From the Principal

FATHER OF MERCY
4th Sunday of Lent

In this fourth week of Lent we are reminded of God’s love and forgiveness as in the Parable of the Lost Son.

‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; He was lost and has been found.’

PROJECT COMPASSION

The St Pius X College annual Project Compassion Appeal is down considerably from last year. At present it is only at half of what was raised same time last year. One reason thought to be a contributing factor is that we now have a card system for canteen, thus there is a large number of boy’s who no longer bring cash to school.

At assembly this week, I urged the students to remember this most needy collection for our poorest neighbours. Caritas Australia relies heavily on our donations and I ask all students and families to contribute generously to this major appeal. The collection is made daily in classes.

I would like all SPX families to consider a one off donation to Project Compassion through the College Finance Office. A web page has been set up where you can make a $20, $50 or $100 one off donation to assist the St Pius X College community to reach its target for 2016. Thank you for continuing to support Caritas and St Pius X College. The link to the website is https://www.trybooking.com/188432
A GREAT SUMMER SPORTS SEASON
Congratulations to all our Basketball and Cricket teams on a great season. Results are in the Sports section. Tennis and some District Cricket continues for another week or more. The ISA Carnival is this afternoon and evening. Best wishes to our Swimming Squad.

OPEN DAY 2016
Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPS
Best wishes to our Year 5 and 6 students and teachers on their camps this week.

P&F COCKTAIL PARTY
Don’t forget to book in now. See the P&F section and Woodchatta Extras for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Appreciation Mass and Dinner
3rd May 2016

In acknowledgement of the Chatswood Christian Brothers Community

5.00pm Mass
(Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood)

6.30pm Dinner
(Chatswood Concourse Civic Pavilion)

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale next week.
Cost $70 per ticket.

POSITION VACANT
The College is currently looking for a Maintenance Officer/Handyman to join the Maintenance Team. See Woodchatta Extras for full details or visit the employment page of the College website.

Mr John Couani
From the Assistant Principal Mission and Identity

Last Friday I had the privilege to accompany eight Year 6 students to Mass at the Sacred Heart Church at Pymble. They joined over 200 Year 6 students from Primary Schools in the North Shore Cluster group. These young men represented the College with pride as they said the Year 6 Students Pledge. The celebrant Bishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay encouraged the students to share their faith by putting it into action through ‘living the virtue of love by following the example of Jesus’.

We have already had two classes attend Mass at Our Lady of Dolours. Classes have been rostered on throughout the year. Parents and Family members are most welcome to also attend. Please ask you son to check with their Religion teacher as to what day and time they will be attending Mass.

Our Project Compassion Pancake Breakfast went well last Friday with all the pancakes selling out very quickly. This week Mr Blake and the Edmund Rice Society boys will be making double the quantity so please support this very worthwhile cause with pancakes selling from 7.30 am for the cost of $1. All money raised will add to our Project Compassion tally.

Mrs D Dempsey

From the Social Justice Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion and St Pius X College have worked hand in hand for 50 years through the 6 weeks of Lent to raise funds annually for Caritas and their life changing development programs throughout South East Asia. Project Compassion helps end poverty, promotes justice and upholds the dignity of people living in vulnerable communities around this area.

This year, we focus on the theme “Learning more, creating change”. As Pope Francis says “Education is an act of hope”, so this year’s Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

The St Pius X College annual appeal is down considerably from last year. Therefore to catch up I would like all SPX families to consider a one off donation to Project Compassion through the College Finance Office.

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Mr D Blake - Social Justice Coordinator
SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM -STAGE 4 (Years 7 and 8)

As the students have settled into their learning, I would like to take the opportunity to provide some background information on how the curriculum is offered in various year groups here at St Pius X College.

The first spotlight is on Years 7 and 8. Years 7 and 8 are known as Stage 4 and students undertake the following Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) mandated courses.

For both of Years 7 and 8, students must complete 100 Hours of English, Mathematics, Science and Technology. (100 Hours equates to a full year of study. 50 Hours is one semester)

In addition, Year 7 students will also study one of the following combinations:

- Geography and Music (100 Hours each)  OR  History and Art (100 Hours each)

In Year 8, they will then alternate. Students who studied Geography and Music will change to History and Art.

In Year 7, students also study Drama and Chinese for the duration of the year (60 Hours each)

History/Geography

There are many variations in which History and Geography may be offered. Some colleges, will offer one semester of History and then one semester of Geography. The advantage is that it offers diversity for the students so they are not studying the same course for the entire year. The disadvantage is if the change of subject requires a change of teacher, then the learning relationship formed during the first semester is lost. Once relationships are formed it is more beneficial for students’ learning that these be consolidated as teachers get to know their students and can target teaching to meet their needs. It also allows for more challenging and diverse assessment. Another option is to retain the same teacher but change the subject. Example: A teacher takes the class in Semester One for Geography and then teaches the same class for History for Semester Two. This model maintains the student teacher relationship but it may mean non specialists teaching the subject. This may have implications in establishing sound foundations for these subjects. Therefore at St Pius X College, students study either Geography or History with a specialist teacher for the entire year to maximise the learning relationship and the expertise of the teacher.

CREATIVE ARTS

For the Creative Arts, BOSTES recommends that the Art and Music courses be taught as a continuous 100 Hour course and not split over two years. Therefore, here at St Pius College, we adhere to this recommendation and that is why students will take either a full year of Art or Music in Year 7 and then change over in Year 8. This also aligns with the Geography/History Model.

LANGUAGES

For Languages, again BOSTES recommends that the required 100 hours be taught over one continuous year and that is why all students in Year 8 study either French or Chinese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Of course, a very important dimension of our Curriculum is Religious Education. Our students in Years 7 to 10 undertake a BOSTES Endorsed Course developed by the Diocese of Broken Bay (100 Hours each year).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Mr A Damo
MindMatters for Families

WHY DO PARENTS SEND THEIR SONS TO ST PIUS X COLLEGE?

St Pius X College is a highly regarded Catholic comprehensive, non-selective boys' school in the Edmund Rice tradition which is well situated in the lower North Shore of Sydney. It attracts students from a wide catchment area across Sydney with the interest in applications for enrolments far exceeding the number of students that the College is able to accept into Years 5, 6 and 7.

Undoubtedly there are many reasons why parents choose to send their sons to our College. Our HSC academic results are outstanding, the cocurricular program is extensive and the high calibre of teaching and support staff are just some of the many positives of our great Catholic school which espouses and lives out the gospel values and teaching of an EREA College.

Over the years, since its opening in 1937, St Pius X College has also built a strong reputation for its pastoral care system which seeks to provide both non-active and reactive programs of care and support to the thousands of boys who have been enrolled at the College. This pastoral care system has been founded on the charism, tradition and genuine concern of our founder, Edmund Rice, and the work of many Christian Brothers and lay teaching and support staff for the individual self-worth of every student.

This leads me to the central reason for this reflection – I am genuinely interested in knowing why parents decide to send their sons to St Pius X College. Your response, in a short simple sentence, can be sent to my email address russo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au and will be invaluable in providing ‘food for further thought and reflection’ for our staff, as we reflect on our privileged position in supporting you in providing a Catholic, Comprehensive, non-selective education for your son(s).

It would be great if you could answer, by this Friday afternoon, in the following simple format:

“The central reason why we have decided to have our son educated at St Pius X College is ………………………….”

The results will be posted next week in Woodchatta.

Thank you for your time in providing this feedback. Your collective responses will be generated to guide staff reflection on best ways forward in meeting our current parent community’s needs.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

From the Registrars’ Office

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

Summer Sports Photos

Summer Sports Photos (Junior and Senior) will be taken on Tuesday 15th March during Periods 1 and 2 in the Junior School Yard. Sports involved are Cricket, Basketball, Swimming, Squash, Softball and NSTA Tennis (Summer Comp only). All students are required to wear their full kits for their sports except Swimming and Squash who will be required to wear their Summer Uniform. 1st XI and 2nd XI Cricketers must wear their Cricket Cap and the College Blazer over their whites. If a students does not have the correct uniform they will not be allowed in the photo.

All students must bring their ID card to the photos. Students will be given an order form on the day of the photos.

Ms L Proc - General Coordinator
Your P&F In Action!

YEAR 9 MUMS’ DINNER: FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
Come along for dinner at Terrazza and mix with other Year 9 mums. Click here for the details. Please RSVP by 11th March to spx2016year9@gmail.com.

YEAR 11 COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATIONS: FRIDAY 8TH APRIL
Join other Year 11 Parents at Casa Ceravolo! Click here to see the invitation on the P&F Website. Please bring something to drink & plate to share. RSVP and enquires to Tanya Ceravolo - tanyac@tilearte.com.au

YEAR 12 PARENT DRINKS: FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
Come and join other Year 12 parents for tapas and drinks at Match Smoke House, Roseville (at the station), Friday night from 6.30pm. Please click here for more information. RSVP and enquiries to spx2016yr12parentreps@gmail.com

COCKTAIL PARTY - BOOK NOW!
We hope you’ve all put the date in your diary and are looking forward to a great night at the annual SPX Cocktail Party. Now it’s time to book your tickets!
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!
Click here to purchase your tickets and/or the bus service.
Please see the flyer in Woodchatta Extras for full details.

Performing Arts News

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

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.

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR
Over the next few weeks and leading into Term 2, several ensembles have major performance commitments. Emails have been sent to parents and a note given to students to take home. A full list of ensembles performing at the first Twilight Concert on Friday 6th May will be published before the end of this term. Please see Woodchatta Extras for the full Performance Calendar.

An invitation to all Performing Arts Parents

General Meeting - Monday 14/3/16 at 7.00pm in the Core Music Room
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 Head of Student Services

YEAR 8 AND 9 CAMPS
Our Year 8 and 9 Camps offered the opportunity for students to develop a range of social, physical, emotional and cognitive skills in the outdoor educational environment last week at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Year 8 undertook a rotation of activities including high ropes and the giant swing while Year 9 students augmented these activities with a Journey experience involving bushwalking and paddling between Hawks Nest and Tea Gardens in the Mungo Brush – Myall Lakes vicinity.

The staff teams led by Mr Yue (Year 9) and Mr Ticli (Year 8) are to be commended for the quality of leadership and pastoral care shown our students. Spending three valuable days away from families and home to allow our students and school community this invaluable experience and accelerated learning opportunity.

MINDMATTERS PADDLEBOARDING ACTIVITY
Mr Russo’s MindMatters Peer Mentors and Mentees travelled to Balmoral Breach last Friday afternoon to connect with each other in the context of our Paddle Boarding and Swimming activities. The predominantly Year 7 Mentees were coached by their Senior student mentors and Wellbeing Team staff. A great time was had by all. To quote Mr Russo “Hey yah hey yah ho yah”!

Thanks to Ms Bates, Mr Lynch, Mr McBrearty, Ms Dempsey and Ms Doyle who assisted with supervision and fun participation.

KOKODA PRACTICE HIKE
Preparations for the 2016 SPX Kokoda Expedition began on Sunday with an early morning training hike from Cowan to Brooklyn along the Great North Walk. We have almost finalised our advance party of social justice ambassadors who will spend some time working with Callan Services Gerehu Centre which caters for PNG students living with disabilities, before the main party flies into Port Moresby to join them and hike the Kokoda Track from South to North in the footsteps of the 39th Battalion. Poignantly we hope to visit the grave of ex-student Jacob DeSisto in Bomana Cemetery.

Thank you to Br Phil Grundy (another ex-student of St Pius X College) and Euan Mendoza, father of Jay in Year 9, who will host and chaperone our advance party in Port Moresby.

Mr S Brannan - Head of Student

Information for Year 10 Parents
A reminder to parents that our Year 10 Reflection Day will be held at Oxford Falls this Friday. Boys are to wear casual clothes with enclosed footwear. Lunch will be provided.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Guidance Coordinator
From the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Team

REMINDER - SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ASSESSMENTS IN YEARS 5 -12

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that Special (Disability) Provisions for Years 5 to 12 have been confirmed or approved for school-based assessments, tests and exams according to the College’s LSE (Learning Support and Enrichment) guidelines and are in keeping with NSW BOSTES policy on Disability Provisions. Teachers are updated regularly about students and their confirmed or approved provisions in Years 5 to 12, and the LSE team undertake the major responsibility for administering provisions during all exam blocks throughout the year.

Teachers of these students in Years 5-7 will help to remind and advise them about their provision, as the assessment tasks arise. However students in Years 8-12 are reminded to be particularly proactive in helping their teachers prepare for the varied provisions which may need to be administered for assessment tasks across any one cohort in these years. Students in Years 8-12 can be proactive with their provisions by collecting and completing a Special (Disability) Provisions Access form (available from the Student Office) as soon as they receive their assessment task notification in any subject in which they would like to access their provisions. This will assist their teachers and the LSE Team to facilitate provisions for assessment tasks.

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 – OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN 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 for all students in Years 5-12. Students may attend on one or more than one afternoon, on a regular or occasional basis, and there is no need to make an appointment.

Homework Help provides academic support and assistance for all students in Years 5-12 who wish to work in a supportive academic environment, with supervising teachers on hand who will:

- provide intensive assistance with homework and other assignments,
- help students plan out their assessment tasks, including sources for research
- teach specific literacy, numeracy or writing skills that are required for assessment tasks across the curriculum,
- improve reading comprehension skills,
- help students develop good note-making habits and revision skills for upcoming tests and exams
- identify and improve specific literacy skills that need improving, using specialist graded resources which target grammar and punctuation, spelling and vocabulary, comprehension skills and writing effective topic sentences and paragraphs.

Senior students, in particular, may wish to improve their 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, as well as ways to write about the language features and techniques of prescribed texts in English.

Whatever the motivation, all students 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, staff 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
From the SRC

Author Will Kostakis cut the ribbon and the Writers’ Club was declared open! Applause echoed through the Senior Resource Centre as students gathered to join the Club and hear about Will’s new book.

Will is a passionate advocate for creative writing and explained how a writers’ club is the perfect place to nurture the writer within us all. Will claims “the benefits are long-lasting” as to our surprise Will continues to draw on experiences from his own school writing club. Will endorsed the regular practice of writing creatively saying that it “builds a confidence in us as communicators and that this confidence flows on to other areas. It improves our ability to express ourselves, both verbally and in more formal writing”.

Coincidentally, Will’s new book, The Sidekicks has developed from his HSC Extension English piece. The story has been developed over a number of years and forms a semi-autobiographical trilogy following on from his earlier two novels. Tragically, Will lost a close friend at high school and his experience of grief is a key theme. Don’t worry, Will promises there’s plenty of comic pathos to balance the sadness.

The library buzzed as Will signed copies of his new book and as students signed-up to the Writers’ Club.

The Sidekicks is featured on the Year 10 Edmund Rice Readers’ Cup along with his award winning, The First Third. Take Will’s journey today, his books await you @yourSRC.

Patrick, Declan and Andrew, the creative spirits and ‘brains trust’ behind the Club with Will Kostakis.

(Photography Mr A Damo)

Ms K Keighery

Careers News

The Careers Department has been busy with lunchtime presentations over the past week. All students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to attend. These opportunities allow students to obtain information directly from the source so students can make informed decisions about their future.

Mr Nick Triantafilis (father of Zach, Year 12) gave students insight to Apprenticeships. The advice and insight about what is required when considering a trade was well received by students. I wish to thank Mr Triantafilis for offering his time for the senior students. For more information about trades or Master Plumbers Apprentices Limited contact 8789 7050 or http://www.masterplumbers.com.au/

Sydney University and University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) presentations were well attended by interested students. Both universities presented information about courses, scholarships, ATAR’s, bonus points, student exchange and Open Days. For more information follow the links: http://www.uts.edu.au/ (UTS) http://sydney.edu.au/ (USyd).

Coming up over the next few weeks: UNSW & Australian Defence Force.


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser
Congratulations
In 2016, for the third consecutive year, Interrelate held a Say No to Bullying Poster Competition for all NSW Primary Schools. The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of the issue of bullying and to assist schools to identify and address bullying behaviours in their school communities.

This year over 5,000 students took part in the competition. This Award Ceremony will recognise the winner, 10 regional finalists and highly commended recipients and will take place on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Mihir Mathur in Year 6 has entered the competition twice, last year and this year, and on two occasions he has won the prestigious Highly Commended Award. This year he will be awarded the certificate by the Governor on the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying. This is an excellent achievement. Well done Mihir!

Junior School Newsletter
Please note that there will NOT be a Junior School Newsletter this week as we are all away on camp. The next Newsletter will occur on Thursday Week 9, Holy Thursday, 24 March.

Open Day
If your son wishes to be a guide for Open Day, otherwise known as Campus Inspection, he is most welcome. It is a great way for the boys to demonstrate their pride in the school and to develop self-confidence. We will take the boys for a couple of orientation walks beforehand so Year 5 and new Year 6 boys are most welcome and do a great job every year. In fact they usually come up with the most amusing comments.

Next Week
Please note summer sports photos next Tuesday so boys need to bring their summer sports uniform. Swimmers have their photo taken in school uniform. Please also note that the Basketball Presentation Night doesn’t apply to the Junior School as our season is Term 1 and Term 4.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Junior School Chess
Junior School Chess Training begins on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30am.

Ms E Martin – Convenor
Senior School Sport

**BASKETBALL**

**Awards Ceremony:** Next Tuesday evening, the 15th of March we will be holding the Annual Basketball Awards Presentation Ceremony. The Ceremony will start at 7:00pm and will be held in the College Gymnasium at Chatswood. All players are expected to attend the evening in full summer school uniform.

**Year 7 Basketball Trials:** This Saturday 12th March the second and final trial will be held at Oxford Falls from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

**Grand Finals:** The Grand Finals once again presented us with some joy and disappointment. Congratulations to the 13Cs, 14Ds, 15Cs and 17Bs who won their Grand Finals on Saturday. Commissions to those teams who were defeated on Saturday, especially the 13E team who went down in overtime. Thank you to all our supporters and especially those volunteers who manned the score benches.

**Deserves a mention:** Thank you to the Basketball Club for their support and organisation throughout the season - their help is invaluable.

Mr N Gibson - Convenor

**CRICKET**

**District Finals:** Congratulations to U14 Red who will play in the final this Saturday. Well done – and play well!

**Saturday 5 March 2016 – ISA Division 1 Final.** 1st XI 10/151 (C King 44, M Magee 31, H Heaney 20) in 43.1 overs were defeated by St Patrick’s College 5/208 (M Magee 2/28, D Beattie 2/39, N McDermott-Healey 1/59) in 50 overs at St Patrick’s College.

So close… yet so far. With Matt Kennedy, unfortunately, ruled out of the final injured Liahm Williams [SPX player #619] made his 1st XI debut. St Patrick’s won the toss and elected to bat. An early wicket to Ned McDermott-Beattie indicated that things maybe going the way of the 1st XI. However, wickets were hard to come by and St Patrick’s finished with 5/208 after 50 overs. Max Magee and Dermott Beattie each taking two wickets. The 1st XI innings stated well with 17 from the first over and a good partnership by Christian King (44) and Max Magee (31) looked to provide enough momentum for the chase. However good bowling and regular wickets stifled the scoring rate with the 1st XI bowled out for 151 in the 43 over.

Congratulations the 1st XI on a fantastic season!

**NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championships.** This week Max Magee (12) and Dermott Beattie (11) are representing City and Country Schools in the NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championship against CHS, CAS, CCC and GPS.

Mr D Reay – Convenor

**ISA TENNIS**

Grading/training for ISA Tennis begins this week and will run through Weeks 7, 8 and 9. Students have been allocated to the Tuesday or Wednesday sessions, depending on ability. It is most important that all students attend these initial sessions as they will be used to determine the teams and Divisions for the upcoming season. If your son is unable to attend any of these or if you have any queries, please contact me via email – aoibrien@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Ms A O’Brien – Convenor

**SENIOR RUGBY**

Rugby training commenced for all age groups on Tuesday afternoon and will continue on Thursday at Oxford Falls. Buses depart Archer Street no later than 3:30pm and head to Oxford Falls for a training start time of 4pm. Training finishes at 5pm for age groups 13s-16s and 5:30pm for Opens, with buses arriving back at Chatswood by 5:30pm and 6pm respectively. All age groups will train at Oxford Falls on Tuesday and Thursday for the remainder of Term 1.

In an attempt to improve the basic skills of all rugby players within our program, Tuesday training sessions will become “skills day”. Our vision is to have age groups training as squads being coached a specific skill for the entire session under the instruction of their coaching teams and with the assistance of external coaches. Thursday will remain team based training where combinations can be sorted for the Saturday matches.

Training is compulsory to meet your co-curricular commitment and takes priority over club commitments. This is non-negotiable, please do not book appointments on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons and players are still expected to be involved even if they are injured. 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.
Rugby Registration is Still Open – PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION ASAP.
To register simply click on the Trybooking link below. It only takes a few minutes with no payment required during the process.  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!
For those who met the deadline of the 8th of March, the lucky winner of the Wallaby jersey will be drawn at the Sports Assembly on Friday 18th of March.

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.

Finally good luck to the **Opens Squad** who head to Bowral this weekend on a pre-season training camp.

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**SUPER RUGBY...SUPER TEAM ...ST PIUS X RUGBY!**

Just as the new Super Rugby season has descended upon us, so has Team St Pius X rugby training. Great to see so many players at training as well as taking part in the school sessions I’m involved in on Tuesdays during school time.

To help improve you as a player we are launching our Team St Pius X “I’m a player” program. For every position in the team you can now get a close coaching insight into the skills of playing that position - from 15 to 1, all positions are covered showing you what you need to know about becoming a better player in your chosen position. To collect your “I’m a player” information sheet, contact Mr Lynch in the PE department. Free of charge.

Everything about rugby and life revolves around attitude, enthusiasm and enjoyment. Give it a go!

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer

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**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: No Sport this week due to Years 5 and 6 camps. As the summer season wraps up this Saturday for most sports we transition to our winter preparations. We will trial for AFL, Football and Rugby until the end of term. Boys will require a full change of clothes and all protective gear for their sport each Thursday. This does not need to be SPX issue clothing but must be suitable to the activity they are training for.

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Cross Country: Well done to competitors for their efforts in our internal Cross-Country events over the last 2 weeks. In unseasonably warm February weather, runners were forced to navigate the varied terrain whilst dealing with the hot and humid conditions. To their credit, most boys competed with determination and pride. Rice won the House Competition, gaining valuable points for the annual House Championship. Congratulations to our top individual performers in each age group:

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<td>10’s</td>
<td>Oliver Meulman (R)</td>
<td>Cristiano Buono (T)</td>
<td>Dantae Raic (R)</td>
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<td>11’s</td>
<td>Zachary Flynn (R)</td>
<td>Ryan Cavan (P)</td>
<td>Toby Thornton-Bott (B)</td>
<td>Douglas Braddock (P)</td>
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<td>Opens</td>
<td>Kobe du Moulin (T)</td>
<td>Samuel Ferguson (R)</td>
<td>Tomas Ribas (B)</td>
<td>Simon Magner (B)</td>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>RICE – 119</td>
<td>PURTON – 117</td>
<td>TREACY – 103</td>
<td>BARRON – 102</td>
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Joining the above competitors in the Squad to represent St Pius at IPSHA will be:

U11’s – Daniel Bacic (R), Matthew Moore (B)

Football (Soccer) Tour: Preparations are underway for 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. Two selection trials have taken place. The last trial for the final squad positions will occur next Thursday at Oxford Falls under the guidance of our professional external coaches. Boys require suitable clothing, boots and shin guards.

Rugby Tour: We have selected a Prep 1st XV Rugby Squad for The Armidale School Rugby Carnival. This tour departs on 8th April and returns on 10th April. Congratulations to those selected and good luck as players prepare for this tour.

Rugby Trials: We have a round of trial rugby matches on Saturday 19th March for all players. These take place at Oxford Falls between 7.45-10.30am depending on the grade assigned. We will host Cranbrook, Redfield College and St Aloysius in a round-robin format of short trial matches.

Basketball:

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<td>B</td>
<td>36 – 22</td>
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<td>38 – 8</td>
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<td>42 – 12</td>
<td>Auburn Basketball Centre Courts 1 &amp; 2 – Church St, Lidcombe (inside Wyatt Park)</td>
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<td>I Blue</td>
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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster
Softball
Round 5 Softball Report: vs Waverley  Result: Won 17-4

WOW! What an outstanding batting display by every player! Though off to a slow start in the first innings the cobwebs were dusted and the bats were swinging. Great base running again especially by Jonah, Alex and Peter. Patrick did a great job in getting loaded base runners home and Rowan was rewarded for some strong hits by getting home. Connor’s pitching seems to get better every week with some excellent strike outs and he even managed a double play with a catch and throw to third.

Outstanding players (3,2,1) – Connor Cassar, Patrick Hall, Alex Vaccher

Next game: Last game this term.

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<th>ROUND 3</th>
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<td>Saturday 12/3/16</td>
<td>Knox</td>
<td>Oxford Falls  8:00am</td>
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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 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](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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<td>Thurs K Vaccher, A Byrnes, J Bellenger</td>
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<td>Fri L Shih, A Fallon, M Ribas, E Griffin, A Parton, A Casey, S McAdam</td>
<td>Fri GOOD FRIDAY</td>
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WOODCHATTAA EXTRAS
Issue No 7 ● 9 March 2016

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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@spx.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
Applications are invited for the position of:
Maintenance Officer/Handyman

The College requires a Maintenance Officer/Handyman to join its Maintenance team. This position involves general maintenance including the overall maintenance and repair of equipment, rooms and grounds, ensuring that equipment is functional and adhering to WHS guidelines.

Experience in property maintenance and ground keeping are essential. Good communication skills are also required. WHS qualifications, a current CPR/First Aid Certificate, a Heavy Rigid Vehicle driver’s licence and trade qualifications are advantageous.

Start date as soon as possible. For more information contact Jim Olson on 9411 4733 or 0407 664 090.

Visit the College website for application form and more detailed information

www.spx.nsw.edu.au

Applications to the Principal close 11 March 2016
# Performing Arts – Performance Calendar

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P&F COCKTAIL PARTY

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

Fri, Apr 1
7.30 - 10.30 PM
Cocktail food, beer, wine, sparkling and soft drinks
Carnivale theme $40 PP
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

NEW in 2016
Bus transport available from Chatswood
$10 return - must be booked

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FOOTBALL NEWS

The Football Club AGM was held on Tuesday March 1st. We were very pleased to see some new faces at the meeting and they will bring some new thinking and new ideas to the Committee. We are looking at some new initiatives for the coming season and beyond, including providing specialist goalkeeping training - so if your boy is interested in keeping - then stay tuned.

We are also exploring offering subsidised refereeing courses for any boys wanting to get accredited. The College is keen to get additional refereeing resources and the qualification is a great way for the boys to earn some extra cash. We will make information available as soon as the details are finalised.

The Committee is also pleased to be running the Football Holiday Camp again this coming holidays. It has been very successful over the last 2 years and we have kept the price the same. We encourage boys from all ages in the College to attend as the level of skills is tailored to all age groups.

We have fully qualified coaches and it is a great way for the boys to get ready for the season that starts early in Term 2.

Transport to and from the College is included.

SPX FOOTBALL CAMP

Oxford Falls Grounds
11th - 13th April, 9:30am-1:30pm

Bus transfer from College
(Leaves 9am Lady of Dolours - returns 2pm)

$165 per student

Book here - https://www.trybooking.com/126595

See our webpages for News, Calendars, Photos and Draws
http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/sports/football