Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

**Staff to the Rescue**

Thank you to the many staff who set up food stalls, sausage sizzles, pizza drops and so on over the two and a half weeks that our Canteen has been closed. There has been food available for students & staff each Recess and Lunchtime. Thank you to those staff for spending your own valuable time in this cause.

The Demountable Canteen arrived last Friday morning and is currently being fitted out ready to begin operation day 1 of Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Helen Mulligan & Mrs Janelle Oliver, our Canteen Supervisors, for their great work in planning the layout of the replacement canteen and in getting it set up ready for use.

**Development Plans**

For those parents who were not part of the St Pius community over the last couple of years when our Master Development Plans were drawn up, I will briefly describe the facilities that are planned.

Stage 1 consists of the refurbished Factory Wing. This is the project currently under way. The refurbished Factory Wing will house 5 general purpose classrooms, 2 Art rooms, a computer room, a Hospitality Kitchen and Café area, a Hairdressing Salon, 2 Music Rooms, a Recording Studio, a Drama room, a Theatrette, a Theatre and some toilets and office space. The Theatre is shaped in the amphitheatre style and has tiered seating to ensure that the audience of 600 people have excellent visibility from every angle to the large open flat floor space. The Theatrette will hold around 60 people. Four classrooms adjacent to each other will have foldable walls so that the space can be opened up and used as an exam hall. The large flat floor of the Theatre will also be usable as an exam hall.

Also part of Stage 1 is the refurbishment of the Administration Block to provide a more functional entrance foyer and more efficient office space.

Stage 2 of the Master Development Plan will include the relocation and complete renewal of 2 Science Labs and 2 TAS Workshops, the creation of 3 new general purpose classrooms and several other works to the St Pius site.

Stage 3 of the Master Development Plan is the refurbishment of the Bus Shelter into a Sports, whole-school Assembly & Dance area. These plans have been drawn up and costed. This project will itself be done in three stages as funds become available. It is currently the main fundraising focus of the P&F.

Great things are happening and great things are planned! St Pius will end up with many state of the art educational facilities which will directly benefit all students.

**Dio Sounds Success**

Dio Sounds 2011 was held on Wednesday 8 June and was a fantastic success. All schools performed very well and provided wonderful entertainment for the capacity crowd at the Civic Theatre.
The St Pius performers excelled and are to be thoroughly congratulated. They were certainly excellent ambassadors of the school. St Pius presented three items:

- Drowsy Maggie by the Stage 3 & 4 combined String Ensemble (we combined with feeder primary schools)
- Fade to Black by the Year 10 Guitar Ensemble
- Zebra by Years 9 & 10 Elective Music students

All our items received enthusiastic applause. The Stage 3 & 4 combined String Ensemble was many people's favourite of the whole night.

Thank you to all our performers. Thank you to Ms Elgar & Mrs Lunarzewski and their team (especially Nicole Cox, Michael Nolan & Ryan McCloy) for their dedication and professionalism which allowed this event to be a great showcase of talent for St Pius. Well done everyone!

**End of Term 2**

I take this opportunity to say thank you to all staff and students for your great efforts and enthusiasm throughout this term. It has been an especially testing term; indeed an especially testing year. Staff are working under difficult conditions due to the ongoing works. My personal thanks to all staff for your perseverance and cheerfulness.

Thanks also to the many parents who have volunteered their time and energy this term in many different ways. It has been a very successful, productive and enjoyable term. Do have a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday. Term 3 gets under way on Monday 18 July.

Have a wonderful week!

Robert Emery
Principal

**Diocesan Update**

The Diocesan Communications Team has recently launched a weekly e-news bulletin that is sent every Tuesday afternoon. It is called the Diocesan Update and is now a professional, easy to use document which showcases stories and events happening in our schools, diocese, CatholicCare and also in the wider community.

All parents are encouraged to sign up to receive the weekly e-newsletter Diocesan Update. This newsletter is the weekly communication tool of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and includes information on all upcoming diocesan and community events, interesting local and national news and features on the news and achievements of the Catholic schools within the diocese. To sign-up simply visit the diocesan website – www.mn.catholic.org.au and click on the ‘Diocesan Update Sign Up’ button on the right hand side of the home page.

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Year 10 Retreat
Around 200 students have chosen to attend the annual Year 10 Retreat at Collaroy Beach from Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 September 2011.

The invitation was sent home in March. Last term, a more detailed package was sent via Australia Post directly to the addresses of those who have paid their deposit. If your child is participating in retreat but did not receive this package, please contact me immediately.

A purple sheet detailing what to bring (and not to bring!) needs to be placed on the fridge or family notice board. The yellow contract and medical information sheet should be fully completed on both sides and returned to a box at student services. The white and mauve sheets are for parent information.

Just a reminder that the yellow sheets, balance of $110 and other material are due at the school by Thursday 21 July. If you have any further questions please contact me at school, preferably by e-mail.

Simone Kelly
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LOTE and Creative Arts Department News
What is coming up in the Creative Arts and LOTE Department

27 July - Elective Music, Drama and Entertainment students to attend “Mary Poppins” performance in Sydney
5 August - Vocal Group Workshop
8 August - Vocal Group performing at Diocesan Choral Showcase
9 August - Arrival of our Sister School students from Japan
20 August - Study Tour of Italy departs for elective Italian students
2 September - Music and Drama Day and Night Performances at St Pius X High School
5 September - Music Night Performance at St Pius X High School

Gabriella Smith
Studies Coordinator

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 4013 2629.

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Rebel Sports Support St Pius X High School
Rebel Sport have commenced a new program in which our school will receive 5% of all money spent on purchases as a refund that the school can use to purchase new sporting equipment. There are no limits. The more our students or members spend, the more we get. We would ask that anyone planning to purchase from Rebel join the Season Pass program and associate your account with St Pius. This can be done online or at the cash register in store. Registration forms are also available at Student Services. It takes just 2 minutes and you can start receiving member’s benefits immediately. When purchases are made, a swipe of your loyalty card sends credit our way.

For further information contact Rebel Sport on: www.rebelsport.com.au
Freecall: 1300 305 962  Or the Kotara Store on 0249 043460

Sport Upcoming Events

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