From the Principal

PRAYER
On Monday our students wore purple ribbons to honour women's advancement in society, while diligently reminding us of the continued vigilance and action required to ensure that women's equality is gained and maintained in all aspects of life.

In our prayer, we honoured the women of all times and all places:

Women of courage.
Women of hope.
Women suffering.
Women mourning.
Women living fully.
Women experiencing joy.
Women delighting in life.
Women knowing the interconnectedness of the human family.
Women quietly tending the garden of human flourishing.
Women boldly leading the transformation of unjust global structures.
Women seeking wisdom.
Women sharing wisdom.
Women receiving love.
Women giving love.
Women giving life.
Women, the image of God.

Loving God, we celebrate your faithfulness and love. On this day we commit ourselves to the promotion of the full humanity of all women everywhere. Help us to be faithful to your call to love. Amen.
REFLECTION: We have a Staff Wellbeing Newsletter that we subscribe to, and in this week’s Woodchatta I thought I would share with you a couple of gems from this publication. They apply equally as well to teachers, parents and students.

Education’s most important internet poster:

In this room we don’t do easy.
We make easy happen through hard work and learning.

People who achieve high levels of mastery have two things in common.

1. They work hard, very hard to overcome difficulty, barriers and obstacles. It is the way they “make easy happen”.
2. They understand, and are grateful for, the ways their learning can transform them into people with the opportunity to thrive and flourish in life. This is not just about our students, it is also about us as adults.

And …

“Live in such a way that if someone spoke badly of you, no one would believe it.”

OUR SPORTS CHAMPIONS
We enjoyed a great end to the summer sports season and congratulations to the victorious 1st XI cricket team, coached by Mr David Reay and Mr Andrew Sadlier, and to the 15 Blue and 15 Red Basketball teams, coached by Justin Richter and Ms Suzanne Pence respectively.

The Basketball Presentation Night will be held at 7pm next Tuesday evening, 17th March, in the College Gymnasium. All players are expected to attend in full summer school uniform. The Cricket Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 30 April when the season has concluded for our district cricket teams.

More details can be found in the sports pages.

➢ CAMPUS INSPECTION THIS SATURDAY 14 MARCH

The College is open this Saturday from 10am – 2pm. Our current students are the hosts for the day and parents are welcome to attend. Please advise any prospective families seeking enrolment to visit the College. Enrolment forms will be available on the day.

The Oxford Falls Campus at 1 Dreadnought Road will also be open from 8am – 12 noon.

➢ PARENTS AND FRIENDS COCKTAIL PARTY – FRIDAY 20 MARCH

This is always a great evening and all parents are welcome. Please see the details in the P&F Section of this newsletter.

Mr John Couani
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

On Friday 6th March, Ms Iwatani’s 6 Blue class represented the College joining with Our Lady of Dolours Parish Community at the World Day of Prayer Service. This world-wide movement, has been carried on by Christian women across many countries, although men are now encouraged to join in the Prayer Services – is an amazing phenomenon. Its motto: “informed prayer, prayerful action” which impels people, not just to pray for our world, but to take action wherever and whenever possible. Each year women from a particular country prepare a Prayer Service and this year it was the women of the Bahamas who undertook this task.

At our College Assembly on Monday we celebrated International Women’s Day that is held on the 8th of March each year. The following members of Mr Formosa’s Year 7 RE class, Max Scalise, Will Gazey, Duncan Dingley, Thomas Easy, Tarun Oorloff-Kay, Willem Janssen, Maxim Wilden-Constantin, Tyson McCallum and Michael Fakhoury, led our College Assembly in Prayer, explaining the significance of International Women’s Day.

International Women’s Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. Make It Happen is the 2015 theme, encouraging effective action for advancing and recognising women.

From 1908, the Women’s Social and Political Union in Great Britain adopted the colour scheme of purple, white and green to symbolise the plight of the women protesting to receive the right to vote. Purple symbolised justice and dignity – two values strongly associated with women’s equality.

Today our Junior School were presented with their Bibles in a Special Liturgy conducted in Our Lady of Dolours Church. Geordan Coulits of 6 Blue opened the ceremony by lighting our Liberating Education candle. Our young men were most impressive on receiving their bible, looking us in the eye, shaking hands and expressing their thanks very warmly. Through prayer and reflection the significance of receiving their sacred scripture was well captured with Mr Carroll sharing a lovely anecdote with the boys of when he received his first bible. Congratulations to all of the Junior School Teachers who prepared their students so beautifully for this significant ceremony.

Friday Morning Prayer continues with Ryan Attard of Year 11, sharing his reflections and leading prayer. It continues each Friday morning during Lent, in LC2 commencing at 8.10am. All are most welcome.

Mr M Casey

MindMatters for Families

- PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – INTERNET/GAMING ADDICTIONS
Thankyou to the great many number of parents and staff who attended last Wednesday evening’s information evening on a very topical mental health area. Our presenter, Brad Marshall, from Northshore Kidspace provided us all with some very helpful insights into this increasingly growing issue with our adolescents. The evening was very well received by over 180 parents who attended, and special thanks to Ms Joe McCarthy for her initiative, planning and coordination of the evening.

- HELP! SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE WALK TO SUPPORT LIAM KNIGHT AND THE ‘WHITE KNIGHT FOUNDATION’
Walk Against Youth Violence – Saturday 14 March

LET’S GET BEHIND THE CAUSE AND SUPPORT LIAM!

Please make a donation to the Liam Knight ‘White Knight Foundation’ by sponsoring our SPX Staff Team including Ms Doyle, Ms Ramsey, Ms McCarthy, Ms Higgins, Mr Brannan and Mr Russo.

You can make a donation directly to the College via Mrs Jane Higgins (jhiggins@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) in our Accounts Department. Our team would welcome your support in helping to make a positive difference in this significant issue in our society.

- MENTOR/MENTEES ACTIVITY THIS FRIDAY – PADDLEBOARDING AT BALMORAL
Permission slips for this activity were due in today. Buses leave school on Friday at 3.30pm and boys can either be picked up from Balmoral at 5.30pm or returned to school on the bus, arriving approximately 6pm. Contact Mr Russo rrusso@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au for further information.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor
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, this Saturday 14 March. Applications close 30 April 2015.

Ms M King/Ms C Jennings – Enrolment Registrars

Your P&F In Action!

THE COCKTAIL PARTY IS RARING TO GO - 20 MARCH - BOOK NOW!

The annual SPX Cocktail Party is a highly enjoyable evening. There will be big Year Group meeting spots so you can find and catch up with your fellow year Mums and Dads. There’s an espresso bar on a Vespa scooter, a cocktail slushy machine 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 and you can book right now via this link.

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Project Compassion

A DELICIOUS AND FUN WAY IN RAISING FUNDS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE!

Homeroom 12 A with the generous assistance of the Senior Prefects are to be congratulated for their exceptional efforts with the Pancake Stall this morning in raising funds for Caritas Project Compassion. The Mission Collegial Team, with some outside help from Ms. Marianne Erickson (Canteen Manager) produced mountain stacks of delicious pancakes, which were adorned with maple syrup and icing sugar. The tradition of pancakes goes back to the Middle Ages, when families finished their ‘rich’ foods on Shrove Tuesday before the fasting of Lent began.

On behalf of the Team, “your generous support has been quite overwhelming. Words cannot convey our gratitude.”

Mr A Listo - Project Compassion Convenor

Performing Arts News

CAMPUS INSPECTION: The Senior Jazz Band, Senior Guitar Ensemble and Senior String Quartet will be performing this Saturday. A revised performance program has been given to all students.

PERFORMING ARTS LEVY: This will be included on the Term 1 account which is sent on the last day of term. All students who participate in Music and/or Drama activities are charged this levy. Likewise, for those families who hire an instrument from the College, this will also be included on your Term 1 account.

I’M WITH CUPID! REHEARSAL: Mr Combes reports that last Sunday’s rehearsal went extremely well and he is very happy with the progress so far. The next Sunday rehearsal will be on March 22nd from 12.00 – 4.00pm in the Sarto Centre. Please note the earlier start time.

AMEB RESULTS: Congratulations to the Choi brothers on these encouraging results: Cody (Year 5) achieved a credit in Grade 3 violin and Jasper (Year 9) attained honours in Grade 5 piano. Well done boys!

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Years 11 & 12 Geography Fieldwork
Our senior Geography students recently spent a day in the field examining Ecosystems at Risk at Narrabeen Beach and Careel Bay (Year 12) and Biophysical Interactions at Bonna Point Reserve Kurnell (Year 11). Geography in action at SPX.

Mr M Pawlak - Senior Geography Teacher

CSDA Debating Competition
This Friday, 13th March, the first of our ‘friendly’ debates was planned. St Greg’s were not able to make the event so we are completing a Pius v’s Pius formal debate. Coaches will be providing a topic for their teams early in the week and prep will take place in the first training session of the week. Training will commence on Friday at 3.15-3.30 and the formal debate will commence at 4pm. Next Thursday the 19th March Loreto, Normanhurst will be travelling to Pius for a ‘friendly’ debate. We realize that this is not the allocated debate evening but this is the only time that they can come to Chatswood so we will replace our Friday 20th training session with this Thursday 19th afternoon event. The girls should be at Pius by 4pm and again we will see if we can release topics earlier in the week and have a 30 minute prep time once the Loreto students arrive at Pius.

TOPIC AREAS FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS CSDA DEBATING COMPETITION 2015

1. Technology (date: 27/3.)
2. Exploring Outer Space (24/4)
3. Australia Today (1/5)
4. Animals (8/5)
5. Human Rights (15/5)
6. Language and Communication (22/5)

SYDNEY DEBATING NETWORK
St Pius X has been invited to be a part of the SDN competition from 2015. Participating schools include: Abbotsleigh, Redlands, Riverview, Roseville, Stella Maris & Wenona. Each school can field up to 8 teams. The competition runs in Term 3 from mid-July to mid-September. Watch this space for more details on this exciting opportunity for our debaters.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor

From the Language Department

CHINA TOUR 2015: Our plans are off to a great start with Fundraising organised and hopefully arriving this week. I have asked students in class to begin to bring in Passports so that I can make copies for the airline. Alternately, parents may wish to send a scanned, colour copy of the Identification page to me via email or to school with your son. Please feel free to contact me at Kmanga@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM BY ANTIPODEANS ABROAD – INFORMATION NIGHT!
Students and Parents: Find out about Antipodeans Abroad’s 2015 Language Immersion Program at their upcoming Information Night. Language Immersion is a five or seven-week homestay in France or Germany that combines going to a European high school, living with a host family and regular group travel to see the sites!

Antipodeans are the only exchange program with an accompanying Australian adult in country to provide students with support while overseas.

6.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 24 March 2015, Antipodeans Office: Level 3 / 182 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point
Registration essential. Students need to register on our website.

For more information, please contact Juliette Herault, Language Immersion Manager on T: (02) 9413 1522
W: antipodeans.com.au  Facebook  Instagram

Ms K Manga - Coordinator
Summer Sports Photos

ORDER FORMS will be distributed to boys by the end of this week and are to be returned to the Student Office by Tuesday 31 March. An order form is also included in Woodchatta Extras.

Ms L Proc – General Coordinator

Camp Gallipoli

It’s time to commit to joining our contingent who will attend the Centennial Park based swag camp. Our group will leave Chatswood after lunch on Friday 24th April and celebrate the Centenary over night with concerts, documentaries, parades and Dawn Service on the 25th. Identity Prefect Tyler Jarvis has been highlighting the event at recent assemblies and we would like students, parents and significant others to commit via the try SPX trybooking website: http://www.trybooking.com/110052. Further details of the event are available by visiting the Camp Gallipoli website.

Mr S Brannan – Head of Student Services

Old Boys Gala Day

The Gala Day will take place this Sunday at Oxford Falls featuring the following:

- Football 1st XI Trials vs 2 Old Boys XI squads from 9.00–11.30am. Contact Mr Quilty for details.
- Rugby squad training and Touch Game 10.30–1.00pm. Contact Francis Cullimore 1st XV Coach.
- Basketball matches on CBC Court 2, 12 noon–1.00pm. Contact Ms Akkari / James Brannan to register. Students need to bring their yellow singlets.
- Cricket T20 Match scheduled for 11.30–1.30pm - PARTICIPANTS NEEDED. See Mr Brannan to register interest and ensure we have enough numbers for a viable match.

All fixtures will be followed by drinks and sausage sandwich at the Old Boys BBQ.

Mr S Brannan – Head of Student Services

Careers

Congratulations to this year’s TAFE students in Year 11 and 12. They have all made an excellent start to the year in a variety of courses including Electrotechnology, Construction, Automotive, Tourism and Events, 3D Digital Animation, Human Services (Nursing) and Community Services. Students attend classes every Tuesday afternoon (off campus) as part of their Preliminary or HSC courses.

All TAFE courses involve industry placement and practical workshops, students can make valuable contacts and get real, hands-on experience. Students will be ready for the workplace and will often find their first job through contacts they make at TAFE. We wish them all the best for a successful year. To find out more about NSW TAFE visit: www.nsti.tafensw.edu.au

The SPX CAREER BULLETIN (Issue 1, 2015) was released on the NEW Career Portal Page last week. The publication comes out once a term and has a variety of information about career pathways, university degrees and industry information. Every issue is different and has relevant, up to date information for senior students and parents. A copy can also be found in the Woodchatta Extras section of the newsletter.

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

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Homework Help

Homework Help will not be running after school next week, Week 8, as Ms Blanchard is on an excursion. Homework Help will resume as normal in Week 9.

Homework Help is 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

From the Junior School Resource Centre

The Junior Resource Centre has been revitalised and is looking fantastic.

We have collections of horror books, adventure and fantasy series for the boys to enjoy and to challenge their reading we have some beautiful non-fiction books on quirky scientific facts and bewildering science. Jackie French, the Children’s Laureate and also Senior Australian of the Year, features quite widely in our collection. She has written some marvellous historical novels that the boys enjoy reading.

This week all the boys in Year 5 and Year 6 will receive their username and password for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. For those boys who entered last year; we are able to complete a survey for the Department and their records are matched to their new St Pius log in.

To complete the Challenge the boys must read 20 books from October 2014 to August 2015. They can read 15 books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list and they can choose 5 books that are not on the list. If a student is reading a series, only two of that series can be entered as a PRC book the other books can be entered as choice books. There is a link to the Premier’s Reading Challenge on the Student Intranet and you can find more details and rules on that page. The Boys are required to enter the challenge. Any books read during school or read to them by a teacher or a parent can be entered on the list.

Feel free to come in and have a look at the Junior Resource Centre.
Happy Reading!

Ms R Hunt and Ms E Martin

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@stplusx.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.

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

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

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Senior School Sport

CRICKET

1st XI – 2014/15 ISA Division 1 Premiers and Minor Premiers

On Saturday, 7 March 2015, the 1st XI secured the ISA Division 1 Premiership in a commanding display over St Stanislaus’ College at Oxford Falls. “This is what we decided that we were going to do at the very first meeting and now we’ve done it” said 1st XI Captain Nick McCamley. The team comprised: Nick McCamley (c), Michael Roberts (vc), Dermott Beattie, Jackson Brislan, Pat Dermott, Tom Diggins, Harry Heaney, Luke Humphrey, Matt Kennedy, Christian King, Max Magee, Ned McDermott-Healey and Nick Onslow. Well done!

ISA Division 1 Final, SPX 1st XI 9/196 (Michael Roberts 62, Nick McCamley 34, Harry Heaney 27) defeated St Stanislaus’ College 10/170 (Pat Dermott 2/13, Nick McCamley 2/45)

Batting first on a superb Oxford Falls wicket, Max Magee (15) got the innings away to a quick start. Michael Roberts batting at three quickly tamed the St Stanislaus’ bowlers in a powerful 62, while Nick McCamley scored a brisk 34. Harry Heaney (27) provided stability to the innings batting into the 40th over. Quick fire innings’ form Jackson Brislan (17), Luke Humphrey (13) and Ned McDermott-Healey (11*) saw SPX finish with 9/196 after 50 overs.

The bowlers went to work early having St Stanislaus’ 4/29, with two excellent catches to Harry Heaney and one to Michael Roberts. Nick Onslow (1/16), Pat Dermott (2/13) and Dermott Beattie (1/17) doing the early damage. A revival was terminated by Matt Kennedy (1/18) and pressure was continuously applied leaving St Stanislaus requiring 12 an over with 10 overs to go. Good fielding and late wickets to Nick McCamley (2/45) and Ned McDermott-Healey (1/39) saw St Stanislaus bowled out for 170.

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<td>SPX Black U13 NSJCA</td>
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<td>SPX Green U14 MWJCA</td>
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<td>SPX Red U14 NSJCA</td>
<td>SPX Red 8/127 (J Rayner 32) defeated Pirates White 126 (J Rayner 3/10, DJ Hall 2/16, L Ventura 2/27)</td>
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<td>SPX Yellow U16/18 MWJCA</td>
<td>SPX Yellow 82 defeated by St Augustine’s Gold 283</td>
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<td>SPX Purple U16/18 MWJCA</td>
<td>SPX Purple 152 (N Parker 26) defeated St Augustine’s Green 139 (R Beattie 4/20, WO Roser 2/6)</td>
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CRICKET AND RUGBY – A POTENT MIX!

It was one of those weekends where there was a mixture of top sport, the highlight being the St Pius X cricket win over Stannies – a great result! This was followed by Australia beating Sri Lanka in a fabulous piece of International sport.

The NRL kicked off with Parramatta laying down an early marker and the Waratahs easily overcame the Reds. The Waratahs play a similar game to St Pius with lots of ball movement and support although some of their many handling mistakes leaves a lot to be desired. It stresses also that you cannot ever ignore the simple basics of any sport. Being able to perform the basics at pace and under pressure defines a “team”. We now begin our rugby program in earnest and skill at pace will be our main focus!

Mr D Reay - Convenor

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer
The Basketball season is almost finished. After an exciting day at the Grand Finals there is only one more thing to do and that is to acknowledge our players and award winners at the annual Basketball Awards Ceremony.

Next Tuesday evening, 17th March, the Basketball Club will be holding the Annual Basketball Awards Presentation Ceremony. The Ceremony will start at 7:00pm and will be held in the College Gymnasium at Chatswood. All players are expected to attend the evening in full summer school uniform. If players cannot attend they must bring a note addressed to Mr. Couani explaining their absence.

Congratulations must go to the 15 Blue and 15 Red teams won their Grand Finals on Saturday. Commiserations to those teams who were pipped at the post, especially the 17 Blue team who lost in overtime. Thank you to all our supporters and especially those volunteers who manned the score benches.

Deserves a mention: Thank you to Mrs. Hallissy, who spent a few unexpected hours at the Nepean Hospital after Jordan Franic-Smith dislocated his little finger with only a minute of the game to go. Coach Justin Richter also stayed at the hospital supporting his charger. Thank you to the Basketball Club for their support and organisation throughout the season; their help is invaluable.

Mr. N. Gibson – Convenor

FOOTBALL
Parents and Players: Training will commence on Wednesday 18th March after school at Oxford Falls for all Year 7-10 teams. Open age group trainings and grading will be advised by individual coaches. Training for this term will be on Monday and Wednesday’s at Oxford Falls but days and locations will likely change in Terms 2 and 3.

Our first trial fixture is against Cranbrook on the 21st of March. Times and locations will be announced the week leading up to the fixture.

Mr. G. Virgona

NSTA TENNIS
Round 4 of the NSTA Tennis Competition saw some unexpected early morning rain, quite heavy at times at Talus St. This resulted in a number of games being washed out at away venues and some late arrivals to games. The games at Talus St. all played on despite the consistent rain and there were some very pleasing results. Well done to successful teams from last weekend.

Mrs. J. Schuster – Convenor

ISA TENNIS
Training for the Winter season has now begun. We will have training/grading Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of Weeks 7, 8 and 9 of Term 1. Training will then resume at the beginning of Term 2. Please note that this training is compulsory. Please contact Ms O’Brien with any queries.

Ms A. O’Brien – 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: at Oxford Falls. Trials commence for Rugby and Football. Boys require a full change of clothes appropriate to their sport.

Summer Sports Photos: These were taken yesterday. Order forms were given to students and are due back by 31st March. There are spare copies available from the office and in Woodchatta Extras.

Cross Country: Well done to competitors for their efforts in our internal Cross-Country events over the last 2 weeks. In true House spirit the boys ran with determination and pride. Treacy won the House Competition, gaining valuable points for the annual House Championship. Results are listed below:

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Joining the above competitors in the Squad to represent St Pius at IPSHA will be:
U11’s – Matthew Kachel (P), Jack Hettler (T)
Opens – Matthew Andrews (T), Alexander Hart (T), Michael Taylor (P)

Basketball:

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Football: Internal trials take place this Thursday at Sport. Boys require a full change of clothes, including jersey, shorts, socks, boots and protective gear (shin guards are compulsory). For training / trials this gear does not have to be St Pius issued. Season Draws and an information letter will be uploaded to the website [http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=73] in the next few weeks, as well as being emailed to all parents. Boys should therefore purchase required playing gear ASAP. The first round of the IPSHA Competition is on 2nd May.
Rugby: Internal trials begin this Thursday at Sport. Boys require a full change of clothes, including jersey, shorts, socks, boots and protective gear (mouthguards are compulsory). For training / trials this gear does not have to be St Pius issued, though players are encouraged to bring both a school and a non-school jersey if they have them for the next few weeks. Season Draws and an information letter will be uploaded to the website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=73) in the next few weeks, as well as being emailed to all parents. Boys should therefore purchase required playing gear ASAP. The first round of the IPSHA Competition is on 2nd May, though we have trial games on Sat 21st March.

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Rugby Tour: Congratulations to the 20 boys selected for the Armidale Tour. A detailed information letter will be sent home soon. At this stage we will have a preparation trial game against a Gordon side at Beauchamp Oval, Chatswood – Tuesday 31st March at 4.15pm TBC.

NSTA Tennis (Term 2/3 Winter Competition): Trials for the Term 2/3 winter Tennis competition will take place towards the end of this term. More information to follow shortly.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Softball - Round 5: It was a dubious morning, weatherwise, at Oxford Falls last Saturday. The game started a little late so time was against us. We did the bat toss and unfortunately we lost and Trinity sent us in to field. St Pius players were ready to show how much they had improved.

This week, the coach decided to change a few positions. Jordan, Jake and Alex were on bases and did a great job running out the opposition when they had chances. Oliver, Rhys, Frank and Douglas were in the outfield and did a splendid job stopping any balls that came their way. Charlie and Ethan were pitcher and catcher respectively and had a good combination going. Joseph at short stop was unbelievable at keeping his eye on the pitcher and ready to field any ball that came to him.

The score did not reveal the improvement displayed by the St Pius team this week. The game was suspended for a few minutes as it rained and this proved a crucial time for both teams because they were evenly matched. Unfortunately St Pius came away with a loss however, I need to applaud the team as they always congratulate the opposition with a confident vibe and fantastic sportsmanship. Chanting our Woodcharra war cry also added to the excitement and was a fitting end to the first part of the season.

I am extremely fortunate to coach such a wonderful team of young students. Thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the season and I look forward to term 4 for another exciting and competitive time. Thank you to Mrs Daniels for keeping score and Mr Blicic for assisting with the coaching.

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Mrs J Williams - Convenor

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Lunchtime Career Presentations
An opportunity to obtain information and ask questions
Lunchtimes in the LLC—bring your lunch

- UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY
  Tuesday 3rd March (week 6)

- MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
  Tuesday 17th March (week 8)

- DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING
  Wednesday 18th March (week 8)

- THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
  Tuesday 28th April (week 2, term 2)

- UNSW
  Wednesday 6th May (week 3, term 2)

Tax File Numbers
Got a new job or starting University in 2016? There have been changes to the process of obtaining a TFN. You now need to apply online and have your identification verified at an Australian Post Office.
For more information check the NEW Career page on the SPX Portal.

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What career pathway will you take?

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UMAT - What's that?

UMAT is the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the UMAT website: www.umat.acr.edu.au. These include: UNSW (medicine, optometry), The University of Newcastle/University of New England (medicine), University of Western Sydney (medicine).

UMAT is designed to assess general attributes and abilities gained through prior experience and learning: specifically, the acquisition of skills in critical thinking and problem solving, understanding people and abstract non-verbal reasoning. These abilities are considered important to the study, and later practice, of professions in the health sciences.

UMAT is an aptitude test; it is not a personality or IQ test. The test is not curriculum-based and presupposes no particular subjects at secondary level. UMAT does not require any knowledge or skills in mathematics or sciences, or in any other area of the curriculum. It is designed to complement your academic results, not to replicate them. (Source: www.umat.acr.edu.au).

See Ms Janes for further information.

The 5 Principles of Career Development

1. Change is constant
   Recognise that the world around you is constantly changing. Be open to change and remain alert to new opportunities.

2. Learning is Ongoing
   Strive for continuous personal improvement. Stay motivated by learning new skills and developing new talents.

3. Focus on the Journey
   Don’t focus on one destination only. Recognise that your career journey will be throughout your lifetime. Appreciate and value each experience along the way.

4. Know yourself; believe in yourself and follow your heart
   Pursue your passion to find fulfillment. Discover ways to combine your interests with career opportunities.

5. Access your Allies
   Rely on the support of your family, friends, mentors, colleagues and peers. Career success can be a team effort.

Bonus Point FAQ

What are bonus points?
Bonus points are allocated by universities for different circumstances, e.g. strong performance in HSC subjects.

How are they allocated?
The student’s selection rank = ATAR + bonus points.

Do you need to apply for bonus points?
No. If a student puts a particular university course that awards bonus points as one of their preferences on their UAC application, after their ATAR results are released the university will automatically apply bonus points to their application.

How many bonus points are awarded?
Generally there is a maximum 5, in some cases a maximum of 10 bonus points is possible at some institutions such as UWS.

The bonus points reference document will put onto the portal when it becomes available for 2015.
Career Snapshots

Actuary
Actuaries evaluate risk and opportunity, applying mathematical, statistical, economic and financial analyses to a wide range of business problems. Actuaries may perform the following tasks:
- Analyse statistics relating to factors such as death, illness and accident, as well as current trends in the economy, to design new types of life insurance and superannuation policies
- Determine appropriate premiums or contributions and rates of return by calculating the future probabilities of events such as unemployment, illness or changes in interest rates. Ensure insurance companies have sufficient financial reserves to meet claims
- Advise companies on investment policy and the distribution of profits to policyholders
- Undertake financial projections for, and manage the investment performance of, life insurance companies, financial institutions and government organisations and provide advice to potential buyers or sellers of companies.

Personal Requirements
Enjoy problem solving, good at mathematics, strong written and verbal communication skills, ability to think clearly and logically, focus and an eye for detail.

Audiologist
Audiologists test hearing and assess the nature of hearing disorders. They are responsible for the non-medical management and rehabilitation of hearing loss and associated disorders of communication. Audiologists may perform the following tasks:
- Establish a client's problems with hearing and testing by conducting interviews and studying background information (such as medical history)
- Assess the extent of hearing loss and location of the problem using a wide range of techniques, including audiomotorc tests such as air and bone conduction tests
- Report results of assessment and testing in writing and make referrals to medical practitioners
- Provide rehabilitation programs, such as counselling and guidance, for the hearing-impaired and their families
- Assess hearing levels of workers, such as pilots or members of the armed forces, when required by employers
- Prescribe, fit and evaluate hearing aids and other devices, such as cochlear implants
- Provide training in communication strategies such as lip reading and in the use of auxiliary and other devices
- Conduct follow-up consultations after hearing aids have been fitted to ensure clients receive the clearest amplification

- Assist with the development and management of noise control and hearing conservation strategies in industry
- Act as consultants on industrial compensation claims for work-related hearing loss
- Undertake scientific research related to sound and hearing
- Direct projects and act as consultants to other professional groups and supervise student audiologists.

Working Conditions:
Audiologists liaise with other health professionals such as otolaryngologists (ear specialists), speech pathologists, psychologists and doctors, as well as staff in educational settings. They may travel to country areas where there are no resident audiologists.

Personal Requirements
Able to inspire confidence and cooperation, a sympathetic and tactful approach to people’s problems, good communication skills and analytical ability.

Petroleum Engineer
Petroleum engineers plan and manage the recovery of oil and gas from petroleum reservoirs. Petroleum engineers may perform the following tasks:
- Study geological and geophysical information to determine what type of drilling equipment and method of drilling would be the most efficient and cost effective, as well as plan the locations for drilling
- Assist in estimating the economic potential of oil and gas reserves by directing the testing of boreholes
- Identify the liquids or gases contained, the rate at which they can be recovered and the temperatures and pressures that need to be dealt with
- Determine the best way to develop oil and gas reserves and to maximise recovery and profit
- Determine methods of controlling the flow of oil or gas from wells and keep records of production
- Plan ways to transport the oil and gas reserves to the seabed, including the use of downhole pumps and gas lift systems
- Study operating equipment, environmental problems and the treatment of oil to remove sediment and water
- Conduct operations and activities in accordance with environmental policies and codes
- Work safely and use any equipment provided for health and safety purposes, monitor the necessary safety procedures and facilities for personnel working on the project.

Working Conditions:
Petroleum engineers work closely with people from other disciplines such as geologists and geophysicists. They may work in remote areas.

Personal Requirements
Enjoy technical and engineering activities, willing to contribute and adhere to the safety requirements of an operation, able to identify, analyse and solve problems, good verbal and written communication skills, attitude for computing and design, practical and creative, able to work without supervision and able to accept responsibility.

FAQ ...

What is the ATAR? Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05. It provides a measure of your overall academic achievement in the NSW HSC in relation to that of other students, and it helps institutions rank applicants for selection. It is calculated on behalf of the institutions and released by UAC. The ATAR is a rank, not a mark.

What is UAC? University Admissions Centre. UAC processes applications for undergraduate degree, diploma, postgraduate courses and Educational Access Schemes. You must apply through the formal UAC process for University admissions.

FEE HELP is a loan program to help eligible fee paying students to pay their tuition fees. You have to start repaying your debt through the taxation system once your repayment income is above the compulsory repayment threshold, even if you are still studying. The compulsory repayment threshold is adjusted each year. For the 2012-13 income year, the compulsory repayment threshold was $49,095.

Bridging courses Many degrees have assumed knowledge, which are subjects where universities expect you to have studied before you begin this course. If you don't have the assumed knowledge you won't be excluded from the course but you might find it difficult to manage the work, as your lecturer will assume you have this knowledge. Bridging courses run during February.

For more Careers information see the NEW Career Portal Page

The Paper Bag? UTS New Business Building

Like it or hate it - it is here to stay. The new University of Technology Sydney (UTS) business school, was inspired by renaissance artists and architects and designed by architect Mr Frank Gehry.

Some of the main classrooms are oval shaped, where all the students face each other. There are breakout spaces with lounges, where students can hang out and discuss ideas, while the main internal architectural feature is a crumpled mirrored staircase.

The UTS business school is named after Chinese businessman Dr Chau Chak Wing, after his $20 million donation to the project. (abc.net.au)

"Find out what you like doing best, and get someone to pay you for it".

Katherine Whitlock
Assistant Director

Want to see a Careers Advisor? Write your name on the careers office door in the SRC or email: careres@unsw.edu.au

Disclaimer—all information is printed in good faith. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institutions.
# St. Pius X College, Chatswood

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FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

SPX YEAR 7-Y10 TEAMS PUBLISHED

We congratulate all the boys who made teams announced this week in the College. We thank the Football Convenor and support from Mr Couani & Mr Stern for pressing the College’s case at the ISA level and being successful in increasing the Year 8 teams from 2 to 3 this season.

The College will be fielding 4 – Year 7, 3 – Year 8, 2 – Year 9, 2 – Year 10, 4- Opens (TBC). The committee appreciates that some boys still miss out but the Committee and College is committed to pushing for as many teams as they can accommodate and are able to enter in ISA comps.

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, includes transport to and from Chatswood to Oxford Falls. Please book at this site - www.trybooking.com/126595

3 days (9am-1pm) including transport $165 - same price as last year !

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
CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

NSJCA U13PM Division 2 – 07/03/15, Semi Final, Pottery Green, Lane Cove
St Pius X Black 9/113 (J McDonald 22, J Harper 20, K O’Brien 18) defeated Lane Cove Waugh 110
(H Hargreaves 4/6, J Harper 2/8)

Well what a game! Congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic win on Saturday which will now see them
compete in the Cup Final next Saturday.

We won the toss and elected to bat. John and Ryan got us off to a good start putting on 32 runs. Unfortunately we then lost a few quick wickets due to Lane Cove’s actuate bowling. Kiefer and Joseph steadied the ship and added valuable runs to our total and at drinks we were looking good. After drinks we again lost a few wickets which slowed our run rate Harrison added a quick fire 11 to the score. The tail end stepped up and kept the scoreboard ticking over and we finished with a total of 113. Boys we need to improve running hard for that first run and taking the second were possible. A special mention must go to Sam, who played with a suspected broken toe.

Things started off well with our fielding with a run-out early, and a wicket. Accurate and economic bowling by Zach, Alec, Kiefer and Rory made runs hard to come by for Lane Cove. There were some great fielding particularly by Daniel, Gilbert and Harry as well. The whole team did bowl and field well but we really have to work on how many sundries we are giving the other team, we do make it very hard for ourselves at times. At drinks it was really close and the game could have gone either way. Lane Cove came out after drinks and added about 50 to their total. With six overs to go Lane Cove only needed 14 runs to win. To the boy’s credit they dug deep and never gave up. They bowled magnificently and did everything in their powers to stop Lane Cove scoring. Harry took 4 wickets and Joseph took 2 (off the last 2 balls). This saw Lane Cove lose 5 wickets for 4 runs. A rousing rendition of Woodchatta Wood followed the win. WELL DONE BOYS!! But can we please try and make it not so close next week. Finally congratulations to Lane Cove for a great game.
NSJCA U14 Saturday PM Div 1, Semi-final, 7 March, Chatswood High School, St Pius X Red 8/127 cc (J Rayner 32, N McLachlan 25) defeated Pirates White 126 (J Rayner 3/10, D Hall 2/16, L Ventura 2/27)

There is a saying in cricket that “catches win matches” and, ooh, how true it is! On Saturday, we kept dropping them, six of them, until finally one stuck, and that one gave us the match.

We patted ourselves on the back for a good win last week, but we knew this week would be a very stern test. Our last report claimed we could meet any challenge we faced this week and, we got a ‘down-to-the-wire’, full-on stress test!

Pirates put us into bat after winning the toss, a decision that lifted an eyebrow from coach Colgan. Nevertheless, we could play the match either way, and openers Nick McLachlan (25) and Tom Colgan (14) set about their work in a steady and methodical way, that is, until Tom unsuccessfully tried to guide an off-side ball over the slips and was caught behind. Nick pushed-on with Josh Rayner (32) and the pair took the score to 75 before the next wicket fell. Josh was back at his booming best, hitting 5 fours and a six.

Alec Favelle (12) finally got some well-deserved runs on the board, after a couple of lean weeks. James Miller (15*) looked ‘edgy’ for much on his knock, but he survived through our middle order ‘wobble’ and was there at the end, after Tim McLachlan (0), Daniel Hall (1), Luke Ventura (1) and James Quillan (2) all went cheaply.

‘Mr Enigma’ himself, Liam Jackson (14*), came in and helped prop-up the end of the innings with James. His lusty hitting, which included a first-ball six, followed by a four, probably proved to be the ‘knock-out’ blow that secured our win. Last week he excited supporters with his 3 wickets, today, he entertained with the bat.

8/127 at the change did not feel a very secure position to be in as we knew Pirates were the form team last week and our ‘intelligence’ told us that they had got a special NSJCA dispensation for a batting specialist to play for them this week.

Coach Colgan warned the Reds about the small and rough Chatswood ground. Any wayward bowling or fielding would cost us runs. “Today, we put our bodies on the line, so that nothing gets through”, he said.

James Quillan (1/10) gave us the perfect start with a first-ball wicket. Daniel (2/16) started more slowly, but he expertly bowled two vital overs at the end of the match. Reliable as ever, Luke (2/27) grabbed two early wickets before being ‘bossed-around’ a bit in his later overs. James Robinson (0/6), Liam (0/9) and Lukas (0/10) got hit in their first overs, but showed character and stuck to their task. James and Lukas gave-up only 3 runs between them in their second overs.

As the match tightened-up and nerves began to jangle more catches went to ground. There were audible gasps from the crowd each time it happened and, when the match came down to its nail-biting last over, the Reds’ mums and dads wondered if that old adage about catches and matches would be true once more, and be our downfall.

Pirates ‘secret’ batter, Carey, was hitting freely when Daniel was given the ball for the last over. In a run-a-ball scenario, Pirates were pinned-down by Daniel’s tight bowling, but they managed to eke-out 1, 1, dot, 1 and required two runs off the last two balls to claim the match. The fifth ball was edged very high, backward of point, heading towards Alec and the Reds’ supporters froze. It was a very tough catch. Alex got under it, but juggled the ball as fell backwards, and, it took a second grab before he secured the catch that mattered, and sent his teammates and supporters into rapturous delight.
Pirates (126) fell 2 runs short of a win, in a most exciting match, meaning that we now go to the Grand Final next weekend. Coach repeated his claim again on Saturday that we have the potential to defeat any team in the competition, and we will need to use every ounce of that potential next week.

MWJCA U16/18 – 28/02/15 & 07/03/15, Round 9, Oxford Falls

St Pius X Purple 152 (N Parker 26) defeated St Augustine’s Green 139 (R Beattie 4/20, WO Roser 2/6)

In this round SPX Purple (U16-18) found themselves facing St. Augustine’s green on a dewy pitch at Oxford Falls. St. Pius lost the toss and were sent in to bat. St. Pius got off to a shaky start losing Alex Halliday early in the innings. But soon recovered with Sam Dixon making a strong 19, while Rory Beattie made 23 and Nick Parker made 28. Ryan Kelleher contributed with a mid-order 20 to put St. Pius on target for a respectable score.

St Pius finished the day with 152 all out in the 49th over. St. Pius returned the following weekend determined to defend this total on a pitch that was more favourable to the batsman early in the morning than it was the previous week. The boys were upbeat and vocal in the field offering words of encouragement all round. Rory Beattie took 4 wickets for 20 runs off 9 overs, while Will Roser took 2 wickets for 6 runs off 3 overs. Alex Halliday, Liam O’Neil, Tom McKern and Josh Maggiora all contributed a wicket each, eventually bowling St. Augustine’s out for 141 runs this. After losing a few close matches during the season this was a well-deserved victory for the boys and a great all round team performance.

Editor : Mark Halliday
AUSTRALIAN YOUTH RUGBY 7’s NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 27th FEBRUARY to 1st MARCH 2015

Congratulations to both Fraser Toohey and Francis Cullimore (Coach) of the NSW Blue team which won the National Rugby 7’s Championship which was held over three days at the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen, home of the Australian Men’s & Women’s Rugby 7’s programs.

The NSW Blue team won all the silverware on offer at the National Championship, going through the tournament undefeated, including victories against the Brumbies, Queensland Reds, Western Force and Melbourne Rebels.

We are all very proud of the achievements of Fraser and Francis and wish them luck with the possibility of selection in the Australian Youth Rugby 7’s Commonwealth Games team later this year. Hopefully we can continue their results into the SPX rugby season!

Left: The winning NSW Blue Squad: Francis Cullimore, back row 1st from the left & Fraser Toohey middle row 3rd from the left.

Right: Coach Cullimore with all the silverware!

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 communicated at School.

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
Rugby Training sessions for all Age Groups commence this week - 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 - refer attached Flyer for accommodation options
• Saturday 8 August – P&F Trivia Night
• Tuesday 18 August – Rugby Presentation Night

SPX Rugby Calendar on the following page …
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SPX RUGBY WEEKEND AWAY – 24-25 JULY 2015

COMFORT INN - REDLEAF RESORT

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- 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

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Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

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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

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Phone: (02) 4787 8108    Fax: (02) 4787 8907
reservations@redleafresort.com.au
OLD BOYS NEWS

VALE - Chris Searson ‘82
Sadly, I learned of the passing of a classmate and friend on Saturday afternoon. Chris had been suffering with an illness for many months. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and warm and caring personality. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Emma and two young children. Please keep Chris and his family in your prayers.

The funeral will be held this Friday 13th March, 10am Villa Maria Catholic Church Hunters Hill.

OLD BOYS AGM – TUESDAY 10TH MARCH
The SPX Old Boys Association was held last night, thank you to all those that attended.

The following office bearers were elected for 2015:

President – David Bullard ‘82
Vice President – Barry Wong ‘68
Treasurer – John Reid ‘68
Secretary – Charles Kilby ‘80

School Liaison – Sean Brannan ‘86
Committee Member – Br David Curtin ‘68
Committee Member – Brett Laird ‘82
Committee Member – Bill Gleeson ‘72

Thank you to all these Old Boys who give their time to the SPX community.

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 (cricketers still required), Football, touch Rugby & Basketball will take place at Oxford Falls, concluding with a BBQ and trophy presentation. For more details please contact Sean Brannan: SBrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or David Bullard: info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au

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
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