Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

The Population Growth Debate
Population growth is one of Australia's hot political issues. There seems to be a very biased view of this issue presented in the media. This view says that to have continued prosperity in Australia, we need economic growth and therefore we need population growth. No-one ever seems to ask the question, in the media at least, is infinite population growth actually sustainable?

In his new book, “Bigger or Better? Australia's population debate”, Professor Ian Lowe — author, well-respected Physicist and president of the Australian Conservation Foundation — answers the questions at the root of the debate, and provides a comprehensive analysis of the issue.

Bigger or Better? sets the record straight. In a clear manner, Lowe lays out the facts about recent population increase in Australia and considers the impacts of that growth and the implications of different future patterns on that growth.

- What is the link between population and economic growth?
- What are the environmental impacts of population growth?
- Are we an ageing society and if so, is that a matter for concern?
- Are ‘boat people’ and refugees a significant component of our migrant intake?
- What capacity do we have to influence Australia’s future population?

Lowe unravels the misconceptions and urban myths about the controversial debate and the choices we are making about Australia’s future population.

When Kevin Rudd responded to a government forecast that the Australian population could reach 36 million by 2040 by saying he believed in ‘a big Australia’, there was a strong public reaction. One insider said ‘the focus groups went ballistic’. Julia Gillard renamed the relevant minister’s portfolio ‘sustainable population’, implicitly criticising pro-growth policies of previous governments.

Tony Abbott vowed to ‘stop the boats’ if elected (thus limiting immigration), despite generally supporting a population growth agenda and clearly having no way of stopping the boats.

Much of the press attacked both major parties, accusing them of pandering to base prejudice by discussing the social impacts of immigration or suggesting that population growth had negative environmental impacts and urged politicians to champion what it claimed were the self-evident economic benefits of rapid population growth.

In this timely book, Lowe calls for all Australians to realise the future is not somewhere we are going but rather a place we create by our own actions — or inactions — now. In Bigger or Better? Lowe categorises the various contributors to the debate, those voices urging further growth and those wishing to see growth slowed or the population stabilised. As he states, ‘there are humanitarians on both sides of the debate, there are racists on both sides of the debate, there are totally misinformed people on both sides
of the debate and there are well-informed professionals on both sides of the debate.’

He looks at how population growth is affecting the environment of our major cities, the Murray-Darling Basin and South Australia’s Fleurieu Peninsula, and raises the prospect of ‘Noosangatta’ in south-east Queensland — one continuous urban sprawl from Noosa, through Brisbane to Coolangatta and the NSW border.

Lowe makes the complex and controversial issues around population accessible to general readers. This issue is one that every Australian has a moral obligation to consider and to express an informed opinion on. What kind of an Australia do we want to create for ourselves and for future generations? Ian Lowe’s new book is an excellent place to start to get your head around the facts on population growth in Australia.

**Year 10 Retreat & Years 7 to 9 Alternate Program**

From Wednesday 21 March to Friday 23 March, 197 Year 10 students and 22 staff will attend Retreat at Collaroy. Retreat is 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.

While Year 10 are away on Retreat, Years 7, 8 & 9 will experience one day of normal lessons and two days of an Alternate Program. The Alternate Program consists of assessment tasks, activities and events that are a normal part of the Year 7 to 9 program but that have conveniently been brought together into these two days. All students of Years 7 to 9 are expected at school for each day of the Alternate Program.

**Early Warning**

An extra pupil free day has been mandated by the Catholic Schools Office this year for every school in the Diocese. The purpose is to enable all staff to attend compulsory training and updating in Child Protection. St Pius staff will attend this training on June 18.

**Timely Reminder**

One of our male students in Year 7 was approached by a stranger while he waited alone at a bus stop in the Wallsend area last week. The stranger asked the boy to accompany him back to his place. Fortunately, the bus arrived and the man fled. The police have been notified and do have a good idea of who this stranger was. I urge all parents and carers to remind your child/children about the potential dangers that strangers can pose and about what to do if they are approached by a stranger. Please alert the police immediately if such incidents occur with your child/children and also please let the school know. Wherever possible, please ensure that your child is not waiting alone at places like bus stops.

**Development of 38 Person Boarding House Near St Pius**

I wish to bring to your attention the fact that there is a development application before Newcastle City Council at present for a 38 person Boarding House at 1 Bailey Street Adamstown just down the road from the school. This development application is of concern to me on a number of levels not least of which is the possibility that the people who will occupy this Boarding House may be people who are recovering alcoholics or drug addicts. It seems strange to me that the development submission would specifically state that there will be “no alcohol or drugs allowed on the premises”.

I am placing on our website under the News & Events tab, in the Newsletters section, a letter of objection to Newcastle City Council regarding the development application. If you wish to support the
school in its objection to this development please download the letter and send via email or snail mail to the Council (addressee & address is in the letter). Please feel free to adjust or add to the letter in any way you see fit. Thank you.

http://adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/News Events/Pages/Newsletters.aspx

Have a great week!

Robert Emery
Principal

Enrolment at St Pius X High School for Year 7, 2013
Applications for enrolment may be obtained for any student wishing to enrol for Year 7 2013 at St Pius X High School from Monday 30 April 2012 to Friday 1 June 2012. If your students are currently in a Catholic Feeder Primary School, they will receive an application there and should return it to the Primary School NOT to St Pius X High School.

All students who are not in a Catholic Feeder Primary School can apply by either picking up an application form from our main reception or download one from our website: http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au.

Ministry Update
Year 7 Community Day
Chris Doyle recently conducted a fantastic Community Day with our Year 7 students. A big thanks goes to Chris, and to the wonderful students who participated. It was reported to be one of the “best days ever”!

Year 10 Retreat
As you read this edition of the Lion, our Year 10 students will be taking time out of their busy social schedules to attend the School Retreat in Collaroy. It is always listed as one of the most significant and enjoyable events our students participate in during their time at St Pius. We appreciate there is stress associated with getting organised: the paperwork, packing, part time jobs and sport but it is all worthwhile once you send them on their way! Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in getting these great students to such a rewarding experience, and to the staff members who work tirelessly to ensure its smooth running. A full update on the proceedings will appear in the next Newsletter.

Recycling Education Program
The PE Department kindly offered to kick off our Recycling Education Program for 2012. All students should have had an overview of the Program and received an accompanying letter for parents to sight and sign. If this is not the case, students need to see their PE teacher this week. As the recycling bins are rolled out this week, please note that wrappers such as those used for chips, lollies and chocolates are NOT recyclable. Nor is cling wrap or foil. Although recycling makes a huge difference, let’s try to reduce the amount of waste generated in the first place. Find alternative methods to pack food items to reduce the amount of rubbish to landfill. For packing lunches check out these great options:


Swamp
Progress with our Swamp Program is slow but steady. As a part of our school’s commitment to sustainability we are attempting to address the issue of stormwater runoff in the grounds. Stage One is the rejuvenation of our swamp by removing debris, invasive weeds and trees. The long-term aim is to have a fully functional Stormwater Quality Improvement Device (SQID) onsite as a means of reducing the amount of stormwater entering the open drain, and
improving the quality of water when it does. We are still looking for a long arm excavator to assist in the works so please think about any contacts you might have to assist.

Way of the Cross
All members of the St Pius X community are invited to participate in the annual Stations of the Cross on Sunday 1 April 2012 at St Joseph’s, Kilaben Bay. Our Diocese has directly involved primary and secondary schools plus local youth and university groups in this ecumenical and community building event. The Stations will begin at 3.00pm and end by 5.00pm. St Pius X High School Leaders will proclaim and dramatise the Word, and read a reflection and prayer at Station 13 “Jesus is taken down from the cross.” Readers are asked to wear full school uniform and those in the drama will need to wear black. All others are welcome to wear casual Sunday clothes. Rehearsal for those leading the Station (readers, actors) will take place at 1.30pm at the venue. For your convenience, a bus will depart the school at 12.30pm and return about 6.00pm. Notes for this event are available at Student Services or on the Portal. See Miss Mohr or Mrs Kelly for more details.

Bunnings BBQ
Also on 1 April, staff and students will be again cooking up a storm at Bunnings Kotara, this time to raise money for sustainability upgrades around the school. If you or your child would like to volunteer a few hours, please let me know, otherwise, come and enjoy a BBQ lunch and a spot of shopping! Any Butcher who would like to use this as a marketing opportunity for their business, and to accumulate some good karma, we would like 65kg of sausages donated. We will display your business logo, flyers etc on the day, plus you will get a great write up in the next edition of the Lion and credit on the school notice board on Park Avenue. A deal you couldn’t put a price on!

Caritas Leadership Day
Our School Leaders participated in an inspirational day in Taree last week that focused on Caritas as an aid delivery network for the Catholic Church. Students worked with other school leaders in the Diocese to learn more about Project Compassion and were inspired by stories of how others have raised money and where it has been put to work. One idea for our leaders to raise money was to gain sponsorship for taking a vow of silence. More on this next term!

Easter
As we move quickly through first term toward Easter, this very special time of Lent is also flying by. Take time to slow down, and discuss as a family what Lent means to you. Take time out of your family’s busy schedule to drop by your local Church for a mass service. The school will reflect on Lent, and celebrate the impending Easter weekend, on Holy Thursday before school breaks up for the holidays.

Vietnam
There have been several very informative meetings about the training expeditions to Hornsby and the trek in Vietnam. Please refer to the minutes stored on the link of the Home Page of the Portal.

Clean up Australia Day
Following a wash out on the scheduled date, students got outdoors on Friday 16 March to "Clean up Australia!" A huge thank you to all the volunteers involved in this great initiative. According to the official organisers of Clean Up Australia Day;
"This year was our best yet with more than 475,000 students from over 2,600 schools Australia wide taking part in the event - an outstanding effort! Thanks to your efforts, your school's results are counted among the estimated 16,000 tonnes of rubbish removed from our local streets, parks, beaches and bushland across the weekend of Clean Up.
If you or your family missed the official clean-up day, why not get out and do your bit to help our environment this weekend or in the upcoming school holidays.

Anzac Day
Any students who have a connection to the Australian Military Services, or to ANZAC Day, and would like to participate in a service to commemorate this special day please see Miss Mohr. Anzac Day occurs immediately following the holiday break but the commemoration will be organised in the coming weeks.

Amanda Mohr
Acting Ministry Coordinator
amanda.mohr@mn.catholic.edu.au
Phone: (02) 4957 1032 Extension 421

Australian Schools Share Market
All Year 9 and Year 10 Commerce students have entered the Australian Schools Share Market Game. The game began on Thursday 1 March 2012 and runs for 10 weeks finishing on 9 May 2012. Students have formed syndicates of 2 to 4 students and can trade real time. As a result of playing the game students will:
- develop their knowledge of the share Market
- learn how to research companies
- discover the importance of wise investment decisions
- begin to learn more about investing which is beneficial to their future.
A total of $25,000 prize money is offered nationally. Good luck and do your research Commerce students.

Paul Smyth
Acting HSIE Coordinator

Private Music Lessons
At present we have a number of experienced Music Tutors teaching in our school. Students receive 30 minute lessons once a week. Lessons range from $20.00 to $30.00 and students are allocated a half hour space within the duration of the school day. Where possible, every attempt is made for students not to miss English, Maths or Science, or any other subject every week. All subjects are viewed with the same importance and it is the students’ responsibility to liaise with their class subject teacher to ensure no class work is missed. On NO OCCASION IS AN ASSESSMENT TASK TO BE MISSED due to private lessons. Failure to adhere to the above requirements will result in discontinuation of lessons.
There are minimal places left for this semester, however individual tutors may be contacted for more specific information. Please note: The payments for these lessons are to be made directly to the tutor, NOT the School Bursar.
For more information about this program, please contact individual Tutors or Ms Amy Burrage on amy.burrage@mn.catholic.edu.au or by phone (49 571032) on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Guitar
Jim McIntyre - Ph: 0410 148 322
James - Ph: 0423 304 208

Keyboard
Tahnee Elgar – Ph: 49571032

Drums
Joshua Holliday – Ph: 0413 101 735

Voice (Singing)
Lauren Edman – Ph: 0401 737 952

Violin
Nicole Cox – Ph: 0425 235 436

Amy Burre
Music Teacher

Japanese Trip
Unfortunately, the trip to our sister school will not take place in 2012 as we did not receive sufficient expressions of interest. We will still welcome the girls from Uminohoshi next year when they come to visit us and I will asking for families of St Pius to host the students.

Gabriella Smith
Studies Coordinator
Shave For a Cure
Last Thursday Sr Marie Hall was packed with students who were there to support Mia Thomson (Year 10) as she had her hair shaved off for the Leukaemia Foundation’s Shave For A Cure. Mia had already raised almost $1000 and raised an additional $500 with the support of St Pius students and staff. As well as this, Mia also donated her hair so it could be made into a wig.
Congratulations Mia on your bravery and your initiative and thanks to the St Pius community for your support.

Mandy Willis
Fahey House Coordinator

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Finally our resources have arrived! Thank you to all students and families who surrendered their Woolworths receipts mid last year. We were able to gain these important resources for the school:
• Weather station for HSIE
• Percussion set for Music
• Fabric paints, dyes and scissors for Technology
• Various Science resources
Please consider supporting the school in these endeavours later in the year as they provide the school with valuable resources.

Technology Excursion – Harry Potter Exhibition Powerhouse Museum
On Tuesday 13 March the Technology Department gathered 120 keen Year 8 students on a bus and set off for the big smoke. The students spent time gaining a first-hand look inside the world of Harry Potter. Hundreds of authentic film artefacts were on display in settings inspired by locations from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, including the Gryffindor Common Room, Hagrid’s Hut, the Great Hall and many more. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience the amazing craftsmanship that went into creating the props and costumes that have appeared throughout the Harry Potter film series.

The students were then able to wander through the other exhibitions in the Museum, in particular the Design Technology Section which showcases the folios and design projects from last year’s HSC students across NSW.

The students are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour and attitude on the bus trip, throughout the Museum and at Darling Harbour where they had lunch.

Cherie Borger
TAS Teacher

School Awards
In Week 10 this term students will receive a Bronze Application to complete. All students are encouraged to get the application finished and returned to their House Co-coordinator.

For Year 9 students to be eligible for Leadership positions in the school for 2013 they must have completed their Silver Application by the beginning of term 4.

When student have received five blue slips they must report to their House Coordinator to receive a student award.

Carmel Wright
Chisholm House Coordinator

Victorian Sprint Kart Titles
Congratulations to Damon Schofield (8.8) who recently competed in the Victorian Open Sprint Kart titles. Damon managed to come 5th – a remarkable achievement against the best drivers in the country.
Interschools Equestrian
On Thursday 1 March, Gabrielle Irwin-Cragg (9.10) and Caitlin Walker (9.10) completed in the Interschools Equestrian Competition.

Gabrielle came 2nd in the Introductory Eventing (80cm) in a class of 30 competitors and Caitlin was placed 4th in the Newcomers’ Eventing (60cm) in a class of 20 competitors.

There were 50 schools competing over the four day event. Congratulations girls.

Kerrie Sellers
School Sport

Rugby League
Kaden Ramplin-Smith (Year 9) was recently selected in the Maitland Newcastle Newcastle U15 Rugby League team. Kaden will represent the Diocese at the Northern Country trials to be held at Kempsey in April.

David Pitfield
Representative Sport
WANTED HOST FAMILIES FOR A STUDENT FROM FRANCE

Homestays for 3 ½ weeks – Students from France – aged 14 to 17
I am looking for families who would like to host these students who will become part of your family as well as attend school at St Pius during their stay. The dates are as follows:
Arrive 1 August 2012 and depart 21 August 2012
I am happy to discuss the programme with you and send details about the students. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Contact in Newcastle: Laure de La Condamine Terre des Languages
E : lauredelacondamine@yahoo.fr
W : www.tdl-homestays.com
Ph. 0419 242 419

A Friendly Reminder
For the safety of students and parents, please do not park or drop students off in the following areas:
• near the skip bins (trucks needing access to these at all times)
• in the ‘No Parking’ areas (numerous delivery trucks utilising this area).
These areas are located in the top car park, at the back of Sr Marie Hall.
Thank you for your cooperation.
Alternative Program – Years 7 to 9 (Retreat Week)
A significant number of teaching staff will facilitate the annual Year 10 Retreat next week. An alternative program has been organised to keep Years 7 to 9 working productively. A full timetable of activities appears below. It is vital that your child attends school on all these days as they include practical examinations and assessment tasks. Normal school or sports uniform is to be worn.

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**Thursday 22 MARCH 2012:** NORMAL LESSONS WITH WORK LEFT TO GO ON WITH BY USUAL CLASS TEACHER.

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A full calendar of Diocesan and NSWCCC Sports, along with all Friday Representative Sport opportunities can be located outside the PE staffroom.

Parents are encouraged to visit www.csss.nsw.edu.au/default.aspx which details all individual and team pathway sports.

From the Canteen
St Pius X High School caters for over 1000 students. On a day to day basis we struggle to staff the canteen.
It is often the case that during lunch and afternoon tea break students are missing out or have to be turned away from the canteen as there is not enough staff to serve the students.
Volunteers are desperately needed to help in the canteen, please contact Mrs Helen Mulligan or Mrs Janelle Oliver at the school on 4957 1032.

Canteen Roster
If you are unable to attend your allotted day please contact either Helen Mulligan or Janelle Oliver on 4957 1032.

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This year students have the opportunity to participate in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge.
To successfully complete the challenge the students will read 20 books. At least 15 will be from the PRC booklist which can be accessed on-line or in the Library and up to five can be free choice.
It does not matter where the books come from: school (we hold many of the titles on the list), a public library, friends or home.
If students are unsure what to read they can talk to someone from the school or public library, their teachers and their friends for ideas.
Books read between 1 September 2011 and 1 September 2012 can be counted.
All students who complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll. The certificate shows the student’s name and school. Only the students' name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors.
For further information see: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
To register for the Challenge students must speak to a member of the Library staff.
Corrine Taylor
PRC Co-ordinator, SPX Library

Message from the Premier

With the Reading Challenge now in its tenth year, I am delighted to see participation of students and schools continue to grow. In 2011, more than 169,000 students signed on to accept the Challenge.

Students are able to choose from an extensive and exciting list of books that offer all kinds of fiction and non-fiction reading adventures.

In making your choices, I urge all of you to read as widely as possible. Explore the different categories and discover new treasures to enrich your reading experience.

Through books you will acquire knowledge, develop your imagination and improve your mind.

Accept the Challenge and enjoy the adventure.

Barry O'Farrell MP
Premier
BERESFIELD ART SHOW 2012

TO BE HELD AT
BERESFIELD BOWLING CLUB
ANDERSON DRIVE, BERESFIELD

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 18, 19 & 20 May

Opening Night Friday 18th May
Viewing from 6.00pm. Official Opening 7.00pm
Supper and Presentation of Prizes 7.30pm
Admission $10 includes Supper

Saturday: 10am to 8pm. Sunday: 10am to 3pm
Admission: $2 gold coin donation

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE HUNTER ASPECT SCHOOL AT
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Schedule of Prizes


**SECTION B** – OILS ANY SUBJECT. $400 sponsored by Beresfield Bowling Club. Acquisitive.

**SECTION C** – WATERCOLOUR ANY SUBJECT. $400 sponsored by Andrew Hirst, Beresfield Post Office. Acquisitive.

**SECTION D** – LANDSCAPE/SEASCAPE ANY MEDIUM. $400 sponsored by Stratco Hardware & Timber. Acquisitive.

**SECTION E** – CONTEMPORARY ANY SUBJECT ANY MEDIUM. $400 sponsored by Dr Aubrey Yeh. Acquisitive.

**SECTION F** – PEN/PENCIL/WASH $250 sponsored by Brett Hunter, Beresfield Pharmacy. Acquisitive.

**SECTION G** – MINIATURE $250 sponsored by Dr Margot Woods. Acquisitive.


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**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. ENTRY FEE $10 per entry for sections A – G. $5 per entry for Section H. Entry forms and fees must be MAILED & POSTMARKED no later than Friday 4 May and addressed to: Secretary, East Maitland-Beresfield Lioness Club, PO Box 238, Beresfield NSW 2322.
2. Entries must be the original work of the artist, completed within the last 2 years. No work may be entered in more than one section and all works must be for sale. Limit of 6 per artist.
3. Entries submitted and exhibited in previous years, as well as supervised works, will not be accepted.
4. Only paintings per entry form will be accepted. No substitutes are allowed.
5. SIZE LIMIT Maximum size **including** frame 1000mm x 1000mm. Miniature section: 100mm x 100mm, **excluding** frame.
6. PRESENTATION OF WORK. All works must be suitably prepared with hooks and cords, ready for immediate hanging and identified on the back with name, address, title, section and price.
7. COMMISSION. A 20% commission will be charged on all sales.
8. INSURANCE. All insurance and transport costs must be met by the artist. The greatest possible care will be taken but no liability will be accepted for damage or loss during the show & while in our care.
9. The committee reserves the right to reproduce any work for the press or television. It also reserves the right to reject any work it considers unsuitable or offensive.
10. DELIVERY. All works to be delivered to Beresfield Bowling Club between 8am and 12 mid-day on Friday 18 May. Late entries will not be judged but may be hung.
11. The judge’s decision will be final.
12. UNSOLD WORKS must be collected on Sunday, 20 May between 3 and 5 pm. Works are not to be removed from the hall before 3 pm.
13. Artists who regard their works as a hobby must declare so and no GST is charged or applicable either on selling price or commission. Artists who regard their work as a business must declare their ABN, include the GST in the price and remit the GST to the Australian Taxation Office. A statement showing amounts of commission will be sent to you for your taxation records.
14. CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES: Pat Lennon, Phone 02 4966 1912 or Email: patricia.dawn@bigpond.com
ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form and return with the correct fee of $10 per exhibit for sections A – G $5 for section H, by Friday 4th May 2012. Cheques made payable to: Lioness Club of East Maitland – Beresfield, PO Box 238, BERESFIELD NSW 2322. Admission on Opening Night: $10 includes supper. Please RSVP for catering by 11 May 2012.

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DECLARATION: I agree to the Conditions of Entry.

GST DECLARATION: Please circle: Hobby. Business. ABN

Signature: ________________________________
All St Pius X students are encouraged to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition. The cost is $5 payable to the Bursar before Tuesday 8 May.

Australian Mathematics Trust
Executive Director: Professor P.J. Taylor FACE, C Math, FIMA, FTICA

Australian Mathematics Competition
Thursday 2 August 2012

Dear Parent

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) has been held annually since 1978. Your child is invited to enter this internationally recognised competition through their school.

Believed to be one of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 3 to 12, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of five separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Middle Primary (Years 3 and 4), Upper Primary (Years 5 and 6), Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12) divisions. Time allowed is 60 minutes for the primary papers and 75 minutes for the secondary papers.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a region and overall in the competition. It is worth noting that Australia’s leading mathematicians aged under 40 were discovered and developed as a result of taking part in the AMC.

The AMC is administered by the not-for-profit Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The problems created for AMC papers are set to the highest possible standards by volunteer teams of the most experienced mathematics teachers and academics in the country. The Australian Mathematics Trust has an unparalleled, unblemished record for the integrity and reliability of its papers.

To assist both students and parents, there are selected practice problems available for download from the AMT website. AMT publications and past papers may also be purchased. The website www.amt.edu.au provides details of other valuable mathematics andinformatics (computer science) enrichment programs offered by the AMT. You can contact the AMT office by emailing amc@amt.edu.au or phoning (02) 6201 5137. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to keep up-to-date with events.

We commend the AMC to you as an opportunity to encourage your child in the study of mathematics. Furthermore, we hope that your child will be able to have the valuable experience of taking part in this year’s competition and we wish them all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Professor Peter Taylor
Executive Director

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WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Our garments perform best when the care instructions (displayed inside the individual garments) are followed. We strongly recommend that you do not bleach or drip dry your garments, hang them promptly after washing, and always use colour safe detergents.

RETURNS POLICY

Alinta Apparel offers a 12 month warranty on all garments, and will repair or replace garments that display manufacturing faults (not general wear and tear), however, you will need to show your sales receipt for that garment.

Please try all garments for sizing BEFORE washing, as washed garments cannot be exchanged or refunded.

Uniform Shop staff cannot give approval for exchanges/refunds on faulty garments – all items need to be returned to Head Office for the Quality Control department to assess.

Garments to be assessed must be clean, and should be taken to the Uniform Shop, where they will be forwarded immediately to Alinta Apparel Head Office. A replacement garment cannot be offered in the interim (due to Health and Safety regulations).

If you wish to contact the Uniform Shop about returns outside of opening hours, you can send an email, or leave a phone message (both are checked regularly).

TIMELINE FOR RETURNS

The timeline below is offered as a guide only, and does not account for weekends or public holidays. Some repairs may exceed the time shown below, and others may be quicker.

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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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