GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:31-37

Today’s Opening Mass proclaimed Mark’s Gospel as we began the College year.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

In breaking open this reading in his Homily, Bishop Comensoli urged each of us to use our eyes, use our ears, use all our senses to do God’s will, and to practice what we preach. He concluded by encouraging us that “Jesus is with you. Jesus is with you.”

OPENING SCHOOL MASS – WELCOME BISHOP COMENSOLI

The 2015 College Opening Mass today was a wonderful occasion where we welcomed our newly installed Bishop, Peter Comensoli.

The theme of the Mass, Liberating Education now stands as our theme for the College Year.

Bishop Comensoli was most engaging and truly interested in the students and called them personally into care for one another, to pray for one another and to live out their faith in action.

We pray for Bishop Comensoli that he enjoys a long and fruitful pastoral ministry in the Diocese and with St Pius X College Chatswood.

An additional selection of photos from the Mass can be found in Woodchatta Extras.
INVITATION TO THE P&F MASS ON SATURDAY

A special P&F Mass will be held this Saturday 14 February and all families are invited to join.

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*

ASH WEDNESDAY
Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the 18th February. Parish Mass times can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

PARENTS AND VISITORS COMING TO THE SCHOOL
A reminder to parents that St Pius X College is protected by the Inclosed Lands Protection Act. Unauthorised entry during school operating hours is prohibited.

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

Mr John Couani

Open Day – Saturday 14 March, 2015
ENROLMENTS FOR YEARS 5, 6 AND 7, 2017

Applications will be sent out in the first week of March 2015 for Years 5, 6 and 7, 2017. Applications will also be available on the College Open Day. Applications close 30 April 2015.

College Open Day: Saturday 14 March
Chatswood Campus - 10am to 2pm
Oxford Falls Campus – 8am to 12pm

Ms M King/Ms C Jennings – Enrolment Registrars
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

What a joyous celebration today with the holding of our Commencement Mass. It was a spectacular scene to see Our Lady of Dolours Church “full to the brink” with over 1,250 people present. We were honoured to have our new Bishop of Broken Bay, most Rev. Peter Comensoli, along with our Parish Priest, Father Paul Finucane, to celebrate such an uplifting ceremony.

Our young men, led by the Year 12 Student Leaders, House Captains and Mission & Identity Prefects, were joined by Mihir Mathur, Franklin Clayton, Hugh Allan and Niccolo Burman (Year 5); David Cass (Year 7); Alex Tomaszewski (Year 8); Oliver Stewart (Year 9); Dominic Wong (Year 11), Joshua Maggiore, Hans Lee (Year 12) and our seven Year 11 Eucharistic Ministers all contributing to our Liturgy. One of the true highlights of Mass was the reading of the Prayers of the Faithful in the following students/teacher native language: Tom Graziotto (Italian); Allan Djizmedjian (Armenian), Matthew Soetrisno (Indonesian); Nektary Kotlaroff (Russian) and Ms Wang (Mandarin).

Mass was also the opportunity to launch our theme for the year of Liberating Education. Bishop Comensoli in his homily encouraged us all not only to see and listen but “using your hands and feet … to be doers…To practice what we preach”. Mr Couani and Fraser Toohey then made the following pledge on behalf of the Students and Staff respectively.

Fraser Toohey (Student Commitment): In the name of all students, we promise that we shall take part in all activities and studies at our College, respecting and abiding by the rules that govern them, in the true spirit of St Pius X.

Mr Couani (Staff Commitment): We will strive to offer a holistic education meeting the pastoral needs of every student. We will nurture the spirituality of every person encouraging a faith-sharing community. That providing service to others is integral to living out our Christian ideals, always respecting the stewardship of God’s gifts to us. As a Catholic school we will stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized always acting justly and compassionately, reflecting the mind and heart of Edmund Rice. May our Four touchstones and core values of Faith, Excellence, Respect and Opportunity, that this banner proudly represents, underpin all that we do.

Finally many thanks to the excellent preparation and direction from Ms Bates, Mr Clark and Brother Rafferty, along with our Senior Choir, Brass and Senior String Ensembles who led outstandingly the music for our Liturgy. A big thank you once again to Bishop Comensoli, to our Parish Priest, Father Paul Finucane, Mr Peter Leuenberger, Deputy Executive Director of EREA, Mr Greg Wilson from the CSO, our Brothers Community, Member of the Board and parents for their presence. The true stars of the celebration were all our young men. They are to be congratulated on their reverence and hearty singing. There is nothing better than to hear 1,150 young men sing with gusto and passion to ensure a fitting commencement and setting a great tone to our year.

Mr M Casey

From the Head of Student Services

RECORDS OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please be informed that NSW BOSTES (Board of Studies) 2015 directives require that School Principals no longer grant Leave of Absence for student travel outside of school vacation periods. This applies particularly where the Principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interest.

As such please keep the College informed of any required absences at the earliest possible opportunity. Additionally please ensure that a correctly dated note addressed to your son’s Pastoral Care Teachers, detailing dates and reasons for absences, and signed by you as parent / guardian, be provided on the first school day attended after any absence. In the case of Year 11 and 12 HSC students, a Doctors Certificate may be required to ensure HSC Assessment protocols are adhered to.

Students are required to be a school by the 8.40am bell, and students who are repeatedly late to school, without appropriate reason, will be required to make up time missed outside of normal class time.

The College strives to create a positive environment where full attendance and participation in all school activities is the norm, where students develop a sense of connectedness and pride in their school community. Your support in this endeavour is invaluable in the development of an encompassing, inclusive culture where liberated student learning can thrive.

The Application Form for Exemption from Attendance at School can be found on the College Website: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/_uploads/rsfil/001068_efae.pdf

Mr S Brannan
From the Deputy Principal

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY 2015: The College calendars and Student Diary currently show that Monday 27 April 2015 is a holiday, and that this was to be confirmed. Recent advice from the NSW Industrial Relations Office is that this date will NOT be gazette as a public holiday in NSW.

Therefore NORMAL school will take place on Monday 27th April.

The College is attending (100 students/parents and 10 staff) the Camp Gallipoli bivuac in Centennial Park on Friday 24 April and that contingent will leave midday on Friday 24 April. See Mr Brannan’s section later in this newsletter for further details.

UNIFORM AND PUNCTUALITY: 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.

Parents are reminded that students are to come directly to school and travel straight home and that an Exit Pass, supported by a parent note, is required to vary this.

YARD SUPERVISION: Formal supervision in the school yard commences at 8.30am.

Mr J Olson

Your P&F in Action

FAMILY COMMENCEMENT MASS
Please come along and celebrate the new school year with your fellow parents at the Family Welcome Mass with your family, followed by drinks and a BBQ. 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.

The Mass starts at 5.30pm this Saturday 14 February at Our Lady of Dolours (just behind the College on Archer St) and parking is available in the College grounds. A BBQ and Drinks in the College grounds, supplied by the P&F Association, will follow right after Mass.

Full details here
Please RSVP here by tomorrow Wednesday 11 February.

YEAR 12 PARENTS GATHERING
The downhill fun run for Year 12 Parents begins right here! It starts at 7.00pm on Friday 20 February at the Toohey’s place Belrose. Your Class Parents would love to see you at this event so please click here for address and details.

IS YOUR SON A PERFORMER?
If you have a performer in the house, then you need to pop along to the the Performing Arts Parents’ Association (PAPA) meeting. PAPA help your son by providing services at events, creating additional performing space, and also professional assistance to the Performing Arts team at the College.

So come along and support your boy’s talent at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 March in the Band Room. Parking is available on the College Grounds.

You can find all the details here

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications
MindMatters for Families

SAVE THE DATE
THE INTERNET: “A SLOW ROAD TO DISCONNECTED CHILDREN” - an invaluable Parent Information Session
Wednesday 4 March 2015, 7.00-8.30pm

Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for full details.

Mrs J McCarthy on behalf of the College Counsellors

Camp Gallipoli

Camp Gallipoli is an overnight swag camp (only swags including sleeping bag, camp mattress and small groundsheets allowed – no tents or guy ropes permitted). Up to 10 000 people will celebrate the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landings overnight on 24th – 25th April 2015 in Centennial Park Sydney with similar events occurring throughout State Capitals around Australia.

The $110 cost per person will cover transport, food, entertainment - concert, documentaries, interviews, a movie, parades and the Flame and Dawn Service Ceremonies. We envisage the St Pius Contingent of up to 110 students, their parents and staff travelling by train from Chatswood to Central before walking to Centennial Park after lunch on Friday 24th April (Week 1 of Term 2). We will return to Chatswood Saturday morning after the Dawn Service. With an option for families to attend the ANZAC Parade.

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, and celebrate what should be a significant occasion on the Centenary of the ANZAC. More details on the event are available on the Camp Gallipoli Website - https://www.campgallipoli.com.au by contacting Mr Brannan at the College, or from our student leadership team over the coming assemblies.

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

We are looking forward to commemorating this significant occasion in Australian History with a significant and reverent presence from the St Pius X College Community.

Mr S Brannan

Information for Year 11 Parents

The Year 11 Parent Information Night was well attended on Monday last. My thanks to the presenters and to the parents for their attendance. Copies of the Powerpoints and the handout are available on the Year 11 Pastoral Page on eAccess.

All students should now have their Year 11 Assessment Booklet.

Mr B Batchelor - Year 11 Guidance Co-ordinator.

Peer Support

Congratulations to our Peer Support Leaders for 2015. An exceptional group of Year 11 students have been selected to work with the Year 5 and 7 students in peer led programs designed to enhance the mental, social and emotional wellbeing of young people.

The Peer Support Leaders will be involved in developing skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership. Sessions will be held for the next 8 weeks and we wish our Senior Leaders and Junior students all the best in taking a positive and motivated approach as they commence and work through these programs.

Ms R Mowle - Convenor
Performing Arts News

COMMENCEMENT MASS: Thank you to the following students who, along with Br Rafferty made such a meaningful and reverent contribution to this Mass; Senior Choir, Senior String Ensemble, Brass Fanfare (Callum Aikin, Thomas Benson, Adam Melzer, John Morabito) and the Cantors (Dominic Fong and Nektary Kotlaroff).

ENSEMBLE ROLLS: Placements in all Ensembles will be finalised at the end of next week (Week 4). After this time, there will be no further changes until after the Term 2 Twilight Concert.

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 Tracey Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom as soon as possible.

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 has been sent home with all the details. There are extra tickets are available for other members of the College community who wish to attend, $105.00 for the four concert series or $26.00 per individual concert. Please contact the Performing Arts Coordinator, Ms Tracey Bates, TBates@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au for further information and concert details.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

From the Science Department

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) In January this year four of our talented Year 12 Science students, Josh Maggiora, Robbie Morgan, Jeremy Chow and Harry Vinter, were selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum held in Canberra.

The NYSF is a unique program that enables students on the point of entering their final year of secondary school, the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and learn about study options in the diverse fields of science, engineering and technology.

“The National Youth Science Forum brought me right into the heart of science and engineering. The lab visits were a true highlight of my experience especially visiting the particle accelerator at ANU. It really opened up my mind to the possibilities a science career could take me, and sharing the experience with the many other students and friends made it a really rewarding time.” Jeremy Chow

“At the National Youth Science Forum I met 200 likeminded and amazing people from all over Australia and even other countries, allowing me to make many lifelong friends who shared in such an amazing experience.” Robbie Morgan

“The National Youth Science Forum opened my eyes up to the many scientific and engineering opportunities that are currently available in our world. However instead of defining the scientific or engineering field that I would like to pursue it expanded my options to fields that I would never even have thought of.” Josh Maggiora

Ms J Black – Science Coordinator

From the History Department

It is with pleasure that we announce that Brendan Cornish from the class of 2014 has achieved a Certificate of Excellence in the annual NSW History Teachers’ Association Extension History Essay Competition. Each year, the Association receives hundreds of essays from the state’s top schools, and from among them only 15 are selected.

Brendan’s essay examined the political implications for historians writing about the Katyn Massacre which took place in 1940 in Poland. At the time, the Germans were blamed as it suited the Cold War climate, but more recent research has shown that it was undertaken by the Russians.

Brendan’s essay was a complex analysis of the pressures placed on historians in serving political, national and other interests. He is to be commended on achieving such a prestigious award.
Debating & Public Speaking

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following three Friday evenings in March. Information on venues and times will follow as soon as Pius is informed. **Students have registered and ALL public speakers are meeting every Friday at 1.00pm in the JCR for practise sessions. Bring your lunch.**

Public Speaking Competition dates:
- Round 1: February 27
- Zone Final: March 6
- Final: March 13

Public Speaking Topics 2014:
- Who cares?
- The things that matter
- It's time
- From a distance
- True Colours

DEBATING
Registration forms are available at the front office. Debating is a terrific extra curricula activity. It runs for **two terms**: from Week 4 Term 1 to Week 2 Term 3. This Friday all debaters will meet their coaches under the clock after the sports assembly. Training will commence next week and our season runs through until Week 2 Term 3. Forms need to be returned to the box on the front veranda marked “Debating and Public Speaking Registration Forms”.

We are hosting a ‘friendly’ debate against St Greg’s Campbelltown: a ‘friendly’ debate against Brigidine College St. Ives; Mercy College, Chatswood and possibly one other local school.

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

SENIOR MACQUARIE SCHOOLS’ CUP
The Annual Macquarie Schools’ Cup - Senior Division is being held at Macquarie University on **Tuesday 17th February 2015**. St Pius X is entering six teams and students have submitted their signed permission slips for this ‘Big Day Out’ next week.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor

**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (DOE)**

Congratulations to Liam Zucconi, Year 10, for his achievement in being awarded with the Bronze Level Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. Liam worked on his award throughout 2014 using a combination of school based and external activities to develop his skills. Congratulations to Liam for in investing in himself and our local community.

Ms K Manga - Convenor

Be a Part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is one way that we provide a Liberating education. The award links to our Outdoor Education Program.

The Award concept is one of individual Challenge. It presents to young people a balanced, non-competitive program of voluntary activities that encourage personal discovery and growth, self-reliance perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to the community. Many of the components of the Award can be completed through school activities that the students may already be involved with.

The award is open to all students over the age of 14 years. For more information [http://www.dukeofed.com.au/](http://www.dukeofed.com.au/)

Mr P de Silva – Outdoor Education Coordinator
From the Senior Resource Centre

**POPE FRANCIS’ CALL TO JOY**

At last year’s concluding Mass, Father Paul Finucane’s Homily focussed on ways we could find joy in the simple things in life. Drawing inspiration from Pope Francis’ bestseller, “Evangelii Gaudium: the Joy of the Gospel”, he commended this book to all of us.

The SRC has now made this book available. As well, we have respected writer, Diane Houdek’s essential guide to this book, “Pope Francis and our call to Joy”.

Both are ready for loan @yourSRC. What a wonderful way to start 2015.

Ms K Keighery – Senior Teacher/Librarian

**Chess**

Training began on Monday 9th Feb with quite an impressive turnout from Year 7 and Year 8 students. More players are required in all other years and I encourage anyone with or without chess knowledge to roll up on a Monday afternoon to the “Blue Room” to give it a go. Training is conducted by Sydney Academy of Chess tutors who are happy to instruct at all levels. Learn new ways to solve problems or increase your strategic thinking skills.

| Training: Term 1 and 2 on Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm. |
| Games: Fridays Term 2. |

More information will be supplied to interested parties at training.

Ms D Ramsey - Convenor

**Tax File Numbers**

There has been a change in the application process for Tax File Numbers. Students are no longer able to obtain a TFN via the school. Students are now required to fill in an online form and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. For further information see the attachment in Woodchatta Extras or visit [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

**Careers News**


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

**Homework Help**

Please note there will be NO Homework Help on Tuesday 17 February due to an All Staff Meeting.

Homework Help is held every Monday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre. Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

Ms S Blanchard – Special Education Teacher

**Free Travel Passes**

All State Transit Bus, City Rail and Forest Coachlines passes have been distributed. Unless your son’s application was only lodged THIS YEAR he should have his pass. Applications lodged this year will be processed by the relevant operators as soon as possible and distributed to your son when received. SHORELINK/TRANSDEV passes have not yet been received. Please note that students can travel without a State Transit or City Rail pass until Friday 20 February; those with Forest Coachlines passes will require a pass after this Friday 13 February.

Any change of address during the year will require a new application, otherwise your son will not automatically receive a free pass next year. Applications for change of travel route for State Transit and City Rail can only be made in the first four weeks of Terms 1 and 3. If your son requires an additional pass/es due to joint custody, please call me on 9414 4326 to organise the applications.

Ms R Gaston – Student Travel
Junior School News

Swimming Carnival: It was great to see so many parents supporting the boys at their swimming carnival. We were blessed with perfect weather for a great day. Congratulations to Purton on their fine win. A selection of photos can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

The Age champions:

Getaway Club: The Getaway Club will commence next Tuesday at lunchtime. It is a time where boys go to a classroom and play various games and learn to interact and feel connected to others and the school. Mrs Hartevelt has asked the teachers for names of boys who they believe may benefit from attending this fun program. However, some boys are very good at disguising their feelings and maybe you know your son would benefit from this program but we are unaware; so if you believe your son would benefit please email Mrs Hartevelt. Her email address is Carolyn Hartevelt CHartevelt@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Homework Help: Homework Help is on after school in the Senior Resource Centre. All ages and abilities are welcome. All students are to be engaged in either study, school work, homework or assignments. Please be aware that there is a whole school staff meeting on next Wednesday 17 February and there is no homework help on this day.

Parent/teacher interviews: 6 Gold have had their interviews. The meetings for the remainder of the Junior School will be held next Monday and Wednesday as arranged by yourself on the booking website.

Camp/Canberra: Information for Year 6 Canberra excursion has been sent home. Please ensure you have returned all the paperwork so we can contact the venues with any relevant information.

The information and the link to the online medical form for the Year 5 Milson Island excursion will be emailed home by the end of this week. This information will also be available on eAccess. If your son hasn’t slept away from home, there is still a few weekends in which to organise a sleep over. It promises to be a good time.

Sport: Last Saturday, it was good to see so many boys enjoying their sport and being good ambassadors for themselves, their families and the college. Well done and keep up the good standard.

The Commencement Mass: The P & F Commencement Mass will be held this Saturday. It commences at 5.30 pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church beside the school in Chatswood followed by a social gathering of drinks and food in the playground afterwards. All are welcome.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Junior School Chess Club

The NSW Junior Chess Competition is pleased to invite the SPX Junior School to take part in the 2015 Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition.

WHY CHESS? There are tremendous benefits for children involved in the competition – new outlook, new friends, intellectual stimulation, improved concentration, a new reason to develop self-esteem. Registration is Week 3 and 4, 2015.

A Chess Newsletter can be found in Woodchatta Extras, which contains all the relevant information. If your son is interested please complete the form, detach and hand it to Mrs Martin/Mrs Hunt by Monday 16 February, 2015. Training begins Week 7, Tuesday 10th March, 2015 at 7.30am in the Junior Resource Centre.

Mrs E Martin – Convenor
Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL

Saturday was a big day at Oxford Falls. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the day run smoothly. The Firsts finished the day with another win and keep their finals hopes alive. We have two rounds to go followed by semifinals and finals. Rounds 9 and 10 will determine whether some teams will make the semis. ISA Results link - http://www.isa.nsw.edu.au/summer-sports/boys-basketball/

Blue teams please note; Round 10 Sat 21st Feb I will be taking the Blue Teams to Bathurst by Bus. The bus will leave from Anderson St at 6:45 am. We will be back at school around 4:30pm.

Game of the Day: The 13As with a major upset won their first game for the season. Excellent work.
Play of the day: Matt Chicco, end to end. Defensive rebound to offensive layup.
Deserves a mention: Darcy Gyzen and Jamie Aleporos - 14As, Anthony Kotlaroff and Matthew Chicco – 13As

Venues:
- Auburn Basketball Centre: Church Street, Lidcombe (Inside Wyatt Park)
- NBISC: Northern Beaches Basketball Stadium, Off Jacksons Rd Warriewood
- Oakhill College: Old Northern Road Castle Hill
- Moss Vale Basketball Stadium: Parkes Road Moss Vale

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Mr N Gibson – Convenor
CRICKET
2014/15 ISA Cricket Representative Selections.
Nick McCamley (12) – captain, Michael Roberts (12) and Dermott Beattie (10).
Shadow players: Max Magee (11) and Nick Onslow (11).
Congratulations also to Ned McDermott-Healey (11) and Christian King (11) who were selected to trial for the open ISA Representative Team. Well done to all players!
2014/15 CIS U15 Representative.
Congratulations to Dermott Beattie (10) who has been selected in the prestigious CIS U15 Team, a great achievement.
The 1st XI bowled well to restrict SPC to 9/107 off their 50 overs. Dermott Beattie taking five top order wickets with good support from Ned McDermott-Healey. The 1st XI innings started poorly being 5/22 and in deep trouble. Nick McCamley steadied the innings and pushed the score to 82 with Nick Onslow scoring a valuable 9. Matt Kennedy closed the gap with some excellent hits leaving 1st XI with two to win. Unfortunately, the last wicket fell on 107. A heart breaking result to a great game which showed the fighting spirit of the 1st XI.

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<td>SPX Green U14 MWJCA</td>
<td>SPX Green 115 defeated by St Augustines White 141 (J Foley 2/16, L Rao 2/23)</td>
<td>Harbord Hornets</td>
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<td>SPX Red U14 NSJC</td>
<td>SPX Red 102 vs Lane Cove Clarke 2/45 2 day game in progress</td>
<td>Lane Cove Smith Watkins Oval, Oxford Falls</td>
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<td>SPX Yellow U16/18 MWJCA</td>
<td>SPX Yellow 177 (T Ventura 51, AK Vinci 40) defeated Peninsula Firefish 148 (AJ Brislan 3/21, AK Vinci 2/16)</td>
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<td>SPX Purple U16/18 MWJCA</td>
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<td>SPX 1st XI ISA</td>
<td>SPX 1st XI 107 (N McCamley 48, M Kennedy 22*) defeated by St Patricks College 9/108 (D Beattie 5/11, NH Healey 2/16)</td>
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<td>SPX 2nd XI ISA</td>
<td>SPX 2nd XI 114 defeated by St Patricks College 9/115 (J White 3/21, P Dermott 2/11, TA Robertson 2/16, P Purcell 2/19)</td>
<td>Oakhill College</td>
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Mr D Reay - Convenor

CROSS COUNTRY
Years 5 to 12 – open to all
Training has commenced and is held every Monday and Wednesday morning at Beauchamp Oval. Training starts at 7.30 am and finishes at 8.15am.

Year 7 and 8 students will be competing in the House Cross Country at Oxford Falls in Week 5.

The training will involve continuous, interval and hill training. Training will work on trying to improve personal best times and each student will be rewarded with a merit card when they achieve a new “PB”.

If selected for the St Pius X cross country team the team ISA cross country Championship will be held on Saturday 21st March at Oxley Chevalier.

Mr R Lacey - Convenor

FOOTBALL
Dear Parents and Players, it was great to see so many boys trialing on Sunday. Despite the heat it was a very successful day. A reminder that in order to be considered for selection into an SPX side, students must attend both grading days AND have registered online at the following trybooking link: www.trybooking.com/119527

Good luck to all boys trialling this Sunday. Times are the same as last Sunday and can be found in Woodchatta Extras.
Mr S Yue - Convenor

RUGBY CLUB SEASON LAUNCH & REGISTRATION – NEXT THURSDAY 19/2/15
All boys wishing to play rugby this year are required to attend the Rugby Club Season Launch & Registration evening next Thursday 19 February, 6.30pm at the school gym. More information will be available in next week’s Woodchatta.

Mr S Hopley - Convenor

SENIOR SWIMMING
This coming Friday night 13th February, the Senior Swimming Squad have their first Invitational Carnival on at Drummoyne Pool. St Andrews Cathedral School are hosting. Pool gates will open at 6pm for a warm-up and races begin at 6.30pm. All swimmers must have a school cap and swimmers on the night. All are welcome.

Miss L Proc - Convenor

NSTA TENNIS
NSTA tennis starts THIS Saturday 14 February. New team lists were posted around the College yesterday. Please ensure all boys know which team they are in. Most of the teams for the new format are teams of 2, with some teams of 3. This means that all boys need to be available to play tennis every weekend for the full 6 weeks of the competition.

All of the teams have been decided based on statistics collected over the Term 4 2014 season and grading results. We will now have 32 teams playing in this competition, so ask all players and parents to pay attention to the draw, times and locations for their games. Lower divisions 1-10 will play from 8am-10am and higher divisions 11-18 will play from 10am-12pm. There is no draw available yet, but as soon as it becomes available I will copy and give it to the boys (hopefully before Friday). We anticipate some teething problems, so please be patient with us as we endeavour to organise this as best we can for this week. The tennis mobile is 0409916859 if there is an emergency on Friday night or Saturday morning. Wet weather information will be updated on Twitter as necessary. Good luck to all players as we enter the new phase of NSTA tennis and we look forward to a great season.

The Team Lists for the Term 1 2015 NSTA tennis season can be found in Woodchatta Extras. Please check carefully.

Junior Competition: The draw can be found in Woodchatta Extras - please check for your son’s team. More information to come.

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: Regular sport at Oxford Falls, though all boys will again travel to the venue at 9am as there is an anti-bullying production in the morning. They will therefore require a full packed recess/lunch. Training then continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Trials for the Armidale Rugby Tour take place at lunch (see below). Pick-up is at 2.20pm in the carpark.

Junior Swim Carnival: (see attached photo page in Woodchatta Extras). The House Swimming Carnival, so early in the calendar year is a great way for our students, particularly those new to the College, to engage in the culture of St Pius sport and compete alongside their peers. We were greeted with a super day for swimming and buoyed by the support of a large contingent of parents and friends. Our students were once again superb – they swam with limitless energy, cheered their new ‘House’ mates with gusto and competed with vigour. Some were in pursuit of a spot in the swim squad, others gunning for a 1st place ribbon but all relishing the opportunity for some healthy competition or just a little fun at school.

Our boys are our best advertisement for the College and I was extremely impressed with the way this new group has settled into the sporting fabric of the school – they listen, follow directions and effortlessly give of their best. The newly appointed House Captains must be commended for excelling in their first official duty. They tirelessly drummed up numbers in events, led their cohort in the war cries and led the way in the water. In the end Purton’s teamwork and strong participation proved the difference with Rice fighting till the end for a close 2nd place overall. Treacy placed 3rd.

A big thank-you to the staff, senior students and parental volunteers who ran the carnival so smoothly. Thanks also to the many parents and relatives who supported their boys on the day. The following Age Champions and runners-up deserve mention for their superb individual performances in their respective fields. Those highlighted in bold have been selected in the swimming squad and are joined by; Callum O’Neill (U12) and Joshua Wong (U11). Our swim squad have already begun preparations for their upcoming selection carnival. We wish them the best of luck.
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<td>Riley Kennedy (R)</td>
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Rugby and Football (Soccer) - Winter Season: Just to clarify…. In the Junior School, we are able to cater for all boys who wish to play Rugby or Football for the College. As long as boys have elected to play for the school (via their sport choice form) and turn up to trial, they will be guaranteed a place in a team. Trials will begin in Week 7 of this term, during Thursday Sport at Oxford Falls. We use external professional coaches to assist in grading our Rugby and Football players.

Rugby Tour: We will again be taking a Prep 1st XV Rugby Squad to Armidale for The Armidale School Rugby Carnival. This tour departs on 17th April and returns on 19th April. Selection trials for all Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport this Thursdays 12th Feb and again on Thur 5th March. Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.

Basketball: Congratulations to all players on a fine start to the season. Many were representing St Pius for the first time and they did so naturally. The boys were well attired, well-mannered and played with good sportsmanship. I congratulate them on the way they have settled so quickly at St Pius. Well done to all.

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NSTA Tennis: Please see the information in the Senior Sports Section.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Softball: Round 1, 2015

Our first game for the season was at Tudor House. It was a beautiful morning and it was good to get an early start for the weekend. In a very tight contest, the scores were tied at 4 all after the first innings. There was fantastic fielding from Oliver, Douglas and Alex.

After the second innings we were leading 7-5 due to some excellent batting from Frank, Charlie, Rhys and Joseph. Our pitcher Jordan and our catcher Jake were working beautifully together and made some great strategic decisions. Ethan made a wonderful catch at short stop. Tudor House staged a strong come back in the final innings to win the match 14-10.

Some of the St Pius boys were making their debut in softball and displayed great potential. I am looking forward with excitement to our next match against Trinity Grammar Edgecliff at Queen’s Park.

Thank you to Mrs Daniels for keeping score and Mr Bilic for assisting with the coaching. Also thank you to Elizabeth Daniels for gathering the game statistics.

Parents remember to be at the ground at 7:45am and bring a chair.

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Mrs J Williams - Softball Convenor
Uniform Shop

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

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

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

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

1. PHOTOS FROM THE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT MASS
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4. 2015 TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM
5. MUSIC ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
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8. JUNIOR NSTA TENNIS
9. PHOTOS:  JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
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PHOTOS FROM THE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT MASS
**ASH WEDNESDAY – PARISH MASS TIMES**  
18 February 2015  
*(Please also check with your local Parish)*

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THE INTERNET: A SLOW ROAD TO DISCONNECTED CHILDREN

GUEST PRESENTER - BRAD MARSHALL PSYCHOLOGIST
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 7:00-8:30PM
(INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS AND QUESTION TIME)
THE SARTO CENTRE, ANDERSON STREET, CHATSWOOD

ABOUT THE SEMINAR:
Like it or not, Internet gaming and the use of social media is firmly cemented in our daily lives. While this raises valid questions regarding the safety of our children online, we often overlook the impact technology can have on emotional and psychological development. This seminar aims to provide parents with practical information on why and what they should be concerned about, along with some of the common signs or symptoms that your child’s internet use may be effecting their health and development. It will also highlight some practical strategies to help parents manage their child’s use of technology.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:
Brad Marshall
B.A. Psych, M.HSc. Beh Sci, Assoc MAPS
Principal Psychologist - Northshore Kidspace

Brad has been working with children, adolescents and families within Australia and The United States since 2006. Brad specialises in treatment of young people experiencing excessive internet use or “Internet Addiction” and related disorders. He has collaborated with the Network for Internet Investigation and Research Australian (NIIRA) to publish a recent piece titled “Avatar to Addiction”. You can read the publication at http://www.niira.org.au/for-professionals/avatar-addiction.

This free seminar for parents is a joint initiative between the St Pius X Counselling Team and Northshore Kidspace and has been generously funded by the P&F. Please register your attendance and secure your place by emailing jmccarthy@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
2015 TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation
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)

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)
MUSIC TUITION APPLICATION 2015

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. 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

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
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NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc.

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR COMPETITION

TERM 1 2015

COMPETITION DRAW

Name drawn in bold are semi-finalists.

Format:

Each match shall comprise two (2) players, ranked in order of ability:

Set 1 (Deuce) players 1 and 2
Set 2 (Deuce) players 1 and 2

All sets will be to 6 with a tie break at 6-all, normal deuce.

Players not participating is single or unable and bad boy.

Competition will consist of 3 rounds plus finals between 1st and 2nd.

8AM – 10AM

DIVISION 13 Green balls

DIVISION 14 Green balls

DIRECTIONS TO COURTS

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NO PLAYING TIMES: 6AM – 10AM

PRESSURE BALLS MUST BE USED FOR DIVS 14 – 18 INCLUSIVE.

2015 – 2015 NOON DRAWING 1 – 11

RESULTS: Must be entered online through XPoint – see insert on how.

Note: Teams responsible for submitting results online within 48 hours of the match time.

Format:

1st & 2nd:

• No weapon team will play a match won or a draw.

• Players receive a forfeit if no sooner to be submitted for a decision.

• A redraw will be compiled at the time of the matches and towards by the competition team.

Note: 7 rounds plus play-offs and finals.

[Additional text about the competition format and rules is provided, but it is not fully transcribed.]
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SATURDAY MORNING
JUNIOR COMPETITION

NSTA TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Parents and players are requested to abide by the following tennis etiquette which has been endorsed and adopted by the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association for all competition play:

When you are the home team, try to identify your opponents before the match starts, welcome them in and tell them which court the match will be played on.

Display good sportsmanship at all times. It is very important to be calm while you are playing and not lose your temper or throw your racket. Staying calm will assist you to play better and improve your tennis.

Return the balls along the ground to the baseline.

Don’t walk at the back of the court when a point is being played.

Stay off or at least 3 metres from the doubles sidelines and net.

Don’t return balls unless the ball is very close.

Consolidated good shots.

Don’t talk during a point unless to say your score.

If your partner is playing within 12 feet, do not talk to your opponents.

Don’t talk to the umpire as it can disrupt the concentration.

Don’t argue with the umpire.

Don’t accept or reject a call by the umpire and especially don’t reveal the umpire. Accepted mistakes if made (mistakes are made at Wimbledon).

It is very important for parents and other spectators to also accept the umpire’s decisions (or players calls), whether they are correct or not, and not interfere with the play from off the court.

Spectators (including parents) should not sit court side or MUST NOT speak to the players during a match.

Unsporting conduct.

* call the ball and score loudly at each point.

* call fairly — remember the edge of the line is in.

Spectators should take good shots on both sides and be particularly careful not to drop mistakes, e.g. double faults.

TENNIS AUSTRALIA TENNIS ETIQUETTE

It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it and to ask opponents for the disposition of all first serves. Any ball that you clearly see on your opponent’s side of the court.

Each player is responsible for all decisions in his/her half of the court. He/she should be completely honest and, if in doubt, should give his/her opponent the benefit of the doubt and call the ball good. You should not play a 'let' in doubles.

In doubles, when serving, service partner, the receiver of the serve should call the service line for his/herself, with the receiver calling the centre and sideline service lines.

Any 'out', 'let' or 'call' must be made immediately, i.e. made before either opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play, otherwise the ball continues in play.

If you call a 'ball' or 'let', then realise you were wrong, you should correct your call.

Do not establish the net before lines in the line to add a new player.

Chap and drop players into the correct team position, then Save Ranks. (Note: use the small symbol next to a player’s name to drag and drop their position in the team for that match.

On the drop down menu next to the player’s name/double team name list, select "Highlight". Upon grading approval by the NSTTA Administrator, a confirmation or refusal will be sent to the player with an email to establish a password.

Dispute Result: Upon a player entering a result, the system enrolls all players with a “Dispute Result” link that is active for all teams. If a player wishes to dispute a result, alter the date on the dispute link and the system automatically emails an instruction to the player who entered the result to forward the original statement to the Competition Secretary for verification and action from there.

Washout: In the case of a washout, the Home Team Captain must enter the result online, selecting "Washout/Finalised".

Forfeits: In the case of a forfeit, the team receiving the forfeit must enter the result online, selecting "Match Team Forfeit" or "Away Team Forfeit". DO NOT ENTER any scores for forfeited set matches.

b) Scoreboard printing – under the heading Upcoming Matches click on Scoreboard Icon and print. These cards are pre-filled so if players for the match are different to those on the card just cross out and write in correct names OR you can download and print.

c) Team messaging – on the "Blue Figure Icon" and send your team a message.

d) Uplists Edit your player details and profile – click on profile (top left corner) to open and update your personal details and player wall.

3. IPR System (International Player Ranking)

All players have been allocated an IPR player rating.

Players’ ratings will alter the instant match results are entered

The IPR compares player ratings and then credit the match result down to a game increment. It ensures that good players are ranked appropriately.

* ‘My Xpert’ is accessible by going to www.spotsports.com and logging in (top right corner). This is a player’s personal player record (data media) and provides all match statistics, predicted match results etc. Please note that statistics will not become accurate until a minimum of 10 set results have been recorded.
Dear Parents

NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION

Your son has expressed an interest in playing chess for the school in the New South Wales Chess League competition. Before he enrols you need to be made aware of the following:

When is the competition?
All games take place in Term 2 and 3 on Friday afternoons after school. The first match begins in Term 2. Any teams reaching the finals will play their final matches early in Term 3.

Where does it take place?
The season draw for each team is divided approximately into equal home and away games. Home games are played at St Pius X College. Away games are played at a number of primary schools in the Metropolitan North Region. Examples of regular opponents are St Aloysius College, Milsons Point; Artarmon Public School; Beauty Point Public School, Mosman; Loreto Convent Junior School, Kirribilli.

Game Times
Games commence by 4.00pm and are completed no later than 5.00pm. Some games are much shorter. Students travelling to away venues are given until 4.00pm to arrive to allow for difficulties in transport. Students playing home at St Pius are expected to remain in the school grounds after school, set up their team’s playing boards and be on hand to greet their opposing team when they arrive.

Cost
The registration fee is $100.00; this will include the cost of a professional coach being brought into the school once a week (should your son be chosen to represent the school this would be added to the Term 2 school fees).

Teams
A team of four plays each week. A team may have four or five players enrolled. If five are enrolled, it is expected that all players will have similar playing opportunities.

Transport
The school regularly has 4 teams travelling to different venues each Friday. Responsibility for transport is the responsibility of the parents. After the teams are chosen I will set up a roster system for the parents to drive the 4 teams’ members to the away games. You will be responsible for driving for one Friday, possibly two.

When playing away, team members must wait for the whole team to finish and then the parent is responsible for driving all team members back to school, where the students will make their own way home.

Behaviour
Players must obey competition rules on behaviour. Two main rules set down are:

- Players are forbidden to distract or annoy their opponents in any way.
- Players and spectators must remain silent during play. Players are forbidden to have recourse to the advice or opinion of a third party, whether solicited or not.

Commitment
Students are expected to attend every game that they are selected for. In case of absence from school, students are required to contact another team member, if possible. Also, a message must be left for me at the school office by 8.00am on Friday morning, or alternatively via e-mail at emartin@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au.
Students are expected to attend away games. It has been emphasised when nominations for players were taken that only students who were able to organize transport were to apply.

Students must attend all games in full school uniform.

Students are required to attend the weekly training sessions. These will be held on Tuesday mornings for 1 hour from 7.30am to 8.30am. Commencing on Tuesday 10th March, 2015 (week 7), in the Junior Resource Centre.

Trials will start in Week 4 at lunch time to choose the best 20 boys and to organise the four teams.

If your son is interested please complete the form below, detach and hand it to me by Friday 13 February 2015.

Yours faithfully,

ELENA MARTIN  
Junior School Chess Convenor.

JUNIOR CHESS: Please return to Mrs Martin by Friday 13 February 2015

I give permission for my son ____________________________ in Year ____ to attend Chess trials and lessons on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am to 8.30am (training will begin on Tuesday 10th March 2015) in order to POSSIBLY REPRESENT the school in the New South Wales Junior Chess League Competition. Please provide me with a contact name, phone number and e-mail address.

I am able to transport and watch the boys play. Please provide me with a contact name ____________________________, phone number ________________________, and e-mail address ____________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________
CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

ROUND 8: SPX v. St. Patrick’s College, Oxford Falls

St Pius 2nd X1 (114 all out) lost to St Patrick’s (9-115) by one wicket.

In a nerve-racking finale, St Pius 2nd X1 went down to the narrowest defeats against St Patricks, losing a closely fought contest in the 47th over as the visitors chased down 114 with just one wicket spare.

After a confident start to their run chase having restricted Pius to yet another low total, St Pat’s were made to fight for every run as they clawed their way to ouvhaling our total with the game see-sawing over-by-over. With both sets of supporters sitting on the edge of their seats St Pius almost conjured a morale-boosting victory by taking two wickets towards the end, Pat’s eighth and ninth wickets going down at 108 and 114 as Pat Dermott snared a brace in successive overs towards the end of the game.

St Pat’s looked to be heading for a comfortable win with their opening pair putting on 42 for the first wicket. But then the Pius spin trio of James White (3-21), Pat Purcell (2-19) and Tim Robertson (2-16) weaved their magic to have Pat’s struggling 7-82 in a combined 25 over spell that turned the game on its head. White and Purcell bowled 20 overs of that, turning in five maidens between them and reducing Pat’s to less than two runs an over which saw the run chase get increasingly tighter – so much so that it was a question towards the end whether the opposition would run out of wickets or overs to get to the finish line.

Robinson was just as impressive – and even more so given how little match bowling he had had coming into the game – as he had took up where White had left off, tying up one end and taking two vital wickets in his seven over and two maiden spell. One of those dismissals included a candidate for catch of the season with Raf Matar hanging on to a stunning, shoulder-height one handed take that he snatched out of the air from a full-blooded strike by a St Pat’s batsman.

But despite the spin trio’s heroic efforts, Pat’s dug in and looked to have the game in the bag when Dermott struck in his second spell, taking his first wicket with the score on 108 and then raising the possibility of a tie by grabbing a second with the scores level at 114. Pat’s though hung on and claimed the win in the 47th over, leaving Pius yet again to rue lost opportunities through another disappointing batting display and a couple of dropped catches at key moments in the game.

Pius had got off to a reasonable if somewhat challenging start to their innings on a green-tinged wicket under grey skies with skipper Nic Frayne and Joe Unwin putting on 28 before Frayne edged a catch to first slip who held onto the ball at the third attempt. Unwin (13) unfortunately fell the next over to a catch behind and Pius were reduced to 3-28 when debutant Will Roser, who had scored a fine hundred for the U16-18 team the week before, was caught at square leg with no addition to the total. Dom Easy and Robertson then settled matters down, almost doubling the score before Easy was LBW for 13 just before the drinks break to make it 4-54.

But Pius hopes of setting up a platform for a 150-plus score received a big setback when both Robertson and Graziotto fell soon after and it was then left to Rafe Matar to take up the cause, getting the total to 100 with the help of Purcell (9) and White (15). However, Matar went for 15 when the board ticked over to three figures and despite gritty efforts by White, Pat Dermott and Liam Carroll, Pius were dismissed for just 114 in the 45 over – the sixth time this season that the team had failed to complete its allotted 50 overs.

But that is turning out to be the least of Pius’ worries with today’s defeat leaving the squad firmly anchored to the bottom of Division 2 and facing the real prospect of relegation with just two games of the normal competition to go. The team needs to win those matches and hope other results go in their favour to prevent them dropping down a division next season.

Mr. Danny John, Assistant Coach, 2nd X1
FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

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 8th and 15th of February for the 13-16 age groups and other school programs.

8 & 15 February – Grading Days (U13 – U16 years)
The Committee will be providing food and drinks at the Old Boys kiosk at Oxford Falls on Sunday. 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 please ensure you have registered your son online for grading and provide contact details.

Oxford Falls PDHPE Program
The committee is pleased to continue support the Year 7 and Year 8 PDHPE Oxford Falls Football Program in 2015. We are very lucky to have three very qualified specialist coaches, Troy Halpin, Chris Semaan and Andrew Taylor involved in this program. The program commences this week and runs through to the 6 May 2015.

Football Committee AGM Meeting
The football Committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 2 March 2015, 6.30pm in the Sarto Centre. We welcome your attendance.
We look forward to another great season of football at SPX.

Football Committee - footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au

FOOTBALL GRADING DAYS - SUNDAY 8 & 15 FEBRUARY 2015

 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

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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 (Yr 9) 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
OLD BOYS NEWS

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2014
The full 2014 report will be available shortly on the new Old Boys website.

NEW OLD BOYS WEB SITE
The new Old Boys website 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 underway, get along and enjoy the experience!
Roseville Chase Oval, 6.45pm Thursdays.
To get involved with your old boys club, go to: www.brothersrugby.com.au

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