Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

**Latest Climate Change Report**

As you may be aware, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently released its Fifth Report which provides a clear view of the current state of scientific knowledge relevant to climate change. The report itself is over 2000 pages long but the Climate Council of Australia has produced a very easy to read infographic which highlights the essential findings of the report. This infographic is available at the following link:


The Climate Council has also written a summary of the IPCC Report. The summary is well worth a read. The link to the summary is:


(Note that there is a link to this summary at the bottom of the infographic but that link does not seem to work. Use the link I have provided above.)

For those who would like to access the full IPCC Report or the official summary from the IPCC, the following link takes you to a page from which you can access both documents:


I encourage everyone to take an active interest in this report. Whatever our own personal view of climate change might be, it makes good sense to be well informed with the latest information.

**School Assembly**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) put a proposal to the School Executive late last term regarding improvements to our school assemblies. The SRC proposed that instead of having the combination of half-school assemblies and long Care Group sessions every Wednesday B, we hold full-school assemblies every Wednesday B in a suitable location. Further they suggested that they would like to organise and run the assemblies. This proposal was accepted by the Executive and we will hold the first of these assemblies in the Bus Shelter this Wednesday. I express my thanks to our SRC for this initiative.

**SEVDEV Feedback**

Mr Craig Wattam, Assistant Director of Schools and Chairperson of the SEVDEV Panel, will provide formal feedback from our recent SEVDEV to the Staff on Tuesday afternoon 15/10. The preliminary feedback presented to the Executive Team at the end of the SEVDEV week was very positive. Once the formal feedback has been presented to the whole staff I will publish a summary in The Lion.
Exams
Students who wish to do well in their studies will have already started studying for their exams or will be making preparations to do so. Years 7 & 8 exams will be held in Week 5, Year 10 in Week 6 and Year 9 in Week 7. Parents and Carers please encourage your sons and daughters to prepare well for their coming exams. Good preparation can make a huge difference to results.

Carpe diem.

Principal

SAFETY WARNING
Parents are reminded that the Car Park off Fletcher Street is not to be used as a drop-off and pick-up area. This car park is only for Staff & Visitor use as a parking area. This is for very obvious safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Important Dates

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P&F Committee Meeting Minutes Summary

Tuesday 10 September 2013

1. **Feedback from SEVDEV Surveys**
   Craig Wattam and Lisa Little from the CSO attended our meeting to present the results from the SEVDEV Survey.

2. **P&F Emailing list**
   Eight families have been included on the P&F email list. It has been agreed that a summary of P&F Meeting minutes is to be included in the Lion Newsletter, FYI for all parents.

3. **Principal’s Report**
   - New toilet block is to be ready for use in Week 2 Term 4.
   - Ground floor western block works to commence over holidays.
   - 1:1 computer access for 2014 onwards – Survey data analysed, staff is providing input.
   - Trials of “Latitude 10” tablets have been held with favourable response to the tablets and connection and performance. School has developed a costing model for the 1:1 program details and will be published soon.
   - Tablets will be implemented in Yr 7 or 8 and students have these for 3 years. SFX looking at laptops for Yr 11 onwards.
   - No decisions made as yet any further suggestions to the Principal.

4. **Treasurer’s Report**
   Balance of Cheque account $16,301.12 and Term Deposit Balance $5843.12.

5. **P&F Federation Report**
   - Recently held Special Needs Mass at St Therese’s.
   - Study into the Provision of Secondary Schools is well underway. Parents, staff and interested people have attended listening assemblies where valuable information has been gathered. Evident there is a strong agreement around valuing the Catholic Ethos, including natural justice, and the importance of technological innovation. The idea of more yrs 7-12 schools was raised as was the idea of specialist schools. High value has been placed on SFX as a senior campus and many parents would like the attitudes at this school reflected through our junior high schools.
   - Election of Office Bearers was held with Giavanna Angeli (President) and Bronwyn Melville (Vice president). Giavanna, Bronwyn and Deanne March (Delegate for St Pius) have been nominated to assist with various working parties.

6. **Mothers’ Dinner Report**
   Mothers’ Dinner to be held at Lizotte’s on 21 October 2013. Capacity for the venue has been reached. Raffle Prizes still being finalised. Any donations for our raffle would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Deanne March 0414830918.
Ministry
October
In the Church, the month of October is traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary. It is a time to remember significant events of Jesus’ life through praying the Rosary. It is also the month that Catholic Missions asks us to remember those who live in poverty throughout the world. This year Catholic Missions is running the Socktober Campaign where a focus this year is “Sock it to homelessness”.

On Wednesday 23 October in Mission Week, everyone is invited to wear coloured socks. They can be any colour, football and/or crazy. All we ask is a gold coin donation that will be collected in Care Group on that day. (Students must still wear their sports or school uniform, whichever they would normally wear.) On this day, our Vinnies’ Group and some of our SRC are attending the Diocesan Mission Day of Solidarity at Tarro Sports Reserve.

Year 9 Leadership Day
On Thursday 24 October our Year 9 students meet at St James’ School Hall for a day of reflection and information which begins the process of nominating and choosing the leaders for 2014. Please remember these students at this important time.

Life Teen
Open to anyone in Years 8-12. See information further in the newsletter for the next social night and Youth Mass.

Tony Worner
Ministry Coordinator

HSIE Excursion
On 18 September, Year 9 Commerce went to Sydney and visited the NAB and Reserve Bank of Australia Museum and also was able to walk through the CBD. Firstly, we went to the NAB where we went up to the live trading floor. If I had to do the job on that floor I would be terrified. People have to handle billions of dollars and have four large screens to themselves with programs all running at the same time. Things were private so anything we heard up there was to stay on that floor. We were divided into two groups; one group went to the trading floor, whilst the other group received a talk from one of the big bosses. Then we swapped. Once we left there, we went to the Currency Museum. It was amazing how they preserved the money for so long and I learnt so much and saw some amazing things. Amazingly, there were only two hiccups on the day. In the beginning, everything was going so smoothly it was weird but when the hiccup occurred it felt more real. At the start of the day, truthfully, I thought it would be bad but I ended up enjoying myself. This is something you could never do if you wanted just to walk in and I may never get to do this again even though I would do so if given the chance. Commerce is something you can use for life and this was an opportunity I might otherwise not have been able to have.

Sarah Diamante
Year 9 Student

With thanks to Steve Smith (Parent) who organized our NAB visit.

Paul Smyth
Marcelle Powell
HSIE Department

Maitland Diocesan Secondary Schools Debating Finals Competition 2013
On Wednesday 4 September 2013 the Diocesan Secondary Schools Debating Finals Competition was held at St Mary’s High School, Maitland. It was a terrific day full of strong debating and discussion. It was certainly a day full of humour and valuable learning experience. All debaters rose to the challenge, conquering their nerves to present their persuasive and often humorous arguments.
Some of the topics debated included ‘That online relationships are just as beneficial as face to face relationships’ and ‘That we should put the environment first’. Once each team presented their prepared debates, the winners went through to the next very challenging Grand Final Level which was the impromptu debate.

The completion was fierce and it was a very exciting. As we awaited the adjudicators’ decisions about Grand Finalist Winners, even the audience was undecided about who should win.

Our School sent three teams to represent St Pius X and our Year 7, 8 and 10 teams qualified for this Final. All three teams won their prepared debates and battled through to the Grand Final. They did our school proud. Our Year 8 and Year 10 Teams won the Grand Final and our Year 7 Team was awarded Runners up Awards.

St Pius X will now be represented at The Catholic Regional Schools of NSW Debating Day in Sydney in November.

Rosie Cousins
Year 8 Student

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Congratulations to James Seldon of Year 10 who was awarded a High Distinction in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz and to the other participants Phoebe Cousins, Victor Hondermarck, Daniel Willis, Emily Whelan, Alexander Edwards, Joshua Dawson, Arthur Hondermarck and Rose Cousins.

Mandy Willis
Science Teacher

Careers

Year 10 Work Experience – Term 4

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.

Work Experience in Term 4, 2013 is:
Monday 18 November 2013 to Friday 22 November 2013 or Monday 25 November 2013 to Friday 29 November 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 (Room 608).

Lisa McCarthy
Careers

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate

Over the past two weeks, Year 10 Food Technology Class has been fortunate to spend time with award-winning pastry chef Dean Gibson from Hunter TAFE. Dean has been showing some tricks of the trade to help them with their upcoming cake decorating assessment task. Students had a fantastic time learning how to do all things chocolate - ganache, piping letters and stars, decorative shards and dipped strawberries. Dean also brought in some divine chocolates and cakes which the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed. We are so appreciative of his giving up two days of time as well as his knowledge, resources and skills (and chocolate of course). Big thank you also to Gregg Knapp, Faculty Director at TAFE.
for letting us borrow Dean and the TAFE resources for the day.

Dean has even inspired some students to continue further training at TAFE. There are many food related short and long courses at Hunter TAFE. Maybe you might want to book into the upcoming one day Chocolate Masterclass yourself. If you or your children are interested in any hospitality courses we have some brochures at school or go to the www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

Do you have a skill that you could share with our students?? We are always happy to have parents and community members at the school. Consider becoming involved.

Cherie Borger
Technology Teacher

Newcastle Youth Orchestra
The NYO is a fantastic new orchestra which has taken the City of Newcastle by ‘Storm’! The first three concerts of the 2013 NYO Concert Series have been overwhelming successes. The NYO is an orchestra comprising of young accomplished musicians. Phoebe Cousins (Year 10) has been a member of the NYO since it began and is the youngest member of the Orchestra. The next NYO Concert is going to be big and it’s going to be free.

Save the date!
When: Friday 6 December 2013 – 6pm
Where: Honeysuckle, Newcastle (TBC)
The NYO will captivate and celebrate the beginnings of the silly season!

Rip Curl Gromsearch
Congratulations to Jackson Baker (Yr 10) who recently competed in the Rip Curl Gromsearch held in Victoria placing second!!
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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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
Ph: 40 132 606

Attention Parents
- If any personal contact details change please update them with us immediately.
- It is imperative that at least one of the people you have nominated as an emergency contact can be reached at all times.
**Sport News**

**Physical Activity Expo**
At the end of last term the PA4E1 team (physical activity for everyone) hosted a physical activity expo at our school. Local sporting and leisure organisations from within the community were invited along to showcase their activity and to give the students a taste of what is offered out there regarding outside of school activities. We all know how important physical activity is and that students cannot get enough activity from their time at school. Students and their families need to develop links within their community as to how we can improve participation rates.

The expo was extremely well received by the sporting organisations as well as the students. Students had the opportunity to have a hands on experience at most stations and were definitely given some good options as to what type of activity they could add to their usual week.

Students also received show bags with all of the promotional material from these local organisations. This has enabled them to bring them home to their families and included contact details and appropriate pathways for involvement. We would like to thank everyone that gave up their time to showcase their activity to the students and have listed them below:


*David Pitfield*

**Sport**

**Year 7/8 Rep Soccer**
Once again St Pius was able to field a very good side in the Term 3 Competition. Our team went through the six rounds of the competition undefeated, scoring 33 goals and conceding 11. We had two very tough games against San Clemente but each time we managed to find a winner – defeating them 6-3 and 4-3.

The Grand Final was played last Friday against San Clemente and it was another tough game with both teams playing good, hard and entertaining football. St Pius started very well and was two nil up after 10 minutes, with John Robinson and Nicholas Bull scoring two well taken goals. Unfortunately John Robinson collided with the keeper after scoring his goal and landed heavily on his shoulder. He took no furthur part in the game. To its credit, the San Clemente team kept fighting for every ball and by half time had pulled level at 2-2. After the break, St Pius started brightly and was rewarded with an early goal, scored by Timothy Stewart, to go in front again.

San Clemente hit back almost immediately to again pull level, 3-3. St Pius seemed to lift a gear and started dominating possession and territory. It was only a matter of time before we scored and when it came, it was a beauty!!! Alexander Grant picked up a rebound from a St Pius shot, about 30 metres out, and ran at the defence. He beat two players, got to the byline and then crossed a beautiful low pass for Joshua Kerr to side foot the ball into the goal from about a metre out – a great goal! For the remaining ten
minutes, San Clemente tried everything to get an equaliser but St Pius held strong to run out 4-3 winners.

Every St Pius player played well but goalkeeper William Reeves deserves special mention. At two critical times in the game William made a couple of great saves to deny San Clemente. I would like to thank the boys of the team for the way they played and the way they conducted themselves in every game. I took a lot of pleasure out of watching you play some very good football.

The team consisted of:
William Reeves(G.K.), Harrison Crook(Capt), John Robinson, Nicholas Furuhashi, Kyle Theacos, Timothy Stewart, Danilo O’Brien, Joshua Davis, Joshua Kerr, Alexander Grant, Alexander Goodwin, Nicholas Bull, Cody Easton and Darby Richardson.

Gary Atherton
Coach

9/10 Girls’ Oztag
During Term 3, SPX had two 9/10 teams competing in the representative Oztag Competition held at Smith Park. Once again, it was very heartwarming to see close to 40 students try out for these two teams. It is a great reflection of the strength of girls’ sport at St Pius to see such healthy numbers at a rep trial.

To continue the strong rivalry between Year 9 and Year 10, we selected one Year 9 team and one Year 10 team. Both teams performed strongly throughout the competition and were the stand out teams against the other schools. During the round games, both teams had convincing wins against San Clemente and St Paul’s and shared victories against each other.

Coming into the Grand Final, and with one win apiece, tensions were high. With trophies on the line, the Grand Final was played with intensity but in great spirit. The Year 9 team went out to an early lead with Ajok Marial scoring a try and Kristen McSpadden crossing for a double.

Not to be outdone, the Year 10 staged a strong comeback with Puonyuom Mathiang scoring two tries and Kate O’Rourke also scoring. However, the Year 9 team proved to be too good on the day with Irene Juma displaying a clean set of heels to go over untouched. Eliza Cook sealed the victory with one final try.

Congratulations to both teams. You always displayed sportsmanship in your games and were a pleasure to coach and referee. Thanks also to Emily Reed who was our scorer. The teams were:

Year 9
Perri Webber, Hannah Simmons, Catherine Pearce, Alex Delbridge, Ajok Marial, Clare Butler, Aimee Avery, Tayla Cannon, Clare Cronin, Eliza Cook, Irene Juma, Kristen McSpadden, Ayen Dong.
Year 10
Tahliah Darcy-Shaw, Puonyuom Mathiang, Jordan Daly, Noumali Roddenby-Jenkins, Elleni Criticos, Jessica Murray, Kate O’Rourke, Benta Okumu, Vanessa Lim, Yazmin Marsh, Sophie Mamic, Gabrielle Mence, Caitlin Thomson.

Bree McCabe
Megan Edwards
Coaches

St Pius X – Schools’ Cricket
St Pius X cricket team took on St Philip’s Cessnock on the second last day of Term III at Pickering Oval, Kotara in the Regional Twenty 20 Challenge. I am pleased to report that it was a resounding triumph for our boys.

Electing to bat after winning the toss, St Phillip’s was bowled by St Pius X for 25 runs. Central to that bowling effort were the brothers Standing, Nicholas in Year 9 and Daniel in Year 8. Nicholas captured 5 wickets in 3 overs of medium pace, while Daniel took 2 wickets in just 2 overs of left arm spin. Ably backed up by opening pace bowler Hannah Linsley, and leg spinner Joseph Hart (both in Year 9), the St Philip’s innings closed after just 12 overs.

Callum Linsley (our Captain in Year 9) and William Davis (Year 7) opened and completed the game in just 4 overs. Callum finished on 15 not out while William also scored 15 unbeaten runs.

This fine result leaves St Pius X at the top of the ladder, with our next match scheduled for Friday 25 October against Bishop Tyrell Anglican College at Minmi Oval.

Mark Harvey
Coach
Special Olympics 2013
Asia Pacific Games
Newcastle, NSW

Certificate II Tourism - SIT20112 and choice of elective streams in Visitor Services, Events or Hospitality and Accommodation

Hunter TAFE are looking for up to 1,000 Volunteer Team Leaders to study Certificate II in Tourism and work with the volunteers for the Special Olympics to be held in Newcastle from 30/11/2013 - 7/12/2013. Volunteers will work across all aspects of the Games including Visitor Services, Events, Hospitality and Accommodation.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE
Certificate II in Tourism will provide you with the tools and knowledge to begin your career in the Tourism industry.

Once you complete the qualification you will receive a Nationally accredited certificate, recognised under the Australian Quality Training Framework and acknowledged by employers Australia-wide.

Hunter TAFE will be providing job opportunities by linking official industry partner ClubsNSW, Team Leaders and Employers. This opportunity will also open up options in career choices via pathways for further study.

INFORMATION SESSION
Online Registrations close 27/9/2013.
Register your interest at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

WORK PLACEMENT
You will gain hands on experience volunteering for the Special Olympics 2013 Asia Pacific Games.

ATTENDANCE PATTERN
Daytime, evening and online classes available.
Classroom programs will be held 2 days per week over 4 weeks.

START DATE
14/10/2013

FINISH DATE
8/12/2013

ENROLMENT DETAILS (ELIGIBILITY/COST)
This course is funded by State Training Services and is available to participants over 16 years. You must be available to volunteer between 28/11/2013 and 8/12/2013.

Click here to register your interest at hunter.tafensw.edu.au

For more information contact:
Tourism, Events and Outdoor Recreation
(02) 4969 9542
saoapg2013training@tafensw.edu.au

This training is funded by the NSW Government in partnership with the Commonwealth Government.

Special Olympics 2013
Asia Pacific Games
Newcastle, NSW

Free qualification
Next Life Teen Night:

Wednesday 23 October
6.30 pm Food
7.00 – 8.30 pm
St James Primary School Hall
Kotara  for high school teens in years 8-12

Upcoming Life Teen Youth Mass:

Sunday 20 October, 5.45pm at
St Therese’s, New Lambton.

Come show your support for our Youth.
Join us after for cake and a cuppa
Served by the Teens.
Correction for phone number for Alinta: 4957 7651

Shoes
School Shoes - to be black lace-up, able to be polished 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 - to be predominantly white, and should have laces or velcro straps, and be supportive of the feet during exercise.

Please Note
- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed, and a 50% non-refundable deposit made upon order.
- For sizes J4L and L22 and over, a $10 surcharge will apply.

Payments can be made with Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.
Please contact your bank regarding individual access and availability of these facilities.

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