



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

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TERM 2 CONCLUDES FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW, THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2016
TUESDAY 19 JULY: PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY: CLASSES RESUME

From the Principal

ST. CHRISTOPHER - PRAYER FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

O Lord, we humbly ask You to give Your Almighty
 protection to all travellers.
 Accept our fervent and sincere prayers that through
 Your great power and unfaltering spirit, those who
 travel may reach their destination safe and sound.
 Grant Your divine guidance and infinite wisdom to
 all who operate automobiles, trains, planes and boats.
 Inspire them with due sense of duty and knowledge
 and help them guide those entrusted in their care
 to complete their travel safely.
 We thank you, Oh Lord, for Your great mercy and
 unending love to all mankind and for extending Your
 arm of protection to all travellers.
 Amen.

With so many of our students and staff on World Youth Day, immersions, study tours and sporting tours we pray to St Christopher for their safe travels and ask that they have a blessed time on their journey. We also pray for any of our families who are travelling during this vacation period.

WORK TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

There will again be a range of activities these holidays including general maintenance but the major works will be:

Chatswood

- Landscaping at the front of the College on Anderson Street
- Fix Sarto Gym roof/gutter
- More preparation for Brothers' Residence refurbishment including roof repairs
- SPV ground water check (Artarmon Plumbing)
- Sewer line at 41 Anderson St (Artarmon Plumbing)
- The installation of new yard bins for rubbish and recycling to replace existing bins

Oxford Falls

- Install new Walsh Oval Scoreboard/ reposition name sign
- Begin paint externals CB Centre
- Begin work on CB Centre First Aid room
- Complete tree and growth trim
- Reposition Watkins Oval sign

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Saturday 13th August
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Weekend 22nd 23rd July
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COLLEGE SURVEYS

These surveys closed on 10 June with the following response rates: 47.9% Students, 46.4% (765 responses) Parents and 80.5% Staff. The reports have been received and the Strategic Planning Committee has carriage for their analysis. The summary tables for Parents, Students and Staff are available in **Woodchatta Extras**.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

With the assistance of Chris Barrett the final drafting stages of the new Strategic Plan is in process. Though the Leadership Team and the Strategic Planning Committee the recommendations of the EREA Renewal Report and the feedback from the Annual Surveys will inform the final drafting stages. It is hoped that the first draft will be available by 1st August.

NEW LOOK FOR WOODCHATTA

Next term we will be trialling a new version of Woodchatta which will be mobile-friendly and hopefully easier for readers to navigate. As always we will look forward to your feedback.

Mr John Couani

From the College Board

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS FOR ST PIUS X COLLEGE, CHATSWOOD

The Board of St Pius X College, Chatswood is seeking Expressions of Interest from people willing to take up an appointment to the College Board. People interested will have a commitment to Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

An information evening will be held on Thursday **4th August 2016** at 7.00 pm in the College Boardroom. If you know of someone who you think may be interested in serving as a member of the Board, would you kindly bring this notice to their attention?

Anyone interested in attending to learn more is invited to register by phoning Christine Jennings on 9411 4733 or emailing cjennings@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

The St Pius X College Board

From the Deputy Principal

I wish to compliment our young men who wear their uniform and present themselves so proudly each day. Our **Winter Uniform** includes the College Blazer, shirt and tie, long grey pants with black belt, black or grey socks, black leather shoes and the College grey jumper for extra warmth. The new **College rain coat** has been an excellent addition that our students enjoy wearing on wet days and as part of their Sports Uniform. I do give a friendly reminder that it is not an alternative for the school jumper or blazer.

The College Uniform also includes the College Back Pack.

As the end of Term 2 approaches, some of our young men will definitely need a haircut before returning in Term 3. In obtaining haircuts for your son, it must be an even grade and of a style and length unlikely to cause comment. Shaved sides with longer fringes hanging over the top and exaggerated parts are not permissible. Hair must be clean, tidy, gel-less and of natural colour.

These regulations are standard for all, ensuring your son's own good self-discipline as we join together as one St Pius X community.

Thank you for reminding your son of these routine Uniform, Grooming and Hair Regulations as he leaves home in the morning. We are very proud of our boys who deserve praise for presenting themselves so well. We encourage their excellent attire and well-groomed appearance to continue on their return in Term 3.

Mr M Casey

From the Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 5 TO 10 will be held at the College between 8.00am and 6.00pm on Tuesday 19th July.

Please note that the following teachers will be unavailable.

Attending World Youth Day in Poland:

Ms Sophie Allington and Mr Greg Virgona

Long Service Leave:

Ms Tracey Bates

Mr Greg Bell

Mr Joseph Madani (Mr Steven Coyle is replacing Mr Madani and will be available for meetings)

Mr David Zhang (Ms Colefax will return from Long Service leave and will be available for meetings. Mr Zhang was replacing Ms Colefax and will be unavailable)

Bookings Are Now Open: Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the following event code: **fsx3a**

Bookings Close: Monday 18th July at 10.00am

Please contact Ms Leonie Millar if you require assistance: lmillar@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

YEARS 5 TO 10 REPORTS

Year 5 to 10 Reports will be available on the Parent Portal at the end of this week and an email notification will be sent. They will then be sent in the mail.

Please take the opportunity to check your access to the Portal by using the link on the College webpage. If you do have difficulties, in the first instance please use the 'forgot password' facility. If problems persist, please email Ms Leonie Millar lmillar@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Mr A Damo

From the Assistant Principal Mission and Identity

Once again I write that this has been another enormous term. As we head out to three weeks of holidays I reflect on some of the highlights that say much about who we are as a community.

The **Brothers Thanksgiving Mass** has definitely been the highlight of the term. This was such an important opportunity to recognise the role work of the Brothers in building the excellent College that we are privileged to have today.

The **Reconciliation Assembly** was our opportunity to recognise and celebrate one of our core values of respect for another culture and spirituality. The Pius community witnessed the blessing of our Indigenous Ambassadors who will wear the Pius X Indigenous strip on their shirts as they embark on sporting and cultural tours. This was also an opportunity to strengthen friendships with Christian Brothers Lewisham who allowed Kaleb Taylor and the Lewisham students to share their culture with us.

Last Friday evening I attended a fundraising dinner for the **White Knight Foundation**, a foundation started by Liam Knight an old boy (2013) after he suffered extreme injuries at a party because of violence. Liam's story is part of the story of the St Pius X Community. Although I am relatively new to the College, I am quite taken back at the love and support that our community showed and continues to show Liam and his family. Fourteen of our fine men and two of our staff members, Sophie Allington and Alex Foord gave up their Friday night to so generously assist at the dinner.



St Pius X students and Liam Knight at the White Knight Fundraising Dinner

We have several groups heading off for sporting, pilgrimage and cultural trips during the break. My thanks to all the staff involved as there has been considerable preparation in ensuring that all arrangements are finalised. I would like to make special mention of the **World Youth Day** group who depart on their pilgrimage through Italy and onto WYD with Pope Francis in Krakow, Poland, in late July and the **Kokoda and Callan Services Immersion** to Papua New Guinea. Their preparation has been extensive. Both of these groups were blessed and farewelled by the College Community on Monday. We wish all of these groups a safe and enjoyable journey and we look forward to the many stories that they will share on their return.



World Youth Day Pilgrims



Mr Brannan, Mr Long, Mr de Silva and some of the students who are taking part in the Kokoda and Callan Services Immersion

Finally thank you for your continued support of the many Mission events that we celebrate. I wish the students a restful break as we prepare for what will be another busy Term 3.

Mrs D Dempsey

From the Social Justice Coordinator

As we close out the term the **Edmund Rice Society** stepped in to help with Mr Pembroke's Hero Day barbecue. The society members manned the grills, served the sausage sandwiches and cleaned up afterwards. In true Edmund Rice Society style they backed up the following morning to finish cooking and selling the remaining sausage sandwiches.

Over the holiday period staff volunteers will be continuing the St Pius X College commitment to **Matthew Talbot Men's Hostel**. In the holidays **Andrew Jackson** from Year 11 and an Edmund Rice Society leader will be travelling to Edmund Rice Camp to work as a peer mentor.

On behalf of the SPX Social Justice team we wish all St Pius X College families a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to working hard again in Term 3.

Mr D Blake

Your P&F in Action

YEAR 6 - MOVIE DAY this Friday 24th June - RSVP required

Bring your son along to see Ice Age 5 this Friday from 11.30am at Hoyts Chatswood. [Click here for details](#) and RSVP **ASAP** to your Year 6 class parent.

YEAR 6 - DATE FOR DIARY - FRIDAY 22ND JULY

Catch up with other Year 6 parents at Lid and Jar for coffee from 9 to 11am. See the [P&F website](#) for details.

TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 2016

BOOK YOUR TABLES NOW!

Book your tables for the 2016 Trivia Night via the P&F Website by [clicking here](#)

We need DONATIONS to make the event a success: LIVE Auction prizes, SILENT Auction items and LUCKY Cookie prizes. The P&F will be sending out an email this week with requests for donations. Please look out for the email.

Questions? Please email triviaspx@gmail.com with any questions about table bookings or donations.

Remember, 100% of funds raised from the night to the Football, Rugby, Basketball, Cricket and Performing Arts Clubs, so your help with Donations and Prizes is needed to make the night a great success.



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

Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Last Wednesday evening saw a very well attended meeting in the CMR. In spite of the chilly weather a record number of parents attended to discuss how they can continue to support the Performing Arts at the College. One of the agenda items was the purchase of new timpani for the Concert Bands, College Orchestra and Percussion Ensembles. I would sincerely like to thank those present for agreeing to assist in the funding of this major purchase, which will certainly go a long way to improving the quality and calibre of music these groups are able to perform.

YEAR 11 DRAMA PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Congratulations to the students in the Year 11 Drama class and their teacher Mrs Sarah Fernando on a very entertaining evening last Thursday. The audience was privileged to see a wide variety of group performances on some amusing topics including "At The Bus Stop", "Three Men Walk into a Bar", "Space Jump", "All the World's A Stage", "Expert Double Figures" and "The Challenge". There was also a display of design and directorial projects.

These performances and projects augur well as preparation for the HSC year. Thank you also to a person who works behind the scenes, often heard but rarely seen, Mr Stephen Cummins, the College Audio Technician!



SENIOR STRING TRIO



Thank you to Matthew Ross, Stewart Ross and Thomas Enriquez (Year 12) for giving of their time on Friday night to perform pre-dinner music at the White Knight Fund Raising Dinner.

The music that was provided helped set the mood and scene for a festive and fun evening.

YEAR 12 DRAMA EXCURSION AND WORKSHOP

Year 12 Drama students will be attending a workshop day and theatre performance on Thursday July 7th (second week of the school holidays). Students will be given an individual time to work with Mrs Fernando during the day and then will meet at "The Depot Theatre" in the evening to attend a performance of "The Laramie Project". A note has been sent home with all the details.

COLLEGE ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP AND RECORDING DAY

There will be a workshop followed by a recording session for the College Orchestra on Sunday 14th August. Parents and students are asked to write this date in their calendars and diaries. A note will be sent home at the start of Term 3 with exact details.

PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR TERM 3

Wk 2, 27/7	HSC Trial Performance Night	Year 12
Wk 2, 29/7	Academic Awards 2	Intermediate Concert Band
Wk 5, 15/8	Studio Concert	Chris Richardson
Wk 5, 16/8	IPSHA Performing Arts Festival	Junior Choir
Wk 5, 17/8	Meet The Music Concert 3, 6.30pm	Years 9, 10, 11, 12 Elective Music
Wk 5, 18/8	Year 10 Music Performance Night	Year 10 Elective Music Class
Wk 7, 1/9	Splinters Splashes, Sounds and Stage	Year 12 HSC Music Class, Year 12 HSC Drama Class
Wk 7, 2/9	Father's Day Breakfast	Junior, Intermediate and Senior Guitar Ensembles
Wk 7, 2/9	Twilight Concert 2	Ensembles TBA
Wk 8, 5/9	Year 11 Performance Night	Year 11 Elective Music Class
Wk 8, 8/9	Winter Sports Colour Awards	Senior Jazz Band, Senior String Trio, Vocal Ensemble
Wk 8, 9/9	RUOK Day	TBA
Wk 10, 22/9	Year 12 Internal Graduation	College Orchestra
Wk 10, 23/9	Year 12 Graduation Mass	TBA
October Holidays	Manly Jazz Festival	Senior Jazz Band

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Debating

YEAR 8 DEBATERS – QUARTERFINALS

Dr Meale's scathingly brilliant Year 8 debaters (winning 7 from 8 debates) move through to the CSDA Quarterfinals this Friday night at Marist College, Eastwood this Friday 24th June facing Redfield A team. Dr Meale is organising training and transport and debaters will be given final instruction during training this week. Good luck Year 8!



YEAR 10 DEBATERS – ELIMINATION ROUND 2

Mrs Easton's exceptionally articulate Year 10 debaters lost to Loreto, Normanhurst last Friday 17th June at Marist North Shore, North Sydney. The Year 10's presented a very good debate and understood how they lost to Loreto. Congratulations to Year 10 for a great night.

YEAR 12 DEBATERS – QUARTERFINALS

Mr Camilleri's remarkable Year 12 B debaters (winning 6 from 7 debates) move through to the CSDA Quarterfinals this Friday 24th June at Marist College, Eastwood. The Year 12A debaters will be at this venue also but their opposition is still being sorted. Congratulations to both Year 12 teams and good luck for this Friday's event. Students will be organising training and travel to the venue with Mr Camilleri and Mrs Waterson.



Ms M Waterson – Convenor

2016 Language Perfect World Championship

Between 16-26th May, SPX Language students had the opportunity to “unite with the world through education” when they participated in the **Language Perfect World Championship 2016**. Students in Years 7-12 Chinese and French were tested on their Language skills, including reading, writing, listening, dictation grammar and cultural knowledge.



In just 10 days, students from 1,100 schools answered over 190 million questions, with SPX answering 125,785 questions. At the end of the competition we were placed 447th of the 1,100 schools. We had outstanding results, placing 75th/195 overall in NSW schools. In Chinese we placed 9th in NSW and 41st in Australia. Internationally in Chinese, we ranked 63rd / 747 participating school around the world. In French our ranking was 329th/ 966 schools internationally and 94th/177 school in Australia.

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the following students who participated and achieved awards for their outstanding contributions.

	SILVER Top 5% of 330,000	BRONZE Top 10% 330,000	CREDIT Top 20% 330,000
Samuel Walters - Year 8 Chinese	2,374 points		
Matthew Venticinqe - Year 8 French	2, 227 points		
Nicolas Bunquin - Year 9 Chinese	2,000 points		
Austin Lowick - Year 8 Chinese		1,902 points	
Oliver Lenehan - Year 8 French		1,347 points	
Marc Guerrera - Year 8 French		1,527 points	
Liam Benson - Year 8 French		1,075 points	
Tyson McCallum - Year 8 French			785 points
Braiden Gunaratnam - Year 8 Chinese			760 points
William Oner - Year 8 Chinese			681 points
Benjamin Taylor - Year 8 Chinese			663 points
Keegan Aikin - Year 8 Chinese			628 points
Young Oh - Year 8 French			615 points
Oliver Sheather - Year 8 Chinese			601 points
Jonathan Dellagiacoma - Year 8 Chinese			517 points
Sebastian San Pedro - Year 8 Chinese			502 points

Special mention also goes to **Samuel Walters**, Year 8 Chinese, who also entered the Social Science World Championship competition and earned himself a Gold Award, being in the top 2% of the 10,000 participants, worldwide.

Congratulations on a great effort and result to all of our students and we will look forward to another encouraging year in the 2017 competition.

NEW CALEDONIA FRENCH LANGUAGE TOUR: We would like to wish Ms Sumner, Ms Grove and Mr Olson, along with 16 French students, a safe and happy journey to Noumea these upcoming school holidays. We will look forward to hearing of the many exciting adventures had by our students as they attend French classes and take in the cultural highlights of this Polynesian, French colony.

Mrs K Manga - Languages Coordinator

Mock Trial

ROUND 4

Who's to blame? The feral pig hunter who trespasses on property, or the property owner who sets traps to deter such hunters? This week we were up against the formidable team from Roseville College prosecuting a farmer, “Auld McDonald” for setting dangerous traps intended to harm hunters such as “Elmer Fudd”. There were twists and turns aplenty as we worked our way through the case on the night, arguing eyesight, aggressive dogs, protection of crops and Bundaberg Rum as factors in the case.

Our team were once more victorious, winning both the case and the match, with the Magistrate commending the team on their attention to law and understanding of the case. We are now waiting to see if we make the next round of trials, which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Connor Fuong, Nikita Papastamatis, Ronan Apcar, Sam Smith, Daniel Marcellino and Daniel Butler.

Ms A Gripton - Convenor

Careers News

This week, Rory Halliday (Old Boy, HSC 2011) received the Clarie Wymer Award for Excellence, Apprentice of the Year. This prestigious Award recognises his commitment to the plumbing trade, work ethic and approach to training. The Award was presented to Rory by the Hon. Dame Marie Bashir (AD CVO) who recognised the important contribution that plumbers make to our society.



Nick Triantafyllis from MPAL (Master Plumbers Apprentices Limited) often visits SPX to speak about apprenticeships and working in the plumbing trade with the **Master Plumbers Association**. MPAL ensures that apprentices employed through the scheme are exposed to all aspects of the Plumbing industry including; Water Plumbing, Sanitary Plumbing, Drainage, Roof Plumbing, Fire Hydrants and Hose Reels. The exposure is across Domestic, Commercial, Industrial and High Rise Construction Plumbing. Congratulations to Rory on receiving this Award. For more information about Plumbing and Apprenticeships visit: <http://www.masterplumbers.com.au/mpal-apprentices>

The Careers Newsletter can be found at

<http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/news-events/dsp-resource.cfm?loadref=167>

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

From the Science Department

HSC revision classes at University of Sydney (Camperdown campus) - Kickstart in the School

Kickstart Biology, Chemistry and Physics are running in the July School Holidays at the University of Sydney (Camperdown campus). Students can register individually to attend these sessions.

REGISTER NOW at <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/kickstart/school-holidays.shtml>

Students will be required to pay by credit card at the time of registration. The cost of each module is \$29.70 (incl GST).

Biology Tuesday 5 July

10am-12.30pm: Blueprint of Life

1.30pm-4.00pm: Communications/Genetics: The Code Broken?

Chemistry Wednesday 6 July

10.00am-12.00pm: Chemical Monitoring and Management

Students will be able to add experiments in optional topics on the day. The optional topics available are Industrial Chemistry, Forensic Chemistry and Shipwrecks, Corrosion and Salvation.

Physics Monday 4 July

9.30am-12.00pm: Motors and Generators

1.00pm-3.30pm: Ideas to Implementation

Revision days

Why not add even more to your HSC revision and enrol in the University of Sydney and STANSW Science Revision Days.

<http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/stansw/revision-days.shtml>

Ms J Black - Coordinator

From the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Team

NEW INTAKE FOR TERM 3 2016 – HANDWRITING AND TOUCH TYPING COURSES

For the benefit of students, please see the attached flyers in Woodchatta Extras for details about two courses, to be run in Term 3 2016 by an external provider and experienced occupational therapist, Anna Orchard, who will be offering OT after-school courses for students at the College. The two courses were successfully run onsite at the College in Term 1 this year, and they are as follows:

- **The Art of Touch Typing**
- **Handwriting Skills**

All students are welcome to enrol, but final classes will be decided by Anna, according to numbers, and same or successive year levels. Interested parents and carers should direct their expression of interest to Ms Joanne Raheb-Mol via email: JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Be sure to include your son's full name and year, the preferred course from the above, and the preferred day (or days) of the week for your son to attend at the selected course.

Anna Orchard will then contact you with further information including the registration and enrolment forms upon receipt of your expression of interest in the Term 3 courses on offer.

I would advise you to be quick, as numbers are limited in both courses, and they are expected to fill quite quickly. It will be a case of first in, first served!

THANK YOU MRS BARRETT AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR MATERNITY LEAVE

A big thank you and our very best wishes go to Mrs Barrett who is going on maternity leave for the remainder of 2016 and Terms 1 and 2 2017. The Year 5 and 6 Learning Support program has benefitted greatly from Mrs Barrett's expertise in learning and Stage 3 curriculum, and the boys have commented on her warmth, positivity and engaging approach with students. We will miss you, but we wish you every joy and happiness that the new addition to your family will bring, and we look forward to your return in Semester 2, 2017.

THANK YOU SPECIAL PROVISIONS PARENT HELPERS

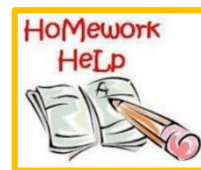
The LSE Department wishes to thank the following parents who have indicated their interest in assisting with our Special Provisions Program during Term 3 and 4, subject to availability and need:

Kate Ward, Mary Ann Back, Susan Livesey, Julie Kelly, Kathy Bradford, Vicki Shaw, Aida Moore, Gabrielle Robinson, Annelise Pearce and Brendan Hogan

We are grateful to you, our Parents and Carers, for your quick and ready offers, and for indicating flexibility at this time of change within the SP program itself. Ms Raheb-Mol and the LSE Department look forward to working with you next semester.

HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM AT ST PIUS X - ALL STUDENTS WELCOME - YEARS 5-12

- Provides supervised homework or study time for all students in Years 5-12.
- Operates from Week 2 of each term, throughout Terms 1 to 4, in the SRC - Senior School Library
- Held three afternoons per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) 3.15pm - 4.30pm
- Provides a supervised and quiet study space for students working or reading independently, as well as one-to-one assistance from Junior and Senior School LSE staff
- Students can attend on one or more afternoons per week, or on a regular or occasional basis, and there's no need to make an appointment.
- 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 welcome to attend, and take advantage of this free service.
- Further enquiries? Contact Ms Joanne Raheb-Mol, Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator via email at JRahebMol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au



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

Junior School News

TOMORROW: DANCE PROGRAM and SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Thursday 23rd June is a dance rehearsal followed by the dance performance at 12.45 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. After the dance performance some boys will also be receiving a 'Fide et Labore' Award. The parents of these boys have been emailed. These are commonly referred to as 'Fides' and are Academic Awards for each class in Semester 1. Our larger Academic Award Ceremony is at the end of the year. There will be an Afternoon Tea for Parents after the event.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS- BOOKING INTERVIEWS

Next term, on the 19th July, we have our Interview Day to discuss the Semester 1 Reports. You should have booked your interview times by now. If you haven't done so, it would be wise to book as soon as possible.

The interviews commence at 8 am and conclude at 6 pm. Please bring your son(s) to the interviews. Please note that Mrs Doheny is not available on Tuesdays but I (Mr Long) can discuss the Maths classes. If you wish to speak to Mrs Doheny about Literacy, please make an interview at another mutually agreeable time or over the phone.

YEAR 5 PRAYER

Mr Patterson's Year 5 Red class presented the prayer at last Monday's Assembly and they prayed especially for the people of Orlando.



THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF TERM 3

The Interview Day is on Tuesday 19th July. Your son should attend in his school uniform. The boys commence classes on Wednesday 20th July. Under 11 Rugby training will be on after school on this day. We have normal winter sport training on Thursday and sport on the first Saturday of Term 3.

In Week 2, on Tuesday 26th July, the choir will be leaving at 7.45 am for a IPSHA Performing Arts Festival practice day at Blue Mountains Grammar. I will be driving the school bus and Ms Whelan will be attending. On Thursday 28th July, the boys will sit for the ICAS Mathematics competition before going to their normal sport. On Friday 29th, our debating team will be competing against St Luke's Dee Why. It will be a busy start to the term.

Please be careful on the roads and drive safely. Remember you have precious cargo, your children and yourself.

Mr T Long - Head of Junior School

Senior School Sport

CONGRATULATIONS

In the sport of AFL, congratulations go to Josh Rayner and Nick Brewer. Both boys took time away from school last week to play with the CIS team in the U15's AFL Schoolboys Championships in Albury. Both Josh (Year10) and Nick (Year 9) acquitted themselves well, exercising high levels of skill, and represented the College with pride. Their CIS team finished the carnival placing third. The Best and Fairest award for CIS went to Josh Rayner and he was named in the full NSW team to play in Maroochydore in July.



Another student who has been pursuing his own sporting interests recently is Tristan Jung in Year 7. Tristan played in the Little League Baseball National Championship in Lismore where Top 20 teams across Australia participated. His Ryde Hawks team eventually won Bronze medals.



Mr M Stearn – Senior School Sportsmaster

FOOTBALL

Dear Parents and Players,

Congratulations on some outstanding results on the weekend with many huge victories notably the 13Bs 15-0 win and the 14Bs 12-1 victory. Player of the week goes to the 13Bs Liam Mattera for his 4 goals!

Football training will recommence on the 20th of July with the next round of fixtures being the 23rd of July. We wish the College 1st XI good luck on their Queensland tour.

Have an enjoyable break.

RESULTS SATURDAY 18 th June		
Team	Result	Best & Fairest – 3,2,1
1st X1	8-1	D Cuadros-Garrott; J Saunders; R Leonardi
2nd X1	4-1	M Ling; J McKern; P Ewing
3rd X1		FORFEIT
4th XI	7-0	T Janssen; R Zantiotis; D Perros
16A	7-0	A Evanian; C Stephen; D Luksich
16B	3-0	J Staggs; R Kelleher; T Avanus
15A	2-3	N Cowie; C Huth; T Jamieson
15B	3-0	Z Harmata; N Brewer; J Kelly
15C		FORFEIT
14A	4-0	L Mathie; M Hogan; C Johnson
14B	12-1	C Ohtaras; M Bradley; B Gangemi
14C	4-0	T McCallum; C Constantin; R O'Connell/M Wilden-Constantin
13A	4-0	Team
13B	15-0	L Mattera; M Watts; M North/C Lynch/M Kachel
13C	0-1	A Lonsdale; A Hassan; J Baldock
13D		BYE

Mr S Yue - Convenor

RUGBY

RESULTS – Saturday 18th June, 2016

Saturday 18 th June, Oakhill College & Oxley College			
Team	Result	Opposition	3,2,1
1st	17-21	Oakhill	J Smith, G Dingley, H Roberts
2nd	12-17	Oakhill	R Bento, A O'Donovan, J Thrum
3rd	10-19	Oakhill	S Gillott, T Abbott, M Hall & C Snell
16A	0-22	Oakhill	A Sweeney; T Findlay/T Courtney; N Lee/T Gazey
16B	12-33	Oxley	H Jepson, A Price & G Kirwin, L Smith
15A	45-15	Oakhill	T Paterson; J Furlan/J Miller; Rest of Team
14A	34-0	Oakhill	B Mendel, T St John, K Bowen & S Dingley
14B/C	50-0	Oakhill	T Farnsworth, L Sheehan, B Montgomery
13A	7-7	Oakhill	C O'Neil, D Panozzo, M Brannan & L Onslow
13B	7-29	Oakhill	B Ferguson, C Simpson, A Hart
13C	7-27	Oakhill	N Arnold, C Jackson, O Fitzroy

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR 2017

In 2017 SPX Rugby will send the Under 15s age group on a development tour to New Zealand during the first week of the April school Holidays. All players from the Under 14s in 2016 are invited to express their interest in attending the tour via the letter they received today. This letter is also attached in **Woodchatta Extras**. An information evening will take place in Week 2 of Term 3 on Wednesday 27th of July from 6pm at the Sarto Centre with all players and their parents from the current Under 14s group are encouraged to attend.

REFEREES COURSE

Unfortunately there has been not enough numbers to run the referees course during the coming school holidays. This will go ahead later in the year.

QLD TOUR

Good luck to our Opens Squad travelling to Queensland during the school holidays to take part in the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. The squad will train on Tuesday 28th June and Tuesday 5th July before departing on Sunday 10th. Thanks to the staff who are accompanying the team.

BATHURST WEEKEND 22nd/23rd July

Please see information in **Woodchatta Extras**.

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

Mr J Lynch – Convenor

ALMOST KINROSS RE-VISITED

Driving to Oakhill Saturday morning with the full beam on in driving rain suggested another day of "soaking rugby" à la Kinross. Fortunately the weather relented and the afternoon temperature reached 21 degrees...astonishing...a northern hemisphere summer!

Our rugby performances mirrored the climate, variable, with bright periods. Our three opens sides have played some entertaining winning rugby this campaign, but for some reason they could not produce a win - 2nds and 3rds losing close ones and the 1sts losing on the bell. 3rds put in a mighty effort, 2nds were off the boil and 1sts fell to an Oakhill move they had been doing all afternoon!!

14As had a huge win with an exhibition of fast, accurate skilful rugby with Joe Harper and Brynn Mendal at the heart of it. 15As with Tom Paterson on the rampage, (3 tries at least!) recorded their biggest win against Oakhill.

The Steinman Serial continues to draw the crowds and Saturdays episode produced another huge win for the 14B/Cs with tough tackling; Tristan Farnsworth at the forefront. Could the rugby support group sell this product?

13Bs and Cs both lost competitive games with Gary Mullins playing strongly for the Bs and Tony Hanley making a welcome return for the Cs. 13As were locked in a 7 point thriller. Both sides had 7 and neither could unlock the door to a further score; a real nail biter to the final whistle.

Both our 16s sides are competing really well with the 16As, well led by Tom Findlay and supported by some tough tackling from Cooper Alan, narrowly going down. Mr Pawlak was delighted with their spirit and enthusiasm.

Finally spare a thought for Mr Hopley and the 16Bs who weekly get sent to remote parts in pursuit of a game - the vagaries of the league structure. This week it was back down to Bowral for a game against Oxley; the performance satisfying, the result not so!!

Time for a welcome three week break and a chance to re-charge the batteries, except for our Opens who travel to the Gold Coast for the annual rugby tournament. A trip well deserved and a lasting memory for the players involved.



Enjoy the break!

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer

ISA TENNIS

Unfortunately, the heavy rain over the weekend caused all our matches to be cancelled. We now have a break in the competition until the first weekend of Term 3 when all teams will be playing against St Pats. Please check the draw.

Round 8	Divisions Playing		Location	SPX Teachers
23 rd July Week 1, Term 3	2	SPC	Talus St (Home) 7:45am for 8am start	Ms O'Brien Ms Colefax
	4	SPC		
	6	SPC		
	8	SPC		
	10	SPC		
	1	SPC	St Patrick's College Strathfield Tennis Club via Morwick St, Strathfield 7:45am for 8am start	Ms Black Ms Kugananthan
	3	SPC		
	5	SPC		
	7	SPC		
	9	SPC		



Ms A O'Brien – Convenor

ATHLETICS

TRAINING STARTS TERM 3, 2016

Athletics is open to everyone! Just turn up and have a go. See Mr Lacey if you have any questions.

Training Dates:

Training will take place at Chatswood Rotary War Memorial Athletics Field, the home of UTS Athletics Club, from 4-5pm. Buses will leave Anderson Street from school at 3.20pm and return at approximately 5.20pm

Monday: 25/7, 1/8, 8/8, 15/8, 22/8, 5/9

Wednesday: 27/7, 3/8, 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 31/8

Carnivals:

Confirmed in Woodchatta each week.

- The Schools Knock Out 4 - 9pm at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre (SOPAC) Date TBC (team entry depending on interest, availability and selection)
- 20/8 - E.S. Marks (Centennial Park) Open to all invitational
- *27/8 - SOPAC (Homebush) St Pius will host with SPC, Open to all invitational
- 3/9 - SOPAC SOPAC (Homebush) Open to all invitational
- *6/9 - ISA Carnival at SOPAC, Hosted by St Pius X College
- 21/9 - selected athletes compete for the ISA team at the CIS Athletics Carnival
- Individual entry: NSW All Schools, October 13-16 SOPAC

Mr R Lacey – 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: on at Oxford Falls with our final Dance Presentation taking place.

Term	Wk	Day	Date	Activity	Depart Chatswood	Venue	Saturday Sport Activity
2	9	Thur	23rd June	Dance Performance	11.00am	Oxford Falls	None

Dance Program: our Final Presentation takes place tomorrow. A reminder that parents and friends are welcome to the performance at 12.45pm followed by afternoon tea in the Curtin Room from 1.30pm.

Athletics Carnival: We were greeted with a perfect Winter's day for our Annual House Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park; mild but sunny and clear blue sky. Despite a delayed start due to traffic and a few technical issues with the timing gates, our student cohort were once again superb in their approach to the day. They competed relentlessly and tirelessly for their College, House and self. Importantly, they displayed great sportsmanship and camaraderie, cheering their teammates on and recognising the great performances of their peers across a range of athletic disciplines. Whilst our athletes were colourful, vocal and spirited, it was their great performances on the track and in the field that was so heartening. There was much talent on display but in the end it was the boys from Purton who rose as clear winners in the overall House Championship. Rice fought valiantly for 2nd place with Treacy shading Barron for 3rd.

I must thank the College staff and Snr students for running a fantastic carnival, as well as the invaluable support of so many parents, both in attendance as spectators and so generously as helpers. Top honours went to the boys below who excelled in their respective age groups. They will be joined by others in the soon to be announced Athletics Squad to compete in Term 3. (See the photo page in **Woodchatta Extras**.)

AGE CHAMPIONS:

	1st	2nd	3rd
U10's	Connor Lynch (Purton)	Oliver Muelman (Rice)	Joshua Brennan (Treacy)
U11's	Zachary Flynn (Rice)	Lucas Hamill (Treacy) Joel Austin (Rice)	Cavan Ryan (Purton)
Opens	Sam Holm (Treacy)	Bailey Perkins (Rice)	Chris Zilifian (Purton) Jake Archer (Purton)
Champion House - PURTON			

Rugby: Well done to all players for their efforts this term. We resume first Saturday back in Term 3 (see below). Safe holidays to all.

Team	Last Week		Saturday 23 rd July (Week 1, Term 3)		
	Result	Best and Fairest (3,2,1)	Opponent	Venue	Time
Prep 1st XV	5 – 31	H Melloy, A Paterson/J Thornton, Team	St Patrick's	Breen Oval Edgar St, Strathfield	8.45am
Prep 2nd XV	0 – 37	K Crowhen, F McLeay, R Johnsun			8.00am
Prep 7's	Washed Out		Various	Kings (Price Fields) Pennant Hills Rd, Parramatta	7.40am
11A	12 – 27	W Pavely, A Moutevelis, J Austin	Mosman Prep	Oxford Falls Chaplin 1	8.45am
11 Blue	10 – 20	L Hamill, J Bewley/J Webster, J Chang/A Guerrera/I Byrne			8.00am
11 Gold	26 – 19	L Thomson/Z Flynn, C Graffeo/M McGrath, Team	Scots	Christison Park 1 Old South Head Rd, Watsons Bay	8.00am

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Football

TEAM	LAST WEEK – ROUND 7		SATURDAY 23 July - ROUND 8		
	Score	Best and fairest 3,2,1	Opponent	Venue	Time (am)
Prep 1st XI	3 – 0	Luke B, T Ribas, I Elm	Trinity S/F	Chaplin 2	10:15
Prep 2nd XI		No Game	Trinity S/F	Chaplin 2	9:30
Prep 3rd XI	3 – 1	C Robson, N Burman, L Blane	Trinity S/F	Chaplin 2	8:45
Prep 4th XI		No Game	Trinity S/F	Chaplin 2	8:00
11A	2 – 9	J Brennan, C Robson, A Di Mauro	Trinity S/F	Bressington	10:15
11B	1 – 5	J Park, H McCallum, L Komadina	Trinity S/F	Bressington	9:30
11C	0 – 8	Whole Team	Trinity S/F	Bressington	8:45
11D	1 – 8	Whole Team	Trinity S/F	Bressington	8:00

Mr P Cummins - Convenor

AFL

Round 7: The rain was falling as we arrived at Bat and Ball Oval, Moore Park for an early 8am game. Yet the playing surface was in great condition so the game against Waverley proceeded. Down three players due to injury and illness it was always going to be tough against a much stronger and faster opponent. Not being suited to the wet conditions didn't help as we found it difficult to gain valuable possession. The goal we did score was a wonderful team effort and gives an indication that with the ball in hand the boys can do some great things.

Defence is still a priority and Harrison P was determined to mark his opponent and stop any kicks getting into the hands of the opposition. Tristan also tried hard in the backs displaying some great tackling.

Outstanding Players: Harrison Pierides- 3, Tristan Williams-2, Kobe du Moulin- 1

Special congratulations to Zac Hollinger who has played 50 games for his Club in AFL. A wonderful achievement! Also some of the team will be representing St Pius X as part of the Guard of Honour at the Swans v Carlton Blues – SCG, 1:45pm 23rd July.

Junior AFL Holiday Football Camp at St Ignatius College Riverview: Please see the flyer in **Woodchatta Extras**.

Next game:

ROUND 8	OPPONENT	VENUE & TIME
Saturday 23/07/16	St Ignatius	Goddard Park, Cnr Park Ave and John St Concord 10:00am Be there for warm up 9:15 am

Ms D Cummins - Convenor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop closes for end of term on Wednesday 22nd June and re opens in Term 3 on Monday 18th July at 8.00am

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

Raincoats: some sizes are out of stock - an order is due after the holidays in late July.

Price List: A full price list is available on the College website.

Orders can be placed via the website <http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83> or by sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Blazer Buttons are available from shop \$2.00 each.

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

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

Term 3 20/7 – 22/7		25/7 – 29/7	
Wed	L Marino, C Brislon, P Andrew, J Masters	Mon	S Twohill, J Watts, E Leach, A Clarke, L Holroyd, C Daniels
Thurs	T Weber, P Rodrigues, A Spencer, E Proudfoot	Tues	C Parker, P Thornton, J Hearne, M Fellow (12-2), J Anstead, L Johnston, A Stewart
Fri	J Ryan, L Shih, A Fallon, M Ribas, E Griffin, M Morten, A Casey, S McAdam	Wed	A Brewer, S Kerlin, D Bewley
		Thurs	K McElvogue
		Fri	M Currington, A Simpson, R Nolan, C Sweeney, M Sheehan, F Varlow

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COLLEGE SURVEYS

These surveys closed on 10 June with the following response rates: 47.9% students, 46.4% (765 responses) parents and 80.5% staff. The reports have been received and the Strategic Planning Committee has carriage for their analysis.

The summary tables for parents, students and staff are below:

Parent

Key Area	Jun 16 Satisfaction
Leadership & Direction	4.25
Values & Culture	4.23
School Communication	4.18
Pastoral Care/Wellbeing	4.16
Co-curriculum	4.15
Parent Engagement	4.14
Reporting	4.08
Teaching Standards	4.08
General	4.08
Curriculum	4.07
Student Engagement	4.06
Resources & Facilities	3.98
Learning Environment	3.93
Student Transition	3.93
Homework	3.87
Learning & Extension	3.80
Average Score	4.09

Student

Key Area	Jun 16 Satisfaction
Co-curriculum	4.47
Reporting	4.27
Student Engagement	4.13
Student Transition	4.09
Values & Culture	4.05
General	4.01
School Communication	4.00
Learning	3.95
Resources & Facilities	3.77
Curriculum	3.69
Leadership & Direction	3.69
Teaching	3.62
Environment	3.47
Behaviour	3.43
Homework	3.37
Parent Engagement	3.10
Average Score	3.85

Staff

Key Area	Jun 16 Satisfaction
Organisation	4.34
Staff Engagement	4.24
WH&S	4.21
School Leadership	4.14
Team Leadership	4.08
Procedures	4.05
Empowerment	4.03
Teamwork	4.02
Work/Life Balance	4.02
General	4.01
Resources	3.97
Training/PD	3.96
Equality	3.85
Recognition	3.80
Communication	3.77
Career	3.38
Average Score	4.04

The overall satisfaction rate is as follows:

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Students	3.85	4.07	3.95	4.04	3.85
Parents	4.09	4.12	4.10	4.06	4.00
Staff	4.04	4.00	3.94	4.02	3.99





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JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL





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HANDWRITING SKILLS COURSE



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How is your son's handwriting? Does your son's handwriting affect his ability to get his ideas down on paper in a coherent and legible way? Would improvements to the speed and style of his handwriting help him perform to his potential on tests, exams, assignments and assessments? Does he experience pain when writing?

Designed and run by an experienced occupational therapist, this program has been developed to bring **creativity and good mechanical and organisational skills** to the practice and improvement of handwriting.



The Program will include activities with a dramatic twist to:

- **Promote imagination and foster a desire to write**
- **Encourage focus and concentration**
- **Develop upper limb muscle control, eye hand coordination and finger strength and dexterity.**
- **Identify the right tools and spaces so writing feels comfortable and is optimised**
- **Focus on good writing ergonomics**
- **General assessment of writing to see what's working and what's not**
- **Get organised with writing tasks**

The program will be run on a small group basis (approx. 8 students) so that professional guidance, peer feedback and modelling can be maximised.

The program will run over 8 consecutive weeks (from week of 25 July up to and incl. the week of 16 September) with a make-up week also offered if required.

Time: 3.20pm – 4.30pm each school day afternoon depending on demand

Location: St Pius X College, Leary Learning Centre, D Block

Cost: \$280.00 per student

You may be able to claim on your Private Health Insurance cover for this program if your policy includes OT under extras cover – item Number 300 Group therapy intervention.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR TERM 3 2016

email Joanne, Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment at:

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TOUCH TYPING SKILLS COURSE



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Could your son benefit from touch typing skills for a wide variety of his writing and communication needs at school and beyond?

Having great touch typing skills is a must-have skill in our digital world. This is an essential academic skill which can be learnt, improved or mastered with practice. It can help your son to organise his thinking and planning, and save him time and mental energy when producing written work. Touch Typing skills are also highly valued in the workplace, so there are long-term benefits for establishing better typing skill and speed during the school years. Understanding and adopting good posture when typing can also affect your body, and lead to an immediate reduction in pain and fatigue, and reduced risk of developing long term chronic health problems.

Designed and run by an experienced occupational therapist, this program has been developed to give students the touch typing skills they need to undertake **effective word processing** on their PLDs, in a way that **develops good and sustainable typing habits, encourages improved desk ergonomics, and improved typing speed and accuracy.**



The course is designed to bring creativity and fun to the practice and improvement of typing for homework, assignments and self-directed tasks.

The Program will include activities with a dramatic twist to:

- **Develop fine motor skills, eye hand coordination and finger strength**
- **Look at overall posture and ergonomic workstation set up**
- **Teach how to touch type, using a popular and easy-to-learn system**
- **Give incentives to make practice manageable**

The program will be run on a small group basis (approx.8 students) so that professional guidance, peer feedback and modelling can be maximised.

The program will run over 8 consecutive weeks (from week of 25 July up to and incl. the week of 16 September) with a make-up week also offered if required.

Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm each school day afternoon depending on demand

Location: St Pius X College, Leary Learning Centre, D Block (L2, or computer lab tbc)

Cost: \$280.00 per student

You may be able to claim on your Private Health Insurance cover for this program if your policy includes OT under extras cover – item Number 300 Group therapy intervention.

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FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Unfortunately the **REFEREE COURSE** planned for the holidays has been cancelled as we couldn't meet the minimum number to hold it. We are working with the College to reschedule in Term 4 in conjunction with HSPE & PASS. We will advise when details are available.



The Committee is running a **FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP** again this coming holidays. **The Football Club is pleased to subsidise this camp & have reduced the price to \$120.** We encourage boys from all ages in the College to attend as the level of skills is tailored for all age groups.

We have fully qualified coaches and first aid officer in attendance. Transport to and from the College is included.

SPX FOOTBALL CAMP *Oxford Falls Grounds*

28th-30th June
9:30am-1:30pm
Bus transfer from College
(Leaves 9am Lady of Dolours - return 2pm)
\$120 per child

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

See our webpages for News, Calendars, Photos and Draws

<http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/sports/football>

Rodger Paino



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NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR 2017



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

22 June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

As announced at the St Pius X Rugby Dinner, the College Leadership Team has approved an Under 15s Rugby Tour of New Zealand during the April school holidays of 2017. At this stage, we estimate that the trip will cost approximately \$2,500 per student for a 7 night/8day tour, which will cover all student expenses. The tour will be booked through Estilo Sports Travel and the initial itinerary can be found on the reverse of this letter.

This is not a compulsory tour, however, in order for the trip to go ahead, there is a minimum of 20 students required to attend. The touring side will play 3 matches during the week and will participate in training sessions as well as cultural activities that will benefit both the squad for the 2017 season and also the individual tourist.

The group will be under the supervision of St Pius X College teachers and travel insurance will be included in the cost.

At this stage, we are inviting expressions of interest from parents/guardians of the students from the Under 14s of 2016.

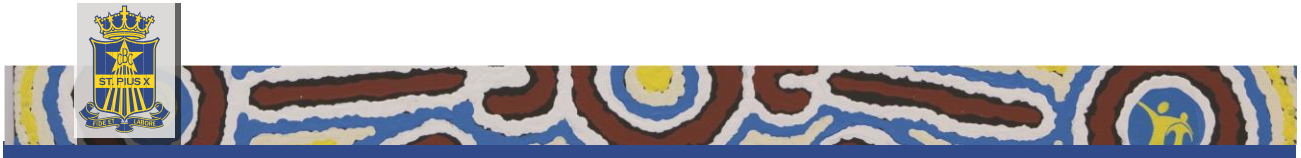
For interested parents and students, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening to take place on Wednesday 27th July (Week 2 Term 3) in the Sarto Centre from 6pm. The information night will be an opportunity for Estilo, the travel agency organising the trip, to present the itinerary to parents and students. We will also distribute a payment plan to outline the scheduled payment instalments that will occur and also discuss fundraising opportunities.

Please complete the 'Expression of interest' form attached and return to the Rugby Tour box, located on the student veranda by Tuesday 26th July.

Yours sincerely

Mr Joe Lynch
Rugby Convenor

Mr Matt Stearn
Senior Sportsmaster



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DAY 1 – Friday April 7th - SYDNEY TO AUCKLAND

Students will meet at the College in Chatswood at 12.00pm to board the bus to the Sydney International Airport. A staff member from Estilo Sports Travel will be at the airport to assist with check in. Your flight will depart Sydney in the afternoon/evening; a meal is included in flight. Upon arrival in New Zealand you will be transferred to your Auckland city hotel where you will stay for two nights.

DAY 2 Saturday April 8th - AUCKLAND

In the morning the group will visit Sky Tower, where from 220m up, you'll get a terrific 360-degree view over Auckland. In the afternoon transfer to the venue for the first game of the tour, possibly St. Peters College. Return to your hotel after the game. Depending on scheduling, there may be the opportunity to attend a Super Rugby game at Eden Park.

DAY 3 Sunday April 9th – AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA

This morning your group will check out of your Auckland hotel and attend mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral before heading to Rotorua. Upon arrival in Rotorua, the group will enjoy an action packed adventure at Skyline Gondola and Luge. Tonight you will stay on a Marae, the traditional meeting grounds of the Maori people. Upon arrival you will be welcomed onto the land in a "powhiri" ceremony and for dinner, a traditionally cooked Hangi meal.

DAY 4 Monday April 10th - ROTORUA

This morning the group will visit Whakarewarewa, the living thermal Maori village where you'll see the geysers and thermal waters that make Rotorua famous. After lunch, transfer to the location of your second game, possibly John Paul College. At the conclusion of the game, you will be hosted for an after match function. Return to the Marae in the evening.

DAY 5 Tuesday April 11th – ROTORUA TO CHRISTCHURCH

This morning the group will transfer to Rotorua airport for your flight to Christchurch, approximately 2 hours. Once in Christchurch you will be transferred to your group accommodation where you will stay for 3 nights. This afternoon the teams could have a training run or recovery session at the local pool.

DAY 6 Wednesday April 12th - CHRISTCHURCH

This morning your group will head into Christchurch city and enjoy a cycling tour of the city. Enjoy some lunch on the Avon River before visiting the International Antarctic Centre. There is also the opportunity to have a training session this afternoon.

DAY 7 Thursday April 13th - CHRISTCHURCH

This morning the group will travel into Christchurch city for some shopping and sightseeing. In the afternoon transfer to the venue for your final game.

DAY 8 – Friday April 14th – CHRISTCHURCH TO SYDNEY

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your morning return flight to Sydney. Students to be met at the airport by parents/guardians.



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SPX COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR 2017
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Please return to Mr Lynch via the Rugby Tour box on the veranda outside the student office by
Tuesday 26th July.

Please circle:

INTEREST

YES, we are interested and can commit now to the trip to New Zealand.

OR

YES, we are interested but would like to know more information.

OR

NO, we are unable to consider this trip.

INFORMATION EVENING

YES, we will attend the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 27th July.

NO, we will not attend the Parent Information Evening.

Student's name: _____

2017 Year Group: _____

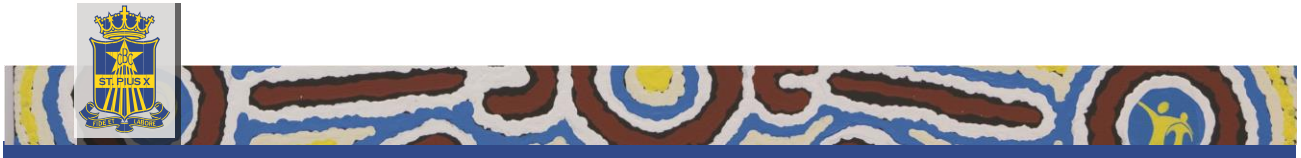
2016 Playing Position: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact No: _____

Contact email: _____



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ST PIUS X RUGBY CLUB –BATHURST WEEKEND AWAY 22-23 JULY **ACCOMMODATION / DINNER INFORMATION**

On Friday, 22 July, many parents and boys will be heading to Bathurst for the away weekend of Rugby against St Stanislaus College. At this time we traditionally have a dinner on the Friday night with parents and boys (and other siblings etc) on arrival in Bathurst.

ACCOMMODATION

Rydges Mount Panorama are offering SPX Rugby Supporters a 10% discount on their normal public room rates for that weekend.

When inquiring/booking with Rydges please telephone 02-63381888 and ensure you mention that you are with St Pius X College Rugby so that you receive the 10% discount. (Obviously there are other places of accommodation in Bathurst that you may wish to contact and make your own private arrangements).

We recommend that you book your accommodation in Bathurst as soon as possible in order that you are able to secure your accommodation as Bathurst has many sporting & other activities etc on most weekends of the year.

RYDGES MOUNT PANORAMA

Phone: 63381888

<https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/regional-nsw/mount-panorama-bathurst>

1 Conrad Straight, Mount Panorama (Bathurst)

- Standard Room –up to 4 people (bedding can consist of 1 king bed and 1 sofa bed, or, 2 king singles and a sofa bed).
- Deluxe Room – up to 4 people (bedding can consist of 1 king bed and 1 sofa bed, or, 2 king singles and a sofa bed).
- Three Bedroom Apartment - up to 6 people

*Breakfast can be added upon check in at \$21 per person, including an espresso coffee.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (22 JULY)

If there is sufficient interest we will organize a dinner on the Friday evening in Bathurst. At this time we are proposing to hold the dinner about 8pm at Paddy's Hotel at 234 Gilmour Street, Kelso (Tel:6324470). Kelso is located on the eastern side of Bathurst, as you drive into Bathurst from Sydney. The hotel has a courtesy bus that apparently will convey people to and from their accommodation in Bathurst (including Rydges Mount Panorama).

Paddy's Hotel serves bistro type meals at reasonable 'pub prices' (including reasonably priced children's meals) and drinks at 'pub prices'. For further information re the hotel and the meals offered please visit their website – www.paddyshotel.com.au

If you are interested in attending the dinner please email Paul O'Neill ASAP at pmoneill@optusnet.com.au and advise the number of persons intending to attend the dinner so that we can gauge the level of interest and make an appropriate booking to reserve sufficient tables at Paddys for the Friday evening.

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