From the Principal

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

We are grateful for their courage, their sacrifice and for the peace and freedom we have in our nation because of them. We pray that we who remain will learn from their example of faithfulness and endurance.

Please comfort those who mourn.

Thank You, Lord, for the peace and joy that we can find through faith in Christ.

May we come to know You and the everlasting life You offer to those who will receive it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST PIUS X COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AGM

The P&F AGM was held on Monday evening in the Sarto Centre with an enthusiastic group of dedicated parents and friends of the College in attendance. The Association especially recognized the sterling efforts of Mrs Christine Pedersen who, while seeing her sons Julian and Matthew through to the HSC, has supported the College as a mainstay of the P & F throughout. Similarly we thank Mrs Jill Shadbolt who, after parenting her sons through the College, concludes her time as PAPA (Performing Arts and Parents Association) President this year. We look forward to celebrating with both at the Year 12 Formal this Friday night.

Mr John Couani gave a very informative Principal’s Report including information on upcoming building works and the Scholarship Program and Mr Sean Brannan shared insights into the recent ‘Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders’ Conference in South Africa. Thanks also to the Sporting Club representatives who gave a summary on each Club.

With Mr Couani acting as the Returning Officer the elections were conducted in accordance with the P&F Constitution. In thanking the 2015 Executive we recognise their valuable contributions with most members standing again through the nomination, election and acceptance of positions for 2016 as follows:

President - Mr Paul Hunt;  Vice President - Mr Tom Davie;  Treasurer - Mr Mariano Rossetto;  Secretary - Mr Steve Johnson;  Social Coordinator - Ms Braelen Zwart

These office bearers were elected unopposed and will be supported by a range of sub committees and we welcome the inclusion of new members and expressions of interests from parents both established and new to the College.

A link to the minutes from the AGM will be included in next week’s Woodchatta.
From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

Our Remembrance Day ceremony today was a most respectful and reverent service embraced by all in attendance and especially our young men of the College who captured the importance of the occasion. We gathered in our College gym to remember the fallen, not only those killed in both World Wars but for the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts.

Our opening prayer was led by our College Captain, Liam Houlihan, with Mr Auer and Ms Martin sharing scriptural and literary readings respectively. On behalf of the College two Year 5 boys, Isaac Jee and Harrison Pierides, brought forward the wreath to our Sacred Space to remember all who have died in War, as our Senior Choir sang “Abide With Me”.

The playing of The Last Post and Reveille by Liam Kivijian (Year 11) was a powerful moment as we observed a minute’s silence before Jack Maclaine of Year 10 delivered “The Ode”. We were also very fortunate to have received over 500 knitted poppies from Ms Manga’s mother’s Church Group, which were worn proudly by our staff and Junior School students. A big thank you to Ms Bates and the Senior Choir, along with all our readers and flag bearer, who ensured such a special service on this very significant day.

Our Seniors spent yesterday at the Broken Bay Year 12 Event (BBYTE) that we hosted at Oxford Falls, and were joined by the young ladies from Mercy College, Chatswood. Bishop Comensoli spoke to the gathering about the power and importance of love and relationships in our lives. The presenters followed this theme, dispelling certain myths about relationships and love between teenagers. The day really helped our young people reflect on the important relationships they have in life with family, friends and their God. It also was a great day for the Senior students of St Pius and Mercy College to mix and speak together about this important development in their lives.

The Community Involvement Program for our Year 10 and 11 students sees our young men do a range of activities as they work with the marginalised in our society. One outstanding effort was the work of Jonathan Williams of Year 11 who raised, on his own, $950 for Christ the King Parish School in Loei, North Thailand. His family visited this very poor mountain village last January while holidaying in Thailand. Struck by the poverty in the village, they asked if they could do anything to help. The Parish School was trying to build some simple shelter for their students. Jonathan then went about raising money through selling chocolates and cakes around the school and even did fund raising at his 16th birthday.

Father Paolo wrote to Jonathan saying: “Thank you for your support. You manifested to be a mature young man, without selfishness. Your donations are very precious in helping us complete the building for our youth. You are an instrument of divine providence for us. May God bless you”!

Throughout this month, our College Remembrance Book remains in our foyer for our St Pius community to include the names of loved ones who have passed away and who will all be remembered in our prayers throughout November. Please feel free to add names or forward to me at mcasey@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au names of loved ones to be include for these intentions.

Just a reminder that Morning Prayer is held each Friday morning at 8.10am in LC2,. Morning Prayer will continue to pray for all of the holy souls in this month of remembrance. This Friday in particular, we will remember all those who have fallen in war.

Mr M Casey
From the Head of Student Services

**2015 STUDENT ATTENDANCE ROLLS**

Please note that all notes from parents explaining student absences are required to be returned to the Attendance Roll Office via Homeroom Staff by Friday 4th December 2015. Explanation notes can be written from parents, annotated on return sheets from the Attendance Roll Office, or securely accessed and resolved from the Parent Portal where details of absences can be checked by parents.

Return explanation notes need to include student name, homeroom, dates of absence, reason for absence, and be verifiable from the parent / guardian. Normally notes should be brought to school the day after any student absence however at this stage of the year we request that all absences are checked and resolved ASAP.

Thank you parents for your cooperation in this important administrative manner, which is a legislated educational requirement.

Mr S Brannan

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Your P&F In Action!

**Invitation**

**YEAR 10 PARENTS SOCIAL NIGHT - Friday 20 November**

Mums and Dads of Year 10 boys, it’s time to catch up! Come along to the Willoughby Hotel for drinks and snacks from 7.00pm on Friday 20 November. Please find your invitation [here](#). Please RSVP to Tanya at tanyac@tilearte.com.au by 16 November.

Nadine Robson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

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MindMatters for Families

**BUDDIES BEACH WALK**

Our final activity in the Mentors/Mentees program for 2015 will be a “Buddies Beach Walk” from Long Reef to Dee Why Surf Club on Friday 20 November following the Founder’s Day Festival at Oxford Falls. A letter was given to all boys involved in the Buddies Program last week. Can you please send in the permission slip to Mr Russo by this Friday 13 November.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

**‘PARENTING TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE THROUGH THE LAST YEARS OF SCHOOL’**

This on-line course is aimed at parents who have students sitting HSC 2016. Whether you are a new parent to this stage of life or one facing a whole new set of challenges, this course will provide you with practical strategies, techniques and tools to be pro-active and positive in parenting your school leaver. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for more information.

Ms J McCarthy – College Counsellor

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From the Language Department

**LANGUAGES AT SYDNEY: GO GLOBAL**

26 February 2016: Save the date for an exciting new initiative of the University of Sydney’s School of Languages and Cultures. Whether students are continuing or want to learn a language from scratch, this event will give them a taste of the programs and languages that the University has to offer.

Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for more information.

Ms K Manga – Teacher in Charge LOTE

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From the Art Department

**CREATIVE SHORT COURSES FOR TEENAGERS AND ADULTS**

The National Art School is an accredited higher education provider, endorsed by the NSW Department of Education and Arts. They offer tailored short courses for teenagers and adults in a creative and engaging studio environment. Taught by professional practicing artists in their beautiful sandstone Darlinghurst campus, the short courses equip students with the skills and confidence to develop their own unique visual language and create original artworks.

Choose from the Summer School courses in drawing, ceramics, painting, printmaking, photography and sculpture.

For full details and booking information please visit [nas.edu.au](http://nas.edu.au) or call 9339 8633 between 9am-5pm on weekdays or email [shortcourses@nas.edu.au](mailto:shortcourses@nas.edu.au)

Mr M Anderson – Visual Arts Coordinator
**Performing Arts News**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Thank you to the Senior Choir, Ms Stephanie Gan and Liam Kivijian (Year 11) for their important and reverent contributions to this ceremony which was held today.

**SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE/COLLEGE ORCHESTRA WORKSHOPS:** On Sunday these students gave up part of their weekend not only to rehearse and prepare repertoire for the upcoming Twilight Concert but to also read through and workshop potential pieces for 2016. It was a tiring and demanding 4 hours and all students are to be commended for their resilience and willingness to tackle new and demanding works.

**PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER:** The Senior Jazz Band will providing music for this Dinner which will be held Friday week, 20th November in the College gym. A note has been sent home with all the details. Further information regarding the dinner can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

**TWILIGHT CONCERT:** The final concert for the year is on Friday 27th November, commencing at 5.00pm in the Junior School playground. All ensembles will be performing, including the Drama Ensemble. Additionally, there is a special combined Orchestra/Senior Concert Band/Senior and Junior Choirs item, as well as traditional Christmas carols to finish the night. We will be experimenting with a new configuration for presenting the concert, which we are hoping will limit the number of “set-ups” during the night. The Performing Arts Parents Association will be manning the barbecues and there will be a Christmas raffle. Please join us to celebrate the end of another satisfying and busy year for Performing Arts at St Pius.

**AMEB RESULTS:** Congratulations to the following students and their tutors Ms Stella Waddington (piano) and Mr David Sismey (brass) for these excellent results in recent examinations:

- **Piano:** Year 8: Adrian Joson Grade 5 Credit, Jonathan Ling Grade 3 Honours, Daniel Mooney Grade 3 Honours, Oliver Tysoe Grade 3 Credit; Year 9: Matthew Gardiner Grade 4 Honours.

- **Brass:** Year 6: Joshua Gomez Trumpet Grade 2 Satisfactory, Matthew Kachel Trumpet Grade 2 Honours, James Scaille Trumpet Grade 3 High Distinction; Year 7: Laurence Sheehan Trumpet Grade 2 Satisfactory, Benjamin Taylor Trumpet Grade 3 Credit; Year 8: Xavier Dimos Euphonium Grade 4 Honours; Year 9: Ronan Apcar Trumpet Grade 5 High Distinction; Year 10: Sean Gomez Trumpet Grade 4 Credit.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

**Kokoda 2016**

**FIRST PRACTICE HIKE SUCCESS**

Sunday presented as an overcast, shadowy, cool day; just perfect for hiking! A number of Kokoda hopefuls tested themselves against the challenges of the elements with a hike from Brooklyn to Cowan via the Jerusalem Bay Track to assess their personal levels of fitness and to gauge the degree of training ahead of them. All survived but most with aching muscles and with big plans for the personal training ahead of them.

The Kokoda 2016 Expedition is timetabled for the 24th – 3rd of July 2016 and is open to parents and sons that will be in year 9-11 in 2016. Regular training hikes will be organised as we lead up to the departure date. It is not too late to join this experience. If you are interested please forward an email to myself or Mr S. Brannan. The next planned hike will be in early January 2016. Details to follow.

Mr P de Silva – Outdoor Education Coordinator

**Years 6, 8 and 10 - PLD Retirements**

Parents and students in these year groups should be aware that PLDs in these year groups retire at the end of this year. Part of this process is the reimaging of devices by our ICT Help Desk. Specific arrangements will be advised shortly. This is a good time to ensure that all files are “backed up” in preparation for transfer to a new device.

The College is currently finalising arrangement for the renewal of these programs in 2016.

Mr A Ballesty, Business Manager and Mr J Hodges, eLearning Coordinator

**Careers News**


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Homework Help

***Homework Help has a new home until the end of the year***

Due to the upcoming renovations and closure of the senior library block, the Homework Help program has relocated to:

- Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons - Junior School Library, and
- Thursday afternoons - top of A Wing.

Homework Help is held every Tuesday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.00pm. 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

Revised Term Dates for 2016

Please see Woodchatta Extras for the revised Term Dates for 2016.

The School Opal Card: Fact Sheet

As outlined in last week’s Woodchatta, the School Opal Card will be introduced for 2016. Please see the Fact Sheet in Woodchatta Extras for further information.

Ms R Gaston

Junior School News

WILLOUGHBY YEAR 5 SHORT STORY WINNERS AND BOOK LAUNCH.

Congratulations to the four students who had their short stories or artwork published in the ‘Magic Corridors’ book organised Willoughby Council. The boys were winners in the competition and went to the book launch yesterday. They are Angus Stewart, Braith Boccanuso, Alex Vaccher and Ethan Griffin. Thankyou to Mrs Stewart for collecting Ethan, Braith and Angus from the swimming program and Mrs Vaccher for transporting Alex. Also as I was busy at the Swimming Pool, thankyou to Mr Russo for attending the presentation. I will let our newest authors and illustrators tell you about the book launch experience.

“The book launch took place at 1.30 pm at the Chatswood Library in the Concourse. It was a massive honour to be chosen to be published in the book which is entitled, “Magic Corridors” and is going to be available in all libraries throughout Willoughby which also means the Junior School library here at Pius. There were lots of other schools and the mayor did a speech about the local wildlife and one fact she mentioned was that a whale was spotted this year near Roseville Bridge after they published the book about storm water pollution. She said that they are hoping to get back spotted quolls in the Willoughby corridors this year.

At St Pius we wrote about the Pacific Baza which is a small bird of prey found in the Willoughby area. We received a toy quoll, a certificate and a few copies of the ‘Magic Corridors’ book.

We really appreciate Willoughby Council for putting this book together, the teachers and parents for their support and Mr Russo.”

Angus, Braith, Alex and Ethan
ORIENTATION DAY THANK YOU
As stated in Woodchatta we had a wonderful orientation morning on Saturday 31st October and we were most ably supported by Mrs Madeleine Cheah, Mr Tom Davie, Mrs Cathy Dixon and Mrs Elizabeth Griffin. Thank you for your support. The parents stayed around and had a great chat after all the talking - they certainly were a social bunch.

Our current Year 6 boys had a 2016 Year 7 Orientation Day last Wednesday with the new students for next year where they did some testing and other orientation activities. They also received an orientation booklet which I hope made it home to the parents. If you didn’t receive it please ask your son.

AQUATIC PROGRAM
We had a shaky start to our Aquatic Program with Year 5 going to the pool and Year 6 having to go to Oxford Falls instead of the beach. As it is an outside pool, I would recommend a rash shirt for Year 5; however, we do have sunscreen available.

DATE TO KEEP FREE: THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER
Our Junior School Prize Giving Day will take place at 12 noon on Thursday 3rd December at Oxford Falls.  

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Uniform Shop
TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 2.00PM DURING SCHOOL TERM
The Uniform Shop will close on 2 December 2015 and will be open again on Thursday 22 & Friday 23 January 9am to 2pm

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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@stpiux.nsw.edu.au.

The new College Rain Jacket will be available from late March 2016. Pre ordering is now extended until Wednesday 18 November - payment not required until the jackets arrive in 2016.

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

Blazer Buttons are available from shop $2.00 each.


Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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Senior School Sport

SPX RUGBY CLUB AGM: The St Pius X College Rugby Club will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING this Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm in the Sarto Centre. All Rugby Club positions will become available. If you want to discuss how you can contribute, please call Rosemary Murphy on 0411644308.

CRICKET

ISA Round 4 – Saturday 7 November 2015


2nd XI 9/123 (J Unwin 46, A Brislan 26*) in 50 overs defeated by Central Coast Grammar School 5/124 (L Williams 1/7, M Hall 1/7) in 40.1 overs.

T20 – SPX v SPC. This Monday afternoon the 1st XI will play SPC in a T20 match at Oxford Falls. Once again this provides an excellent opportunity to foster the relationship between our two EREA schools prior to the Christian Brothers Cricket Week (Queensland Tour – January 2016).

Twitter. Catch all the latest SPX Cricket news @SPXCricket

NSTA TENNIS

News #6: Round 5 was a great success for all our ‘home’ games in the Div. 9-15 from 8am; with SPX 19, 21, 23 enjoying straight set victories. Some solid serving and ACES were spied on Courts 1 and 8 (from SPX 19 and 16) and some tricky lobs were needed from SPX 17 to overcome the solid net play from SPX 16 team members. Congratulations also to SPX 5, 24 for their wins ‘away’ against Redlands and SPX 18 over Barker last weekend.

SPX 13 won the Lucky Ball Prize, with a Tennis Foam Stress Ball and Emoji Dampeners being the prizes of choice this week!

In the 10 am – Div. 1-8 session, Redlands 3 and 6 and Match Point 4 were successful in their matches against Pius, with some tight games in the mix. SPX 4, 6, 13, 15 were all successful in this Round. Spectators commented on the entertaining matches, with really close games – sometimes under pressure given the Play-offs and Final next Saturday.

The Draw for the Playoffs and Finals (as a one day event) has been communicated via NSTA. Please ensure that all your Team is ready for play – with your correct uniform (including SPX Caps and white socks!) and if there are any problems please communicate that clearly and quickly to your coach this week.

A special congratulations to Sam Fong & Thomas Wong of Year 8, they have been trialling for the Sydney APIA Tennis Ball Boy Squad for January 2016 and after two trials & studying their 30 page training guide, they are excited to be in the Squad. Keep your eyes peeled in January for some Pius precision at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre. Well done, Sam and Tom!

Ms S-J Grove - Convenor

Mr D Reay - Convenor

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BASKETBALL

The A teams had a good day at St Patrick’s with two wins and two loses by only two points. The 15As went down in overtime and the 14As just missed out on a win also. The Firsts struggled to find their touch at St Patrick’s and the home court advantage made a difference in a hard fought match that went down to the final minutes. A positive is that we stayed close despite not playing our best. One overall negative was that some of our players in each team, gave away fouls out of frustration which only penalised us rather than anyone else. Discipline is a key to winning tough matches, regardless of any referees decision.

We had a great day at Oxford Falls with many good wins and only two loses. The 17E team are slowly but surely edging their way towards their first win for the season. ‘Fingers crossed’, maybe this week.

Game of the day: 17As hung on to a slim lead to knock over St Patrick’s 17As at St Patrick’s.

Play of the day: Daniel Markovtzev (17As) grabs a crucial rebound and scores 2 points to clinch a win.


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Mr N Gibson - 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:** Swim Program continues (see below). Boys must be collected by 2.15pm outside the Macquarie Uni Pool (Year 5) or at Dee Why Surf Club (Year 6). Otherwise, they will be transported to school as per normal arrangements.

**Term 4 Swim Program:** Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions we had to cancel our first surf skills session for Year 6 at Dee Why beach. We will complete the program over the next 3 weeks. Year 5 continue their pool-based program at Macquarie Uni Aquatic Centre. All details including a detailed information letter can be found under Jnr Swimming on the College website: [http://bit.ly/1uGgCM0](http://bit.ly/1uGgCM0)

**Swim Squad:** The Squad complete their season with the St Patrick’s Invitational this Friday 13th Nov. We wish them the best of luck.

**Basketball:** The season concludes with Rd 12 this Saturday. Good luck to all players and well done on an excellent year.

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**Softball - Round 5 Report:** Unfortunately due to the inclement weather the game was cancelled. Next week is our last game of the round at Oxford Falls.

**Softball - Round 6 – Saturday 14/11/15**

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Mrs J Williams - Convenor

1. O.L.D. PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER – FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
2. REVISED TERM DATES FOR 2016
3. LANGUAGES AT SYDNEY UNI: GO GLOBAL
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5. THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD – FACT SHEET
6. CRICKET MATCH REPORTS
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   Holy Family Catholic Primary School Lindfield – 2015 Christmas Market
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH – THANKSGIVING DINNER

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH, CHATSWOOD

Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday - 20 November 2015
7:00pm

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS AND SPONSORS

On Friday 20 November, Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood are holding a Parish Thanksgiving Dinner to raise funds for Social Justice initiatives and World Youth Day 2016.
The night will be fun and include raffles and silent auctions.
We are seeking sponsors and donations large and small.

DONATIONS

Would you be able to donate a prize?
Would you like to contribute to one of the hampers for the evening?

Please send along any donations either to Our Lady of Dolours Parish Office or to the student office at St Paul X College.

ALL TOO HARD?

What about putting $500 in an envelope, marking:
Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Thanksgiving Thanksgiving
and dropping it into the Parish Office and let us do the shopping for hamper goods on your behalf.
For further information, please contact
Pauline Lemini 9419 6223 or
Carla Gogler 9419 1561 or
email of tranchdistino@optusnet.com.au or
cogler@cigansnet.com.au

Picnic Items
Games, Toys, DVDs

Christmas Fare
Specialty Foods

Gardening and eco-friendly items
## REVISED TERM DATES FOR 2016

**Term 1** – 11 weeks duration

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<td>All students return</td>
<td>Thursday 28 January</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday</td>
<td>Wednesday 10 February</td>
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<td>Good Friday – Easter Monday, vacation period</td>
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<td>Thursday 7 April</td>
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<td>Staff Day</td>
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- **2 weeks and 3 days’ vacation for students** -

**Term 2** – 9 weeks duration

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<td>Staff Development Day</td>
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<td>Queen’s Birthday</td>
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<td>Staff Spirituality Day</td>
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- **3 weeks and 2 days’ vacation for students** -

**Term 3** – 10 weeks duration

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<td>St Pius X Patron’s Holiday</td>
<td>Monday 29 August</td>
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- **2 weeks and 1 day vacation for students** -

**Term 4** – 9/10 students/staff weeks’ duration

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<td>Tuesday 11 October</td>
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<td>Staff Days</td>
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<td>Staff Liturgy &amp; Luncheon</td>
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- **Christmas vacation** -
Languages at Sydney: Go Global
Save the Date! Register by 15 November

Languages at Sydney: Go Global is for:
Year 12 languages students (IB, HSC, Open High School)
Any Year 12 students interested in languages at university
Year 11 languages students (subject to availability)
Year 11 and 12 languages teachers & careers counsellors

Languages:
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Modern and Classical Hebrew
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Modern Greek
- Sanskrit
- Spanish

Activities:
- Language-specific immersion
- Introduction to languages at SLC
- Career opportunities for languages students
- Afternoon tea
- Discussions with university languages students

When
26 February
1.30pm-4.30pm

Where
The University of Sydney

More information
Contact us
languages.admin@sydney.edu.au

Register Online
sydney.edu.au/arts/sls/news_events/events_events.html
MindMatters for Families

Parenting to Survive and Thrive Through The Last Year of School

We aim to instil a positive mindset that The Future is Bright and it is a world of possibilities!

Is this the first time you have had a child entering the last year of school... or yet another round of the final years with a very different child and very different issues?

Whether you are a "newbie" parent to this stage of life or one facing a whole new set of challenges, this course will provide you with practical strategies, techniques and tools.

Our course is designed to help you to keep your sanity during the final year of your child’s schooling, but also to help you be proactive and positive in parenting your school leaver.

Week 1
Keeping it all in perspective and being a realistic parent
Developing your support and advice network
Knowing when to get involved and when to stand back

Week 2
Developing a plan to do for the final year
Coaching to maintain a balanced life
Managing distractions

Week 3
Parenting as facilitator and coach
Managing stress and your child’s issues
Creating Doughnut Moments
Transitioning to be a parent of an adult

Week 4
Effective support and advice – what does this look like?
Mental health indicators and when to act
The impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement

THE RESILIENCE DOUGHNUT PARENTING COURSES

WHEN: November 2015 (4 weeks)
WHERE: Online, in the comfort of your own home
COST: $220 AUD (inc. GST)
FOR MORE DETAILS
VISIT: www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au
PHL: +61 408164786

OCCURS: The Resilience Doughnut gives you ways of ensuring parents want their kids to be able to:
- understand the challenges that lie ahead
- grow personally as a result of difficulties
- contribute significantly to the society they live in.
Transport for NSW

**Fact Sheet:** The School Opal Card

**Who's Eligible?**
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.6km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

**Who needs to apply?**
Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

**How to apply**
1. Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
2. Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
3. The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing.

Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel:
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
Seconds Cricket

The 2nd X1 went down to their first defeat of the season – the first in four matches – as Central Coast Grammar proved to be a beachhead too far for the St Pius team. In a tight, tense but nonetheless enjoyable match, the top of the table clash between SPX in first spot and Grammar in second lived up to its billing as both teams slugged it out to experience highs and lows throughout the contest.

With the game having been moved from turf to artificial because of the rain that had soaked the Central Coast during the week, SPX won the toss and chose to bat on a smaller field to the main venue under initially sunny though humid conditions.

Accurate and canny bowling from Coast’s openers made it hard going for openers Joe Unwin and Alex Graffeo but once they got through the first ten overs, the captain really picked up the pace. With Graffeo playing an anchor role, Joe enjoyed a welcome return to form, choosing to hit out over the inner ring in which Coast kept all their fielders and soon moved the score to 50.

But with the pair notching up their first half century partnership of the season, Alex was bowled, leaving Joe to pick up the pace again with Dom Easy. However, both were back in the pavilion within nine more runs as first Dom fell to a catch behind and Joe holed out to cover just four short of what would have been a well-deserved maiden 50 of the season.

With the momentum back with the Coast bowlers, Pius slumped from 0-50 to 6-66 in the 29th over as Brendan Plummer, Liahm Williams and James Brown couldn’t repeat their combined 140-run heroics of the previous week, all falling cheaply.

Facing the real threat of being bowled out with plenty of overs left to play, it fell to the late order to put some steel into the line-up and more runs on the board – which is exactly what keeper Tim Robertson, Sam John, Matt Hall, Alex Brislan and Justin Porter did. Robertson and John dug in for 13 overs and while they only put on 19 runs over that period, they stopped the slide, frustrating the Coast bowlers with solid defence and sharp running between the wickets to keep the board ticking over.

John was out caught behind in the 42nd over for four off 40 balls and Robertson’s brave and determined innings in which he faced 62 balls for his 16 came to an end at 8-94. That, though, brought in Alex Brislan who was in no mood to be contained or bullied by the Coast bowlers and playing a controlled, intelligent and aggressive innings saw the score first to 100 and then over 120.

Ably supported by Matt Hall (5) and Justin Porter, Brislan scored at more than a run a ball as he carved two sixes and a four from 21 balls and then scampered between the wickets to record only the second three of the total to see Pius home to 9-123 off 50 overs. Brislan’s excellent contribution of 26 not out gave Pius hope and a chance of victory over a well-organised Coast side which SPX’s opening attack of Dom Easy and Liahm Williams did well to break through by having the home team 1-5 in the first two overs.

Williams, in particular, was back on song with the ball after his excellent batting of the week before, taking the first wicket and giving away just seven runs in his five over spell. Unwin and Easy then capitalised on a dreadful mix-up in the middle to smartly run out Cooney with the score on 27 in the 11th over and when Matt Hall removed Cooney, comfortably taken by Robertson, SPX were in with a real chance at 3-39.

With Brislan, Hall and John keeping it tight, James Brown then entered the attack and in a beguiling and impressive spell of spin bowling that saw him take 1-28 off ten straight overs, the right-armer did to Coast what they had done to SPX in their innings. Coast crawled their way to 4-66 off 29 after McLeod holed out to Easy at square leg off Brown and when Sam John held onto a skier with an excellent running catch on the on-side boundary to give Justin Porter a wicket, St Pius snuffed victory at 5-81.
But despite the spin twins testing and probing, they were unable to make any further breakthroughs and ruing a couple of dropped catches and chances, SPX went down in the 41st over as Coast overhauled the small target with five wickets to spare. It also left SPX wondering what might have been if they had put another 30 runs on the board as the rain came down hard shortly after the match had ended. But it wasn’t to be.

Mr Danny John, Ass. Coach

SPX U14 Red – 7/11/15, Round 6
SPX Red 8/129 (J Harper 27*, H Hargreaves 26*) defeated Mosman Charges 8/110 (H Clayton 2/4, J Harper 2/8)

It became apparent early on Saturday morning that the rain dance performed the previous evening had not been affective, so we packed our bags and headed up M1 to Brooklyn.

The oval was small, the outfield could have done with a good mow and the ever present threat of rain was going to make for an interesting game. We lost the toss and were sent into bat, so really we won the toss. With a very slow outfield and some frustrating bowling runs were hard to come by at the beginning of the innings. We lost some early wickets out of pure frustration and at drinks we were 4/59. After the break the boys settled somewhat and with patient batting and great running between the wicket we ended up with a score of 8/129.

Mosman began their innings and things were very even after 16 overs (2/54). The SPX boys dug deep, as the skies opened up with some great fielding and bowling efforts. The longer the game went the more Mosman struggled to get runs. With a slippery wet ball and soggy outfield the boys never gave up and kept Mosman to a score of 8/110.

A great win under very trying circumstances. Well done boys.
GENERAL NOTICES

**Beauchamp Park Recreational Program**

Beauchamp Park Recreational Program is located in Beauchamp Park Pavilion, Nicholson Street, Chatswood.

The program will operate during NSW gazetted school holidays and will offer a fun, recreational program for children aged 11 - 14 years. The program will include exciting excursions every week and fun in-centre activities.

Government subsidies are available to eligible families.

**Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Lindfield**

Welcomes You To Their

**2015 CHRISTMAS MARKET**

19 November 2015 – 1.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Holy Family School Hall

Highfield Road, Lindfield

Fine food tastings and a variety of beautiful gifts for the whole family including

- homewares, fashion, jewellery and handcrafts.

We would love to see you there.