Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

Out With Plastic Water Bottles
It is a fact that each year world-wide:
- 50 million barrels of oil are used to make and transport plastic bottles.
- Most of those bottles will end up in landfill or floating in the ocean.
- They take over 1,000 years to bio-degrade.
- If incinerated, they produce toxic fumes.
- Over 80% of all single-use water bottles become "litter."
- $100 Billion dollars is spent on bottled water and just 1/6 of that could reduce by half the number of people without access to clean water in developing nations.
- 3 litres of water are actually used to package 1 litre of bottled water.

To quote Ian Kiernan, the chairman of Clean Up Australia, bottled water is "one of the greatest cons ever pulled. It's just lunacy..." (The Age 19/08/07)

The Catholic social justice principle of the common good states that water should not be treated as just another commodity - Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church 2004 n. 164. The Sisters of Mercy have banned the use of bottled water at all their gatherings world-wide. In NSW, the town of Bundanoon voted to be free of bottled-water. In our local area, the City of Lake Macquarie has installed water refill stations in Toronto's Foreshore Park.

For more information, watch this 8 minute video clip:

http://thewaterproject.org/bottled_water.asp


Here at St Pius, a decision was made some time ago, for reasons of social justice and environmental sustainability that the School Canteen would phase out the sale of plastic water bottles as soon as possible. It has taken some time to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow this to happen but now everything is in place. We have installed many new, hygienic, filtered water stations in Levels 3 and 5. The Canteen will no longer sell water in plastic bottles.

Students can now bring or buy a reusable bottle and easily refill it for free from one of the many water stations. The Canteen has 1000 stainless steel bottles for sale at the extremely low cost price of $4 each. This is well below RRP of $15.

I encourage all parents and students to support this initiative.
**NAPLAN**
The NAPLAN tests are being held this week. The idea behind NAPLAN – which stands for National Assessment Plan, Literacy and Numeracy – is simple: provide a national snapshot of how students are faring. Our philosophy at St Pius is that by looking at the NAPLAN data that comes back to us we can decide how well our teaching and learning are going. We can identify the needs of individual students and assist them in appropriate ways. At St Pius, our NAPLAN results have always been very good. I wish all our Year 7 & 9 students all the best for this year’s tests.

**Semester Exams**
Exams are two weeks away for Year 8 & 10 and three weeks away for Years 7 & 9. Students – if you have not yet started to prepare for these exams I strongly urge you to do so. What a wonderful feeling it would be if you walked into each exam knowing that you had studied everything thoroughly, instead of hoping that your hurried skim through your notes the night before has stuck with you! Make up an “Exam Study Plan” and use it. Get mum and dad to give you a hand. Their input can be invaluable.

A Study Plan works only if you keep it sensible. What you plan to do has to be realistically achievable for you. You have to use it consistently. You have to start using it soon enough before the exams so that you have time to get everything done. So, give it a go. Make a decision for these exams that you are going to do better than you have ever done before. Then, get working!

**Complaints Resolution**
I remind parents and carers that the school has policy and procedures in place to ensure that disputes or complaints can be resolved fairly. A copy of the policy and procedures can be obtained from the Main Office or on the School Website (Our School tab, School Policies).

**Essential Information for Volunteers**
The Commission for Children and Young People Act requires all employers to confirm that all employees, both paid and unpaid, are not prohibited persons. A prohibited person is one who has been convicted of serious criminal offences involving violence or sexual misconduct.

Paid employees are police checked before appointment. Volunteers, however, must complete a Volunteer/Student Declaration form available from the Main Office. Volunteers will also need proof of identity – 100 points – in order to be placed on the school’s list of allowed volunteers. A form is available at Reception that details how to get 100 points for proof of identity.

The full text of our Child Protection Policy is available on our website.

Have a great week everyone!

Robert Emery
Principal
Important Dates for your Diary

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Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books were given out to students on Wednesday 8 May. If you would like to purchase your book please pay $60.00 by Wednesday 15 May, payments can be made on line at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3406j8 or send the payment in with your child. If you do not wish to purchase the book please return to the student services by Wednesday 15 May. For any further information please contact Frances Bowen on 4957 1032.

School Contact Details
St Pius X High School
Park Avenue Adamstown 2289
Reception: 02 4957 1032
Student Services: 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

PLEASE NOTE:
Parents can ring Student Services directly on 40 132 606.

Students: Please carry your ID Card on you at all times.

Canteen Roster
If you are unable to attend your allotted day, please contact Janelle Oliver or Sharon Hart at the Main Office on 4957 1032 or the Canteen directly on 4013 2629.

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Updated Sick Bay Procedures
To allow students the privacy and space for an undisturbed rest, Sick Bays will now be a “phone-free” and “laptop-free” zone. Students will be asked to leave their phone or laptop for safe keeping with the staff at Student Services. Phones or laptops will be returned as students are discharged. As a further service, staff from Student Services will make a courtesy call to parents to inform them that their child has spent some time at Sick Bay during the day.

Student Coordinator Team

Time to Update the St Pius X High School Wall of Fame
The staff and students of St Pius X High School are very proud of what our school has achieved in the past and the excellent learning environment that exists today. In its 54 year history, this school has educated many young people who have subsequently made a significant contribution to our community and our nation. For our 50th Anniversary, we inducted 14 ex-students into the “Wall of Fame” which takes pride of place in the school foyer. These individuals have achieved at an outstanding level in their chosen fields of endeavour such as academia, performing arts, literature, the media and a variety of sports.

As part of our St Pius Day Celebrations in August 2013, we would like to acknowledge more ex-students in this way. I am asking the community to nominate suitable candidates. We aim for a range of people who will inspire our current students to achieve their dreams, whatever they may be. If you can think of someone suitable, please email me on the address below. All suggestions will be researched and taken to the school executive for their consideration.

Simone Kelly
Religious Studies Coordinator
simone.kelly@mn.catholic.edu.au

Ministry News
The Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost
Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension and this Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – two major feasts in the life of the Church. The Ascension celebrates Jesus’ return to his Father after his life and resurrection on earth (used to be Ascension Thursday a Holy Day of obligation, but now on a Sunday in line with all major feasts of Jesus). Pentecost is the end of the Easter season. For the last 50 days we have been remembering and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. In parish churches you will see the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle) moved from the prominent place near the Lectern (Word of God) to the Baptismal Font, symbolic that the season of Easter is now finished. There it will remain until Lent next year.

Around this time, appropriately, many of the students in our Primary schools are celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. As a community we join in prayer to pray for these students and their families and wish them well in the completion of their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Year 10 Retreat
Year 10 have been and returned from their Retreat experience at Collaroy in Sydney. For all concerned it was a positive experience where the students (and staff) learnt more about themselves, each other and hopefully where God is in their lives. The liturgy, organised by Mr Kelly and prayed wonderfully by the students and culminating in their special letters from home, was the highlight. While organising this part of the Retreat was challenging, the response from the students made it all worthwhile. The Spirit was certainly working that night.

A special thank you to staff who travelled to Sydney, and the staff who contributed in supporting me in many ways leading up to the Retreat.
Advance Notice: The Year 10 Retreat next year (2014) will be in Week 9 of Term 3 – 10, 11 and 12 September.

Tony Worner
Ministry Coordinator

Careers
Hunter TAFE Visit - Hospitality
Hunter TAFE is visiting our school to present on their Hospitality courses. Student representatives from TAFE will provide information on the courses available, career paths and job opportunities that are within the industry.
When: Thursday 16 May 2013
Where: Theatrette
Time: 2.00pm – 3.15pm
All Year 9 and Year 10 students are welcome.

Newcastle Lake Macquarie Careers Expo
Year 10 students who have paid and returned their permission slips will be attending the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie Career and Training Expo on Friday 24 May 2013 at the Newcastle Jockey Club, Broadmeadow. This event will be hosting many major employers from Newcastle, local Group Training Companies, Private Colleges from Newcastle and Sydney, TAFE and Universities from across the state. This is an excellent opportunity for students to speak with these organisations about courses and employment prospects.

Please, ensure that your child wears sports’ uniform. Students are to meet at the bus shelter by no later than 8.30am - We have a tight schedule and will be leaving school premises at 8.45am sharp.

Year 10 Work Experience – Term 2
The Work Experience Program at St Pius X High School is an excellent opportunity for Year 10 students to experience the workplace of their planned career choice.

Students who are hoping to enter the workforce at the end of Year 10 rather than continue their education into the Higher School Certificate are highly encouraged to participate in the program in Term 2.

Students aiming to continue their studies into the Years 11/12 for the Higher School Certificate but who are also interested in undertaking some Work Experience are advised to look at a Term 4 placement period.

Work Experience in Term 2, 2013 is:
Monday 17 June – Friday 21 June 2013
Or
Monday 24 June – Friday 28 June 2013

The Work Experience program is not compulsory. Any student wishing to participate in the Year 10 Work Experience program, please contact Lisa McCarthy, Careers Advisor.

Should you require any further information about the careers events please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lisa McCarthy
Careers

Uminohoshi High School Visit to St Pius X
It is time for St Pius X High School to host the students from our sister school Uminohoshi Girls High School Hamamatsu Japan. This association with our school has continued for the past 22 years with our students visiting the Japanese school every second year.

If you are interested in hosting one (or two) of these students, please send your son/daughter to see me (Mrs Gab Smith) or Mrs Porter in Room 419 or in the staffroom at recess or lunch.

Gab Smith
LOTE Coordinator
Successful Fundraiser for Vietnam Project Work

Last week 82 members of the school community dined at Le Dynasty Restaurant in Darby Street, Cooks Hill to raise funds for the social justice projects they will undertake in Vietnam. This June, 40 Year 10 students and staff will embark on a “World Challenge” trekking, cultural immersion and social justice trip to Vietnam for three weeks. They have paid for their own expenses and are raising funds to continue concreting a path into the mountains which will save lives of the Hmong people of Sapa in the event of landslides. This year, we will also work with children in a homeless and disabled shelter.

Thanks to Joanne Crosbie for her tireless efforts to organise the dinner. Thanks to Mac Pac, Euro, Le Dynasty and the Seldon family for their generous donation of the lucky door prizes. Well done to the community for raising $820 on the night.

Simone Kelly
Religious Studies Coordinator

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Please don’t forget to collect your Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. You can return your completed sticker sheets to Student Services or the box at Woolworths Kotara. Blank Sticker sheets are available at the school. Thank you for your support.

Cherie Borger
TAS Teacher

Maths Twits

I’m sorry – that was supposed to say Maths Tweets. As a trial, I will be using Twitter as an information avenue for parents and students in my Maths classes. I will be posting dates of assessment tasks and daily homework on Twitter as well as on the Virtual Classroom (VC) on the school site. The problem with the VC is that it is difficult for parents to access without the student’s login information. Parents will be able to immediately know what homework was given to each class via tweets. To follow me, just search for @southwellspx. Individual classes will be tagged, like Year 7 will have the tag #southwell7 and Year 10 will have #southwell10.

“YouTube, Twitter and Facebook will merge into one super-time-wasting website called ‘You Twit Face’.” - Conan O’Brien

Richard Southwell
Maths Teacher

Dio Sounds Performance on 12 June 2013 at the Civic Theatre

Performing Art students of St Pius Adamstown have been given the opportunity to perform in Dio Sounds at the Newcastle Civic Theatre in a matinee and evening performance on 12 June 2013. Dio Sounds is a showcase of Performing Arts students from secondary schools from across the Diocese. This year St Pius X will be represented by 40 talented students from our A Capella Choir, singing a mash-up of ‘Just a Dream’ and ‘Just the Way You Are” using 6 part harmonies, and Rockestra performing ‘50 Ways to Say Goodbye’.

We invite parents and relatives to come support our wonderfully talented students here at St Pius.

You can now purchase tickets from Ticketek Civic Theatre Box Office or from any Ticketek outlet.

Tahnee Elgar-Roberts
Music Teacher

It’s Getting Cold Outside

School scarves are available this term. The P&F Committee and Student
Representative Council have organised for the design of a school scarf for students to purchase for the winter terms. Proceeds from these sales will go towards disadvantaged women in Tibet – a fantastic cause. The scarves are priced at $22.50 and are available for purchase through the Bursar at the Main Office.

Bonnie Tranchini
Teacher

Sporting News
Turner Cup
In the first round of this year’s competition, SPX played Macquarie College at our school ground on Friday 12 April. Macquarie College had some very good players, but they were a young side and our more experienced players controlled the game and were comfortable 4-1 winners. St Pius played some good football in patches and for our first game it was a good hit out. Goal scorers were: Luke Vallone (2), Sean McNamara (1) and Fletcher Davis (1).

Our next game is against Merewether High – sure to be a much tougher game. The team is:

Gary Atherton
Coach

NSW Regional Country Championships Basketball
On Friday 3 May and Saturday 4 May, our junior boys’ and girls’ and senior boys’ Basketball teams went to Maitland Basketball Stadium to compete in the Country Catholic Schools Championship to try to earn a place into the NSW Catholic Schools Carnival at Penrith later in the term. This was a big ask for our teams as they went on a pupil free day and a Saturday of their own time. Many missed Saturday sports.

The junior girls team consisted of: Rose Cousins, Isabel Palmer, Cavelle McLeod, Rachel Haberl, Caley Palmer, Siane Fonua, Helayna McCloy, Gabriella Cosentino, Tahlia West. The girls performed very well on the day but went down to some very strong teams. A big thank you must go to Alan McCloy who coached the girls’ team and Ryan McCloy (ex-student) who helped as well.

The junior boys’ team consisted of: Isaac Clifford, Benjamin Jones, Corey Blake, Zackery Hattam, Luke O’Connor, Nicholas Kingham, Levi Borrelli, Cody Easton. The boys did exceptionally well, beating St Edwards, Gosford to go through to the semi final against St Peter’s, Maitland. The boys lost in a close game and St Peter’s went on to be the overall winners on the day. A big thankyou to Marc Hattam who coached the boys and ran a training session in the school holidays which all boys attended.

The senior boys’ team consisted of: Myles Cherry, Ben Howard, Joseph Woods, Tobias Wait, Makoi Makuer, Oliver Orpin, Jasper Konetschnik, Harrison Brake, Jordon Thorley. After losing their first two games, they regrouped to win the next four games in a row, defeating St Edwards, Gosford in the semi-final and McCarthy College, Tamworth in the Grand Final 46-26. These boys were exceptional all tournament, especially considering they had no coach on Friday and a big thank you to Jock Wait who came and coached them on Saturday. The boys now go on to the NSW Championships in Penrith, with new uniforms to wear.

A huge thank you must go to all the parents for driving to Maitland and supporting the teams and helping out when they could. It is always a pleasure to be a part of a community like St Pius at sporting events.

Kerrie Sellers
Basketball
Free Parent Sessions

With the aim of increasing well-being and safety at our school, St Pius would like to offer some information and education sessions for the entire school community. So far, all of the staff and close to 50 parents have attended these talks. The students at St Pius have also received a modified talk here at school.

These comments are from parents who have attended one of these sessions.

“More confident”                            “Extremely helpful”

“Everyone should hear this”                  “Very important topic”

“Necessary”

Wednesday 15 May 2013
6:30pm—9:30pm

Monday 27 May 2013
9:30am—12:30pm

If you would like to attend one of these sessions please contact the school.
Ph: 4957 1032
Email: maryanne.paisley@mn.catholic.edu.au
Or: carmel.wright@mn.catholic.edu.au
Rock Band Meets Orchestra

It is with enthusiasm and excitement that the music department presents a music ensemble that caters for all instrumentalists! ROCKESTRA has been designed to incorporate the sounds of a rock band meets orchestra.

This group is a combination of instruments ranging from a rock band, brass instruments, wood-wind instruments through to violins and the string family.

The elements of a classical orchestra will meet with the modern day sounds of a rock band to form a SUPER group: ROCKESTRA!!

We are now recruiting for members and are hoping for a large group for this year’s annual performance at Dio Sounds!!

If you are interested in joining ROCKESTRA, please come and see Mrs Elgar to put your name down.

Timetable for 2013 rehearsals:

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Rockestra will be involved in a variety of performances this year including: Dio Sounds at the Civic Theatre in June.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any enquiries.

Yours in banding,
Tahnee Elgar-Roberts
Music Department
St Pius X Adamstown (02) 4957 1032
Performances by students from local catholic high schools.
An unique and extraordinary experience not to be missed. Book now!

Booking at the Civic Theatre or Ticketek, Adults $28, Students $15,

Thursday 13th June 6:30 pm, Civic Theatre.
Excess stock of the following items are now reduced by 50% while stock lasts.

- Boys formal shorts in sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- Woolen jumper sizes 24, 26, 28
- Girls formal blouse sizes L14, L16, L18
- Track Jacket sizes J10, J12, J14, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- Track Pants sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- Tartan skirt sizes L14, L18, L20

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TREASURED

25-27 JULY, CIVIC THEATRE NEWCASTLE

THURSDAY 25 JULY 11.00AM
FRIDAY 26 JULY 11.00AM & 7.00PM
SATURDAY 27 JULY 7.00PM

BOOK AT THE CIVIC THEATRE BOX OFFICE
ANY TICKETEK OUTLET OR CALL 4929 1977
$10 MATINEE | $20 PENSIONER/CONCESSION
$30 ADULT | $25 GROUP BOOKING OF 10 OR MORE
Ticket prices include GST. Booking and transaction fees may apply.

Catholic Schools Office
Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

This is an initiative of the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle Catholic Schools.
Second Hand Uniforms

A large number of parents have expressed the need to have second hand uniforms available. St Pius X High School offers a service which enables 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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□ Buy  □ Sell  (please tick)

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