From the Principal

OPENING MASS
This year's Opening Mass was a most powerful and beautiful celebration led by our Old Boy Priest, Father Tom Stevens and Father Paul Finucane, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dolours. The theme of the Mass was Inclusive Community and we marked in a special way the Year of Mercy with the boys offering their prayers, works and deeds for 2016 in praise.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-27:
On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He answered, "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’"

P&F COMMENCEMENT MASS
A special P&F Mass will be held this Saturday 13 February and all families are invited. For catering purposes please RSVP by clicking on this link!
ASH WEDNESDAY

“The Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”
“Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return”

The College received the Ashes today as we entered the Season of Lent. Our focus for Lent is from Caritas Australia - “Learning More: Creating Change”. Project Compassion is raising much needed funds to help education in the Third World.

During Lent we pray, seek penance and give to those in need. We seek to build the human dignity of each person. We pray that we may renew ourselves in God for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ at Easter.

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY – FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Next week we will acknowledge our high achievers and award winners from 2015 across Years 7-11 in the Concert Hall of the Chatswood Concourse. Our special guests will be the 2015 HSC High Achievers with College Dux Ben John as our guest speaker.

BUILDING UPDATE – YOUR BUILDING FUND IN ACTION

I am very pleased to report that the building program involving the restoration and repairs to the Science/Library wing including a new roof and the new roof on the Music Wing and Band Room has almost been completed. The scaffolding is coming down this week and by the middle of next week we will have the College grounds back to full operation. The Music Rooms and Band Room have been back in action since the start of term.

This project has been at an approximate cost of just over $600,000 and I thank all families for their contribution to the College Building Fund.

OPEN DAY 2016

College Open Day: Saturday 19 March

Chatswood Campus - 10am to 2pm
Principal’s Address 12 noon

Oxford Falls Campus – 8am to 12pm

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Please see a selection of photos from both Senior and Junior Carnivals in Woodchatta Extras.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan Mellino (Year 10) who has been selected in the 2016 APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC team to compete in the world’s oldest and most prestigious annual Under 19s club tournament at Viareggio in Tuscany, Italy in March this year. The team will line up against Europe’s most established clubs. We wish Nathan the very best for this competition.
RIP FR BRIAN LARKEY: The College was saddened to hear of the passing of Fr Brian Larkey who was an Old Boy Priest of the College. In Woodchatta Extras there is a beautiful tribute written about Fr Larkey and published in the Parramatta Diocese newspaper ‘Catholic Outlook’.

OPEN LETTER FROM DYLAN CHRIMES – YEAR 12, 2015: Just before Christmas Dylan Chrimes from Year 12 sadly lost his father, Mark, on 6 December 2015. Mr Chrimes had been waiting for almost three years for a suitable lung transplant and unfortunately one never came and Mr Chrimes passed away in December last year.

I met this week with Dylan who gave to me a letter for consideration by every adult member of the community, asking each of us to consider becoming an organ donor. This is a very big issue in our society and you can find Dylan’s Open Letter in Woodchatta Extras. It contains a link which will explain how to become an organ donor. The law in this matter has changed and it is no longer simply a situation where we tick a box on our driver’s licence but rather we need to register and speak with members of our family. I leave this for your own personal consideration.

In my own reflection on meeting with Dylan and reading his letter I can only commend his commitment and passion, his love and care and his deep maturity. Dylan is an exceptional young man.


From the Deputy Principal
ATTENTION PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS
Can I please gain your support when dropping off and picking up students at the College before and after school.

- DO NOT park in the College Grounds – we do not want to mix vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- If in Kirk Street, please join the OLD Kiss & Drop/Pick Up queue and observe their waiting and circuit routines.
- If in Anderson Street, please observe ALL parking signage and do not block driveways.

Please be aware that Council Rangers and, from time to time police, patrol these areas.

From the Assistant Principal Mission and Identity
Week 3 of the St Pius X Calendar has been full of rehearsals, celebrations and liturgies as well as settling into a year revolving around the Touchstone of Inclusive Community. Our commencement Mass was a very reverent event with just on 1250 staff and students filled to capacity Our Lady of Dolours Church. This is such an important event in the life of our College, particularly in its 79th year to have Old Boy Fr Tom Stevens celebrate Mass with our Parish Priest Father Paul Finucane.

The Ash Wednesday liturgy highlighted the 2016 launch of the theme ‘Learning More Creating Change’. Our Liturgy Prefects highlighted connections between the work of Caritas in helping the disadvantaged and the call of all in the St Pius X Community to make positive changes in ourselves, our school community and the wider community by using education and awareness to reach out to the marginalised. The Year 12 students have launched Project Compassion and every morning students will take the Project Compassion boxes to homerooms to ask for donations. Students were also reminded that although Lent is our official time to focus on our relationship with God and others, this should be an everyday occurrence, not just a seasonal one.

Last Sunday was Catechist Sunday which celebrated in our parishes, the ministry of working with children in a range of areas such as State School Religion programs, Religious Education Teachers in Catholic Schools and Sacramental Parish-based Programs. We pray that they will continue to bring the love of Christ to all they serve.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Congratulations to the following Year 11 Students who were commissioned this week in the Ministry of the Eucharist: Lachlan Ceravolo, Max Dal Santo, Alex Graffeo, Jack Maclaine, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Lo Ricco, Anthony Maras, Jacob Morabito and Marco Muranty.

Students were involved in distributing both Communion at the Commencement Mass and Ashes at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. We pray that God will bless them as they fulfil this very important Ministry within our College.

Mr John Couani
Mr M Casey
Mrs D Dempsey
From the Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

TEXTBOOKS: May I please have your assistance to recover lost/missing textbooks. If you come across texts books in your son’s room that were issued last year, can you please have your son return these to Text Book Hire as soon as possible. There are still quite a few books still outstanding. Often when students are questioned about overdue books, they claim they have returned them but in many cases they have returned someone else’s book.

Replacing these textbooks is an unnecessary expense for the college.

ONLINE TEXTS: The College has commenced a phasing in of online textbooks. Gradually hardcopies will be replaced by online editions accessed through a central log in and this will present many advantages including:

- Access to interactive software
- Access to latest editions
- Significant reduction in the administrative process of distributing and collecting hardcopy textbooks.
- No need to carry heavy textbooks to and from school

The transition will take place over the next two years.

Mr A Damo

MindMatters for Families

WHITE KNIGHT FOUNDATION - ANNUAL GALA DINNER

Save the date: Friday 17 June at the Novotel Manly Pacific

The White Knight Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation providing financial and emotional support to victims and their families affected by youth violence, as well as providing educational programs to the community on the impact of random and unprovoked acts of violence. SPX Community strongly promotes the themes of ‘connectedness’ and ‘safe and respectful relationships’ among us all. We, as a school community, proudly support our ex-student, Liam Knight and The White Knight Foundation in their work to create a harmonious and inclusive community.

Please read through the information in the links below and see if your company, family or friends are able to make a contribution to the success of this dinner.


If you are able to assist in any way, please make direct contact with Ms Jan Hunter on either jhunter@monte.nsw.edu.au or 0415 629 242, or you are welcome to contact Mr Russo on russo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or 0418 438 325.

Let’s get behind the WKF and make this dinner a huge success in the promotion of a safe, harmonious and inclusive community.

TUNING INTO TEENS: A 6-week parenting course being held at Naremburn, beginning 17 February. Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for details.

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

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
P&F WELCOME MASS - THIS SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2016
A special P&F Mass will be held this Saturday 13 February at 5.30pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, followed by a BBQ in the College grounds. All families are invited. For catering purposes please RSVP by clicking on this link!

CALL FOR YEAR GROUP PARENT REPS!
The role of Year Group Rep is an easy one at SPX - Distribute the contact list to your class/year group and organise a couple of gatherings throughout the year! What could be simpler!

Junior School – Year Groups 5 & 6 Class/Year Group Parent Reps – 2 reps required for each class. Please submit your name & boy’s class to Tim Long tlong@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Senior School – Parent Reps required for Year Groups 7, 8 & 10. Thank you to those who have already nominated to rep for other year groups.

Please contact Helen Mortimer mortsquad@optusnet.com.au or 0400 550 540 to nominate or enquire. Helen coordinates the contact lists and reps, and will give you all the information and help you require for this important, but simple and fun task!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - COCKTAIL PARTY
The P&F Annual Cocktail Party is taking place on Friday 1st April 2016. Put the date in your diary! More info will follow in the coming weeks.

Performing Arts News

COMMENCEMENT MASS/ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES
Thank you to the Senior Choir and cantor Nektary Kotlaroff (Year 12) for their meaningful and reverent contribution to these very important College events.

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

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS
All ensembles have now commenced. Students who are still unsure of what ensemble they are in should see Ms Bates before the end of this week. Students who are absent from rehearsals this week without notification, will be removed from the rolls.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
All students who applied for tuition have now been placed with a tutor.

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 through-out the year. The first is on Wednesday 2nd March. A permission note has been sent home with all the details.

AMEB EXAMINATIONS
Congratulations to the following students and their tutor Mr Stephen Cummins on these excellent results: Jeremy Hoy (Year 10) CPM Bass Guitar Grade 8, Credit; Reece Mattera (Year 11) CPM Bass Guitar Grade 5, Pass; Alec Paterson (Year 8) CPM Guitar Grade 5, Pass; Jaxson-Lee Warner (Year 9) CPM Bass Guitar Grade 5, Credit.

SYDNEY CHILDRENS CHOIR
Congratulations to Lachlan Donlevy (Year 9) who successfully auditioned for the Young Men’s Choir.

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

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Public Speaking & Debating

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING TOPICS
The 2016 Public Speaking CSDA training season has commenced and the public speaking topics for 2016 are below. They also appear on the CSDA website [www.csda.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csda.nsw.edu.au)

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Students are meeting EVERY Monday lunch time (1pm) in the JCR to review the details of their speeches and to practise their speeches in front of the senior public speakers and Mrs Waterson. Venues for the three rounds are still to be advised.

Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition
St Pius X can enrol two students to compete in this event. Students will try out for a place closer to the date.

The Plain English Speaking Award
St Pius X can enrol two students to compete in this event. Students will try out for a place closer to the date.

CSDA Debating Competition
CSDA Debating training will commence in Week 5. Year 11 and Year 12 students will have a quick lunch time meeting with their coaches in the JCR in Week 4 after the Academic Awards Assembly on Friday 19th February.

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.

Ms M Waterson – Convenor

From the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Team

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT SI PIUS X – COURSES ARE FULL AND HAVE BEGUN!**

We now have an external provider and experienced occupational therapist, Anna Orchard, working onsite each afternoon for the remainder of Term 1. She is running the Handwriting Skills Course on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the Leary Centre (LC2), and The Art of Touch Typing Course in the TAS Computing room (TCR) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Both courses run for 8 weeks from 3.20 – 4.35pm each day. Anna’s approach is motivational, practical and game-based. Courses are in full swing, and early feedback from both students and parents has been very positive. At this stage we are likely to offer the courses again next term or in future, but this will be confirmed through information in Woodchatta, so please stay tuned if you are interested in improving these vital skills in sustainable written expression, word processing and improved organisation and development of ideas to support your son’s academic and communication needs. For further enquiries, please contact jraheb-mol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

**HOMEWORK HELP**

Please note there will be no Homework Help on Tuesday 16 February due to a Staff Meeting.

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 B3 until further notice.

Please direct any queries to jraheb-mol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

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

‘Careers’ lunchtime presentations are an excellent opportunity for students to obtain information directly from the source. During term 1 there are a number of presentations organised for Senior Students in years 10, 11 and 12. Presentations include Macquaire University, UTS, USyd and UNSW and the Australian Defence Force. Find out more about life at university, courses on offer, ATAR’s and scholarships. The presentation times are well advertised and students are welcome to attend.


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Australian Army Cadets

Australian Army Cadets is a leadership program for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 years. It provides young Australians with opportunity to learn, develop and practice many interesting, fun and valuable skills. It is the only government sponsored youth group in Australia. 206 ACU (Army Cadet Unit) is the regional unit closest to SPX. We parade every Tuesday night of the school term from 5:30-8:40pm and we attend one weekend camp at the end of each term.

As a cadet there are lots of other activities you can participate in like: an annual camp (one week); leadership, abseiling and water craft courses; military marches (such as on ANZAC Day) and much more. We also learn lots of skills such as first aid, navigation and organisational skills.

206 ACU is currently recruiting. Our information night is being held on Tuesday 16 FEB 2016 at 7:00pm at Marist College North Shore, 270 Miller St, North Sydney.

If you are interested in finding out more please check out our website www.206acu.org.au or the flyer in Woodchatta Extras. If you have any questions you can contact Captain Tim Wark on 0400 369 312 or speak to one of our cadets at SPX.

James Spencer – Year 10

Junior School News

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS AND TECHNOLOGY: All boys should have signed the ‘Acceptable Use Policy for Students And Technology’ on pages 118 and 119 in the diary. It would be a good policy for you to read through and discuss with your son.

CLASS PARENTS: Last week we had a very good Year 5 and 6 information night. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be class parents. We currently need a class parent(s) for 6 Green and 6 Gold. If you could assist please contact Mr Long.

PARENT AS PARTNERS IN LEARNING: Parent/teacher conferences are offered to parents next week on Monday and Wednesday. This gives parents an opportunity to meet with the teacher and discuss what type of learner their child is and to discuss the goals they have set with their child. The concept is for the teacher to get an insight into your child and be aware of any issues early in the year. This is not a parent/teacher interview time and meetings are for less than 10 minutes only. We are scheduling them every 10 minutes so we stay on time.

All parents should have received an email last week regarding this conference and how to book online. You would have also received the questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire prior to your meeting, as without this your meeting cannot go ahead. Please return to your class teacher before the meeting. All information is also saved on the portal under the notes section.

P & F COMMENCEMENT MASS AND SOCIAL: You are all most welcome to attend, no matter what your denomination. Catholic means universal so everybody is invited. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, grandparents and for your children to socialise after mass. The P & F go to a lot of trouble and they would love to see a good sized crowd. I hope to see you there.

YEAR 5 CAMP: Everybody should have completed their online medical form for their child. If you haven’t done so the instructions were emailed to you last year and the information is on the portal.

HOMEWORK HELP: Homework help has commenced on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. Please note that next Tuesday 16th February, there is a whole school staff meeting so homework help will not be happening.

SPORT: IPSHA sport commenced last Saturday. I was very pleased with the enthusiasm and good sportsmanship I observed. It is important that we all follow the IPSHA code of behaviour for players, coaches and spectators so that we are good role models for our children.

By all reports the swimming carnival was a great success with Purton snatching victory from Barron in the last few races of the carnival. Congratulations to everybody who had a go and did their best.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL
Our teams had another good day overall last Saturday. Our Cs and Ds produced some great matches that went down to the wire. I’m told our teams played tough but in good spirit. The 15E team snatched a one point win over St Paul’s 15As. The 14E team went down by only two points to the 14Fs. The list of great matchups just keeps going. Most of our teams can secure spots in the finals with two rounds to go. Keep up the grind.

Game of the Day: The 13Ds with another one point win over the 13Cs.
Play of the day: Alex Mardirossian (15Bs) drops a three point buzzer beater to finish off a good win.
Deserves a mention: Simeon Kotoroff, Erec Bacic and Michael Fakhoury - 13As. Carl Fayad and Matt Chicco - 14As. Jordan Munich -15Bs. Matt Hettler - 17As.

Venues:
Oakhill College: Old Northern Road, Castle Hill
NBISC: Northern Beaches Basketball Stadium - off Jacksons Road, Warriewood
Auburn Basketball Centre; Church Street, Lidcombe (inside Wyatt Park)
St Spyridon’s: 1130 Anzac Parade, Maroubra
Moss Vale Basketball Stadium; Parkes Road, Moss Vale

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor
CRICKET
ISA Round 8 – SPX v St Patrick’s Strathfield.

The 1st XI demonstrated that determination, self-belief and “guts” are a powerful combination. Batting first SPC had the 1st XI in real trouble at 6/34. Luke Humphrey (27) and Ned McDermott-Healey (9) steadied the innings with James White (16) and Matt Kennedy (9) putting on 28 for the 10th wicket. 1st XI finishing with 104.

The 1st XI believed they could win and set out to do just that. Nick Onslow (1/14 of 10 overs) secured a wicket first ball of the SPC innings and combined with Ned McDermott-Healey (3/19 of 10 overs) for one of the fastest and on target opening bowling spells seen at Oxford Falls. James White took an excellent one handed catch in the gully to have SPC 2/6. Good bowling in the middle overs from Luke Humphrey (3/27 in 9.2 overs), Dermott Beattie (2/18 in 10 overs) and Max Magee (1/11 in 10 overs) combined with good fielding, and intelligent wicket keeping by Tim Robertson, regularly took wickets leaving SPC 8/90 with four overs to go. Ned McDermott-Healey removed SPC’s best batsman; now 9/93 Harry Heaney bowled his only critical over (0/3). Needing five to win off the last 6 balls – Luke Humphrey took the final wicket. SPC all out for 101 in 49.2!

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Mr D Reay - Convenor

CROSS-COUNTRY/FITNESS TRAINING 2016
Cross Country is open to everyone, and you can train at your own pace. Be rewarded for achieving a Personal Best and get fit for winter sports, run for fun or work towards the Cross Country Team selection.

Training is held every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8th February until 16th March at Beauchamp Oval, starting at 7.30am and finishing at 8.15am.

For selected competitive runners: ISA Cross Country Championship, Saturday 19th March

For more information please see Mr Lacey.  

Mr R Lacey – Convenor
**RUGBY**

**Rugby Registration is Now Open – Win a Wallaby Jersey!**

The 2016 season is fast approaching and now is the time to register. Rugby is a team sport that caters for boys of all shapes and sizes and various skill levels. Our aim is to ensure that all players who are part of “Team St Pius X Rugby” have an enjoyable rugby experience throughout their time at the school. This will be achieved through the parallel development of players and coaches, with an emphasis on team work leading to successful team performance. New players to the College and those interested in trying rugby for the first time are very welcome.

- To register simply click on the Trybooking link below. It only takes a few minutes with no payment required during the process & one lucky player who registers within the next 3 weeks will win a Wallaby Jersey.
  [http://www.trybooking.com/69784](http://www.trybooking.com/69784)

Registration will be open for the next three weeks only as we endeavour to have age group numbers finalised before training commences in Week 7 of this term. All students wishing to play rugby are required to be registered here to be included in a team, allowing the school rugby administrators & coaches to best prepare for the coming season, plus allow your P&F Rugby Club to best support and communicate with you!

Players are reminded that **training** takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week during the season and that SPX College Rugby takes priority over club commitments.

Finally a few dates to note down for Term 1:

- **Tuesday 9th February** – Preseason training commences for Opens and Under 16s at Oxford Falls. Tuesday night only for the next 4 weeks.
- **Tuesday 8th March & Thursday 10th March** – Rugby Training commences for all teams.
- **Friday 11th March to Sunday 13th March** – Opens Preseason camp at Bowral.
- **Saturday 19th March** – First match/selection trials for all teams vs Sydney High at Oxford Falls.
- **Saturday 2nd April** – Traditional Trial Match vs St Aloysius at Oxford Falls.

AND don’t forget the annual **SPX RUGBY CLUB DINNER** for parents & supporters, **Friday 13th of May**.

Please check Woodchatta weekly, including the **Woodchatta Extras** section for all the latest Rugby news throughout the season or contact Mr Lynch at **JLynch@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au** for any general rugby enquiries.

*Mr J Lynch – Convenor*

**SWIMMING**

This Friday 12th February the St Andrews Cathedral School Invitation Swimming Carnival will take place at Drummoyne Pool. Warm-up starts at 6.30pm with the first race commencing at 7.00pm. All swimmers must be at the pool before 6.30pm. School cap and swimmers must be worn in every race. All spectators are welcome! Please check Twitter if wet weather occurs.

A special Congratulations goes to Callum Aikin of Year 12 who broke a 15 year old record in the 50m Backstroke at the school carnival by 1.1 seconds. A fantastic achievement.

*Miss L Proc – Convenor*

**ISA TENNIS**

Applications are now open for the 2016 Winter ISA Tennis Season. Details and application forms are available at the Student Office and completed forms must be returned by Friday 26th February.

*Ms A O’Brien - 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: Regular sport at Oxford Falls, though all boys will again travel to the venue at 9am as there is an anti-bullying production in the morning. They will therefore require a full packed recess/lunch. Training then continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Trials for the Armidale Rugby Tour take place at lunch (see below). Pick-up is at 2.20pm in the carpark.

Winter Sport Changes: A reminder that the deadline for changing winter sport preferences falls today. I must enter teams into competitions and complete fixture draws shortly.

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AFL: I am pleased to advise that AFL will go ahead in 2016 after final approval from the Leadership Team. I will shortly email all parents of nominated players with further information.

Junior Swim Carnival: (see photo page in Woodchatta extras). We were greeted with a perfect Sydney summer day for our annual House Swimming Carnival last week. This tribal like event, so early in the year, always sets the tone for school spirit moving forward. And our young men didn’t disappoint. Buoyed by the support of a large contingent of parents and friends, our students, many new to St Pius, were superb in the manner they represented their House. It is a great way for our students, particularly those new to the College, to engage in the culture of St Pius X sport, compete alongside their peer and feel ownership of their new school.

The boys competed with vigour and determination in the water, many at the edge of their comfort zone in pursuit of a ribbon and valuable points. It was so pleasing to see the number of boys entering the 50m races in each stroke, certainly more than any year previously. The competition was healthy in the water and the support for those swimmers from the pool deck was magnificent. I particularly acknowledge the newly appointed House Captains who, in their first assignment for 2016, did an amazing job leading their troops, ensuring high participation levels, organising relays and showing the way in the pool. Our boys are our best advertisement for the College and I was extremely impressed with the way this new group has settled into the sporting fabric of the school – they listen, follow directions and effortlessly give of their best.

In the end Purton’s teamwork and strong participation proved the difference nudging ahead of Barron in the final relays for the overall win. Barron were strong all day and deserve honourable mention for a very close 2nd place. Rice House were not far behind in 3rd, led by strong individual performances, especially in the 10’s and Opens.

A big thank-you to the staff, senior students and parental volunteers who ran the carnival so smoothly. Thanks also to the many parents and relatives who supported their boys on the day. The following Age Champions and runners-up deserve mention for their superb individual performances in their respective fields. They have been selected in the swimming squad and are joined by; Mitchell McGrath, Liam Thomson & Sebastian Wallace (U11’s), Sam Ferguson & Liam Hunt (U12’s). Our swim squad have already begun preparations for their upcoming selection carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

Champion House: **PURTON**

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Rugby Tour: We will again be taking a Prep 1st XV Rugby Squad to Armidale for The Armidale School Rugby Carnival. This tour departs on 8th April and returns on 10th April. Selection trials for all Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport this Thursdays 11th February and again on Thursday 25th Feb. Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.
Basketball: Congratulations to all players on a fine start to the season. Many were representing St Pius for the first time and they did so naturally. The boys were well attired, well mannered and played with good sportsmanship. I congratulate them on the way they have settled so quickly at St Pius. Well done to all.

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Softball
Round 1 Softball Report: vs St Patrick’s Black WASHED OUT.

Uniform Shop

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

Blazer Orders should have been placed by today - please check with your son if you have not seen his order form. Monday 15th February will be the final day for orders as if they are placed any later they will not arrive before Term 2.

Payment is not due until Week 9 of Term 1, 21st March 2016.

Winter uniforms will be available from Monday 29th February 2016.

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 Buttons are available from shop $2.00 each.

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

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AN OPEN LETTER
Dylan Chrimes – Year 12, 2015
In Memory of his father, Mark.

Transplantation has now advanced to levels that show the true fruits of labour within health. Nowadays, Australian hospitals are able to transplant major organs (kidneys, heart, lungs, pancreas, liver, bone marrow and corneas) and also tissues (corneas, heart valves, skin, bone).

A transplant can undoubtedly change someone’s life, as could have happened with my Dad. My father had a rare condition called Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), which essentially means his lungs developed scar tissue. Such scar tissue prevents normal function, thus his lung capacity dropped rapidly. As a result he was placed on the donor list for a lung transplant, but regrettably, a lung could not make it in time for him, and he passed on the 6th of December.

I myself never understood the process or potential of Transplantation until my Dad’s condition. For each organ there are of course different conditions that must be met for it to be suited to the patient. Mostly blood type is the main factor (rare blood types then need much more donors per capita) and also organ size. In this instance, it is clear that in order for maximum efficiency, a wide range of donors should be available in order to give people like Dad the best possible chance they can get.

The reason I write this is to emphasise the need to seriously consider the positive impact each individual can have by becoming an Organ donor (all details are below). Although on the list for a month, if my Dad got his lungs, his condition would have been eradicated, and he would’ve been able to live a life like any of us should, but such is life in that sense.

Although registering for the organ donor registry is important, it is equally important for your relatives to know of your decision in the regrettable instance of your passing. By law, the next of kin can have the final say on transplantation, regardless of whether your intentions are known or not. This is why I believe there needs to be a greater emphasis on speaking with your family about the matter, and understanding each other’s wishes once passed, as transplantation could truly save someone, someone like my dad.

Also, you can choose which organs or tissue you wish to donate, so if you feel uncomfortable with some that’s okay! Any donation makes a huge difference.

You can register online, by phone, or by mail at http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-organ-donor-register
A retired priest of the Diocese of Parramatta, Fr Brian Larkey, died on 7 December last year in Concord Hospital. He was 83.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 11 December.

The son of Clement and Mary Larkey, he grew up in the Sydney suburb of Belmore with his sisters Imelda and Pauline and brother James.

The young Brian was educated at St Joseph's Primary, Belmore, and by the Christian Brothers at Chatswood.

When the young seminarian at St Columba's, Springwood in 1951.

He entered St Columba's Seminary, Springwood, before going on to St Patrick's Seminary, Manly.

On 29 July 1957, he was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Gilroy in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Bede Heather, Fr Larkey was Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral from 1986-1991.

He was NSW Director of the 1986 Papal Visit when Pope John Paul II came to the newly established Diocese of Parramatta.

During his time as Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish at Glenbrook, Fr Larkey was responsible for having the new church built and installing the beautiful pipe organ.

Fr Larkey's other priestly appointments included the parishes of Chatswood, Rozelle, Bondi Beach, Carlingford, Avalon, Maroubra, Neutral Bay, Lewisham, Golden Grove, Parramatta, Glenbrook and Baulkham Hills. He was Director of the Catholic Family Life Centre from 1973-83.

Fr Larkey retired from parish ministry in 2002. He is buried in Rookwood Cemetery.
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SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
2nd XI Match Report

In what was described by coach Matt Stearn as the most comprehensive, all-round performance by a St Pius 2nd X1 in recent ISA history, the Seconds completely dominated St Patrick’s in a stunning 127 run victory at Strathfield on Saturday - their second win in successive weeks against their arch-rivals.

The match was notable for two tremendous performances, the first by captain Joe Unwin who just missed out on what would have been a well-deserved century as SPX compiled a huge total of 212 for the loss of just five wickets off their 50 overs. The other was by spinner Justin Porter who returned career-best figures of 8-26 off 7.5 overs as St Pius throttled any signs of life by the St Pat’s batsmen before each and everyone of them could really get going.

The individual starring roles from Unwin and Porter would really not have been possible without a fine team contribution that was significant for its consistency and calmness under pressure. Fellow batsmen supported Unwin during his best ever innings at all levels of cricket and when he departed on 97 - just three short of what would have been a thoroughly entertaining 100 - the baton was picked up by Liahm Williams, Tom Colgan, Alex Brislan and Matt Hall.

Partnerships were the key to the SPX innings after they had been put into bat by St Pat’s on a seaming wicket. Unwin and Alex Graffeio looked in good touch from the off as they got the score to 40 off 14 overs before Graffeio departed for 13. Brendan Plummer and Unwin then shared in yet another half century stand for them, putting on 80 prior to Plummer’s dismissal for 18 at 2-120.

Unwin looked in complete control throughout his innings and the SPX supporters - and him - were left stunned when he holed out in what was the first real chance he had given as a maiden century looked on the card s. But it was an impressive contribution from the captain nonetheless, having set up his team to post a decent score from the remaining 15 overs after he was caught with the total on 135. Colgan (27), Williams (18), Brislan (19 not out) and Hall (12 not out) then added another 77 at five runs an over in partnerships of 23, 27 and 36 respectively as Pius easily passed 200.

That left St Pat’s needing to score at more than four an over right from the start of their innings but there was no let-up in the pressure from SPX as openers Williams and Brislan conceded just nine runs in the first seven overs before Matt Hall and Sam John came on to take a wicket apiece to leave the home side struggling on 2-28 off 14 overs.

It was then that the Pius spin twins arrived to weave their magic and it was Justin “JP” Porter who was to mesmerise and then stun the opposition in a devastating spell that saw him snare a “Michelle”* in just six overs. With James Brown providing total support at the other end - between them they only conceded 32 runs off a spell of 12 overs - Porter had 5-16 off six, having been on a hat-trick which he missed out on by bowling a no ball twice in succession!

Pat’s had by then slid close to oblivion, losing five wickets for just 21 wickets before Porter ran through the tail with three wickets in what proved to be his final - and eighth - over to leave the opposition all out for 85 with still 20 overs of their innings remaining.

The bowlers were well supported in the field with keeper Tom Grazzioto in fine form, making one dismissal look so easy with a catch off Porter that he also instinctively stumped O’Connor for good measure to make sure. Including that dismissal, Pius took five catches with Plummer, Porter, Graffeio and John all making their takes look comfortable. SPX’s other wicket takers were Matt Hall 1-3 and Sam John 1-16.

The well-earned victory secured an extra bonus point to give St Pius seven in all from the day as they consolidated their top four spot with two competition rounds to go before the semi-finals at the end of this month.

* Rhyming Slang - a “Michelle” as in Michelle Pfeiffer which is a five-for in cricket.
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