Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

Year 10 Retreat
From Wednesday 7 September to Friday 9 September, one hundred and ninety-three Year 10 students and twenty-six staff attended Retreat at Collaroy. I know I speak for all the staff who attended when I say that it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with such wonderful young people. The future of our world is certainly in good hands!

Retreat is always one of those special experiences in life. Year 10 Retreat is the highlight of Year 10 Catholic education. The Retreat gives students the opportunity to take some time out, to slow down and to focus on important aspects of Christian living. It provides an opportunity for students to think about their lives, their relationships and their future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many staff who generously gave of their time and talents to make this Retreat experience possible. Thank you also to all the staff who remained at school and enabled meaningful things to happen here during Retreat time.

1:1 Computer Meeting for Parents
Parents of Year 9 & 10 students will soon be invited to a special meeting regarding the 1:1 DER Computer program for Year 10 & 11 students in 2012. This meeting is planned for Wednesday 16 November at 7.00pm and will provide an opportunity for us to review the information parents already have, present further important information and answer any questions parents may have. An invitation to this meeting will be mailed out before the end of this term. Note that you will be asked to RSVP so that we know how many parents will be attending. If numbers warrant it, we will reschedule the Year 10 meeting for Tuesday 15 November and hold the Year 9 meeting on 16 November.

End of Term
Thank you to all staff and students for your great efforts and enthusiasm this term. Thanks also to the many parents who have volunteered their time and energy this term in many different ways. It has been a very productive term. Do have a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday. Term 4 starts on Monday 10 October.

Have a wonderful week!

Robert Emery
Principal
Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Fifteen students recently participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Congratulations to the following students on these results:
**High Distinction**
James Seldon-Year 8

**Distinction**
Alyce Young-Year 8

**Credit**
Matthew Newman-Year 10
Alexandra Seldon-Year 10

**Mandy Willis**
Teacher

Hunter Academy of Sport
Quite a number of St Pius students were recognised for their involvement in the Hunter Academy of Sport at the recent Presentation night. Congratulations to the following students -

**Australian Football**
Isaac Baker and Corey Deverell in Year 7.

**Basketball**
Selina Borrelli and Phillip Mujic in Year 10 and Gabrielle Lyth in Year 8.

**Cricket**
Morgan Clune in Year 10.

**Cycling**
Nicola Macdonald in Year 7.

Hockey
Rosemary Dallen in Year 8.

**Rugby Union**
Nicholas Cook in Year 10.

**Surfing**
Laura Phelan in Year 7, Luis Stackhouse and Jackson Baker in Year 8, Ruby Bortolus, Samantha Miller and Sarah Phelan in Year 9.

**Triathlon**
Nicola Macdonald in Year 7 and Blythe Quick in Year 9.

**Water Polo**
Thomas Newman, Conagh Kelly and Myles Cherry in Year 8 and Matthew Newman in Year 10.

**Science Workshop on Climate Change**
This week Year 8 students received notes with information about a Science workshop on Climate Change being held early next week. Payment of $6.00 is to be made to the Bursar.

**Mandy Willis**
Teacher
Wednesday 21 September  | Year 10 Trial School Certificate Exam
Friday 23 September   | Catholic Mission Walk – Vietnam Challenge Students only
Monday 10 October    | Last day of Term 3
Monday 17 October    | First day of Term 4
Wednesday 19 October | Year 8 Climate Change Presentation
                     | Catholic Mission Week – out of uniform

**Canteen Roster** - Mrs Helen Mulligan, Mrs Janelle Oliver

**URGENT!!!!** Helpers are needed every day except Friday.

Anyone who would like to assist one day per month please contact Helen or Janelle.

*If you are unable to attend your allotted day please contact either Helen or Janelle on 4957 1032.*

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**Supermarket vouchers**

A huge thank you to all parents for sending in their supermarket vouchers. Whilst the point tallies are climbing we still have time to collect more points for the school. The promotions are running until 18 October (start of week 2 Term 4).

Don’t forget your **Woolworths points are found on the bottom of your receipt as a code** (you will not receive vouchers). The receipt needs to come into school to add your points to our tally. You can just tear off the bottom section if you’d rather not send the whole receipt. For the **Coles promotion, vouchers are given at the checkout** and these can be brought into Student Services. If you shop at either of these supermarkets please make an effort to send in your points to help the school gain resources for the students.