Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community

Mobile Phones
As stated very clearly in the St Pius Handbook, students are not permitted to use mobile phones at school. Students found using a mobile phone at school may be issued a red slip. So, please do not phone or text your child during school hours. If you need to contact your child during school hours please phone the school on 49 571 032 and ask for Student Services. The wonderful ladies in the Student Services Office will take a message and endeavour to get that message to your child as soon as possible. If it is an emergency they will respond in an appropriate fashion.

Students Waiting for Buses
The school has a legal and moral duty of care towards all students. A large part of that is to ensure that students are safe while they are at school. For that reason students who catch buses to and from school are expected to follow a few extremely basic rules. On arrival at school, students must move from the bus straight into the school grounds and remain there. Of an afternoon students who need to catch buses must move to the Bus Shelter and remain there until their bus arrives.

No student who catches a bus has permission to go to the shops after getting off the bus in the morning or before catching the bus in the afternoon.

Any student found doing either of these things will be punished in accordance with the St Pius Discipline Policy. Leaving the school grounds without permission carries a heavy penalty – a Red Slip is the minimum. Repeated instances will result in suspension. The rule is there for the protection of your child. Please assist us in fulfilling this responsibility by ensuring that your child is aware of the rule and by ensuring your child understands why it is essential that he/she follows the rule.

School Dance
There will be a School Dance on Friday 4 April from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton. Thank you to Mr Rufo, Principal, of St Therese’s for allowing us to hold the Dance in the school hall.

Details of the theme and arrangements have been provided to students, along with very clear expectations about behaviour and the wearing of safe footwear. All students are expected to take great care to ensure that the facilities we have hired are treated with the utmost respect.

The school has booked a DJ and security for the evening. A portable breathalysing unit may also be used on the night. We will need parental support – for extra security and for jobs such as Canteen and Cloakroom. Parents do not do supervision inside the dance
These Dances are a major fundraiser for the school, so parental support is greatly appreciated. If you can help even for a small amount of time, please contact the school and leave your name and contact details. We will get back to you. Thank you very much in anticipation.

**Curriculum Professional Development Day**
There will be a pupil-free PD Day on Tuesday 20 May. This day will be used by staff for the development of curriculum/teaching resources and for in-servicing on the use of Tablet computers in assisting learning in the classroom.

**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.


**What does this mean for people who wish to do volunteer work at St Pius?** For parents or relatives of a child who is enrolled at the school it is simply a matter of completing 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 only exception to the above is for people who wish to do voluntary work in the area of disability services or close personal care of a student. Such people will need an official “Working with Children Check” and should contact the school for details on how to obtain one.

Any person who is not a parent or relative of a child currently enrolled at the school but who wishes to commence volunteer work at St Pius must also obtain a Working with Children Check and should contact the school for details on how to obtain one.

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


**Visitors Policy Main points:**
The following are the main points contained in the school’s Visitors Policy.

- Whilst we actively encourage an inviting and open school, the safety of our students, staff and resources remain our highest priorities.
- Visitors are defined as all people other than staff members, students, and parents/carers involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day.
- All visitors will be required to report to the Administration Office prior to undertaking any activity within the school. They will be signed in as a “Visitor” and given a
“Visitor” badge which they must wear at all times within the school. Similarly, visitors will be required to report to the Administration Office at the end of their visit to sign out.

- Visitors will be provided with information on emergency procedures, on the location of our emergency assembly point, with directions relevant to their visit and will be made aware of any construction works etc that may impact upon their safety or comfort.
- **No parent, carer or visitor has permission to go anywhere in the school without a valid St Pius visitor badge other than the Administration building or Uniform Shop.**
- The full policy is available on the school website.

**End of Term**

As this is the final Lion for Term 1, I take this opportunity to thank all staff and students for your great efforts and enthusiasm this term. Thanks also to the many parents who have volunteered their time and energy this term in many different ways. It has been a very productive term. Do have a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday. Term 2 begins for all students on Monday 28 April.

Have a great week everyone!

Robert Emery
Principal

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**Enrolment for Year 7 2015**

Enrolment for Year 7 2015 is now open at St Pius X High School until Friday 11 April. Anyone wishing to apply can obtain all relevant documents, including the enrolment form, from our website [http://adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au](http://adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au). Please note if you are applying from an out of zone area you will need to seek permission first from your zoned school. For further information please ring 49571032.

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**Interim Reports**

Each student will receive an Interim Report at the end of this term. The reports will give parents and students feedback on application, behaviour and the completion of class tasks. A descriptor is used to indicate student progress. No marks, grades or comments appear on reports. Reports will be posted home with information about the Parent Teacher Interviews to be held in Week 1 Term 2.

**Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday evening 1 May and Friday 2 May (Pupil free)**

Our first round of interviews will be held Week 1 Term 2. This year we have gone online for booking interviews. There will be information coming with the Interim Report that will let parents know how they can go about booking interviews with teachers.

*Stephen Dunn*
*Dean of Studies*
1. **Principal's Report – Bob Emery**
   - Catholic Schools Week – St Pius prefects attended Mass with Tony Worner.
   - Olivia March was the recipient of the Bishop’s Award – Congratulations.
   - Monday 17 March – welcomed seven ex-students into our Wall of Fame.
   - Stage 2 works going well, Metalwork Room and downstairs will be ready in the next few weeks.
   - Our 1.1 tablet plan for staff and students has been arranged. Year 9 tablets to be ready for use by the middle of Term 2 and early Term 3 for Year 7 students.
   - “St Pius at its Best” Conference was excellent. Professor Charles Burford did a wonderful job of helping us to focus on how to ensure St Pius is an authentic Catholic School.
   - Parent/Teacher meeting bookings will be done online in the near future.

2. **Treasurer's Report – Vicki Williamson**
   - Closing balance as at 11 February 2014 - $11,351.09 – Cheque Account
   - Closing balance as at 11 February 2014 - $5,843.12 – Fixed Term Account

3. **Dance Report – David Soars**
   - David and Rachael thanked parents, staff and students for their commitment to our school dances.
   - All dances will be held at St Therese’s School Hall. The first dance for Term 1 is Friday 4 April starting at 7.00pm and concluding at 9.30pm.
   - We need at least 10 parent volunteers. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

4. **Mothers Dinner Report**
   The Mother's Dinner is coming along nicely – we have made several enquiries into various venues. Advertising for the dinner will commence shortly giving people ample notice to attend. We are asking if any families or businesses are able to assist with donations for the raffle prizes. If anyone is able to help on the evening with the sale of raffle tickets it would be very welcome.

5. **General Business**
   It was suggested that we put up a new school name and crest to identify our school on the brick pillars situated at the Park Avenue car park entrance - this will be discussed at our next meeting.
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Ministry
Week 10
We celebrate the fourth Week of Lent this week and remember the story of Martina from the Solomon Islands as part of our Project Compassion awareness.

Mass at St Pius
A big thank you to Fr Brian Mascord (an old boy of St Pius) who has celebrated the two Masses for us so far. We hope to welcome some of our other priests over the coming weeks. Our last Mass for Term 1 will be next week, Tuesday 8 April at 9.00am (Period 1) with Mrs Daniel’s Year 7RST03. The roster for Term 2 will also be done next week. A reminder that parents are invited and most welcome to join us.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day last week raised over $1300 for Penola House and Project Compassion. Congratulations to the SRC and Vinnies Group who worked to make this day a day of raising awareness and funds, and also to the students who supported both these causes. We are reminded of the theme for Project Compassion this year - I have come that they may have life and life to the full. (John 10:10) http://www.caritas.org.au/

Parents and students are reminded that for the weeks of Lent, as part of our new fundraising policy, no chocolates or other fundraising activities, except those associated with Caritas and Project Compassion, will be permitted. Thank you for your awareness and understanding.

Way of the Cross
Each year at Kilaben Bay, schools from throughout the Diocese join together with parishioners from the Diocese to remember Jesus’ Way of the Cross. This year a group of our students are reflecting on the 13th Station - Jesus is taken down from the Cross. All students and families are invited to join in this Diocesan event on Sunday 6 April at 3.00pm – afternoon tea will be provided afterwards. Families are invited and encouraged to gather beforehand for a picnic on the grounds. (If raining it will still go ahead in the Church.)

Year 7 Community Day
Next Monday 7 April all Year 7 will participate in a Community Day here at school. Chris Doyle from Karis Ministry will be here to facilitate and lead the students. Chris comes each year for Year 7 in Term 1, and Year 10 in Term 4.

Holy Week and Easter
As Holy Week and Easter fall in the School Holidays, we will not be remembering, as a whole school, the events of Jesus’ death and resurrection before the holidays. However, next week in Care Group, the journey of Jesus on the way to the cross will be acknowledged and prayed. On the Wednesday after returning, at a full School Assembly in the Bus Shelter, we will remember Anzac Day and celebrate Easter through a short prayer reflection. Parents are welcome to attend.

A happy, holy and prayerful Holy Week and Easter.

Tony Worner
Ministry Coordinator
tony.worner@mn.catholic.edu.au

Chess Report
Sounds very official and formal but it’s not really. Several weeks ago I asked for students who were interested in playing chess and who might like to try out for the school Chess Team to register their interest. The plan was to hold a few games – probably across Stage groupings – and get ready for our first match.

Unfortunately, that plan had to be changed when I was inundated with registrations. In fact, so many Year 10 students registered that I had to hold a separate meeting just for them. And they all turned up. And then more came. In the end, we had somewhere between 24 and
30 Year 10 students turn up every day for 2 weeks for lunchtime matches. Of course there was a range of abilities but the enthusiasm was outstanding.

So, I have not had the opportunity to do anything for the rest of the school. Their time will come.

The selections for the school Chess Team took place and the 5 positions were taken by Thomas McDonald, Oran Sheridan, Patrick Simpson, Jasper Konetschnik and Jack Ward.

The team hosted Hunter School of Performing Arts in Week 9 in the first round of the Hunter Region High School Competition. This is the competition we have entered for the past few years and is run by the NSW Junior Chess League. It was an enjoyable afternoon and the games were intense. Unfortunately, we were not able to defeat the highly focused team form HSPA. However, that is not the end of the competition for us as we will now move into the second pool. Our next match will be some time next term.

Our team performed well and were wonderful representatives for the school.

Stephen Dunn
Dean of Studies

Pastoral Care

“Have life and have it to the full…”
From the gospel of John. This is the message for Project Compassion 2014. When Project Compassion was launched this year, Marlene, a member of the indigenous tribe from west of Alice Springs spoke about how her people say the word “Compassion”. For them, it sounds like Corn-u, which when translated, becomes “Oh, poor you”, thus it is said with a kind and open heart.

This is our challenge; to have an open heart to others in our community. When someone in our community suffers, just like in Marlene’s community, it is only through our reaching out that barriers are broken down, and hearts healed.

I encourage you to read the story of Lorraine, one of Marlene’s community, from Lent Week 5, Project Compassion and see how the money we raised will be used to help those who are suffering, our sisters and brothers in greater Australia, through The purple house project.

Vinnies News

On 26 March 2014, we had a great talk by Rick McCosker from the Seafarers Mission, Wickham. Rick spoke about the plight of the seafarers who get paid very little, have very few rights, need clothes and toiletries, and love to talk to anyone who visits them while they stay here in Newcastle. He gave the example of one man who was injured on a ship, medevac’d to John Hunter and found himself alone in a strange country with no family and little money. Rick explained that they try to help him however they can.

We will be partnering with the Seafarers Mission to provide second hand clothing for these men, and also care packs of toiletries during the coming terms. If you want to help just see Mrs Melville, Room 421. As always, you are welcome to join the best group at SPX – Vinnies!

Lachlan Galli and Michaela Hazell
Vinnies Publicity Officers

Seasons for Growth

Change and loss can affect us and, adjusting to this, can be difficult. At St Pius X Adamstown we are aware of this and we aim to support students and their families during these times. As part of this, the “Seasons for Growth” grief and loss education program will be available for all years over the year. Notes are going home for Years 7 and 8 soon.

Bronwyn Melville
Pastoral Care Worker
World’s Greatest Shave
We recently had four very brave Year 10 boys: Damon Rowett, Oliver Smart, Peter De Laurentis-Larken and Patrick Smart who shaved their hair off for the ‘World’s Greatest Shave’.
An enthusiastic Olivia March coloured her hair in support of the Leukaemia Foundation.

Each student was sponsored by family, students and friends and they raised hundreds of dollars for this worthy cause. A special mention for Damon Rowett who collected $1500 worth of sponsorship.

Carmel Wright
Chisholm House Coordinator

Recognition of Positive Behaviour Awards
Recognition of Positive Behaviour Bronze Award applications will go out through Care Group this week. All students are encouraged to take up the challenge and be rewarded for demonstrating a high standard of classroom behaviour, participation and completion of necessary work over the past ten weeks. Students hand in completed applications to their House Coordinator and awards will be given out in Assemblies next term. There is no cut off date for submission of completed applications but the sooner they are handed in, the sooner students can apply for the next level award.

Blue slips are given to students to acknowledge a range of positive behaviours and performance. When a student collects 5 blue slips they are invited to register them with their House Coordinator who will generate a Student Coordinator Award to be presented during an Assembly.

Beyond Bullying Program
The Student Pastoral Care Team has been working through the Beyond Bullying program with all Year 7 classes. We are covering:
- What causes Bullying
- What to do if someone bullies you
- What to do if you see someone bullying
- How we can make our school a bully-free zone

Ask your child for more information.

Mandy Willis
Student Coordinators Team

Theatresport at St Pius
Wednesday 12 March was the day set aside for the Diocesan Theatresport Competition, in which our Year 9 and 10 Drama students welcomed students from St Francis Xavier’s Hamilton, St Catherine’s Singleton, St Peter’s
Maitland, St Joseph’s Lochinvar and San Clemente, Mayfield. The Theatre served us well, as did the Hospitality students and staff and our Drama students took their thespian peers on tours around the school.

The games students selected included “Death in a Minute at the Pyramids”, “Slow Motion weeding race with a Commentary”, “Fairytales in the style of either a Western or in the Language of Shakespeare”. All were presented in a creative way.

The Winners for the Year 9 and 10 category were St Peter’s, Maitland, while our Year 10 team came a glorious Second. The members of our Year 10 team were: Lochlan Northey, Tiahdora Morgan, Oliver Smart, Jack Dawson, Chloe Wilkins and Taylah Lawson.

Our Year 9 team members were Rose Cousins, Isabella O’Dorico, Laura Chapman, Mia Moser-Finch, Claudia McGarel-Hogg and Lauren Saunders.

The Year 11 category was won by the students from St Francis Xavier’s College. It is worth noting that each of these students were former St Pius X students.

The performance in each category from each school was impressive and those by St Pius’ teams made each student and teacher in the Drama Department very, very proud.

Caroline Daniel
Drama Department

Japanese Sister School Program

As many of you are aware, in the past (since 1990) St Pius X High School has conducted a successful exchange program with Uminohoshi secondary school in Hamamatsu, Japan. This exchange program is a wonderful opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the language and culture of Japan. It has great potential to benefit our students both academically and socially. This year we have invited Year 9 students to participate in the program.

The program involves a ten to twelve day trip to Japan with students being hosted by the girls of Uminohoshi High School in Hamamatsu for approximately five days. The trip would take place in the last weeks of Term Three. I have called for students to collect an expression of interest letter from me this week so that I can make further enquiries regarding itinerary, and most importantly, costing. I may be contacted at school or by email on: Gabriella.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au if you have any further enquiries.

Gabriella Smith
Studies Coordinator

Student Representative Council

Harmony Day
A big thank you to everyone for their support during Harmony Day, which we celebrated as a school community, on Friday 21 March. We have raised over $1300 which is an impressive effort. A special mention to Helen O’Donohue and the SRC for all of the extra work and preparation time they put into for the day. The money will be divided between Caritas Care and Penola House.

School Dance
The first school dance of the year is coming up and the theme is ‘Safari’. The adventure will begin on Friday 4 April at St Therese’s Primary School Hall from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. This safari is a popular one, so be sure to get your tickets, selling outside the PE staffroom at lunchtime on Wednesday 2 April and Thursday April 3. It’s going to be a “roar”. Students need to bring their signed pink permission note along with $10.00 in order to purchase their tickets.

Year 7 Prefect nominations
Nominations are now being taken to become a Year 7 Prefect. If you would
like to make a difference in the school community – this is your chance. Collect a form from Student Services, fill it out and return it by Friday 4 April.

**Australian History Competition**
If you would like to participate in this year’s History Competition please pay $6.00 to the school Bursar to register. If you have any questions about the competition please see Miss Gallagher or your History teacher for details.

*Laura Gallagher*
**Student Representative Council**

**Sport News**

**Rugby League**
Last week six students trialled for the U/15 Diocesan Rugby League team to compete at the Northern Country Rugby league trials against Representative teams from the Lismore and Armidale Dioceses. From this, a team will be selected to compete at the NSW CCC Rugby League trials in Sydney in May. All six of our students have been selected in the Maitland/Newcastle representative team which was a great effort given that a squad of only 20 players was chosen from 9 different schools. Congratulations and good luck to the following students: Rhys Bray, Finn Carlin (still u/14), Maxwell Cates, Tex Hoy, Connor Lynch and Lachlan Miller.

**U/14 Cochrane Cup**
Our U/14 Rugby League team competed in the Catholic schools Cochrane Cup competition at Raymond Terrace last week. Drawn in a tough pool, our first game was against St Joseph’s Aberdeen who were grand finalists in the Knights Knockout last year. A great start from our boys saw us up 14-4 at halftime but some errors allowed Aberdeen to score twice and take the lead 16-14. A late try to Aberdeen wrapped the game up 22-14.

In our second game, we played St Paul’s Booragul and another strong performance saw us run out convincing winners 40-10. Unfortunately, Aberdeen also won their second round game and so they progressed to the final.

I was really proud of the effort the boys put into each game. We have certainly improved since last year and have proven we can compete with the best teams in this age group in the Knights knockout competition next term.

Squad members include: Isaac Gulliver, Toby Bogaerts, Kurrikila Suleiman, Harrison Dal Molin, John Robinson, Reed Van Huisstede, Nicholas Haggerty, Zachariah Robinson, Bodie Bradford, Karlos Lendich, Valentino Vangelov, Noah Smith, Finn Carlin, Andre Savainiae, Nicholas Law, James Koina, Jack Mackay, Matthew Hickey, Clayton Carr and Thomas Biddle.

**Knights Representatives**
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Knights Junior Representative teams for 2014.

Tex Hoy has been selected in the U/16 Harold Mathews squad, even though he is still U/15 this year. Rhys Bray and Maxwell Cates have both been selected in the U/15 Knights Chargers Development squad for 2014. Congratulations boys. We hope our school teams are even stronger with the experience and skills you gain from your involvement in these squads.

**NSWCCC Girls’ Hockey Team**
Congratulations to Alex Delbridge who has made the NSWCCC Open Hockey team.

*John McLoughlin*
**PDHPE Coordinator**
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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email: admin@adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au
web site: http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au
P & F Meetings: 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.00pm

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.
All mothers are invited to the

Annual St Pius X
Mothers Fundraising Dinner

So, ladies, mark your calendars & keep Friday 10 October free for a night of fine dining, fabulous prizes, great company & a harbour view setting.

*Watch this space for further details*

We are seeking donations for raffle prizes and assistance on the night. Please contact us if you are able to help with this very worthy cause.

Natalie Steel 0419 505 366 or email Jason.steel@bigpond.com
Therese McCloy 0422 228 702 or email tbrahimocloy@hotmail.com

History of the Mothers Fundraising Dinner
In 2005, mothers of students at St Pius X recognised a need to care for children from the St Pius community who had lost a primary carer. The idea was to give $500 to any child, who was attending the school who lost a primary carer. If the primary carer was a grandparent or older sibling they, too, were to receive the money, as an act of support from the mothers of the school. The payment was to be made out to the family, not the child.

Since 2012, the Mothers Dinner Funds Distribution Policy has been further clarified to reflect the intended rationale for raising the money to assist families of the St Pius X High School Community.

The following has been endorsed by the P&F:
“A bereavement payment of $500 is to be given to either:
• parents/caregivers of the school community who lose a child OR
• children/families of the school community who lose a parent”.

In the past 12 months alone we have assisted three families in our St Pius X Community.
Rock Band Meets Orchestra

ROCKESTRA is now recruiting new members! If you can play an instrument, come along to our rehearsal for some musical fun!

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. We accept all instruments; our motto is ‘the more the merrier’.

We are now recruiting members and are especially targeting Year 7 and Year 8, so come and see what we are all about.

If you are interested in joining ROCKESTRA, please come and see Mrs Elgar.

Timetable for 2014 rehearsals:

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Rockestra will be involved in a variety of performances this year, including Dio Sounds at the Civic Theatre, Liturgies, Award Ceremonies, School Performances, Graduation and many more!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any enquires.

Yours in banding

Tahnee Elgar-Roberts
Music Department
ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

WITH CHRIST, JOY IS CONSTANTLY BORN ANEW
THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: EVANGELII GAUDIUM, POPE FRANCIS

Sunday April 6th | 3:00pm
St Joseph’s Church & School Conference Centre grounds
140 WANGI ROAD, KILABEN BAY
(picnic facilities available from 1:00pm)
From the President...

If your family is anything like mine, the first term of each year is always hectic as our children adjust to their new school year. If you are a new family to our schools, on behalf of the Federation of Parents and Friends I extend a warm welcome. The term is drawing to a close and I wanted to share with you some of the great things Federation have been doing as well as let you know what we have planned for the months ahead.

Towards the end of last year, Federation worked with Bishop Bill to develop and implement the “Bishop’s Awards”. These awards recognised the wonderful work being done by our young people across the Diocese in their church, parish and school communities. It was truly rewarding to present these awards, together with Bishop Bill, during our Catholic Schools Week Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Congratulations to all the students who applied—your involvement in school and parish is commendable!

We have also been busy discussing and planning events that we hope will be of interest to you. A visit by well-known and respected child psychologist Dr. John Irvine as well as an opportunity for all Delegates and interested members to attend our next General Meeting in Raymond Terrace to learn a little more about running meetings and managing rough patches. I have you are able to take advantage of these great opportunities in parent education.

Best wishes to you and your family as the Holy season of Easter approaches.

Did you get this? Let us know...

**ALL secondary students** across the Diocese should have received by now a **TERM PLANNER**. Funded by The Federation of P & F Associations, these planners are a useful tool for students to assist them in their organisation each term. Included on these Planners are details of links to useful websites that provide support and assistance to parents and carers.

The **Term Planner** has space to record details of the Week cycle, a space to record details of the bus company, bus route number, school contact details and personnel you can contact at your child’s school.

If you are a **KINDERGARTEN** family, you should have received a magnetic whiteboard planner for your family refrigerator or filing cabinet. It also has space for reminders and links to websites that you might find useful.

If you did not receive these, contact your school.

Let us know what you think of these planners—we’d love to hear from you!
Special Needs Working Party Update...

The Special Needs Working Party (SNWP) exists to support the families of children enrolled in our schools within the Diocese. This term we have held two events in Newcastle and Taree. The purpose of these events is to offer families an opportunity to hear from the CSO Student Support staff about the work they do to assist schools and families as well as offer an opportunity to gather information from community organisations and services that support child and families where there are special needs. The SNWP also manages a database so you can be advised of approaching events. If you would like to be included as a family of a child in our school, email Cath Garrett-Jones.

In Term 3 we will hold our Annual Special Needs Mass. This is always well attended a a truly beautiful celebration of the unique gifts each of us have as well as the wonderful work being done within our schools. We look forward to seeing you at this Mass.

WHEN: Tuesday, 29th July, 2014.
WHERE: St Patrick’s Church, Lochinvar
TIME: 7.00pm

Take care and enjoy a wonderful Easter season,
Caryl Murphy – Chair SNWP.

PARENT EDUCATION WORKING PARTY

The Parent Education Working Party (PEWP) is very keen to hear from you and gather your ideas about the sorts of Parent Education opportunities you would like. So...let us know.

You can...

- Call Cath Garrett-Jones on 4979 1303
- Email Cath on Cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au

For all the latest Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) news as well as great resources to help your child go to:
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au

Contact the CCSP representative Bronwyn Melville: Bronwyn.melville@mn.catholic.edu.au
Delegate Dispatch

News for Delegates to share at P & F Association Meetings

Mark these dates on your Calendar….
Federation is up and running and planning some great events for our families.

✓ **Major Event - Dr John Irvine** is coming to town…
   See the flyer attached.

✓ **Federation General Meeting & “P & F Boot-Camp”**
   Have you got questions about being the Treasurer or are you not sure how to take Minutes? Come along to this meeting where we will give you some top tips on Executive roles within the P & F.
   **WHEN:** 4<sup>th</sup> May  
   **WHERE:** St Brigid’s Primary school Hall  
   **TIME:** 11.00am – 1.00pm  
   *All Delegates encouraged to attend.*

✓ **Federation AGM** – Advanced notice…mark your calendars for 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2014.  
   Venue TBA.
Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia’s most prominent child psychologists. Come along and hear him speak about

“Anxiety K–12: Red flags & what parents can do to support their children”

Light refreshments served from 6:30pm

Wednesday 14 May, 2014
6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
The Factory - St Pius X high school Adamstown
Park Avenue, Adamstown

All welcome!
R.S.V.P. For catering purposes

Entry: Gold coin donation
All proceeds benefit charity.

R.S.V.P.
Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4979 1303
E cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
## St Pius X High School UNIFORM SHOP

**Shop Convenor:** Kylie Delaney  
**Phone:** (02) 4957 7651 (shop hours)  
**E-mail:** stplus@alinta.com.au  
**Web:** www.alintaapparel.com.au

**OPERATING HOURS**  
- School Term -  
  - Monday 10.30am – 12.30pm  
  - Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.30pm

### BOYS UNIFORM: 7 - 10

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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.

**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 4XL 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.

6/11/2013 2:31 PM  
**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 runs a service which enables all parents to buy/sell second hand uniform items. The service works in the following way:

1. Parent/s 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 are then advertised in a special “Second Hand Uniform” section on the back page of each 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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