From the Principal

PRAYER
I recently received a pocket book of prayers and reflections entitled The Pocket Contemplative compiled by Sue and Leo Kane. I share with you some beautiful reflections headed You Are Mine (Isaiah 43:1).

Let us take up God’s offer, a caress of love. (Pope Francis)

How I yearn for you to trust in God – to be without fear. (Mary MacKillop)

Nothing else is required than to act toward God, in the midst of your busy occupations, as you do, even when busy, toward those who love you, and whom you love. (Alphonsus Liguori)

SATURDAY SPORTS FESTIVAL – OXFORD FALLS
Congratulations to our Year 12 Student Leaders on their initiative for our Saturday Sports Festival at Oxford Falls last weekend. We were blessed with a fine day and there were many “friends of St Pius” in attendance. Their support helped raise $1,706 for the White Knight Appeal.

It also saw both our First V defeat St Patrick’s in Basketball and the First XI defeat All Saints Bathurst in Cricket. A great start to the year. Once again we thank our sponsors – Forest Coachlines, McDonald’s Chatswood and West Concord Post Office.

The Netball match between the Friends of St Pius and St Pius Year 12 was the highlight of the day and the final score remains a mystery to all!
**YEAR 12 LEADERS**
We have an extraordinary group of leaders in Year 12 this year and you will find their photos in Woodchatta Extras. Best wishes to them all for their leadership this year.

**SWIMMING CARNIVALS**

**GOLD GOLD GOLD – Treacy House wins the Senior Swimming Carnival!**

We had a very closely contested Senior School swimming carnival on Tuesday. Congratulations to Treacy House and their Captain, Declan Ward, on their first victory for 2015. For more details see the Sports Section.

The Junior School swimming carnival was held today and more details will be in next week’s Woodchatta.

**STOP PRESS: PURTON WINS THE JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**OPENING SCHOOL MASS**
We are delighted that Bishop Comensoli will lead our Opening School Mass next Wednesday 11 February at 10am. This will be an extremely full church and there is **VERY** limited space for any visitors or parents. Unfortunately this is the reality of such a big school.

We do have a special P&F Mass on Saturday 14 February and all families are invited to join.

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**Invitation**

All Families are invited to the

**P & F COMMENCEMENT MASS**

**SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

at 5.30pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church

This will be followed by a BBQ in the College grounds.

*ALL WELCOME*

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**From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity**
One of the great traditions at St Pius X College, is how the boys lead School Assemblies each Monday and Friday in Prayer. Our Student Leaders, Fraser Toohey, James Brannan and Matthew Buskariol, led the College in Prayer on Monday, asking:

Loving God, at the start of our new school year,

to open our ears that we may hear your voice amongst the noise of life.

Open our eyes that we may see your face in the sea of people around us.

And open our hearts that we may feel your love and share it with others.

We ask God to bless our work and our play that it may give life to our community throughout the year.

Our first Monday College Assembly welcomed the 174 new students and seven new Staff into the Pius community and our prayers were of welcome, especially to our new families joining our Pius community as we embrace our theme of Liberating Education.

Our Mission & Identity Prefects from Year 12, Liam Carroll, Lachlan Finch and Tyler Jarvis, take on the responsibility for our Prayer at Friday’s Assemblies. It is a wonderful witness of our faith to see our boys sharing it in Prayer each week.

Our Commencement Mass for the new school year is on next Wednesday, 11th February at 10am in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood. We are honoured to have Bishop Peter A Comensoli, our newly installed Bishop of Broken Bay, along with our Parish Priest, Father Paul Finucane, to celebrate Mass for us as we ask for God’s blessing on our students, staff and all our works in 2015.

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Mr M Casey
From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY
On Friday 20th February, the College will be holding an Academic Awards Assembly to recognise the achievements of our students from Semester 2, 2014 including our High Achieving HSC students.

During the assembly HSC students who achieved an ATAR of 90 or above will be presented with certificates along with students from Years 7 to 11 2014 who received either a Gold ‘Fide et Labore’ award or 3 ‘Fide et Labore’ awards (Gold, Silver or Blue) in their Semester 2 Reports. Invitations to the parents of these students have been emailed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this event. It is scheduled to commence at 11.00am and should conclude by 12.45pm and is being held in the main auditorium of the Concourse.

STUDENT PORTAL
Technology is an integral dimension of 21st Century Learning.

This year for the first time, every student at St Pius X will have their own Personal Learning Device and is complemented by the introduction of the St Pius X Portal. Each student can log into the Portal with their unique username and password to access their timetable and most importantly their homework. Many teachers have made use of this facility to post class activities online thereby improving access to students of important learning information. In our efforts to encourage our students to become independent learners, paper copies of timetables will not be printed. It is our expectation that students log in to the Portal on a daily basis to keep abreast of their learning. It can be accessed from any device with Internet access and links can be found on the college website.

The Portal will be gradually rolled out to parents during the year.

Mr A Damo

From the Deputy Principal

UNIFORM
Parents are expected to support the College in all aspects of College uniform/grooming standards. All students are to wear full uniform, presenting a neat and clean appearance. Hair should always be neat, clean, gel-less, of a natural colour and of a style which is neither outlandish nor likely to cause comment. Heavy undercuts, dyed hair etc. are therefore inappropriate. Students not meeting these standards will be sent home and parents contacted.

It was disappointing to have to send a number of Years 11 and 12 students out/home in this past week to fix their haircuts. The parental support was appreciated and I thank most of these Seniors who responded positively.

The Summer Uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4 and consists of a regulation grey or white short sleeve shirt (that does up at the collar), shorts or trousers (Years 7-12 only) worn at the waist, and if wearing shorts, College socks with garters, grey socks, black belt and black leather lace-up shoes that take a shine. Regulation tie.

Basic Sports Uniform – regulation blue polo shirt and school tracksuit over blue shorts, white sports socks (without logos, names etc.), one regulation House polo shirt and SPX cap.

The SPX Backpack is compulsory for all school students.

Textbooks: There are still a significant number of textbooks from 2014 not returned to Textbook Hire. Could I ask students with parent support to follow this up as a priority.

Mr J Olson

From the Business Manager

STATEMENTS BY EMAIL
Further to last week’s message in Woodchatta we have now sent out Term 1 fee statements by email. All families should have received them yesterday. If your email address has changed recently or you have not received your statement could you please advise us through fees@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au and state your son’s name and year group. Ordinarily fees are due at the start of each term, however, for this term this has been extended to 6 March 2015. Could you please ensure payments are complete by that date unless other arrangements have been made with the Finance Office.

Should you have any queries about the change please call Jane Higgins on 9414 9328 or myself on 9414-4329.

Mr A Bailesy
MindMatters for Families
A very warm welcome back to the new school year to all our SPX families. Once again, we look forward to providing confidential emotional and social support and guidance for your son and family throughout this year.

Let me introduce our College Counselling Team and relevant contact information for your safe-keeping.

**Ms Carolyn Hartevelt** – Psychologist (Part Time, **Monday/Tuesday**) working particularly with **students from Years 5 to 8**
Email: chartevelt@stpiux.nsw.edu.au  
Direct Phone: 9414 4322

**Ms Joe McCarthy** – Psychologist (Part Time, **Wednesday/Thursday**) working particularly with **students from Years 9 to 12**
Email: jmccarthy@stpiux.nsw.edu.au  
Direct Phone: 9414 4322

**Mr Rick Russo** – Counsellor (Full Time, **Monday to Friday**) working with **students across Years 5 to 12**
Email: rrusso@stpiux.nsw.edu.au  
Direct Phone: 9414 4359  
School Mobile (in case of emergency): 0418 438 325

Throughout 2015 the Counselling Team, together with the Learning Support Team, look forward to providing CONFIDENTIAL support to assist your son to build his **SELF CONFIDENCE/SELF ESTEEM** and **RESILIENCE** within a caring, supportive, Catholic school community.

Please do not hesitate to make contact should the need arise.

SAVE THE DATE:

Save the Date for this invaluable **Parent Information Session**:

**THE INTERNET: A SLOW ROAD TO DISCONNECTED CHILDREN**

Guest presenter- Brad Marshall Psychologist

**Wednesday 4 March 2015**

7:00-8:30pm (includes refreshments and question time)

Venue to be confirmed

Proudly funded by the P&F

**SUPPORTING FRIENDS WITH DEPRESSION: TIPS TO HELP YOUR KIDS HELP THEIR FRIENDS**

“When you know someone going through depression, it can be a difficult time of uncertainty and worry. Young people will often speak with their peers before they consult an adult or professional, so it’s important to arm them with skills to support their friends.”


**PARENTING COURSES**

Please see the flyers in **Woodchatta Extras**.

*Mr R Russo, Ms Joe McCarthy and Ms C Hartevelt*
Your P&F In Action!

YEAR 12 PARENTS GATHERING
The downhill fun run for Year 12 Parents begins right here! Starting at 7.00pm on Friday 20 February at the Toohey’s place in Belrose. Your Class parents would love to see you at this event. See the flyer for address and details http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/images/stories/yr12_parents_gathering.JPG

FAMILY COMMENCEMENT MASS
Please come along and celebrate the new school year with your fellow parents at Family Commencement Mass, followed by drinks and a BBQ with your family. This event is funded and organised by your P&F. We always enjoy fantastic attendance and parents never fail to make new connections and friends.

Mass starts at 5.30pm this Saturday week (14 February) at Our Lady of Dolours (just behind the College on Archer St) and parking is available on College grounds. BBQ and Drinks follow right after Mass in the College grounds. See you there! See full details http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=114628

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Performing Arts News

DRAMA PRODUCTION AUDITIONS: The second round of auditions for I’m With Cupid will take place NEXT Monday, 9th February 3.30 – 5.30pm in the Sarto Centre. Any student who is interested should see Mr Combes for an information pack.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS: These will be held NEXT Monday, 9th February at lunchtime in the Elective Music Room. Any student who is interested in joining one of the Guitar Ensembles should attend. Students do not need to bring guitars, they will be provided.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS: These will be held THIS Friday at lunchtime in the Band Room. Any student who is interested in joining one of the Percussion Ensembles should attend.

DIGITAL MUSIC ENSEMBLES: These groups are new in 2015. They are graded Junior, Intermediate and Senior. In Digital Music Ensembles students will have the opportunity to create their own music in the digital realm in the newly furbished Digital Music Studio (opposite the Uniform Shop and IT Department). Students will write and record music in collaboration with their peers following in the footsteps of producers such as Pharrell Williams and Dead Mau5. Please contact Mr Peter Clark (pclark@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) for further information and to secure a place in one of the ensembles.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION: All students who have requested tuition have been placed with a tutor. There are only a limited number of vacancies for some instruments, so students who still wish to learn need to fill in an application form (in Woodchatta Extras) and return to Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom as soon as possible.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS: All ensembles have commenced rehearsing for the year. An updated rehearsal schedule can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

ON STAGE: Students in the Year 12 Drama class will be attending this evening which features the best individual and group presentations from the 2014 HSC candidature. It is on Wednesday 11 February, 7.00pm at the Seymour Centre. A note has been sent home with all the details.

MEET THE MUSIC: Students of Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music, Preliminary and HSC Courses will attend this concert series on 18 February, 22 April, 22 July and 11 November this year. Each concert commences at 6.30pm and concludes at approximately 8.30pm. A note will be sent home later this week with further details.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Careers News

Welcome back to a new school year. This year the Careers Department aims to bring you all the relevant and up to date information you need to assist you making important decisions for your future. The Careers Newsletter is released on a weekly basis. Students will find a copy emailed directly to their inbox each week and parents and friends can access through the weekly Woodchatta. There are many opportunities available to students during the year and these are advertised in the newsletter.

Thank you to Mr Blake who took on the role of Careers Advisor in term 4, 2014. He did a wonderful job assisting many students with their decision making and enquiries throughout the term. His work was much appreciated.


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
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 have registered. Details for the day have been sent home with the permission slips.

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 this Thursday 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
Term 1: Feb 27 - Round 1 Public Speaking; March 6 - Zone Final Public Speaking; March 13 - Final Public Speaking

DEBATING
Registration forms ARE NOW AVAILABLE at the front office. Completed and signed forms need to be returned to the box on the front veranda 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 vs Pius practice debate before the CSDA season commences if we have time.

The 2015 CSDA competition dates can be found at http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/_uploads/_ckpg/files/Debating-Public_Speaking.pdf and can also be collected from the front office.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor

Chess
This coming Monday marks the first training session for all students interested in playing chess. Training commences at 3.15 – 4.30 pm in D1 and D2, initially meeting in the “blue room”. Chess is a truly all-weather sport that promotes logic and strategic planning skills.

The chess season runs from Term 1 through to the end of Term 2. Training occurs every Monday with matches being played on Fridays in Term 2. Students with or without experience of chess are encouraged to participate. Further information regarding costs, transport and commitment will be given to any student who attends initial training.

Ms D Ramsey and Ms J Dempsey - Coordinators

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

Information for Year 10 Parents
A reminder to parents that the Year 10 Parent Information Meeting will be held at the College next Monday 9th February in the Blue Room commencing at 7:30pm.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Coordinator

Information for Year 11 Parents
The first Year 11 Newsletter for 2015 will be emailed to parents this week.

Please note that next Monday night, 9th February, there is an important meeting for ALL Year 11 Parents in the College Gym commencing at 7.30pm, to inform you of what to expect over the next 12 months in preparation for the HSC. It should take no more than an hour.

There will be further meeting in Term 4 to discuss the specifics of Year 12.

Mr B Batchelor – Year 11 Coordinator
Junior School News
With over half the boys in the Junior School new to the college it is always a busy and exciting start to the year. The boys are settling in as are the parents! It has been great to see the numbers of parents turning up to the morning teas and the impressive number of parents who came to the afternoon tea at Oxford Falls.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW EVENINGS
The 6 Gold class interviews will be held next week on a Monday and a Wednesday. Your son was given a letter with the information so you can select the times. Please have your son return the questionnaire in an envelope before the interview. The remainder of the classes will have an email with a code sent out later this week and you can book your interview times on line. The interviews will be held on Monday 16/2 and Wednesday 18/2. Once again, please have your son return the questionnaire in an envelope before the interview.

SPORT
All the sporting teams will be posted on line- please go to the college website as stated in communications paragraph below.

COMMUNICATION
If you couldn’t make the information evening, the teachers gave out a handout so please get your son to ask for a copy.

If you didn’t receive an email of the first newsletter from myself last week then you need to update your email address- refer to the hard copy of the newsletter that your son bought home. The newsletter is also on eAccess. Go to portals on the College’s website using your son’s password, login and click on pastoral care- Junior School.

Mr Virgona also sent you an email last week which you should have received. Please use the website to look at sport information (under ‘Beyond the Classroom’ and then individual sporting notices) and I would suggest becoming a twitter follower of Mr Virgona- the information note explaining how to do this is on the website. If you don’t want to do twitter you can look at the website.

YEAR 5 CAMP AND YEAR 6 CANBERRA
Both of these events will occur from the 18th to the 20th March. Information will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Please remember to read the Junior School Sporting News which is also in this newsletter.
I look forward to meeting you all as the year progresses.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

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.

Blazer fitting were done this week. If your son requires a new Blazer and wasn’t fitted, please send him to the Uniform Shop as orders close on Wednesday 11 February.

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 – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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Senior School Sport

SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The weather was kind and the atmosphere was electric at the 2015 Senior Swimming Carnival held at Macquarie University on Tuesday. The Year 12 Leaders were exceptional at setting the standard and motivating the House Teams to do their best. In the end, 26 points separated 1st and 2nd place. An excellent day was had by all.

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Mr M Stearn – Senior School Sportsmaster

BASKETBALL

It was a big start to the year at Oxford Falls on Saturday. My thanks to the Year 12 students for their support and their friends support. It was a big atmosphere and the singing was great. Well done to the Firsts who won a critical match against St Patrick’s to remain in the hunt for a finals spot. Well done to the 17A’s who won in overtime. Our White teams played our Red teams. All the games were played with a lot of energy and a good spirit. St Pius was the winner on the day.

Game of the day: The Open Whites v Open Reds. Whites win in overtime. Well done gentlemen.

Play of the day: Daniel Garrett slots the winner for the 17A’s.

Venues:  
BMGS: Blue Mountains Grammar, Matcham Avenue, Wentworth Falls  
Oakhill College: Old Northern Road Castle Hill

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor
**FOOTBALL**

Dear Parents and Players, Grading for all Years 7 to 10 students will occur over the next two Sunday’s at Oxford Falls. Please check Woodchatta Extras for the registration note outlining times and the trybooking link. This must be completed prior to grading on Sunday.

Good luck to all boys trying out.  

Mr S Yue - Senior Football Convenor

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**CRICKET**

Players of the week:  
- **Ned McDermott-Healey** (1XI – Year 11), 6/17 including a hat-trick.  
- **Will Roser** (U16-18 Purple – Year 10), 10S not out.

**1st XI v All Saints College, Bathurst at Oxford Falls – ISA Round 7**

Losing the toss and being asked to field the 1XI initially stopped ASC from scoring with good opening spells from Tom Diggins and Luke Humphrey. ASC only managing 13 runs of the first 12 overs. The bowlers then proceeded to take regular wickets. Ned McDermott-Healy (6/17 including a hat-trick) bowled with good pace and movement supported by a fiery spell from Nick Onslow (3/13) and line and length from Matt Kennedy (1/14) and Dermott Beattie. Great catches by Michael Roberts and Harry Heaney. ASC all out for 96. Knowing small totals are notoriously hard to chase Max Magee (35) and Christian King (6) set about the task in a determined fashion rotating the strike and testing fielder’s throwing arms. Michael Roberts (32 not out) and Nick McCamley (16 not out) saw the 1XI to 2/97.

ISA Round 8 – 1XI v St Patrick’s Strathfield at Strathfield

**Results 31/1/15**

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Mr D Reay - Convenor
NSTA TENNIS

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a nice break over the holidays and is now starting to prepare for the Term 1 2015 NSTA Tennis season. Just a reminder that all boys who were enrolled in the Term 4 2014 competition will be automatically enrolled in the Term 1 2015 competition.

This term we start the new format competition. Some information regarding the proposed format is as follows:
- Proposal to have teams in the lower divisions (lower ability) to play in 8am-10am time slot and teams in higher divisions (higher ability) to play in 10am-12pm time slot
- Each time slot will involve teams competing in 1 doubles and 2 singles matches
- Teams will contain 3 players with either 2 or 3 playing on any given day
- Competition commences Saturday 14th February and will continue for 5 rounds (last round 14th March) with finals/play-offs for all divisions on Saturday 21st March.

All of the teams from last year will be rearranged depending on the results and statistics we collected over the Term 4 competition. This information will not be available until AFTER Monday 9th February, to ensure all new Year 5 boys can be graded and included in the competition.

More detailed information regarding teams and the competition will be given to the boys next week.

Mrs J Schuster - 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: All-day Sport at Oxford Falls. Sports uniform and full packed lunch required. Trials/Training continues for respective summer sports (Basketball, Softball and Tennis). Parents may collect boys at 2.20pm from the car-park. Tennis trials will be at Roseville Tennis Club, conducted by professional coaches. Boys will be bussed there separately with a member of staff and return to school for dismissal at normal time. Tennis racquet required.

* Please note the incorrect date was allocated for school camps in last week’s planner. Amended below:

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Twitter / Wet Weather Procedure: Follow @SPXJuniorSport for instant updates regarding late sporting changes, cancellations etc. Click here to go to the full details in Woodchatta Extras.

House Captains: Congratulations to the following students voted by their peers and staff as leaders for 2015.

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Basketball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season begins this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place for the games at St Ignatius as their courts are outdoor. Boys will be notified of their team and issued a singlet on Friday morning. All relevant information is on the College website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139). 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 1 season is against Tudor House 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://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform, have protective equipment and are at the venue 20 mins prior to commencement time. More detailed instructions for travel have been issued by Mrs Williams.

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NSTA Tennis: Rd 1 is next Saturday the 14th Feb. Boys will be notified of their team and will be given further team draw and venue details early next week. The summer competition is graded and run in conjunction with the Senior School. Boys are graded in ability groups and grading may transcend year groups. Please check under NSTA Tennis in the Senior School Sport section for future correspondence.

Rugby: Trials for the upcoming Armidale Rugby Tour will take place on Thur 12th Feb as part of sport. Yr 6 students playing Rugby for the College are invited to trial. The tour takes place from 17th – 19th April in Armidale, NSW. All tour management, including transport, accommodation and meals are organised by The College. Parents and friends can attend in support if they wish to make their own arrangements. Accommodation books out very early.

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. CAREERS NEWSLETTER

2. 2015 COLLEGE LEADERS

3. MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES:
   - FLYER: Parenting Programs
   - FLYER: Parenting Education for Mums, Dads & Carers

4. ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2015

5. MUSIC TUITION APLICATION 2015

6. SPORT UPDATES VIA TWITTER

7. CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

8. FOOTBALL GRADINGS DAYS

9. OLD BOYS NEWS (No Old Boys News this week)

10. GENERAL NOTICES
    STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION
    STUDENT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES
2015 COLLEGE LEADERS
MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES

Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships:
- Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- Emotional intelligence skills
- How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
Chatswood 5 Wed/2.5hrs (2/3 - 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
- Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
- Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (24/2 - 24/3)

NEW Triple P Seminars - Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3)
Communicating with Kids Workshop - Chatswood (31/3)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
- Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
- Resilient Kids
- Transition to High School
- Bully Busting Workshop
- Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Older Sibling - New Baby
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Transition to School
- Speech & Language Development/ Sleep
- Grand Parenting
- Triple P (PPF) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
- Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Northern Sydney Local Health District

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MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES

How To Enrol

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING

COMPLETE the Application Form.
MAKEoppelation forms prable c to:
Northern Sydney Local Health District
POST completed Application forms and the fee to:
Child & Adolescent Parenting
PO Box 140
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670
or fax forms using Mastercard or Visa to:
FAX 9887 2341

Staff Comments:
20% Discount for staff of Northern Sydney Local Health District on courses only.

Child Disabling:
We regret we cannot provide childminding.

Public Holidays:
Classes are NOT held on public holidays.

Receipts:
Receipts and confirmations are posted after your enrolment has been processed. Please allow at least ten days before inquiring.

Refunds/Cancellations:
Select your course carefully. Refunds and/or credits cannot be given unless a course is cancelled.

Course Venues

Childwood Community Health Centre,
57 Merrick St

ALL OUR LEADERS ARE PARENTS & PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED

For Children 1-12 Years

For Children 1-12 Years

Toddler’s Terrible Two-Tot Talk

3 x 2.5hr workshops 55$pp or 315$pp for 5 workshops in one term.

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Tuesdays in Kids

5 wks (2.5hrs) $95pp ($46ence) | Age 3-5yrs

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Tuesdays in Kids

3 x 2hr seminars $59pp or $351pp for 3 seminars

1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident, Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

Resilient Kids Workshop

2.5hrs $100pp

Content:
Supporting your child’s resilience, acceptance & expression of feelings, develop self-confidence, coping skills & problem solving, deal with negative emotions.

Tuesdays in Kids

3 x 2hr seminars $55pp or $333pp for 3 seminars

1. Raising Confident, Competent Children
2. Raising Resilient Children
3. Raising Responsible Teenagers

Communicating With Kids Workshop

2.5hrs $60pp

Content:
Communication skills for building positive relationships, problem ownership, listening skills, assertiveness skills and problem solving skills.

Resilient Kids Workshop

2.5hrs $100pp

Content:
Supporting your older children’s resilience, acceptance & expression of feelings, develop self-confidence, coping skills & problem solving, deal with negative emotions.

Transition to School

2.5 hours

Content:
The emotional transition from home to school, effective communication and listening skills, focus on “I” statements, problem solving skills & how parents can best help.

Bullies Busting and
Cyber Bullying for Parents

2.5 hours

Content:
Helping parents understand the bullying behaviour, methods of bullying, how to help your child if they are being bullied, they are doing the bullying behaviour, or if they witness bullying behaviou.

Resilient Kids Workshop

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Dealing With Backchat Workshop

2.5 hrs

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Teens are special and unique. Parents feel they must negotiate between you and your teenagers, understand teenagers today, helping them talk so that they will talk to you.
# ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – 2015

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

## TUESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Jazz Band  
  (BMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Jazz Band  
  (CMR)
- 8.00 – 8.30am Senior String Quartet  
  (EMR)
- Lunchtime Senior Digital Music Ensemble  
  (DMS)
- Lunchtime Junior Guitar Ensemble  
  (EMR)

## WEDNESDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Senior Choir  
  (CMR)
- 7.30 – 8.30 am Junior Concert Band  
  (BMR)
- Lunchtime Senior Guitar Ensemble  
  (EMR)
- Lunchtime Junior Digital Music Ensemble  
  (DMS)

## THURSDAY
- 7.30 – 8.30am 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)
- Lunchtime Intermediate Digital Music Ensemble  
  (DMS)

## 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)

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**EMR:** Elective Music Room  
**CMR:** Core Music Room  
**BMR:** Band Room  
**DMS:** Digital Music Studio (Junior School)  
**LC1:** Leary Centre 1 (Drama Studio)  
**Sarto:** Sarto Centre (Church on the corner of Daisy Street)
THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT at St Pius X College offers tuition during school hours for students wishing to learn an instrument. Tuition is currently offered in the following:

- **Brass** (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba)
- **Woodwind** (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone)
- **Strings** (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)
- **Percussion** (including Drum Kit and Mallet/Tuned Percussion)
- **Piano** (Classical and Modern)
- **Guitar** - Acoustic, Electric and Bass (Classical and Modern)
- **Voice**
- **Musicianship or Theory**
- **Music Production**

Students usually have 8 – 10 lessons per term. The cost of each lesson is $40.00. Music tuition fees are payable directly to the relevant tutor in advance, on the receipt of an account. Payment must be made within two weeks of receiving the invoice.

If a decision is made to discontinue lessons, both the Music Tutor and the Performing Arts Co-ordinator must be informed in writing, three term weeks in advance. If a decision is made to discontinue lessons, both the Music Tutor and the Performing Arts Co-ordinator must be informed in writing, three term weeks in advance. Failure to do this will result in charges for three lessons. All music lessons take place during class time, with students withdrawn from class for 30 minutes on a rotational basis throughout the day. No guarantee can be made for requests of before school, recess, lunchtime or after school lessons.

It is compulsory for all students learning a Band/Orchestral instrument or voice at the College, to be involved in the appropriate ensemble, once they have reached a sufficient level of experience. There is a Performing Arts Festival during Term 4, where it is compulsory for all students who learn an instrument and/or voice at the College to perform, to the level of their experience.

There is a Performing Arts Parents Association at the College, whose purpose is to support the Performing Arts Department in providing musical instruments, equipment, repairs and other resources. To support the program, each student who undertakes tuition and/or participates in an ensemble is charged an annual levy. In 2015 this levy is $175.00 per student.

Students are able to hire a variety of orchestral/band instruments from the College (except piano, guitar and drums). The hire of instruments is subject to availability and the needs of the ensembles. The fee to hire a College musical instrument is $245.00 per year.

If your son is interested in learning an instrument at the College, please complete and return the form below. By signing the document below you are agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined above and in the Co-Curricular Music Information Booklet. If you would like any further details about Music tuition, please check the College website or contact one of the Performing Arts staff.

Ms Tracey Bates
Performing Arts Studies Co-ordinator

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**RETURN TO THE PERFORMING ARTS CO-ORDINATOR**

I would like my son to undertake music tuition at the College.

**Student Name:** ____________________________________________ **Academic Year 2015:** _________

**Instrument Requested:** ___________________________________ **Instrument Hire?** Yes / No

**Previous music experience:** ________________________________________________

**Parent’s Name:** ________________________________________________

**Home:** ____________________ **Work:** ____________________ **Mobile:** ____________________

**Email:** ______________________________________________________

(All participants in the tuition program are included on the PAPA email list)

**Signature:** ________________________________________________

*I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AM AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE MUSIC TUITION APPLICATION FORM AND THE CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC INFORMATION BOOKLET*
Dear Parents and Friends,

We have an easy way of disseminating key sports information to the St Pius Chatswood community. Follow us on Twitter to receive last minute updates regarding fixtures (ground changes, wet weather updates, cancellations etc).

We would highly recommend that you set-up a Twitter account and follow us. Messages can be sent directly to your phone, allowing for instant updates as to your son’s sporting commitments. This could also mean that you avoid unnecessary travel in the event of cancellations and that you are aware of your son’s whereabouts with regards sport.

**NB.** These updates will be one-way transactions that are designed purely as an information dissemination tool. We will not ‘follow’ you on Twitter and you will not be able to respond or communicate with us.

**How do I set-up an account?**
Set-up takes 2 minutes and is free. You are not obliged to send any ‘tweets’ or follow anyone else. Go to: [https://twitter.com/](https://twitter.com/) Search for the relevant account holder and click follow.

**To receive updates to your mobile phone:**
1. Download the Twitter App to your phone (this is available from the App Store on iOS devices, the Google Play store on Android devices and the Windows Store on all Windows Phones and Tablets).
2. Then, to enable your phone to be notified when we send an alert, go to Twitter.com on your desktop or laptop computer and once you are logged in, choose settings.

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3. Go to the ‘Mobile’ tab and follow the prompts (You must text ‘GO’ to the number provided)

4. From the Twitter home page, click ‘Following’ Tab on the left menu bar. Click the person icon next to the relevant Sportsmaster and select, ‘Turn on Mobile Notifications’

Not a Twitter person?
Twitter feeds will also be updated to the school website. This does however require you to access the wet weather page on the website and you may miss late changes due to unforeseen cancellations: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=80

Kind Regards

Mr Greg Virgona and Mr Matthew Stearn
St Pius X College Sportsmasters
CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

St Pius 2nd X1 (82 all out) lost to Chevalier College (2-83) by eight wickets

The 2nd X1’s hopes of making the finals in the ISA Division 2 received a severe setback at the hands of Chevalier College as Pius went down to an eight-wicket defeat against their Bowral-based rivals on Saturday.

Having lost the toss, Pius were put into bat on a rough and green-tinged deck that immediately supported Chev’s decision with the ball moving constantly in the damp conditions and keeping variable bounce – twin factors that the home bowlers exploited to the full.

With Joe Unwin going cheaply, Nic Frayne (19) and Dom Easy (16) worked hard to counter the swinging attack and while runs were hard to come by the pair shared in a stand of 28, knowing that any total around 100 would be a hard ask for the team batting second.

But when Frayne fell with the score on 34, Pius’ batters were unable to build on that steady second wicket stand and within nine overs of the skipper’s departure the Seconds had been reduced to 6-51 with the top and middle order back in the sheds.

Tom Graziotto (8) sought to make the score slightly more acceptable, anchoring a grinding accumulation of runs with James White, Pat Dermott and Liam Carroll but when the keeper was dismissed on 71 a defendable score was almost out of reach.

Matt Hall and Sam John added 11 runs for the last wicket before John chipped out to mid-wicket to see Pius dismissed for just 82.

Pius’ hopes then rested on taking early wickets and while the bowling was steady the early breakthroughs failed to come as the wicket settled down in the afternoon sun.

Chev’s opening pair chipped away at the small target and it wasn’t until the score was on 56 that Pius got the breakthrough, Matt Hall yorking Bourne for 30.

While the Pius medium pacers turned in respectable figures for what would have been a normal match, their lack of penetration early on meant that spinners James White and Pat Purcell had little to bowl at.

And with a couple of chances going begging, it was left to Pat Dermott turning in the best performance of the day, taking the second of just two wickets to fall and ending the day with figures of 1-6 off 6.

By that time, though, Chevalier, had polished off Pius’ underwhelming total after 33 overs, reaching 2-83 and earning themselves valuable points in the run-up to the semi-finals.

For Pius, stranded in sixth place with just 13 points, three tough games now await and all three have to be won if there is any chance of this promising team making the top four. The focus now will also be on maintaining the Seconds place in Division 2 for next season.

Mr D. John - 2nds Assistant Coach
NSJCA U14PM Division 1 – 31/01/15 - Round 9, Weil Park
St Pius X Red 99 (J Rayner 22) defeated by Lane Cove Clarke 133
(L Ventura 3/10, T Colgan 2/5, J Quillan 2/12)

Not the happiest start to 2015, against a team that we’d defeated comfortably in Round 2. We are now left in heavy traffic wrestling for our number two spot on the ladder, and we have a 2-day match ahead of us over the next fortnight against the other, table-topping, Lane Cove team.

In the field, Tom Colgan, Josh Rayner and Luke Ventura picked up a wicket each. Josh also got two catches and Nick McLachlan bettered that with three, while Luke and James Quillan got a catch apiece.

133 was a gettable target, but our batting wasn’t good enough and 99 all out in the 28th over left us well short of the Lane Cove total. In our total, Josh (22), James Q (11), Alex Favelle (10), James Robinson (12), Tim McLachlan (12), and Tom (12 no) all made double figures. We needed just 1-2 batters to ‘go on with it’ and we’d go into next weekend much better placed and with more confidence for our expected tough match.

MWJCA U16-18 – 31/01/15 - Round 7, Day 1, David Thomas 1, North Manly
St Pius X Purple 186 (W Roser 105*, T McKern 20, B Plummer 15) vs Harbord Tigers 2/24
(R Beattie 1/1, A Halliday 1/19)

Following the long Christmas break of 7 weeks, everyone was keen to get back into cricket, despite a lack of recent practice for most players. Captain Tom McKern won the toss and elected to bat first.

Openers Tom McKern (20) and Sam Dixon started our innings well until one got through Sam’s defences in the 9th over. The dismissal brought Will Roser to the crease, who had been elevated to No.3. Will and Alex Halliday (13) put on a very handy 35 run 4th wicket partnership. Brendan Plummer (15) was looking in great touch with three great boundaries and put on an excellent 55 run 6th wicket partnership with Will. A couple of quick wickets saw SPX struggling a little at 8/132 off only 32 overs and Will on 62* when his mate Tom Mullane joined him for an excellent 9th wicket partnership of 45 runs, but with Will on 99* and only one wicket in hand.
Liam O’Neill at No. 11 strolled out to the middle with the added pressure of knowing his partner needing only one more run to bring up a century. The first ball Liam faced went through for a Bye, leaving Will on strike with one ball of the over remaining, however he was unable to capitalise hitting it straight to a fielder. The next over saw Liam on strike again with the challenge of helping his partner get back on strike, which he managed to do first ball by pushing a single to the on side. After a few nervous moments Will bought up his century in style with another beautiful straight drive for four, his 17th boundary of the innings. Will Roser (105*) played a magnificent innings for his century with some incredible shots to all parts of the ground, highlighted by some spectacular powerful straight drives and pull shots. It was not only power hitting but it was also a patient innings, Will always respecting good deliveries with solid defence and always looking to knock the ball around into gaps for plenty of ones and two’s as well. They don’t call it the nervous nineties for nothing.

While Will looked relaxed and in control out in the middle, the spectators were the opposite and the crowd seemed to go silent, all nervous for their team mate. Will’s last few runs didn’t come as easy as the rest. It included a Sean Marsh style dive along the pitch (except Will never looked like getting out) and a couple of nervous shots while on 99 but he deserved some luck. Luckily he got through these tough moments and thoroughly deserved his brilliant century with a powerful and stylish straight drive.

Funnily enough Will was one of the few players that thought we should have bowled today, however he can thank Tom for a wise choice. His decision to accept No.3 also meant that he just enough time to reach this great milestone innings. Congratulations on a fine innings and helping to put your team in a good position on Day One. Unfortunately Will ran out of partners and Purple were dismissed for 186 off 43 overs. With 30 minutes remaining Purple were able to get in 8 overs and struck early with key wickets in the second and seventh overs, to put us in a decent position for Day Two.

A very big thanks must go to our umpire Gerard Plummer and to Maggie Mullane for scoring.
FOOTBALL GRADING DAYS - SUNDAY 8 & 15 FEBRUARY 2015

The SPX Football Committee is pleased to continue to support football in the College for 2015 by providing qualified coaches to conduct the grading process over the coming 2 Sundays for the 13-16 age groups. The committee will be providing food and drinks at the Old Boys kiosk at Oxford Falls on both days. We need some parents to assist on the day in cooking and serving. If you can spare sometime while your boy is graded that would be much appreciated. Please contact Mary-anne Back at backs@bigpond.net.au or drop by on the day.

The committee will be keeping you updated on activities concerning SPX football throughout the season so provide contact details in the registration.

We look forward to another great season of football at SPX.

Football Committee

DETAILS:
St Pius X College has a developed a strong football culture and reputation over the past several years achieving outstanding results in the ISA competition and in other arenas. This has created great interest in the sport at the college. However, there is a limitation on the number of teams St Pius is permitted to field in the ISA Football Competition – usually two per year group.

The Football Club conducts a grading process early in the school year, well before the timing of registration for district football. This is to maximise the opportunity for St Pius boys to play football. The FC has secured Chris Semaan as the college’s Specialist Coach for 2015 and they will coordinate the grading days.

All boys wishing to play football for the college must attend grading, regardless of their participation last year. Registration should be done on-line prior to trialling. Mr Yue (Senior Football Convenor) will notify successful players in the coming weeks.

On-line registration is due by 7 February, via the link below, and will require you to indicate “1” for the quantity of tickets in order to proceed to the registration form.

www.trybooking.com/119527

When: 8 & 15 February 2015
Where: College playing fields at Oxford Falls (Dreadnought Rd)

Times: 8.30 – 10.00 U13 (Yr7)
10.00 – 11.30 U14 (Yr8)
11.30 – 1.30 U15 (Yr9) and U16 (Yr10)

Equipment: Football boots, shin-pads (you will not be able to play in the trials without these), drink bottle, and sporting clothes.

Food: A sausage sizzle and coffee will be available for purchase.

It should be a fun day so come along and show us what you can do!

Mr Simon Yue (Senior Football Convenor) & SPX Football Club Committee
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In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say thanks to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

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