher debate coaches will be accompanying the students on public transport to the University. The boys will need to make their own way home from the venue. Whilst lunch is provided the boys can access the coffee carts at the university so they will need to bring some cash on the day. You can visit the website macquarie.schools.cup@gmail for more information.

Permission slips will be sent home with Year 11 and Year 12 debaters this week and need to be returned to Mrs Waterson ASAP.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:
The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following Friday evenings Information on venues and times will follow as soon as Pius is informed. Students have the opportunity to register their interest in participating in the CSDA competition at meetings in the JCR next Tuesday at lunchtime (1.00pm – bring your lunch). We will have some brainstorming sessions on the topics during these lunchtime prep sessions so bring your lunch and relax.

Public Speaking Competition dates

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DEBATING
Registration forms become available at the front office this Friday 30th January at the front office. Completed and signed forms need to be returned to the box on the front verandah marked “Debating and Public Speaking Registration Forms”. We will be hosting a ‘friendly’ debate this year against St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown, Brigidine College St. Ives, Mercy College, Chatswood and possibly Christian Brothers’ High School, Lewisham. We may decide to have one more Pius v’s Pius practise debate before the CSDA season commences if we have time.

The 2015 CSDA competition dates are as follows:

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If you want to be a part of the terrific debate team it is essential that you attend ALL of the first 6 rounds. If your team makes it through to the Elimination round (and beyond) you also need to keep the above dates free.

Training dates will be organised in a few weeks.

Mrs M Waterson - Public Speaking and Debating Convenor
Senior School Sport

Welcome back to our new school year. For those of you who are not aware we are currently mid-way through the ISA summer season. All ISA sport recommences this Saturday 31st January. Boys are reminded of the need for full sports uniform if playing, and full summer uniform if spectating. Please also be reminded that the College subscribes fully to the ISA Code of Conduct which can be found at http://www.isa.nsw.edu.au/sports/code-of-conduct/

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the forthcoming year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Senior School swimming carnival will be held next Tuesday 3 February at the Macquarie University Aquatic Centre. This is a compulsory school event and all boys are expected to attend and participate. Boys will receive details through Sports Assemblies this coming Friday and next Monday.

Mr M Stearn – Senior School Sportsmaster

BASKETBALL
All teams play this Saturday. Blue teams play at Oxley College. Blue team players will need to organise transport to Oxley. There will NOT be a bus to Bowral. I hope we can dust off the cobwebs quickly and get back into the season straight away. We have four rounds to go then we will have finals. It will be a huge day at Oxford Falls this Saturday and everyone is expected to be correctly dressed. Our seniors have organised a BBQ, supporters and other activities to make our first home game of the year a special one. My thanks to the Firsts and coach Alek for their efforts at the Trinity Challenge. We took on the best of the GPS and CAS. We had some great matches however the results just didn’t go our way. All the boys should be proud of their efforts. They gave it their all.

Mr N Gibson - Convenor

Venues:
- Oxley College: Railway Road Burradoo, Past Bowral
- Oakhill College: Old Northern Road Castle Hill
- St Spyridon’s: 1130 Anzac Parade, Maroubra

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Round 7 - 31st January
**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**

Welcome to all those new to the College and, to those returning, we are primed for another huge year of sport at St Pius in 2015. We hit the ground running with two full days of summer sports trials and a Swimming Carnival in the first 7 days of School! A reminder that all pertinent information can be found on the College website: [http://spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139](http://spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139)

**Thursday Sport:** The planner for Term 1 is attached. Please note the all-day program for the first 3 weeks where a full packed recess/lunch are required. Sports uniform is worn to and from school on all Thursdays throughout the year. This week Trials/Training takes place for respective summer sports (see below for further details). Parents are invited to join us from 1.30pm this Thursday for afternoon tea. Boys can generally be collected at 2.20pm from the car-park at the conclusion of Sport on a Thursday.

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**Swimming Carnival:** Our annual House Carnival takes place on Wed 4th Feb at Macquarie University Pool. Whilst a fun, participation carnival, this also forms the basis for squad selection. Parents are of course most welcome to attend. A detailed information letter will be emailed shortly and will also be available on the school website.

**Basketball:** The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season is on Saturday 7th Feb. Grading takes place as part of Sport for the next two Thursdays. A detailed information letter, team lists and a season draw will be posted on the school website.

**Softball:** The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season is on Saturday 7th Feb. Grading takes place as part of Sport for the next two Thursdays. A detailed information letter, team lists and a season draw will be posted on the school website.

**NSTA Tennis:** The NSTA season commences on Saturday 14th Feb. Grading takes place as part of Sport for the next two Thursdays. A detailed information letter and season draw will be distributed to all successful trialists.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster
Travel Pass Information

Free travel passes will be distributed to eligible students as soon as possible during the next week. Please note that not all passes arrive from the various operators at the same time. However, students can travel for free and without a pass until at least Friday 13 February as long as they are in school uniform and travelling within reasonable school hours.

Please note that if you wish to change the way your son travels to school this can only be done in the first three weeks of Terms 1 and 3. If you change address during the year a new application form will need to be submitted, even if there is no change to the travel route.

Ms R Gaston – Student Travel

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 8.00 am to 1.30 pm

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

- **Blazer fittings**: Junior School Tuesday 3 February; Senior School 4 February

Orders can 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

Canteen Roster

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2015 ENROLMENTS - MUSICAL THEATRE ACADEMY

Applause Musical Theatre Academy

Does your child love to SING? ACT? DANCE? Maybe they’re a triple threat? They could be!

Applause Musical Theatre Academy is now enrolling for 2015!

Every epic class is filled with fun and adventure, as students develop their singing, acting and dancing skills ready for the exciting world of musical theatre.

With accredited and experienced teachers from the music theatre industry (and piano accompaniment), you can be sure that your child learns from the best!

There are performance opportunities and an annual soiree.

Oh – and it’s really fun!

WEDNESDAYS
Roseville
K-2: 3:30pm – 4:15pm
3-6: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Years 7+: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

SUNDAYS
Chatswood
K-2: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
3-6: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Years 7+: 5:15pm – 6:45pm (NEW!)

MONDAYS and TUESDAYS
Chatswood
(EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST)
K-2: 3:45pm – 4:30pm
3-6: 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Years 7+: 5:45pm – 7:15pm

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NO. 305 SQUADRON RECRUITING NOW

No. 305 Squadron is an Australian Air Force Cadet (AAFC) unit. The AAFC is a youth development organisation supported by the Royal Australian Air Force, and is aimed at providing young adults with a wide variety of exciting and adventurous activities. Some of these activities include flying, field craft training and rifle shooting. 305 Squadron parades at The Dee Why Multi User Depot, during the public school term, on Thursday nights between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.

To be eligible for enrolment you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged between 13 and 18 years at time of enrolment. The Squadron’s recruit information evening will be held on Thursday 12th February for 7.30pm at Dee Why Multi User Depot, 40 South Creek Rd, Dee Why. Prospective recruits and their parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you would like any further information, please visit our website: www.305sqrn.aafc.org.au, or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/305SQRN.
2015 ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Intermediate Concert Band (BMR)
- 8.00 – 8.30 am Senior String Quartet (EMR)
- Lunchtime Junior Percussion Ensemble (BMR)
- Lunchtime Junior String Ensemble (CMR)
- 3.15 – 4.00 pm Vocal Ensemble (CMR)
- 3.30 – 5.30 pm Drama Production (Sarto Centre)

TUESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Jazz Band (BMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Jazz Band (CMR)
- 8.00 – 8.30 am Intermediate String Quartet (EMR)

WEDNESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Choir (CMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Concert Band (BMR)

THURSDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Drama Ensemble (LC1)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Concert Band (BMR)
- 7.45 – 8.30 am Junior Choir (CMR)
- Lunchtime Senior Percussion Ensemble (BMR)

FRIDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Intermediate Jazz Band (CMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior String Ensemble/Orchestra (BMR)
- Lunchtime Intermediate Percussion Ensemble (BMR)

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Guitar Ensembles TBA
Junior, Intermediate and Senior Digital Music Ensembles TBA
OLD BOYS NEWS

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents, in particular to all those new to the College. Get involved with the vast array of activities, clubs and sports on offer, you will make friends for life!

VALE MRS VILMA ROBERTS
Last week we received sad news of the passing of a great supporter of the College. Mrs Vilma Roberts was an active participant in the SPX Community with her three sons attending the College through the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Michael graduated in the late 1970s, Paul (College Captain ’79) is now a highly regarded priest and Director of Mission in Parramatta Diocese. Kevin (College Vice-Captain in 1990), represented NSW Cricket as a batsman, and is now a Board member of Cricket Australia. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to a true SPX Community family at this time.

The funeral will be held at 10.30am this Thursday, 29th October, St Michael’s Church, Lane Cove. Please remember Mrs Roberts and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2015:
Training is about to get underway, get along and enjoy the experience! To get involved with your old boys club, go to; www.brothersrugby.com.au

David Bullard ('82) – President SPX OBA & Brothers Rugby
info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au
0491 119 113 “NEW NUMBER”