From the Principal

PRAYER
Patient Mercy, 3rd Sunday of Lent

"Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

We can be like that tree. It can seem that we are not responding to the Gospel message, that we are not living as we should, for God and for others. We do not produce the fruit of love and compassion God seeks of us. Our Loving Father who is, who was and who will always be, with mercy and patience, "gives us another year". God digs around the soil of our lives with God’s love and fertilises our souls with the Word."

P&F GENERAL MEETING
The first General Meeting for 2016 will take place next Monday 7th March at 7.30 in the Sarto Centre. Special guests are Mr Tim Long, Head of Junior School and Ms Sarah-Jane Grove, Head of Staff Services at the College.

WELCOME MRS FERNANDO
On behalf of the College community I welcome Mrs Sarah Fernando to the College. Mrs Fernando commenced her work last week as the College teacher of Drama in the Performing Arts Team.

We wish her a very enjoyable and productive time in the College.

EREA RENEWAL PROCESS 8-10 MARCH
As noted in an earlier Woodchatta this year, the College will have its EREA Renewal Process next week. The panel will be here from Tuesday 8 until Thursday 10 March. The Panel consists of:

Mr Chris Smith (EREA National Director Identity and Liberating Education)
Mr Brian Roberts (EREA Director Regional Support - Eastern Region)
Mr John Crowley (Headmaster St Patrick’s College Ballarat)
Dr Tony Bracken (CSO Broken Bay Assistant Director School Improvement)
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships for 2016:

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YEAR 7 INCLUSIVITY DAY
Congratulations to Year 7 students, Mr Sean Brannan, Mr Phil Stollery and Br Sherrin and all staff for the excellent day at Oxford Falls last week. Please see Mr Brannan’s report and photos later in this newsletter.

SEMI-FINALS - WHAT A GREAT DAY!
We had such a great Saturday of sport last weekend. 12 of our 21 Basketball teams made it through to the Finals but all our teams did so very well. In Cricket the First XI are through to the Final against St Patrick’s Strathfield. In District Cricket we congratulate all players and wish the U12 Black, U13 Blue and U14 Red every success in the Semi-Finals and Finals. See the sports pages for more details on our great successes.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SWIMMING CARNIVAL LAST SATURDAY EVENING
An amazing evening’s competition of Swimming with our Seniors leading the way. We earned an excellent 4th place. See the sports section for more details.

CDSA PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to all our representatives last Friday evening. Special mention to Keenan Smith (Year 12) and Jasper Choi (Year 10) who were successful on the night and will move through to the Zone Final of the CSDA Public Speaking competition to be held this Friday.

CAMPS
The Years 8 and 9 Camps are being held Monday - Wednesday this week and there has been much planning for them. I sincerely thank all staff attending these camps.

PLD PROGRAM AT SPX
In Woodchatta Extras you can find an interesting article regarding our Personal Learning Devices which was published in November last year. Congratulations to all.

OPEN DAY 2016
Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

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**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

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Mr John Couani
From the Assistant Principal Mission and Identity

We are now in our fourth week of Lent and our tally for Project Compassion is growing. Thank you to the many students who give each day as the Year 12 students visit Homerooms and Assembly lines with their Project Compassion boxes. One of the areas that I have been most impressed with at St Pius X College, is the great generosity that our students and their families have towards those in need. Social Justice requires us to realise that amongst what often seem as insurmountable issues and problems that people and communities face, the actions of individuals and groups can make a real difference.

To support our Lenten Drive, The Edmund Rice Society will be hosting a Pancake fundraising event each Friday morning for the remainder of Lent, March 4, 11 and 18. Pancakes are $1 each and all money collected will be added to our Project compassion Tally.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that we were able to donate 30 PLDs and a number of musical instruments to the Haven Education Centre at Terrigal. I am pleased to say that we will be donating another set of PLDs to St Dominic’s at Penrith. This can only happen because of the generosity of students and families who were kind enough to donate their used PLDs when these were renewed. This technology will greatly assist the Savio community who enrol students from Years 5 to 8 who struggle in mainstream education. My thanks to Mr David Blake, the Social Justice Coordinator, who is fostering these important partnerships through work with the Edmund Rice Society and EREA.

I would also like to share with you part of a reflection by Mr Steve Hopley which he shared at the Religion Faculty Meeting this week: “In Lent we are offered a second chance. In the year of Mercy we are offered a second chance. Why? It is because we are a faith of hope and a faith of renewal. Through reconciliation we are granted an opportunity to rebuild our personal covenant with God and in doing so we can be redeemed. As Christians we have this time of Lent to reflect and to be thankful that we always have a second chance.”

Mrs D Dempsey

From the Head of Staff Services

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION SESSION NO. 2.

Thank you to the people who could attend the Volunteers Session last week at the College. A reminder for those people who attended that session, the completed Volunteer Registration Forms can be returned to me at the College via the Front Office.

For people wishing to volunteer this year who couldn’t attend last week, the second Information Session, will go ahead as planned next Monday night, 7 March at 6:15pm in the Sarto Centre prior to the first P&F Meeting.

As staff and parents volunteers at the College we are all bound by the EREA Code of Conduct – which is always accessible for your information via the College Website.

With thanks again for your contribution to our College community.

Ms S-J Grove

From the Registrars

2018 ENROLMENTS

The College is enrolling now for Years 5, 6 & 7, 2018. Applications close on 29 April, 2016. Please contact the Registrars for an application form.

Ms C Jennings and Ms M King

From the Resources & Facilities Coordinator

MAINTENANCE HANDYMAN POSITION

A position for a Maintenance Handyman has become available at the College. Please check our website http://spx.nsw.edu.au/about/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=128

Mr J Olson
MENTOR/MENTEE ACTIVITIES

Last Friday our mentoring program provided a wonderful opportunity for our younger students in Years 5 and 6 to build their self-confidence and resilience through their active participation in the challenges of rock climbing at Climb Fit, Artarmon. Our 18 senior mentors were simply outstanding as they worked closely with their buddies by providing support, encouragement and most importantly – friendship. The benefits of building strong relationships is an important protective factor in the production of a strong sense of wellbeing.

Thankyou to the ten St Pius X College staff who voluntarily gave up their time to support the 45 students who attended this activity: Ms S Allington, Ms A Foord, Ms V Kugananthan, Ms D Ramsey, Ms J Dempsey, Mr P Stollery, Mr P Tici, Mr C ten Seldam, Mr G Virgona and myself.

Our next activity is a Paddleboarding event for Year 12 Mentors and their Year 7 and 8 buddies which will be held this Friday afternoon at Balmoral Beach.

STARTING THE DAY WELL
Some useful reflective thoughts for parents to discuss with their sons

Do you find it hard to get out of bed some days and be positive about going to school and learning? It can be hard to turn the day around when you wake up like this and don’t take steps to start your day in a positive way. Your approach in the first hour of the day dictates the direction of your day of learning at school.

To ensure you start your mornings well you need to make sure you have a night-time and wake-up routine.

1. **Set your intentions before bed**: consciously decide every night to create a positive expectation for the next morning.
2. **Move your alarm clock cross the room** so you have to get up to turn it off.
3. **Brush your teeth when you wake up** and splash water on your face
4. **Drink a full glass of water** to hydrate yourself after several hours without water.
5. **Add** some of the following ideas to your own routines.

The “Miracle Morning” is a book written by Hal Elrod and he speaks about starting your morning with “Life SAVERS”. The ideas is that you add some of these to your morning routine or come up with your own activities for a positive start to the morning:

- **Silence** can be meditation, mindfulness, prayer etc.
- **Affirmation** can be a word you use that reminds you of who you are and how to be.
- **Visualisation** is an intention (directing your focus) on how you want your day to be.
- **Exercise** can be a short walk or stretching or going for a run (exercise is a great thing to do in the morning).
- **Reading** something that is positive and enjoyable. What you read “resonates” with you. It gets you thinking and expanding “beyond yourself”.
- **Writing** is about journaling. Writing in your journal about your day gives you insight and clarity about issues. It also helps you realise what’s working and how far you have come.

These tips are courtesy of [www.humanconncnections.com.au](http://www.humanconncnections.com.au)

You can learn more about creating positive learning handouts and many other topics to help you achieve your best at school at [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) by logging in with these details:

**Username**: SPX
**Password**: 25success

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor
Your P&F In Action!

P&F GENERAL MEETING

P&F General Meeting
Next Monday 7th March - Sarto Centre at 7.30pm
Snacks & Refreshments provided. 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 next Monday night.

COCKTAIL PARTY FRIDAY 1st APRIL - BOOK NOW!
The annual SPX Cocktail Party is a highly enjoyable evening. There will be big Year Group meeting spots so you can find and catch up with your fellow year mums and dads.

Cost is $40 per head which includes cocktail food, beer, wine, sparkling and soft drinks. Dress is Cocktail with the option of wearing a mask.

This year the P&F are trialling a bus service between Chatswood and Oxford Falls. Cost is $10 per person return but you must book it in!

Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for full details.

Click here to purchase your tickets and the bus service if you require it. We look forward to a fun night.

Nadine Robson
robson.nadine@gmail.com or 0412 272 056

Year 7 Inclusivity Day last Wednesday 24th February, Oxford Falls

Developing cohesion and inclusion were the key elements of our highly successful Year 7 Inclusivity Day which featured sessions designed to:

1. Form a community and making new friends across the Year 7 cohort with a view to beginning their journey together as Year 12, 2021. Mr Russo led MindMatters activities encouraging all boys to build connections with one another and identify five people each boy could turn to if they had a problem.

2. Indigenous Australian awareness: First Australians, custodians of our land. Resident historian Mr Cunneen took time from his Long Service Leave to explain the local indigenous history and culture. Groups then brainstormed ways in which we as a community can reach out to connect with indigenous and/or disadvantaged groups in our society.

3. Edmund Rice Education Globally: Br Carl Sherrin helped define what it means to be an Edmund Rice Student at St Pius X College. Students then worked in pairs to write a paragraph each explaining what they think it means to be a student in a school upholding Edmund Rice values in contemporary Australia, to begin an email conversation with an Edmund Rice student in another corner of the globe.

4. All Year 7 students then participated in MindMatters games oriented at facilitating interaction between members of the Year 7 cohort.

Thank you to the staff: Mr Stollery, Mr Lynch, Ms Allington, Ms Dempsey, Ms Ramsey, Mr McBrearty, Ms Bryant, Mr Russo, Br Sherrin, Mr Cunneen, and Ms Gill. Thanks also to our Year 10 MindMatters Student Empowerment Team coordinated by Ms Allington who facilitated a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable learning experience for our Year 7 as they begin their journey as Senior School Edmund Rice students at St Pius X College.

Mr S Brannan - Head of Student Services
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@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au and Adrian Brannan ABrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Public Speaking & Debating

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING TOPICS

Last Friday night Luka Krizan and James Baldock of Year 7, Japer Choi of Year 10, Andrew Jackson of Year 11 and Billy Moran and Keenan Smith of Year 12 participated in Round 1 of the CSDA Public Speaking competition. All speakers deserve to be congratulated for their efforts on the night and for their amazing fortitude during the 1.45 minute drive to Catherine McAuley College, Westmead. The traffic was a log-jam with Mr Brannan and I driving through a lottery of traffic jams and road closures. We need to thank Mr Brannan for driving the school van on the night and then returning the van to Chatswood at the conclusion of the evening.

Keenan Smith (Year 12) and Jasper Choi (Year 10) were successful on the night and will move through to the Zone Final of the CSDA Public Speaking competition will be held this Friday (venue to be advised). When each of the adjudicators was handing up their results sheet last Friday night every one of them noted that the standard of presentations this year was very high so a massive congratulations to Keenan and Jasper is in order. Well done!

CSDA DEBATING COMPETITION

All debaters met with their coaches last Friday and training continues through to the end of the term.

DEBATING COACHES
Mrs Waterson Yr 7 Debaters Mrs Easton Yr 10 Debaters
Dr Meale Yr 8 Debaters Mr Harris Yr 11 Debaters
Ms Sumner Yr 9 Debaters Mr Camilleri Yr 12 Debaters

PRE-SEASON ‘FRIENDLY’ DEBATES

St Pius X College plans to host pre-season ‘friendly’ debates with Loreto, Normanhurst and Marist College, North Sydney and we are awaiting confirmation for ‘friendly’ debates with Mercy College and Gilroy College.

At the moment Loreto will travel to St Pius X College on Thursday 17th March arriving at 4pm (ish) 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 6.30 (ish). 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 the College at around 9pm.

This Friday our 2016 Debating Captain, Keenan Smith and his Vice Captains, Ryan Attard and Zac Triantafillis, will be presented to the school at the sports assembly.

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

Ms M Waterson – Convenor
Performing Arts News

MEET THE MUSIC CONCERT: Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Music students are attending a series of evening concerts throughout the year. The first is TONIGHT Wednesday 2nd March. A permission note has been sent home with all the details. Year 9 students must meet Ms Tu in front of the Box Office at 6.00pm to collect their ticket.

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.

ENSEMBLE ATTENDANCE: Camps and excursions notwithstanding, all students should now be in a routine and attending rehearsals punctually. Please remember that the commencement time for a rehearsal is the time that the ensemble commences playing, NOT the time that students should be walking through the door.

ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP: A workshop will be held on Sunday 3rd April. Times and details will be finalised in the next week and a note sent home.

INSTRUMENT STOREROOM IN BAND ROOM: Students need to take more care when leaving their instruments in this storeroom. In recent weeks guitars and larger brass instruments have been damaged as students have simply left instruments on the floor. The storeroom is going to be re-configured in the near future, with labels put on shelves to help overcome this problem.

PERFORMING ARTS LEVY: Each student who participates in Music or Drama at the College is charged this levy. For 2016 it is $210.00. This amount will appear (along with instrument hire if applicable) on the next account sent to parents from the Finance Office.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

An invitation to all Performing Arts Parents

General Meeting - Monday 14/3/16 at 7.00pm
Our first meeting for 2016 is just around the corner. I extend a warm invitation to all parents with boys studying music or drama.

Come and find out what’s happening with the "Performing Arts" at St Pius X College

Odette Shahady (PAPA President)

From the Senior Resource Centre

A DOUBLE LAUNCH THIS FRIDAY 4TH MARCH
Hear all about Will Kostakis’ new book and buy your own signed copy of The Sidekicks for $20 at the SRC lunchtime.
Will had his first book deal lined-up before he left school, so we are thrilled to have this young and successful writer open our new student-led Writers’ Club.

Boys 14 years plus will love The Sidekicks as three very different boys are drawn together in grief over the loss of a mutual best-friend. Who will you identify with?

SUPER SEARCHING MONDAY – 7 & 21 MARCH OR 4 APRIL
Become a super searcher and learn how to navigate the web and library resources to find quality information for reports or assignments. Grow in confidence in your ability to find the ‘good oil’ fast. Learn tips and techniques to search Google more effectively using Google Advanced.

Book into a class today - email kkeighery@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

TAKE A TEACHER LIBRARIAN WITH YOU

Ms K Keighery – Teacher Librarian
From the Learning Support and Enrichment (SLE) Team

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.

All students in Years 5-12 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.

However, teachers and parents may refer students to the Homework Help Program for specific tasks and purposes as needed, and we run particular targeted literacy based programs – including comprehension programs, as well as grammar, spelling and writing tools and resources – for the benefit of students with identified needs in areas requiring improvement.

Whatever the motivation, students from Years 5-12 are encouraged to come along, and be actively engaged in catching up on school work, getting ahead on their reading or study, or improving their literacy and writing skills to reach a personal best this school year. 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

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

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze and Silver Adventurous Journey

An Adventurous Journey has been organised for our continuing Duke of Edinburgh students (Years 10-12) for the weekend of 11th, 13th of August. This will provided students the opportunity to undertake a combined Bronze Test Hike or a Silver Hike to meet the Adventurous Journey requirements. This hike will take place in the Kuring-gai Chase National Park.

A reminder that any student who is part of the Duke of Edinburgh program and who wishes to attend school-organised Adventurous Journeys will need to complete the skills Development Sessions currently held on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

If a student wishes to be considered for these hikes and is unable to attend these meetings, an alternative time may be organised after consultation with Mr de Silva. A student must complete skills development prior to undertaking any Adventurous Journey with the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Bronze Hike opportunities for new students to the program (Year 9) will be offered in Term 2.

If your son would like to be part of the Duke of Edinburgh program at the College and is over 14 years of age, details can be obtained from Mrs Manga or myself.

Mr P de Silva – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Careers News

The Macquarie University lunchtime presentation was well attended by students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The Macquarie Student Ambassadors spoke about opportunities that are available at the university, including faculty areas, options for internships and overseas exchange, ATARS, early entry programs, the Global Leadership Program and scholarships.

If students are informed about various options for tertiary study, making a decision at the end of Year 12 is much easier. For more information about study options at Macquarie visit https://www.mq.edu.au/


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Junior School News

YEAR 6 CANBERRA
By now parents should have received the second email from Mrs Iwatani yesterday outlining what to bring, what time to drop off and pick up and how much money needs to be sent in. Just a reminder that lunch needs to be supplied for the first day. The boys will attend a meeting on Friday where we will go over the rules and notes for the trip. We look forward to an exciting three days away and am sure that your sons will have lots of stories to tell when they return.

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 CAMP
We now have all the medical forms in and all is in readiness. You have received a note regarding what to pack and it is on the portal. Please remember your son has to be able to carry his bag or at least wheel and lift it. Also please remember when your son does kayaking, it may be low tide which is great to watch but your son definitely needs old runners that lace up so they don’t get sucked off his feet.

YEAR 5 OBSERVATORY AND ROCKS HISTORY EXCURSION
The boys had a wonderful experience being archaeologists at the Rocks which meant your son came home with a lot of sand in his socks. But it was fantastic to watch them learning from the past and trying to work out what the artefacts were used for in the past. The observatory was also a great experience with the use of 2 telescopes, a 3D theatre and a planetarium. It was a busy but very rewarding day.

OPEN DAY – 19th March

Your son may wish to be a guide. Yes, Year 5 boys are guides even after 7 weeks!

It is a great way for boys to build confidence in talking to people in a safe environment. We give them a couple of information sessions before hand and we often buddy them up with a friend or an older boy for their first guiding experience. It is great to see the pride the boys have in their College. Forms will be given out this week.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

Basketball

The Finals always present us with highs and lows. We had some great wins and some very difficult moments to navigate. Thank you to all those people who helped score. It is a tough job under the circumstances. The Firsts unfortunately bowed out of the ISA competition. The boys gave everything they could, it was just not our day. It has still been a great season with wins against all teams.

Twelve teams will be playing in the Grand Finals this Saturday. All games are at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park.

The Basketball Awards Evening will be held in the school gym on Tuesday 15th March, from 6.30pm. All players are expected to attend the ceremony.

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NSTA Tennis

Newsletter #3 - Round 3: 27/2

As we pass the half way mark our players are looking much more settled in their teams and in the competition. This growing confidence was aided by ideal weather conditions and the boys served-up some faultless tennis. Andrew M. of Team 14 looked impressive on the singles court winning with a swag of aces while Oscar M. of Team 14 showed he had all the shots from reflex volleys to deadly smashes. Cameron F. consistency and ability to return the ball was remarkable while Sam F. deft volleying was bordering on magic!

Highlights of Week 3 include:
- 3-0 wins for SPX teams 4, 6, 13, 22 & 25
- The SPX ‘competitive spirit’ scaled new heights as SIX Plus teams matched
- Overall wins to 8 of the 13 home team matches
- A nail-biting marathon for St Pius 3 with scores tied at 16-16 games and a deciding 3rd set tiebreaker giving the narrowest 8-6 win to a lucky MatchPoint 1.

Thanks to Jack G, Kevin L, Tate F and Lachlan G for leading and supporting our younger player courtside as model umpires.
CRICKET

ISA Division 1 Final – 1st XI V SPC At Strathfield

Congratulations to the 1st XI who will contest the ISA Division 1 Final this Saturday against St Patrick’s Strathfield at Strathfield. All supporters are more than welcome.

District Finals: Well done to the following District teams which are playing in either a semi-final or final this weekend: U12 Black, U13 Blue and U14 Red. Play well!

Saturday 27 February 2016 – ISA Division 1 Semi-final.

1st XI 8/202 (M Magee 79, C King 41, H Heaney 26) in 50 overs defeated St Stanislaus’ College 10/102 (D Beattie 4/27, N Onslow 2/14, N McDermott-Healey 1/0, J White 1/0, P Purcell 1/29) in 46.2 overs at Oxford Falls.

The 1st XI won the toss and elected to bat. Christian King (41) and Max Magee (79) blunted the Stannies pace attack and put on 76 runs for the second wicket; followed by Max Magee and Harry Heaney (26) combining for 67 run third wicket partnership. With overs quickly running out Matt Kennedy (9), Dermott Beattie (9) and Ned McDermott-Healey (13no) pushed the 1st XI total to 8/202.

Early wickets to Ned McDermott-Healey (1/0) and Nick Onslow (2/14) put the Stannies chase behind for the early overs. Pat Purcell (1/29) restricted the scoring rate and enabled Dermott Beattie (4/27) to get at the middle order. Tim Robertson backed up the bowlers with two good stumpings and combined with Ned McDermott-Healey for a run out. James White (1/0) finished the Stannies inning at 10/102. An impressive win and good lead-up for the ISA Division 1 Final against St Patrick’s.

TEAM RESULTS (27/02/16) 05/03/16

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SENIOR SWIMMING

Last Saturday night, the Senior Swimming Squad competed in the Annual Christian Brothers Carnival at North Sydney Pool. It was a very successful evening with St Pius X College coming 4th overall. The highlight of the evening was the Senior Medley/Freestyle Relay team consisting of Callum Aikin, Matthew Sutton, Jordan Smith and Jesse Kerlin. They won both of their relays in fine form and broke a 14 year old school record by 0.02 seconds. An outstanding effort.

The ISA Carnival will be held out at Homebush on Wednesday 9th March. I will be taking a small team as there are only two divisions for Freestyle and one for the other Form strokes. Students will be leaving the College at 11.00am in the College bus and returning at approximately 7.30pm. Food and drinks will be provided for the students during the day. All parents are welcome to come and support.

Miss L Proc – Convenor

Mr D Reay - Convenor
RUGBY TRAINING COMMENCES NEXT WEEK!!!

While the Opens and Under 16s have been training on Tuesday afternoons for the past 4 weeks, training commences next Tuesday 8th of March and continues on Thursday 10th of March for all teams. All age groups will be training at Oxford Falls this term, with the 13s to move to Beauchamp when it becomes available.

Training is compulsory to meet your co-curricular commitment. This is non-negotiable, please do not book appointments on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. If any student cannot make training due to unforeseen circumstances you must see your coach prior to the training session. If you are absent from school on a training day, common courtesy would be to email your coach indicating you are unable to attend training on that day.

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.

RUGBY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – WIN A WALLABY JERSEY!

The 2016 season is fast approaching and now is the time to register. 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]

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!

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

Mr J Lynch - 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. Training continues for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis. Year 6 will participate in their internal Cross-Country race prior to sport. Trials for the Tamworth Football and Armidale Rugby Tours 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 6 this week at Sport (and any Year 5 boys who missed their event last week). 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.
Football (Soccer) Tour
The College has approved the inaugural Prep 1st XI Football Squad tour to the National Primary Games in Tamworth, NSW. This tour departs on 8th April and returns on 10th April. The selection process will begin this Thursday at Oxford Falls for all Year 6 Football players who wish to attend. Boys require suitable clothing, boots and shin guards.

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.

Basketball
Congratulations to Bailey Perkins who, after 2 days of trials, has been selected to represent the CIS team at the PSSA (State Championships) in Terrigal in May. We wish him the best of luck as he prepares for this 4 day event.

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

JUNIOR SOFTBALL
Round 4 Softball Report: vs Grammar Edgecliff Result: Lost 10-12
This was our best game so far in the field with some great outs via accurate throwing to bases. A couple of close fly ball catches were missed which may have changed the result of the game. This coupled with some concentration lapses in base running saw Grammar Edgecliff come away with a close win. The positives are that we can learn from that game and improve in the finer points in our next match. It was pleasing to receive positive comments from the opposition coach especially about Cody’s support and encouragement for his team mates behind the plate. Great to welcome Patrick back after an injury.

Outstanding players – Cody Choi, Patrick Hall, David Casey

Next game:

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Ms D Cummins - Convenor
Uniform Shop

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

**Winter uniform** items are now available for purchase.

**Blazer Orders:** Payment can made over the phone via credit card, or by cheque or cash at the Uniform Shop. Any enquires 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](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*

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**Canteen Roster**

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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. COLLEGE OPEN DAY FLYER
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ST PIUS X COLLEGE

Open Day

SATURDAY 19 MARCH • 10AM – 2PM

Principal’s Welcome 12 noon
Enrolling now for 2018 for Years 5, 6 and 7

Chatswood Campus
35 Anderson Street Chatswood NSW 2067
PH 9411 4733 Email: admin@stpius.nsw.edu.au
Our sporting fields at The Treacy Complex,
Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls
will be open 8am – 12noon.

Full details at www.spx.nsw.edu.au
Our Schools

Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) Empowering Students
- St Pius X College Chatswood

The College began its journey towards Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) in 2012 when an eLearning Taskforce was established as part of the College’s Strategic Plan.

Technology assumed a significant leadership role in the development of the College eLearning Plan. Its ultimate objective was the development of a clear, coherent, well researched plan designed to improve learning and teaching within the College and prepare students for life in the 21st Century.

This year, the College achieved a significant milestone with every student being provided his own PLD and the launch of the College Portal.

“It is a very exciting time as the College enacts its eLearning Plan and scales its ability to meet the learning needs of our 21st Century learners. Our teachers are excited about the possibilities that a 1:1 model brings to teaching, and our students are excited too,” Mr Andrew Balestey, Business Manager said.

Initially the Lenovo ThinkPad 2 (with keyboard and stylus) Windows 8 Tablet was adopted as the appropriate PLD. The Windows 8 operating system providing quick access to apps in the Microsoft Store and the robustness of the traditional Windows environment with access to enterprise software. The Windows environment means that the devices are complementary to the College’s existing ICT infrastructure.

The Lenovo device was trialled with Years 7 and 9 in 2013, and then rolled out to Years 8 and 10. Year 5 and 7 received their PLDs at the beginning of 2014 so all Years except Year 6 and Year 12 had the use of a device from Term 1 2014. Every year group had been issued with a device appropriate to their year group by Term 1 2015 with the current devices being as per the table featured below.

Currently, students in Years 5 and 7 are using a new generation Lenovo ThinkPad 10, a Windows 8 tablet device with stylus.

Students in Years 9 and 11 are using Microsoft Surface Pro3 with i5 processor which is a Windows 8.1, 12” tablet device with touch screen, stylus and keyboard. All students will now continue forward with a replacement device every 2 years to ensure that it continues to give them access to up to date technology.

Developing cyber sense

“The pursuit of the College’s eLearning endeavours is assisting our students to become contemporary, informed and responsible users of ICT – and more able to make a positive difference in an increasingly global community,” Mr Justin Hodges, eLearning Co-ordinator, said.

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Our Schools

**Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) Empowering Students**

*St Pius X College Chatswood*

“Our aim is for all graduates of St Pius X to leave with a positive digital footprint. Their safe, responsible and ethical use of the internet is underpinned by the values of the Edmund Rice tradition and by a planned, multi-pronged approach. St Pius X provides filtered wired and wireless networks supported by our Guiding Principles for the Use of Technology (which are displayed in every classroom). Our programs raise awareness across the entire St Pius X community and actively develop digital citizenry,” Mr Justin Hodges, eLearning Co-ordinator, said.

Highlights of the College’s Cyber safety and Digital Citizenship program include:

- Presentations by Australian Communication and Media Authority experts to Primary students and parents on the latest online risks
- eLearning classes
- Bamboo Theatre’s Cybershots which included a series of interactive real-life cyber-scenarios which forced students to consider what they would do under those circumstances
- Year 7 Religion “Identity” unit
- Student-led seminars focusing on cyberbullying as part of National Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day and R U OK? Day
- PLD induction program
- Integration within Year 10 presentations, “Men We Need” and “Matter of Style”.

**College Portal empowering students to be independent, organised and responsible learners**

The successful implementation of the 1:1 model has paved the way for another significant development at the College - the introduction of the College Portal.

The Portal makes all College information accessible in one place. “On the surface the Portal may appear as making information readily available. However it is a powerful tool that comes with expectations that students will access this information and take responsibility for their organisation and learning,” Mr. Alex Damo, Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning said. “Teachers are encouraged to direct students to access the information rather than print it out and hand deliver. All assessment notifications are now available on the Portal and this can assist parents to know what their sons are currently working on. Students can also access lesson plans and homework as well as assessment marks. They can also access their academic reports. The Portal is a live site and what is on the Portal is what is currently happening at the college in terms of timetabling, teacher allocations, rooms and calendar events. Students are expected to access their Portal on a daily basis and to use the information provided. High expectations lead to improvements in student learning.” Mr. Damo said.

**Administrative and contractual support**

A significant aspect of the program has been the administrative backing to it by the Colleges internal ICT and Finance Departments. ICT track the movement of the devices, maintain a database of them, provide initial Helpdesk support and are a strong communication point between students, staff and suppliers.

Furthermore the renewal of the fleet (4 cohorts each year) requires significant organization to re-image each device to retirement. The Finance Department has sourced the insurance and financing arrangements, while linking the whole program with a signed contract with parents. The College has made changes to these administrative arrangements and tendering processes during the past 3 years, initially self-financing and self-insuring the devices with ownership moving to the parents at the end of the 2 years. In the 2015 version of the program we have moved to a rental model which accesses external financiers as well as insurers. “Both models were successful, however, we believe the 2015 version is the best result for the College as well as parents.” Mr Andrew Ballestey, Business Manager said.

**Renewal of the Program**

The ongoing challenge is the 2 year renewal of the program. Operationally, the College has to monitor licencing agreements, advancements by filtering systems and evolution of technology such as cloud access. Significant infrastructure costs are invested into making the student devices operate as efficiently as possible, and guarantee students access to a reliable network. Another yearly challenge is the selection of the device for the program.

There is an industry norm that devices and pricing is not available until mid-October, which means that the College needs to have significant vendor relationships maintained to access test devices, pricing, warranty and service agreements. This has created a very tight time-frame for the communication plan about the Program and its developments to be executed. It has been vital that the College has excellent communication between Finance, the IT Team, and our educators.

The College is committed to continued integration of technology into its everyday learning environment and is presently finalising its research into the most applicable devices for the cohort in 2015 and beyond.
WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE
2016 HYUNDAI ACCENT
5-DOOR HATCHBACK, AUTO. INCLUDES ON-ROADS
RRP $16,694.79 (AS QUOTED ON 14/9/2015)
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COSMOS 2016 EUROPEAN HOLIDAY TOUR FOR TWO PEOPLE
TO THE VALUE OF $8000.00 PER PERSON
THIS PRIZE IS NOT TO BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGES. THIS PRIZE DOES NOT INCLUDE AIR TICKETS OR TRAVEL INSURANCE OTHER THAN THE FACTORY AIR TICKET PURCHASED. RRP $6000
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APPLE SPORT WATCH
38MM SPACE GREY ALUMINIUM CASE WITH BLACK SPORT BAND
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2 WIFI 16 GB
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ORDER OR PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM YOUR DBB PARISH/SCHOOL OR EMAIL WYD@DBB.ORG.AU

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT 1PM ON SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2016 AT THE EDANBURGH HALL, EDAMS STREET, BROKEN BAY.
WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE.
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SPX PILGRIMAGE TO WYD KRAKOW 2016

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

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NUMBER OF BOOKS @ $20.00 PER BOOK: __________
TYPE OF CARD: VISA or MASTERCARD (Circle type)
CARD NO: ______ ______ ______ ______
EXPIRY DATE: _____ _____
NAME ON CARD: ________________________________
AMOUNT: __________ SIGNATURE: ________________

Please return via email to abrannan@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or sallington@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

(ORDERS WILL BE POSTED)
P&F COCKTAIL PARTY

You are invited to the Annual St Pius X College P & F Cocktail Party

FRI, APR 1

7.30 - 10.30PM
COCKTAIL FOOD, BEER, WINE, SPARKLING AND SOFT DRINKS
CARNAVAL THEME $40PP
DRESS - COCKTAIL WITH THE OPTION OF WEARING A MASK
TREACY CENTRE, DREADNOUGHT RD, OXFORD FALLS

TICKETS ON www.trybooking.com/122476
RSVP by 25th March Enquiries Braelen.Zwart@petbarn.com.au
CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

2nd XI
The curtain has come down on the 2nd XI’s season after they went down to a strong All Saints College 1st X1 by 85 runs in their semi-final match at Bathurst on Saturday.

Set 200 to win by the Minor Premiers, SPX were never really in the run-chase after losing early wickets – and among them the side’s top-scoring batsmen – against one of the best opening bowling attacks in Div 2.

However, SPX’s hopes were kept alive while James Brown remained at the crease as the magician with the ball turned his bat into a wand to craft his maiden half-century at both ISA level and on a turf wicket.

Brown’s 50 was the highlight of a gritty display by four key Pius batsmen who fought hard to break free from a tight Saints’ bowling attack that made it tough work right from the beginning of the run chase.

Captain Joe Unwin had done all the hard work after losing Alex Graffeo and Tom Colgan early on and was just beginning to find his run-making mojo when he holed out to long off for 17.

That brought to the crease Liahm Williams who had battled sickness all day, a bug which had prevented the SPX strike bowler from sending down one delivery during Saints’ earlier innings.

Partnering with Brown who had been promoted up the order as a consequence, Williams firmly struck the ball and quickly accumulated 17 runs before he too was caught with the score on 4-64.

Brown remained the lynchpin of the innings, combining stout defence with opportunities to keep the board moving on and despite losing Brendan Plummer and Alex Brislan in quick succession was determined to keep flying the SPX flag.

He got the total passed the 100 mark with keeper Tom Graziotto and in doing so brought up a well-fashioned 50 much to the delight of his team-mates and long-travelled Pius supporters. But trying to push the score along, he finally succumbed with a hoist to long-off to be eighth man out at 102.

Graz, playing what is likely to be his last ISA match for the college after a distinguished representative career for both the 1st X1 and the Seconds, gratted his way to 10 and Matt Hall added seven as Pius closed their run chase at 114.

But while SPX were out of contention for a Grand Final spot as a consequence, they weren’t down after a performance during the season that was encapsulated by a good display with the ball and in the field during Saints’ innings.

Alex Brislan underlined his menacing bowling prowess by grabbing 2-20, having opened up the attack and then closing out the innings to make him the pick of the day’s line-up.

Matt Hall, Sam John, James Brown and Alex Graffeo all chipped in with a wicket apiece while Dan Hall, Justin Porter and, in a rare spell with the ball that only cost nine runs from five overs, skipper Joe Unwin could all count themselves unlucky that they didn’t add to the tally.

Pius certainly had their chances during the game and at the 34 over mark had Saints 4-119 with the run rate hovering at 3.5 per over.

With Graz starring behind the stumps with two dismissals – and combining for a run out with Sam John who also took two very smart catches on the day - Pius’ fielding display was underlined by a brilliant direct hit on the stumps by Matt Hall to run out the menacing Morris.

But the game ended up being taken away from SPX by a well-disciplined Saints middle order that added 80 runs at exactly five runs an over in the last third of their innings on what became, for them, an easier batting strip by each delivery.
The result meant that Pius had played their last game of the season, having notched up six competition round wins out of ten, a semi-final spot and fourth place overall on the ladder.

And, as underlined by team manager Alex Listo, it was an excellent performance by the Seconds in Division 2 of the ISA, which saw the top three places taken by rival school 1st X1s.

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**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 Puranik 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.

At this stage, the whole team was on the sideline cheering them on and counting down the runs. 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!