We acknowledge the Cammeraygal and the Guringai people, their spirits and ancestors, traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand.

From the Principal

PRAYERS FOR FIJI

Time is a central component of our Catholic faith and as our faith is seasonal we allocate times for joy, for celebration, to welcome life, to farewell life and to experience some form of simple sacrifice. Lent is our time to sacrifice something in order to give to others and our giving in Catholic schools is harnessed in the work of Project Compassion. While Christ’s sacrifice as our Saviour was immense we are simply being asked to give something of ourselves. We organise collections and we financially enable Caritas to act in true discipleship – in essence they work with the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the ill, the marginalised and these are Christ’s people. They are the people of the Gospels. They are our people and as disciples in this authentically inclusive community we have a duty to help.

This year our efforts are centred in Malawi with relief work planned for Fiji. The rationale of giving in Lent is simple. If Christ can give his life as the ultimate sacrifice then surely we can give something to a cause that is bigger than ourselves. Now is our time to give. Lent is our time for sacrifice.

May the people of Malawi know that they are in our thoughts and prayers in this their time of suffering. We pray that our contribution will help to alleviate hunger, illness and disease, to build educational programs, to build infrastructure and to build a future.

May the people of Fiji know that they are in our prayers after Cyclone Winston. We pray that our contribution will reach the villages in the many islands ravaged by storms. Hopefully our contribution will be used to rebuild homes and to provide vital humanitarian aid.

May the volunteers and staff of Caritas continue in their work which aims to empower the world’s poorest people by providing vital skills and renewed hope? Let their work change the future for many generations.

May we find the time to sacrifice some time to promote Project Compassion with our boys in the hope that we can make a significant contribution to our collection in order to create change. Every school has the power to transform an entire community or village.

In this year dedicated to the idea of an Inclusive Community let us include others in our thoughts, in our purpose and in our actions. Let us reach out to the people of the world in an act of solidarity.
STOP PRESS: LOOK WHO MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO ST PIUS X TODAY!
MITCHELL JOHNSON AT ST PIUS X COLLEGE

Australian fast-bowling great, Mitchell Johnson, received a hero’s welcome when he visited St Pius X College today for a cricket coaching session in the College’s nets. He shared with 1st and 2nd XI players the art of fast bowling, grip and release techniques and where to hold the seam – watched on by hundreds of junior and senior school students.

Mitchell was accompanied to St Pius by former College 1st XI cricketer and grade player, Cameron Merchant, now Head of Spartan Cricket, and members of Cricket Appeal, a grassroots cricket coaching and development involved with the College’s cricketing program. Mitchell, who is recently retired from all first grade cricket, is in Australia for a short time before returning to the Indian Premier League.

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

Last Friday the College welcomed back the 2015 Year 12 HSC High Achievers to the Academic Awards Presentation ceremony and Ben John, College Dux, addressed the College. Ben was deeply passionate about reflective learning and that his high involvement in academic school life was supported by so much activity in Sport, the Performing Arts, Cultural activities and leadership. Included in Woodchatta Extras is Ben’s speech, along with the Principal’s address.

Below are some extracts from Ben’s outstanding address.

“Find the best way for you to learn. For me it was talking and explaining concepts to other people and later it was working with a partner under exam conditions.”

“I think we often see our time at school as a stepping-stone from where we go on to bigger and better things. I know the aspirations of many here will adhere to this; however on looking back from the position of only a few months from completing school, I think we should see it equally as a time of greatness in itself that should be enjoyed and cherished.

“Not only is the fruit of education sweet but so too is the journey taken to reach it.”

“When you become part of that generation of past knowledge - the one which, for the Year 12 of 2015 is now well and truly upon us - is when you learn to appreciate all that has gone. As we inevitably continue to change and diverge, it is our past that will stay at St Pius.”

YEAR 8 AND 9 CAMPS

The first of our Camps begin next week with both Year 8 and 9 going to separate camps with the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Sincere appreciation to the staff and best wishes to all students for a great experience.

SUMMER SPORTS ISA CHAMPIONS – RECORD NUMBERS OF TEAMS MAKE THE SEMI-FINALS

The Senior School summer sports program is coming to the business end of the season and we have a record 21 or our 27 ISA Basketball teams making the Semi Finals this weekend. In Cricket both the First and Second XI have made the Semi-Finals. A truly inspirational achievement. Congratulations to all our College representatives.

OPEN DAY 2016

St Pius X College Open Day
Saturday 19 March
Chatswood Campus - 10am to 2pm
Principal’s Address 12 noon
Oxford Falls Campus – 8am to 12pm

Mr John Couani
From the Assistant Principal Mission and Identity

In Laurie Wood’s ‘A Dictionary for Catholics’, the definition of Lent refers to the word being originally linked to the word for spring, referring to the lengthening of days that is consistent with Spring. For Catholics across the world Lent is understood to be the forty days of preparation for Easter Sunday, with some denominations and rites extending it to include Saturday and Sundays as well. It also has direct connections to both the forty years the Israelites searched for the Promised Land as well as the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, perhaps with a Jewish group called the Essenes, as he prepared for his ministry.

Lent is in itself a season that seems to come earlier and earlier each year and the distance between shopping for tinsel and chocolate Easter eggs continues to grow shorter each year. I must admit I am one of those people who gets annoyed when the Easter buns make an appearance a few days after Christmas.

In the era of my parents Lent was a much more communal activity, particularly in regards to food and dietary restrictions. I have fond memories of ‘no meat Fridays’ which extended to all Fridays of the year and the efforts of my mother in managing to present, in a creative way, fish, eggs or vegetables for our evening meal. Some families still continue this tradition either in Lent or throughout the year.

Today our preparation can be much more effective as we structure it in a way that allows it to be more beneficial for individuals as well as the community. Yes, we can restrict our diet, but we can also: develop our prayer life further, start a daily reading of the Bible, give to Project Compassion, worship at your parish or attend an extra service during the week, join a Lenten group or do works of mercy which help and support others in need.

The Year 10 and 11 students (and Parents/Guardians) have just received their CIP packages. What better preparation for Lent then to assist those in our community who are facing challenges or the organisations that work with them.

I am reminded of the reflection from our Ash Wednesday Liturgy that highlighted the repercussions of a world where Edmund Rice only reached out to others for forty days! May the St Pius X Community continue to make the needs of others a priority so that we will not only talk about an inclusive community but make it a reality by living it every day of the year.

Mrs D Dempsey

Important Information for Parents re Piracy

At Monday’s assembly, students were spoken to about the use of their personal learning devices. Some students have recently downloaded torrent software which is used to download and share movies, images, music and more.

In 2015, new copyright laws were passed in Australia which tightened restrictions around such downloading and sharing, and making those who do so liable to be fined if caught. Recent examples such as the issues surrounding the film Dallas Buyer’s Club show the increasing seriousness with which such pirating is being treated.

At St Pius X, we believe in the ethical use of technology in all its forms within the framework of our core beliefs of Faith, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence, and in this instance, a focus on respect. Our students need to learn that they are affecting the lives and earning of others through their actions.

It is important that we work together as parents and educators to help our students understand the problems such actions can cause. Apart from the legality, they need to understand that through pirating and sharing material, they are causing damage to those artists and creators they love so much, and potentially themselves.

- Piracy costs the Australian film industry alone $575 million – over 6000 potential jobs – each year
- While torrent software is free, often on these sites there are high-risk ads, which can include malware (leading to viruses) or spyware (leading to identity theft)

We are taking this issue very seriously. We are doing sweeps of student devices to ensure they do not have this software installed. If they are found to have it, their device will be re-imaged. We also have blocks in place to prevent this type of software being accessed at school.

We would like your support in managing this issue. Please check with your son that you have both signed the Use of Technology Policy on P119 of their Diary. It might be good to discuss the problems of piracy with your son. Some excellent materials can be found at www.ipawareness.com.au

Please contact myself or Mr Sean Brannan if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms A Gripton - Innovative Learning and Knowledge Management Coordinator, and
Mr S Brannan - Head of Student Services
MindMatters for Families

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT TEAMS – YEARS 10, 11 & 12

St Pius X College is indeed fortunate to be well served by our Student Empowerment Teams in Years 10, 11 and 12 who meet regularly each week/fortnight to discuss ‘student led’ initiatives to promote positive mental health and wellbeing within the College community. Currently our teams are planning activities for the following days:

1: **Year 7 – Building Connections**;
2: **National Day against Bullying and Violence**, set down for 18th March, and
3: **Harmony Day** which the College will celebrate on 21st March.

The College greatly values the contributions and efforts of these MindMatters students who are making a substantial difference to the wellbeing of ALL students.

Thanks also to Ms Kugananthan, Ms Foord and Ms Allington for their collective leadership of this group. Well done!

MENTORS'/BUDDIES' ACTIVITIES

Our first ‘Buddies’ activity is set down for this Friday with our students being challenged with a variety of rock-climbing walls at Climb Fit Artarmon. Over 40 students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in this physical activity aimed at building resilience and rapport amongst our students.

Next week our Senior Year 12 mentors will buddy up with Year 7 and 8 mentees and will enjoy the tranquillity and relaxation from our Paddle Boarding opportunity at Balmoral Beach.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

Your P&F in Action!

**Invitation**

P & F General Meeting - Term 1

The first general meeting for 2016 will take place on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Sarto Centre

All welcome!

Come along and hear from the Principal, Mr John Couani, on the activities and plans for the College, and also from Mr Tim Long on developments in the Junior School. These presentations offer great insights into the future, so please join us, have a drink and a bite to eat and settle in to hear what is happening at your son’s school.

Cocktail Party - Friday 1st April

Remember to put the date in your diary. Booking details in Woodchatta next week.

Nadine Robson
robson.nadine@gmail.com
0412 272 056
SPX Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Krakow 2016

The preparations continue for our SPX contingent of student pilgrims on their exciting journey through Italy and on to Krakow, Poland in July of this year where they will be a part of largest gathering of Catholic youth ever assembled. In the final weeks of a current fundraising campaign we seek your support to consider buying a book or two of the Diocese of Broken Bay Raffles to be drawn on Palm Sunday the 20th of March.

The tickets are $2 each or $20 for a book and the four prizes are; a Hyundai Car, $6000 European Travel Voucher from Cosmos, An Apple Smart Watch and an Apple I-pad mini.

As all these prizes have been donated every dollar raised will go directly to supporting our students meet the costs of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please see Woodchatta Extras for a flyer and a Raffle Order Form which you can email or direct back to the College to our Pilgrim Group Leaders, Adrian Brannan and Sophie Allington. We greatly appreciate any support you may be able to lend to our student pilgrims.

SPX WYD Pilgrim Group Leaders
Sophie Allington SAllington@stpiousx.nsw.edu.au and Adrian Brannan ABrannan@stpiousx.nsw.edu.au

Performing Arts News

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY: Thankyou to the Intermediate and Senior Percussion Ensembles and their Director Mr Talati for your contribution to this important College event last Friday.

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 NEXT Wednesday 2nd March. A permission note has been sent home with all the details.

PAPA MEETING: The next meeting of the Performing Arts Parents Association is on Monday 14th March (Week 8) at 7.00pm in the Core Music Room. Parking will be available in the Junior School yard.

CAMPUS INSPECTION: The following ensembles will be performing at the Campus Inspection Day on Saturday 19th March: Senior Jazz Band, Senior Guitar Ensemble, Senior String Trio, Intermediate String Quartet. A note will be sent home in the next week with all the details and performance times.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

From The Science Department

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS)
The National Youth Science Forum is a unique program that enables students on the point of entering their final year of secondary school, the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and learn about study options in the diverse fields of science, engineering and technology.

Applications will open online on 1 March for Year 11 students seeking selection for a place on the 2017 NYSF.

Two sessions will be run in January in Canberra. Students live on campus as University students, gain an insider’s perspective on campus life, and experience real science, working with real scientists at a range of laboratories and workshops and in the field.

Students gain the knowledge, skills and perspectives to enable them to make informed choices about Year 12 studies, University course options and beyond.

During Year 12, NYSF students also have the opportunity to participate in further short programs at various locations around the country, which extends their experience and understanding of science, engineering and technology career opportunities and adds further perspectives that assist in their successful transition to University. In 2014 Kanishk Purohit and Scott Watts went on to participate in international programs held in Canada and Germany.

For further details access the NYSF 2017 Guide online at: http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying or contact Ms Black in the Science Office.

Ms J Black - Science Coordinator
Public Speaking & Debating

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING TOPICS
The 2016 Public Speaking CSDA training season has commenced. The public speaking topics for 2016 appear on the CSDA website www.csda.nsw.edu.au. Venues for the three rounds are still to be advised.

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.

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING ADJUDICATOR SEMINAR
St Pius X College is hosting the above seminar on Wednesday 24 February in the Year 10 Blue Room. This seminar is the opportunity for our current Year 12 students and ex-students to become accredited as CSDA Public Speaking adjudicators. The seminar commences at 6.30 pm and should conclude at around 8.30 pm.

LEGACY JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
St Pius X College has enrolled 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 College has enrolled two students to compete in this event. Students will try out for a place closer to the date.

CSDA DEBATING COMPETITION
All debaters met with Mrs Waterson and their debate coaches at the clock after assembly last Friday, 19th February to collect information about commencement of training this week. Two hours of training per week is mandatory. Please ensure that you have made contact with your coach so that you know where your training will take place this week.

Two hours of training per week is mandatory. Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm is compulsory for all debaters every Friday afternoon from Week 5 (26th February) and coaches will organise another 30 minutes of training with their teams.

DEBATING COACHES

Mrs Waterson - Year 7 Debaters
Dr Meale - Year 8 Debaters
Ms Sumner - Year 9 Debaters
Mrs Easton - Year 10 Debaters
Mr Harris - Year 11 Debaters
Mr Camilleri - Year 12 Debaters

St Pius X College plans to host pre-season ‘friendly’ debates with Loreto, Normanhurst and Marist College, North Sydney and awaiting confirmation for ‘friendly’ debates with Mercy College and Gilroy College. At the moment Loreto will travel to St Pius X on Thursday 17th March arriving at approx. 4pm for an immediate coin toss and debate. Prep will be done earlier in the week with all teams receiving the topic but not whether they are affirmative or negative.

On the same night, Thursday 17th March, Riverview are hosting a Debate Adjudicator Seminar commencing at approx. 6.30pm. Our Year 12 debaters who plan to become adjudicators will travel to Riverview with Mrs Waterson in the College van. Students will be dropped back to St Pius X College at around 9pm.

Thank you on behalf of our brilliant St Pius X debating coaches.

Our wonderful Year 12 debaters receiving their Academic Awards at Monday’s Assembly.
Pictures thanks to Mr Attard.

Ms M Waterson – Convenor
From the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Team

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS IN YEARS 5 -11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that the Special (Disability) Provisions approvals for Years 5 to 11 have been confirmed for Semester 1 2016. The LSE (Learning Support and Enrichment) team is currently emailing parents and carers, and meeting with students to confirm the details of these approved provisions, which will apply to whole-cohort exams/tests and assessments as outlined in the College’s LSE policy guidelines. Teachers of students in Years 5 to 7 are aware of students’ approved provisions and will be assisted by the LSE team to administer them. However students in Years 8-12 are asked to collect and complete a Special (Disability) Provisions Access form (from the Student Office) upon receipt of their assessment task notifications in all subject areas, should they wish to access their provisions on these occasions. This will assist their teachers and the LSE Team to facilitate provisions for assessment tasks, in addition to exam periods. Please note that the only students who can expect to receive provisions for their whole-cohort exams/tests and assessments are those whose documents have been processed through the LSE department. If there are queries about disability provisions, or if you believe your son may be eligible for provisions on the basis of a diagnosed disability which is impacting or may impact on his performance in exams/tests and assessments, please contact Ms Raheb-Mol via email at JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au for more information.

HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM FOR YEARS 5-12

Homework Help is an academic support initiative of the LSE Department which runs throughout the year, and is held after school in the Senior Library (SRC) on three afternoons per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Homework Help provides academic assistance and learning support 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 and other assignments, assessment task planning, reading and interpretation, revision and research skills, as well as resources to develop language, literacy and writing skills that underpin assessment tasks across the curriculum. 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.

Teachers and parents may refer students to the Homework Help Program for specific tasks and purposes as needed. However all students are invited to attend for their own academic purposes. For example, senior students may wish to improve fundamental skills in essay-writing, creative writing, report and analytical writing including: ways to develop a strong argument or thesis statement, ways to incorporate quotations and other source material into their writing, and ways to write about the language features and techniques of prescribed texts in English.

Whatever the motivation, students from Years 5 -12 are encouraged to come along, and 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 do take advantage of this free service. Parents/ Carers or students may direct any enquiries about the Homework Help Program to Ms Joanne Raheb-Mol, Coordinator of Learning Support and Enrichment, via email: JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

THE FUTURE LEADERS WRITING PRIZE – for interested Seniors in Year 11 and 12

Future Leaders is a philanthropic initiative (see http://www.futureleaders.com.au) about leadership and the future of Australia. It seeks to involve, inform and inspire Australians.

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is a free-entry competition, designed to recognise and reward talented young Australian writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing. Year 11 and 12 students are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words). The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic. In 2016, the award winner will receive $1,000, and where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared. The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will also have their work published. Please see Ms Raheb-Mol for details, or simply send all typed submissions electronically to JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au by Friday 27th May 2016.

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

WILL KOSTAKIS RETURNS TO LAUNCH THE WRITERS’ CLUB & HIS NEW BOOK

Will Kostakis’ launch of the SPX Student Writing Club and his new book, ‘The Sidekicks’ is an event not to be missed. From previous visits to our school, Will is remembered for making us all laugh with stories from his book The First Third and his creative writing workshops.

It will be a great opportunity to hear about the Writers’ Club and see if it’s for you. The club hopes to inspire students to improve their creative writing, write poems/short stories/long stories/anything at all and enter all sorts of writing competitions!

Come along to the double launch, lunchtime, Friday, March 4th @yourSRC.

Andrew Chui, Patrick McKenzie & Declan Warn (Year 12) and Mrs K Keighery (Senior Teacher Librarian)

Careers News

Congratulations to Ben Kinchington, Matthew Buskariol and Deven Solanki (HSC 2015) for obtaining a place in the UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship Program.

This prestigious Business Scholarship is worth $46,000 over three years. Students major in accounting and another area of their choice, and will experience 2 business internship placements. 95% of graduates in this program obtain employment upon completion of the course and are highly sought after. Students are selected on their application and interview, as well as the ATAR. Applications for the 2017 intake open in April.

This week all Year 10 students were involved in career testing using www.mycareermatch.com.au. This testing gives students an insight to the variety of career paths that are available. The testing matches students’ interests and personality traits with a range of career paths. The aim of the testing is start exploring career and industry options and not to determine a set direction. Exploring a variety of options during Years 10 and 11 allows students to make informed decisions when they reach the HSC. Students are encouraged to forward the test results to their parents/carers via email.


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Old Boys vs Students Gala Day

The Senior Students vs Recent Old Boys Gala Day took place last Sunday 21st February at The Treacy Centre Oxford Falls, with over 100 students, parents, Old Boys and guests in attendance despite the heavy weather and busy weekend of sporting commitments. The day featured a solid training session under the direction of 1st XV Rugby Coach, Francis Cullimore on Watkins Oval, before a Touch Rugby game in which the students lead by Jordan Smith and Daniel Yazdi overcame an Old Boys combination including Mark Toma, Justin Gates and Lucas Kilby 6 – 4.

Basketball was a high scoring 86 – 65 victory to an Old Boys Team including Tom Aposhian ’14, L Fuller ’14, Matt Diggins ’13, James Brannan ’15 and Josh Hawthorne ’14 over current 1st V players: Daniel Garrett, Jack Carr, Harry Clay, Angus O’Donovan, Anthony Maras, Reuben Ghannoum, and Laurie Fleming.

Bragging rights then came down to Mr Quilty’s Football “Old School Tie” with Chris Woo captaining the current 1st XI to outlast a star-studded Old Boy’s XI including Central Coast Mariners’ Alex Drake ’15, Nick Refenes ’ 15, newly minted College Dux 2015 Ben John, and Nick Morabito ’14. An impressive late flurry of goals saw the students win 5 – 2. (refer Woodchatta Extras for the full Shape, Tackle and Goal report, and additional photos with thanks to Mr Danny John).

Special thanks to Mr Geoff Clarke ’86 who coordinated the free BBQ with Mr Brett Laird ’82, Mr Charles Kilby ’80, SPX Old Boys Association President Mr David Bullard ’82, and a number of Year 10 students making a start on their CIP hours. Brad Mattioli ’14 who reffed the Basketball, Mr Quilty who organised the Football and Adrian Brannan ’90 who ran the Touch Rugby also deserve a mention. A big shout out to the class of ’86 who celebrate 30 years of freedom this year. Contact Brad Hall for details. The Old Boys association can also be commended for their sponsorship of Saturdays BBQ for the Year 12 Community Day and fundraising at both events for Liam Knight’s White Knight Foundation against community violence.

The students may have won the day on aggregate; however, the real value in the event was the ongoing connections between our students and recent, and not so recent, ex-students, who may be able to share invaluable insights into University, other studies, careers and life lessons at any stage throughout their futures. Fide et Labore

Mr S Brannan - Head of Student Services

SPX Community Day

Saturday the 20th of February was St Pius X’s official student-organised Community Day at home ground Oxford Falls. As the final home game of the regular season for many teams, including the 1st V Basketball and 1st XI Cricket, it was a great opportunity to encourage school spirit, foster our touchstone of Inclusive Community and raise money for a worthy cause.

The generous donations made by parents, players, spectators, a student-run sausage sizzle, the Old Boys Association and the Basketball Club raised a total of approximately $1170 for the White Knight Foundation, a charity combatting youth violence, launched by Old Boy Liam Knight.

Despite the presence of a passionate blue and gold crowd, swarming with students, old boys and parents, all of whom sang war cries and chants, the 1st V Basketball went down to a strong St Augustine’s side. Nonetheless there were victories across the board, including the mighty 1st XI Cricket which displayed a dominant performance, batting and fielding.

A big thanks goes to all those who helped out on the day, including Principal Mr Couani, Deputy Principal Mr Casey, Head of Students Mr Brannan, teachers Ms Black, Ms Colefax, Ms Proc, Ms Bates, Mr Gibson, Mr Reay and Ms Grove, parents, and prefects Harry Heaney and Kane Eden. Their time and effort made the day a success.

Community Day was a fun and spirited event that united the students of St. Pius X and has set the tone for the year.

Liam Houlihan - St Pius X College Captain
Junior School News

REACH WORKSHOPS: The boys had the REACH workshops this week which may prove to be a good discussion starter around the dining table. The next workshops are in Term 3.

YEAR 5 ROCK AND OBSERVATORY EXCURSION: Next Tuesday, 1st March, Year 5 will be visiting the Sydney Observatory and The Rocks to view ‘Pieces of the Past.’ This excursion relates to the Year 5 Science and History units respectively. The students need to wear school sports uniform (blue shirt), school hat and bring a raincoat. They will need to bring their morning tea, lunch and a drink in their school sports bag. An information letter was emailed out yesterday and is on the Portal.

YEAR 5 CAMP MEDICAL FORMS DUE NOW: The Camp sent me a summary of the medical forms completed and there are currently 11 parents/caregivers who have not completed the form online. I have endeavoured to contact all those parents but if you know you haven’t completed the form, please follow the instructions below.

Parents will need to use your booking number as a reference when submitting their information. Your booking number is: 434350. Click on this link and please complete the form by Friday. https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/medicalandconsentform

SYDNEY SWANS: The Sydney Swans visited the school yesterday and the boys who didn’t have specialist lessons enjoyed an enjoyable talk from Jarrad McVeigh (Co-captain) and Toby Nankeris, who had to duck his head to get through the doorway. The boys asked very interesting questions and some boys received prizes. The session ended with a rousing rendition of the Sydney Swans theme song.

SWIMMING TEAM: Best wishes to all the boys in the swim team who will attend the Brothers’ Carnival this Friday and the IPSHA carnival at Homebush next Wednesday.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Uniform Shop

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

Winter uniform will be available for purchase from Monday 29th February.

Blazer Orders: Payment can be made over the phone via credit card, or by cheque or cash at the Uniform Shop. Any enquiries please contact the Uniform Shop direct on 9414 4339. Blazers are due approximately Week 9.

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.

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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BASKETBALL

YEAR 7 BASKETBALL TRIALS

Year 7 Basketball Trials will be held at Oxford Falls this Saturday 27th February from 11:00am - 1:00pm and Saturday 12th March from 11:00am - 1:00pm. All players must trial. Parents will need to contact Mr Gibson if their son cannot trial. Teams for Term 4 will be finalised after the second trial.

Semifinals: Please note that there are two venues for the semifinals this Saturday.
1: St Paul’s Grammar School: 52 Taylor Road Cranebrook
2: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre: 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park

SCORE BENCH

Please help with the Score bench: All teams must provide one person to help do the score. It is in our best interests to have someone on the bench. Only positive support for our teams will be helpful also.

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor

SENIOR SWIMMING SQUAD

This Saturday night 27th February is the Christian Brothers Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Pool. It commences with the Warm-Up at 7.00pm and the first race at 7.30pm. All swimmers need to be wearing their school cap and costumes without fail. All swimmers must attend this carnival. All parents and supporters are welcome.

Ms L Proc - Convenor
CRICKET
ISA Semi-finals
Congratulations to the 1st XI who have earned a home semi-final against St Stanislaus’ College in ISA Division 1 and the 2nd XI who will play a semi-final against All Saints College in Bathurst in ISA Division 2 this Saturday. Good luck and play well.

Saturday 20 February 2016 – ISA Round 10

Losing the toss and being asked to bat the 1st XI found it difficult to form partnerships and score runs against some good Oakhill bowling. Harry Heaney (22) and Luke Humphrey (52) had to work hard for their runs but their perseverance paid off. 1st XI 9/125 after 50 overs. Oakhill’s innings was quickly interrupted by wickets to Nick Onslow (2/10) and Ned McDermott-Healey (2/12). Dermott Beattie taking 3/13 from 10 overs effectively ended Oakhill’s run chase. Luke Humphrey (2/2) and Pat Purcell (1/1) quickly wrapped up the tail supported by excellent catches from James White and Tim Robertson. The 1st XI securing a home Semi-Final against St Stanislaus’ College.

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Mr D Reay - 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 by Tuesday 8th of March will win a Wallaby Jersey.
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 Tuesday’s and Thursday’s each week during the season and that SPX College Rugby takes priority over club commitments.
Finally a few dates for the calendar:

- **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.
- **Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th April** – School Holiday Rugby Coaching Clinic at Oxford Falls. More details to follow in the coming weeks.
- **Saturday 30th April** – Final Trial match vs St Gregory’s College at Oakhill College, Castle Hill. Please note this match is a change from the original trial schedule.

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@stpiux.nsw.edu.au for any general rugby enquiries.

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**NSW SPORTS AWARD – Congratulations Francis Cullimore! (1st XV Coach & Gym Manager)**

St Pius X College is pleased and proud to announce that Francis Cullimore, as Head Coach of the NSW Rugby 7s team, was the proud recipient of the NSW Team of the Year Award at the recent NSW Gala Sports Dinner at Curzon Hall last Thursday evening.

Francis is currently an integral member of the St Pius X Sports Program and coaches the SPX 1st XV Rugby team, as well as assisting individual students and staff at the College Gym with the weight and fitness programs. Francis is highly regarded and respected for his knowledge, expertise and personal rapport with those under his care.

This prestigious NSW award clearly highlights Francis’ talent as a Head Coach and we are proud to share this wonderful news with the College community. Well done Francis!

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

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**ISA TENNIS**

Applications for the 2016 Winter ISA Tennis Season must close this **Friday, 26 February**. Unfortunately, late applications cannot be accepted. Details and application forms are available from outside the student office.

Ms A. O’Brien - Convenor

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**NSTA TENNIS**

**Newsletter #2 - Round 2: 20/2**

This weekend was very competitive with many matches being won or lost, 2-1 sets – sometimes with close tiebreaks. Some players had some great rallies and were really pleased with their individual improvements and level of consistency, which is great to note. Kudos to teams SPX 4 and SPX 10 for 3-0 respective victories against North Sydney Boys and Riverview.

Smashes seemed to be the shot of the weekend with Alex of SPX 16, hitting one cross-court, Cameron of SPX 20 entertained the crowd with a smash at the net, whilst Max of SPX 18, deflected a smash with a great backhand return! Ky of SPX 8, gets ‘Sportsman of the Week’, having been heard to complement and congratulate his opponent on the good level of play at the end of their game. Go, Ky!

At the time of writing up this report – I have received scorecards from SPX 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 24, 25 and 26 – thank you to those players for your organisation and cooperation. If your Team was AWAY and/or won on the weekend I should have your scorecard by now. I would ask parents to assist by reminding your son to return his scorecard of a Monday morning to his Staff Coach as requested. If there were to be a problem with X-Point in the future – a hardcopy of the Scorecard, signed on the day is the only proof we have of our results. This is the reason for this request to return scorecards.

Players are reminded to check the NSTA Rules of Play that were sent home prior to the commencement of the Competition via email and are in Court Folders at Talus Street. We still have players not using the correct scoring system – e.g. the short tiebreak, short deuces.

Thank you to our reserve players who have been coming along, assisting and supporting their team mates. With rotations, everyone should have played at least once by the end of Saturday’s session.

Ms S-J Grove – 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.

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**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** Regular sport at Oxford Falls. Training continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Year 5 will participate in their internal Cross-Country race prior to sport. Trials for the Armidale Rugby Tour take place at lunch (see below). Pick-up is at 2.20pm in the carpark.

**Cross-Country:** This internal House event takes place for Year 5 this week at Sport. Boys may wear their House shirt (or a comfortable running singlet/shirt) and should have sturdy, suitable running shoes. We use this event to select a squad to represent St Pius at the IPSHA Cross-Country. Year 6 will complete their event next week (3rd March).

**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. A 2nd selection trial for all Open Rugby players who wish to attend will take place at Oxford Falls Sport this Thursday 25th Feb. Boys require boots, mouthguard and any protective gear.

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**Ms D Cummins - Convenor**

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**Softball**

**Round 3 Softball Report:** vs Trinity Grammar  
Result: Won 11-4

We were off to a good start in our first innings in the field and at bat. However as the game progressed the confidence and eagerness of the Trinity players saw them put some runs on the board. Even with some slow base running we managed to hang on for a good win. Great behind the plate work by Cody with some excellent outs.

Outstanding players (3,2,1) – Cody Choi, Connor Cassar, David Casey.

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A CATHOLIC BOYS’ COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION
The following information is contained within this week’s Woodchatta Extras. Click on the link below to take you straight to that section.


1. 2015 ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY
   Speech by Ben John – College Dux 2015
   Principal’s Address

2. 2015 Academic Awards:
   - Year 7 Semester 2
   - Year 8 Semester 2
   - Year 9 Semester 2
   - Year 10 Semester 2
   - Year 11
   - Waterford Awards
   - Academic Colour Awards

3. World Youth Day Raffle Flyer

4. World Youth Day Raffle Order Form

5. Cricket Match Reports

6. ‘Shape Tackle & Goal’ Old Boys Special 2016

7. Football News
Why do we value our past?

Mr. Couani, honoured guests, teachers, parents, guardians, friends and students, this was a question I thought I comfortably knew the answer to.

After doing some work at an archive recently I was forced to delve deeper into this question.

The thought occurred to me - why go to such a significant effort to look after all these antiques and records knowing that the vast majority of them may never be seen by anyone but the few staff who work there? This musing stayed with me and I bring it to you today. It prompted me to think about what my own “archives” are and why they are important to me.

Most of my archives and memories, like the archives and memories of many of you sitting in front of me, are in some way or shape decorated by the blue and yellow crest of St Pius X College.

In philosophy, one of the central tenets is the power of a saying to hold its meaning and to have the same impact many years, decades or centuries after it was first uttered. Most of you will probably be acquainted with the following phrase penned by Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr in 1849: The more things change, the more they stay the same. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

The graduates here today are a perfect example of what Karr was speaking of. Since coming to St Pius in 2007, 2008 or so forth, all of us have changed. We have aged, not surprisingly.

Many of us show little resemblance to that fresh-faced, innocent year five or six boy that we arrived as. We have grown, physically, emotionally, mentally, and equally and just as importantly, we have grown up.

We have become who we are through education, through sport, through music, through drama, through our friendships and through the greatest lesson of all, life’s experience.

I am who I am because of who I was, and from where I have come. I am still the same person but different.

The same can be said of our college. The people may be different, what we learn may change - as it should for obvious reasons - but the pillars of St Pius remain the same and the standards even more so.

Continuity and consistency - such as ceremonies like this, which celebrate the change from one young generation to another - are therefore as equally as important as change itself.

Change happens all the time, occasionally in significant ways, though more often than not incrementally and sometimes without our acknowledgement. Often I catch myself reflecting on how it feels like the HSC and the uncertainty it brought are now worlds away in the past.

It is only afterwards that we realise what has changed in us and understand why. But we also require other things not to change - the structures, the organisation, the high standards and the routine - for all of us to fulfill our potential.

So, in this context, why do we value old things such as words, documents and the past that is inscribed upon them?

It is not only for their historical importance or the often-aesthetic nature of their appearance but because our past lives on through the person we become, the choices we make and the person we grow to be.
The link between that first Blue Award in Mathematics or the Silver Award in Science may not seem so obvious; however, each little step forward contributes to our growth and personal improvement.

My school life may now be in the past but it has not vanished, as the skills I have learnt here are far from obsolete. I consciously note how often I use them on a daily basis now, despite the fact that I momentarily forgot how to find a percentage at work the other day, which is the result of dropping Maths in Year 12. Having spent the last seven years at the College I feel it has amply prepared me for the next challenges that I, like the other graduates, will face this year in our chosen field of study or work.

One of the unique qualities of St Pius, which I discussed with a staff member and friend whilst walking around the boundary rope at Oxford Falls during the cricket a couple of weeks ago, is the paradoxical experience of attending St Pius.

That is: of being extremely proud of the school whilst not becoming conceited or experiencing hubris because of it; not feeling the need to boast but at the same time not being shy to speak of the school’s qualities and good nature; the attitude that we don’t need to compare ourselves with the other schools located down the road or across the bridge, and yet competing with them in all and every facet (whether that be in academia, sport or character building) and also the feeling that you can be an individual whilst also being active in an inclusive community.

Acknowledging that everyone has a different opinion and experience of their time at school, I believe St Pius does offer the aforementioned experience to students and staff members.

In terms of offering any advice to the present Year 12, I’m going to find it very difficult to say anything without sounding cliché or repeating the Friday afternoon homilies of Mr Cunneen and Mr Masters which you will come to know so well. However I can offer a few suggestions.

Redefine your image of studying as someone locked in his or her room surrounded by piles of notes, reading and noting from texts well into the early hours of the morning. Despite that being an element of study, if not a slightly romanticised one, it is often not the best or most productive form of study.

Find the best way for you to learn. For me it was talking and explaining concepts to other people and later it was working with a partner under exam conditions. I know my mother and Mrs. Giraldi had their apprehensions about what degree of studying was actually going on compared to just general chat but if you can foster a good learning environment with someone, it makes it much easier in those final weeks to continue working through practice examinations when you are ready to give up. Do remember: everyone learns differently.

Aristotle, a Greek philosopher of the 4th Century BC, whose grey beard bears an uncanny resemblance to a certain English teacher at the college, exclaimed that “the roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”. I think we often see our time at school as a stepping-stone from where we go on to bigger and better things. I know the aspirations of many here will adhere to this; however on looking back from the position of only a few months from completing school, I think we should see it equally as a time of greatness in itself that should be enjoyed and cherished.

Not only is the fruit of education sweet but so too is the journey taken to reach it.

This is something that my former self sometimes took for granted during the last school year. I never expected that the nights spent working in ‘A’ block at the top of the school or the nights spent in Chatswood library, leaving with the last few people and walking through the cold down the back of the concourse, in my school jumper, or having to climb over the back gate because the school had already been locked up, would be some of my most valued memories with friends.

When you become part of that generation of past knowledge - the one which, for the Year 12 of 2015 is now well and truly upon us - is when you learn to appreciate all that has gone. As we inevitably continue to change and diverge, it is our past that will stay at St Pius.

Thank you.
Good afternoon, Fr Paul, Br Whelan, Br Thornber, Br Sherrin, Mr Roberts (EREA Director regional Services, College Dux Mr Ben John, Mr Damo, staff, parents and students of St. Pius and our very special guests of honour, the Year 12 2015 HSC High Achievers. Welcome all.

I’d like to take you back to one of the greatest speeches of this school. It is Liam Houlihan’s inaugural speech as College Captain.

“Fairy-tales. Everyone loves to hear them. They have dragons. They have knights. They have quests for gold.

...our HSC journey will spark some of the greatest moments, build some of the greatest friendships and fuel some of our greatest victories. It has been and will be an epic adventure. ... there will be colossal challenges.

In my opinion (Liam said), everyone seated here before me, is actually a Knight in glistening armour. Our dragons are our challenges, our imperfections, our struggles. Our treasure is our greatest memories already made and yet to come.

(Liam went on) The greatest treasure that any student, or Knight, can take from their quests of life are simply from the dragons they fought. These dragons come in many shapes and sizes. They evoke inevitable hardship, but motivate us to grow. Without adversity, we do not progress.

To give you some understanding, these dragons include everyday challenges. They include every test, every early morning wake-up, every late night cram every pop up out-of-nowhere quiz, every single maths class – everything and anything that has caused struggle. These are our dragons and these dragons shape who we are.”

Liam was of course referring to his own 2016 HSC group but he could well have been speaking about these 2015 HSC high Achievers. And we congratulate each and every one of them on meeting the challenge so brilliantly. They have slayed the dragon.

After Liam’s speech last year I did some research on King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table of Camelot. You will be interested to note that the flag of Camelot is blue and gold – the same colours as our own. There is a golden crown and a cross on a blue background – both symbols are on our own Crest.

King Arthur is famously quoted as saying to his knights as their motto: “In serving each other we become free."

And interestingly the prayer of the Knights of the Round table? “May God grant us the wisdom to discover the right, the will to choose it and the strength to make it endure.”

This is indeed the prayer of dragon slayers.

What did Liam Houlihan have to say?
“Each of us face dragons day in and out, but we must not fight them alone. We are all in this together, as a brotherhood – an army of Knights. When one of us falls, we support one another and lift him up. We can’t fight this battle alone.

We want to encourage community within each year group, the school and the wider world. This means recognising and celebrating every student’s individual talent, sport and academic achievements alike, facilitating conversation and creating an environment of colour, positivity and acceptance.

In this quest of life, fairy-tales and perfection are simple impossibilities. Dragons will persist to challenge us and defeat us – tear us to shreds. But if we unite we can slay our dragons together, as brave students of St. Pius.”

I congratulate the 2015 HSC High Achievers and indeed all our HSC candidates.

I congratulate all our Award recipients for 2015.

Thank Mr Damo and Mr Casey, the Percussion Ensemble led by Mr Talati and the Year 12 2015 Academic Prefects who have hosted today.

Anyone can achieve and receive these recognitions. Aim to make a personal best this year.

Let us all now commit ourselves to give our personal best for 2016 and we ask God’s blessings for our Guests of Honour, the 2015 HSC High Achievers as they enter the University Studies and the world beyond.

Go and serve others for God, your community and family – work hard and be faithful to the Gospel.

Never forget your Alma mater – Fide et Labore!

Mr John Couani - Principal
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Alexander Halliday
Harry Heaney
Nicholas Lelli
Nicholas Onslow
Benjamin Rigby
Adriano Riviezza
Alex Silvanian
Matthew Sutton
Declan Warn
Daniel Yazdi

Matthew Fragiacomo
Josiah Lising

Academic Honours
Alexander Harris
Liam Houlihan
Nicholas Parker
Stewart Ross

Academic Honours First Class
Keenan Smith
Patrick Tobin

Waterford Award Winners Semester 2, 2015

Year 7
Zachary Bull
Cameron Fernandopulle

Year 8
Patrick Brannan
Matthew Crotty
Alexander Wall

Year 9
Ronan Apcar
Hunter Clarke
Daniel Hall
Christopher Lanzon

Year 10
Daniel Butler
Joseph Unwin

Year 11
Mitchell Fear
Liam Houlihan
Josiah Lising
William Moran
Stewart Ross
Keenan Smith
Adrian Talarico
Zachary Triantafillos

2015 Academic Colour Award Winners

Gold
Liam Houlihan
Nicholas Parker
Stewart Ross

Silver
Daniel Butler
Ewan Cranston
Angus Dingley
Andrew Jackson
Hamish Knox
Peter Maniatis
William Maniatis
Joseph Unwin
Liam Zucconi
Alexander Harris
Alex Silvanian

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The Seconds go into this weekend ISA’s semi-final with a fighting chance of victory and the sight of a Grand Final berth after another impressive bowling and fielding display against Oakhill in their last competition match made it six wins out of nine for the season.

Showing the disciplined and committed approach in the field that has become a hallmark of their performances, SPX comfortably defended a low total of 131 on one of the smallest grounds in the competition where totals of 150-plus are considered a “must” when batting first.

SPX captain Joe Unwin fancied the team’s chances on what looked a good batting strip despite the overcast conditions and was in no doubt what to do when the toss went his way. He and fellow opener Alex Graffeo began well and had pushed the score to 28 when Graff’s confident start was undone by a fast-paced ball directly onto his stumps. A steady progression of wickets then followed and with Unwin (10), Plummer (20) and Williams (7) all back in the pavilion with the score on 60, it fell to Tom Colgan to pick up the pieces and put some steel into the innings.

That he did with a series of confident pull strokes, dabs and stout defence that saw him get to 31 before he was undone by a slow full toss that he hit straight to mid-on. But that wasn’t before he and partners James Brown and Alex Brislan (20) had pushed the total to 122 to which Justin Porter and Tom Graziotto added a further nine to finish the innings at a somewhat disappointing 131.

SPX then took to the field knowing that they had the bowling firepower to stop Oakhill in their tracks but despite a good start by openers Liahm Williams and Brislan in which only 21 runs came from the first seven overs, then home team began slowly chipping away at the Pius total. And while James Brown captured the first wicket at 31, it wasn’t until another 29 runs later that SPX’s patience started to pay off.

By then the spin twins of Brown and Porter were again bowling in tandem and the ever increasing pressure from both ends saw Sam John take two successive catches in the deep - one off each - to start the rot in the Oakhill batting line-up. Four wickets went down in the space of eight runs and again the twins had done their job - Brown finishing with 3-21 off his ten overs and Porter 2-26 from his allotted spell.

Skipper Unwin then turned to his fast-medium swing attack of Matt Hall and Sam John which picked up were the spinners had left off. Hall was soon on a hat-trick after Graz took a smart one-handed catch in front of first slip and then trapped the successor batsman lbw with his next ball. Despite missing out on another wicket Hall’s 2-10 off five overs were instrumental in securing an important victory.

At the other end, John was denied on several occasions by a coat of varnish but then hit the woodwork in three successive overs to finish off Oakhill and his own spell with fine figures of 3-5 off 5.3 overs. Oakhill were finally dismissed for 89, giving St Pius victory by what was at the end a comfortable 42 runs. It was also an excellent day for SPX as a fielding side with Alex Brislan leading the way with a stunning catch at point which highlighted all the best aspects of the afternoon’s performance.
SPX U13 Blue – 13/02/16, Round 15
SPX Blue 9/156 (J Sheather 30*) defeated St Ives Warner 155 (B Hoolahan 2/5, W Staber 2/8)
Saturday was a special day for SPX U12 blue team. For half of this team, 2015/16 was their first season playing cricket. As we all know, cricket can be a hard game for new starters and after 14 rounds, SPX Blue were yet to have their first win.

The boys had bowled well all year and had taken plenty of wickets to restrict teams, but had not been able to score runs quickly enough to win. They had come close a few times, but never quite got there. They never lost spirit, but everyone knows it is hard.

On Saturday, St Ives won the toss and elected to bat. In the field, everything seemed to come together at once for the boys and Pius bowled out St Ives with five overs (out of 32) to spare. Blake Hoolahan took 2/5. Key wickets to Ben Purcell, Simon Magner and Andrew Guerrera and tight bowling (0/3) from Will Harper restricted the St Ives batsmen to 155.

Even at that score, it would take their highest score for the season to win the game. A solid opening stand from Manav Purohit and Jack Thornton saw off the St Ives opening bowlers. Then a solid partnership between Josh Sheather and Jaiden Speter had St Pius at 3/107 in the 20th, and they were on course. However, as often happens in cricket, the boys lost wickets and found themselves at 8/118 in the 24th. Will Thomson and Will Staber steadied the ship and took the boys to 138 in the 28th when the ninth wicket fell (Will Staber). The boys needed 18 runs off 21 balls with one wicket in hand. Will Thomson and Tom Miles batted with great maturity, pushing singles and with a couple of boundaries, they arrived at the final ball needing a single run to win. Will managed a defensive shot to square leg. Tom bolted for the run, and before Will or the St Ives boys realized, had made it home to the danger end. Will realized what had happened and headed for his run. The St Ives boys realized what was happening too and went to throw down the stumps at the bowlers end but fumbled, Will was home and the game was won.

When you win a game on the last ball with one wicket in hand, you know the contribution from every team member counted and this was definitely the case on Saturday.

For all these boys, this game was their first win for the season. For most of them, their first win for St Pius. For half of them, it was the first time they had won a game of cricket. I know these boys will go on to enjoy winning many games of cricket over the years, but I believe none more so than this one.

SPX U13 Gold – 06/02/16 & 13/02/16, Round 9
SPX Gold 9/140 defeated Collaroy Plateau Gigawatts 9/139
A good old fashion thriller that came right down to the final over at Melwood Number One ground and I’m glad to say St Pius X Gold came out on top.

Talk about timing things to perfection, Pius had just 4 balls remaining and one wicket in hand when James Power crafted the winning runs. While the boys were never worried, there were plenty of nervous moments for coach Scott Power, while scorer Anthony Wunsch was meticulous with his pencil, making sure all those number correctly added up to victory.
We can certainly class this as an upset. Collaroy Plateau Gigawatts were actually two places higher on the ladder than Pius and their star batsman Sam Jones had not been dismissed all season. That was before Matt North deceived him on 15 and Pius spirits lifted. In fact, Collaroy slumped to 6 for 57 after 25 overs due to some terrific bowling from North (2 for 14), Brad Power (2 for 3), and Liam Chang (1 for 15). Spinner Liam Kinna bowled superbly and his final figures of (1 for 11) don’t really do him justice.

Collaroy rallied late and did well to bat their 50 overs out making a formidable 9/136.

Day Two and Pius quickly found themselves 2 for 18 and under some pressure. But the boys are learning the value of partnerships. Riley Kennedy (21) and Joe Colgan (36 not out) started the fightback. That was continued with Tom Wunsch making a well-deserved (26). Another handy partnership between Liam Chang (7) and James Power (11 not out) got Pius to the brink of victory.

Chang fell in the second last over, and the unbeaten Colgan returned to the crease to finish the job with James Power………hip, hip, hooray.

For Pius it was their third straight win and they now sit 6th on the table.

The lesson from the match………”partnerships win matches”.

* And a special note for Joe Colgan, who along with Liam Kinna, went and filled in for the U14’s team in the afternoon. Joe took 3 wickets (including a caught and bowled), made a direct hit run-out, and then opened the innings with an unbeaten 26 from 21 balls!
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SHAPE, TACKLE & GOAL!

The semi-official fanzine of the St Pius X College 1st XI Football Team Old Boys Game Special Season 2016

Captain, my captain.......Nick Mendiburu, SPX 1st XI, 1st goal of the season against Clearview, SPX, 1st XI season 2016, in the Old Boys match at Oxford Hills. Photo, Danny John
New firsts win out in old school tie

SPK 1st XI 2016 squad 5
SPK Old Boys XI 2
At Oxford Falls

For a couple of hours on Sunday morning, the clock was turned back as members of past SPK 1st XI football teams donned their boots to put to the test their successors in the new annual tie between the Old Boys and the prospective new 1st XI for the coming season. Memories of recent glories in ISA, CIS and Queensland Cup campaigns came to the fore in a game, which saw ex-captains Nico Morabito (2013) and Dan John (2015) take to the field together once again - and this time finding themselves lining up with and against their younger brothers, Jacob and Sam. This being St Paul's, such family connections on the field are quite a common occurrence but that doesn’t mean much quarter is given - or spared - in what is normally hotly-contested fixture. Sunday’s game was very much in keeping with that tradition as both sides had points to prove - the

Old Boys who had the pride of their past representation at the highest level at the College to defend and the New Firsts who were determined to ensure the baton had well and truly been passed to the next generation.

In a game played under cloudy skies and in wet, humid conditions, the two teams were largely evenly matched for most of an entertaining and a free-flowing contest. Both sides went close as honours were shared in the first two stages until the fitness and recent trial game experience of the New Firsts began to tell.

The goals then started to flow which saw this year’s 2016 1st XI squad eventually come out top 5 - 2 and hand the winners shield to captain Chris.

Woo in the post-match ceremony at Walsh Oval. Thanks go to Steve Quilty, Sean Brennan and Rachel Woon for making it such a successful day. Dj
Above: Alex Drake (2015 1st XI), now of the Central Coast Mariners, goes up against the SPX ‘lads’ defence; Dan Mahony (2015) (middle) slips past his former teammate James Kelechan in what was almost hand in hand with Drake (below); an Old Boys attack on goal is blocked (bottom right). Photo: Danny John
FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to all those who have been selected to play for the College. Training will start later in the term so watch out for announcements in Woodchatta and from the Football convenor.

Unfortunately some boys missed out due to team limits in the ISA competition structure, the committee has had discussion with Northbridge FC and they can accommodate some boys wishing to play together in a Northbridge team. We have had a couple of interested boys but Northbridge will need a few more to make it practical to put together a team, if your boy is interested please contact us immediately and we can put you in touch with the Northbridge team convenor.

The Football Club AGM is on Tuesday March 1st. We hope to see many of you there willing to get involved. We all are busy and we all have full lives but we are asking for a couple of hours of your time on a very casual basis to serve on Committee and give something back to the boys.

We look forward to your attendance and involvement.

The Committee is now needing fresh input from keen football parents who can lift the contribution to the next level. The majority of the committee will see their sons leave the College in the next year or 2 and to ensure a smooth transition we need parents on board now. Ideally we want parents of boys in the lower years - 6-8 to join.

If you would like to find out what we do check the website or contact any of the committee members - their contact details are on the website link below.


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