Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

**Start of Work on Factory Wing**

The work on the Factory Wing will start this week. Please be advised that once the work starts the Factory Wing & surrounds as defined by the temporary fencing will be a work site owned and operated by Kingston Building Australia. No staff, students, parents or visitors to this school may enter that building site at any time. If the need arises to enter that site you must speak with me and I will contact the Site Manager to seek permission and direction.

Also be advised that in the first phase of the building, large trucks will be frequently travelling in and out of the school via the back road. Please take care when travelling along that road.

**School Fee Accounts**

School fees are a necessary but unpalatable fact of life. This becomes all the more clear when you take a look at the My School Website. The figures available there clearly show the inequity in funding between Government, Catholic & Independent Schools. Per student, Catholic Schools receive $1231 less on average than Government Schools when all sources of funding are taken into account.

The parental contribution is therefore a vital element of Catholic School Fees. Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who take the responsibility of paying school fees seriously. That includes those people who seek some assistance with fees and who stick to the agreement that is made.

I do understand, sometimes people get busy and just forget. If you have forgotten to pay your fees please pay them this week. They are now overdue.

Astonishingly, some people in our community believe that it is their right to send their child to St Pius without paying any school fees. I stated very clearly in the first Lion of the year that if you have a problem meeting your school fee obligation, you need to make an appointment to see me to discuss the situation. Everyone who does this is assisted and leaves feeling very supported. At this stage of the term it should have been possible for everyone to have either paid their fees or made and kept an appointment with me. Eight weeks is plenty of time to organise to do this.

As Principal I have a responsibility to ensure that all parents and carers in our school community meet their school fee obligation. This is a matter of justice to all people in our community. If your fee account is overdue, please expect a phone call from the school over the next week or so to discuss your lack of payment.

**New St Pius X High School Website**

If all goes well, by next Monday the new St Pius X High School website will be up and running on the internet. Anyone who has been to our website recently would know that there is not much on it. Over the last twelve months we have moved most of what was on the site onto our School Portal site. That has left the website pretty bare. The new site is a completely new design and looks very fresh and inviting.
The new site contains a reasonably complete picture of life at St Pius. It is designed to be an information site for parents, students and potential enrolments, as well as a good advertisement of our school to the wider community. The website will be accessible by anyone from anywhere. The School Portal is of course only accessible by members of our school community. The Portal is the place where teaching and learning materials can be accessed by students. Best to wait until next Monday, then have a look at the new site.

http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/

Satisfaction Survey
As part of ensuring that we continue to meet parent and carer expectations I have included a Satisfaction Survey as the last page of this Lion. I ask all parents and carers please to take 5 minutes to complete the survey and to return it via your child to his/her Care Group Teacher by Wednesday 6 April.

Easter and School Holidays
As this is the last Lion for the term, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and holy Easter. I hope you can get to the Easter services in your local Parish to celebrate the most important season of the Church’s year. The Holy Week liturgies are always very beautiful and poignant celebrations.

As part of the preparation for Easter our Student Leaders will be participating in the Annual Ecumenical Way of the Cross at Kilaben Bay on Sunday 10 April. The Way of the Cross follows the Liturgies of Hope and Healing led by Bishop Michael Malone throughout the Diocese during Lent, and looks forward to the celebration of Easter. It will be held in the grounds of the Conference Centre, near St Joseph’s Church and School, 140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay. It starts at 3.00pm.

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. A reminder – first day back Term 2 for staff and students is Wednesday 27 April.

Robert Emery
Principal

Private Music Tuition
This year we have a number of private music tutors here on site at various times throughout the week.

Students have an opportunity to learn:
- Drums
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Voice
- Clarinet
- Violin

These lessons range in cost from $25.00 to $30.00 per lesson.

A number of places are still available, so if you are interested please phone the school on 4957 1032 and leave a message for Amy Burrage (Tuesday and Wednesday) or Tahnee Elgar (Monday, Thursday and Friday) and we will be in contact as soon as possible with the appropriate information.
Please note:
- Where lessons occur during class time, students are responsible for collecting and completing any work missed from any class not attended.
- Under no circumstances are students to be missing from class for an assessment task.
- All money for lessons is to be paid directly to the tutors not the school Bursar.
- Every effort is being made to ensure students do not miss the same class each week or English, Maths and Science (although all KLAs are considered to be of equal importance).

I am aware there are some timetabling issues this term so these will be corrected for the beginning of Term 2. Students will be given a laminated “out of class pass” to use during Terms 2, 3 and 4.

If class work is not completed during any lessons missed by students, class teachers will inform me and private lessons for the child will be terminated.

Thanking you
Miss A. Burrage
Music Teacher

Surfest
Surfest has come and gone for another year and students from SPX have left their mark on the event in the form of some great results in the Surfest High Schools Challenge. The school entered two boys teams and one girls team and all surfed well in the battles of the early rounds. At the end of the first elimination round, two of our teams walked away having narrowly missed out on the points needed to progress. However, one of the teams – Jackson Baker, Luis Stackhouse and Joel Horton – had ideas well beyond round one and continued to progress right through to the final where they finished as event runner-up. Two things put this in perspective – one, the contest was an open one which meant that our Years 8/9 students were up against seniors throughout and, two, there were over sixty schools entered in the contest. Runners-up in this situation is a very creditable achievement and one to be proud of. Congratulations to the finalists and to the girls and the other boys team on a great effort.

TEAMS:
1 - Jackson Baker, Luis Stackhouse and Joel Horton
2 - Tom Foggo, Cade Lane, Tom Robinson
Girls - Ruby Bortolus, Samantha Miller, Sarah Phelan

Mr G. Struck

Rugby Union Report
Twenty players played a number of pool games throughout the day on Wednesday, 23 March. The aim of the day was to come up with a diocesan team to participate in the Combined Catholic Schools Carnival in Sydney at a later date.

The boys played terrific rugby throughout the day coming second in our pool. They then beat Lochinvar in a great match with excellent attacking rugby combining with tough defence. A “city” side and a “country” side were then picked and they played the “grand final” with city winning 3 tries to 1. Three boys (Connor Alexander, Daniel Foote and Lachlan Tonks) volunteered to play for a “Barbarians” team who won their pool without the aid of a coach! Well done!

Our style of play was validated with four boys being picked in the diocesan team: Ben Poole, Nicholas Cook, Patrick Vaughan and James Bower. I wouldn’t be surprised if a number of boys are “shadow” players with Liam Brice and Jack Spence unlucky not to be picked. Congratulations to all players for the way they represented themselves and their school. The full squad was:
Samuel Scowen, Aaron Bernard, Matthew Newman, Joseph Connors, Daniel Foote, Jack Spence, Patrick Vaughan, Liam Brice, Nicholas Cook, Benjamin Poole, Dinh Do, Sameul Dorman, James Bower, Joshua Sims, Dominic Twohill, Connor Alexander, Thomas Hawes, Lava Enosi, Ryan Glanville and Matthew Harrison.

Mr M. Maher
Coach
Diocesan Touch Football

Last Thursday, 17 March at Wallsend Touch Football Fields, St Pius X High School sent four touch football teams to compete in the Diocesan Touch Football Carnival which included all the schools in the diocese right up to St Clare’s High School Taree. It was also a selection trial for the Maitland/Newcastle team to compete at Catholic Schools State Championships in Wagga.

The Under 16 Boys Team consisted of: Lorne Adolphson, Cameron Poole, Christopher McNeil, Thomas Smith, Kaden Ramplin-Smith, Isaiah Bower, Jordan Bower, Riley Nesbitt, Jarrod Balcomb, Ben Balcomb, Dinh Do and Ryan Glanville.

The boys won two out of three round matches and went on to the semi-final against St Clare’s High School Taree and recorded a 1-1 draw but Taree won because they scored the first try.

The Under 16 Girls Team consisted of: Alyssa Hiscox, Olivia Rodgers, Airlie Davis, Abbey McQualter, Abbey Dorman, Meg Bailey, Clare Cronin, Hannah Simmons, Taylah Cannon, Georgia Kuter.

The girls won two out of three round matches and lost their semi-final against St Clare’s High School Taree as well.

The Open Boys Team consisted of: Ben Poole, Joshua Sims, Patrick Vaughan, Sam Dorman, Jack Haggerty, Nicholas Cook, Jesse Back, Dominic Twohill, Christian Mulley and James Bower.

The boys won one out of three round matches.

The Open Girls Team consisted of: Clare Cummings, Holly Harrison, Bianca Smith, Chelsea Slater, Georgia Graham, Alexendra Murray, Selina Borrelli, Grace Salter, Chantelle Graham.

The girls won two out of three round matches and were also beaten by St Clare’s High School Taree in the semi-final, but this was as great effort considering they were competing against Year 11 and Year 12 teams.

The following students go on to represent the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese at State level:

Under 16 Boys   Kaden Ramplin-Smith
Under 19 Boys   Patrick Vaughan, Ben Poole, Joshua Sims (shadow)
Under 16 Girls  Alyssa Hiscox

Congratulations to these students and for a great day by all involved.

Mrs K. Sellers

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IMPORTANT DATES
for your Diary

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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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Next Life Teen Night: “ENTOMBED”
Wednesday 6 April
6.30pm  Food
7.00 – 8.30pm  Life Night
St Philips Parish Hall Kotara

Next Life Teen Youth Mass:
They’re coming…
…to St Pius X High School as a fund-raiser for 2011!

The 2011 | 2012 Newcastle Entertainment™ Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports and hotel accommodation… all with valuable 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers.

Purchase a new Book and receive over $15,000 in valuable offers that you and your family can use all year from now until June 1st, 2012! The Book is filled with popular local businesses including:

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- Hog’s Breath Café
- Newcastle Knights
- Subway
- Hunter Ice Skating
- McDonalds
- Hunter Ice Skating
- Grill’d
- and many more!

The best part is that for only $60.00, you’ll be helping us fundraise, with $12.00 from every Book sold contributing to our school resources.

They’re going …
…to be sent home to families on Monday 9 May

Entertainment™ Books provide important funds for our school and valuable savings for our families. Please take the time to look through the Book when you receive it, and take as many orders from your work colleagues, friends or relatives before …

Don’t miss out…
…Entertainment Books are sent home to give you the opportunity to view the current edition. There is no obligation to purchase.
Parent Satisfaction Survey 2011

Please rate the school on following scale by ticking or crossing the appropriate box.

1 Strongly Disagree 4 Strongly Agree
2 Disagree U Unsure/Don’t Know
3 Agree

Religious Dimension & Culture of School Life

1. The school has a clear identity as a Catholic School in the local community.
2. Positive student attitudes towards school are encouraged.
3. Student Welfare policies and practices are effective.
4. Teachers show genuine concern for the students.
5. My child is happy to go to this school.

Teaching & Learning

6. The quality of teaching and learning is generally of a high standard.
7. The range of available subjects is appropriate.
8. Academic standards and results in external tests are satisfactory.
9. Students experiencing learning difficulties receive appropriate remedial assistance.
10. The school encourages and recognizes student achievement.

Management & Organization

11. Leadership shown by school leaders is effective.
12. The school is organized and administered in an effective manner.
13. There is ample opportunity for me to meet with teachers.
14. The school handles parental questions and concerns appropriately and effectively.
15. My/our expectations regarding school uniform are met.
16. The transition program from Year 6 into Year 7 is effective.

Resources & Facilities

17. Educational resources for students seem adequate.
18. School grounds and facilities are well maintained.
19. Suitable active recreation is available within the school grounds and facilities.
20. Students have adequate access to technology
21. Existing classrooms are adequate

Areas of Strength of the school

Areas that need Development:

General Comments:

Signed: Date:

Thank you for your time and honesty. Please have your child return completed surveys to their Care Group Teacher by Wed 6 April.