Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

The Passing of Mrs Corrine Taylor
As many in our School Community will know, Mrs Corrine Taylor passed away peacefully last Friday morning after battling pancreatic cancer for the last few months. Corrine had been working here as a Library Technician for the last three years. She had a broad experience in Primary and High School Libraries. She also worked in various Council Libraries in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for encouraging Reading Practices saw her running the Premier’s Reading Challenge at our School and developing vibrant displays of current fiction.

One of Corrine’s best personal assets was her sense of humour. She left us with a message, “Google can’t satisfy every search,” as a testament of her strong spirituality. Even so, she was extremely aware that technology was the future for Libraries and she immersed herself in mastering the programs and systems necessary for Library operations. Her dedication, skill and professionalism, together with her cheerful nature and willingness to share her vast intellect and common sense earned her the appreciation and respect of all who were fortunate to work with her.

Corrine’s husband, Phil, is the Assistant Principal at St Kevin’s Primary School, Cardiff. Our thoughts and prayers are for him and her children, Thomas and Lucy. We wish them consolation, peace and hope.

As her illness progressed, Corrine’s courage, dignity and determination were inspirational. I am sure the memory of these will sustain her family, friends and colleagues who are devastated by her loss at such an early age.

MAY GOD HOLD HER IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND

Robert Emery
Principal
Rubbish in the Playground
Over the last few weeks a discussion has been happening about the issue of rubbish in and on the playground. This discussion has emanated from the Student Representative Council, the Management Team (Studies & House Coordinators) and Teaching & Support Staff. The matter has been brought to the school Executive Team for discussion and action.

While an initial response might simply be to take time away from students’ lunch break and get them to clean the playground every day, this is a punitive response that does not acknowledge in any way those students who try to do the right thing. It is also a ‘charity’ response (see Year 8 who are studying all about Justice at the moment) which does not get to the cause. This response may have its place, however, the Executive wishes to explore other avenues before resorting to this measure.

We want to begin with the Catholic model of SEE> REFLECT (JUDGE)>ACT> proposed by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn who founded the Young Christian Workers (YCW) and as an off-shoot Young Christian Students (YCS) back in the 1940’s. This model is used to identify and act on ‘justice’ issues in the world. The issue of rubbish on the playground has been ‘seen’ by many as an issue. Part of the ‘reflection’ is to try to understand ‘why’ this might be happening and then what can be done about it. Do students (and teachers and parents) realise that as stewards of creation and the world certain demands and responsibilities are expected? Or doesn’t this apply to the local school? We all have a right to learn in a clean environment especially in this affluent country.

So, as a first action (still part of the reflection process) we are asking all parents and carers to have a chat with their son/daughter about the privilege of living in a country like ours. We are asking parents and carers to talk with their son/daughter about the responsibility of being a steward of God’s creation and about the fact that this demands some sort of commitment from all of us.

Teachers in Year 8, as part of the Justice unit, will be doing this and other teachers at various other times over the coming weeks will also reinforce the message. Once we know we all have this understanding other measures may or may not be needed.

Have an excellent week everyone!

School Executive Team
Diocesan Update
Would you like to know more about what is happening in the wider Catholic community? The Diocesan Update is a weekly email that keeps people informed about what is happening in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, including events you might be interested in attending and stories you might like to read. The Update also acts as a link to the new Diocesan and Catholic Schools Office websites, where you can keep up-to-date with stories from around our schools and parishes, read the monthly magazine Aurora and see photo galleries and news reports on events and special occasions within the Diocese. You will also be kept informed about news on a national level. To sign up to receive the Diocesan Update in your inbox every Tuesday simply visit: www.mn.catholic.org.au/update and fill in your details.

Cyber-Respect
St Pius X has been proactive in promoting cyber-awareness and etiquette related to use of social media. The school has organised for all students to attend the production of ‘Cyberia’ by Brainstorming Productions this Friday.

The production focuses on this issue and misuse of computers. After the presentation Margaret Sordo, our Police Liaison Officer will be speaking to the students about cyber-bullying.

Sadly the message is not getting through to some students. It is common to see incidents relating to young people and cyber-bullying in the media. The school has an anti-bullying policy and there are consequences at school for students who harm others through misuse of social media.

I encourage all parents to have a conversation with their children about this issue and respect for others. St Pius X has an expectation that students will treat one another with respect and dignity. Our anti-bullying policy is on the school website under Policies and you can find further information on the Catholic Schools Office website about cyber-safety.

The website address is: http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/parents-community/cyber-safety

Carmel Wright
Acting Assistant Principal
Dean of Students
carmel.wright@mn.catholic.edu.au

Ministry News
As we are in Week 9 and moving towards the holidays we acknowledge the Feasts of the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), Sts Peter and Paul (June 29) and St Thomas (July 3). These people belonged to the community of Jesus. May be we can reflect on how we are a community? What do we bring to the community of St Pius X? How do we act/respond to/with one another. Maybe speak to your son/daughter in Yr 9 about the topic Building Communities which we are studying in Religion at present.

Speaking of communities, some of our feeder primary schools had a Staff Reflection Day last Thursday on MJR – Making Jesus Real. Peter Mitchell (Mitch) from the Catholic Education Office in Hobart spent two days in the Diocese working with staff to bring this ‘way of life’ into the lives of their school communities. Some wonderful concepts and language that could be used in everyone's everyday life was workshopped. By all accounts, a very basic, realistic, fun and faith-filled day was had by all.

Speaking of ‘Feast Days’, we are planning to celebrate our Patron’s Feast Day, St Pius X, on Wednesday 21 August - details to follow next Term.
Best wishes to those students (and teachers) who are leaving for Vietnam this weekend. We pray for a wonderful learning experience and a safe trip.

Tony Worner
Ministry Coordinator

Chess Tournament
On Friday 21 June the St Pius X High School’s Chess team competed against the Chess team from St Paul’s High School, Booragul. The St Pius X team achieved a 4-0 victory. The team, which consisted of: Joseph Woods, Victor Hondermarck, Kieran Palmer and Conor Sheridan, is now looking forward to the next round.

Stephen Dunn
Chess Coach

Awards
Congratulations to the 300 students who have already submitted their Bronze Award applications. Many students are already in the process of applying for their Silver awards too.

A reminder to Year 9 students who are considering applying for Leadership positions next year that one of the requirements is that you need to have a Silver Award by the start of Term 4. It is not too late to start! See your House Coordinator for further information.

Mandy Willis
House Coordinator

Representative Cheerleading
On Sunday 9 June, 40 of our Cheerleading students from Years 8, 9 and 10 competed in the Winterfest Competition in Newcastle. The first competition of the year saw our Cheerleaders put in hours of practice. Both teams represented the School proudly with the Level 1 team taking out First Place and the Level 2 team finishing in Third Place - amazing results for both teams. Huge congratulations to all of the girls who competed and a big thank you to all of the parents for their continued support.

Laura Gallagher and Bonnie Tranchini
Cheerleading Teachers

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
Thank you for collecting your Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. The promotion has now ended. Please return all stickers to Student Services this week so that the paperwork can be finalised.

Cherie Borger
TAS Teacher

Kitchen Gardens
We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Environmental Trust to develop a Kitchen Garden. Our plan is to construct a garden/learning space using garden beds similar to the pictures below. If you have any skills and time you could provide to construct the beds, or if you can supply materials, please let me know as soon as possible. (cherie.borger@mn.catholic.edu.au).

As soon as our plans are finalised we will be asking for volunteers to assist with the garden construction. Stay tuned!
Winter is Here

School Scarves are available for purchase. The P&F Committee and the Student Representative Council have organised the design of a St Pius School Scarf for students to purchase for the winter terms. Proceeds from the sales go to disadvantaged women in Lima, Peru. To read more about this fantastic cause, use the following link:
http://www.tikaperu.org/page/about_us.html

The scarves are priced at $22.50 and are available from the Bursar at the Main Office.

P&F Committee

Regional School Surfing Titles

Congratulations to Elise Buller (Year 10) and Laura Phelan (Year 9) who recently defeated several teams of older girls to reach the open final of the regional school surfing titles in clean conditions at Dixon Park Beach.

Both girls surfed well in the final and were creditable runners-up to St Francis Xavier’s College.

Laura also made the individual final against older opposition and will be representing St Pius X at the State Titles in Sydney later in the year. Well done to both.

Greg Struck
Teacher
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

- All Late Slips need to be signed and returned to Student Services.
- Please send in letters of explanation of Absences the day your student returns to school.
- Leaving School Early:
  - The student is to bring in a letter (signed by parent/guardian) to Student Services.
  - An Early Leave Pass will be issued to the student.
  - The students then present the Early Leave Pass to the teacher they have at the time of leaving, and then make their way to Student Services for pick up.

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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Sporting News

Mountain Biking
The NSW ALL SCHOOLS Mountain Bike Championships were recently held at Yellowmundee Regional Park (near Richmond). SPX entered a Junior and an Intermediate team in this event. The Junior team consisted of Brady Hayes (Year 8) and Joshua Clarke (Year 8) and the Intermediate team comprised Bryan Dunkin (Year 10), Lachlan Hayes (Year 10) and Christopher Clark (Year 10).

The four hour endurance race is a relay style event where individuals complete a lap then tag another team member. The goal is to complete as many laps as possible in the timeframe.

These Championships were attended by some well-credentialed and well-resourced schools including Knox, Riverview, Abbotsleigh, Chevalier and Edmund Rice, and after four hours of racing the SPX Junior and Intermediate teams came in second place by 62 seconds and 37 seconds respectively. Well done boys on an outstanding effort!!!!!!!

Touch
The NSWCCC Touch Championships were held recently in Penrith. Hannah Simmons (Year 9), Siane Fonua (Year 8), Clare Cronin (Year 9), Jarrod Balcomb (Year 9), Riley Nesbitt (Year 9) and Ethan Fowles (Year 8) represented the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese in the U16’s division.

Congratulations to Hannah Simmons who was selected in the NSWCCC team after strong performances on the day. The girls’ team was defeated by the Broken Bay Diocese 3-1 in the Final. Hannah will compete at the NSW All School Championships held in Narabeen on the 27 and 28 August.

Rugby League
Jarrod Balcomb (Year 9) was selected into the Northern Country U15’s Rugby League who defeated SICC (Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges) 20-12 in the final of the state trials at Penrith. Jarrod has been selected by the NSW Country team who will now play in Sydney in the first week of the school holidays.

Congratulations also to Finn Carlin Year 7 who been selected in a NSW Rugby League Academy Team. This is a development camp for talented young players.

Cross Country
The NSWCCC Cross Country Championships was held at recently at Eastern Creek – results are listed below:

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**Term 3 Representative Sports**

Students will have the opportunity to represent SPX in the following Representative Sports during Friday Sport next Term.

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**Upcoming Events – Term 3**

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<td>NSWAll Schools Touch Championships</td>
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<td>Tuesday 30 July</td>
<td>Diocesan Rugby 7’s</td>
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<td>Diocesan Athletics Carnival</td>
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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013 RESULTS

1st: FAHEY  933 pts
2nd: POLDING  868 pts
3rd: HELFERTY  728 pts
4th: DEANE  681 pts
5th: CHISHOLM  573 pts
6th: PERRY  565 pts

AGE CHAMPIONS

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100m Fastest Girl – Erin Cullen 13.83
100m Fastest Boy – Nicholas Zander 11.74

RECORDS

- Reed Van Huisstede  U12  1500m  5.21.82
- Nicholas Zander    U15  200m   24.33
ASPIRE PRESENTS

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.

This is an initiative of the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle Catholic Schools.
Excess stock of the following items are now reduced by 50% while stock lasts.

**Boys formal shorts** in sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

**Woollen jumpers** 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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**Kylie Delaney**  
**Area Supervisor**  
**0408 439 832**

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**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.

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**PLEASE NOTE**

- Sizes available:  
  - Primary School: Boys J4 – XS & Girls J4 – L8 /  

- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed, and a 50% non-refundable deposit must be made upon order.

- For sizes 4XL and L22 and over, a $10 surcharge will apply.

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

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**Prices subject to change without notice**
Second Hand Uniforms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Hand Uniforms

Name (optional):…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

□ Buy  □ Sell (please tick)

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