From the Principal

PRAYER

“Let us put our trust in God’s power at work. With God, we can do great things.”

Pope Francis

Summer Season Activities

Congratulations to those teams who completed their ISA Summer Seasons on Saturday on their fine efforts with our Basketball squads competing in the heat at St Paul’s Cranebrook and Penrith Valley Sports Stadiums. Our depleted 1st V Basketball team were valiant in defeat to a strong Oakhill V with Liam Calleja, Francis Phillips and Emanuel Grigorakis playing their final matches for the College.

Similarly our 2nd XI Cricket bowed out of the Finals despite an incredible rear guard action which took them from last position two weeks ago to an outstanding fightback on Saturday.

This week we wish our 1st XI Cricket every success as Minor Premiers contesting the Oxford Falls home final against St Stanislaus, Bathurst. Jackson Brislan and Nicholas Onslow were the main contributors in Saturday’s win and it is fitting that we support the team appropriately in as great a strength as possible this Saturday. Students should wear full sports or Summer uniform.

Contesting the ISA Basketball Finals at Penrith this Saturday we will be well represented by our Open White, 17 white, 17 Blue, 15 Blue, 15 Red and 14 White teams. We wish them and Mr Gibson every success and good sportsmanship on the court.

Our Swimming Squad contested the Brothers Carnival at North Sydney Pool on Saturday night taking out 4th position overall and a very credible 2nd in the Senior Division. This squad will now prepare for next Wednesday’s ISA Carnival under the guidance of Manager Ms Proc and Team Captain Matthew Rath.

In a very busy week of sport St Pius X College also stepped in to host the CSDA Public Speaking competition last Friday night which ran seamlessly under the direction of Mrs Waterson and again I congratulate all those students and staff involved.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

2015 NAPLAN TESTING

Please see the BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching & Education Standards) Letter to Parents in Woodchatta Extras for information on NAPLAN testing in 2015.

Mr A Damo
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

Monday saw our commitment to Willowood continue with Andre Xeni, John Davie and Thomas Enriquez (all of Year 11) joining with Mr Whelan for this very warmly received weekly visit to the residents of Willowood.

Last Wednesday, Tom Graziotto, Mitchell Fear and Marcus Huth (Year 11) took in your very generous donations of towels to the Matthew Talbot Hostel who were most appreciative. Our young men then continued in providing the serving of the meals to the guests of Matt Talbot.

This week was certainly a big week in kicking off all Community Involvement Programs with Tom Enriquez, John Davie and Geoffrey Cipriano being our first blood donors of the year. The Staff at the Chatswood Bloodbank sung our boys praises for their good manner, politeness and co-operation. Please feel free to visit the Chatswood Bloodbank in Spring St Chatswood to donate Blood and let them know you are from St Pius X College Community.

Our Year 11 students will be visiting Willowood every Monday, Matt Talbot Hostel every Wednesday and the opportunity to donate at the Bloodbank each Tuesday, as part of their Community Involvement Program so please encourage your son to organise, gain permission and co-ordinate his visit to any of these most worthy causes with Mr Whelan or myself.

As we enter into our third week of Lent, I share with you this Lenten reflection from the Director of Schools of the Broken Bay Diocese, Mr Peter Hamill:

As we commence the Lenten season we are challenged to reflect about our lives. To do this, one critical step is to stop and listen. More important than giving up chocolates or other treats, might be our ability to listen to ourselves, to others, to the Church and its message and to God.

Listening can be challenging! Now for many of us is the busiest time of year, it is difficult to stop. Listening can be time consuming. It can be difficult to hold back from giving our opinion. We might consider the other as having little to offer us. We might think that the Church has little to offer. We might feel God is not there. The mystery about listening when we make the effort is usually that we find we gain much more than we expected.

Let’s not forget to listen to ourselves! Listening to our bodies, our minds and spirit can sometimes present the most challenge. The disturbing soreness of body, the overly busy mind and the tired spirit could be overlooked easily. This Lent I wish you happy listening to whoever you are able to turn into.

Friday Morning Prayer continued last Friday with Tim Robertson of Year 12 sharing his reflections and leading the prayer for nearly 40 boys present. It continues each Friday morning during Lent, in LC2 commencing at 8.10am. All are most welcome.

Mr M Casey

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.

Ms M King/Ms C Jennings – Enrolment Registrars

Summer Sports Photos

The Summer Sports photos (Junior and Senior) will be taken next Tuesday 10th March during Periods 1 and 2 in the Junior School Yard. The sports involved are Basketball, Cricket, NSTA Tennis (Summer Comp only), Softball, Squash and Swimming.

All students require their full kit for all sports except Swimming and Squash who are required to wear their full Summer uniform. The 1st XI and 2nd XI are to wear their cricket cap and College Blazer over their whites.

Students have the option to wear their sport uniform under a full school tracksuit to school OR bring their sport uniform to school and get changed before their photo. Squash and Swimming MUST wear their full summer uniform to school. Year 8 students involved in Swimming or Squash must come to school in full summer uniform and then get changed for Oxford Falls PE after their photo is taken. NOTE: All students must bring their ID card to their photo.

Order forms will be given out by Melba studios on the day.

Ms L Proc – General Coordinator
Student Attendance Records
Parents are informed that dated absentee notes including dates, a reason for the absence and signed by parent / guardian should be provided to home room teachers at the first opportunity after the absence. The practice of providing an email or phone call to the school on the morning of an absence can also assist staff in their duty of care for your son.

Of late BOSTES (formerly the NSW Board of Studies) have publicised changes to Student Attendance Recording whereby travel during the school Term is discouraged and can only be granted at the discretion of the Principal, and where such an absence is in the educational interests of the student. To this end please communicate any Leave of Absence request at the earliest opportunity so that due consideration can be afforded. Application for Exemption from Attendance at School forms can be found at http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/_uploads/rsfil/001068_efae.pdf

Mr S Brannan – Head of Student Services

Your P&F In Action!

PAPA MEETING
If you have a son who is involved in music, production, or drama you should get along to the Performing Arts Parents' Association (PAPA) meeting.

The meeting starts at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 March in the Band Room. Parking is available on the College Grounds via Kirk St. You can find all the details here.

COCKTAIL PARTY
One of your P&F's premier events, the Cocktail Party is a highly enjoyable evening. I've just heard there will be big Year Group meeting spots, an espresso bar on a Vespa scooter, and a photo booth!

Lock it away in your diary Friday 20 March from 7.30pm and RSVP to secure your tickets. The cost is only $40 per person which includes all drinks and nibbles. Here's the link you need for all the details. Here is the TryBooking link.

P&F GENERAL MEETING
Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our first General Meeting of the year on Monday night. We know how busy everyone is, so we appreciate those parents who came to hear what was happening and what is going to happen in the school.

We heard some great updates from the Principal, Mr Couani, on the school's Strategic Plan. We saw an innovative video report from Junior School head Mr Long and two of his students. We also got an insight into how the Learning Support team helps our boys via Ms Blanchard.

The Meeting Minutes will be available later this week on the P&F web site.

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Surface Pro 3 in Years 9 & 11
The rollout of the Microsoft Surface Pro 3 device has been welcomed by Year 9 and Year 11 students who have embraced this new technology for their learning. Unfortunately, there has been a number of devices with faulty hard drives. Microsoft are aware this is an issue and are in communication with their hard drive manufacturer to find a resolution and are warranting these devices. With the higher than expected number of failures in some instances we may not be able to offer a replacement device to students immediately, and a delay may occur.

Microsoft have recommended that we install the most recent updates on all devices in the hope this might prevent future issues. We plan to deploy these updates at 3.00am Saturday morning. Would you please assist be ensuring that your son’s device is plugged into power and left in sleep mode on Friday night. Please ensure that all work is saved as the update prompt an automatic restart of the device.

We appreciate your patience with this matter and hope that we will have a resolution in the very near future.

Ms Ailish Garry, ICT Manager and Mr Justin Hodges, eLearning Coordinator
MindMatters for Families

- **WALK TO SUPPORT LIAM KNIGHT AND THE ‘KNIGHT FOUNDATION’**
  
  Walk Against Youth Violence – Saturday 14 March

**LET’S GET BEHIND THE CAUSE AND SUPPORT LIAM!**

St Pius X College will put forward a team to support Liam and the ‘Knight Foundation’ in its stand against Youth Violence. Our team will walk 15 kilometres from Balmoral to North Head at Manly. Please consider either joining our team of walkers, or perhaps making a donation directly to the College via Mrs Jane Higgins in our Accounts Department. Our team would welcome your support in helping to make a positive difference in this significant issue in our society.

For further information please email russo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or if you would like to pledge an amount to sponsor our team please email jhiggins@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

- **BUILDING CONNECTIONS: TERM 1 PEER MENTORING ACTIVITIES**

Due to the high levels of student involvement in our mentoring program in 2015, there will be a choice made available to our mentors and their mentees to attend either paddle Boarding (Friday 13 March) or Rock Climbing (Friday 20 March) over the coming weeks. Separate information letters will be distributed to students this Wednesday, and replies MUST be returned by the following Wednesday, 11 March.

Please note that places are limited in both activities and it is imperative that students get their reply slips back to Mr Russo ASAP.

A word of thanks again to our Parents & Friends Association which financially supports these activities which seek to build connections and support for students through the promotion of positive mental health.  

*Mr R Russo – College Counsellor*

**Performing Arts News**

**GOOD LIFE FESTIVAL:** Congratulations to Liam Kivijian and Nektary Kotlaroff (Year 11) aka “Veniss and Kozak” who had their remix of the nineties classic “Infinity” played at this Under 18’s music festival on Sunday.

**I’M WITH CUPID!** There is a compulsory rehearsal for the full cast, this Sunday 8th March, 1.00 – 4.00pm in the Sarto Centre.

**ENCORE CONCERT:** Parents of boys in Year 10 Elective Music, Year 11 Preliminary Course Music and Year 12 HSC Music are reminded that this concert is NEXT Monday 9th March at the Opera House, 7.00pm. As per the excursion note which was sent home, boys are to make their own way to and from the Opera House. Attire should be neat/casual- shirts with collars, jeans without rips and covered shoes. Students are to be seated no later than 6.45pm. The concert concludes at approximately 9.15pm.

Extra tickets are available for this concert, which showcases the best HSC Music performances and compositions of 2014. Please contact Ms Bates TBates@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au in the Performing Arts Department if you are interested.

**CAMPUS INSPECTION:** The following ensembles will be performing at the Campus Inspection Day on Saturday 14th March: Senior Jazz Band, Senior Guitar Ensemble, Senior String Quartet, Intermediate String Quartet. A note has been sent home with all the details and performance times.

*Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator*

**Camp Gallipoli**

The St Pius X College contingent for Camp Gallipoli will depart the College at lunch time on Friday 24th April for this historical overnight swag camp and service honouring the ANZAC Landings and tradition. Students from Year 5 to 12 are encouraged to participate and bring along family and members of the wider school community to this event.

Bookings can be made on the St Pius X College trybooking facility http://www.trybooking.com/110052 and further details can be found on the Camp Gallipoli website.

*Mr S Brannan – Head of Student Services*
Project Compassion
Global Education Advisor visits St. Pius to express support and gratitude!

The College was privileged to be addressed by Mr. Brendan Joyce, the NSW/ACT Global Education Advisor for Caritas Australia at Monday morning’s full school assembly. Mr Joyce’s distinguished career includes providing education in international development to Australian students and teachers through classroom activities, professional development and cross-cultural experiences.

In a brief but significant presentation, Mr. Joyce judiciously relayed the essence of Caritas: Latin for love and compassion.

“Poverty and injustice are created by the actions of people. This means they can be eradicated – it’s not a question of if, but when?”

“We work towards a more just and fair world not out of charity or goodwill, but because we believe it is a necessary response to the Gospel call of Jesus, and a matter of justice. Importantly, if this response is central to our faith, then it is also central to your identity as a Catholic school, which should demonstrate the value it holds for the dignity of the human person and its commitment to social justice.”

Students are reminded that next Wednesday morning before school (March 11), Senior Homeroom “A” will be conducting a Pancake Stall for Project Compassion. For just $3, students can engage in positive action and simultaneously receive a delectable breakfast.

It is through the Lenten Appeal that Pius’ students give value and meaning to life, by aspiring not to have more, but to BE more.

Mr A Listo, Project Compassion Convenor

Mock Trial on a Mission

We need your help!

Sadly owing to a shortage of volunteers from the Law Society, our Mock Trial team is without legal expertise.

We are looking for a parent/older sibling with legal training/qualifications who would be willing to give us just one hour of their time each week to help the students with Mock Trial preparation.

We have a great team this year, which would be made even better with your help. Please contact Mrs Anne Gripton on 9414 4426 if you can help.

Mrs A Gripton – Convenor

Public Speaking

The CSDA Public Speaking competition was hosted at Pius last Friday evening. Unfortunately our Public Speakers did not move through to the next round but they all felt that the adjudications were fair and that the competition this year was of an extremely high standard. Our ex-student adjudicator Connor Palmer worked on the night as did our ex-student adjudicator and coach, James Camilleri. A brilliant effort from Hans Lee, Keenan Smith and Andrew Jackson on the night.

On Thursday evening (26th February) St Pius hosted the CSDA Debate Adjudicator Accreditation Seminar. Our Year 12 students were all accredited on the night and our Year 11 students were exceptional as the practise debaters for the seminar candidates to judge. The Year 11’s finished around 9pm which meant that some of them had been at school for more than 13 hours. A credit to you all and thank you for your amazing efforts on the night.

Training is well and truly underway with all year groups allocated times and locations for their 2 hours training each week. Year 7 and Year 12 will train in the JCR on Thursday mornings from 8am. Year 8 and Year 11 will train in the JCR on Friday mornings from 8am. All teams have 1.5-2 hrs of training on Friday afternoons from 3.15pm.

Ms M Waterson
Lunar New Year Celebrations

This week the staff celebrated our diversity here in Sydney, by recognising the season of Lunar New Year. We enjoyed a video presentation from the Chinese Teacher’s Association to learn more about how Chinese communities celebrate the New Year. Ms Kara Manga shared her knowledge of Chinese culture and language too, informing us of auspicious symbols and traditions.

We were able to have such a fantastic morning tea thanks to the efforts of our Canteen Staff, they supported this new venture with their usual fantastic energy and enthusiasm.

Ms S-J Grove – Head of Staff Services

From the Language Department

2015 CHINA TOUR

The Language Department is happy to announce that the numbers have been reached to run the Language and Culture tour to China again this year in September. At present 22 students have replied and consequently we will book our flights this week. This year students will have the opportunity to study at Eastern Normal University in Shanghai as well as see the Terracotta Warriors in Xian and the many highlights of Beijing. We will look forward to sharing more news about the tour in future issues of the Woodchatta.

KIDZFICKS

Chatswood Library is very excited to announce that KidzFlicks will be screening at Chatswood Library. KidzFlicks, the Sydney International Festival of Films by Children celebrates films completely produced by children under 12. Chatswood Library will be screening films in Chinese, Japanese and Korean, with English subtitles. This fun, free event is a great way to introduce kids to short films and cinematic expression, and to celebrate the diversity of stories from around Australia and the world.

Date: Monday 23rd March
Time: 6pm – 7pm

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND YOUR CHILD’S MENTAL HEALTH: FORUM DELIVERED IN MANDARIN

Forum delivered in Mandarin

Keynote speaker Dr. Xiaoping Zhu is a registered psychologist with 20 years experience, specialising in counselling for the Chinese community.

Q&A session with experts will follow.

Thursday 30 April 2015
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers
296 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby
6 PM – 8:30 PM

Registration and light refreshments at 5:30 PM

Bookings essential at http://www.woodchatta.com
For enquiries contact Rita on (02) 9777 7992

Ms K Manga – Coordinator
From the Senior Resource Centre

MORE CREATING WRITING WITH WILL: AFTER SCHOOL

Following on from the successful and inspirational ‘classroom’ workshops that author, Will Kostakis held in 2014, students have the opportunity for more creative writing in a series of after-school workshops. The workshops comprise FOUR, one hour sessions from 3.20 – 4.20pm over consecutive Mondays. Students familiar with Will can be assured of an enjoyable and productive time. A focus for the sessions will be to develop a 750 word piece for a local writing competition.

There is a small cost for the workshop. See Woodchatta Extras for the permission note and full details.

LET THE CHALLENGE BEGIN

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has officially started. Students have until the 21st August 2015 to read 20 books and record their reading on the PRC website. ‘Reading for pleasure’ and completing the Challenge will be a focus of wide reading classes for Years 7 to 9. Book promotion activities, goal setting and providing motivation to read are some of the strategies used to help students achieve their personal best in the PRC.

This year the PRC has produced a ‘Tips for Parents guide…’ to assist parents in helping their child through the Challenge. This is attached in Woodchatta Extras.

Parents should be aware that students who complete the PRC to Gold and Platinum level will have their names published in the Sun Herald newspaper. Please contact me if you do not wish this to occur.

Ms K Keighery - PRC coordinator

Homework Help

Homework Help 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

Students vs Old Boys Gala Day

The annual Students vs Old Boys Gala Day and BBQ will take place at Oxford Falls on Sunday 15th March. Mr Quilty’s 1st XI squad will play two Old Boy XI teams from 9 – 11.30am, a cricket Twenty 20 match is scheduled from 11.30 – 1.30pm, and Basketball matches and a Rugby squad training will take place between 12 and 1pm with a BBQ supplied by the Old Boys to follow each session.

Please contact Mr Brannan on sbrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu to join the playing squads or register to attend.

Mr S Brannan – Head of Student Services

Years 8 & 9 Great Aussie Bush Camps

Please see Woodchatta Extras for a selection of photos.
Careers News

LUNCHTIME PRESENTATION
On Tuesday, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 had the opportunity to attend a lunchtime careers session about UTS. Representatives from the University presented students with lots of exciting Course and Faculty information. They discussed life at university, entry requirements, ATAR’s, travel and study options as well as the Scholarship and Co-Op application process.

Over the coming weeks the Defence Force and Macquarie University representatives will be here for lunchtime information sessions. All senior students are welcome to attend.

THE HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2015 – SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 30th May, Sunday 31st May 2015 - Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park
The biggest careers and education event in NSW. Exhibitors include suppliers of HSC resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges, and much more. Please refer to flyer in Woodchattra Extras.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER can be found at http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/news-events/dsp-resource.cfm?loadref=167

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Chess
Chess has increased in numbers, hooray! However there are still spaces and time for students to participate in chess this year. Training occurs on a Monday afternoon from 3.30-4.30 and continues until end of Term 2. The competition rounds begin in Term 2 on a Friday afternoon with matches usually finishing by 6pm at various venues within the Metropolitan North Schools Zone. All students of any experience are most welcome.

Ms D Ramsey - Convenor

Junior School Chess
Junior School Chess training begins on Tuesday 10th March (Week 7) at 7.30 am in the Junior Resource centre. Please make sure that you attend.

Mrs E Martin - Junior School Chess Coordinator

Junior School News

CAMPUS INSPECTION
We will be giving out a note to any boys who wish to volunteer to be guides on Saturday 14th March for the campus inspection day. They are our best advertising.

Boys are to arrive between 9.15 am and 9.30 am. They will be fed and watered during the day and it is often a very rewarding experience for them as they gain confidence and demonstrate their pride in their school. Often our guides are the new boys to the school. In the week before the day the boys will be shown the way they walk around the campus.

They will often be buddied with another boy and sometimes a senior student. If they are at Oxford Falls, they could be a guide after their sporting event. This year the Chatswood Campus will be open 10-2 pm and Oxford Falls will be open 8 am – 12 noon.

Please discuss this with your son and note that the permission slips need to be returned by 9th March.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

CRICKET

1st XI v St Stanislaus’ College – ISA Division 1 – Grand Final, Saturday 7 March 2015 at Oxford Falls. Play commences at 10am.

Come and support the team!

See the flyer in Woodchatta Extras


Winning the toss and electing to bat first the 1st XI started badly being 2/0 in the third over. Nick McCamley started to steady the inning but was out for 18 and further wickets fell leaving the 1st XI 5/39 after 20 overs. Jackson Brislan (42) took up the task in a quality inning, of defence when required and brutal attacking shots, and combined with Nick Onslow (28) who pushed the 1st XI beyond 100. SPX 10/115 in the 45th over. In the field Nick Onslow (3/7) took two early wickets. The constant pressure exerted by the SPX bowlers on the Oakhill batsmen resulting in three run-outs during their innings. Dermott Beattie (1/12) and Michael Roberts combined for a very good leg-side stumping, Ned McDermott-Healey (2/11) bowled a fine spell and proved hard to score off. Matt Kennedy (1/9) as usual took a vital wicket. Oakhill 10/52 in 33 overs.

ISA Div 2 – Semi-Final, 2nd XI 115 (J White 37*) were defeated by St Patricks 134 (P Purcell 4/24, D Easy 3/16, J White 2/18). Well done to the 2nd XI on a good season.

Representative Honours – Nick McCamley (Capt), Michael Roberts and Dermott Beattie have represented the ISA twice. Two wins, first over CAS (McCamley 43, Roberts 39) and second over ACT (Roberts 75no). Ned McDermott-Healey has been selected to play in the NSW Country and City Schools Cricket Association in the NSW Schoolboys carnival in Tamworth and Dermott Beattie is currently representing CIS U15 Cricket this week. Well done to all.

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Mr D Reay - Convenor

SWIMMING

Senior Swimming Squad: The Christians Brothers Carnival was held last Saturday night at North Sydney Pool. The weather held out and the view was spectacular. The boys all swim extremely well with an outstanding performance by the Senior boys to come second in their division. Both The Junior and Intermediate boys came fourth in their division which gave St1 Plus a fourth overall for the carnival. A great effort by all.

Our next meet is the ISA at Homebush on the 11th March. Not every student will be swimming as there are less divisions in each stroke so every student needs to check the team list carefully. The team list for that carnival will be up on the notice board by this Friday. It starts at 11am so we will be leaving the College after Period 1. Lunch will be provided for the attending students. We will be back at the College at approximately 7.00pm. Parents are all welcome to attend and take their child home once they have finished swimming on the day.

Ms L Proc - Convenor
BASKETBALL
Thanks to everyone who made the trek out to the Semi Finals at Penrith. Your support is always much appreciated. Again I say thanks to those parents and friends who helped on the score benches. Thanks to all our players who gave it their all. Five teams have made it through to the Grand Finals this Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2015 Basketball Awards Ceremony will be held at the College on Tuesday 17th March in the evening, starting at 7:00pm. All players are expected to attend. All players will be presented at the ceremony along with the presentation of all the Team Awards and Major Awards.

Grand Finals - 7th March at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre: Herbert Street, Cambridge Park

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NSTA TENNIS
Round 3 of the NSTA Tennis competition saw many of our teams versing another St Pius team, especially in the 8-10 am timeslot …a Pius v Pius fest! This meant that around half of our teams were successful and the other half not. All our boys were well behaved and seemed to enjoy themselves too.

Thank you to Oliver Szabo, Dante and Marco Murranty and the many parents that have assisted us with umpiring or score keeping for some of Junior teams over the last 3 weeks. Many of the younger boys find it difficult to both play and score at the same time and the Tennis Staff and I really appreciate any help with this.

I would like to ask any other senior boys to come along at the 8 am timeslot and assist in umpiring or score keeping for some of our junior teams. Year 10 boys may be able to use this for their CIP if they are interested. Please see Mrs Schuster for further information regarding this through the week. The results for the round are outlined in the table below:

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Mrs J Schuster – Convenor
**RUGBY**

"My Position": This weekend sees the Reds v The Waratahs in Super 15 and although our season at Pius has not begun, this game affords you the opportunity to watch the player who plays for either side in “your position”. You don’t have to watch all the game but focus, for example, on how James O’Connor plays 10 in attack and in defence. Sometimes do what I do and sit with a note pad and scribble down something of note positionally that you think you can add to your game.

Improving as a player is about adding little bits to your development. Over the course of a pre-season or season they can make a huge difference to your understanding and playing performance.

Off the record Tah’s to win by 15.

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer

**BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN**

Boxercise is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Blue Room. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.

**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** at Oxford Falls. Year 6 will complete their internal House Cross-country prior to their sport training for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Year 5 will complete normal sport and summer training. The 2nd and final trial for the Armidale touring squad will take place in the 2nd half of sport [see below].

**Cross-Country:** This internal House event takes place for Year 6 this week at Sport. Boys may wear their House shirt (or a comfortable running singlet/shirt) and should have sturdy, suitable running shoes. We use this event to select a squad to represent St Pius at the IPSHA Cross-Country. Any Year 5 students who missed their run last week due to absence, illness etc. will complete their event tomorrow.

**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. A final selection trial for any Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport this Thursday 5th March. Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.

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Mr T Lang (on behalf of Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster)
**Round 4 Softball Report**

We had another magnificent morning at Oxford Falls playing softball. The players were all on time and ready for a great match. The Waverley team were on their game and ready to score as many runs as possible and the St Pius boys were ready to restrict their scoring and so the competition began.

Jordan and Oliver were sharing the pitching and having to consistently deal with a wet dewy ball. Under these conditions they were still able to produce some well executed plays. Jake and Ethan also shared the catcher’s position and were kept extremely busy. Frank, Douglas and Alex in the outfield were keeping alert and ready for any well batted balls to come their way. Many hits were kept in the diamond by Charlie and Rhys.

The teams were evenly matched, both still learning the rules of the game and trying to implement their coach’s advice. Waverley ran out winners 18-9. Well done St Pius, for a fun game. Our last game next week is again at Oxford Falls. Thank you to Mrs Vaccher for keeping score and Mr Bilic for assisting with the coaching.

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

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Ms J Williams - 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.

- **ALL WINTER UNIFORMS** are available.
- **Students return to school in Term 2 in full winter uniform. Only four weeks left until the end of term.**
- **ORDERED BLAZERS** will be sent to students when payment is received.


Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

**Canteen Roster**

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NAPLAN – LETTER TO PARENTS

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by St Pius X students in Years 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:
• are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
• have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal, Mr Couani and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with Mr Couani. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

If you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN, please contact Mr Alex Damo, the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
An exciting opportunity exists for you to participate in Will Kostakis’ Creative Writing Workshop. The after-school sessions are designed to help you further develop your creative writing skills and nurture the writer within. The workshop builds on the experiences of the successful and inspirational ‘classroom’ workshops that Will held in 2014. Students familiar with Will can be assured of an enjoyable and productive time.

**4 x 1 hour** sessions will be held from **3.20 – 4.20pm** over 4 consecutive **Mondays** with a break for the school holidays. A focus of the workshop will be to develop a 750 word piece for a local writing competition.

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If you would like to take up this offer, please discuss it with your parents and indicate their approval for you to attend on the authorization slip below.

Yours sincerely

Ms Keighery

I authorise for my son_______________________________ of Homeroom_______

(Please print name)

Please return to Ms Keighery by 9 March 2015
Premier’s Reading Challenge: Tips for Parents

Tips for Parents and Carers for Participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)

- Find out the name(s) of your school’s PRC coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- Familiarise yourself with the PRC website. Logon is not required to view the Booklists, or read the Rules and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in your and your child’s calendar.
- Find out your child’s logon details. For public schools, students’ logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/characters/information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to log on and add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly.
- Check your child’s Challenge history – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Record and select tab. My information. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child’s PRC coordinator.
- Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if:
  - Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
  - You are concerned that your child’s name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
- Your child’s online Student Reading Record (SRR) must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child’s SRR. Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child’s SRR has not been validated.
THE HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2015

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- subject selection advice for Year 10 students
- UAC application processes for Years 11 and 12 students
- gap year options
- resume writing
- employment options

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Saturday 7th March
ISA Cricket Grand Final

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Come down and cheer on the SPX 1st XI to victory

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CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

ISA Division 2 Semi-Final
St Pius 2nd X1 (115 all out) lost to St Patrick’s 2nd X1 (134 all out) by 19 runs

The 2nd X1 bowed out of the ISA Division 2 Championship when they went down by 19 runs to St Patrick’s College in a topsy-turvy semi-final at Breen Oval on Saturday. In a match that at one stage looked like turning out to be a very comfortable win for SPX’s Strathfield-based rivals, St Pius came a lot closer to the target of 134 thanks to a gutsy batting performance from the unlikely combination of bowlers James White and Liam Carroll.

With St Pius’ top and middle batters failing to fire in the key contest of the season – the scoreboard at one point showing a dismal 8-48 in response to a gettable total – White and Carroll knuckled down on a “furry” pitch and grittily fought their way back into the game. Showing exactly what was needed through firm defence, the pair also punished anything loose, accounting for six of the nine boundaries scored by the entire team over the course of the innings.

By the time that Carroll was out 17 determined overs later, the score had ticked over to three figures with their ninth wicket partnership worth a stunning 52 and even with just Matt Hall to come Pius suddenly had the scent of an unlikely victory in the air. Carroll’s hard fought innings saw him notch up his highest score of the season including in one hit a six over midwicket which took him above all of his previous totals.

White was in imperious form, delivering a performance that everyone knew he was capable of and saving for last a display that not only saved his side’s blushes but also gave St Pat’s the jitters as the last two wickets continued to elude them.

Following Carroll’s departure, White and Hall then put on another 15 runs before the medium-pacer holed out to short backward square and while the minor premiers deservedly won through to the Grand Final, St Pius had not disgraced themselves in the end.

White was the star of the show with 37 not out and he was joined by Will Roser, whose 22 earlier on the innings underlined the left-hander’s promise in the middle order as he set about dominating the St Pat’s attack after the initial Pius batting failure. Roser’s innings included a six and two fours but it was his resilient defence and patience that were the hallmarks of a knock which helped steady the ship before another four wicket collapse left the side reeling and fearing a sizeable defeat.

Enter, of course, White, whose earlier partnership with spin twin Pat Purcell had yet again showed just how dominant the pair of ‘tweakers’ have been during the ISA Division 2 season. The two took their combined haul for 2014-15 to 40 with another six wickets in this match. Purcell snared 4-24 off ten overs including five maidens - figures that were even more impressive given that his first over went for 12 but which also included the vital wicket of St Pat’s half-centurion Cullen. White was even more miserly in terms of runs conceded, giving away just 18 off his equally impressive ten overs and taking two critical scalps to prevent the SPC top and middle order from getting a hold on the game.

The bowling performance was backed up by some good catches in the field – with Roser, Hall and Matar all contributing - but it was the effort behind the stumps by the impressive Tom Graziotto whose two dismissals – a catch and a stumping – really stood out.
St Pat’s, meanwhile, were grateful for the efforts of Mowad and Ralph at the end of their innings, their contributions getting their side to 134 – 14 runs more than the target St Pius had set themselves to contain their opponents.

And, as it proved, those runs ended up being the difference between a Grand Final appearance and the conclusion to what has been a tough but enjoyable season for a fine group of cricketers who could say by that last game they had given their all – for themselves, their team and their college.

Mr. Danny John - Assistant Coach

NSJCA U14PM Division 1 – 28/02/15, Round 12, Weil Park, Hunters Hill

There were many, many things to like about this match. Sure, we got the result, but it was more about how we got it than simply the stats that appear in the NSJCA website.

Our co-captains, Tom Colgan (41*) and Josh Rayner (40*), opted to bat, having won the toss and they, along with Nick McLachlan (25*), set about building a rock-solid platform with intelligent batting and some of the clearest, cleanest calling and running of the season. Josh contained his ‘power game’ for the sake of setting the innings up well. Nick hit only 1 four, but still built a not-out total well into the 20’s and, Tom hit 5 fours and took many crisp singles in his classy and balanced knock.

By the time these batters had finished much of the work was done, but Laurence Sheehan (22) continued-on with a strong hitting display and then Alex Favelle (1), who again looked very good at the crease, had a ‘nibble’ before he was out to an unlucky fine edge. James Miller (1*) and James Quillan (0*) only got to face a few balls, but they were prepared to take on the field until the last ball.

157 for the loss two wickets made a very strong statement to Lindfield, but we knew they had the talent in their team that last week overcame the previously undefeated Lane Cove Smith. Our bowlers would have to do their work with purpose and control, to avoid a ‘last quarter loss’ that we’ve been guilty of a few times this season.

However, today in the field we shone. We were led very well by our captains, who organised the team and kept the tone of the innings positive all the way through. Our ‘chatter’ level was great all match; an indication that everyone was ‘switched-on’ and keen to play. Behind the stumps, Nick encouraged and guided his bowlers all game in one of his best displays of the season. Where a chance went down, and there were only a few, everyone immediately rallied around the player involved to say ‘onya mate, we’re with you, now let’s go get the next one’. 
There were some stunning individual moments. Daniel Hall’s opening couple of overs were almost unplayable and he collected two early top-order wickets. One was to a fabulous slip catch by Tom that crushed into his chest and sent him toppling over backwards, but he held-on to the ball like a limpet. As the innings went on, Lukas took two great catches into the glaring late afternoon sun. Harrison bowled well and took a wonderful reflex caught/bowled wicket. James Robinson’s two ‘bowled’ wickets came on the back of two very accurate overs. It’s a bit hard to describe Liam Jackson’s bowling, but the term ‘lollipops’ was mentioned, however, the result was clear. He teased three batters into having a swing and, backed by good catches, he claimed 3 valuable wickets. There were desperate boundary chases (James M, Tim and others) that saved runs, there were great stops close-in (Alex, James R and others), and there was a whole lot more to like about Saturday’s performance.

Linfield’s star player with the ball and the bat, Andrean (69*), returned to the crease late in the match and proceeded to make a surge that could have taken the match from our grasp. With fire in his eyes, Josh threw thunderbolts at him, which constrained the run-flow, but the batter simply would not ‘go away’. We had to wait for a chance to get their ‘bunny’ at the other end and when it came, Luke Ventura didn’t miss.

At 124 all out, Linfield fell short and we now go on to play Pirates White next week in the semi-final. As this report highlights repeatedly, the match showed a team nearing the top of their game, where bowling, fielding, batting and, most importantly, team spirit are coming together at the right time. The team’s proud coach and many parent-supporters will stand firmly behind ‘their men’ again next week and back them to deal with any challenge they face.

It’s all about the team … and their supporters.
FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

SPX OPEN TEAM TRIALS
The Committee does not participate in the Open team trials and selections process. It is organised directly by the College Football Coordinator, Simon Yue. They run a series of trials throughout the term and notify interested players via internal communication.

We do ask that you register at the www.trybooking.com/119527 and we will pass on any registrations we receive directly to Simon. By registering, we can communicate any relevant information as we receive it from the College.

If you require additional information regarding the Open trials please contact Simon Yue via email: syue@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

The football committee AGM was held Monday 2nd March. The following Committee was elected:

President         Christeen Berte
Vice President    Vacant
Secretary         Mary-Ann Back
Treasurer         Peter Bleasdale
Communications   Rodger Paino
Events            Fran Lelli, Luis Orbegoso
Committee         Andrew Cowie, Tanya Ceravolo

We invite other senior & junior football parents to become involved in the Football committee and see what goes on behind the scenes in making football so successful at the College. We have some parents whose sons will be leaving the College in the next year or two and we need to transition to new enthusiastic parents who can continue and enhance the great work the FC committee has achieved over recent years.

SAVE THESE DATES
The FC committee has organised a football skills camp in the Term 1 holidays from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th April - FFA qualified coaches, age-based groups, and includes transport to and from Chatswood to Oxford Falls. We will advise booking details shortly.

Please check our website regularly for all the latest Football information and great photos and news - http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/index.php/sports/football

FC Committee
RUGBY CLUB NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR 2015 SEASON
For the 2015 season, all Players must register via an on-line registration system (SurveyMonkey) prior to being eligible to trial for SPX teams. Detailed information on how to register on-line will be distributed at School over the next couple of weeks.

MOUTHGUARDS - LANE COVE DENTURE CLINIC
Nicholas Ivey (SPX Old Boy) is offering a 10% discount for all SPX students (and their family members) for professional, custom made, slim line mouthguards for all sports, which are now available at his Lane Cove Denture Clinic. Each mouthguard is tailored to the player's activity and dental care needs, including accommodating and protecting existing orthodontic appliances, such as braces. On-site health fund rebates are also available. Phone Nicholas at Lane Cove Denture Clinic on 9411 1179 for an appointment.

2015 SEASON FIXTURES
The Senior Rugby teams will play 5 Trial matches (vs opponents from the GPS, CAS and ISA competitions) and 7 rounds of ISA Competition matches in 2015. The first Trial match vs Cranbrook will be played on Saturday 21st March and the first ISA Competition match vs St Gregory’s is scheduled for Saturday 23rd May. Please find attached the SPX Rugby 2015 Calendar and Fixture Schedule for the Senior School.

TRAINING DAYS/TIMES/VENUES
Formal training sessions for the Rugby Season will commence during the week beginning Monday 9th March (Week 7). Details of training days, times and venues for each Age Group will be communicated to Players at School.

EASTER HOLIDAYS RUGBY CLINICS
After the success of the Rugby Clinics held over the past two seasons, we will again be running Rugby Clinics during the Easter holidays from Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April. Further details on these Clinics will be issued closer to the date.

SPX RUGBY CLUB DINNER 2015
Following the success of the 2014 SPX Rugby Club Dinner which was a sell-out, the 2015 SPX Rugby Club Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 15th May. The Dinner will again be held at Roseville Golf Club.

We encourage all SPX parents & supporters to get along to the Dinner which is the key fundraiser for SPX Rugby, with all proceeds going to fund Rugby training and development programs across all SPX Age Groups. Get together with a few other parents to make up a table for your son’s team or Age Group. We want all Age Groups to be represented at the Dinner.

More details will be communicated shortly, but in the meantime please note this date in your diaries.

TEAM/AGE GROUP MANAGERS
All SPX teams will need a parent to act as Team/Age Group Manager to support the Coaches. The Managers will co-ordinate any assistance required by the Coaches by way of:

- communication with parents and players about arrangements for training/games; and/or
- any support needed on game days when the Coaches are busy warming up and preparing the boys for their games eg if any assistance is required to get parent volunteers to organise waterbottles, act as touch judges etc

Please contact me if you can assist your son by acting as a Team/Age Group Manager this season.
KEY DATES IN 2015 FOR SPX RUGBY SUPPORTERS

Please note the following dates in your diaries – more details will be communicated closer to the dates:

- Friday 20 March – P&F Cocktail Party
- Saturday 21 March – Trial Match #1 vs Cranbrook (Away)
- Tuesday 7-Friday 10 April – Easter Holidays Rugby Clinics
- Saturday 18-Sunday 19 April – Prep 1st XV – Armidale Tournament
- Saturday 25 April – Waratahs vs Rebels match
- Friday 15 May – SPX Annual Rugby Club Dinner
- Saturday 23 May – ISA Round 1 vs St Gregory’s (Away)
- Term 2/Term 3 Holidays – Opens Rugby Tour (Queensland)
- Friday 24-Saturday 25 July – Parents & Supporters Trip to Bathurst
- Saturday 8 August - P&F Trivia Night
- Tuesday 18 August – Rugby Presentation Night

David Bullard - SPX Rugby Club – 0491 119113
rugbypresident@pandf.spx.edu.au

SPX RUGBY 2015 Calendar

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| Monday    | 20-Apr | Committee Meeting #8 |
| Saturday  | 25-Apr | Waratahs vs Rebels |
| Saturday  | 2-May  | Rugby Trial #3 – TBC |
| Monday    | 4-May  | Committee Meeting #9 |
| Saturday  | 9-May  | Rugby Trial #4 vs St Patrick’s (H) |
| Friday    | 15-May | SPX Rugby Club Dinner |
| Saturday  | 16-May | Rugby Trial #5 vs Sydney High (H) |
| Saturday  | 23-May | Rugby ISA R1 vs St Gregory’s (A) |
| Saturday  | 30-May | Rugby ISA R2 vs Oakhill (A) |
| Monday    | 1-Jun  | Committee Meeting #10 |
| Saturday  | 13-Jun | Rugby ISA R3 vs St Patrick’s (A) |
| Thursday  | 18-Jun | Term 2 Finishes |
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Please check the Woodchatta each Wednesday afternoon for any changes to venues or start times which may arise during the course of the season.
SPX RUGBY WEEKEND AWAY – 24-25 JULY 2015

COMFORT INN - REDLEAF RESORT
13-17 Brightlands Avenue, Blackheath
Phone: 47878108
www.redleafresort.com.au

- 13 Queen rooms 1-2 people (1 queen bed)
  $115.00 per room
- 13 twins 2-3 people (1 double and 1 single)
  $130.00 per room
- 16 family rooms 3-4 people (1 double and 2 singles)
  $150.00 per room
- 2 (spa 2 bedroom suits) 6 people (1 queen in one room, 2 singles in other room & 2 sofa beds in lounge area)
  $190.00 per room
- 1 room (108) 5 people (1 queen in one room & 3 singles in the other room)
  $165.00 per room
- 1 room (109) 4 people (1 queen in one room & 2 singles in the other room)
  $155.00 per room

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: 2 course meal
$25 per person 2-12 years
$35 per person 12 years and up

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: full buffet Includes hot and continental buffet
$14.00 per person 2-12 years
$19.00 per person 12 years and up

Phone and book accommodation with the Resort as soon as possible as these 46 rooms will book out quickly. When booking ensure you mention that you are from SPX Rugby

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
ROSEMARY MURPHY: rugbyevents@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au
(0411664308)
SPX RUGBY – YULEFEST PACKAGE

Winter 2015 at the Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort

Come to the Blue Mountains & enjoy the Wonder of Winter. During the day enjoy activities that the Blue Mountains have to offer and then relax and celebrate the magic of Yulefest at The Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort!

**Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**

- $115.00 Queen or twin share for 2 people
- $90.00 adults & $55.00 Children under 12
  - Traditional 5 course Yulefest Dinner
  - Entertainment, Decorations and Bon Bons
  - Visit & Gift from Santa
  - Full Buffet Breakfast $19.00 per person

The Yulefest package is available for Dinner on the 4th and 25th of July 2015
Other dates available for groups over 25 pax dinner or lunch

To celebrate Yulefest, make your reservation now.

Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort  Evans Lookout Road Blackheath  NSW 2785
Phone: (02) 4787 8108       Fax: (02) 4787 8907
reservations@redleafresort.com.au
OLD BOYS NEWS

OLD BOYS AGM – TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – SARTO CENTRE FROM 6PM
The Old Boys AGM is on in the Sarto Centre from 6pm. All Old Boys of the College are encouraged to attend.
To RSVP please contact: Charles.Kilby@aussie.com.au

OLD BOYS VS STUDENTS GALA DAY – SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2015
The annual Old Boys Vs Students Gala Day is on again, Sunday 15th March. 20/20 Cricket, Football, touch Rugby & Basketball will take place at Oxford Falls, concluding with a BBQ and trophy presentation. More details soon.

NEW OLD BOYS WEB SITE
The new Old Boys web site is currently under construction and it is hoped that it will be launched very 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 rugby club, go to: www.brothersrugby.com.au

David Bullard (‘82) – President SPX OBA & Brothers Rugby
info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au
0491 119 113
GENERAL NOTICES

Learn about Your World

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers’ market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

*Photo of previous student*