From the Principal

PRAYER: Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the prayer for the Year of Mercy, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, “with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.”

WELCOME TO ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

With the Touchstone “Inclusive Community” as our theme for 2016 it was wonderful welcoming our new students and staff to the College this week. In this edition of Woodchatta are some wonderful first day snaps. At our Monday assembly this week, new students were welcomed to the College at our Assembly by College Captain Liam Hoolihan and the entire school community.

We pray for a great year ahead.
WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
We welcome staff new to the College. We have a dynamic and experienced team of educators at the College and we welcome them to our community.

The College congratulates Mr Coombs who has accepted the position of Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator at St Patrick’s College Campbelltown. Mr Coombs will leave us at the end of Week 4 of this term. We will welcome Mrs Sarah Fernando who will commence in Week 5. Mrs Fernando is an experienced Drama teacher and is currently on staff at Caroline Chisholm Catholic High School at Glenmore Park.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNVALS

Purton House wins the Senior Swimming Carnival!

We had a very closely contested Senior School swimming carnival on Tuesday. Congratulations to Purton House and their Captain, Max McGree on their first victory for 2016.

STOP PRESS: PURTON WINS THE JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Purton won the Junior School swimming carnival by 12 points, ahead of Barron who were leading until Purton dominated the relays. A great day!

More details will be available in next week’s Woodchatta.

OPENING MASS – Tuesday 9 February
The College will celebrate the opening of the school year at Mass in Our Lady of Dolours Parish Church on Tuesday 9 February at 10.00am. As we are such a large number of students and staff there is extremely limited space for parents and visitors. Please know that all are welcome but it is extremely tight for space.

P & F COMMENCEMENT MASS – SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY
We have a special P&F Mass on Saturday 13 February and all families are invited to join. Please see the invitation in the P&F section of this newsletter.

Mr John Couani
From the Deputy Principal Mission and Identity

I would like to extend a welcome to all our new families to the college and wish your sons many enjoyable and successful years at St Pius X College. I too am new but I have already begun to experience true St Pius X hospitality from both staff and students. Starting a new year or a new school is a wonderful opportunity to begin afresh and renew our commitment to our college community.

One of the most significant aspects of our college is that it is an Edmund Rice School. In the course of the year, I will be quoting from a document called ‘The Charter’. This publication is from the Governing Body of Christian Brothers Schools: Edmund Rice Education Australia or EREA as it is commonly referred to. The charter outlines the four areas or ‘touchstones’ of a Catholic education that EREA schools strive to develop. They are: a Liberating Education, based on a Gospel Spirituality, within an Inclusive Community committed to Justice and Solidarity.

Already I have been so impressed by the generosity of our families. At the end of last year, I was fortunate to see some of the donations for St Mary’s School Bowraville, St Joseph’s School, Walgett, Eddie Rice Camps, Matthew Talbot Hostel for Homeless Men and the St Vincent’s de Paul Christmas Appeal. These have already been distributed to those in need. Mark Casey delivered the presents directly to Bowraville and commented on the excitement and gratitude expressed by the staff and students of St Mary’s School. This partnership is evidence of the social justice significance that our college places on working for and with communities and organisations assisting those in need.

In this Year of Mercy, 2016 at St Pius X College is dedicated to the touchstone ‘inclusive community’. We will be further developing this theme across all areas of the college and I look forward to meeting you at the various academic and social college events.

Mrs D Dempsey

From the Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 Academic Year.

In the year of ‘Inclusive Community’ we will endeavour to continue to provide a student centred learning environment where all students can be challenged and provided opportunity to grow.

We will also continue to build on last year’s theme of ‘Liberating Education’ and to further develop our students’ ability to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. This will enable them to make a difference in our society and be true to the mission of Blessed Edmund Rice.

THE PORTAL

The College Portal allows parents to keep up to date with their son’s learning and have access to assessment calendars and notifications as well as an array of additional information and forms. It also allows you to manage notification of your son’s absence from school.

New parents will soon be emailed details of how they can access the College Portal.

Parents who had a child at the college last year, your user name and password will remain the same. If you are experiencing difficulty in accessing the Portal, please email Ms Leonie Millar lmillar@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

ASSESSMENT HANDBOOKS

Assessment handbooks for Years 7 to 11 will be posted to the Portal early next week. They will appear on the respective Year Page.

I wish your son well for his academic endeavours for 2016 and please do not hesitate to contact me if issues arise.

Mr A Damo
From the Head of Staff Services

Welcome to our New Staff to the College in 2016.

Each year we welcome new staff members to the College for 2016. This year a range of roles are being filled by these new colleagues. At the new staff orientation day held prior to the commencement of the school term, it was great to have a sense of the range and depth of experience that these new staff members offer us at the College this year. It was also wonderful to hear from them as to their excitement about working here, having heard such positive messages about our Pius community that they have now joined.

Mrs Donna Dempsey joins the College community as our Assistant Principal leading our Mission and Identity and will be teaching with colleagues in the Religious Education Department.

In our Junior School we welcome Mrs Deb Cummins and Mr Paul Cummins as Year 6 class teachers.

Ms Judy Gill continues her work as one of the College Counsellors and Ms Marilyn McHugh will be known to many parents as our College Attendance Officer and managing Book Hire.

We have a number of teachers joining us in the Senior School:

- Mr David Spies joins the Economics, Business, Commerce and Geography Department
- Dr Samantha Frappell and Mr Jack Kovacic join our History and Legal Studies Department
- Mr Benn McBrearty joins the PDHPE Department
- Ms Felicity Whelan and Ms Jessie Tu are working in the Performing Arts Department and Ms Sarah Fernando will also soon join us as our new Drama Teacher.
- Mr Justin Donnelly joins the Science Department.

I believe that our parent community works hard to support our endeavours as staff across all sections of the College, and I am sure you look forward to meeting these staff and join me in our best wishes as they continue their careers here at St Pius X College.

Ms S-J Grove

From the Head of Student Services

A warm welcome to all and particularly new students and families to the 2016 St Pius X College community.

In gearing up for a successful 2016 school year, families are reminded that school connections and attendance are central to student success and wellbeing. To this end NSW BOSTES (formerly the Board of Studies) emphasise the role of parents in ensuring attendance and communication with the school. If your son is absent for any reason please communicate this and provide explanation for the absence at your earliest opportunity by any of the following means:

1. Ringing the attendance line: 9414 4377
2. Emailing The Attendance Roll Manager: studentmanagement@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
4. Providing a written/printed note explaining the absence on the next available opportunity.

Communications should be

- addressed to the College staff,
- include the student’s full name,
- date/s of absence,
- student’s year / class group,
- reason for absence,
- likely return date,
- signatory’s details,
- relationship to the student
- include return contact details.

As per 2015 BOSTES directives, absences for vacations during school time are discouraged. Parents are asked to provide early notice of any leave request so that the Principal can consider effects on student academic progress and situations where dispensation may be appropriate.
After our Year 9 and Religious Education Faculty inspired 2015 student collection and compilation of more than 50 boxes of food and material, the St Anthony in the Fields Terrey Hills Church of the Frenchs Forest Parish were ecstatic to be able to receive the hampers at their annual Christmas Hamper Mass in December. Brothers James Habib (Year 10) and Daniel Habib (Year 8) delivered the hampers to the St Anthony’s Hamper Mass. From which Isaac Ballely and James Spencer (both Year 9) subsequently delivered them to various Diocesan and Youth works Charity distribution Centres just prior to Christmas. Well done to all members of our community for generously reaching out to those at the margins at such an important time of our Christian calendar.

Ms S Brannan

MindMatters for Families
A very warm welcome back to the new school year to all our SPX families. Once again, we look forward to providing confidential, emotional and social support and guidance for your son and family throughout this year.

Let me introduce our College Counselling Team and relevant contact information for your safe-keeping.

**Mr Rick Russo – Counsellor (Full Time, Monday to Friday)** working with students across all year groups.
Email: rrusso@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au Direct Phone: 9414 4359
School Mobile (in case of emergency): 0418 438 325

**Mrs Judy Gill – Psychologist (4 days a week, Monday to Wednesday and Friday)** working with students across all years.
Email: jgill@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au Direct Phone: 9414 4322

Throughout 2016 the Counselling Team, together with the Learning Support Team, look forward to providing CONFIDENTIAL support to assist your son to build his SELF CONFIDENCE/SELF ESTEEM and RESILIENCE within a caring, supportive, Catholic school community. Please do not hesitate to make contact should the need arise.

**MINDMATTERS:** Positive mental health and wellbeing for students.
Let me briefly share a few of the possible ways your son can learn to build RESILIENCE at SPX.

**Boxercise** is held every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Junior School playground. This MindMatters initiative provides friendship, fun and fitness to strengthen students’ resilience and general sense of wellbeing. Classes are free to all students.

**Mentoring** – This one-on-one student support program is now in its sixth year at SPX. It is a wonderful buddy program where a senior student (Year 11 or 12) volunteers to provide a younger student (Year 5, 6 or 8) with a listening ear and a close supportive relationship built up over time. Students meet weekly at lunchtime and are given the additional opportunity to participate in the teacher led activities of rock climbing, trampolining, kayaking, beach/bush walks, paddle-boarding at Balmoral. Limited spaces are available and preference is given to students who are new to the College. Please note that the first MENTORING ACTIVITY, Rock Climbing at Artarmon, is on Friday 19th February.

For further details on either Boxercise or Mentoring, please contact Mr Russo by either phone or email listed above.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

From the P&F

**P&F WELCOME MASS - SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2016**
Everyone is invited to the P&F Welcome Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Church at 5.30pm on Saturday 13th February, followed by BBQ in the School grounds.

For catering purposes please RSVP by clicking on this link! Further details are available in the flyer in *Woodchatta Extras.*

Nadine Robson
robson.nadine@gmail.com or 0412 272 056
Sacrament Information Evening 2016
Parents/Guardians from St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Ryde-Gladesville Parish, who wish to nominate their child for any of the following sacraments in 2016, Confirmation, First Reconciliation or First Communion, must attend an information evening. Either Wednesday 9 March in the OLQP Parish Hall, or Thursday 10 March in the St Charles School Hall from 7:30 – 8:30pm. Enq: Judith Morrissey sacraments@rgcp.org.au

Performing Arts News
MUSIC ORIENTATION AFTERNOON
Parents who would like to learn more about the Music Ensemble and Tuition program are warmly invited to attend this afternoon on Thursday 11th February 5.00 – 6.00pm in the Band Room. Parking will be available in the Junior School yard.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
Boys Who Would Like to Learn an Instrument: Students who would like to learn an instrument, voice or music production, should pick up a form from the Student Administration Office. The form should be filled in and returned to Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Department as soon as possible. Please be aware that there are limited places available for many instruments. Consequently, students will be allocated to tutors on a first come, first serve basis and then placed on waiting lists.

New Students- Instrumental Tuition: All boys new to the College who requested to learn an instrument have been placed with a tutor. The tutor has been given your details and should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from a tutor by the end of THIS week, please see Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom.

Continuing Students- Instrumental Tuition: Unless you requested a change of tutor you have been placed with the same person you had in 2015. Your tutor should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from your tutor by the end of THIS week, please see Ms Bates.

ENSEMBLES
A full list of Ensembles and rehearsal times is in Woodchatta Extras. All Ensembles have commenced THIS week.

Concert and Jazz Bands: Parents of new and continuing students who expressed an interest in, or auditioned for, a place in one of the Concert or Jazz Bands, were emailed in December last year advising of placement. These rolls have also been placed on the Performing Arts Noticeboard.

Guitar and Percussion Ensembles: The details of new students to the College who expressed an interest in these Ensembles have been passed on to the Ensemble Directors and auditions will be held this week and next. Students will be advised of the exact day and times via the Daily Notices. Continuing students should attend the same Ensemble as last year.

Choirs: Parents of new students who expressed an interest in the Junior and Senior Choirs received an email in December last year. Auditions for Vocal Ensemble will be held on Monday 8th February at 3.15pm in the Core Music Room.

ONSTAGE
Year 12 Drama students will be attending this evening performance on Tuesday 9th February. A permission note has been sent home with all the details.

ENCORE
Years 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music students will be attending this evening performance on Monday 22nd February. A permission note has been sent home with all the details.

MEET THE MUSIC
Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music students will attend a series of evening concerts throughout the year. The first is on Wednesday 2nd March. A permission note has been sent home with all the details.

AMEB RESULTS
Congratulations to Matthew Ross (Year 12) on achieving Honours in his recent Grade 7 Violin examination.

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA PROGRAM
Congratulations to Stewart Ross (Year 12) who successfully auditioned for this program and was placed in the Peter Seymour Orchestra. Likewise, congratulations to Matthew Ross (Year 12) who auditioned and was placed in the Sinfonietta String Ensemble.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSIC PRODUCTION?
Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Public Speaking & Debating

The 2016 Debating and Public Speaking season commences shortly. Students interested in joining the vibrant debate teams need to complete the yellow Debating and Public Speaking Registration Form, which can be collected from the front office (or from Mrs Waterson), and return the completed form to the box on the front verandah marked “Debating and Public Speaking Registration Forms”.

All information on debating and public speaking is presented in the weekly school newsletter, Woodchatta. It is essential to view the Woodchatta through the school website every Wednesday or Thursday.

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS’ CUP DEBATING COMPETITIONS:** St Pius X students are always involved in the Macquarie Schools’ Cup competitions which are run on school days at Macquarie University. Students attend the day with a debating coach and information about the day is provided to the students closer to the date. There are three competitions:

- Senior (Yr 11 and 12): date in February to be advised
- Intermediate (Yr 9 and 10): usually early Term 3
- Junior (Yr 7 and 8): usually late Term 3

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ DEBATING COMPETITION PUBLIC SPEAKING:** The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following three Friday. Information on venues and times will follow as soon as Pius is informed. Students have had the opportunity to register their interest in participating in the CSDA competition at lunch time on Monday 1st February in the JCR at 1pm. Of course contact Mrs Waterson if you missed this meeting and want to be involved in Public Speaking.

**Public Speaking Competition dates**

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)**

The CSDA competition dates are as follows. Pius will host as many of these rounds as possible as home events are easier for our parents.

**TERM 1**

- April 1 - Round 1 Debating

**TERM 2**

- April 29 - Round 2 Debating
- May 6 - Round 3 Debating
- May 13 - Round 4 Debating
- May 20 - Round 5 Debating

**TERM 3**

- June 3 - Elimination 1
- June 17 - Elimination 2
- June 24 - Quarterfinals of Debating

**Round 6**

- Round 6 - 26th August, Abbotsleigh hosting Pius
- Round 7 - 2nd September, Redlands hosting Pius
- Play-off - 9th September, hosted by Wenona
- Final - 16th September, hosted by Stella Maris

The fee for the CSDA extra-curricular activity is $75.00 which will be included in your Term Two school fees. The SDN competition will be $50 and this will be included in students Term Three school fees.

Two hours of training per week is mandatory. Our training commences 2-3 weeks before Round 1 with St Pius X hosting pre-season ‘friendly’ debates with 2-3 local high schools. Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm is compulsory for all debaters and coaches determine the other hour or so of training each week at times that suit their team. CSDA debates commence at 6pm and students and coaches either travel to venues at 5pm or, when hosting, students have a one hour dinner break before our guests arrive at St Pius X for a 6pm competition commencement. SDN debates have a different, later running order. Non-attendance at training will result in expulsion from this extra-curricular activity.

Thank you on behalf of the brilliant St Pius X debating coaches and senior student mentors.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2016! I’m pleased to advise that the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Department at St Pius X College works in accordance with both the Australian Curriculum’s inclusive approach to meeting the learning needs of our students, and our own EREA touchstones of Liberating Education (2015 year) and Inclusive Community (2016 year).

The Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Department at St Pius X oversees students with diverse learning needs, and this involves us in four main and sometimes overlapping areas of need in Years 5 to 12: academic support, special needs, gifted and talented, and English as an additional language (EAL/D). The LSE Department in 2016 is set to benefit from an increase in staff, and I thank the Principal, Mr John Couani, for his recent strengthening of our team through the appointment of Bridie Barrett.

The LSE Staff for 2016 comprises:

Ms Joanne Raheb-Mol: Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment; English teacher (Mon to Fri)
Ms Bridie Barrett: Learning Support and Enrichment Teacher (Tues, Wed, Fri)
Ms Carla Leonardi: Learning Support and Enrichment Teacher (Wed, Thurs)
Ms Meredith Leedham: Teacher Assistant - Learning Support and Enrichment Teacher (Mon to Fri)

We are also fortunate to have the expertise of two Junior School teachers who work specifically with Years 5 and 6, and who belong in part to the LSE department. Collaborating with the rest of the LSE team, and with JS staff, they teach, support, monitor and report on students with diverse learning needs across Years 5&6:

Ms Bettina Spanyik: Junior School Teacher - Learning Support and Enrichment (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)
Bettina focuses on the Enrichment needs of students

Ms Mary Doheny: Junior School Teacher – Literacy and Numeracy Support (Wed, Fri)
Mary focuses on the Support needs of students

LSE is in the process of identifying and addressing the diverse learning needs of students who require support or extension, liaising with their classroom teachers to plan differentiated approaches to content and strategies according to individual needs, and allocating time to directly support student learning both in the main classroom (in-class support, parallel teaching or co-teaching) and out of the main classroom (intensive support, Homework Help program).

The main focus of our ongoing work is twofold:

- Students requiring individualised strategies and adjustments in the classroom
- Students requiring Disability Provisions for exams and assessments

If you have queries about the above, or if you have academic concerns or information about your son, which can help us to understand his needs a little better in order to maximise his learning potential, I invite you to contact the appropriate Individualised Planning (IP) Convenor on the LSE staff, as follows:

Ms Bridie Barrett: Years 5 & 6 IP Convenor BB Barrett@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
Ms Carla Leonardi: Years 7 & 8 IP Convenor CLeonardi@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au
Ms Joanne Raheb-Mol: Years 9 -12 IP Convenor JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

You may also wish to phone or leave messages for us on the main school number: (02) 9411 4733

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM?

Homework Help is a Learning Support initiative which is held three afternoons each week, from Tuesday to Thursday inclusive, after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm. It provides academic assistance and supervision for all students in Years 5-12 who wish to work in a supportive academic environment, with supervising teachers on hand who can provide assistance with homework, assignments, or the planning, research, grammar and writing skills that underpin upcoming assessment tasks.

Students are encouraged to attend on one or more afternoons, on a regular or occasional basis, and there is no need to make an appointment. However teachers and parents may wish to refer students to the Homework Help Program for specific tasks and purposes as needed. In either case, students are to be actively engaged in catching up or getting ahead on school work, reading or study.

All years and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so please come along and take advantage of this free service.

Please note, due to the ongoing building works which currently affect access to the Senior Library (SRC), the Homework Help Program will be held in the reception rooms near the front office (Rooms 1 and 3) until further notice.

Ms J Raheb-Mol – Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment
From the Senior Resource Teacher

Rain has delayed the completion of the S-Block building works and the re-opening of the Senior Resource Centre (SRC). To assist students eager to make a strong start with their studies, library staff are pleased to open the Leary Learning Centre, it is equipped with a photocopier/printer.

The library’s digital space is now easily accessible via a Library tab on every students’ Portal page, pictured. Students from Years 5 to 12 can search a range of high quality resources including ebooks and ClickviewOnline. ClickviewOnline is a library of online videos and all new and existing student can use their usual computer logins to access it.

Some highlights of this year’s library program include:

- **Reading Challenges** for Years 7 – 10 (Premier’s Reading Challenge 7-9 and Edmund Rice Readers’ Cup for Year 10)
- **Author Visits** - Tristan Bancks to visit Year 7
- **Participation in the National Writing competition** “Write a Book in Day”
- **Student-led Writers’ Club**
- **A lunch time Book Club** via Skype with Brigidine College for Year 9s

This year I am pleased to be joining the Primary Library on Mondays. This change will assist in the documentation of processes to enhance learning through our library programs, from the Junior School right through to the Senior years. We are fortunate that Ms Millar will lead the SRC while continuing her great work developing our digital learning space. Meanwhile, it is hoped that the physical space will be back in operation from Week 3.

A big welcome to all the new students and their families. If you have any question please contact me.

KKeighery@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Ms K Keighery – Senior Teacher/Librarian

Kokoda Track Expedition 2016 – Last Call

The Kokoda 2016 Expedition will take place 24th June to the 3rd of July this year. The Expedition is open to students from Years 9 to 11 with an accompanying parent/guardian.

The **final practice hike** prior to the payment of the deposit will take place this Sunday. If you are interested or would like to come along and join us for the exercise, the details are as follows:

**When**: Sunday 7th February 8.15am for a 8.46 train to Mt Kuring-Gai

**Where**: Berowra train station car park (Southern end/Hornsby end)

**Detail**: We will catch the train to Mt Kuring-Gai and then walk to Berowra station via the Lyre Bird Gully Track. We should be finished by 1pm.

**Distance**: 9.7km (grade is listed as Hard – only the up bits)

**What to Bring**: Pack at least 2L of water and some snacks. Good walking shoes should be worn.

ALL are welcome to join us. For further information please contact Mr P. de Silva (Outdoor Education Coordinator) or Mr S Brannan (Head of Student Services) at the College.

Mr P de Silva – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Attention Year 12 Parents

The first 2016 Newsletter to Year 12 parents was emailed yesterday. It is also available on the Year 12 page of the Portal.

Mr B Batchelor – Year 12 Guidance Coordinator
Careers News
Welcome back to a new school year. This year the Careers Department aims to bring you all the relevant and up to date information you need to assist you making important decisions for your future.

The Careers Newsletter is released on a weekly basis. Students will find a copy emailed directly to their inbox each week and parents and friends can access it through http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/news-events/dsp-resource.cfm?loadref=167

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Chess
The Chess season is about to begin. Any student interested in playing Chess needs to obtain a permission note from the Student Administration office (Ms Maxine Hunt and Ms Cathy Jellema). There are many benefits to playing chess and so any student of any experience level is encouraged to join.

Training begins next Monday 8th February from 3.30-4.30pm in D2, continuing throughout Term 1 and Term 2. Games are played against other schools on Friday afternoons throughout Term 2 from 4pm-6pm. Fees are outlined in the permission note.

Ms D Ramsey and Ms J Dempsey - Convenors

Student Travel
➢ SCHOOL OPAL CARDS
Please see the information in Woodchatta Extras regarding the introduction of the Student Opal Cards. Parents are reminded that new applications should be made online at transportnsw.info/school-students if they change address during the year, or need to register an additional address as a result of a dual custody situation. All applications are required to be submitted to the College for authorisation before being sent to Transport NSW. Any queries regarding non-receipt of your son’s Opal Card, or any difficulties with the card itself, must be done through Transport NSW. The Opal Line number is 13 67 25.

A grace period applies until 26 February 2016, where school students who have been approved for SSTS travel can travel without a valid pass while new passes are being issued. Students must be in school uniform or be able to provide evidence (such as a school ID or school books) that they are travelling to or from school during this time.

➢ FOREST COACHLINES SCHOOL SPECIAL BUS SERVICE
Parents - please note that the 3.40pm Forest Coachlines School Special is now called the 293 (previously 273). It leaves at the same time and follows the same route.

Ms R Gaston – Student Travel

Student Textbooks
Parents are asked to attach removable stickers, with their son’s name, on the front of each textbook so that books can be easily identified in the classroom and if lost.

Ms M McHugh – BookHire Coordinator

Kiss & Drop/ Pick up in Kirk Street
Parents are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs toleave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

Please see further information from the Acting Principal of Our Lady of Dolours in Woodchatta Extras.
Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL

We had an excellent day on Saturday. I’m surprised how well all our teams played after the long break. I hope we can keep that momentum going right through to the end of the season. The 13As and 15As both had pleasing wins. The 17As just missed out against an undefeated Oakhill 17As. The Firsts had a very important win against Oakhill Firsts. Reuben Ghannoum took it to the big Oakhill forwards, which generated an unbeatable energy in the team that they carried through to finish off a tough matchup. The D-teams had four close wins in Bathurst. Unfortunately the 17Ds were just piped by one point. The same with our B and C teams. Great results across the board. Well done to everyone.

Play of the Day: Tom Paterson wins it for the 14Ds with a busser beater on the road at Bathurst.

Game of the day: The 17Es register their first win with a nail-biting win over our 5ths. Michael Populin led the way with a solid game at both ends of the court. Well done coach, old boy, Michael Summers.

It should be an interesting and exciting day at Oxford Falls this weekend. All games except for one are against ourselves.

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor
CRICKET

ISA Round 7 – 1st XI 10/150 (M Magee 34, C King 32, N Onslow 17, M Kennedy 14) in 49.3 overs defeated Oakhill College 10/44 (D Beattie 6/7, J White 1/2, N Onslow 1/6) in 26.1 overs.

Losing the toss and batting first Nick Onslow and Christian King got the 1st XI away to a good start putting on 30 for the first wicket against some strong bowling. Max Magee quickly compiled 34 and was assisted by a Will Roser with 23. Matt Kennedy and James White finished the 1st XI inning with a stand of 32 for the 10th wicket. Concerned that 150 might not be enough on the small Oakhill ground, Nick Onslow bowled with good pace taking a wicket in the first over.

Two consecutive runs left Oakhill reeling at 3/16. Dermott Beattie struck immediately with a fine stumping to 1st XI debutant Tim Robertson (player number 618) and then proceeded to hit the stumps five times in the next 7 overs finishing with 6/7. James White and Tim Robertson combined for a stumping to end the Oakhill innings at 10/44.

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<td>SPX 2nd XI ISA</td>
<td>SPX 2nd XI 8/138 (J Unwin 38, L Williams 25) defeated St Patricks College 137 (L Williams 3/13, J brown 3/29, JP Porter 2/29) 2 day game in progress</td>
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Mr D Reay - Convenor

FOOTBALL

Dear Parents and Players,

Football grading kicks off on the next two Sundays (7th and 14th of February) for any student in Years 7-10 interested in representing the College. Please find in Woodchatta Extras the times and registration link for the grading. Please note that if a student wishes to be considered to represent the College then they must register online by 6th February and attend both grading days.

I look forward to a successful 2016 season.

Mr S Yue - Convenor

BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN

Boxercise is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Junior School playground. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.
Junior School Sport

Thursday Sport: All-day Sport at Oxford Falls. Sports uniform and full packed lunch required. Trials/Training continues for respective summer sports (Basketball, Softball and Tennis). Parents may collect boys at 2.20pm from the car-park. Tennis trials will be at Roseville Tennis Club, conducted by professional coaches. Boys will be bussed there separately with a member of staff and return to school for dismissal at normal time. Tennis racquet required. Term planner for Thursday sport as follows:

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Twitter / Wet Weather Procedure: Follow @SPXJuniorSport for instant updates regarding late sporting changes, cancellations etc. Click here for full details in Woodchatta Extras.

House Captains: Congratulations to the following students voted by their peers and staff as leaders for 2016.

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Basketball: The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season begins this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place for the games at Knox as their courts are outdoor. Boys will be notified of their team and issued a singlet on Friday morning. All relevant information is on the College website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform and at their venue 20 mins prior to tip-off.

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**Softball:** The first game of the 6 week, Term 1 season is against St Patrick’s this Saturday. Wet weather procedures will be in place (as per the season draw and information letter). All relevant information is also on the College website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139). Please ensure boys are correctly attired in College-only uniform, have protective equipment and are at the venue 20 mins prior to commencement time.

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**NSTA Tennis:** Rd 1 is next Saturday the 13th Feb. Boys will be notified of their team and will be given further team draw and venue details early next week. The summer competition is graded and run in conjunction with the Senior School. Boys are graded in ability groups and grading may transcend year groups. Please check under NSTA Tennis in the Senior School Sport section for future correspondence.

**Rugby:** Trials for the upcoming Armidale Rugby Tour will take place on Thur 11th Feb as part of sport. Yr 6 students playing Rugby for the College are invited to trial. The tour takes place from 8th – 10th April in Armidale, NSW. All tour management, including transport, accommodation and meals are organised by The College. Parents and friends can attend in support if they wish to make their own arrangements. Accommodation books out very early.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

**Uniform Shop**

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

**Price List:** A full price list is available on the College website. Orders can be placed via the website http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83 or by sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

**Blazer fittings:** Blazers were fitted this week - please confirm your orders by Wednesday 10th February. Payment is not required until 21st March 2016.

**Blazer Buttons** are available from shop $2.00 each.

**Second-Hand Uniforms:** Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand uniforms.

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

**Canteen Roster**

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FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL – THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016

Below: First Assembly, Monday 1st February 2016
Presenting new students to the College
INVITATION TO P&F COMMENCEMENT MASS

SPX Parents and Friends Association warmly invite you to the

P&F FAMILY WELCOME MASS

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH Archer St, CHATSWOOD

5.30pm Saturday 13th February

Followed by a light supper in the College grounds.

Please RSVP via the Trybooking link below.

Please RSVP on Trybooking
P&F Contact: braelen.zwart@petbarn.com.au
## Performing Arts Department

**Ensemble Rehearsal Times for 2016**

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSIC PRODUCTION?

* 1-on-1 lessons
* Hands-on experience
* Principles of sound reinforcement
* Microphones, mixers, speakers
* Range of software & equipment

See Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom for an enrolment form
School Opal Card

From 27 January 2016, eligible school students can ‘tap’ into Opal with the School Opal card – the smarter way to travel to and from school.

School Opal cards for students who had a pass in 2015, and are eligible for travel in 2016 under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), should arrive from 27 January 2016.

Other eligible students, including new applicants and students changing school or campuses, updating their personal details, or going from Year 6 to 7, who have already applied or who still need to apply, will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address in the first two weeks of term one 2016.

You can contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au for more information or if your cards don’t arrive within the first two weeks.

Parents or guardians, and students who are eligible for SSTS travel and have not already received a card, should be directed to apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

Important information about travelling with Opal

• The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on approved modes of public transport.
• The School Opal card doesn’t cover travel to activities away from school, such as, after school care, sport and school excursions.
• Remember: A grace period applies at the start of each new school year (until 26 February in 2016) where school students who have been approved for SSTS travel can travel without a valid pass while new passes are being issued. Students must be in school uniform or be able to provide evidence (such as a school ID or school books) that they are travelling to or from school during this time.
• Students should use a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends, during school holidays or activities away from school.

Behaviour matters

Students are reminded that free travel is a privilege that can be taken away if official Codes of Conduct aren’t followed.

In summary, students should remember to:
• Tap on and tap off every time.
• Offer their seat to paying customers without being asked.
• Respect transport staff, transport property and fellow travellers.
• Be mindful of safety at every stage of a transport journey.
• Always travel with a valid ticket.

Student Codes of Conduct are available at www.transportnsw.info/schoolstudents
KISS AND DROP / PICK UP IN KIRK ST

Kirk St Pick-Up for Our Lady of Dolours students and parents works well if the routine below is followed.

Between 2.30 – 4.00pm, a large section of Kirk St is restricted parking to enable the school pick-up. Students from Our Lady of Dolours are brought to Kirk St by 3.05pm. Parents queue in the ‘Kiss and Ride’ area to collect their children following the RTA rules.

Students who are not collected by 3.20pm are brought back to the school office.

Parents of boys from St Pius are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes the St Pius X students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If the St Pius X parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs to leave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

Parking could incur a fine. Local parking officers are especially vigilant regarding this pick up zone.

RTA Road Rules

No Parking

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.

I thank you for respecting these rules and for working together to keep our children safe.

Jenny Shirvington
Acting Principal – Our Lady of Dolours
SPORT UPDATES VIA TWITTER

Dear Parents/Friends,

We have an easy way of disseminating key sports information to the St Pius Chatswood community. Follow us on Twitter to receive last minute updates regarding fixtures (ground changes, wet weather updates, cancellations etc).

We would highly recommend that you set-up a Twitter account and follow us. Messages can be sent directly to your phone, allowing for instant updates as to your son’s sporting commitments. This could also mean that you avoid unnecessary travel in the event of cancellations and that you are aware of your son’s whereabouts with regards sport.

NB. These updates will be one-way transactions that are designed purely as an information dissemination tool. We will not ‘follow’ you on Twitter and you will not be able to respond or communicate with us.

How do I set-up an account?
Set-up takes 2 minutes and is free. You are not obliged to send any ‘tweets’ or follow anyone else.

Go to: https://twitter.com/ Search for the relevant account holder and click follow.

Re: Sport updates via Twitter

To receive updates to your mobile phone:
1. Download the Twitter App to your phone (this is available from the App Store on iOS devices, the Google Play store on Android devices and the Windows Store on all Windows Phones and Tablets).

2. Then, to enable your phone to be notified when we send an alert, go to Twitter.com on your desktop or laptop computer and once you are logged in, choose settings.
3. Go to the ‘Mobile’ tab and follow the prompts (You must text ‘GO’ to the number provided)

4. From the Twitter home page, click ‘Following’ Tab on the left menu bar. Click the person icon next to the relevant Sportsmaster and select, ‘Turn on Mobile Notifications’

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Not a Twitter person?
Twitter feeds will also be updated to the school website. This does however require you to access the wet weather page on the website and you may miss late changes due to unforeseen cancellations: http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=80

Kind Regards
Greg Virgona & Matthew Stearn
St Pius College Sportsmasters
2ND XI MATCH REPORT
The 2nd XI made a solid start to the second half of the ISA season and set themselves a good platform in the run in to the semi-finals with a confidence-building win over St Patrick’s. Faced with an home and away double-header against their arch-rivals, St Pius got the first half of the job done in a tighter than hoped-for victory that saw the match go into the very last overs of the day.

SPX never looked like losing but ended up grafting their way to the finish line. Accurate bowling from St Pat’s prevented the home team from getting away from the required three runs per over rate, having been set 138 to win. The relatively low score was both an indication of a reasonably impressive performance in the field by SPX but also a slower, grassy wicket at Oxford Falls which made it difficult for any batsman to get to grips with the bowling unless they were presented with loose balls that were duly despatched to the boundary.

Having won the toss and elected to field, SPX’s bowlers took heart after the long lay off between the two halves of the season by making SPC’s batsmen work hard for their runs. By the first drinks break at 17 overs St Pat’s had scored just 39 for the loss of two wickets, Matt Hall and Liam Williams having made the breakthroughs, and the opposition were then reduced to 6-80 by the next interval as James Brown and Justin Porter combined to put the squeeze on.

The pair snared five wickets between them for 58 runs - Brown 3-29 and Porter 2-29 - from their total of 19 overs in yet another impressive display of spin bowling from both ends. Pats’ continued to graft away, however, and got their score past 130 when Williams returned to clean up the tail to take his haul to 3-13 off another tight six overs. Pius’ other wicket-takers were Alex Brislan 1-5 and Matt Hall 1-18.

Pius experienced a disastrous start in their run chase losing Alex Graffeo off the first ball of their innings but captain Joe Unwin and Brendan Plummer promptly put down a solid foundation with a 50 run partnership off 17 overs before Plummer fell immediately after the drinks break for 23. Unwin then combined with Williams to take the score to 74 before he was third out for a hard-working 38. At that stage, SPX were still well on track for a comfortable victory with Williams and Brown continuing where Unwin had left off, putting on a further 29 before Brown was caught and bowled by Skinner with the score on 5-109.

That brought in debutant Tom Colgan from the U15s who looked in good touch after knocking up an impressive half century for SPX Orange earlier in the morning before the 2nds’ game had gotten underway. But a dreadful mix up between him and Williams saw Colgan run out for 5 and by then SPX were making hard work of getting to the SPC total. When Williams was out caught 11 runs later, St Pius still needed 18 to win with eight overs to go. Brislan had looked threatening before he was out for 7 at 122 but Matt Hall (7) and Sam John (6 not out) steadied the ship over the next four overs, putting on a valuable 15 runs to tie the scores before Porter with an audacious reverse sweep off his first ball scampered between the wickets with John to get the one run required for victory.

The win gave SPX a valuable six points and returned them to winning ways after a disappointing loss at the end of the first half of the season. It also increased their chances of making the semi-finals for the third season in a row. Next week they face St Pats in the second match of their double-header, this time at Strathfield.

Ass. Coach, Mr. Danny John
Round 8 Under 13 Division 1

St Pius X Gold WON on first innings against Seaforth Phoenix at Balgowlah Oval

Heavy overcast skies and humid conditions greeted St Pius X Gold for their first match back after a long Christmas break. After heavy overnight rain, the surface at Balgowlah Oval was still wet which would clearly make the ball slippery early on.

Ben Giles was captain for the day and when the coin came down in his favour, Ben didn’t hesitate in sending the opposition in.

Pius didn’t have to wait long for the wickets to start falling. Liam Chang struck quickly, taking 2 wickets for just 1 run in his 3 overs and at one stage he was on a hat-trick.

Matt North bowled extremely tight, finishing with outstanding figures of 1 for 2, including two maidens. Tom Kennedy produced good pace to finish with the best figures of 3 for 2 from 3 overs.

The innings was only 22 overs old, when the final wicket fell to the leg spin of Tom Wunsch and Seaforth Phoenix were all out for only 22 runs.

Chasing small totals like 23 runs for victory can often prove an unexpected challenge and Pius did make a nervous start. Josh Osborne (2), Ollie Clarke (3) and Tom Wunsch (2) went cheaply and we were quickly 3 for not many after only 5 overs.

Luka Krizan (11no) proved a calming influence hitting the winning runs with Pius recording a thumping victory. For Pius Gold it was their third win of the season which elevates them to 23 points and a respectable sixth on the table.

Next up, Pius Gold take on the Gigawatts who are fifth on the ladder.
Football Grading Days - Sunday 7 & 14 February 2016

St Pius X College has a developed a strong football culture and reputation over the past several years achieving outstanding results in the ISA competition and in other arenas. This has created great interest in the sport at the college. However, there is a limitation on the number of teams St Pius is permitted to field in the ISA Football Competition – usually two per year group.

The Football Club conducts a grading process early in the school year, well before the timing of registration for district football. This is to maximise the opportunity for St Pius boys to play football. The FC has secured Chris Semaan as the college’s Specialist Coach for 2016 and they will coordinate the grading days.

All boys wishing to play football for the college must attend grading, regardless of their participation last year. Registration should be done on-line prior to trialling. Mr Yue (Senior Football Convenor) will notify successful players in the coming weeks.

On-line registration is due by 6 February, via the link below, and will require you to indicate “1” for the quantity of tickets in order to proceed to the registration form.

Registration: [www.trybooking.com/119527](http://www.trybooking.com/119527)

When: 7 & 14 February 2016

Where: College playing fields at Oxford Falls (Dreadnought Rd)

Times:
- 8.30 – 9.30 U13 (Yr7)
- 9.30 – 10.30 U14 (Yr8)
- 10.30 – 11.30 U15 (Yr 9)
- 11.30 – 12.30 U16 (Yr10)

Equipment: Football boots, shin-pads (you will not be able to play in the trials without these), drink bottle, and sporting clothes.

Food: the Committee will be operating the Old Boys Kiosk offering light refreshments for sale.

We seek some parents to assist on the day if possible please turn up to the kiosk on the day or contact Mary-Ann Back - backs@bigpond.net.au to volunteer.

It should be a fun day so come along and show us what you can do!


Mr Simon Yue (Senior Football Convenor) & SPX Football Club Committee