Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

It is always a little surprising when an animated movie touches an emotional nerve. As adults, we live with the expectation that we are past the point of being moved by a cartoon. You may remember the movie "Up" that was released by Pixar back in 2009. I did not see it when it came out and saw it for the first time on DVD only a few months ago. Up is a delightful animated movie about the life and adventures of Carl Frederickson, the main character, and his lovely wife Ellie. The opening scenes depicting how Carl met Ellie and their life together were simply unforgettable.

In one of the most powerfully emotional montages I have ever seen in an animated film we glimpse Carl-and-Ellie’s life from the time they get married until she dies. Without any dialogue the movie presents incidents in their lives that are so relatable they may actually be about us. Carl and Ellie have a glass jar in which they deposit any change they have because they are gathering funds to go to Paradise Falls, a lifelong dream. Unfortunately, real-life intervenes and they extract money from the jar for repairing a flat tire, a damaged roof and a broken window-pane. By the time they reach old age, the jar is tucked away inside, as they are so engrossed in day-to-day life that they no longer think about fulfilling their dream. When the film shows an image of the jar lying neglected, it hits you because something like that has happened to you too. Be it a job, a mishap or just life in general… our dreams often move away from the spotlight and we don’t even realize when that happens.

After Ellie dies Carl is unable to get over the loss of his wife. He lives a life of incessant regret and spends the first two acts of the film pursuing something that ultimately does not give him any satisfaction. One night he sits down & looks through a photo album of the little moments he enjoyed with Ellie and he finds a message she left. In the message Ellie thanks him for the years they spent together; she calls their married life an “adventure” and tells him to go have a new adventure. It is only then that he realizes he must let go of the past and get on with his life.

Up reminds us of so many important life lessons: the importance of flexibility and trust in relationships, the importance of dreams, the importance of faith in oneself, the importance of kindness towards others, the importance of life and of living every moment to the full. The movie has a very Christian message at its heart. Pete Docter, the Director of Up, puts it this way:

“Basically, the message of the film is that the real adventure of life is the relationship we have with other people, and it’s so easy to lose sight of the things we have and the people that are around us until they’re gone. More often than not, I don’t really realize how lucky I was to have known someone until they’re either moved or passed away. So, if you can kind of wake up a little bit and go, “Wow, I’ve got some really cool stuff around me every day”, then that’s what the movie’s about.”
If you haven’t seen it, it’s worth a look. If you have seen it, it’s worth a second look.

**Electrical Upgrade and New Facilities**
The upgrade of the school’s electricity supply is now complete. The $384,000 upgrade was successfully completed over last weekend. The upgrade effectively doubles the electricity available to the school. This will enable us to bring the new Factory Wing facilities online by the beginning of Term 3.

There is still quite a bit of work to do in the main Theatre to make it ready for use. Stage lighting and sound system need to be installed and more electrical power needs to be supplied to the Theatre at the school’s expense. These things were outside the contracted works. The project funds simply did not stretch that far.

Also at the school’s expense will be the fit out of technology and furniture for the Factory Wing. These items will be delivered and installed over the next three weeks or so. Students will be given an initial tour of the facilities sometime soon.

**DioSounds**
A huge well done goes to all of our performers in DioSounds last Thursday. Family commitments prevented me from attending this year but I have heard from so many people that our students performed exceptionally well. It is a tremendously exciting privilege for students to be given the opportunity to display their talents in an amazing venue like the Civic Theatre and the students responded brilliantly giving of their very best. I offer my thanks and congratulations to our Music Teachers, Mrs Lunarzewski & Mrs Elgar-Roberts and to all who were involved in preparing our students for this event.

**Child Protection Update**
Next Monday, 18 June, will be a pupil free day to enable staff to attend the compulsory Child Protection Update professional development day. We had no say in the date of our attendance. It was mandated by the Catholic Schools Office. My apologies for any inconvenience this day will cause to parents, carers & students.

Have a great week.

Robert Emery
Principal

**Curriculum News**

It has been a busy couple of weeks with half yearly examinations for the school. With examinations over it is time for students to set goals for the next semester.

Year 8 students will early next term choose two electives to study for Years 9 and 10. Students will receive an electives handbook with information on all subjects available. We are offering a new elective for next year, Dance.

Semester one reports will be given out to students on Thursday 30 July. There will be the opportunity for parent teacher interviews again on Thursday 26 July and Friday 27 July.

Stephen Dunn has returned from leave. I have had a very busy term filling the position of Acting Assistant Principal and will be back looking after Chisholm House.

*Carmel Wright*
Acting Assistant Principal
Dean of Studies
carmel.wright@mn.catholic.edu.au
Awards System
All students are encouraged to apply for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards throughout the year which recognise positive behaviour, participation, initiative and achievement both within and beyond the classroom.

Bronze award applications were given out to all students towards the end of Term 1. Almost 250 have been returned and those students will receive their awards at assemblies this term and will also receive their Silver Award applications. Those students who have not completed their Bronze applications are encouraged to do so.

10 weeks after handing in their Bronze application, students will receive their Silver Award applications in Care Group and following Silver (10 weeks later) is the Gold Award.

NB Year 9 students who wish to apply for leadership positions (Captain, Vice Captain, House Captain, Peer Support Leader) need to have achieved a Silver Award by Week 3 of Term 3 as part of their leadership application.

At the end of the year, those students who have progressed through to Gold Award level are invited to nominate for a Diamond Award which is our highest level of achievement. The Diamond Award recognises Outstanding success in at least one of the following areas: Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Community, Leadership, Parish Life and is presented at the end of year presentations.

Specifically, students can work toward achieving a Diamond Award by involvement in such areas as:

Academic
Top 5% in year in a subject (over whole year)
Distinction/High Distinction in Academic Competitions
Science and Engineering challenge
Bridge Building

Science Enrichment trip

Sporting
NSW CCC member
Representing Diocese at State level
Representing School at Diocesan level
Representative Sport
Referring/Umpiring at school or primary level

Cultural
Public Speaker
Debating Team
Liturgy presider
Vocal group/choir/band/dance group
Drama/Musical performer

School Community
Reader/Writer for Exams
Roll monitor
Recycling Monitor
SVDP member
Clean School Committee
Climate Cam member
Smith Family Mentor
Stations of the Cross participant
School Notice Board
Flag monitor
Billet student

Leadership
Captain/Vice Captain
House Captain/SVDP Executive
Peer Support Leader
Attend Leadership conference

Parish Life
Regular reader at Mass
Altar Server
Life Teen member

We would encourage all students to aim high and be actively involved across all areas of school life. See your Student Coordinator if you would like more information.

Mandy Willis
Fahey House Coordinator
French Exchange Students
Bonjour! Would you like to host a French boy for 3 weeks in July or August?

It is an opportunity to make a French friend and share your family life. Charles-Adrien loves swimming, sailing, playing tennis and reading. Maximilian loves skiing, "wave-boarding", fencing and camping. Guillaume plays rugby, soccer, tennis and loves the movies. They are 15 year-old. Charles and Maximilian are coming to Newcastle from the 7 July until the 2 August, Guillaume from August 1 to 25 August.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the experience, please contact Gabriella Smith at school or Laure de la Condamine (lauredelacondamine@yahoo.fr - Mob. 0419 2424 19).

Au revoir! Merci.

Motivational Media

All students will view a Motivational Media presentation titled “IRisk” on Tuesday 19 June. The 40 minute presentation will be held in Sr Marie Hall and the cost will be $3.00 per student. To be paid on entry.

“IRisk” is a presentation that contains powerful images and messages about living life to the full and understanding what risk is. The production consists of many inspirational stories and compliments the schools PD/H/PE and Religious Education programs.

David Pitfield
Sports Coordinator
Girls Soccer

Turner Cup
The Turner Cup team have been doing well defeating Wallsend and Newcastle convincingly. The third round saw St Pius against Kotara on a cold, wet Friday morning with Kotara edging out the St Pius team in a tight encounter. The full squad was:

Amy Avery
Isabella Gray (C)
Lillian Mowbray
Olivia Carroll
Hannah Simmons
Benta Okumu
Kirra Hurrell
Clare Cronin
Joselyn Rae
Tayla Cannon
Caitlin Thompson
Isabella Westall (VC)
Hannah Linsley
Ella Searant
Alex Delbridge

Year 7/8 Representative Sport
The representative sport girls soccer teams have also been doing well with St Pius entering two teams. Both teams have been undefeated and it is looking like a grudge match for the finals with St Pius v St Pius. The full squads for both teams are:

Jade Cannon
Kirra Hurrell
Tovah Agresti
Phoebe McMillan
Shanaya Neesom
Annabel Gow
Jordan Soans
Hannah Linsley
Joselyn Rae
Ella Searant
Abby Watts
Clare Cronin
Dana Whitaker
Gabrielle Smith
Kristen McSpadden
Cara Marks
Alicia Daniels
Rani Roddenby-Jenkins
Ellie Sullivan
Isabella Chiarentin
Alex Kennedy

CCC Girls Soccer
As coach of the CCC Diocesan team I was very pleased to take five St Pius girls to the State Championship at Bathurst. Old campaigners like Isabella Gray, Airlie Davis and Maddison McLachlan were assisted by newcomers Clare Cronin and Josie Rae. The girls all performed magnificently and were well-led by ex St Pius girl Clare Cummings.

Michael Lee
Coach
Important Dates for your Diary

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Canteen Roster
If you are unable to attend your allotted day, please contact Janelle Oliver on 4957 1032.

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School Contact Details
St Pius X High School
Park Avenue Adamstown 2289
Reception: 02 4957 1032
Student Office: 4013 2634
Fax: 02 4957 5088

email: admin@adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au
web site: http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au
P & F Meetings: 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.00pm
School Portal: http://intra.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au
Parent/carer user name: adp.homeshare and password: adp9822

Student Services
All students are to carry their ID cards.

Alinta Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open:
Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 2.30pm to 4.30pm
St Pius Shop Number: 4957 7651
West Gosford Shop: 4321 0411
Email: stpius@alinta.com.au
Uniform price list and online shopping available at:
www.alintaapparel.com.au

Student Services
All students are to carry their ID cards.
Federation Activities

FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING
Friday 15 June 6.30pm for 7.00pm
St Catherine’s Catholic College, 30-40 Combo Lane, Singleton.
Presentation by Director, Ray Collins; Principal, Brian Lacey and Parent Resource Officer, Linda McNeil.
Talking about NAPLAN - what is it for, why do we have to pay, what’s the big picture?
**RSVP** to Linda McNeil, to book for your free dinner on 4979 1303 or email linda.mcneil@mn.catholic.edu.au
If you would like to be involved in a video hook up contact me.

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**Are you the parent of a child with special needs?**
Then you are invited to attend the **Special Needs Information Day**
on **Tuesday 20 June 10.00am to 2.00pm** at the
St Joseph’s Primary School, 1 St Joseph’s Drive, Taree.
There will be presentations from Learning Support Staff.
Followed by a session on the
Resilience Doughnut—how to build resilience in your kids.
Lunch is included.

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Mini conference and Life Membership Celebration
Saturday 21 July 2012
Great news!
The Federation is hosting a mini conference to offer parents/carers and delegates the opportunity to get together again.
This year’s theme is ‘GRACE’
Catholic Schools Office, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle.
Keynote workshops will focus on how we can all get more space for grace in our lives and our children’s lives.

$35 for Conference and lunch, $50 for dinner only, $85 for full program.
**Registration forms in Term 2 Parent News.**
ST PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Convenor: Kylie Delaney
Phone: (02) 4957 7651 (shop hours)
E-mail: stpius@alinta.com.au
Web: www.alintaapparel.com.au

OPERATING HOURS
– School Term –
Monday 10.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.30pm

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SHOES
School Shoes – For Monday to Thursday [except for PE practical days] are to be black polishable leather school shoes which do not extend over the ankle or have a platform. The leather should cover the whole upper foot for safety. Boots, joggers and sneakers are not permitted.

Sports Shoes/PE Practical – Sport shoes (predominantly white) should have laces or Velcro straps and be supportive of the feet during exercise.

PLEASE NOTE
- Sizes available Boys J10 – 3XL & Girls J10 – L20
- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed
- Sizes 4XL and L22 and over a $10 surcharge will apply

Payments can be made with Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.

Prices subject to change without notice
Second Hand Uniforms

A large number of parents have expressed the need to have second hand uniforms available. St Pius X High School will be running a new service which will enable all parents to buy/sell second hand uniform items. The service will work in the following way:

1. Parent/s will fill out a form with the details of the item/s required to buy/sell and supply a contact number. This form will be available from reception, or alternatively you may email your details to admin@adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au.

2. These details will then be advertised in a special “Second Hand Uniform” section which will be on the back page of each newsletter, which commences with this Newsletter.

3. The advertisement will run for a month or two editions of the newsletter.

4. Parent/s will simply contact the number supplied and deal direct with the person buying/selling.

Please note that no second hand uniform items will be kept by St Pius X High School.

For any further information regarding Second Hand Uniforms please contact reception.

Second Hand Uniforms

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☐ Buy          ☐ Sell (please tick)

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