TODAY, WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015

Students Return for Term 2 on Monday 20 April IN FULL WINTER UNIFORM

**Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 16 April – 9am to 1.30pm**

From the Principal

HOLY WEEK – OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER

Jesus Has Risen (Mark 16: 1-6)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!

The joy of Easter has filled us all as we have been enlivened to become strong Easter People. We celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord as we have reaffirmed our faith and devotion to God through our Lenten reflection.

Our College marked this most important season of our Church through a dramatic and musical representation of the Passion Play. Our Drama Ensemble, with representatives from Year 5 – 11, and Junior School Choir, retold the story of Holy Week through performance and music in a contemporary interpretation, to truly move our College in a very spiritually uplifting experience. This was superbly produced under the creation, planning and direction of Mr Combes and Ms Rawle. Their work and the students’ performance, certainly left a powerful message of the true meaning of Holy Week in Our Church that Jesus Christ is our Teacher and Our Light.
The College wishes all students, staff and families a very happy, holy and safe Easter and holiday period.

MR JIM OLSON

Mr Jim Olson has advised EREA Executive Director, Dr Tinsey of his intention to conclude as Deputy Principal of the College at the conclusion of 2015. Mr Olson has served the College in this role for 20 years and has made a significant leadership contribution to St Pius X College.

Mr Olson loves the College and has seen several generations of students through the school. He has served four Principals in that time and all, including myself attest to Mr Olson’s totally unflappable nature, his ability to manage simultaneously many complex situations while always keeping the grounded day to day school life in perspective.

I acclaim his personal loyalty and offer not only my personal appreciation but that of the entire College community he has served since 1995. I share with you an extract from Mr Olson’s letter to Dr Tinsey for your consideration and appreciation.

“Over the past 20 years I have been privileged to serve four excellent and very different Principals: Bros Michael Walsh, Paul Leary and Michael Hoffman and finally John Couani. It has been humbling to work with a raft of outstanding teachers and the community which is SPX. Like all teachers I hope I have made a difference to the boys in my care and a contribution to Edmund Rice Education.”

In Term 2 Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) will conduct the process for the selection and appointment of a new Deputy Principal following their protocols for such an appointment. I will advise the College early next term the timeline and process for this appointment.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

Congratulations to our Drama Ensemble and Junior Choir who presented to us a very moving reflection of the Passion of Christ that we celebrate during Holy Week. A special thanks to Mr Combes and Ms Rawle for their outstanding work in bringing the Easter message alive.


The conclusion of the Lent also marked the culmination of the Project Compassion Appeal. The contribution from all of our boys was truly outstanding raising over $13,861. Each boy’s contribution was only matched by the work from our Year 12 and Year 11 students who took on the responsibility to collect and keep the true Lenten message alive. A special thanks to four of our Year 11 Eucharistic Ministers, Tom Graziotto, James White, Ryan Attard and Matthew Kennedy who led our College in Prayer and Ms Schuster’s Homeroom 11-1 who collected each morning over the last two weeks in Year 12-1 Homeroom’s absence. These are true examples of service. Finally, once again, a very special thanks to Mr Alex Listo for his tireless efforts and outstanding organisation of this wonderful project.

Our Friday Morning Prayer concluded last week with Keenan Smith of Year 11 leading and sharing the powerful message of social justice, which is the very heart of our Mission and Identity at St Pius X College. It is so admirable of the many works that our men contribute to, be it in their visits to Willowood, serving the guests at Matthew Talbot, contributions to Project Compassion, leading our prayer life, just to name a few. Our young men, particularly at this special Season of our Church continue to put their Faith into Action.

May it ensure that the celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ is a joyous one for each of our young men and for your whole family.

Happy Easter.

Mr M Casey

From the Deputy Principal

WINTER UNIFORM: Students return to school in Term 2 in Full Winter Uniform: regulation grey or white long sleeve shirt (can be done up at collar), regulation grey trousers (worn at the waist), dark socks, black leather belt and black leather lace-up shoes that take a shine. Regulation tie and College Blazer, with all buttons in place. College jumper if required - jumpers with holes are not permitted.

Basic sports uniform – regulation blue polo shirt and school tracksuit over blue shorts, white sports socks (without logos, names etc.), and SPX cap. For Saturday games – appropriate regulation full sport’s uniform (Rugby, Football etc) with full College tracksuit. Otherwise full school uniform.

Gloves and scarves need to be dark with no logos or insignias. A College coloured scarf (with proceeds going to charity) is available from the Uniform Shop.

Where students have a variation to the uniform, could you please provide a note of explanation to the Homeroom Teacher. No visible jewellery, body piercings, keepers or tattoos. Students who cannot respond will be sent home until they remedy the problem. Note also that the expertly designed College backpack is compulsory for all students.

Hair: Must be clean, brushed/combed, gel-less, of natural colour, even grade and of a style unlikely to cause comment. Students are to be clean shaven EVERY day – a cautionary note to Seniors. Students who cannot respond will be sent home until they remedy the problem or asked to wear alternate collar and tie.

Mr J Olson

From the Business Manager

Please see the letter in Woodchatta Extras for a letter to the St Pius College Community re the Edmund Rice Foundation.

Mr A Bailesty

MindMatters for Families

MINDFULNESS AND WELLBEING: An invitation for students to participate in a MindMatters Program.

“Mindfulness is the practice of intentionally becoming aware of the present moment: it involves paying attention in a particular way; on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally.” That is, maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations and the surrounding environment – all without internal criticism.”

There will be an opportunity for the first twenty students to register by email, to attend three after-school sessions being arranged by the College with Mr Paul Jozsef who is a mindfulness practitioner working with Headspace at Chatswood. Further information on “What is mindfulness?” can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Parents can email Mr Russo at russo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au by Friday 24 April (end of Week 1, Term 2) if they would like their sons to be considered for this course.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor
Enrolments for Years 5, 6 and 7, 2017
Application forms are available from the College office. A reminder that applications close 30 April 2015.
Ms M King/Ms C Jennings – Enrolment Registrars

Your P&F In Action!

MOTHERS’ DAY INVITATION
The P&F would like to invite all Mums and their sons along to the ‘Mothers’ Day Liturgy and Muffins’ which takes place before school at the Sarto Centre on Friday 8 May.

We will have a TryBooking link and Invitation available for you in the next Woodchatta.

COCKTAIL PARTY PHOTOS!
Yes, we have evidence: the Cocktail Party was a blast! Photos were taken, and there are some great shots. Thank you Ingrid Janssen for your candid snaps from the night, and it looks like our photo booth got a great workout too! Please go to the P&F Section on the College website: http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/ to view the photos. If you have any privacy issues, please email me at spxpandfsecretary@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT DATE CHANGE
Because of a number of date clashes, the Trivia Night will take place on Saturday 15 August, one week later than originally planned.

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Project Compassion: Food for Life
The ultimate target has been achieved – we have all contributed to helping the world’s poorest people access and develop sustainable food sources for life.

Thank you sincerely for your extraordinary generosity, which has enabled Caritas Australia to continue to work in partnership with communities for a just and compassionate world!

Though the Project Compassion Lenten Appeal 2015 began only seven weeks ago its fundamental message spontaneously spread to the very core of the college community. It is this Catholic solidarity to uphold human dignity that connects the St Pius community with the rest of the world. In raising $13,860.65. St. Pius has vibrantly communicated its witness to a powerful display of solidarity with the poorest of the poor. Congratulations to Mr Scanlan’s 5 Red class (pictured right) who raised the most, with a total of $582.70.

During this time many have acknowledged their support by their compassionate generosity; equally deserving of praise are those, who simply assisted in the actual administration of the daily running of this prominent Lenten appeal.

During these seven weeks we have learnt about participation, resilience and hope. By opening our eyes, our hearts and our hands to Project Compassion we have enabled communities to be architects of their own development. It was through the participation of the St Pius community that real and lasting change occurred elsewhere in the world. Our journey has been a testimony to how we are living in response to God’s love!

“Individual actions may seem insignificant but together the small steps of many people can have an astonishing impact.”
[Catholic Bishops’ Conference (U.K. 2010)]

We pray for Project Compassion and the work of Caritas. May our contributions, like the efforts of Simon of Cyrene, help to lighten the load of communities struggling to make their way.

Mr A Listo - Convenor of Project Compassion
Peer Support

Congratulations to Ms Mowle, Ms Dempsey and the Peer Support Teams from Year 11, Year 7 and Year 5 students and staff on a superbly run Peer Support Program which culminated this Tuesday at Beauchamp Park.

The students rose to the occasion to enhance the well-being and connectedness of students across the Program and wider College Community, in what is an important exercise for our school culture. We at St Pius pride ourselves on being inclusive and supportive of others and when we fail in this there are important lessons to be learned. In contrast the Peer Support Program run by Ms Mowle and Ms Dempsey is a shining example of interacting and learning positively from each other.

Mr Sean Brannan - Head of Student Services

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

ICT Helpdesk opening hours during the holidays

The ICT helpdesk will be open for 2 hours during each week of the coming holidays to accommodate any urgent issues in relation to your PLD. Please enter the College grounds via Kirk St and the ICT Helpdesk via the Junior corridor beside Book Hire.

**Opening Hours:**
- Thursday 9 April from 10.00am to 12.00pm
- Thursday 16 April from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Ms A Garry – ICT Manager

The Collegian 2014

The 2014 Collegian was distributed to the oldest sibling in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 on Tuesday. Year 10 should receive theirs today (Wednesday 1 April). Please ensure that your family copy reached home via your son.

Mr T Cunneen

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

**USYD GIFTED AND TALENTED SCIENCE PROGRAM**

In November last year 39 Science students from Years 8 and 9 sat for The University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Science Qualifying Examination. The examination was very challenging, requiring students to draw on their knowledge of Science as well as to think creatively. I am pleased to announce that the following students have each been offered a place in The Science Gifted and Talented Science Discovery Program to be conducted during the July and October school holidays at The University of Sydney.

From Year 10: Daniel Butler, Harrison Robson, William Maniatis & Angus Dingley; and from Year 9: Daniel Hall.

Congratulations and well done to all participants.

Ms J Black - Coordinator
Performing Arts News

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE: Thank you to the Senior and Junior Choirs, Nicholas Parker, Ben Sheehy, Nicholas Wellard (Year 11) and Ms Gan, who opened Friday’s proceedings with a spirited rendition of “Roar” by Katy Perry. Your voices lent support to a worthy cause and certainly help set the tone for the workshops which followed the assembly.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA: Congratulations to Adam Melzer (Year 12) who successfully re-auditioned for a place in the trombone section of this group. Well done!

I’M WITH CUPID! REHEARSALS: A reminder to all cast members of the two holiday rehearsals which will be held on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April, 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Sarto Centre. Attendance is compulsory.

TERM TWO REHEARSALS: Commence on the first day of term Monday 20th April, for the Intermediate Concert Band and Intermediate String Ensemble before school, Junior Percussion and Intermediate Guitar Ensembles at lunchtime and the Vocal Ensemble and I’m With Cupid! cast after school.

TERM TWO TWILIGHT CONCERT: This will be on Friday 1st May (Week 2). The following ensembles will be performing: Senior, Intermediate and Junior Concert and Jazz Bands, Intermediate and Junior Percussion and Guitar Ensembles, Senior and Junior Choirs, Senior String Ensemble and College Orchestra. The Performing Arts Parents Association will be running a barbeque. The concert commences at 5.00pm and all students are required to assist with packing up at the end of the evening which will conclude around 7.15pm.

COLLEGE ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL: As the College Orchestra will have a major role to play in our ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 24th April, there is a need to hold an additional after school rehearsal on Tuesday 21st April (the second day back next term). All students have been given a note to take home and have also been asked to inform their sports coaches.

MEET THE MUSIC: Students of Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music will be attending the second concert in this series on Wednesday 22nd April (the third day back next term), 6.30pm at the Opera House. There are extra tickets available for the concert at a price of $26.00. If interested, please contact TBates@stpiux.nsw.edu.au

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Year 7 Reach Incursion

On Monday 30 March, all of Year 7 participated in the “Reach” program which was held in the Sarto Centre. This is another MindMatters initiative aimed at improving the wellbeing of students here at St Pius X College. The theme of the day was ‘connectedness’ and the students explored the deeper aspects of their character and personalities. The sessions were very interactive and the students participated in a mature and reflective way.

It is very encouraging to see the boys developing in their friendships with others in the year group. It takes courage and honesty to contribute fully and the boys are to be commended on their participation and behaviour. As a Catholic community we are working in partnership with parents to help any student who needs support for any reason.

Sometimes these sessions open up issues for some students. Please keep an open dialogue with your son regarding his wellbeing at the school and know that there are staff and counsellors here at St Pius willing to help.

Mr P Ticli - Year 7 Guidance Coordinator
Shakespeare’s “Dream” – Family, love and friendship are fragile!

Over 160 St Pius X Year 9 students were emphatic in declaring to their peers and more prominently to their English teachers, that their recent experience of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream was perhaps the best possible introduction they would have to the theatre.

Sport for Jove developed a brand new production of this play and it translated impeccably well for the young curious audience at the Seymour Centre (Sydney University) as it captured the ultimate expression of Shakespeare’s theatrical mastery. The production was set in an old abandoned theatre, where the ghost of Puck roamed, waiting for the chance to perform A Midsummer Night’s Dream one more time. For our young audience it offered a glorious celebration of the mysterious powers of human imagination and poetry. It was perhaps the play, which afforded maximum inventiveness on stage, both in terms of message and atmosphere. Bravo!

Mr A Lista – Assistant English Coordinator

Debating & Public Speaking

The CSDA Round 1 debate was held at Christian Brothers’ College, Lewisham last Friday night. The following teams were successful in their debates: 12A, 12B, 11A, 11B, 10B, 8A7B

Congratulations to these teams and to all of our debaters for a wonderful effort on the night. Special mention to Tim Abbott of Year 11 who debated up as a Year 12 and who “learnt a LOT from Matt Harris” and to Cameron Fernandopulle of Year 7 who debated up as a Year 8. Unfortunately there was nobody to take Tim’s Dad or Cameron’s Mum to the debate rooms so both parents missed their son speaking. The evening’s proceedings commenced a little late. The new convenor at Lewisham was presenting his first event and ran a good night; however I do need to apologise to our parents for their long evening.

We were lucky to have 8 of our 9 wonderful ex-Pius debaters as adjudicators on the night. Two of our ‘New’ Adjudicators were married up with our two ‘Senior’ adjudicators for an experience of a Year 12 and Year 11 Adjudication. I was told by one of our parents in a Year 12 debate that a Lewisham parent commented on our Tim Manners as presenting one of the most articulate and easy to comprehend adjudications in that parent’s 6 years of sitting in on his son’s debates. BRAVO to Tim!

The hosting allocation for Round 2 – 6 of the competition will be posted on the CSDA website at the same time that it is emailed to school coordinators. Once I receive the allocations I will forward this to parents via Woodchatta and to all debaters through notices in training.

There is NO debate this week, however training will continue in allocated times for all teams. Training will be running in Week 1 of Term 2 and on Friday 24th April we will be participating in Round 2.

Have a wonderful and blessed Easter.

Ms M Waterson

Year 10 Sporting Success

Congratulations to Dominic Easy for being selected as Captain of the NSW U15 Rugby Union Team. The team travels to Brisbane this weekend to play against the Queensland U15 side.

Congratulations also to Dermott Beattie for being selected in the U15 NSW Schoolboys Cricket Team. Dermott and his team will travel to Darwin to compete in the National Carnival.

Well done to both.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Coordinator.
Careers News
MACQUARIE IN A DAY - SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY
Thursday 16th April, Central Courtyard, Macquarie University

Students in Years 11 and 12 are invited to Macquarie University to see what a day as a student is really like. Attendees will be able to sit in on lectures, experience practicals and tutorials as well as speak to lecturers and current students. Contact: 02 9850 1881 or events@mq.edu.au  http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/macquarie-in-a-day/


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

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

Junior School News
Best wishes to our rugby tourists for the upcoming tour to Armidale. A big thankyou to Mr Virgona and Mr Carroll for their support and attendance at this 3 day event.

DATES TO KEEP AVAILABLE FOR NEXT TERM
• Friday 8/5  Mothers’ day- Junior School Mothers’ and Grandmothers’ Day Junior School Mass – 10.30 am (please note the time is 10.30 am not 10 am as published in last weeks Junior School Newsletter)
  Junior School Mother’s day stall for Candela/ Whole school Mothers’ Day breakfast liturgy. If you have a boy in the Junior School you are welcome to go to either or both events.
• 11/5 and 1/6  P & F meetings
• 2/6  Junior School Athletics carnival – Homebush warm up track (smaller venue) - parents most welcome.

Please remember:  5/6 - Year/group photos

CAMP GALLIPOLI
This will be a good bonding opportunity. Junior School students are most welcome to attend but need to be accompanied by a parent/significant other to share the experience. If you are interested please read further information earlier in this newsletter. You can book on using the Trybooking link:

A quick summary: On the afternoon of Friday the 24th April 2014, a contingent of school staff, students and accompanying parents will attend Camp Gallipoli, an overnight swag camp at Centennial Park in Sydney. The event commemorates the 100th Anniversary of The Gallipoli Landings with overnight Light Horse parades, concerts, documentary interviews with veterans, a movie, and a dawn service on Saturday morning 25th April. Food is supplied and I’m led to believe it is in an army mess tin.

MOTHERS’ AND GRANDMOTHERS’ DAY JUNIOR SCHOOL MASS
In Woodchatta Extras you will find an invitation to the Mothers’ and Grandmothers’ Day Junior School Mass. We require an RSVP for catering purposes for the morning tea after the mass. In past years parents who didn’t have to go back to work have organised to go onto lunch afterwards.

Please have a safe Easter break and drive carefully on the roads. Best wishes for a Happy and Holy Easter

Thank you for your support.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

RUGBY

Many thanks to everyone for their efforts firstly in concluding the summer season and the successes it brought us. Also thanks for what has been a productive start to the winter season with the pre-season fixtures we have been involved in.

I take this opportunity to inform everyone that the Sarto Gym will be open at 8.30am until 10am on 13, 15 and 17 April. This is available for any current users of the Sarto Gym. Thanks goes to Francis Cullimore for giving up his time to open up.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter – see you in Term 2.

Mr M Stearn – Senior School Sportsmaster

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Rugby Take Away

Oxford Falls has seen some terrific free flowing rugby matches over the years and Saturday was up there with the best. Our three 16s teams led the way with three wins, the 16As with a “real sense of purpose” which was great to watch. All the games were competitive with more wins and close losses spread across all age groups.

I look for common denominators in all our teams to suggest we are developing our play. Our tackle contest leg drive past the ball was very evident, our enthusiasm in support terrific, as well as our resilience in defence.

As with all sports you have to take something out of your performance that you can improve on as an individual even when you win! The big picture always takes care of itself if you get the little bits of technique right. If an opponent runs through your lower body tackle, then you have to go out at training and practice hard against the tackle bags. All aspects of technique can be improved if you really want to improve them.

Lower body tackling is the one area I would like all our coaches to look at as well as a strong long place at the tackle contest.

Lots of good individual performances across our teams: Harry Lee and Tom Findlay in the 15Bs and As; Tom Paterson in the 14 As. Louis Brockwell, Daniel Fileman and Gregor Dingley in the 13s, Hugh Roberts and Doug Shipley in the 16s and Nick Montague in the opens.

Finally if you want an example of true Pius spirit, look no farther than Tom Daisy, who played one game of rugby then backed up for a second before running touch for the 16As. Terrific example Tom.

Also one of our former Opens stars, Hayden Toohey, cutting his teeth as 14A’s coach. The boys are really responding to Hayden’s style and are beginning to play some top footy!

Hope to see you all at the Rugby Camp over Easter. The camp affords you the opportunity to look at your playing position and how you can perform better.

If you have time have a look at the tackle video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEbY7E38lH8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEbY7E38lH8)

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer
SPX ANNUAL RUGBY FUNDRAISING DINNER - 15 MAY 2015
Rally the troops and come along to the Annual SPX Rugby Fundraising Dinner at Roseville Golf Club on 15th May 2015. We encourage all SPX parents & supporters to come along to this annual event which is the key fundraiser for SPX Rugby. All proceeds go 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, a great way to get to know the other parents with a guaranteed night of fun had by all!

Further details on the night can be found in Woodchatta Extras and bookings are now open through TryBooking here: http://www.trybooking.com/125483

FOOTBALL
Dear Parents and Players,
Last Saturday was a mixed bag of results against a strong St Aloysius outfit. Player of the week would have to go to the 1st XI’s, Jacob Saunders; having already seen two goalkeepers leave the field, the responsibility of goalkeeping went to Jacob, who doesn’t have goalkeeping experience. He proceeded to perform an amazing save in the final minutes of the game in order to keep the 1-1 score line intact. Team of the week goes to the newly formed 13B side who were down 1-4 at half time, but managed an impressive 2nd half comeback to win 6-4.

Training will commence first day back. We are still awaiting confirmation about our use of local fields; however, we plan that training will be as follows:

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The first ISA round is on the 2nd May with details of times and venues early next term.

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Mr S Yue - 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:** Sport resumes with winter training next term (Thursday 23rd April).

**Cross-Country:** Congratulations to all competitors who represented St Pius at the IPSHA event last Saturday. The boys ran very well, all placing well in the 200-strong competitor fields. The Opens group (12/13’s) did particularly well and we especially congratulate Ben Ferguson who ran superbly to place 7th and secure a spot in the IPSHA team for CIS. We wish Ben the best of luck in his race at Eastern Creek on 11th June.

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**Rugby:** Round 1 commences on Saturday 2nd May. All relevant information, including an information letter, season draw and Code of Conduct document have been placed on the College website. Please ensure your son is kitted out in the correct St Pius gear for the season commencement next term.

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**Rugby Tour:** Good luck and safe travels to our touring U12 team who head to Armidale for a Tournament in the holidays. I’m sure they will do St Pius proud.

**Football (Soccer):** Round 1 commences on Saturday 2nd May. All relevant information, including an information letter, season draw and Code of Conduct document have been placed on the College website. Please ensure your son is kitted out in the correct St Pius gear for the season commencement next term.

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster
Uniform Shop
TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 1.30PM

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 16 April 9am till 1.30pm, and will then resume normal trading hours from Monday 20 April, the first day of Term 2.

**A reminder that boys return to school in Term 2 in full winter uniform**

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.


Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

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### Canteen Roster

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| Wed  | I Janssen, M Miles, A Herrera-Bond, T Gunaratnam |
| Thurs| G Ryan, S Thomson, L Wall |
| Fri  | S Fong, F Felice, N Blic, T Paveley, G Fitzroy, C Pedersen |

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A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION
WOODCHATTA EXTRAS
Issue No 10 • 1 April 2015

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EASTER MASS TIMES

EASTER MASS TIMES 2015 Parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay


CATHEDRAL
Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Broken Bay. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

ARCADIA
Our Lady of the Assumption, 36 Bentinck Street, Arcadia. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

CAFEBURRO
Our Lady of the Assumption, 217 Flinders Street, Cafeburro. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

CHATSWOOD
Our Lady of the Assumption, 257 Evesham Road, Chatswood. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

KELLYVILLE
Our Lady of the Assumption, 299 Main Road, Kellyville. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

LEIGHMANS
Our Lady of the Assumption, 55 Michael Avenue, Leighamans. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

MARSBY
Our Lady of the Assumption, 66a Orange Street, Marsby. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

MARRICKVILLE
Our Lady of the Assumption, 152 Maroubra Road, Marrickville. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

MOSMAN
Our Lady of the Assumption, 149 Balmoral Road, Mosman. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

REDCLIFFE
Our Lady of the Assumption, 146 Redcliffe Road, Redcliffe. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

ST JULIAN
Our Lady of the Assumption, 10 St Julian Street, St Julian. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

TOKOY
Our Lady of the Assumption, 41 Toko Road, Toko. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

TORBAY
Our Lady of the Assumption, 417 Torbay Road, Torbay. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

VAHANGA
Our Lady of the Assumption, 147 Vahanga Road, Vahanga. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

WELLINGTON
Our Lady of the Assumption, 149 Wellington Road, Wellington. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

WOODVALE
Our Lady of the Assumption, 149 Woodvale Road, Woodvale. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

WOY WOY PENINSULA
Our Lady of the Assumption, 90 Woy Woy Road, Woy Woy. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

WYNNE BAY
Our Lady of the Assumption, 92 Wynne Bay Road, Wynne Bay. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR
Our Lady of the Assumption, 97 North Harbour Road, North Harbour. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.

THE ENTRANCE
Our Lady of the Assumption, 99 Entrance Road, Entrance. Mass times: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 6:00pm. Services: 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm.
31st March 2015

Dear Members of the St Pius X community,

Edmund Rice Foundation

As some of you may recall John Couani wrote to the Pius community in June last year seeking your donations to support the work of the Edmund Rice Foundation which has been established by the Christian Brothers, to buy educational resources for families, place teachers in schools and provide food and clothes for children living in extreme poverty.

Thanks to the great response of over 100 Pius families at that time we were able to send on $7,875 to the Foundation. Furthermore through the engagement of the students in the Junior School Walkathon and the College Social Justice day an additional $20,000 was also raised across 2013 and 2014. These contributions have facilitated gifts of education to poor and disadvantaged children across the world in places such as Papua New Guinea, East Timor, South Africa and Kenya. I invite you to visit the Foundation website at www.erf.org.au to read for yourself the great stories of how the Foundation has helped families in these countries to have a brighter future through education, helping them break out of the cycle of poverty and disadvantage.

I am writing now to give you another opportunity to support the work of the Foundation. As mentioned in the Woodchatta late last year we are in going to place a $50 donation amount on your Term 2 fees statements. The donation is wholly voluntary and is fully tax deductible.

This voluntary amount will appear on the Term 2 College statements, and will not in any way carry forward to later terms. We will pass on 100% of the donations to the Foundation who will issue the tax deductible receipts in due course.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and should you have any queries about it please do not hesitate to contact me on 9414 4329.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Ballesty
Business Manager.
What is Mindfulness?
A short essay on mindfulness, its benefits and how to practice it.

‘Mindfulness’ has become somewhat of a buzz word of late. Companies including Google and Facebook regularly hold mindfulness sessions for their employees.

However mindfulness dates back to ancient times - its roots lie in the teachings of the Eastern philosophies of Buddhism and Taoism. In today’s world, mindfulness is just as relevant. Through the practice of mindfulness, we are better able deal with the emotional struggles we face on a day-to-day basis.

What is Mindfulness?
The founder of the modern mindfulness movement, Jon Kabat-Zinn, defines mindfulness as “paying attention in a particular way; on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally.” That is, maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations and the surrounding environment – all without internal criticism.

Essentially, mindfulness is the practice of intentionally being aware of the present moment.

Benefits of Mindfulness
One of the most sought benefits of mindfulness is learning to respond better to negative emotional states such as anxiety, stress, anger and regret. However, the benefits of mindfulness extend both more broadly and fundamentally.

Through the skilful use of mindfulness, we can learn to interrupt habits, such as getting lost in our thoughts and rumination. It are these thoughts, often focusing on the future or past events, which can add stress or anxiety to the ever present pressures of everyday life.

With a consistent mindfulness practice, we can learn to better understand our mind, its activity and the thought processes that shape and condition our lives. Most importantly, we can learn to recognise and interrupt these unhelpful processes.

By being mindful, we take our life off ‘autopilot’ and start taking a more active control of our emotions, rather than being driven by them. As a result, we become able to cultivate states of positive psychological and physical wellbeing.

How to Practice Mindfulness
1. Thoughts and feelings
Mindfulness involves consciously trying to observe our thoughts and feelings. We try to observe them arising. We then try to observe them passing through us. Eventually, we try to observe them leaving us, ceasing to exist.
2. Non-judgement
Practicing mindfulness involves trying to not judge our experiences of our thoughts and feelings as either good or bad; we simply try to notice them. If we find ourselves passing judgment, we simply try to observe this judgment and let it go. Mindfulness is an emotionally non-reactive state.

3. Letting it go
Through mindfulness, we try not attach to thoughts. If a distressing thought comes to mind, we try to just notice it. We try to notice how it feels. Are there any accompanying physical sensations? How do they feel? Where are they felt? We are not trying to get rid of anything, or do anything with the thoughts and feelings. Just notice. Mindfulness is simply the noticing of our thoughts and feelings. Once we notice them, there is nothing further to do. They are just thoughts. They will come and they will go; they are fleeting.

4. Non-attachment
Though mindfulness we learn that it is the attachment to thoughts and feelings that can cause us distress. That is, ruminating on things that we cannot solve by thinking about them over and again. By practicing mindfulness, noticing our thoughts and letting them go, we can bolster ourselves against the potentially negative effects of holding on to these thoughts and the potential stresses and anxiety that they may bring.

**When should I practice mindfulness?**
Mindfulness can be practiced anywhere, at any time. Your next meal is a good opportunity to practice mindfulness. As you eat, try to eat very slowly, consciously chewing your food. Notice how you feel in the moment. Pay attention to how the food tastes and feels in your mouth and the sensation of swallowing. Be aware of your level of enjoyment. Notice how you feel. This is the practice of mindfulness. Paying attention to, and accepting the present moment for what it is, nothing more, nothing less.
29th April 2013

JUNIOR SCHOOL MOTHERS’ AND GRANDMOTHERS’ DAY MASS

On the Friday before Mothers’ Day, 8th May 2015, the Junior School will be having a Mothers’ and Grandmothers’ Day Mass at 10.30 am at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood. All the boys’ mothers and grandmothers are invited. At the conclusion of mass we will have a morning tea for all the mothers and grandmothers, not the boys. There will also be a Mother’s day stall if you would like your son to buy you something. All the goods are made by the ladies of Candela in Peru (a shanty town) and all the proceeds are returned to them.

If you intend to come to the mass, please return this slip by Monday 4th May. We need to know numbers so we can plan accordingly.

A wonderful day of celebration of motherhood has been planned, if you wish to attend the mass could you please complete the reply slip below and have your son return it to his Junior School class teacher by Monday 4th May.

Yours sincerely

Timothy Long

MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS MASS

I / We will be able to attend the mass and morning tea.

Number attending: ___________ (Don’t count your son)

Name/s: __________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Son’s name: ________________________________ Class: ____________
FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Football Skills Holiday Camp

WHAT: The FC committee has organised a football skills camp in the Term 1 holidays
FFA qualified coaches, age-based groups
Format includes - skills & drills, small games and a mini World Cup on the last day.

WHEN: Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th April, 9:30am - 1:30pm

WHERE: Oxford Falls Campus

COST: $165  (includes lunch and transport - if required)

HOW: Book at www.trybooking.com/126595 (link also on the Football website)

TRANSPORT: 9am pickup / 2:15pm dropoff at Our Lady of Dolours

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
U13 RUGBY MATCH REPORT

ST PIUS X COLLEGE U13 2015 Rugby Report
SPX: A 17-19, B 17-12, C 5-22 vs St Aloysius Trial #2

COMMENTARY:
Warm and enervating conditions for our 2nd trial against big and really well drilled sides (especially in the fwds). We also gave trialists as much game time as possible - so made many changes throughout the games, had many players in different positions and this challenged our ability to be cohesive and develop combinations. But that is what trials are for.

The Cs were in the game till just after ½ time when lack of valuing possession gave our opponents too many chances. We need shoulder in the tackle rather than grabbing and to pounce on any ball on the ground. The Bs showed the most effective fwd cohesion with Roser and Cmnek leading the charge and Paterson and Wright pilfering well. A Tobin, Hearne blind side rush saw our best Ben M. sprint away to steal the game. It was won earlier by the great online D and withstanding scrum pressure in the 1st part of the 2nd ½.

The A’s had a similar story with a 5-5 1st 1/2 and gradually looking to gain the momentum. St A’s came out firing in the second session and dominated us in field position and territory. It was to our credit we withstood most of it mightily almost snatching the draw. The narrower field inhibits our wide fast runners.

On Chaplin 2 you MUST run straight and look to kick & chase for territorial advantage.

Good to report that all injured are OK: Tim, Liam J., Harry.

Positives:
• Great online defence denying the opposition
• Fwds working together in Bs
• Remaining calm with small % of possession

To Improve:
• Possession- RETAIN and RECYCLE- loose carries into contact
• Positive talk with each other
• Taking the ball AWAY from the breakdown

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Training: Tuesday ONLY at OXF FALLS
Rugby Clinic during holidays as advertised.
Trial #3 Sat 2/5 v TBA or Internal Trials (Home)

Mr J Olson
RUGBY CLUB NEWS

Great enthusiasm was on display from all players in a tough round against Aloysius last week. Enjoy the holidays, but please impress upon your boy/s the importance of maintaining fitness during the holidays in preparation for the next round.

EASTER HOLIDAYS RUGBY CLINICS – Specialist Guest Coaches
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 are being communicated to Players at School, or please contact Mr Hopley directly on e: SHopley@stpious.nsw.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – During the Easter clinic a BBQ is run for the boys each day and we are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help out with the BBQ. If you are available to help out, please contact me on the details below ASAP.

SUPER RUGBY – NSW WARATAHS V MELBOURNE REBELS, Sat 25th April.
Bring your boy/family along to support SPX old boys MICHAEL HOOPER and LUKE JONES as they battle for state pride. This is an annual event for Team Pius as a group, with all boys able to meet Michael and Luke after the game! Further details in the first Woodchatta next term.

SPX RUGBY CLUB DINNER 2015 – MC Rod Kafer with Special Guest STIRLING MORTLOCK
Following the success of the sell-out 2014 SPX Rugby Club Dinner, the 2015 SPX Rugby Club Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 15th May, at the Roseville Golf Club.

We encourage all SPX parents & supporters to get along to this renowned event 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, a great way to get to know the other parents with a guaranteed night of fun had by all! Further Details in the flyer below.

Calling For Your Support
What better way to promote yours or a friends business and support your boys than to donate a prize for the main or silent auctions on the night. We are seeking any type of prize, voucher or reward to fill the coffers for this valuable part of the fundraising, which is always strongly contested by fierce bidding across the tables. All donations will be recognised in the official program all attendees receive on the night. Please contact Rosemary Murphy to donate or for further details E: romurphy304@gmail.com Ph: 0411 644 308

SPX v STANISLAUS, away at Bathurst, Saturday 25th July
As part of the ISA competition, each year SPX travels to either Bathurst or Orange. Parents and supporters always enjoy the opportunity to socialise by staying for a night or two. Due to unforeseen circumstances all accommodation that suits SPX is unavailable due to a large event coinciding with our visit. We have arranged a great alternative in beautiful Blackheath, in the heart of the Blue Mountains and all that the area offers. Please refer to the attached Flyer for details and make your booking.

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.
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 e.g. if any assistance is required to get parent volunteers to organise water bottles, act as touch judges etc

Please contact me if you can assist you 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:

- 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
- 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 to the Flyers on following pages for accommodation options
- Saturday 8 August - P&F Trivia Night
- Tuesday 18 August – Rugby Presentation Night

For more information on SPX rugby, please refer to the Rugby Club website: http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/sports/rugby-club

David Bullard - SPX Rugby Club – 0491 119 113 rugbypresident@pandf.spx.edu.au

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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
SPX RUGBY DINNER

St Pius X Rugby Club
Annual Dinner 2015

Our special guest for the evening is former
Wallaby captain Mr Stirling Mortlock

Stirling Mortlock has scored over 1,000 points in
140 Super Rugby games and has won 2 Super
rugby titles (2001 & 2004) with the Brumbies.
Stirling was named Super Rugby Player of the
year in 2002. In 2009 Stirling became the highest
point scorer in Super Rugby history and is one of
six Brumbies to win 100 caps for the club. In 2010
Stirling played at the Brumbies with SPX’s Michael
Hooper and later that year, Stirling signed with
the Melbourne Rebels and in 2011 was named
as their inaugural captain, playing with SPX’s

With nearly 500 test points for the Wallabies, and
80 caps Stirling has created many memorable
moments for us all as a Wallaby and is a
household name in rugby circles.

Stirling was made a Member of the Order of
Australia in the 2012 Australia Day Honours List.

MC for the evening is former Wallaby and
Fox Sports Commentator, Mr Rod Kater

Stirling will be our special guest for the evening
where he will share his insights on the Wallabies,
Super 15 and rugby in general. There will also
be opportunity for you to ask Stirling questions.
There will be an array of items auctioned, silent
auctions and raffles.

Come and join the fun and support SPX Rugby
at our major fund raising event for 2015

Friday 15th May 2015, 7pm to 11:30pm • Roseville Golf Club, 4 Links Rd, Roseville

Tickets: $155 per head - Early Bird Special $140.00 per head until 26/4/15

Bookings: Bookings close 8/5/15 - go to http://www.trybooking.com/125483
For more information contact: Rosemary Murphy: 0411 644 308
or rugbyevents@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au
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