Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

Industrial Action – Thursday 26 June 2014
A letter was sent home with your child on Tuesday regarding the industrial action to take place this Thursday. On the back of that letter was a letter from Mr Ray Collins, Director of Schools.

The letter from me indicated that almost all of the staff at St Pius will be participating in the industrial action this Thursday from 8.30am to 12.00pm. Consequently, classes will be affected and disrupted by this action and there will be no scheduled classes during this time. Extremely limited supervision will be provided in the grounds from 8:30am until 12.00pm. Normal lessons will resume from Period Four (12.14pm).

There will also be very limited canteen facilities available on Thursday. No hot food will be available.

Vietnam Immersion Experience
We have 60 Year 10 students and 8 staff currently in Vietnam. They will spend the next three weeks trekking through Vietnam, doing various social justice projects for parishes and communities and finally enjoying some R&R. Everything has got off to a great start. Everyone is well and spirits are high. They are currently enjoying temperatures of around 39 degrees & very high humidity. We wish them well!

Tablet Computers
I remind all parents and carers that Year 7 students need to have a suitable tablet computer ready to bring to class from the start of Week 3 of Term 3 onwards. Information relevant to the tablet program is located on our school website (on the News & Events page). A summary of each Faculty’s plans for the use of tablets in assisting learning in the classroom is also available on the website (on the Learning Technology page). If you need further information or assistance please contact the school before or after the holidays.

Reports for Semester I
Reports for Semester I are being finalised this week and will be distributed to students to take home on Day 1 of next Term. Parent-Teacher Interviews will follow in Week 2. Parents and carers will be given access to the online booking site from the start of next Term.

End of Term 2
Thank you to 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 may have been a short term but we have managed to squeeze 10 weeks
of work into it. Do have a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday. Term 3 starts for all students and staff on **Monday 14 July**.

I should also inform you that I will be attending a Conference and then will be on leave for Week 1 of Term 3. Mr Roff will be Acting Principal on Monday 14 July and Mr Dunn will be Acting Principal for the rest of the week.

Have a top week!

Robert Emery
**Principal**

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### Important Dates

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Dear Parents

The highlight of Term 2 for the Federation was our Evening with Dr John Irvine held on 14th May in the “The Factory” at St Pius X High School Adamstown. Dr John Irvine spoke to parents on “Anxiety – Red Flags and What Parents Can Do To Support Their Children”. The Federation would like to thank you for your support of this event, with over 500 parents, teachers and school counsellors attending. For parents, Dr John reminded us through his stories from his own life and clinical experience that we are not on this parent journey alone. Parents could easily relate to many of the stories and scenarios he discussed. Dr John brought a great sense of humour to the situations we face daily as parents, such as the daily crazy rush out the door to get everyone to school! In addition to Dr John Irvine’s insights from his years as a Clinical Psychologist but also as a dad, parents were also able to access great information from Catholic Care and the CSO outlining the help available to parents and children in our schools. The Federation hopes to deliver more parent information sessions in the future- so watch this space in Parent News!

July is going to be a busy month! My three children are in Aspire and we are eagerly looking forward to the performances on the 25th and 26th July. Excitement is running high! I hope many of you take the opportunity to support our talented young people by attending one of the performances. Also to look forward to is the Special Needs Mass, this year being held at St Patrick’s Lochinvar on 29th July, 2014. I encourage you to consider coming to Special Needs Mass as we join with Bishop Bill and many of the families in our schools to break bread together and celebrate the lives of our children with Special Needs. Come and introduce yourself to me or the other council members. We look forward to meeting you!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday,

Giavanna Angeli
President
Federation of P & F Associations

As a result of the generosity of those who attended this evening, a donation was able to be made to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle “Night Care Van” to further the great work they do in our community.

Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4979 1303  E ceth.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
Some news from the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP)....


Every year the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) works with Fairfax Media to publish the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) HSC Study Guide that is relevant to the needs of HSC students, teachers and parents.

This year the Guide will be available in print and digital format. The print version appeared in the SMH on Monday 16 June.

HSC students will receive an email on 16 June from 6pm onwards which will contain a link so they can access the digital version.

Parents are asked to remind students to check their email so they can access the digital version of the Guide.

The move to digital has allowed for inclusion of a greater range of resources such as:

- Videos of teachers answering HSC type questions
- HSC test yourself quizzes
- Links to relevant BOSTES endorsed resources
- Videos with comments from 2013 First In Course recipients.

In addition to the feedback opportunities included in the digital version of the Guide, BOSTES welcomes direct feedback on the 2014 Study Guide to help us plan the 2015 edition.

For more information, contact:

Julie-Anne Scott
Communications Officer
julie-anne.scott@bos.nsw.edu.au
(02) 9367 8308
RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (RoSA) – WHAT STUDENTS RECEIVE

While most students complete the Higher School Certificate (HSC) just over 10 percent leave school before the HSC.

They move straight into the workforce and/or to further education opportunities in their chosen field.

In the past, these students would have received their School Certificate with their Year 10 results and no additional information from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) if they went on to participate in some Year 11 or Year 12 courses.

To address the information gap that had existed for students attending school beyond Year 10, BOSTES developed the Record of School Achievement or RoSA, which was first awarded to students in 2012.

The RoSA is a cumulative credential. It details all a student’s results up until the date they leave school, and has immediate use for students leaving school prior to getting their HSC.

As it is cumulative, the information shown on any given student’s RoSA will change depending on when they leave school.

Here is a brief overview of what students will receive:

Successfully completing Stage 5 and leaving at the end of Year 10

These students will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 courses with an A to E grade for each course as well as achievement details for any completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Life Skills courses.

Leaving during Year 11

Students who successfully complete Stage 5 but subsequently leave during Year 11 (ie before they complete any Preliminary courses) will receive a RoSA that lists their Stage 5 courses with their results as well as a list of Preliminary courses they participated in and the date they left school.

Leaving at the end of Year 11

Students who successfully complete Stage 5 and then complete Year 11 will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results.

Leaving during Year 12

Students who successfully complete Stage 5 and then leave during Year 12 (ie before completing their HSC courses and examinations) will receive a RoSA listing both their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results and also a list of HSC courses they participated in and the date they left school.
Literacy and Numeracy tests

Students intending to leave school before the HSC can also take voluntary literacy and numeracy tests.

These tests were developed by BOSTES in response to feedback from employer groups that evidence of these skills was highly regarded and an important consideration when making decisions on who to employ.

The tests are taken at school and there are two opportunities each year – May and October. It is important that students who would like to leave school before October and want to take the tests let their school know as soon as possible. Students can take the tests and still decide to stay on at school.

Important information

Students Online – www.studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au – is a purpose built website for NSW senior students.

All students from Year 10 onwards have access to their personalised Students Online account. This portal is managed by BOSTES and gives students access to their results for Years 10, 11 and 12.

Students can generate an interim report known as a Student eRecord that can be printed and shown at job interviews or to further education providers.

Students should speak to their school if they do not have access to their Students Online account.

For further information visit www.bostes.nsw.edu.au
ROGER SULLIVAN AWARD

Applications are now open!
This award for a school community recognises the great work being done in schools to bridge the gap between home and schools.
Do you promote partnership?
Do you build community?
Do you value teachers, parents and students?

Then …
   OR speak to your school Principal – they have a copy of this form.
2. Complete in consultation with your school community and...
3. Return before AUGUST 18th to be eligible for a great prize of $4000.00.

Any questions ??
Contact Cath Garrett-Jones
4979 1303
cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au

Delegate Dispatch….. News for Federation Delegates

✓ 17th Annual Special Needs Mass
   Tuesday, 29th July
   St Patrick’s Catholic church, LOCHINVAR
   See your school Newsletter for further details.

✓ Federation AGM – Advanced notice…mark your calendars for
   All delegates are encouraged to attend this meeting.
From the Parent Liaison & Resource Officer...

I have had the great pleasure of attending many P & F Meetings this year. At these meetings, parents and carers regularly ask questions about a variety of issues and are able to gain a greater understanding of the resources available to them. I have included in this Parent News a list of some websites you might find interesting that I have shared with meeting groups recently.

Useful links....

- Catholic Schools Office – Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

- Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP)

- Partners4Learning

- Better Together
  [http://www btadvisorybodies.catholic.edu.au/](http://www btadvisorybodies.catholic.edu.au/)

- School A to Z

I urge you to continue to partner with your child’s school and wish you a restful and safe holiday break with your families.

Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison & Resource Officer
Catholic Schools Office
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Ministry

Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and Saints Peter and Paul
We are now in the 12th Week of Ordinary time. Over the last two Sundays we celebrated the Feasts of The Trinity and The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), two important, and coming from long traditions, feasts of the Church.

One of our oldest traditions is to call God by the names of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are three persons but only one God. We recognise, acknowledge and pray to the Trinity every time we bless ourselves.

Corpus Christi is a traditional feast in the Church that dates back to about 1190AD. It is a reminder of what happens in the Eucharist every time we celebrate Mass.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, two great missionaries and leaders of the early Church communities. Pope Francis carries on the tradition of Peter being the first Pope. He, as do all popes, has ‘the keys of Peter’ on his coat of arms.

Year 10 Retreat
The Year 10 Retreat is in Term 3 (Week 9 - Wed 10 to Fri 12 Sept). The first payment of $120 was due last Friday 20 June. The second payment is due by Friday 8 August (Week 4). Specific details regarding medical issues, travelling etc will be sent home next Term.

Only 164 students have paid their deposit. I will be speaking with the Year 10s next week. The cut-off for numbers is the last payment on Friday 8 August.

If there are any issues please contact me at the email address below.

Mass at St Pius
Mass will continue on Tuesdays next Term. Parents are invited and most welcome to come along to the Theatrette each Tuesday morning, Period 1 (8:58 to 9:50).

Fund Raising at St Pius
Thank you to the students and parents who have and are supporting our change in fund-raising guidelines. Students are reminded to have their badge/lanyard with them when fundraising in the playground.

Students who have finished fund-raising for Term 2 need to return their lanyards/badges to Mr Worner.

The Vinnies Group are in the process of organising an out-of-uniform day in Week 2 of next term for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

St Pius X Feast Day - Thursday 21 August.

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

Pastoral Care

Morning tea – 11 am on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in the pastoral care room-room 421. We farewell some of our parents who were part of the Conversations about Catholics group last year. Come along and bring a plate and join us for a cuppa.

Vinnies-
Visits to the nursing home have resumed and the students enjoy their time with the residents and vice versa. We will continue to make beanies for the residents and also the Seafarers, and work crocheting some rugs as well. Mrs Christine Ausburn, from Student Services, is helping us with her clever crochet skills! Thanks Mrs Ausburn.

Don’t forget to bring in your old washed warm clothing and blankets for the Winter Appeal. The blue Vinnies bin is near the library.

LAP program.
We are hoping to get the LAP (Learning Assistance Program) up and running next term.

This program assists students to extend their abilities and talents, and be assisted in any areas of difficulty they may be having at school. It can also be to provide important skills for life, friendship and support. Both mentor and those mentored invariably say it is the most profound experience for them, changing them for the better.
We need volunteers for this to happen and although we have some already, we are still looking for people to assist. You would need to be willing to commit to a half an hour per week for the remainder of the year. Parents, older members of our community, year 10 Students, staff, are all welcome to come to an information session, **Wednesday 16 July 2014- 10 am in the Pastoral Care- Room 421.**

May your holidays be restful. Find a quiet place and take some time to reconnect with nature, sit and read a book or do something else to “re ~ create” yourself. If this simply means that you don’t have to push teenagers out of bed in the morning and life is a bit more relaxed- Go with it! As you receive your son or daughters school report, remember to ask them about where they are having their success- and why do they like that…subject, topic, task, or teacher.

“We are not called to do extraordinary things- we are called to do ordinary things with extraordinary love” Jean Vanier. That pretty much sums up being a parent/ teacher doesn’t it!

**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 “**Seasons for Growth**” grief and loss education program is being run at St Pius, and this teaches tools for coping when loss has occurred. In Term 3 we will begin this program for Years 9 and 10. If you would like your young person to be a part of this please contact their house coordinator or Mrs Bronwyn Melville on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

*Bronwyn Melville*
*Pastoral Care Worker*
Semester 1 Reports
Semester 1 reports will be distributed at the beginning of Term 3. Students will receive their reports either the Monday or the Tuesday of Week 1. Parents will be able to read the reports before making a decision about which teachers they would like to speak with at the interviews. Please be aware that if your son or daughter has had a change of class at the end of the semester, the interview will be with the teacher who has already taught your child rather than the new or current teacher. Should you wish to speak with the new teacher, you will need to contact the school and make alternative arrangements.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These will be held on the Thursday evening 24 July and the Friday 25 July. The Friday will be a pupil free day. The trial earlier this year with the use of the online booking system was a huge success, with an increase in the number of interviews being conducted rising by more than 50%. Several changes have been made for this round of interviews.

1. The parent log on and password will be emailed to you. Please make sure that the school has your most up-to-date details.

2. Building work has necessitated a change of location. The interviews will be held in rooms in the middle of the school (401 – 424). The good news is that it will all be on a single level – no parent fitness program with climbing endless sets of stairs between interviews. The bad news is that teachers won’t be in the same spots that have been in the past.

Year 8 Elective Information Evening
It is time for Year 8 students to choose their two electives for Years 9 and 10. St Pius X offers a wide range of Elective subjects and this is always an exciting time for students as they get the opportunity to take up the study of an area of interest.

During the week 3 of next term (beginning 28 July), I will meet with the students to explain the process that they will need to follow and provide them with the Elective Handbook. If they are away and miss this meeting, Elective handbooks will be available at Student Services and on the school website.

On Wednesday 30 July there will be an information evening on Electives for parents in the Theatrette between 7.00pm – 8.00pm. I will provide an explanation of the elective process and the place of elective subjects in the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA). Several Studies Coordinators will also be available to provide subject specific information.

Please remember that care needs to be taken when selecting electives. Students nominate three subjects and most will receive one if not both of their first two choices. Where possible, some minor changes are accommodated in the first five weeks of Term 1 but after this, students and parents should not expect to make changes to elective subjects.

I look forward to seeing parents at the Elective Night on Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 7.00pm.

Stephen Dunn
Dean of Studies
**Geography Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved pleasing results in this National competition:

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*Nancy Battiston*

**Golf Club Drive**

Having not had a huge response to the last Newsletter on the subject of golf clubs, I thought I would ask again, for anyone with old golf sets they are not using, to think about donating these to the school and to help re-establish the sport of golf within the school. As stated in the last Newsletter, we have large numbers of students going to the golf driving range at Shortland every Friday, and many of these are showing real promise as future golfers. To promote the sport and to make it easier for some students who don’t have ready access to golf clubs, we are making a plea for anyone with old golf club sets in usable condition, to donate these to the school. We would really appreciate your donation.

*Col Griffin*  
**Teacher**

**This week in the garden**

The worms have finally arrived. After a dry summer and autumn, stocks of worms have been low which has prolonged the setting up of our worm farms. Thanks to Carmel Martin and her students Alek Mathiang, Patrick Okot and Marial Marial who braved the chilly winds on Tuesday to welcome the worms to their new homes. The worm farms will be using scraps from the kitchens that would otherwise end up in landfill. Carmel also provided the plants with some ‘worm wee’ from her own worm farm which was diluted and watered on the plants for some extra nutrition. The establishment of compost bins is the next job.

The year 7/8 Food Technology students happily picked some lettuce for their hamburgers and tacos. It is great to see them so enthusiastic about visiting the garden and finding out about what else is growing. Our first harvest of French Breakfast Radishes was also an exciting.

*Cherie Borger*  
**Head Gardener**
CAREERS

The Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) are holding an Open Day on 4 July.

The Open Day is a great opportunity for teachers, parents and students to see inside the research facility, engage with research scientists and for students to learn about options for Medical Research as career. This year they have a targeted program for High School Students where they will learn about different pathways to Medical Research, and what life is like for someone who embarks on a medical research career and be involved in numerous activities on the afternoon.

Details of the Open Day are below.

**HMRI Open Day - 4 July 2014**

**Open Day Program**

1pm  Open Day begins  
1 – 4.30pm  Kids Corner  
1 – 4.30pm  Clinical Trials tours  
4.30 pm  Research Info Sessions  
2.30 pm  Behind the scenes high school tour  
5.30 – 6.30 pm  Q & A  
6.30 – 8.00pm  Cocktail Party

Register online at hmri.com.au  
For more information please contact Ellie McNamara ph: 404 20588  
or e: ellie.mcnamara@hmri.com.au

Lisa McCarthy  
Careers Advisor
Accounts Office

Hours of operation:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm
Friday 8.30am to 2.30pm

A reminder that all accounts are now due. Accounts can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly, per term via Bpay (Tuition fees only), direct debit, cash, credit card or cheque. Please contact the Accounts Office for further information regarding your account.

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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Sport

Boys Turner Cup
St Pius X 3 v St Clemente 0
A game which paired two good teams didn’t disappoint on the quality of the football. Pius started the game on the front foot and dominated possession of the ball. The defence led by Darby Richardson and Danilo O’Brien were controlling the opposition forwards with ease. In midfield, the Pius boys were on top and it was only poor finishing and excellent work by the St Clemente goalkeeper that kept the score at 0-0 at halftime. In the second half, Pius again kept dominating and the goal came and what a goal it was! Joshua Kerr brilliantly beat two or three defenders and hammered the ball into the roof of the San Clemente net. The heads of the opposition visibly sank and some great work by Sam Harrison and Harrison Crook brought about the second Pius goal finished by Joshua Davis. More chances were being created and the inevitable third goal came after more good work from the midfield, ending in a Harrison Crook goal. Only superb goalkeeping from the San Clemente keeper kept the score down and the St Pius X boys strode into the next round. The coach was very pleased with the performance and the boys know what is expected from them to maintain the standards set. Well done boys.

Peter Richards
Coach

Under 13’s Rugby League
The Under 13’s Rugby League boys played in the Knights Knockout competition on Wednesday 4 June, against Lambton High and San Clemente. The boys put in a great team performance in both games, but were unfortunately beaten narrowly in the first game 12-8 against Lambton and 34-4 against San Clemente. In the first game, our boys showed no fear against a much larger forward pack in Lambton, especially with Charlie Ross, Liam Brands and Kovi Lendich showing endless amounts of courage with tackling and running the ball up at anything. Great ball movement through Drew Sellers and Tyler Bray saw Brendan Levey hit a hole in the defences’ line to score first. An exceptional individual length of the field try from Reed Van Huisstede had us in front with five minutes remaining, but a try to Lambton in the final minute saw them get the win. A fatigued St Pius side then versed a fresh legged San Clemente in the second match. The boys had a “never say die” attitude to try and overcome a bulky sized Clemente side. The boys were a man down due to an unlucky long list of casualties on the sideline, but nevertheless they still showed pride in that St Pius jumper to not throw in the match. With fearless efforts from Harrison Jones, Tom Davies and Frazer McDonald, after being needed to step up to fill key forward positions, the boys hung on. A late try to Jake Graham saw out the match going down 34-4. Well done to all the boys for their efforts. It was great to see how well they dealt with the loss and kept in good spirits. A special thanks to William Davies from Year 10 who helped out on the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The School Athletics carnival will be held at Glendale Athletics Centre on Thursday 17 July (Term 3 Week 1). Students will be bussed to the venue after care class and returning in time for normal school buses.
Cost is $5 (payable on entry-please have correct change) which covers return transport and venue entry. 
If you child wishes to compete in the 1500m they need to make their own way to the venue as this event will be marshalled at 8.30am.
A detailed information letter will be distributed to students in Care Class.

**NSWCCC Hockey**
Congratulations to Zac Oke (Yr 10) who represented NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) at the NSW All School Hockey Tri series. This carnival held at the Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre, matched NSW Combined independent schools (CIS) and NSW Combined High schools (CHS) against the NSWCCC boys.
NSWCCC defeated NSWCIS 7-5 but were outclassed by NSW CHS. Well done Zac.

**Netball**
On Wednesday June 18 a team of Year 7 students from St Pius competed in the inaugural Netball NSW Cup. The team were undefeated on the day and now progress to Phase 2 of the competition to compete for the Regional Shield in Maitland on August 12. Congratulations to all of the girls on their behaviour, skills and sportsmanship:
Stephanie Kelly
Hannah Cullen
Erin Mulhearn
Bree O'Neill
Maddie Poole
Chelsea Roxby
Paris Fonua
Eboni Smith
Rosanna Jennings
Bella Balcomb

Special thanks to umpires-Hannah Simmons, Shanaya Neesom (Yr 10) and Cassidy Fleming and Maddie Levey (yr9).

*Mandy Willis*  
*Head Coach*

**Girls Soccer – Year 7/8**
The girls teams Year 7 and Year 8 have been excellent and are in the final against each other in Week 8. The two teams are shown below:

Summer Harrison, Eleanor Butler, Molly Watts, Remy Castle, Sienna Mason, Sophia Gavrill, Georgia McMahon, Jordan Houston, Gabrielle McSpadden, Rose Lancaster, Gabrielle Hart, Gabriella Cosentino, Isabelle Smith, Danielle McSeveny, Isabella Rendina, Ruby Springthorpe, Leilani Nathan, Sarah Williams, Annabelle Hewitt, Bianca Fakhoury, Finoa McCarthy, Lucie Fityus and Rachel Haberl.

The next round of the Turner Cup saw St Pius easy victory over St Phillips Waratah by 7 goals to 1. Gabrielle Deacon got a hat trick with Isabelle Hewitt (2), Ellie Butler (1) and Emily Soldas (1). Josie Rae, Tovah Agresti and Clare Plenty were away and were ably replaced by Sophia Gavrill, Sienna Mason and Jade Cannon. The full squad also
included Lucie Fityus, Gabrielle Mason, Kirra Hurrell, Chloe Kapalos, Ruby Springthorpe, Gabrielle Cosentino and Isabelle Palmer.

Mick Lee
Head Coach

2014 Hockey Report - NSW CCC State Tournament, Tamworth

On May 21 St Pius X U16 Hockey Teams set to play in the NSW CCC Championships along with St Francis Xavier Open teams. After a long journey to Lithgow and a restful night’s sleep in our motel at Wallerawang, our spirits were high & we were ready for a hard tournament. We eagerly awoke at 6am and headed to the frosty grounds (it was that cold!)

The boys opening game was against St Edwards, Gosford who proved to be our toughest opponents (a team consisting of all state & rep players). A game well-played for a 5-3 loss. Second game was against Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes. Good game, 2-1 win. Third game vs Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn. Another good game, 3-2 win. Last game on day 1 vs St Clare’s, Taree. Unlucky loss 2-1.

After a long night of team bonding & being the rich guy, we were mentally & physically prepared for Day 2. The last round game was against St Paul’s, Pt Macquarie. Another win with boys playing well 3-0. Semi finals against St Clare’s, Taree was hard fought, but our superior mind frame & skill saw a win 2-1.

The tension was building for the NSW CCC State Championship Final. It was huge for the team and we were ready. Although it was a 0-0 draw for the 1st half, St Edwards broke through. An unlucky loss 5-0, but we came away State Runners Up. Well done boys!

We held our heads high on the long trip home, feeling justly proud of our achievement. Credit goes to Zac Oke, Chris Hendry, Luke Vallone, Declan Swain, Reede Palmer, Ricky Pankhurst, Morgan Bowe, Zane Nugent, Rory Walker, Callum Kaluski, Sean Johnston, Noah Dixon, Hunter Ellen, Callum Brain. Well done on an exceptional tournament, especially those who haven’t played before. Thanks to teachers Mrs Julie Healey, Mr Joel Connell & umpire Mr Rodney Fernandes for all their work and guidance.

Zac Oke, Captain

The girls also played very well. Five games on the first day proved a hard task, especially with our most experienced player injured and unable to play. Rookie goalies were outstanding – Cate Pearce & Renee Hedges. The first game vs St Paul’s HS, Pt Macquarie – a win 2-0; second game vs St Clare’s HS, Taree – a 0-2 loss; third game vs McCarthy College, Tamworth – a 0-6 loss; fourth game vs Red Bend CC, Forbes – a 2-5 loss; fifth game vs Catherine McCauley, Westmead – a 0-4 loss. The second day left us with just the playoffs vs St Paul’s HS, Pt Macquarie – a 1-0 win placing us fifth overall.

Great effort girls : Grace Sorby, Angel Moylan, Irene Juma, Samara Walker, Zoe Doran, Cate Pearce, Clare Butler, Alex Delbridge (injured), Laura Blakemore, Renee Hedges, Eloise Franks, Genevieve Franks, Holly Draganic, Olivia Anastasi.

Julie Healy
Organiser
Surfing
Congratulations to Maddison Poole of Year 7 who recently came second in the regional school surfing titles under 16 division. Maddison surfed with confidence and flair against girls considerably older than her and has won the right to represent the Hunter in the state titles at Coffs Harbour in a month’s time. Well done!

Greg Stuck

Horseriding

Claire Plenty attended the NSW Interschool Championships in Sydney from the 19 to 22 June with her horse Rolex. Claire and Rolex came 1st in both the Prix St George and the Intermediate One tests that they entered. These two tests are the highest dressage test that were offered through the Interschool. Congratulations Claire.

Boys AFL
The under 14’s boys AFL side have played several games in the Hunter Schools Swans Cup which has been played on Monday evenings. With a side containing only a handful of boys who actually play, all have put in a great amount of effort and determination this term and for that, they have prevailed as the Hunter Region champions. The final on Monday night saw us win 36-24 against Belmont Christian College in an intense battle. Our boys showed no fear against a much larger and taller Belmont side taking them on with great intensity and out running them with sheer pace. Goal scorers on the night were Reed Van Huisstede and Bodie Bradford with doubles, and a single to Jarvis Harland. Reed had an outstanding man of the match performance however, the team as a whole played brilliantly together and it is a credit to them for all their efforts. The side will progress further where they will compete against St. Edwards Gosford on July 25 next term in a Hunter vs Central Coast region final to bid for a spot in the state championships. A special thanks to all the parents for their support, in particular to David and Fran Stanbridge for the help with goal umpiring and the halftime oranges for the boys.

Matthew Bailey
Organiser
Performing Art students of St Pius X Adamstown were given the opportunity to perform in Dio Sounds at the Newcastle Civic Theatre in a matinee and evening performance on the 11th June 2014. Dio Sounds is a showcase of musicians from secondary schools from across the Diocese. Each school is given a 10-15 minute block on stage to present their most musically talented performers.

This year SPX was represented by 56 talented students from the areas of Vocal, Band and Percussion Ensemble. This amount of students is the largest to ever represent St. Pius X, and one of the largest schools who performed at Dio Sounds 2014. Both the matinee and evening performances were a great success and everyone involved had a fantastic time.

The Music Department would like to thank the Executive Team and staff members for their on-going support with musical rehearsals. We would also like to thank the parents who travelled to and from the Civic Theatre to pickup/dropoff their kids. We appreciate your support and without parent involvement events like Dio Sounds would not be possible.

To our wonderfully talented Performing Arts students, Mrs Elgar-Roberts and Mrs Lunarzewski are incredibly proud. Every year SPX set a bench mark for a musical showcase of a high standard, and this year was certainly no different. Not only did you look extremely sharp in your ‘Unity’ Performing Arts uniforms, we must commend you on your behaviour. We received many compliments about how respectful and quiet you were when waiting backstage and also how professional you were in the technical rehearsal. All our lunch time rehearsals, sport time and workshops certainly paid off! Congratulations and well done!

A special thank you goes to Josh Holliday (drum tutor) for putting the ‘Percussion Ensemble’ together. Josh composed the percussive parts our boys played on the night. Josh is a real asset to our school, thank you!

We would also like to especially thank two boys from Year 8, Heath Baldwin and Elijah Mills. These two boys have been a marvellous help in setting up equipment for every rehearsal and assisting as backstage crew on the night of Dio Sounds. Heath always makes sure everything runs smoothly (technically) through our rehearsals and Elijah was responsible for designing the visual presentation the audience watched through our ‘On Top of the World’ item.

SPX two items were filmed and you can watch this recording by visiting: http://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/NewsEvents/News/Pages/DioSounds.aspx

Yours in Music
Tahnee Elgar-Roberts & Asha Lunarzewski
Music Department

Dio Sounds 2014
On Wednesday 11 June, 60 talented students from St. Pius travelled to the Civic Theatre to showcase their talents, at Dio Sounds, the annual Diocesan music festival. St Pius presented three different items. The first was the choir singing a combination of the two songs “Stea My Kisses” and “Stand by Me” conducted by Mrs Lunarzewski. This piece was followed by a percussive performance from Josh Holiday’s talented drum students. The performance was concluded by a spectacular combination of St. Pius’ musical talents including the Rockestra band, conducted by Mrs Elgar-Roberts,
and the choir. They performed a modern piece called “On Top of the World” by Imagine Dragons. The group all had a fantastic time performing in front of the full theatre who thoroughly enjoyed the piece.

Backstage, the group had an awesome time, jamming and conversing with the two other schools in the Playhouse Theatre whilst waiting to perform on stage. As a group, we all agreed that we were extremely thankful for this opportunity presented to us by the music department, with special thanks to Mrs Lunarzewski, and Mrs Elgar-Roberts who composed the manuscript for the musicians and conducted both the choir and Rockestra band. We would also like to thank them for giving up their time to help the music students to perfect these pieces and make the event an extremely fun time. Also, a warm thankyou to the students who gave up many of their lunch times, class times and sport times. It was very much appreciated.

It was lots of fun to get to know and bond with people who share similar musical interests and talents. There were many schools who participated, some of which included: St Mary’s High School Gateshead, San Clemente High School Mayfield, St Paul’s High School Booragul, St Francis Xavier’s College Hamilton, All Saints College St Peter’s Campus Maitland, All Saints College St Mary’s Campus Maitland, All Saints College St Joseph’s Campus Lochinvar, St Catherine’s College Singleton, St Joseph’s High School Aberdeen and St Clare’s High School Taree.

Overall, the night was a spectacular one, leaving all the performers buzzing, content and tired with many great memories to precede next year’s Dio Sounds.

By Eulalia Angeli, Levi Kealy and Rosie Cousins of Year 9.
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