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## From the Principal



### FEAST DAY OF ST PIUS X – 21 AUGUST

*Father,  
to defend the Catholic faith  
and to make all things new in Christ,  
You filled St. Pius X  
with heavenly wisdom and apostolic courage.  
May his example and teaching  
lead us to the reward of eternal life.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

Please see **Woodchatta Extras** for a Tribute to St Pius X on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, written by Mr Tony Cunneen, Student Studies Coordinator at the College. This article will also be published in this coming Monday's Catholic Weekly.

### YEAR 12 RETREATS

Our Year 12 students made their final school Retreat last week and it was a high point of their religious and faith development as Senior students. They are now in great shape to tackle the final months of their study ahead of Graduation on 19 September and their HSC exams commencing in October.



### JUNIOR SCHOOL SLEEPOUT



Over 70 Year 5 and 6 students slept in the Gym last Friday evening to experience life as a Homeless person. They slept on cardboard or on a blanket and had little to eat. Thanks to Mrs Williams (Year 5) and Mr Whelan (Social Justice Coordinator) who organised the event and the teachers who cared for the boys: Mr Long, Mrs Iwatani, Mr Brannan and Mrs Spanyolik.

Please see the Junior School section for some more photos and a reflection from Patrick Moore and Matthew Brannan (Year 5).

### SCIENCE WEEK

Science is alive at St Pius X College with activities at lunchtime every day in the Science laboratories. Many thanks to Ms Black and the Science staff. The tremendous results overall in Science throughout the school is testimony to this top team of teachers.



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**AND**
- Friday 5 September**  
**Fathers' Day Breakfast**  
for Junior & Senior Fathers and Grandfathers



### **KEVIN HUNT *Live@thestudio***

On Sunday afternoon the Performing Arts Parents held the inaugural **Live@the studio**. Kevin Hunt on piano (Old Boy 1978) and Phil Stack on Bass treated the audience of students, parents and Old Boys to a musical extravaganza. Both are world class performers and the intimate setting of the Bandroom gave us the very special afternoon of Jazz. Performing Arts Captain, Christian Sharpe (trumpet) of Year 12 joined Kevin and Phil and was simply magnificent. Thanks to PAPA for a great occasion and particularly to Mr Paul Knox and his family for organising the event.



*Class of '78*

### **FOOTBALL SEMI FINALS AND FINALS**

Last Saturday saw the College compete in 12 Semi Finals and winning 9 of these! Congratulations to all. Our deep commiserations to the First XI team who went down to St Patrick's Strathfield 2-1 in an absolute nail bitter. St Pius X College Football has had a fantastic year and congratulations to all players and coaches. We will be there to support the finalists this Saturday at Oakhill College. More details can be found in the Senior Sports section.

### **RUGBY PRESENTATION EVENING**

Congratulations to all our Rugby Representatives for the 2014 season. Last night's Presentation Evening was an excellent showcase and there is much to celebrate. The College especially thanks Mr Liam Ward for his leadership as Rugby Club President as he has concluded his term now with the close of the season. Many thanks to Liam and congratulations on the past three years as President.

## **From the Assistant Principal Teaching Learning**

### **TRIAL OF AUTOMATED EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE**

In the interest of improving communication and the welfare of all our students, the college is currently trialling an automated email notification to parents when their son is absent. This email is sent when the student has not attended the Morning Roll Call and therefore has been marked absent.

The content of the email is shown below. Please only telephone the College if you are unaware of your son's absence. An important reminder is to please send in a written explanation of your son's absence on his return.

The trial is providing valuable information that we use to improve our processes.

#### **Absence Notice for John Smith**

The College is Trialling an Automated Absence Notification System

John was not present during roll call today - 14/08/2014 and therefore was marked absent.

Please ignore this email if you have already notified the college of your son's absence, though please remember the College requires written confirmation.

If you are aware that he is away, could you please send a note to school with John to explain this absence and finalise our records.

If you are unaware of his absence, could you please contact the Student Office on 94114733.

Yours sincerely,

**Student Administration**

*Mr A Damo*



## From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity

The **Senior Retreats** for our Year 12 students were conducted last week at Mulgoa and Tallow Beach. 60% of our boys chose to attend one of the two Retreats staged at the very serene and peaceful surroundings of Mulgoa, the very spiritual home of the Christian Brothers. The remaining boys opted for the bush surroundings of Tallow Beach, that provided a more rustic and natural surrounding for spiritual reflection.

The aim for our Senior Retreat was firstly, to allow our boys to re-group, re-fresh and relax having just completed their HSC Trials. In helping to achieve this aim, the boys developed their relationships with each other and in a special way their relationship with their families, as they shared and received most positive affirmation. In doing so, it allowed our boys the confidence to peel back the layers and reflect on their lives and grow spirituality, sharing time, thoughts and ideas as they grew to learn and know more about their God. The climax of each Mulgoa Retreat was the celebration of Mass, led by Father John Roberts and organised by the total involvement of all boys present.

Thank you must go to the Staff, Mr Masters, Mr Whelan, Mr Quilty, Mr Ticli, Mr Scanlan, Mr Listo, Ms Black and Mr Reay who joined with me at Mulgoa and to Mr Cunneen, Mr de Silva, Mr Stearn, Mr Brannan, Mr Stollery, Mr Madani and Ms Mowle who led the Tallow Retreats. Special thanks must go to Mr Couani who joined both Mulgoa Retreats on the second nights. The efforts of all Staff and total involvement of all boys ensured that the Senior Retreats for our young men of Year 12 will always be a memorable experience of their time at St Pius X College.

Our Social Justice initiatives have continued with our involvement in a range of activities. 72 young men from the Junior School joined in the **Junior School Winter Sleepout** in the Gym, to identify with the plight of the homeless in our city as well as make a contributions to our St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. Well over a hundred blankets have now been donated to this worthy cause. Thank you to Mrs Williams (5 Gold Teacher) and our Social Justice Co-ordinator, Mr Whelan for organising this event. They were well supported by many members of Staff and a particularly enthusiastic group of Year 11 students from the Edmund Rice Society.

Our Senior members of the Edmund Rice Society, Oliver Szabo, Liam Carroll, Anthony Saba, Nathan Mowad, Tyler Jarvis and Matthew Harris following up their generous help at the Edmund Rice Foundation Dinner in May, joined forces with the ladies from Mercy Catholic College to assist with the **Dentist for East Timor Fund Raising Dinner**. Our young men received high praise for their warmth and help on the night and enjoyed meeting our Prime Minister and Treasurer, Mr Joe Hockey.



Our Year 9 boys are continuing with their **Winter Appeal**, having accumulated a great collection of non-perishable goods which will be directed to the Asylum Seekers Centre Newtown. Thank you to all the families who have supported once again the call to help.

Calum Fitzsimons, Lyndon Maher, Juwan Diazon, Finn Hutchinson, Hayden Tutill, Kris Yiannakoulis, Elias Ghannoum, Jackson Edwards and Harry Vinter joined by Ms De Souza, Ms Schuster and Ms Proctor-Messham, have helped over the last couple of weeks to serve the guests of **Matthew Talbot Hostel** their evening meal. Meanwhile, Dylan Chrimes, Jackson Edwards, Jason Pidock, Calum Fitzsimons, Louis Tysoe, Sam Enthoven, Declan Ward and Chris Keyes spent Monday afternoon with the residence of **Willowood Nursing Home**. Simple but greatly appreciated actions by all they help and visit.

Mr M Casey

## MindMatters For Families

### STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR HSC STUDENTS (Years 11 and 12)

Please see the flyer in **Woodchatta Extras** for an upcoming stress management workshop for HSC students (Year 11 and Year 12) on Tuesday 26th August 2014 (4pm - 7pm) and parents or teachers on Wednesday 27th August 2014 (6pm- 7.30pm).

The workshops are conducted by two psychologists from the Sydney Counselling Centre. Nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided on both sessions. Numbers are limited so we request that participants register their interests via email or phone as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor



## Refugee Week

In response to a call from the **Newtown Refugee Crisis Centre** St. Pius X Chatswood has answered the call for emergency food parcels. Our foyer is filled with non-perishable items ranging from biscuits, tinned fruit and fish to pasta, rice and soups. Over the past two weeks our College in unison with our Parish has actively supported refugee week through actions rather than words. This week these items were delivered to families in dire need of support; these are people living well below the poverty line.

Now we are called once again to help with items such as soap, toothpaste, baby food and items for infants. The Year 9 boys will be visiting classes this week to talk about our new challenges ahead in the hope that once again we make a difference.



Mr S Hopley - Year 9 Guidance Co-ordinator.

## 40 Hour Famine

Well done to all the boys who participated in the 40 Hour Famine over the weekend. Now it's time to collect money from your sponsors. Please do so this week and next and hand in the money with the completed booklets to Ms Bates or any of the Year 10 students helping me run this initiative: Liam Houlihan, Marcus Huth, Alex Dellagiacomma and Finn Hutchinson. Thankyou.

Stewart Ross – Year 10

## Your P&F In Action! Invitations

● **FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST – FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL** ●  
**FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS**

Only \$7 per booking, this event will take place on Friday morning 5 September from 6.30am. Live music, espresso coffee, juices, muffins, and bacon and egg rolls.  
You can book [here](#) - full details are available at this [link](#).

### YEAR 10 MUMS' DINNER

The Great Northern Hotel in Chatswood is a vibrant venue on a Thursday night, and Year 10 Mums get the chance to check it out on 28 August. RSVP by Monday 25 August to Nicola at [nicola.bento@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nicola.bento@optusnet.com.au) Please download details [here](#)

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

## Winter Sports Photos

### NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: NOW MONDAY 25 AUGUST

Winter Sports Photos (Senior & Junior) will be taken next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August during Periods 1 - 2 in the Junior School Yard. Sports involved include Rugby, Football, Tennis, Boxercise, Robotics & Athletics. Full sports uniform will be required for Rugby, Football and Tennis (ISA & Winter NSTA only). Athletics, Boxercise & Robotics photos will be taken in full College uniform.

Basic rule is no sports uniform no photo. Students have the option of coming to school wearing their Rugby, Football and Tennis uniforms under their full College tracksuit or bringing their sports uniform to school and changing when photos are called. **All students must also bring their St Pius X Student ID Card when called for photos**. Students will have the opportunity to purchase photos at a later date.

Mr B Hoy – General Co-ordinator



## From the Art Department

### Invitation

## SPLINTERS SPLASHES & SOUNDS 2014

The annual exhibition of HSC students' works in Wood, Design and Technology, Art and Music will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm in E Bock. Music performances from 7.00pm in The Band Room. There will be limited parking available in the College grounds.



(Painting by Keenan Carbonell – detail)

The **PIXEL PRIZE** is on again for all students interested in photography. September 9 is the final date for entries. Check the link for more details <http://www.thepixelprize.com.au/>

Mr M Anderson – Visual Arts Coordinator

## Performing Arts News

- **LIVE @ THE STUDIO:** It was a pleasure to be in the audience for this inaugural concert in the Live @ the Studio series. The audience was captivated by the amazing talent of College old boy Kevin Hunt on piano. Kevin is a world class jazz musician and to be able to see and hear his amazing music in such an intimate setting, was a privilege. Kevin was accompanied by the equally talented Phil Stack (Thirsty Merc) on double bass. Christian Sharpe (Year 12) our Performing Arts Captain, had the opportunity to perform with Kevin and Phil and I am sure he will agree this was an honour. Thank you to the Performing Arts Parents Association for hosting the afternoon, with particular thanks to Paul Knox for his vision and drive in making Live @ the Studio a reality. Stay tuned for the next afternoon in the series!
- **MEET THE MUSIC:** Parents of boys in Elective Music Years 9 and 10, Preliminary Course and HSC Music are reminded that the third concert for the year is **TOMORROW NIGHT** at the Opera House, 6.30pm. As per the excursion note which was sent home earlier in the year, boys are to make their own way to and from the Opera House. Attire should be neat/casual- shirts with collars, jeans without rips and covered shoes. Students are to be in their seats in the Concert Hall no later than 6.15pm. The concert concludes at approximately 8.30pm.
- **INTERNAL CONCERT AND JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS:** These auditions will take place this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August and next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August in Studio 5 (near the IT Department). Boys who registered should check the Performing Arts Noticeboard for their time and also pick up their Music Pass from Ms Bates. No Music Pass, no audition!

### Invitations

- **SPLINTERS SPLASHES AND SOUNDS:** This night showcases the talents of the departing Year 12 Art, Music and DT students. It will be held next Thursday 28 August, commencing at 7.00pm. The Year 12 Music performances will take place in the Band Room, whilst the Senior String Quartet will provide music in the Canteen area, where light refreshments will be available. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.
- **TWILIGHT CONCERT:** The second Twilight Concert for the year will be on Friday, 29 August (Week 7), from 5.00 – 7.00pm. It will be held under Baby Brother, or in the Gymnasium, if the weather is inclement. The following ensembles will be performing: Senior Choir; Vocal Ensemble; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Jazz Bands; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Guitar Ensembles; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Percussion Ensembles; Senior String Ensemble and the College Orchestra. Additionally, a presentation will be made to the departing Year 12 Musicians by the Performing Arts Parents.

All boys involved in the Concert will be required to stay behind after school to assist with setting up. Parents, extended family and friends are warmly invited to attend. The Performing Arts Parents will also have a barbeque with sausage sandwiches, hamburgers and drinks for sale. As an added bonus the major works from the HSC Art and TAS students will also be available for viewing.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator



## Australian Geography Competition

The following Year 10 students were awarded a High Distinction result in the recently held Australian Geography Competition: Geoffrey Cipriano, Sean Crotty, John Davie, Alexander Dellagiacomma, Alexander Halliday, Liam Houlihan, Marcus Huth, Josiah Lising, Huw Manson, Joel Mead, William Moran, Samuel Stanley and Adrian Talarico.

Congratulations to all.

Mr M Pawlak – Senior Geography Teacher

## From the Language Department

### MASTERCHEFS IN THE MAKING

St Pius' three Year 8 French classes enjoyed a hands-on cooking class incursion last week. The students, adorned with their aprons and chef hats, learnt about kitchen safety, some basic cooking skills, as well as the French vocabulary for the ingredients used in the recipes. They enjoyed making galettes (savoury crêpes with ham, cheese, zucchini and béchamel sauce) and sweet crêpes with lemon and icing sugar. This was a fantastic opportunity for our language classes to learn about the food culture of France. The boys have been given a copy of the recipe to take home with them. Hopefully they will now be inspired to cook them for their family and friends! Bon Appétit! Below are some of the budding young Masterchefs' reflections about the incursion:

"It was my first time making crêpes and it surprisingly wasn't that hard. It was a fun and good experience for learning about French cuisine and culture." *Edwin Harjono*

"I can finally make something for my mum on Mother's Day that she'll enjoy!" *Adrian Currington*

"The sweet crêpes were so good and they were really easy to make." *Flynn Paino*

"The cooking experience was really fun. The crêpes were really easy and fun to make and they tasted amazing." *Michael Currington*



Ms K Manga and Ms S Sumner

## Careers News

### Year 12 2014 - 2015 UAC Applications Now Open

Important dates: Tue 30<sup>th</sup> September: Last day for domestic undergraduate students to apply and pay to avoid progressive increases to processing charges.

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> December: ATARs released on UAC's website.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> January: Last day to change preferences in time for Main Round offers.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> January: Main round offers released.

For more information <http://www.uac.edu.au/>

This week, students in Years 10, 11 & 12 were issued with this term's **SPX Careers Bulletin**. An online, colour version can be found by following the Career information links under student services in eAccess.

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



## Public Speaking

Last Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Andrew Jackson (Year 9) competed in the 2014 Northern Sydney Regional Final for the New South Wales Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Andrew was so lucky to have his Grandad able to make the trip out to the Lewisham Arts Unit to watch him present. Students from the following schools competed on the day: North Sydney Boys' High, Pymble Ladies College, Shore, NBSC Manly, Cheltenham Girls', Marist College Eastwood, Willoughby Girls', Loreto Kirribilli, Riverside Girls' and Castle Hill High. Andrew presented powerful, engaging prepared and impromptu speeches on sophisticated and well considered topics. He did not move through to the State Semi-Finals, which really just means that the Legacy Competition is missing out on once again observing such a spectacular public speaker.

### NATIONAL 'MY FIRST SPEECH' COMPETITION

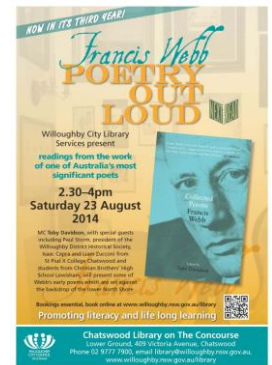
Hans Lee (Year 11), Nic Parker, Keenan Smith and Nektary Kotlaroff (Year 10) are reviewing the invitation received by Mr Couani, from The Member for North Sydney, to participate in this National Competition. The students will decide how we proceed with this invitation and we may call in our ex-student Public Speaking champions (Connor & Charlie) to coach and guide the students on content and delivery. Watch this space!

Ms M Waterson

## From the Senior Resource Centre

Students, Isaac Capra and Liam Zucconi will be representing our college at this year's Francis Webb Poetry Out Loud event at Chatswood Library this **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2.30-4pm.**

It would be wonderful to see students, past students and families at this event, not only to support our boys, but to learn a little more about one of our most famous 'old boy'. Francis Webb is considered to be one of Australia's great poets whose poetry triumphed over many of his life's personal difficulties.



Mrs K Keighery

## Year 9 Market Day is ON NEXT WEEK!

It's that time of year again! As part of their studies on running a business, Year 9 Commerce students will be soon holding the much acclaimed culinary and gastronomical delight widely known as 'Market Day'. It's on next Wednesday 27 August. With part of the proceeds of the day, Year 9 hopes to again give a sizeable donation to St Mary's School, Bowraville.

All students are encouraged to buy themselves a treat from the many and varied food stalls available. Amongst the offerings on sale will be **pizza, hot chips, churros, sausage sizzle, burgers, kebabs, donuts, nachos, lollies, slushies, milkshakes** ..... and much more. Bring your money with you to help out our Year 9 Commerce businesses for 2014.

Please note that the **canteen** will not be serving any prepared food at recess or lunch on this day.



Ms M Colefax – Year 9 Commerce Teacher



## Learning Enrichment Notices

### ● TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2014

Good Luck to the teams competing this Sunday. The teams have chosen to present the Maths/Engineering and Social Sciences Challenge. The boys have worked extremely hard to complete their challenge.

- Junior School Team: Keegan Aikin, Matthew Hogan, Carl Braganza, Cameron Fernandapulle, Liam Kinna, Jacob Glass, Alec Ramsbottom
- Junior School Team: Samuel Walters, Taylor Alan, Corey Johnson, Harrison Wallace, Nicholas Biefeld, Adrian Bond, Emerson Ansted
- Senior School Team: Tim Robertson, Daniel Habib, Ben Lamont, Daniel Butler, Angus Dingley, Liam Zucconi, Thomas Magill

### ● WRITERS WANTED! WRITE4FUN COMPETITION

Entries are open for any boys wishing to enter this competition. Writing can be any style on any topic such as poetry or short story on any theme. Great prizes to be won. Entries close **31<sup>st</sup> August**.

Those boys interested can visit <http://www.write4fun.net/competitions/53> to find out more to enter and come Compass Club Wednesday lunchtime to work on your entry.

### ● MIND QUEST – YEARS 5 AND 6

Mind Quest is an exciting enrichment program, designed to challenge and extend gifted and talented primary students in New South Wales Schools. This program is now in its fifteenth year of operation. These challenging two day workshops are designed to stimulate and extend students across a broad range of subject areas. Activities may include chemistry, earth sciences, lego robotics, drama, art and writing. Courses focus on developing critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and broadening your child's interests. More information may be found at <http://www.mindquest.net.au/>

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Please contact Mrs Spanyik if you are interested in participating in any of these competitions or courses.

*Mrs B Spanyik – Learning Enrichment Teacher*

## Homework Help

Homework Help is held every **Monday to Thursday inclusive** after school from **3.15pm - 4.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre**. Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

*Mrs K Martin – Special Education Teacher*

## From the Junior Resource Centre

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** orders are due Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. If you wish to order books for your sons please send the order in with CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD RECEIPT NUMBER. **We cannot take cash.** Please ask your son to put the order in the silver box.



**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:** To complete the Challenge boys need to have read 20 books by the end of August. They can choose books from the lists (on the website) or there is an allowance for 5 choice books, only 2 books of a series can be counted. For example only 2 of the Harry Potter Series could be counted not the complete 7. Premier's Reading Challenge closes for students on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.



**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS:** This year we will be celebrating Book Week on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The Boys will be asked to dress up for the morning assembly, try to be imaginative and use the theme "Connect to Reading" to inspire you. The boys have been asked to recommend books to each other. After morning assembly John Larkin will speak to the boys in three sessions. On Friday 29 August and 5 September, Mr Larkin will be holding writing workshops for the Year 5 and 6 boys. As you can see it will be a very interesting Book Week for us here at St Pius.  
Happy Reading!

*Mrs R Hunt and Mrs E Martin*





## Junior School News

### ZOO EXCURSION

Last week Year 5 went to the zoo and were blessed with fine weather, book-ended by rain at each end of the day. Thankyou to the teachers, parent helpers and the boys for being wonderful ambassadors. I will let the boys tell you about their experience.

*On Tuesday the 12th of August, Year 5 of St Pius were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to have an excursion to the zoo. The first activity that we did was listen to a presentation about the rainforests and what they inhabit. It was full of information and we got to learn many things while being able to see a variety of animals up close. These included the blue tongue lizard, the stick insect, a ring tailed possum and a python. Then we split up into class groups to explore all of the amazing animals in the zoo. Some of our favourite animals were the dwarf hippo, the Komodo dragon and the sea lion. Over all we had an amazing fun filled day. Thank you to all the teachers who organised this amazing excursion for us.*

*Written by Adrian Bond and Alec Ramsbottom*



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AND RECONCILIATION

The Junior School boys went to mass on the Feast of the Assumption and we are in the process of all the classes going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SLEEPOUT

It was a very successful night last Friday with over 70 Junior School boys, 30 Year 11 boys and 5 teachers sleeping in the gym.

Thankyou to Mrs Iwatani, Mrs Spanyik and Mr Brannan, and a big thankyou to Mr Whelan and Mrs Williams who put the whole concept together. Thanks to the Year 11 boys who showed great leadership ability with their music and school trivia.



The night started with an inspirational Eucharistic liturgy by Fr Peter Carrol, who is a long time prison chaplain. He had many stories but one was about a man who ended up in gaol, became literate and redeemed himself. Hopefully the boys will appreciate the importance of an education, the importance of having a loving family and shelter and realise that to know where your next meal is coming from means you are fortunate.

*Last Friday we arrived at the College Gym around 5.45pm with our sleeping bags, blankets or cardboard. The blankets were to be donated the next morning. All the Years 5 and Year 6 boys went together to a very interesting Mass at the Sarto Centre where the Priest told us about how people who leave prison and have nowhere to live link with the homeless. He knew this because he worked in a prison somewhere in NSW. The Priest told us about a man he used to visit called Norman. His goals were to learn to read and write, and he wanted an education so he could give back to others the life skills that he had learnt.*

*We all came back to the gym and listened to the St Pius rock band, and most of us got up and danced. After that we watched a great movie called "The Blind Side", about poverty and being homeless. It was a sad but true movie. The movie finished about 12am, and then it was time for us to go to sleep. It felt a bit strange to sleep somewhere different and it was a bit cold. We woke up around 6.30am to LOUD music as Mrs Iwatani wanted to wake us all up! Our parents picked us up between 6.30 and 7am and this is when we donated our blankets.*

*It was a great experience which made us more aware about the hard life of the homeless and made us realise how fortunate we are.*

*Patrick Moore and Matthew Brannan (Year 5)*



### CYBERSAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION

**Invitation**

The Cybersafety Presentation **tonight** will run from 6.30 - 8pm in the Sarto Centre.



### WALKATHON

Hopefully the weather will be okay for the walkathon this Thursday. Please send your boy(s) to school with wet weather gear and just to be safe a change of clothes as we do for winter training anyway. As the Irish would say, "to be sure, to be sure"!

### WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS

The photos have moved from the original Tuesday date to Monday of next week. Please ensure your boys come to school with all their gear {no need to mouth guards (ruins the photo) and shin pads} on **MONDAY 25 August**.

### IPSHA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The IPSHA Athletics Carnival is on **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August** at Homebush- not as previously advertised, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. I may see some of the parents there.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND SON SPORTING AFTERNOON

**Invitation**

All the boys have now been given a note with a reply slip attached and it is in the Junior School Newsletter. It is also included in **Woodchatta extras**. Please return it by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August and pray for good weather. A word of advice - stretch beforehand! We will have ice!

### FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST

**Invitation**

Please read the P & F section and reply if you are coming to this enjoyable event.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Peter Comensoli will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Spirit North Ryde parish on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Baptised Catholics in Year Six and above who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to receive this Sacrament.

It is essential that interested parents attend **AN INFORMATION MEETING on WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m** in the Holy Spirit Hall. To cover costs \$20 per child is required and payable at the Parent Meeting. Baptismal Certificates are required for any children who were **NOT** baptised in Holy Spirit Parish. If you haven't already registered your interest, please contact Frances Vidakovic without delay on 0413 484 483

*Mr T Long – Head of Junior School*

## Uniform Shop

### TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 1.30PM

Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to [uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au). Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms. Enquiries 9414 4339.

A **price list** is available on the College website. <http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop>

*Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator*

## Canteen Roster

25/8 – 29/8		1/9 – 5/9	
Mon	R Woo, J McKern, D O'Donovan, L Saunder, J O'Hehir	Mon	St Pius X Feast Day Holiday
Tues	H Nichelsen, M Clabburn, M Prucell, K Jenner, M-C Cipriano, L Crnek	Tues	O Shahady, R Habib, S Baird, J Moait, A Wright
Wed	I Janssen, N Woodward, M Miles, A Herrera-Bond	Wed	No prepared food available after Breakfast (Yr 9 Market Day)
Thurs	J Shadbolt, T Weber, P Rodrigues, M Hardman	Thurs	M Sheehan, S Murphy, C Ross
Fri	C Ventura, C Savorgnan, M Mooney, J Bendoll	Fri	A Ning, J-A Sharpe, M Wong, C Pedersen, C Walton, J Wilkins, A Williams, J Arena



## Senior School Sport

### RUGBY

Congratulations to all rugby representatives on their season which concluded with a Presentation Evening last night. The Rugby Club would particularly like to thank outgoing president Mr Liam Ward (pictured right) for his contribution over the past three years.



The First XV



The Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV receiving the 'Player of the Year' Award



Mike Penistone's 2014 'Dream Team'



### FOOTBALL

Dear Parents and Players, congratulations to everyone involved in SPX FC. Once again Pius football has seen another first, this time it is having 9 teams out of a possible 12 making it through to the Grand finals this Saturday. Team of the week has to go to the 14A's. It was hard to pick a side this week but the 14A's were the last team on the pitch on Saturday; they went 2-0 down early but fought back to 4-4. It required penalties to separate the two sides and the 14A's came out on top.

Not often does player of the week go to a member of a losing side but this week's player of the week goes to the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Football Captain, John Chapman, not only for his leadership on the field but for his heartfelt speech and the way he has led football in the College in 2014. Well done John.

All finals are at Oakhill College this weekend, 513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill. Good luck to all teams.

A reminder about the **Football Presentation Evening** on Wednesday 27 August, 7pm in the College Gym. Students to attend in full school uniform.

Mr Simon Yue, Senior Football Convenor

Saturday 23 August				Results - Saturday 16 August	
Team	Time	Opposition	Venue	Result	Best & Fairest – 3,2,1
1st X1		No Game		1-2	J Chapman; G Frelingos; G Liucci
2nd X1	1.40	Oakhill	Lawrence Field	1-0	D Patterson; A Barsic; B Seller
3rd X1			No Game	N/A	
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	3.00	Oakhill	Lawrence Field	0-0	Win on penalties: N Mowad; R Yin; M Weller
16A		No Game		2-3	Team
16B	12.30	Oakhill	Lawrence Field	6-0	Team
15A	11.20	St Pats	Herman Oval	7-0	Team
15B	11.20	St Pats	Lawrence Field	2-1	Team
14A	10.10	St Pats	Herman oval	4-4	Win on penalties: N Mellino/C Hammond; L Briggs; Team
14B		No Game		2-2	Loss on penalties: Team
13A	9.00	St Pats	Herman Oval	2-0	Team
13B	9.00	St Pats	Lawrence Field	2-0	C Fleming/N Bendall; A Marx/J Folkard; Team
13C	9.00	St Pats	B C Field	2-1	A Barsic; N D'Silva; J Foote
13D			No Game	N/A	

Mr S Yue – Convenor



## CRICKET

**Player Registration is OPEN but closing soon!** 2014/15 Season registration is open and on-line through Trybooking. Please use the following link: [SPX Cricket Registration 2014/15](#). Register now to avoid disappointment.

**Pre-Season Training:** Unfortunately wet weather has seen the cancellation of some pre-season activities. However, mid-week pre-season training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays with qualified coaches from Mosman Cricket Club in attendance to oversee the conduct of the sessions. Players are encouraged to take part in this coaching "to kick start" their season.

**ISA 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Pre-Season Selection and Training:** Due to wet weather 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI pre-season commences on Monday 25 August 2014 at Oxford Falls.

*Mr D Reay - Convenor*

## ISA TENNIS

### ISA TENNIS FINALS WEEK

What a weekend! It was blustery, cold, a definite chill in the air and hint of rain seemed just in reach BUT what excitement, what concentration and what a desire to win. SPX had 5 teams make the Final and each team was deserved of this accolade and berth.

### Division 3

Division 3 was a SPX on SPX grudge match, with each team vying for bragging rights. It was always going to be a close competition based on their previous round, a round where 3B (SPX 3) had very narrowly won by a one game difference.

Concentration, aggression and ensuring each point and each game was fought over, was the order of the day. The courtside consultations, the quick comparing of game scores and the constant encouragement showed how tight a match it was.

As with the last round, it came down to the wire, a one game difference. A huge congratulations to SPX 2 (3A) winning 41 games to 40. Really there were winners all round!

### Division 7

It was always going to be a battle, up against a strong Pat's team and a school who had decimated their opposition across all divisions. Having only played Pat's once, back in round 2, a lot of change, maturity and growth had happened in the intervening time and it was really a match that anyone could take. And boy did SPX take it. The first doubles games were won one apiece and it seemed like the match at this early stage, could go either way.

Then came the SPX juggernaut. The first singles to Bradden Hill, the second to Daniel Scipione, the third, seemed close to my inexperienced eye but went resoundingly to Nikita Papastamatis and the fourth to Harry Drewett-Smith. It seemed almost too easy... the 4 singles wins meaning an SPX victory. Excitement, nerves? and just great enthusiasm led to the reverse doubles going to St Pats BUT what a victory, what a team!!!!

### Division 10

Division 10 was again an SPX on SPX final. The SPX 10 (10B) team had come into the Finals undefeated with a near spotless record across the season and it was always going to be challenge for 10A to take them on. But take them on, they did! The highlight must be the first singles match between Stefan Naprta and Sam Fong. Coming from 3-0 down, Sam fought back so that the game went to a tie-breaker with Stefan coming out on top.

The improvement by the 10A team must be noted, up against players with considerable tennis experience, they improved dramatically throughout the season and are strong contenders for Division 9.



Photos from the ISA Tennis Finals on Saturday 16 August



DIV 3	DIV 7	DIV10
<b>St Pius 2</b> M. Chang J. Tsung P. Tobin E. Apcar RESERVE: S. Southern	<b>St Pius</b> B. Hill D. Scipione N. Papastamatis H. Drewett-Smith	<b>St Pius 10</b> S. Naprta M. Iuliano C. Harris M. Brown
<b>St Pius 3</b> L. Zucconi J. Hoy D. Muranty M. Muranty RESERVE: O. Szabo	<b>St Pats</b>	<b>St Pius 9</b> S. Fong C. Roberts D. Ko M. Chicco
<b>RESULT: SPX 2 – 41 games to 40</b>	<b>RESULT: SPX 7 – 5-3</b>	<b>RESULT: SPX 10 – 6-2</b>

A huge thanks to Mr Olson, Ms Black, Ms Colefax and Mr Hoy for their support, time and management of teams on Finals day. Congratulations SPX ISA Tennis, the second most successful school in the ISA competition!

**Have you entered the SPX Tennis Championship on the 6<sup>th</sup> September?  
Entry Forms due by 20<sup>th</sup> August. Only 16 entries per each competition!**

Ms T De Souza - Convenor

## ATHLETICS

We have now been training regularly on Monday and Wednesday for 3 weeks at UTS Athletics Club, Rotary Field. The Invitational season starts this Saturday at Homebush. There will be a meeting for all Athletes after Friday's Sport Assembly. At the meeting the boys will be asked to enter events they wish to compete in and be considered for ISA selection. Each boy will have a Personal Best or "PB" record sheet that they need to maintain. The "PB" is used to help with motivation and aid me with selection for the ISA. Once an athlete has achieved a time, distance or height in an event his challenge is to keep trying to set a new "PB". For every new "PB" set a merit card will be awarded. The "PB" record sheets are displayed on my office window in the gym.



## CARNIVAL DATES

**Invitational Carnivals - open to all athletes to enter** *(Please see the timetable in Woodchatta Extras)*

No. 1	16 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	SOPAC
No. 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST	SOPAC
No. 3	30 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	SOPAC
No. 4	6 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	ES Marks

ISA Championships (By selection): 9<sup>th</sup> September

CI\$ (By selection representing the ISA): TBC usually 2 weeks after ISA.

### **The Schools Knockout - by selection and level of interest**

A points based competition for school athletes across three age divisions – senior, inter and junior boys and girls. Points are based on the performance of each athlete and tallied for all events. The school teams with the highest scores progress to the national final. In 2014, The Schools Knock Out will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> of August from 3 - 9pm at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

### **NSW All Schools Track & Field Championships** (Interested students enter themselves)

The pinnacle competition for secondary school aged track and field athletes within NSW. It allows students from all sectors of the NSW Education System to compete against each other and progress to the National All Schools Championships. In 2014 the NSW All Schools will run from October 9-12 at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

Mr R Lacey



## 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:** Our charity Walkathon takes place at Oxford Falls. We thank all boys in advance for their physical efforts and complementary fundraising achievements. There will therefore be no tennis lessons or other sport. Boys can be collected at the normal time.

**ATHLETICS:** Well done to all athletes who competed admirably in their first carnival of the season at Barker last weekend. There were numerous wins and strong performances against quality opposition, holding us in good stead for the upcoming IPSHA selection Carnival (26<sup>th</sup> August). We have a final warm-up carnival at Narrabeen this Saturday (Shore Invitational).

**FATHER AND SON SPORTS DAY:** On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September we will hold our annual Father and Son Sports Day at Oxford Falls. For planning and catering purposes, please return reply slips (sent with last newsletter) indicating your intention to attend and in what capacity.

**RUGBY:** Thanks to all for attending our Presentation Evening on Tuesday night. Congratulations to all recipients of major awards and to the entire playing cohort for a very successful season.

**FOOTBALL (SOCCER):** The Football Presentation Evening takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm in Sarto Centre. All players must attend and are to wear full College uniform.

*Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster*

### **NSTA TENNIS**

St Pius 1 (Div 9) went down fighting to a strong Barker team 3 sets all (27 games to 21). Daniel Hoy had a solid win in his singles 6 – 4. He then combined with Patrick Djizmedjian in the doubles in a close 6 – 4 win. Both Alessandro Muranty & Patrick found the going tough in their singles sets but combined well to win their doubles 6 – 1.

St Pius 2 (Div 12) had a bye

St Pius 3 (Div 12) had a fantastic 4 sets to 2 win over Redlands (32 games to 16). Jamie Alexander was a three set winner on the day. Jeremy Roach lost a nail biting tie breaker in his singles but combined well with Josh Jones to take out their doubles set 6 – 2.

### Draw for Round 5 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

St Pius 1 (Division 9) have a bye

St Pius 2 (Division 12) play Redlands 5 at Cammeray Tennis Club, Cnr Park Av & Ernest St Cammeray

St Pius 3 (Division 12) play MAD 4 at Talus Street

*Mr B Hoy - NSTA Convenor Term 2 & 3*

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## **“I Bless Peace:” A Tribute to St Pius X on the hundredth anniversary of his death on 20 August 1914**

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Pope Pius X was one of the early victims of the First World War. The eruption of the vast conflict in early August 1914 placed the 79 year old Pontiff in a wretched position. He was genuinely horrified to see the Catholic communities of the Great Powers tear into battle with a ferocity not seen since The Dark Ages. When the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, the aging, venerably Catholic, Franz Joseph asked for a blessing, Pope Pius X replied: “No! I cannot bless any army of Europe, but I bless peace.” It was widely reported at the time that the outbreak of the war had hastened his death: a comparatively minor cold rapidly leading to pneumonia and his passing, on 20 August 1914, barely two weeks after the outbreak of hostilities. His last words expressed his relief that God had spared him the “horrors of war”. The conflict broke his heart.

After Pope Pius' death requiem masses were offered across Australia. Dirges were sung, prayers were offered and churches were hung with purple and black. Clergy and laity were pleased if they had met the Pontiff. Fond personal reminiscences of such encounters were featured in local papers. There was genuine affection for him across the nation. There was much mention of his opening of the church to the laity, his political oppositions to socialism and his tense negotiations with France and other countries where problematic church-state relations strained tradition.

In modern day Italy there are currently many commemorative services for St Pius X, especially in his native North Italy where he performed the majority of his ministry before being elected Pontiff in 1903. He is remembered fondly and proudly in Venice, where he was Patriarch and in the small towns of Riese and Treviso where he was raised and had his early education.

While, as a Pope, Pius X was conscious of the wider theological and political issues of his world, he also lived according to the simple profundities of a modest personal life. He structured his day around first celebrating and then serving at Mass. Later, he attended the Angelus at midday, and spent his afternoon reading his Breviary. He continued the patterns and attitudes of a parish priest throughout his life. He was frugal, even ascetic in his personal habits: eating simply; staying in a single room and sleeping on an iron bed near his office.

Despite his own personal simplicity he was well aware of the need for public professions of faith and prayer, but close observers of him noted that he was not necessarily comfortable himself on such grand occasions, with their elaborate processions and noble connections.

Such simplicity made him a very appealing figure in a world still dominated by the trappings of nobility and aristocracy. His humble origins were proof that education and talent could lead to high office. He was genuinely popular in Australia, where such advancement from simple beginnings was seen as a model for all young people. Much was made in the local press of his appealingly humble personal style.

Pope Pius X left a simple will in which he stated: “I was born poor, I lived poor and I will die poor.” It was a popular statement and has been widely quoted ever since. His only request was for a small pension to be provided for his aged sister – because he had nothing to leave her. He had remained close to his family, including his brother and sisters, all of whom lived humbly. Some of them were with him when he died.



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Archbishop Dr Carr delivered the oration at the Requiem Mass in Melbourne on Thursday 27 August 1914. He quoted Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, in reference to Pope Pius X, stating that:

"His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mixed in him that nature might stand up  
And say to all the world. 'This was a man.'"

No period in office is without stress, disputation or historical reassessment, but reading the many tributes published to Pope Pius X immediately after his death it is readily apparent that across early post-colonial Australia he had connected with people at every level and was greatly loved.

While we venerate Saint Pius X, the many reports of his last weeks and death as Pope, marred as they were by news from battles far and wide, lead us to the conclusion: that within the mighty power of a world-wide church, within the office of the Pope, within the tradition, within the world of the Vatican, within the Papal Chambers there was a fundamentally decent, simple man of God - A worthy example for young people to follow today.

Pope Pius X reputation continued well after his death. He was eventually canonised on 29 May 1954. At the time, Cardinal Gilroy of Sydney contacted the ebulliently Irish Principal of what was then called Christian Brothers Chatswood (CBC) - Br Max O'Connor. As a result of that conversation Br O'Connor took the Cardinal's suggestion and renamed the school, St Pius X College, the following day.

Tony Cunneen





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## Athletics

The Invitational timetable remains the same for all the Invitational carnivals but events can run ahead and late depending on numbers:

TRACK EVENTS			FIELD EVENTS		
Start Time:	Event:	Age group:	Start Time:	Event:	Age group:
9.15a.m	3000m	Opens	9.00a.m	JAVELIN	13 years
			9.00a.m	DISCUS	14 & 15 years
			9.15a.m	SHOT	Opens
			9.15a.m	LONG JUMP	17 & Opens
			9.15a.m	HIGH JUMP	13 & 14 years
9.30a.m	HURDLES	13s - Opens			
			10.15a.m	JAVELIN	14 years
			10.15a.m	DISCUS	Opens
			10.15a.m	SHOT	16 & 17 years
			10.15a.m	LONG JUMP	13 & 14 years
10.15a.m	200m	13s - Opens			
			10.45a.m	HIGH JUMP	15 & 16 years
			11.15a.m	SHOT	14 & 15 years
			11.15a.m	JAVELIN	16 & 17 years
			11.15a.m	DISCUS	13 years
11.15a.m	800m	13s - Opens			
			12.00p.m	LONG JUMP	15 & 16 years
			12.00p.m	HIGH JUMP	17 & Opens
			12.15p.m	JAVELIN	15 years
			12.30p.m	DISCUS	16 & 17 years
			12.30p.m	SHOT	13 years
12.00p.m	100m	13s - Opens	1.15pm	JAVELIN	Open
1.00p.m	1500m	13s - Opens			
1.40p.m	4 x 100m relays	13s - Opens			
2.10p.m	400m	13s - Opens			

**\* ALL TRACK TIMES ARE A GUIDE ONLY**

\* Each athlete will have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 jumps, throws, putts ( exc HJ ).

\* Championship heat to be run first

\* Maximum of 5 athletes from each for field events

Richard Lacey



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# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

14 August 2014

### RE: FATHERS' AND GRANDFATHERS' SPORTS AFTERNOON

Our annual sporting afternoon for dads, granddads and the boys is fast approaching. All fathers and grandfathers are most welcome to attend as participants or spectators.

**When:** Thursday 4th September

**Where:** Oxford Falls Playing Fields - Dreadnought Rd, Oxford Falls

**Time:** Sport from 11.45am-1.15pm

**Lunch:** BBQ and drinks will follow from 1.15pm

Every boy will be involved in sport even if their dad/granddad can't be there. There will be two sessions of sport: 11.45am – 12.30pm and 12.30pm - 1.15pm. Participants can either play 2 different sports or stay on the one activity.

If any mums would like to help with the BBQ, please indicate below. If we have a few cooks then you can take turns at being a spectator and having a good laugh (I mean cheer)! For catering and logistics please return the **Reply Slip by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August** to your son's teacher.

*Tim Long*

Yours sincerely  
Timothy Long

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### **FATHERS' AND GRANDFATHERS' SPORTS AFTERNOON**

I / We will be attending the Fathers' and Grandfathers' Sporting Afternoon:

Father/Grandfather Names \_\_\_\_\_

Son's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport** (11.45am till 1.15pm): I / We are interested in (2 maximum):

<b>Touch/Oz-tag</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Basketball</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tennis (limited space)</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Soccer</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>AFL</b> (numbers/space permitting)	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	Father <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/>

\* **MUMS:** I would like to assist with the BBQ from 11.45am onwards:

Mum's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## SURVIVING HSC – Introduction to Stress Management

**SURVIVING HSC**  
**Introduction to Stress Management**

SYDNEY COUNSELLING CENTRE

The Sydney Counselling Centre is running a **Surviving HSC: Introduction to Stress Management Workshop** to assist students in developing practical skills on how to better manage stress associated with exams such as:

- Understanding stress and exam anxiety
- Identifying helpful and unhelpful coping strategies for stress
- Developing strategies for effective study (ie. time management, relaxation techniques)
- Exam preparation
- Creating a study-life balance

**Who can attend?**  
Year 11 and Year 12 students  
Parents and teachers

**When?**  
*Year 11 and Year 12 students only:* Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 4pm-7pm  
*Parents/teachers only:* Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 6pm - 7.30pm

**Where?**  
Sydney Counselling Centre. Level 4/7 Help Street, Chatswood, NSW 2067

**Cost?**  
The cost of the workshop for students, parents and teachers is \$50. This includes handouts as well as nibbles, tea and coffee. This fee is not eligible for Medicare or private health fund rebates.

**Registration?**  
If you are interested in participating or would like to find out more about the workshop, please telephone the Sydney Counselling Centre on (02) 9415 2223, or email [help@sydneycounselling.com.au](mailto:help@sydneycounselling.com.au)

**Places are limited so please register your interest early**



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## Football Club News

Check the latest info at: <http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/index.php/sports/football>

### WE NEED YOUR TEAM'S PHOTOS & SEASON WRAP-UP!!!

Thanks to all the people who have sent in their team's photos and season wraps. Our inaugural '**Season In Review**' is well underway. Please keep sending in your team's photos and a short summary of the season (say 100-150 words). We need every team in. Rodger Paino and Mary Ann Back, from the FC committee, will be chasing the stragglers this week, as **this weekend is our deadline**. Jump on board and share the fun. Here's a suggested outline:

"The 16As finished fourth on the table, winning seven games out 10, losing two and drawing one. In the resulting semi-final against XYZ, they lost 2-1. It was a great effort by the boys and we would like to thank XYZ for coaching, XYZ for managing etc. The 16As were: Joe Bloggs, Joe Bloggs, etc etc "

The bonus is that by sending photos and reports in, there's a great chance to win a **World Cup Brazuca football** personally signed by Ange Postecoglou and ex-Socceroos - Brett Emerton & Mark Bosnich. The more times you send photos, the more entries you get (for multiple entries the photos must be for different games). Send your photos (with details of the game being played - team, date, opponents) to [footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au](mailto:footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au).

### COME TO THE GRAND FINALS AT OAKHILL ON SATURDAY

More records broken! From our 12 semi-finals, SPX FC had an amazing 9 winners! Yes, we have 9 teams playing in GFs at Oakhill College from 9am to 3pm on Saturday 23 August. See Mr Yue's match schedule in the Senior Football report. Congratulations footballers and coaches!

We need lots of **faces, chants and cheering** at these GF matches, and maybe even a **tribute arch of arms** for players to run through, all draped in **blue and gold**! Please encourage your sons to come for the day to Oakhill College to support all our boys. Show your support for our dedicated footballers and cheer them on in style! GO PIUS!!!

### COMMISERATIONS

Commiserations to the mighty 1<sup>st</sup> XI who went down in a fiercely contested semi-final to arch rivals St Patricks College, as did our 16As and 14Bs. Despite the dominance of these 3 teams this season, finals are a different ball-game and nothing is a certainty in sport. Still, it's been a great season and all those players should feel proud of what they have achieved with their coaches. Well done all.

### BBQ THANKS

Mary Ann Back, our BBQ Co-ordinator, was delighted with the volunteer support for our BBQ for the semi-finals. Special thanks to **Phil & Fiona Edwards, Jen Jones, Paula Fox, Josephine Maras, Malisa Barsic, Mark Keller** and the wonderful FC committee members: **Tanya Ceravolo, Fran Lelli, Rodger Paino** and **Luis Orbegoso**.

### 'OPENS' FOOTBALL DINNER - SUNDAY 24 AUGUST @ 6PM

**The Great Northern Hotel** - 522 Pacific Hwy (cnr Mowbray and Pacific Hwy) Chatswood

This invitation is warmly extended to all Senior Opens Football Team members, Coaches and Families. Just come for a drink or stay for an early dinner. We have an area booked outside within a marquee and heaters....if required! Purchase your own food and drink. Hope to see you all there to celebrate a great season!! RSVP 21st Aug to [luis.orbegoso@optusnet.com.au](mailto:luis.orbegoso@optusnet.com.au)

### PRESENTATION NIGHT – 27 AUGUST

The college will again hold two football presentation nights, one each for the junior and senior school, on Wed 27 August. The FC has secured **Chris Semaan**, as guest speaker, for these events. Chris has a great story to tell from SPX FC to Belgium, Spain and beyond. This is a compulsory event for all players in the school. Team coaches will recap the season and award players in their teams. It is always a memorable night and great opportunity to thank your team coaches for their dedication throughout the season.



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**SPX 1<sup>ST</sup> XI – TOP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOY TEAM IN NSW!**

But wait there's more – the **NSW Schools Championship!** Our boys are now eligible to play off against the top Catholic School team and the top Public school team in the state, on Monday 8 September. Venue is - Seymour Shaw, The Boulevard Miranda, with match times 10.15 and 12.45. All non-student supporters welcome. Go PIUS!!!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday		
23-Aug	ISA Grand Finals	
Sunday		
24-Aug	Opens Football Dinner	
Wednesday		
27-Aug	Football Presentation Night	
Tuesday		
16-Sep	Committee meeting	
<b>Term 4</b>		
Monday		
20-Oct	Committee meeting	

Donna Patterson (President) – [patt.donna@hotmail.com](mailto:patt.donna@hotmail.com)



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## Rugby Club News

### **SPX RUGBY CLUB AGM – TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER**

The SPX Rugby Committee invites all SPX Rugby supporters to attend the SPX Rugby Club 2014 Annual General Meeting which will be held at the Sarto Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Come along and hear about the exciting plans for the 2015 season.

### **2014 SEASON WRAP UP**

As the 2014 season draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all SPX players, parents, Teachers, and Coaches for their support and assistance during the season. Special thanks to Mike Penistone (SPX Rugby Development Officer) and Francis Cullimore (1st XV Coach) for their help in driving the SPX Rugby Program to new heights in 2014.

I wish everyone an enjoyable off-season and look forward to seeing everyone again, ready to go for the 2015 season.

Liam Ward - SPX Rugby Club - 0417 981827  
[maildraw@bigpond.com](mailto:maildraw@bigpond.com)





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## Old Boys News

### **SPX OLD BOYS ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY 5/9/14 – BOOK NOW**

The first Friday in September is rapidly approaching. This year we are going to a NEW VENUE, The Chatswood Club.

Please get on to all your SPX classmates and contacts and pass the word around. Get a year table together!

#### **SPX OLD BOYS ANNUAL DINNER**

**Friday 5th September 2014**  
New Venue!

**TICKETS:** \$75 (\$65 pensioners, f/t students & apprentices) includes;

6.30pm Pre-dinner drinks

7.30pm Dinner - two course meal

**DRESS:** Coat & Tie

**VENUE:** The Chatswood Club  
11 Help St, Chatswood, NSW 2067

**BOOKINGS:** <http://www.trybooking.com/96283>

**RSVP:** 29 August 2014

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This is a great way to catch up and have a drink and a meal with your SPX classmates. Why not get a table together for the night.

Is your Brother, your Father or your Uncle an SPX Old Boy? Don't forget to let them know about the Annual Dinner so they can organise a table for their friends.

#### **OLD BOYS NEWS**

If you have some news for the old boys that you would like included in this section, please let us know at; [info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au)

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## **SPX OLD BOYS RUGBY – BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB SYDNEY**



### **BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2014:**

#### **THE WEEKENDS RESULTS:**

The final round of the regular season this weekend. With 1<sup>st</sup> grade & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade currently on top of their ladder and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade need to win this Saturday to secure a spot in the finals.

Good luck to all teams this weekend.

It's not too late to join in, so check the website for details; [www.brothersrugby.com.au](http://www.brothersrugby.com.au)

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