Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

It is Week 4 already. The Term is flying by! I hope all parents got some valuable information from the Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 2. The feedback that I have heard is very positive.

Update on Factory Wing
Classes began in the new Factory Wing during the second week of Term. As always happens with new structures, it is only when you move in and start using them that you find the final aspects that need attention. Currently, the CSO Facilities Team is working on fixing problems with noise filtering between classrooms and problems with deadness of sound within some classrooms – students on one side of the room find it difficult to hear students on the other during class discussions. There are also some aspects of the Hairdressing Salon that need attention. Thanks to Mr Geoff Whitnall and his Facilities Team for their quick response and great efforts. All will be fixed soon. Thank you to parents, students and staff for your understanding and patience.

The Theatre front of house area is almost complete. Contractors have been working tirelessly into the nights and across the weekends to make the Theatre ready for Aspire, the Diocesan performing arts showcase to be held in Week 5. Tickets are still available from Ticketek.

When all is ready, the Theatre will be a top class performance space. We had a visit last week from a government VET officer who travels the state inspecting VET facilities. He was shown through the entire Factory Wing complex not just the VET related facilities. His comment was that St Pius is leading the state with these new educational facilities. This is high praise indeed coming from someone who should know.

Insurance Payout
Thanks to everyone who has made a suggestion on what we should do with the insurance money that will be forthcoming as a result of the Sr Marie Hall fire. We now have many great suggestions. These will be discussed by the school, CSO Facilities Team and P&F to determine a way forward.

Just a further suggestion to bring to your attention – do we use the money to upgrade the road system into St Pius? We will never get grant money to do this. Any upgrade of the roads will have to be saved for and paid for by the school. Several years ago, when the ATC (Australian Technical College) was proposed to be built on the top oval and share the St Pius site, a DA was submitted and approved for bringing a road up onto the oval from Park Avenue just past the end of the school buildings that border the oval. The road would run across the oval east to west and then turn north and run along the site of the current road across the oval. We could then widen the back road off Park Avenue and traffic could flow in one direction around this circuit. This is worth considering. We may or may not have sufficient funds to achieve this but if we did, do you think we should do it? I am interested in your ideas. Please email me and let me know.

The Elephant Man
This play will be staged in our brand new Theatre, The Factory Adamstown, from
7 to 15 September. There are six public performances and two school performances.

The play is being staged by Adenau & 5 Minute Call Productions, a professional Theatre company which has worked with our VET Entertainment Course students in previous years. Adenau has kindly offered to donate half of the profits from the performances to St Pius. We will use these funds to help with the acquisition of lost resources after the devastating fire that destroyed Sr Marie Hall on the first day of the July holidays.

Come along and enjoy what should be an excellent Theatre experience.

Tickets are available from Ticketek, Civic Theatre, Newcastle, 49 291 977 or from www.ticketek.com.au.

The flyer with all the relevant information is available from the Main Office or from the News & Events page of our website: http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/NewsEvents/Pages/Home.aspx

Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful week.

Robert Emery
Principal

Ministry Update

40 Hour Famine
Many families in the past have held great concerns in relation to the health of teenagers supporting this cause, and I tend to agree. Over recent years, however, the 40 Hour Famine has grown to become much more than giving up food. Nowadays, students are encouraged to give up something of meaning or worth for the 40 hours – more of a 40 hour ‘forego’ if you like. Although the issue of world hunger is at the core, our teenagers can show support in many ways. See Miss Mohr for more details.

Thrive: Be the Best We Can Be
Thrive is a four day festival for parishes and schools centred on community and youth ministry, and runs from Friday 10 August to Monday 13 August. It includes concerts and workshops to be held on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. For more information visit: www.bethebestwecanbe.com.au or see Miss Mohr.

St Pius Day
St Pius Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 21 August. On this day students will be permitted to attend in casual, but appropriate, attire. Rules for out of uniform days include closed in shoes and modest dress. A gold coin donation will be collected during a liturgy to celebrate this great occasion. Students will also be involved in organising, running and supporting a range of stalls and activities, during a late lunch, and into the afternoon. All monies raised on this day will be used for ongoing support of the project work that we have established in Vietnam. Students who travelled this year, or are planning to travel in the coming years, will appreciate how important social justice work is in these
developing areas. It is sure to be an insightful and enjoyable day for all. Congratulations in advance to the SRC for their hard work.

Special Needs Mass
A Mass for all families of children with Special Needs and those who support them will be celebrated by Bishop Bill on Wednesday 29 August, 7.00pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West. This is a great opportunity to give thanks for our Special Needs students and Support Staff. Students from St Pius will be involved in the Mass and look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Off the Streets Charity Dinner and Auction
A Dinner and Art Auction to support the work of Fr Chris Riley’s Youth Off the Streets will be held on Saturday 18 August, starting at 6.30pm. The event will be held at the Therry Centre, New England Highway, East Maitland. Tickets are $55.00 per person and include a three course dinner, beer, wine and soft drink. Tickets available from St Patrick’s Primary, Lochinar; O’Neill’s Tyres, East Maitland and Dr Riley’s Op Shop, Maitland.

Ride to Worship Week
Looking ahead, you are invited to get on your bike and take action on climate change during Australia’s third annual Ride to Worship Week. Ride a bike, walk or use another form of environmentally friendly transport to get to your religious activities from 5 October to 11 October. Register and access support materials at: 222.arrcc.org.au/ride-to-worship-week-2012.

Amanda Mohr
Acting Ministry Coordinator
amanda.mohr@mn.catholic.edu.au

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.

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: 0403 119 990

Violin
Nicole Cox – Ph: 0425 235 436

Amy Burrage
Music Teacher
Rio Tinto Big Science Competition
Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the recent Rio Tinto Big Science Competition:
**Distinction:**
Connor Graham, Rose Cousins

**Credit:**
Isaac Bowen, Cara Marks, Maxine Beh, Declan Martens, Thomas Newman, James Seldon, Alyce Young.

**Participation:**
Eliza Cook, Gabrielle Smith, Joseph Stanley, Daniel Willis, Phoebe Cousins, Georgia Johnson, Katherine Pendlebury.

UNSW Science Competition
Congratulations to the following students on their results in the UNSW Science Competition:

**Participation:**
Eulalia Angeli, Haydn Stavros, Daniel Willis, Lydia Frazer, Benjamin McIntyre, Sarah Page, Eliza Putnis.

**Credit:**
Nicholas Hamilton, Kenneth Humphreys, Alessia Sakoff, Jessie Smith, Lachlan Deverell,

**Distinction:**
Christopher Hendry, Bennett Sterling, James Seldon

*Mandy Willis*
Science Teacher

Mission Australia’s 2012 Youth Survey
About Mission Australia
Mission Australia is a national non-profit organisation that works to help create a fairer Australia. Part of our work is helping to create pathways to a successful youth and in 2010-11 we helped around 25,000 young people through our youth programs and services.

About the survey
Mission Australia has conducted the Youth Survey with young people around Australia every year since 2002. It has grown significantly over the past decade, and over the years it has asked thousands of young people to share their concerns, values and thoughts about the future.

In 2012, the survey is focussed on issues of social inclusion/exclusion from the perspective of young people aged 15 to 19 years, including participation in education and employment, family and social support, values and concerns, sources of advice and support, and community participation.

How the survey information is used
The information gathered will be used to produce a report which is distributed widely each year to schools, community organisations and policy makers. Each year Mission Australia’s Youth Survey receives a high level of media interest and is a key resource document for policy makers, having been referenced both in academic research and government discussion and policy papers related to youth. It is used as a resource across all levels of government, as well as NGOs and youth organisations, schools, communities and parents.

Each year, we are able to produce an individual report for interested schools that are able to collect a minimum of responses (100 in 2012), allowing comparisons between local data and the State and National results we publish annually. We have received feedback from participating schools in previous years that the survey findings have assisted them to develop and plan activities and programs for the school year.

If you are 15 to 19 years old and wish to take part in this survey please follow the instructions below.

**Link to the survey:**

Read the information on the first page of the online survey.

Click the consent box to consent to doing the survey.

Enter St Pius X Adamstown’s school code: 27729

Complete the survey online.
Surveys must be completed by Friday 17 August 2012.
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.
Sporting News

Diocesan Netball Carnival
Three netball teams from St Pius braved the cold and wet conditions at National Park on Tuesday 24 July for the Diocesan Gala day.

The Junior team played nine pool games only losing one and drawing in one, placing it third. The team consisted of:
Emily Grant, Hannah Brands, Laura Slatter, Erin Cullen, Siane Fonua, Cavelle McLeod, Jessica Wilson, Cassidy Fleming, Gabrielle Tonkin and Anna Argiris.

The Intermediate team progressed through the quarter finals but was beaten in the semi-finals. The team consisted of:
Mia Keenan, Puonyuom Mathiang, Hannah Simmons, Aimee Avery, Maegen Morrissey, Jessica Murray, Jordan Daly, Chelsey Girvan, Grace Lancaster and Emily Reed (Manager).

The Senior team did well to progress to the semi-finals against teams that fielded girls from Years 11 and 12. The team consisted of:
Gabrielle Lynch, Abbey McQualter, Mackenzie Ptolemy, Meg Bailey, Olivia Rodgers, Airlie Davis, Abbey Braye, Isabella Gray and Jacquelyn Baita.

All girls displayed excellent netball skills and great sportsmanship. Our thanks go to Eliza Cook, Julia Dintino and Jessica Sorby who umpired for us on the day, and to the Coaches Mrs Smith and Miss Gallagher.

Mandy Willis
Netball Coach

Ginnsberg Ice Hockey Championships
Ginnsberg Ice Hockey Championships were held recently in Adelaide from 26 July to 29 July. Congratulations to Pearcen Nicholson who was in the NSW Under 13 team. Pearcen scored the equaliser against Victoria to take the game to 4-4. The team defeated Victoria 5-4 to become the Australian Champions.

Cross Country – State Champion
Congratulations to Rose Davies (Year 7) who recently won the NSW AllSchools U13 Cross Country held at Eastern Creek. Rose qualified for the AllSchools carnival after winning the NSWCCC event in Term 2. She is now focusing on the National titles which are being held in Adelaide later this term. We wish her all the best for this upcoming event.

David Pitfield
Representative Sport
24th July 2012

Dear Principal,

**RE: SPECIAL NEEDS MASS, 7:00pm, Wednesday 29th August**

I am writing to alert you to the 15th Annual Special Needs Mass hosted by the Special Needs Working Party to be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral this year. The mass which is one of the highlights of the diocesan year presided over by Bishop Bill, is a very special celebration of families of students with special needs and is always a warm and welcoming occasion for all those who attend, students, families, Learning Support staff, school staff, principals and CSO personnel.

As the mass is being celebrated at the Cathedral this year, I believe it is wonderful opportunity to gather together as a whole diocesan community and so would like to request that each school bring along their banner with staff and students to show support for our families.

I would also ask that you publicise the event in your school bulletins. An invitation has been sent to Learning Support Coordinators and Teachers and they have been requested to forward it to families who would particularly appreciate the support offered by the Mass.

For further information please contact, Parent Liaison & Resources, Ph: 4979 1303 or email linda.mcneil@mn.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to sharing this occasion with you.

Yours sincerely,

**Linda McNeil**

Linda McNeil
Parent Liaison & Resources Officer
Tigers Junior Cricket Club Registration Days

Tigers Junior Cricket Club covers Adamstown, New Lambton South, Garden Suburb, Kotara, Kotara South and surrounding suburbs and is affiliated with Merewether District CC.

Our Club is focused on giving young people (Female and Male) the opportunity to play and develop in the game of Cricket in an enjoyable family environment.

5 to 8 year olds - In2Cricket (90 mins);
7 & 8 year olds - Super 8s (90 mins);
U/10s - (2 hrs);
Girls U/13 & U/15 (twilight) and
U/11s - U/17s (competition Cricket).

Can’t play on Saturday?

Starting October there is a fun mid-week twilight T20 comp for you and your friends.

**TIGERS JUNIOR CRICKET**

**2012-13 REGISTRATION DATES**

Friday 10th August 2012 - Kotara South Soccer Clubhouse at Nesbitt Park 5 to 7pm
Thursday 16th Aug. 2012 - Newcastle United Sports Club, Bryant St, Adamstown 5 to 7pm
Friday 17th August 2012 – Kotara South Soccer Clubhouse at Nesbitt Park 5 to 7pm

ALL PLAYERS REGISTERED ON THE ABOVE DATES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A FULL SIZE GM CRICKET BAT PERSONALLY AUTOGRAPHED BY SHANE WATSON.

Contact
Jason McKendry 0408 024 838
Darren Linsley 0402 029 917
tigersjuniorcricket@yahoo.com.au or
St Pius X High School
2012 Mother’s Dinner

Hope Amongst the Ashes

When: Friday 7 September
Time: 6.30pm – 11.30pm (7.00pm dinner)
Where: The Duke of Wellington Hotel
Regent Street, New Lambton
Cost: $50.00 per ticket
Contact: Deanne March 0414830918

Come along and join us for the annual St Pius Mother’s Dinner. This year we will be raising money to replace items lost in the recent fire that destroyed Sr Marie Hall, particularly the resources of Mrs Simone Kelly. Tickets are $50.00 which includes main and dessert, a glass of wine/champagne on arrival, guest speaker, a ticket in the lucky door prize, and most importantly, the opportunity to catch up with other Mums and have some fun. There are some fantastic raffle prizes, with tickets being available on the night. Tables are for groups of either 8 or 10; maybe you could organise a table of friends! Please return the slip below and your $50.00 to the school Reception, marked St Pius Mother’s Dinner, by Friday 17 August.

Yes I ......................... will be attending the Mother’s Dinner and have organised a table of ____ people. (Please list their names and note if any are the Mother of a year 10 student.)

OR

Yes I ......................... will be attending the Mothers’ Dinner, please seat me at a table.

I am a year 10 Mum  yes/no

Please note food allergies or if vegetarian..........................................

ABOUT ASPIRE

Aspire is an initiative of the Catholic Schools Office that provides an opportunity for students talented in the performing arts to challenge themselves in a creative environment. This showcase performance unites the four ensembles of Voice, Drama, Instrumental and Dance culminating in a dynamic, integrated production for 2012.

16-18 AUGUST

PRESENTS

THIS IS ME

ABOUT

THIS IS ME

‘This is me’ is a showcase performance with a difference. Taking the theme of identity as its starting point and set in a Newcastle schoolyard we introduce you to a stunning cast of more than 80 young performers from schools across the Maitland-Newcastle diocese and allow you to glimpse what makes each of these performers unique.

THE FACTORY

ST PIUS X ADAMSTOWN

BOOK AT THE CIVIC THEATRE BOX OFFICE
ANY TICKETEK OUTLET OR CALL 49291977
$10.00 a ticket for a matinee performance
$20.00 a ticket for a pensioner/concession
$30.00 a ticket for an adult
$25.00 a ticket for a group booking of 10 or more people
Ticket prices include GST. Booking and transaction fees may apply

THE PERFORMANCES:
- Thursday 16 August at 11.00 matinee
  for schools/public welcome
- Friday 17 August at 11.30 matinee
  for schools/public welcome
- Friday 17 August at 7.00pm opening night
- Saturday 18 August at 7.00 pm
## Uniform Shop Convenor:
Kylie Delaney
Phone: (02) 4957 7651  (shop hours)
E-mail: stpius@alinta.com.au
Web: www.alintaapparel.com.au

### Operating Hours
- **Monday**: 10.30am – 12.30pm
- **Wednesday**: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

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### Sale
- **Girls Fitted Pants**: $53.00
  - **Sale Price**: $15.00

### 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.
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.

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Second Hand Uniforms

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