From the Principal

JUDGING OTHERS
In our lives we are so quick to judge others. Today’s Mass reading is from St Paul’s Second letter to the Romans (2:1-11) and it cautions us:

You are without excuse, every one of you who passes judgment. For by the standard by which you judge another you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the very same things.

We know that the judgment of God on those who do such things is true.

Do you suppose, then, you who judge those who engage in such things and yet do them yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Or do you hold his priceless kindness, forbearance, and patience in low esteem, unaware that the kindness of God would lead you to repentance?

...... eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through perseverance in good works.

...... there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good.....

There is no partiality with God.

START OF THE HSC

Our Year 12 students have commenced their HSC exams this week and we continue to pray for them as they give their best to complete their studies.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Year 12 Prayer Space in the College Foyer
PERFORMANCE WEEK
Congratulations to all our students who have been performing this week in Music. This demonstrates such a wide talent in our students and the ways that this has been developed through their tutors and teachers and through their own hard work.

YEAR 12 2016 LEADERS
The 2016 Year 12 students will all be invested with leadership next Monday at The Concourse by our special guest, Mayor Giles-Gidney.

SUMMER SPORTS
Best wishes to all our representative teams as they begin the Summer Season. Thanks to the many coaches and supporters for the preparations to this Summer sports program.

BR JEFFERS’ FUNERAL
The College joined with members of Br Jeffers’ family, Christian Brothers, colleague teachers, ex-students and friends in celebrating the life of Br Jeffers who was Deputy Principal at St Pius X College Chatswood from 1983 to 1991. Student leaders from St Pius X College joined with students from our fellow EREA schools St Dominic’s Penrith and Edmund Rice College Wollongong where Br Jeffers had served as Principal.

PRAYERS
The College was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Barry ‘Brute’ Williams who passed away on Friday 2 October. Barry graduated from the College in 1948. He is survived by his sons David and Michael who are both Old Boys of the College. Prayers are requested for Barry and his family.

In Barry’s eulogy his own words were delivered and his simple message is a beautiful one to share. “When it is all said and done, if you believe in God, follow your religion to the best of your ability, love your wife and family, be kind to and respect your friends, then you have done the best you can.”

WHOOPING COUGH
The NSW Department of Health has issued a statement to schools and parents about Whooping Cough. This may be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr John Couani

From the Deputy Principal

HOUSE CUP 2015
Max Magee held the Cup aloft at last Friday’s Sports’ Assembly indicating that PURTON had won the House Cup this year. The Panthers join Treacy (2014) as the only two time victors to date. In the first four years each House had won it in turn.

Final 2015 points were:

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Our thanks to Ms Camilleri who keeps the tally up to date after each event or carnival is factored in. Who will triumph in 2016?
AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN
Could the College enlist parent support to continue to educate their son(s) about pedestrian safety? At recent assemblies we have drawn attention to the dangerous practice of jaywalking and ignoring road/pedestrian signage (fine of $67 in NSW).

Daily, 1005 boys walk up Help and Endeavour Streets to access the bus island at The Interchange (with girls and boys from other schools). They ignore the “No Pedestrian Access” signs at the top of Endeavour Street or cross/jaywalk and clamber over the small fence at the top of Help Street. Buses constantly enter and exit this interchange and the potential for a serious incident is high.

We continue in negotiations with Council, Police and the RMT about new crossings. Until then the safest and ONLY access point onto the bus island is down the escalators to the Chatswood Station concourse then across at the pedestrian lights and crossing.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mr J Olson

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
During the month of October, the Catholic Church dedicates it to the praying of the Rosary. According to an account by 15th Century Dominican Priest, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penance because of his lack of success in combating heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explaining its uses and effectiveness in seeking a desired result and told him to preach it to others.

Pope Benedict XVI recalled that the Rosary is a biblical prayer. It is a prayer of the heart in which the repetition of the ‘Hail Mary’ directs our thoughts and affections to Christ. It is a prayer that helps us to meditate on the Word of God, modelling ourselves on the care and love of Mary our Mother.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: By tradition, Catholics meditate on these Mysteries during prayers of the Rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)
1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light (Thursdays)
1. Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan
2. Jesus’ self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana
3. Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with His call to conversion
4. Jesus’ Transfiguration
5. Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)
1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays and Sundays)
1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation

In this month of the Rosary each Friday morning from 8.10am, all are invited to join in LC2 for Morning Prayer where we share in praying the Rosary together. As a Catholic Community whenever we gather we commence in prayer and certainly all our young men are invited to share in this bond and prayerful support for their own special intentions.

Mr M Casey
From the Social Justice Coordinator

St Pius X College started Term 4 strongly in Social Justice. Throughout the term break Ms Ingram and Mr Steinman continued our commitment to Matthew Talbot Men’s Hostel on Wednesday evenings. Monday saw Mr Listo make his first visit to Willowood Aged Care with students from Years 9 & 10. Mr Listo commented on how wonderful it was to see how the boy’s interact with the residents.

The inaugural Mercy/Pius Battle of the Bands was held last Friday with all gold coin donations going to Catholic Missions. The afternoon was a huge success for both students and staff of both colleges with Ms Bates being the first in the crowd to rise to her feet to applause several musical acts.

Edmund Rice Society have been extremely proactive. Thursday’s lunchtime meeting saw the incoming ERS leadership team from Year 10 take a proactive role in assisting the Junior School and Ms Williams as they organise a cake stall to raise funds for Zaki, our favourite refugee. Tuesday saw Bailey Sutton, Oliver Tysoe, Sam Fong, Declan Howle, Robert Kraszewski, Jack Moran, Ben Di Tommaso and Mr Blake visit the Haven Education Centre at Terrigal. The Haven Education Centre is an EREA annex school and part of St Edwards College East Gosford. It caters for students who have been removed from mainstream schools, and assists both their students as well as their families to get back on track with the view of having the students return to mainstream schools.

Seeing the excitement on The Haven faces as well as the pride on the Pius faces as our boys presented them with 30 skateboard decks ERS hand crafted in Term 3, along with 30 sets of trucks, wheels and grip tape, was a personal highlight of the year. Students from both schools enjoyed a full day of interacting together which culminated in a game of touch football. Many other students from ERS assisted with this project but were unable to attend due to numbers.

A special thank you to Mr Stein and the PDHPE Department for their extremely generous donation of two large boxes of brand new SPX sporting equipment also to be donated to The Haven. This generous offer was gifted after Mr Stein heard about our touch football game played with two old leaky footballs. St Pius and The Haven have now begun an interactive relationship and we look forward to hosting them at our College toward the end of this term.

From the Youth Ministry Coordinator

WYD 2016: We are in the exciting final stages of confirming the make-up of our contingent for next years’ pilgrimage through Italy and on to Poland for a week with Pope Francis at World Youth Day. With a few little glitches in the registration system I do encourage any families with remaining concerns to check in with me on the below contact details.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH FIESTA WYD FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY: Sunday the 18th of October our local Chatswood Parish will be holding a traditional fete day in the OLD Primary School Grounds, from 11am until 3:30pm as a fundraiser for all local pilgrims. It will be a great day with plenty of attractions; a clothing stall, a jewellery stall, bric a brac, book, record and CD stalls. The Mercy College pilgrims will be selling soft drinks and water on the day and our own SPX WYD Pilgrims and their families will be running the BBQ Sausage sizzle to raise funds for their own pilgrimage costs.

The day promises to be a great one filled with fun for the whole family with the added attractions of a jumping castle, super slide, helium balloons and face painting. Not to mention the dunking machine, which will see myself and Parish Priest Fr. Paul Finucane take quick dips for a good cause. Perhaps we could organise some St Pius X teachers to take on the splash seat too? In all seriousness it will be a fantastic day of fellowship and community, raising funds for an amazing opportunity for our students and the youth of the wider community, please come along and bring the whole family.

ROCK ‘N ROLL RAFFLE: Congratulations to Mrs Zucconi mother of Liam (Year 10) and Kieran (Year 7) who has won the double pass platinum tickets to see the Monster Truck Rally at ANZ Stadium this weekend, we hope you have a wonderful time.

With the Monster Trucks event drawn we are down to the final prize in this raffle; 2 platinum tickets to see AC/DC live in concert at Australia’s premier stadium. All unsuccessful tickets purchased to date in the raffle are still eligible for this final prize. Further tickets are just $20 and available on the below try booking link, the opportunity to experience one of the greatest ever rock bands in history in the best available possible comfort and style.

Please do consider supporting our SPX students in this very worthwhile cause and give yourself and a friend the opportunity of an amazing experience in style and luxury for just $20.

To purchase tickets in ‘Rock ‘n Roll ‘n Rugby’ simply go to this trybooking site listed below with your credit card details.

www.trybooking.com/147327

Mr A Brannan
ABrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au - 9414 4344
From the Business Manager

FLEXISCHOOLS

If you have not already done so I invite you again to register your son for the cashless canteen system, Flexischools. We commenced with Year 9 back on 10th August and have been steadily adding cohorts such that all year groups were able to access the system by the last week of Term 3. The boys are welcome to still use cash at the canteen, however, I invite you again to take up the convenient and faster cashless option. Approximately $8,000 of sales have already been handled this way.

For your convenience I will today resend the instructions to all parents with the registration steps. If you have technical queries about the registration please contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769.

Mr A Ballesty

Your P&F In Action!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&F will hold its AGM on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Sarto Centre. All P&F positions will be become available. Information on the P&F roles can be found at the P&F website or by clicking here. If you want to discuss how you can contribute, please call Steve 0408 118 116 or Christine 0414 579 664.

Nadine Robson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

MindMatters for Families

We welcome Ms Judy Gill to the College counselling team. The team consists of Mr Rick Russo, full time College Counsellor, and Ms McCarthy and Ms Gill, part time psychologists. Please don’t hesitate to contact any of the counsellors if you have any concerns regarding your son.

Mr Rick Russo (Mon-Fri) russo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au 9414 4359
Ms Judy Gill (Mon/Tues) gill@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au 9414 4322
Ms Joe McCarthy (Wed/Thurs) mccarthy@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au 9414 4322

ROCKCLIMBING ACTIVITY

There will be an opportunity for students involved in the mentoring program to participate in a rockclimbing activity at ‘Climb Fit’ at St Leonards after school next Thursday 22 October. If you would like further information on this program, please contact Mr Russo. Mentoring is an important ‘buddy’ program which provides additional emotional support and connection for our younger students.

ONLINE GAMING AND THE INTERNET – ‘WHEN TO UNPLUG’

Next Tuesday evening 20 October, at 6.30pm, Dr Phillip Tam is a special guest presenter for the KYDS Ku-ring-gai Council Parent Information evening. Dr Tam is a leading expert in this topic and his formal presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. There will also be an opportunity to speak individually with KYDS Counsellors and Psychologists should parents wish to do so.

Dr Tam is a Sydney-based child psychiatrist in private practice and lecturer at Sydney University, with a longstanding interest in computers and social media disorders, gaming addiction etc.

BOXERCISE: ‘GET FIT FOR SUMMER’

Classes have recommenced for Term 4 with excellent numbers of students making a commitment to improve their mental health and physical wellbeing through regular attendance. It is not too late to join this voluntary activity – every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am. Contact Mr Russo for further information.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor
From the Learning Support and Enrichment Team

The Learning Support and Enrichment team is pleased to advise that we are exploring the possibility of providing an occupational therapy service here at the College on various afternoons in the week, beginning in Term 1 2016. There is a choice of three short courses (8 weeks per term) which cover different skill areas for the benefit of your son’s academic writing and personal development:

- Handwriting skills
- Touch typing skills
- Communication and social skills

The courses will be offered on a small-group basis, at a cost of $280 per 8 week course (each session is 1 hour 15 mins). Please find in Woodchatta Extras three flyers outlining each of the three courses which may be of interest to you for your son during Term 1 of 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR COURSE FOR TERM 1 2016 email Joanne at: JRahebMol@stpiux.nsw.edu.au

Ms J Raheb-Mol – Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment

Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN:
Congratulations to Stewart and Matthew Ross (Year 11) on their appointments to the positions of Performing Arts Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively. Both boys are actively involved in both music and drama at the College and are deserving of these positions.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Congratulations to all students who have participated in the Performing Arts Festival this week. This year there have been a record number of students performing and it has been wonderful to see not only the variety of performances but also the support that the students give each other. Having said that, there are still two nights to go; tonight Music Production in the Band Room and tomorrow Guitar in the gymnasium and Piano in the Band Room. Each night commences at 5.30pm and parking is available in the College yard.

ROCK FOR A REASON
Congratulations to all students from St Pius and Mercy College who organised and participated in the concert last Friday afternoon. The weather was favourable and it was a great way to finish up a busy working week.

MERCY COLLEGE DRAMA PRODUCTION 2016: “STORIES IN THE DARK”
Students from Years 8 and 9 2015 are invited by Mercy College to audition for their upcoming production “Stories in the Dark” written by Debra Oswald. It will be directed by Ms Gill the Drama teacher at Mercy College. Two performances will take place on the 28th and 29th April 2016 in the Sarto Centre. If you are interested in auditioning, please see Mr Combes in the Performing Arts Staffroom and he will give you information on how to register and prepare for the audition – which will take place on Friday afternoon, 22nd October, 3.20 – 5.00pm at Mercy College.

MUSIC PASSES
As we are now in Term 4 some students may have run out of room to record their instrumental lessons on their Music Pass. It is a requirement of tuition that all students have a pass, in order to be excused from class. New passes can be obtained from Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
From the Languages Department - 2015 China Tour

During the September-October holidays Mrs Manga, Mrs Wang and Mr Stollery accompanied 23 Year 9 and Year 10 Mandarin students on a 12-day language and culture tour of the People’s Republic of China.

The students had an incredible experience travelling to three main Chinese cities; Beijing, referred to by our guide as the modern historical capital, Xian the ancient capital and Shanghai the new, modern China. The tour truly had so many amazing and memorable experiences that I am sure the boys will always remember.

To name but a few activities, we visited the wonderful Summer Palace, crossed Tiananmen Square in full preparation for National Day, walked through the Forbidden City marvelling at its pavilions and 9,999 rooms. We visited beautiful Beihai Park and the Temple of Heaven, where we witnessed the community spirit of the locals involved in their daily leisure routines, playing Chinese chess, doing Tai Chi and other exercises and games. We visited the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube at the Olympic Park, where our boys delighted the locals with their own game of touch football. A highlight of Beijing was undoubtedly visiting the Mutianyu Section of the Great Wall of China, where the students climbed the wall and according to the local tradition, “became men”. The toboggan ride back down to the base of the wall was also a fun experience and we were able to say that we have shared this with Michelle Obama, who also previously visited the same site.

Xian was like stepping back in time and pace. The students visited the Banpo Neolithic Village, regarded as the birthplace of Chinese civilisation, and explored the artefacts from this ancient matriarchal society. Later, the boys applied the ancient techniques used at Banpo to make fire and drill pottery, using simple tools. It was fantastic team building as well as cultural and historical appreciation. Again, visiting the Terracotta Warriors was an amazing experience for everyone. Seeing history first hand and watching the intricate work of the archaeologists as they continue to unravel the mysteries of China’s first emperor and his mausoleum was truly breathtaking. The boys also particularly loved the dumplings and spicy food that was served in this part of China.

The final destination of the tour was the bustling and bursting city if Shanghai. This fascinating city, with a population that exceeds that of our entire country, was beyond the boys expectations. The city was mesmerising with its neon night markets and smoky street-side stalls, not to mention the colourful sky-scaping buildings that neatly filled the city skyline. It was here that we had a great opportunity to attend language classes at East China Normal University and also attend school at the Tianshan Middle School, Shanghai. Our full-day school visit at Tianshan allowed the students to meet with their Chinese peers and learn more about school in China. It was fantastic to watch them interacting and having a great time with newly made friends, whether it was on the basketball court, in the English classroom or the music room, our students made a positive impression and were undoubtedly first class ambassadors not just of our College, but also our country. I felt a great sense of pride with our students, their behaviour and the confidence in which they interacted with everyone around them.

Finally, we also had a great opportunity to catch up with College old boy, Luke Shields (in red, bottom LHS photo), who is currently living, studying and working in Shanghai. Luke gave the students a great introduction to Shanghai and the opportunities there for individuals who speak the language. Luke has inspired many of our students to continue with their Mandarin studies in the future.

Over the next few weeks, I have asked the students to prepare some short pieces to relay their own personal experience of China from their own perspective. Please stay tuned!

Mrs Kara Manga – Teacher in Charge LOTE
From the Science Department

In July last term, 55 students from Year 10 and 39 students from Year 11 competed in the 2015 RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz. The quiz is a challenging Chemistry quiz for school students made up of 30 multiple choice questions and this year was completed by over 1300 students in 19 different countries.

It is difficult to achieve high results in this Quiz; however, there were individual students who have achieved some pleasing results. Overall our College achieved 2 High Distinctions (top 10% of students in NSW), 6 Distinctions (top 10-25% of students in NSW) and 4 Credits (top 25-40% of students in NSW).

The students who achieved these impressive results were:

**High Distinction:** Callum Aikin (Year 11) and Harrison Robson (Year 10)

**Distinction:** Ben Rigby (11), Patrick Ventura (11), Ruben Ghannoum (11), Matthew Ross (11), Stuart Ross (11) and Daniel Butler (10)

**Credit:** Andreas Berger (11), Herman Fung (11), Declan Warn (11) and Nathan Ignatius (10)

Congratulations to these students on their fine results and particularly to Callum Aikin on achieving a High Distinction in this Quiz for the second year in a row. Well done.

*Mrs J Schuster - Assistant Science Coordinator*

International Year of Light – Warrumbungle’s Expedition

To celebrate the International Year of Light a trip was organised in the recent holiday break. 15 students from Year 8 to Year 11 participated in a five day expedition to Coonabarabran to tour the Siding Springs Observatory. This was conducted in partnership with Mr Ricardo Moylette, Physics Teacher and House Coordinator of Waverley College. In addition to the Observatory, highlights included an Astronomical Observation Evening, a 16 km bushwalk over the famous Grand High Tops walking track, an Aboriginal immersion day looking at the cultural heritage of the local Gamilaroi people with a day spent in the Pilliga forest, a bike tour of Taronga Zoo in Dubbo and a tour of the Cathedral Cave in Wellington.

Whilst this Outdoor Education initiative had a focus towards the Year 11 Physics syllabus, the expedition also provided an opportunity to include the College MindMatters program, leadership development and draw on the vast experience of the College Youth Minister, scripture based reflection and individual personal growth.

A BIG thank you to Mr S Brannan, Mr R Moylette and Mr A Brannan for their time, their jokes and poetry and for the Spirit of St Pius that they brought to the Journey. Thanks also go to Mrs J Schuster for her assistance with organising the Coonabarabran experience.

*Mr P de Silva – Outdoor Education Coordinator*
KOKODA 2016 TRAINING BEGINS

The first of the training hikes for the Kokoda Track 2016 Expedition will take place on Sunday the 8th November. This hike is open to all Kokoda hikers and anyone that would like an opportunity to get some pre-summer training in. If you are interested in participating in the Kokoda 2016 expedition this would be a good opportunity to come along and chat about what's involved. If you are interested and haven't put your name down please email myself or Mr Brannan.

The hikers will meet at Cowan train station and catch a train to Brooklyn. Hikers will then walk from Brooklyn back to Cowan station via the Jerusalem Bay track. You will need to pack a light lunch and carry at least 2 litres of water.

| Meet:     | 8.15am at Cowan train station (train to Brooklyn at 8.36 am) |
| Finish:   | 2.00pm (approx.) Cowan train station |
| Distance: | 13.4 km |

Mr P de Silva - Outdoor Education Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Program

GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

On October 8th, I was extremely privileged to attend the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award Ceremony for Michael Jordan (Year 12, 2014) at Government House, Sydney. The ceremony was officiated by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retired), Governor of NSW.

Michael was one of over 100 Award participants who proudly accepted the Gold Award at St Stephen’s Uniting Church on the day. The College would like to congratulate Michael on achieving such a prestigious Award and for the fine example that he has made for other boys in the SPX Duke of Edinburgh Award program.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD-COMMUNITY SERVICE

I recently fielded a call from the St. Vincent Army Store, located on Penshurst Street Willoughby with the offer of taking St Pius students who are completing the Community Service Section of their Award. Based on the fantastic efforts of St Pius X College students already volunteering at the store, they are keen to give more students the opportunity to volunteer there.

Student involvement would be for an hour each week and include assisting with simple activities ranging from unpacking boxes, general cleaning and odd jobs. This is a great opportunity to start this aspect of the Award and to also assist the community whilst developing your own skills. Please see Mrs Manga if you are interested.

Mrs K Manga

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 J Raheb-Mol – Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment
Debating – Macquarie University Schools Cup

Last term on the 15th of September, 18 debaters from Years 7-9 attended the Macquarie University Schools Cup Junior and Intermediate Division with Miss Sumner. The students who competed on the day were: Cameron Fernandopulle, Tarun Oorloff-Kay, Daniel Halverson, Willem Falzon, Luke McManus, Gianluca Della Picca, Josh Hooper, Ethan Tat, Cian Roberts, Zac Lomas, Ben Lamont, Oliver Tysoe, Amehci Okwechime, Daniel Liem, Ben Johnson, Jack Moran, Jordan Payard, Jasper Choi and Ben Di Tommaso.

This day was a wonderful opportunity for students to hone their debating skills against a range of schools with whom we would not normally have the opportunity to compete. Schools such as PLC, St Leo’s Wahroonga, Montgrove and James Ruse Agricultural School. They got the chance to debate in 3 rounds and try out speaking in the different roles of 1st, 2nd and 3rd speaker.

The topics were very challenging and included “That we should repeal the Antarctic Treaty system to allow nation states to claim sovereign territory (in a similar fashion to the North Pole)” and “That we should impose curfews for children under 16.” Furthermore, the students were given a workshop on how to develop their specific debating skills, such as developing an argument, producing an effective counter argument and using models to support their case.

Special mention must go to the Year 8 team of Cian Roberts, Zac Lomas, Ben Lamont and Oliver Tysoe who debated against Year 9 and Year 10 teams due to an uneven number of teams in their Junior (Years 7-8) division. They gained a win against a Year 10 Montgrove team on the topic “That we should end free healthcare in Australia”. It is particularly impressive to note that Ben Lamont, who is only 12 years old, contributed to this win against students who were 16 years old.

Unfortunately, competition was tough on the day and we did not progress through to grand finals. However, all of the teams gained at least 1 win out of their 3 debates on the day, with Pius Intermediate Teams 1 and 2 gaining 2 wins each.

Ms S Sumner – Year 9 Debating Coach

Careers News

TAX FILE NUMBERS – APPLY NOW ...

A tax file number (TFN) is a unique nine-digit number that identifies you for tax and superannuation purposes. If you want to go to university and defer payment of your fees (HECS/FEE HELP) then you must have one prior to enrolment. You also need a TFN when you start a part time job.

Your TFN is an important part of your tax and super records as well as your identity, so you must keep it secure. Applying is simple. Fill in an online form, print it out and attend an interview at a participating Australia Post Office within 30 days of completing your form. For more information visit: https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/australian-residents---tfn-application/

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Junior School News

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Well done to all the boys who performed at the Music Festival. Many of the Junior boys have only been learning for a short period of time so it was a very good effort and quite a brave thing to perform in front of an audience. Last night was Percussion and Brass and both were excellent. I can’t be in two places at once so apologies if I missed your performance last night.

ORIENTATION MORNING- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We require four parent volunteers for the Orientation Morning on the 31st October from 9am to 11 am. The task is to serve tea and coffee and really to welcome the new comers. A calming word from an ‘experienced’ parent can work wonders.

CAKE STALL
Zaki is an international student hoping to seek residence in Australia to further his studies. He has given several powerful presentations to our students about the conflict and oppression he has been subjected to in his previous country.

The Edmund Rice Society have taken the initiative to assist in a small way in helping Zaki achieve his goal. After canvassing the boys they have overwhelmingly come up with the idea of having a cake day stall. The stall will be held on Friday 23rd October during recess and lunch.

What can we do to make this work?
We would appreciate the junior students donating a cake towards this worthy cause which will be sold to the students. We always keep in mind that when we give, it is in the true spirit of the Edmund Rice Charism and inherent in the values of our Touchstones.

“We give to those in need in handfuls”.

Edmund Rice Society Junior Chapter 2015
I would like to personally thank Mrs Williams and Mr Whelan for their leadership of this very worthwhile initiative. Zaki is a wonderful young man with an incredibly powerful story.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL

Well done to the Firsts who had a good day at the ISA Pre-Season Round Robin. The team finished fourth. Well done team. The ISA Code of Conduct in summary aims to achieve a safe and enjoyable environment for students to experience sport. This includes guidelines on the behaviour of not only the players but also parents, friends, spectators and coaches. Please note below some of the more important guidelines below.

1. Refrain from any public criticism of referee’s under any circumstance.
2. Only coaches are to question the score bench officials. (If there is a problem please tell your coach).
3. Do not call out during free throws.
4. Positive Support. All supporters are to provide only positive encouragement for teams and players.

Uniform: All players must wear either their college PE uniform or their Basketball uniform to and from every game. Firsts wear their full school uniform and get changed at the venue.

Bus to Bathurst: There will be a bus travelling to St Stanislaus’ Bathurst this Saturday for all C teams. The bus will leave from Anderson St at 6:45 am and will return to the College around 4:30 pm.

Venues: St Stanislaus: Brilliant Street, Bathurst
NBISC: Northern Beaches Basketball Stadium, Off Jacksons Road, Warriewood.

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Mr N Gibson – Basketball Convenor
**CRICKET**

**Pink Day at Oxford Falls.** SPX Cricket and Blue Mountains Grammar School Cricket joined together at Oxford Falls last Saturday for a McGrath Foundation event to raise money for the great works of the foundation. In excess of $550 was raised. Additionally, some cricket was played.

1st XI 5/75 (H Heaney 41*) in 22 overs defeated Blue Mountain Grammar School 10/74 (D Beattie 19, M Kennedy 3/3) in 31 overs at Oxford Falls.


**ISA Round 1.** The ISA competition commence this Saturday (17 October) with the 1st XI v St Andrew’s Cathedral School at Oxford Falls and the 2nd XI v St Stanislaus’ College at Bathurst. Best of luck for the season.

**Twitter.** Catch all the latest news in SPX Cricket on Twitter: @SPX Cricket

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Mr D Reay - Convenor

**SENIOR SWIMMING**

As mentioned at the beginning of 2015 when both students and parents were notified, St Pius have been invited to two Invitational Swimming Carnivals during Term 4. Those carnivals are:

- **St Aloysius College Invitational** – 23rd October – North Sydney Pool (Entry 7.00pm)
- **St Patrick’s College Invitational** – 30th October (Drummoyne Pool)

All students must be available to swim on both dates. Neither carnival conflicts with any other school sport. I look forward to your continual support and will see you on the night.

Miss L Proc - Swimming Convenor
NSTA TENNIS

News #3: It was a beautiful morning for Tennis as we all made a start to the NSTA Tennis season with some fantastic tennis matches across our 26 teams being played at our home courts of Talus St and Away games. Congratulations to the following teams who had convincing wins over their opponents: St Pius 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25. Some close matches were played with tie-breaks working in our favour and a sign of great competition to follow. Commiserations to members of St Pius teams on their losses last weekend, it is just the start of the season – fresh start this Saturday!

Our tennis players have already shown their efforts to be organised and very easy to work with, the staff have been impressed. I would ask that students and tennis parents, read materials already sent home and assist us with following the instructions with regard to scorecards and recording. I am aware that there were some glitches this week with XPoint as NSTA was held up by late entries. XPoint should be sound from here on.

The Draw and teams lists are posted on the Primary and Student Noticeboard at school and the Draw is also included in Woodchatta Extras for your reference throughout the Term.

In the interests of student well-being, whilst every effort has been made to ensure that First Aid is readily available at every venue in the competition, the expectation is that students will arrive to tennis with their own medications and parent supervision is required, particularly at away games in the case of students with ongoing medical needs. Please contact me if you have anything that you wish to discuss in relation to your son’s well-being. The boys are frequently reminded about hats, sunscreen and hydration…I am sure parents do the same!!

Please ask your son which member of the Tennis Staff is his team’s coach for the season. This is the person who will assist him in the first instance with regards to attendance and results. Their contact details were sent home last Friday should you wish to contact them directly.

Best wishes – thanks to everyone for a great start.

Ms Sarah-Jane Grove - NSTA Tennis 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 at Oxford Falls. Summer training continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis.

Term 4 Swim Program: All students will take part in this program. It runs each Thursday in November in lieu of regular Thursday Sport. Yr 5 attend Macquarie Uni Aquatic Centre for a pool based program and Yr 6 attend Dee Why Beach for a surf skills program. All details including a detailed information letter (all boys) and Waiver (Yr 6 boys only) can be found under Jnr Swimming on the College website: http://bit.ly/1uGgCM0

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster
Please see the Senior Sports section

**Softball Report Round 1**

This week we played Arden. St Pius won the toss and we sent them into bat but the team had a disappointing first innings. This was the first time all these players had played together as a team, though it took only a short time for them to find their rhythm and work together. Over the next two innings they demonstrated their skills, concentrating and supporting each other. In our third innings Pius was ahead by 1 point.

However, Arden got away from us in the 4th innings to beat us by 6 runs. Connor Cassar had to fill in as pitcher at short notice and did a terrific job. Ethan Rossetto took a difficult catch then had the presence of mind to throw it to a base and get another runner out, great double play. Cody Choi was strong as catcher and kept the team focused. Arleigh Eden on first base and David Casey on third base were excellent. Frank Houlihan had to protect 2nd base as well as field the mid field, (we were short a player). Douglas Daniels and Alex Vaccher were strong in the outfield. Looking forward to Charlie Jackson returning from illness for next week’s game.

It was a great game, both teams played in such good spirit which made the game so much fun. Thank you to Mrs Daniels for handling the scoring duty and Mr Rossetto for assisting with coaching.

Next week we play at our home ground, Oxford Falls. I look forward to seeing you all 7:45 am for a warm-up.

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Mrs J Williams - Softball Convenor

**Uniform Shop**

**TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 2.00PM DURING SCHOOL TERM**

Orders can be placed via the College website [http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83) or by sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au.

Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms.

Blazer Buttons are available from shop $2.00 each.

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

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

**Canteen Roster**

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WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

O.L.D. PARISH FETE

Our OLD Parish is holding a Parish Fete like the days of yore. It is going to be an amazing community event and will be reminiscent of parish and school fetes that you may recall from your youth. To give a little taste: rumour has it Parish Priest, Fr Paul Finucane, and Mr Adrian Brannan will take turns on the dunking machine, there will be face painting, helium balloons, karaoke, fairy floss, jumping castles, clothing stalls, cake stalls, BBQ, Exotic Food stalls, A stall for 2nd hand; cd’s. dvd’s. computer games and books, a jewellery stall, minions, super slides, clowns, fairies, much much more and .... you!

Please come along with the family, have a whole lot of fun and support our WYD 2016 pilgrims in the process. Our SPX contingent will be running the BBQ on the day to raise money for our student pilgrims.

Mr A Brannan – Youth Ministry Coordinator
ONLINE GAMING & THE INTERNET: WHEN TO UNPLUG

Online Gaming and The Internet: When to Unplug

Feel like your kids do nothing but play video games? Worried about their Social Media activities? Dr Phillip Tarn, is our special guest at this month’s parent forum. He has a long standing clinical and advocacy interest in the field of internet and computer related disorders.

If you are interested in learning more, join us on Tuesday, 20 October, at 6:30pm in the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers in Gordon.

To book email: youth@kmrc.nsw.gov.au
Handwriting Skills

How’s your son’s handwriting? Does your son’s handwriting affect his ability to get his ideas down on paper in a coherent and legible way? Would improvements to the speed and style of his handwriting help him perform to his potential on tests, exams, assignments and assessments?

Designed and run by an experienced Occupational Therapist this program has been developed to bring creativity and good mechanical and organisational skills to the practice and improvement of handwriting.

The Program will include activities with a dramatic twist to:

- Promote imagination and foster a desire to write
- Encourage focus and concentration
- Develop core and shoulder muscle control, eye hand coordination and finger strength
- Identify the right tools and spaces so writing feels comfortable and is optimised
- General assessment of writing to see what’s working and what’s not
- Practice program to encourage improved writing
- Get organised with writing tasks

The program will be run on a small group basis (6 students max.) so that professional guidance, peer feedback and modelling can be maximised.

The program will run over 8 weeks (from week of Feb 8 up to and incl. the week of Mar 28)
Time: 3.30pm–4.45pm each Tuesday (for Years 7 and 8) or Friday 3.15-4.30 (for Years 5 and 6)
Location: St Pius X College, Chatswood, Leary Learning Centre, D Block
Cost: $280.00 per student

You may be able to claim on your Private Health Insurance cover (if it includes OT under extras cover) for this program which will be run by Anna Orchard, a registered Occupational Therapist.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR TERM 1 2016 email Joanne, Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment at: JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
Good social and communication skills are essential if you want to: experience positive interpersonal relationships with peers, teachers, and parents; if you want to make and keep friends; get along with others; express your ideas and feelings more clearly so that they aren’t misinterpreted – in person or online; become more confident and communicate more effectively at home and at school; and learn to develop resilience in the face of crisis.

Could your son benefit from improving his social and communication skills?
Designed by and run by an Experienced Occupational Therapist, this program has been developed to help students manage their communication styles and needs, and bring greater confidence to their everyday practice in socialising and communication skills in a practical and creative way.

The Program will include activities with a dramatic twist to:
- Develop awareness of self and others
- Foster listening and sharing skills
- Practice working as part of a team
- Explore and practise different ways of communicating, looking at the way we talk, and how we express ourselves through the way we talk
- Develop problem-solving skills

The program will be run on a small group basis (6 students max.) so that professional guidance, peer feedback and modelling can be maximised.

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Could your son benefit from touch typing skills for a wide variety of his writing and communication needs at school and beyond?

Having great typing skills is a must-have skill in our digital world. This is an essential academic skill which can be learnt, improved or mastered with practice. It can help your son to organise his thinking and planning, and save him time and mental energy as he will not have to focus on two things at once. He can learn to edit as he goes, making his written work more presentable, readable and accurate. Typing skills are also highly valued in the workplace, so there are long-term benefits for establishing better typing skill and speed now.

Designed and run by an Experienced Occupational Therapist this program has been developed to give students the touch typing skills they need to undertake effective word processing on their PLDs, in a way that develops good and sustainable typing habits and improved typing speed. The course is designed to bring creativity, fun and organisational skills to the practice and improvement of typing for homework, assignments and self-directed tasks.

The Program will include activities with a dramatic twist to:

- Develop fine motor skills, eye hand coordination and finger strength
- Look at overall posture and ergonomic workstation set up
- Teach how to touch type, using a popular and easy-to-learn system
- Give incentives to make practice manageable

The program will be run on a small group basis (6 students max.) so that professional guidance, peer feedback and modelling can be maximised.

Students will need their own PLDs or laptops.

The program will run over 8 weeks (from week of Feb 8 up to and incl. the week of Mar 28)
Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm each Wednesday (for Years 5 and 6),
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CRICKET NEWS

THE 2ND X1 – TRIALS
ISA triallists for this season’s 2nd X1 took the opportunity to impress the squad selectors prior to the start of the competition this coming Saturday in two trial matches against, respectively, Blue Mountains Grammar School and St Aloysius College, both of which were held at Oxford Falls.

In the first match, played during the holidays, the squad recorded a comfortable 99 win against St Aloysius 2nds. Batting first, our 2nds scored 6-175 (T. Colgan 42, B Plummer 38, S John 22 not out) off their 50 overs. St Pius then bowled out their opponents for 99 with L. May taking 4-18.

The 2nd X1 warmed up for the start of the ISA season last Saturday with an impressive bowling and batting display against Blue Mountains Grammar School 2nd X1 at Walsh Oval at Oxford Falls on Saturday.

With the squad looking to make a final impression with the selectors and press their claim for a spot in the starting line-up of 12 against St Stanislaus College in round 1 of the competition this weekend, Saturday’s team made the most of the opportunities by posting a very comfortable victory over our travelling opponents.

Wearing pink caps in honour of the two schools’ now annual McGrath Foundation fund-raising day, the two teams took to the field on a glorious morning with Blue Mountains electing to bat and to play out 50 overs to allow all of their batsmen to spend time at the crease before the start of the competitive season proper. BMGS looked to be heading towards a comfortable three figure score at 2-59 when SPX’s bowlers really put the pressure on with a fine spell of 20 overs sent down by spin “twins” James Brown and Justin Porter who between them took four wickets for just 43 runs which turned the match in St Pius’ favour. Supported by Alex Graffeo with 2-1, Alex Brislan cleaned up the tail with a fiery spell of 3-6 to leave St Pius chasing 97 runs for an initial win after BMGS lost 12 wickets in all.

In reply SPX made the most of the opportunity for time at the wicket with almost all of our batsmen posting useful runs in an impressive score 8-275 off 48 overs. Wicketkeeper Tim Robertson and all-rounder Alex Brislan top scored with 47 and 40 respectively but there were good solid contributions from the top, middle and lower orders which underlined the strength in depth of the squad as well as the competition for places in the line-up for places in the first ISA games.

Mr Danny John - Assistant Coach 2nd X1

SPX U13 Gold - 19/09/15, Round 2
SPX Gold 0/44 defeated St Augustines Gold 41
With Sydney being inundated with heavy rain on Friday night and in the early hours of Saturday morning most parents were looking forward to a much needed sleep in. So it was with great excitement at 630am the email arrived from Pius Gold manager Michael Kinna that cricket was on, see you at Nolans 3.

On arrival the pitch and was badly rain affected but the broom came out and with some clearing skies we actually got away right on time………a miracle even on a fine day.

St Augustines won the toss and made the brave move to bat first. Pius had to cope with a wet slippery ball but did a good job. Opening bowlers Riley Kennedy (1 for 8) and Brad Power (2 for 7) made sure Pius were off to a flying start. Joe Colgan bowled well with no luck, while Liam Kinna had Augustines in a spin with some superb slow bowling picking up 1 for 6 including 2 maidens.

Tom Kennedy bowled with good heat (1 for 1) while Liam Chang stunned the tail snatching a brilliant 3 for none. Augustines all out for 41 in just 22.2 overs.

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A special mention to wicket keeper Lachlan Milenkoski who was immaculate behind the stumps coming up with a crucial run out of a very dangerous looking batsman.

Chasing only 42 runs for victory, coach Scott Power was hoping for a stress free chase and that’s how it turned out. Tom Kennedy (7 no), Tom Wunsch (3 no), Liam Chang (7 no), Luka Krizan (5 no) James Power (1 no) and Liam Kinna (2 no) all getting a chance to bat without losing their wickets.

Pius Gold notching their first win of the 2015-16 season, making the holiday break that much more enjoyable.

SPX U15 Orange - 19/09/15, Round 2
SPX Orange 104 defeated by Harbord Hornets 9/107
It was a rain drenched Harbord pitch that greeted us on the first Saturday of the holidays. No-one was expecting to play that day but the heavens were kind to us & once play started hardly a drop of rain fell on the hallowed turf. The Harbord hornets won the toss & chose to bat. SPX let fire in the field; Luke Ventura led well with 2-5, and Daniel Mooney getting 2-15. Hayden Robertson, Tim McLachlan, Alec Favelle and Lukas Papangelis all took valuable wickets and Nic McLachlan’s run out broke a key partnership early in the innings.

SPX opened the batting confidently with Nic McLachlan (n/o 38) & Tom Colgan (21) leading with a solid partnership of 63. This was supported by Tim McLachlan (26) & Lukas Papangelis (4) whose partnership added 28 to the total. Sadly the rain must have attracted the ducks as it all went pear shaped & we had a massive batting collapse, losing our remaining wickets for only 5 runs. It was a nail biting & disappointing finish but given the overnight weather we were lucky to get a game in.

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