From the Principal

CONGRATULATIONS MERCY COLLEGE CHATSWOOD – CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

On Tuesday 25 August I attended the 125 Anniversary Mass for Mercy College, Chatswood. It was a wonderful celebration led by Bishop Comensoli and attended by many of the Sisters of Mercy.

The girls from Mercy College were outstanding and the occasion was a true celebration and acknowledgement of the school’s 125 years of Catholic education.

St Pius X College congratulates our sister school, Mercy College and our schools histories are intertwined as many of our families have their sons here and their daughters at Mercy College.

To all the Mercy College community including the many ex-students who are mothers at our school, as well as a number of our staff, we offer our congratulations on such a significant milestone!

At the Mass, in the Gospel of St Luke, Jesus teaches us to be merciful.

At that time Jesus said: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

PRINCIPAL’S PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

I sincerely thank the College Board and EREA for the extraordinary period of Professional Leave I have just completed. It was a wonderful period of professional renewal and a great time to refresh and relax. I would particularly like to thank the Board Chair, Mr Peter Hughes and Mr Jeff Croser (EREA Director Regional Services) for their support and encouragement of my leave.
In a special way I thank and acknowledge the leadership of Mr Jim Olson as Acting Principal. My thanks also to Mr Mark Casey and Mr Steve Hopley who also held significant Acting roles during this period of leave. I also thank the College Leadership Team for their on-going leadership of the College. Our St Pius X College community is fantastic and I am really looking forward to the remainder of the term with you and especially celebrating Year 12’s achievements through their Graduation.

It was a privilege to visit Edmund Rice International as well as attending two excellent conferences – The 19th European Literacy Conference in Austria and the International Principals’ Conference in Helsinki. I have written some reflections on these experiences and I will publish this as a three-part series in Woodchatta Extras. Today please find the first part about Edmund Rice International in Geneva, Switzerland.

This past week has been a very special one for our family with the birth of Darcy Stephen Couani to Nicole and Michael. Michael is our eldest son and married to our wonderful daughter in law, Nicole.

I return to school with great enthusiasm and an ongoing appreciation of the privilege of leading this wonderful College. In fact I attended the Football Finals on Saturday and it was great to see so many of the staff, students and their families. Unfortunately we lost the Open Final to Oakhill in a heart stopping penalty shootout after the teams were still locked together following extra time. I was so proud of all our boys and their coaches.

Once again, my sincere thanks for the opportunity of this professional renewal. I look forward to the many upcoming events and catching up with the many members of the community. In this week alone we have the Football Presentation Evening, Splinters, Splashes, Sounds and Stage, The Twilight Music Concert, Inter-school debating and an Invitational Athletics Carnival on Saturday!

BEST WISHES TO MR PEMBROKE

Many of you would know that Mr Tom Pembroke is endeavouring to swim from Northern Ireland to Scotland across the North Channel. Mr Pembroke has already swum the English Channel on a previous occasion and this swim is even more difficult.

Mr Pembroke leaves Australia on Saturday and will attempt the swim next week, depending on conditions, and we wish him every success in this most challenging swim.

Mr Pembroke is raising funds for our partnership with Callan Services in PNG, assisting students with disability who are being supported by the Christian Brothers in their missionary work.

If you wish to make a donation please go to https://give.everydayhero.com/au/swim-for-kids

Good luck Tom – our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

The third of the Year 10 Reflection Days was held last Friday at Oxford Falls. The day began by recapping the theme for our Year 10 students this year being “Journey”.

In the first Reflection Day our young men looked at their Journey in life and dealing with and overcoming the hurdles along the way. The second Reflection Day explored the importance of building strong and dependable relationships in our lives. Our final day was looking to the future.

The day was led by Glen Gerreyn from Oxygen Factory. Glen is a highly successful presenter and motivator of young people. He presented to our boys a two part presentation titled “Day of Hope”. His seminar enhanced the importance of sense of self, improving one’s capacity to overcome challenging circumstances and apply self-leadership, in order for our young men to reach one’s potential and accomplish their dreams. Glen spoke very candidly with our young men and provided outstanding inspiration as he really connected and motivated all of our Year 10 students, capping off an excellent day.
Next Monday, 31st August, we celebrate with a holiday for the **Feast Day of our College Patron, Saint Pius X**.

Pope Pius X was born Guiseppe Sarto in Italy and was the second eldest of ten children. Though poor, his parents valued education and Giuseppe walked six kilometres to school each day. He was ordained a priest in 1858 and later was Bishop of Mantua and Cardinal Patriarch of Venice. He served the Church as Pope from 1903 to 1914.

Known for his humility and “luminous faith”, Pope Pius X was canonized a saint on May 29, 1954 and two days later at a special mass in the local parish church, our school was officially named St Pius X College.

Saint Pius X stands as a worthy patron challenging us to blend Faith, learning and culture, for the College to produce young men who respect themselves and others.

Father,   
to defend the Catholic faith   
and to make all things new in Christ,   
You filled St. Pius X   
with heavenly wisdom and apostolic courage.   
May his example and teaching   
lead us to the reward of eternal life.   
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,   
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,   
one God, for ever and ever.   
Amen.

Mr M Casey

**From the Social Justice Coordinator**

August 29 is ‘**International Day Against Nuclear Tests**’. Since 1945 almost 2000 nuclear tests have been carried out globally with little consideration of the devastating effects of testing on human life. For more information please visit [http://www.un.org/en/events/againstnucleartestsday/](http://www.un.org/en/events/againstnucleartestsday/).

Riley Andrews, Max Dal Santo, Ms Ramsay and her daughter Brooke Thelfo were at **Matthew Talbot Men’s Hostel** again to feed the homeless. They brought with them the men’s pyjamas as well as used pots and pans the school has been collecting for this Social Justice drive. Thank you to all who made donations.

**Edmund Rice Society** was attended by students from Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. The Year 10 students showed that the leadership of ERS for 2016 is in good hands as they stepped up to lead two discussions about our favourite refugee, Zaky.

**The Haven Education Centre Terrigal** project is drawing to a finish within the next two weeks. On Thursday afternoon Jack Moran, Bailey Sutton and Mr Blake counted 20 of the 30 skateboard decks required.

On Tuesday afternoon Matthew Hettler, Connor Brannan, Jackson Alan and Theo Xylas visited the **Australian Red Cross Blood Service** in Chatswood to give to our nation four bottles of SPX’s finest.

This extremely generous donation will go toward saving up to 16 Australian lives nationwide, from emergency blood transfusions to platelets for cancer patients. In 2015, 34 SPX students have so far given this Social Justice gift to other Australians.

Mr D Blake
From the Head of Student Services

SNOWY PRACTICE QUALIFYING HIKE: LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP WITH MR BRANNAN
Snowy Practice qualifying hike this Thursday after school will depart from the Blue room at 3.30pm. Bring your comfortable walking clothes and shoes, water bottle, snacks and day pack so we can move efficiently. We will return to school around 6.30pm in time for students to have a quick look at the Splinters, Splashes, Sounds and Stage Major Work exhibits of our Year 12 students.

THE BUDDIES NOT BULLIES MINDMATTERS BUSHWALK this Sunday will also double as a practice hike for both The Year 11 Snowy Hike and Kokoda Expedition practice walks. Please contact Mr Brannan to confirm your attendance and meet at Acron Oval St Ives at 8.45am. We will finish with a sausage sandwich at Davidson Park, Roseville Bridge around midday. Older students can assist by accompanying our Junior Mentees over the course of the 10km walk. Wear comfortable walking clothes and shoes, bring a day pack with water bottle and insect repellent.

ST PIUS X COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT / MINDMATTERS / SCIENCE WARRUMBUNGLES EXPEDITION
We plan to celebrate the International Year of Light with a Science-MindMatters Expedition on the first week of the upcoming September School holidays with a planned itinerary as follows:

**Monday 21st Sept:** Depart Sydney to tour Coonabarabran’s Siding Springs Australian Astronomical Telescope then camp at The Warrumbungles National Park. (Mayor Peter Shinton was able to have Dr Fred Watson lead our tour of Australia’s foremost telescope 2 years ago).

**Tuesday 22nd September:** Hike one of Australia’s most regarded walks The Grand High Tops of Warrumbungles National Park igneous topography. Evening astronomy and poetry session.

**Wednesday 23rd September:** Indigenous Awareness Tour to Sandstone Caves archaeological site, Dandry Gorge Sculptures in the Pilliga Scrub, Baradine Discovery NPWS Centre and Cultural Centre.

**Thursday 24th September:** Drive to Dubbo to bike ride around The Western Plains Zoo.

**Friday 25th September:** Return to Sydney via Dubbo Gaol Tour / Wellington Caves TBC.

Direct expressions of interest to Mr Brannan and/ or Mr DeSilva who hope to have information sheets and costs available early next week.

Mr S Brannan

Prefect / Student Leaders Camp
The new student leaders for 2016 spent two days at the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Winbourne, Mulgoa at the end of last week. They honed their skills in being leaders, dealing with challenging situations, working as a team and setting goals for 2016, both individual and collective. Additionally for the prefects, deciding for which of the four portfolios they would nominate: Student Wellbeing, Cultural, Mission & Identify and Academic.

All in all it was a highly successful few days. The students demonstrated an astonishing degree of commitment and involvement. The energy and enthusiasm displayed was inspiring.

Mr B Batchelor, Year 11 Coordinator & Mr S Brannan, Head of Student Services

Information for Year 11 Parents
The latest Year 11 Newsletter was emailed home yesterday along with a copy of the Year 11 Preliminary Examination Timetable.

Mr B Batchelor – Year 11 Guidance Coordinator
MindMatters for Families

KYDS Youth Development Service provides free and confidential counselling, mental health support and education services for young people and their families in Northern Sydney. Please go to www.kyds.org.au or Woodchatta Extras for information on Parent Forums and Student Workshops.

Also in Woodchatta Extras you will find information on two parent courses:

- Engaging Adolescents: A course for Parents and Carers
- Keeping Kids in Mind: A course for Parents experiencing conflict after separation.

Ms J McCarthy – College Counsellor

Your P&F In Action!

TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU
The Trivia Night was an enormous success, and raised significant funds for our Clubs and Associations. Thank you to our super-generous donors, who include local businesses and College community friends and families. We’ll let you know how much was raised in the next issue of Woodchatta.

Thank you very much to our highly energetic and happy team of organisers, very ably led by Christine Pedersen. The workload involved was shared across the Clubs, but the facilitation and additional effort required to make it work rests with Christine.

PLEASE HELP US TO THANK OUR LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTERS
How can you help thank our generous donor businesses? It’s easy. Click on this link and print off the list of businesses who contribute to the Trivia Night, or see the list in Woodchatta Extras. Support those businesses, and remind them that you support them as thanks for their help.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST - Dads, lock away this date: Friday Week, 4 September
A lovely SPX tradition, the Fathers’ Day breakfast is always well attended and a lot of fun for all boys and dads. Please click here for your invitation

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Performing Arts News

SPLINTERS, SPLASHES, STAGE AND SOUNDS
Will take place THIS Thursday 27th August, commencing at 7.00pm. The night showcases the major works of the HSC Design and Technology, Art, Music and Drama students. Supper is served in the canteen. Parents, relatives and friends are warmly invited to join the students on this night.

TWILIGHT CONCERT
The second Twilight Concert for the year will take place THIS Friday 28th August, commencing at 5.00pm in the Junior School yard (gymnasium if the weather is inclement). All major ensembles (with the exception of the Guitar Ensembles) will be performing and there will be a special presentation to all Year 12 Drama and Music students.

JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS
These will take place from 1.30pm THIS Friday 28th August. Boys who signed up to audition must see Ms Bates to obtain a Music Pass so they can be released from class.

CONCERT BAND AUDITIONS
Information and sign-up sheets for Concert Band auditions are now on the Performing Arts Noticeboard.

AMEB EXAMINATIONS
Congratulations to Thomas Wong (Year 8) on attaining Honours in his recent Grade 5 Piano Examination.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Splinters, Splashes, Sounds & Stage

The exhibition of HSC work in TAS, Visual Arts, Music and Drama will be held this Thursday 27th August from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome to help us celebrate the creative talents of our senior students.

Artworks will also be on display for the Twilight Concert, Friday 28th August until 7:00 pm.

Photo by Matthew Chan Year 12

From the Science Department

SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 9 AND 10

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a three-day/ four day hands-on science activities program being conducted in 33 universities and tertiary institutions around Australia in 2015/2016.

These programs are designed for students in Years 9 and 10, years in which they will make significant decisions about senior secondary and tertiary level studies. Our aim is to inform students of the importance of science and technology while stimulating and heightening their interests in a wide range of science disciplines and career opportunities, encourages further studies in the sciences, while at the same time giving them a ‘taste’ of university/tertiary life.

Places are still available in 30 out of the 33 program conducted around Australia.

A typical program includes:
- Welcome
- Hands-on activities in tertiary labs
- Information on further study and career options with exposure to the ‘top’ people in their field
- Associating with ‘budding’ young scientists to form lasting friendships
- Excursion/Industry visit
- Closing ceremony BBQ or other social activity

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is designed and managed by the Science Schools Foundation Inc. As well as being promoted and actively supported by Rotary clubs, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia.

The full cost of enrolment is $120 per student for the 3 day program and $160 per student for the 4 day program and Rotary sponsorship is often available for those who need it. There is no selection process and students can enrol online at www.scienceexperience.com.au or post/fax the registration form to our office in Monbulk.

A soft copy School Newsletter item or an e-brochure and/or further information can be obtained by calling 03 9756 7534 or emailing admin@scienceexperience.com.au

Ms J Black – Science Coordinator
The “Wild Beasts” of Year Seven

In Visual Arts this term we learnt about the Fauves and how fauve is a French word for wild beast. Also we painted our own fauves which we took from photographs we did in the school playground.

We learnt about different techniques such as stippling, dry brush technique and impressionism. We used a computer program on our PLD’s called Freshpaint which lets us paint on our computers. We used the computer program to help us paint our real artworks.

By Alessandro Muranty

The French Fauve artists, led by Henri Matisse, used colour in an abstract manner and painted with strong gestural brushstrokes. Their art caused controversy which led a critic of the time to refer to them as “Fauves”. The Year 7 students have created 21st Century versions of their ideas. There is a display of Year 7 Fauve paintings in the Senior Resource Centre.

Luke McManus
Harrison Clayton

Ms F Doyle – Visual Arts Teacher

Year 9 Market Day

**MARKET DAY IS NEXT WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2015**

It’s that time of year again! As part of their studies on running a business, Year 9 Commerce students will be soon holding the much acclaimed culinary and gastronomical delight widely known as ‘Market Day’. It’s on next **Wednesday 2 September**. With part of the proceeds of the day, Year 9 hopes to again give a sizeable donation to St Mary’s School, Bowraville.

All students are encouraged to buy themselves a treat from the many and varied food stalls available at recess and lunch. Amongst the offerings on sale will be **pizza**, **churros**, **burgers**, **kebabs**, **chicken nuggets**, **hot dogs**, **donuts**, **spiders**, **nachos**, **sausage sizzle**, **lollies**, **pancakes**, **caramel slice**, **milkshakes**, **Nutella**, **pizzas** … and much more. Bring your money with you to help out our Year 9 Commerce businesses for 2015.

Ms M Colefax – Year 9 Commerce Teacher
Debating
Last Friday St Pius X hosted Riverview for the 6th Round of the SDN Debating Competition. We suffered major ‘casualties’ with all teams losing except for our Year 12 team: the Amazing 4: Matthew Harris, Adam Melzer, Lyndon Maher & Harry Vinter.

This Friday Pius is hosting Roseville College for this Final Round in the SDN Competition. It has been a very long debating season but a very fulfilling one. The Twilight Concert will take precedence on the night but with the Year 7 & 8 teams commencing prep at 6pm and the Year 9-12 teams commencing prep at 7pm we should not have too many time conflicts.

Ms M Waterson

From the Senior Resource Centre
YEAR 9 ‘HANGS TEN’ WITH SURFING SCIENTIST
Ruben Meerman aka ‘The Surfing Scientist’ stunned our year group with his extravagant experiments and electrifying lasers. Ruben, a former physicist and ABC star, talked about climate change and how we as humans can alter the weather. He performed numerous demonstrations and experiments with lasers, infra-red cameras, liquid nitrogen and balloons to reinforce his ideas. It was a great experience and we all took a lot away.

By Jack Moran, Matthew Murphy and Cody Fisher-Peel
Photographs by Mr Stollery

Careers News
The Careers Newsletter can be found at

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Homework Help
*** There will be NO HOMEWORK HELP on Tuesday 1 September due to a Staff Meeting ***
Homework Help will be held every Tuesday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre. Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TOURNEY OF MINDS JUNIOR TEAM
Congratulations to the Junior School Social Sciences Team who participated in Tournament of Minds at Roseville College last Sunday. The boys used their creativity, teamwork, humour, drama and problem solving skills to demonstrate and solve a Social Sciences Challenge. The boys competed in both a Spontaneous Challenge where they invented a new word and meaning for the English language based on only a limited number of alphabet letters given to them. The second part of the Challenge was a Long Term Challenge based on history in which an historical figure would be eliminated from history. The boys needed to work as a team solve the problem through research, script writing and drama. Well done to the boys on their commitment to the Challenge with their clever, creative and humourous interpretation to the problem, and to their parents for supporting their sons in this challenge.

Characters:
Lachlan Milenkoski as ‘moody William Shakespeare’
Harrison O’Brien as ‘aloof and dreamy Leonardo da Vinci’
Alex Vaccher as ‘the chatty and feminine Marie Curie’
Alec Ramsbottom as ‘cheesy games show host’
Nicholas Biefeld as ‘knock about producer’
James Baldock as ‘side kick play dough man’
Harrison Pierides as ‘games show host’

WRITE ON COMPETITION 2015 (YEARS 5-6)
Congratulations to all the boys for their entries to the Write on Competition. Matthew Brannan (6 Red) was selected to represent Stage 3 from the College with his writing entitled ‘Discovery hits home’. An excerpt from his story is below. Good luck Matthew.

‘As I travelled slowly walking on the smooth tiles I saw a picture that interested me, it was printed in shades of black and while. The picture contained a blimp which looked quite large. My eyes travelled down to below the photo. My heart stopped, could it be? Printed below was a name “Charles Dalton” my grandfather's name, I glanced at my name tag it read Jonathon Dalton could it be? A thought crossed my mind maybe it wasn’t my granddad but just someone with the same name but something in my heart told me it was, I knew I had to find out more about this discovery.’

ATTENTION: ALL YEAR 5 WRITERS…….GET YOUR ENTRIES IN!
The Bushland Community Officer Emma Hayes spoke to the Year 5 boys recently about this exciting opportunity. Every year The Willoughby Council offers a special Short Story Writing Competition for students in Year 5 across Willoughby. Students are invited to write their own short story and create their own artwork focusing the Pacific Baza animal in the local area wildlife corridor. The boys are welcome to attend compass Club to work on their entry. Entries close Friday September 11th.

WRITERS WANTED! WRITE4FUN COMPETITION
Entries are open for any boys wishing to enter this competition. Writing can be any style on any topic such as poetry or short story on any theme. Great prizes to be won. Entries close 31st August. Those boys interested can visit http://www.write4fun.net/competitions/53 to find out more to enter and come Compass Club Wednesday lunchtime to work on your entry.

MINDQUEST – YEARS 5 AND 6
MindQuest is an exciting enrichment program, designed to challenge and extend gifted and talented primary students in New South Wales Schools. This program is now in its fifteenth year of operation. These challenging two day workshops are designed to stimulate and extend students across a broad range of subject areas. Activities may include chemistry, earth sciences, Lego robotics, drama, art and writing. Courses focus on developing critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and broadening your child’s interests. More information may be found at http://www.mindquest.net.au/

Date: 12th and 13th September 2015

Students interested in participating in any of the competitions or courses are welcome to contact me.

Mrs B Spanyik – Learning Enrichment Teacher
Junior School News

WALKATHON
We were blessed with wonderful weather and the boys put in a great effort. One boy ran 15 kilometres in the 90 minutes and a couple did 14 kilometres. I was very impressed by one boy who hobbled past me and had a sore foot/ankle. I told him to stop and put ice on it. Sometime later he hobbled past me again and when I asked why he was still walking his reply was very touching. He said, “Those people (meaning the people we are walking for) have to put up with more than this every day so I reckon I can keep walking.” Awesome St Pius spirit.

Well done, Luc Fenton!

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS
The boys competed well at the Shore Invitational Carnival at Narrabeen. It was a beautiful morning and the boys enjoyed the experience.

The IPSHA Carnival was on Tuesday and once again we were blessed with good weather. All the boys did their best and had an enjoyable time. Thank you boys for your enthusiasm!

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR LIBRARY
Book week parade is this Friday at 1.30 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend this event which is always entered with much enthusiasm and a sense of fun.

GREAT BOOK SWAP WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER. This is held on Indigenous Literacy Day and all proceeds go to this worthwhile cause. If boys could bring in books they have finished reading and don’t wish to read again, other boys can come in with a couple of dollars and buy a book. It is a second hand book stall.

GRANDFATHER, FATHER AND SON SPORTING AFTERNOON.
Grandfathers, Fathers and Sons sporting afternoon – 3rd September – 8 Days to go! Keep stretching gents!

FOOTBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT
The Football (Soccer) Presentation evening is being held tonight. It begins at 5.30pm in the Sarto Centre, which is located on the corner of Daisy and Anderson Streets in Chatswood. It will conclude before 7 pm so parents can go to the Senior Football Presentation evening if applicable. Mr Scanlan is organising tonight’s event.
TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS
The Tournament of the Minds is a competition where the boys have to demonstrate teamwork in solving a problem and devising a presentation within a certain timeframe and in a certain sized square. Teachers are not allowed to assist which can be rather frustrating but an important part of the process for the boys. Last Sunday the boys presented their play which was a game show entitled ‘The Weakest Link, where they had to extract a famous person from history. It was not only clever, it was also witty and humorous and very well acted. It was a very enjoyable play to watch. Congratulations to all the boys involved and to Mrs Spanyik who spent many lunchtimes supervising them. More information and photos in Mrs Spanyik’s ‘Learning Enrichment’ section earlier in this newsletter.

YEAR 9 MARKET DAY
Year 9 commerce students are running a Market Day on Wednesday 2nd September. By doing this exercise they learn about profit and loss. As you can imagine with over 1000 boys, food is a popular commodity. Therefore the canteen will not be open on this day and you will not be able to order lunch orders. However, there will be a whole lot of food choices and the Junior Boys usually enjoy having a little bit of spending money on this day.

REMINDERS
- Friday 28th August - Book Week Parade. Theme for book week is ‘Books light up our world.’
- Monday 31st August – SPX Patron’s Day Holiday. Please get organised so that you know how your son will be supervised that day. If you work and a good friend’s parent doesn’t, it could be a good day for a visit.
- Wednesday 2nd September No tuckshop as it is Year 9 Market day - boys enjoy having a little money to spend at the food stalls on this day.
- Year 5 Willoughby Council story competition closing soon. One boy will become a published author!

Uniform Shop
*** An early REMINDER TO PARENTS that students return to school in Term 4 in full summer uniform.

The Summer Uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4 and consists of a regulation grey or white short sleeve shirt (that does up at the collar), shorts or trousers (Years 7-12 only) worn at the waist, and if wearing shorts, College socks with garters, grey socks, black belt and black leather lace-up shoes that take a shine. Regulation tie.

Basic Sports Uniform – regulation blue polo shirt and school tracksuit over blue shorts, white sports socks (without logos, names etc.), one regulation House polo shirt and SPX cap.

The SPX Backpack is compulsory for all school students

TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 1.30PM
Orders can be placed via the College website http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83 or by phoning the shop on 9414 4339 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 is available on the College website: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster
***The Canteen will be closed on Wednesday 2 September due to the Year 9 Market Day.
Please make sure your sons bring some money with them if they wish to purchase food items from the Market Day Stalls.

| 31/8 – 4/9 | 7/9 – 11/9 |
| Tues | O Shahady, R Habib, S Baird, J Maail, A Wright | C Hughson, F Roberts, K Onslow, M Calamos, C Zantiotis |
| Wed | Canteen Closed: YEAR 9 MARKET DAY | G Iles, L Marino, J Masters, L Lingard |
| Thurs | G Ryan, S Richardson, L Wall | D Speedy, L Princi, B Chang |
| Fri | M Currington, A Simpson, R Nolan, R Carrall, M Roach, C Sweeney | S Fong, N Andrews, F Felice, T Paveley, G Fitzroy, C Pedersen |

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator
Senior School Sport

FOOTBALL: Congratulations to all teams who participated in the Grand Finals at Oakhill College last Saturday. All teams played in the correct spirit. Particular congratulations to our ISA Champions, the 2nd XI, the 4th XI, 16B and 15A. It’s been a wonderful football season and I look forward to seeing you all tonight at the Presentation Evening.

Mr S Yue – Convenor

CRICKET: Rescheduled SPX Cricket Development Day at Oxford Falls: Sunday 30 August, starting with Years 5 and 6 registration at 8am and their session beginning at 8.15am. Other sessions will run according to the same timings as last week and listed in the SPX Cricket e-mail newsletter or on the P&F Cricket Website: http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/images/stories/cricket/SPX_Stumped_2015-16_Issue_1.pdf. 
Reminder - free BBQ and drink for all players after their sessions.

District team selections: The SPX Cricket Club committee will be letting players and parents know the line-up of the teams playing in the North Shore and Manly district teams by the end of next week. The Manly competition season starts on September 12 and the North Shore competition on September 19.

Cricket Updates: Check out Twitter: @SPXCricket for latest updates including the weather on Sunday morning!

1st and 2nd XI Trials: ISA trials will resume on Wednesday 2 September at Oxford Falls. Bus leaves from in front of OLD Church at 3:20 and returns approximately 5:45.
No training on Monday 31 August due to St Pius X Day holiday.

Mr D Reay - Convenor

ATHLETICS: Congratulations to all the St Pius athletes who have competed at Homebush on Thursday night (Schools Knock Out) and Saturday (Barker Invitational). Athletes need to remember to record all their times, distances and heights in the clip boards to ensure I have a record of their Personal Best achievements. I will select the ISA team from my records so please write them in.

Thank you to Will Richardson and Anthony Collum for coming in to school and speaking at assembly. We are very lucky to have such great coaches and role models for our athletes.

Schools Knock Out Cup: On Thursday evening a select group of athletes competed against very strong opposition in the NSW Schools Knock Out Cup. It is a small team event which concludes with a Swedish Relay (100m, 300m, 200m and a 400m). Our athletes performed well: The Junior team finished 9th and The Intermediate team finished 7th out of 14 teams.

Personal Best Performances from Saturday and merit cards awarded to:
100m: James Bragg, Gregor Dingley, Stuart Dingley, Jarvis Hearn, Ned Healey, Stefan Lobato
200m: James Bragg, Gregor Dingley, Angus Cutbill, Thomas Hunt, Jackson Ellis, Josh Thrum
800m: Thomas Hunt, Jamie Ferrera,
1500m: Griffin Kirwan,
Javelin: Jeremy Chow, Matthew Hall
High Jump: James Bragg, Matt Hall
Long Jump: Will Russell

Special Mentions
Gregor and Stuart Dingley - for their sibling rivalry pushing them on
James Bragg - for entering just about every event possible
Will Russell - first 400m
The U12’s Brian Zuluaga and Aidan Shearer-Hawkins - progressing well and competing against the older athletes
Josh Thrum - for giving athletics a go after a few years out - keep it up

Final Details of the carnival this coming Saturday - at Homebush again - will be handed out on Friday. All the Invitational carnivals follow the same timetable, but beware they can run early.

St Pius X and St Patrick’s College Carnival
This Saturday 29th August, St Pius along with St Patrick’s College will host the Carnival at Homebush. We will be in charge of organising the field events. Please let myself or Sally Richardson know if you are available and willing to help. A big thank you to parents and staff who have volunteered.
AGE CHAMPIONS 2015

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Athletics Trivia
For a Merit Card: No one came forward to answer my question about Peter Norman… so an easy one:

Which Wallaby was a National Champion relay beach sprinter and SPX sprinter?

Mr R Lacey - Athletics 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: Summer trials continue (Basketball, Cricket and Softball). Summer Tennis players will be bussed to Roseville to be graded for the Term 4 season.

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Father and Son Sports Day: On Thursday 3rd September we will hold our annual Father and Son Sports Day at Oxford Falls. We look forward to welcoming dads, grand-dads and male relations to this fantastic wider school community event. Arrival is 11.30am for 11.45am start time. A BBQ lunch will follow at 1.15pm. Students require normal PE clothes and will be active irrespective of their father’s participation. For planning and catering purposes, please return reply slips (sent with last newsletters) indicating your intention to attend and in what capacity. Thanks in advance to the mums who have volunteered to assist with feeding such a large, ravenous horde.

Football (Soccer): The Football Presentation Evening takes place on Wednesday 26th August (tonight) at 5.30pm in Sarto Centre. All players must attend and are to wear full College uniform.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Tennis
It was a lovely morning for tennis with spring-like conditions on Saturday. There were some great shots played and good results. Congratulations to all our junior teams.

This coming Saturday is the last for the Junior Competition with play offs and finals being played. We will be advised of the draw on Wednesday, so I will meet with the boys and let them know where we will be playing as soon as I know.

Thanks again to the wonderful parents who have stayed to watch their sons and share a coffee.

Mrs B Barrett

1. JOHN COUANI: PROFESSIONAL RENEWAL LEAVE
   Part 1 - Edmund Rice International

2. KYDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE: Parent Forums & Student Workshop

3. ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS: A course for parents and carers

4. KEEPING KIDS IN MIND: For parents experiencing conflict after separation

5. LIST OF DONORS FOR THE TRIVIA NIGHT

6. FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

7. GENERAL NOTICES
   
   Sacred Heart Catholic School – Golden Jubilee Celebration
   
   Student Exchange: Would you like to host an overseas student?
Desired Outcomes:
1. To gain an insight to the workings of the United Nations in Geneva and particularly of the work of Edmund Rice International
2. To explore human rights and social justice issues
3. To re-consider the St Pius X College Social Justice Program in relation to ERI and advocacy.
4. To support the Mission of the Christian Brothers in ERI
5. To gain insights as to how EREA schools in the Edmund Rice Network could assist the work of ERI.
6. To further develop personal relationships with the Christian Brothers within ERI and the network of other Catholic Services in NGO’s working in the UN such as the Franciscans International.

INTRODUCTION TO EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL

THE ROLE OF EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL
Edmund Rice International (ERI) is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) committed to working for children and young people who are marginalised because of poverty, lack of access to education, legal status, environmental degradation or involvement in armed conflict.

ERI works at the international level to promote and protect the rights of children and young people particularly in regard to education. Care for the environment is a value that is embedded in all that we do. Inspired by the vision and life of Blessed Edmund Rice, ERI believes that education in all its forms offers opportunities for the promotion of a rights-based and faith-based approach to social justice and ecological advocacy. ERI works in partnership with other faith-based groups in the promotion of peace and justice.

This work involves engagement with the change-makers at the international level in order to bring issues and situations to the attention of the international community at the United Nations in New York and Geneva to seek shared solutions about the issues affecting the lives of the most vulnerable people on the planet.

Public awareness is an important part of the social justice and ecological advocacy. Edmund Rice International also conducts a Volunteer and Intern Programme which provides an excellent opportunity for a person passionate about justice issues to engage in advocacy at the highest level.
ENGAGEMENT WITH UNITED NATIONS

During this time at Edmund Rice International, the following engagement took place on a range of issues as examples of the work of both the United Nations in general and of ERI.

Edmund Rice International in the United Nations, Geneva

In visiting Edmund Rice International, the wonderful hospitality and welcome from Br Peter Harney and Br Moy Hitchen is deeply appreciated. Br Brian Bond was away at the time of this visit having recently been to Australia and among many things, presenting to the EREA Principals’ conference on the topic of advocacy.

These Brothers work tirelessly on Human rights issues, working in conjunction with other Catholic agencies and with the aim of influencing major UN discussions, debates and decisions often working as advocates in these debates. Edmund Rice International works out of a small but dynamic office in conjunction with some other Catholic agencies such as Franciscans International.

During the course of this visit, there was a general familiarisation with ERI, the UN and we visited a number of side events as well as sitting in on some significant discussions regarding issues such as the impact of Transnational Corporations on climate change and human rights, Women’s Rights, the problems facing refugees.

LEARNINGS, CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

In consideration of the work of Edmund Rice International and the interaction with their work and the Brothers’ community, the following reflections are learnings, considerations and conclusions for discussion at St Pius X College with staff and students.
St Pius X College Educational programs

- Extend the students’ understanding of what the United Nations is and how it was developed and how it operates.
- Promote a clearer understanding of the United Nations “Declaration of Human Rights” along with Catholic Social Justice teaching.
- Consider ways that the Edmund Rice Society could more fully engage with relevant issues of human rights in social justice.
- Assist students in their understanding and appreciation of the language involved with human rights and social justice.
- Include the work of Edmund Rice International when introducing to the students the work of Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers in the world today.

Social Justice Programs

- Develop and publish a St Pius X College Social Justice Statement.
- This statement would include a clear, structured and systematic outline of what St Pius X College aspires towards in the area of Social Justice. It would also outline the activities of the College at a local, State, National and International level including Edmund Rice Beyond Borders.
- It would incorporate such aspects as:

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Student leadership and the Edmund Rice Society

The College student leaders are to be encourage to consider the portfolio of social justice and also in relation to the Edmund Rice Society at St Pius X College.
Their role would be to heighten awareness of social justice issues with the student body.
It would also be a consideration that some of the Year 12 Leadership Team could become United Nations Ambassadors on behalf of the College.
KYDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE
Parent Forums & Student Workshop

Monday August 3, 6.30pm Parent Forum: “Anxiety & Adolescence” is the headline topic for this parent forum. Our presenter for the evening is Sue Carlson, a psychologist who has worked as a school counselor and as a psychologist in private practice for three decades. Sue will focus on the ways anxiety can effect teenagers, and what actions parents can take. Presented by KYDS in conjunction with Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Pacific Highway, Gordon, NSW. Bookings to: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Wednesday August 5, 6.00pm Charity Film Premiere: “Last Cab to Darwin”, featuring Michael Caton, Mark Coles Smith and Jackie Weaver, tells the story of a taxi driver, and the people he meets, on an outback journey to end his days on his own terms. Charity film premiere at Roseville Cinema, in co-operation with the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai, supporting KYDS. Film Rating: M. For more info and tickets: www.rosevillecinemas.com.au

Monday September 14, 6.30pm Parent Forum: “Drugs and Alcohol - Pushing the Limits”. Discovering that your children are using alcohol and other drugs is amongst every parent's worst fears. At this parent forum, KYDS Counsellor Emily Evenhuis will lead discussion on current alcohol and drug issues and appropriate parental responses to the situation. Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon, NSW. Bookings to: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Tuesday September 29, 10am - 2pm Student Workshop: “Study Stress Buster Workshop” workshop for senior high school students -- all about maintaining concentration and focus during exams and study sessions, balanced with techniques to ensure a healthy lifestyle.

Tuesday October 20, 6.30pm Parent Forum: “On-line Gaming & the Internet: When to Unplug” presentation with Dr Philip Tam, followed by a structured q&a session. Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon, NSW. Bookings to: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For the absolute latest event updates, and KYDS News, just “Like” and “Follow” KYDS on Facebook: www.facebook.com/KYDSYouthDevelopmentService
ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™

A three-session program for parents and carers of teenagers

Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th November
6.30pm – 9.00pm
Naremburn Family Centre
40 Merremburn Avenue, Naremburn

Engaging Adolescents is a program ideally suited for parents of young people in Years 6 – 9 that aims to equip you with knowledge, skills and tips to assist everyone through the teenage years. It aims to strengthen bonds and find new ways to resolve problems.

“An end to the arguing and yelling”
“Simple, sane and effective”

Learn:
- Some common ground shared by parents and reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescence
- Ways to respond to different behaviours
- Self check-in
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

Who’s running it?
The trainers for this course are Nicola Hensler and Jacque Stone from CatholicCare. Both work at the Naremburn Family Centre within the Counselling and Family Support teams respectively. Between them, they have nearly 40 years’ experience working with young people and families in Sydney’s north.

They have a wide range of professional experience in the youth sector and are passionate about the benefits of early intervention and strengthening families.

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. To enquire or register for the course please contact us at:
naremburnfamilycentre@cdib.org.au
8425 8700
$60 per person
Course cost includes workbook, fridge magnet and supper.

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Diocese of Broken Bay
KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
For Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

Keeping Kids In Mind
A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

Naremburn

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation,
- develop greater understanding about how to support their children following family separation.

The course covers the following topics:
- Grief and Loss after Separation
- The Hidden World of Children
- Rebuilding Resilience
- Bridging the Gap
- Looking Back, Moving Forward

Dates:
Term 4 - 2015
27th October,
3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2015
(5 consecutive Tuesday evenings)

Venue:
Naremburn Family Centre
40 Merrimurn Avenue
Naremburn NSW 2085

Time:
6.00 – 8.30 pm

Cost:
$100
Certificate of Attendance is provided

Registration is Essential:
Please phone
Naremburn Family Centre
Ph: 8425 8700 to register.

Participants must register, participate in a pre-group interview and pay prior to attending the course.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced councillors, social workers, mediators and educators.
LIST OF DONORS FOR THE TRIVIA NIGHT

Individuals, families and businesses who made Trivia 2015 such a success:

- Anytime Fitness - Artarmon
- Aria Restaurant
- the Attard Family
- Banjo Paterson Cottage Restaurant
- Bangie's Dog Vacation
- Belrose Hotel
- Boilermaker Restaurant - QT Station
- The Bath Family
- Bunnings - Artarmon
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- Coffihouse Coffee Machine
- Canon Australia
- Captain Cook Cruises
- Chargrill Charlie's - Willoughby
- Chatswood Golf Club
- Chatham Photography
- CMC Markets
- Concourse - Chatswood
- Crunch Fitness
- David Young Associates Dental Practice, Chatswood
- EB Games - Chatswood
- Endota Spa
- Energise Gym - Belrose
- Entertainment Book
- Fruit Ezy - Chatswood
- The Garratt Family
- Good Guys - Artarmon
- Great Euro Circus
- Hanley Group
- Harvey Norman
- Healworks
- Helen Lamont Photography
- Vision - North Ryde
- The Wall Family
- Willoughby Hotel
- Willoughby Leisure Centre
- Woolworths - Frenchs Forest
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- Life's an Adventure
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- Miramar Gardens
- the Munich Family
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- Pandora Macquarie Centre
- The Parker Family
- Pinnacle Catering
- Plus Fitness – Artarmon
- Porters – Chatswood
- The Osslow Family
- Mr and Mrs Rolleston
- Roseville Golf Club
- Rydges Airport Hotel
- Serendipity Fair Trade Shop
- Skinsational - Bonia Park
- Soulful Fitness - Lane Cove
- St Pius Rugby Club
- St Pius Old Boys
- Sydney Fish Market - Seafood School
- Skyzone Terrazza @ the Concourse
- Thai Naan
- Terry Hills Tavern
- Theresabrun - Killarney Heights
- Thomson Street Tours - Sydney
- Markets
- Ubisoft
- The Vacher

In addition to all those listed, many donations of gifts and vouchers were made anonymously - our thanks to everyone who contributed to make the evening such a success for all our school clubs.

Please support the businesses that have supported your sons, when you 'book' or 'buy', let them know you're from St Pius and thank them for supporting our fundraising.
Well another season draws to a close - we had 10 teams competing in GFs last weekend and we came away with 4 ISA flags.

Congratulations to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} XI, 4\textsuperscript{th} XI, 16Bs \& 15As. 3 other team including the 1\textsuperscript{st} XI, went down in penalty shootouts after extra-time.

All teams put up a great effort and St Pius can be rightly proud of their boys in 2015.

The \textbf{Year in Review} digital publication is being finalised and will be published and a link circulated later this week or early next.

The committee wishes to thank all those parents who have contributed with photos over the season and we hope you have enjoyed the weekly highlights in our Results Round-up - past issue are still available on the website.

\textbf{A special thanks to Danny John for producing the publication each week.} All the photos sent in throughout the year will be put up on the Football webpages in coming weeks.

The committee will be preparing plans for the 2016 season in coming weeks so we invite interested parent to join us at our next committee meeting and think about joining or contributing in some way. We have some parents who will be retiring from the committee and always seek fresh faces and ideas.

See our webpages for News, Calendars and Photos: \url{www.pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/sports/football/football-news}

\textit{Rodger Paino}
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