Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

**Wonderful News For Secondary Schooling**

As you are doubtless aware, Mr Ray Collins & Bishop Bill Wright announced last week the recommendations from the study into the provision of secondary education in our Diocese. All parents and carers were emailed a letter last week providing information on the recommendations. This letter is now also available on the News & Events page of our website and in hard copy from the Student Services Office.

The recommendations are very positive and extremely exciting. In the very near future there will be two new 7-12 schools and two existing 7-10 schools will become 7-12. It is very pleasing to see a substantial movement back to 7 to 12 schools. By 2020 there will be 13 secondary schools in our Diocese: 7 of those will be 7-12, 1 will be K-12, 3 will be 7-10 and 2 will be 11-12.

For the teaching staff here at St Pius it is disappointing that we will not be transitioning to 7-12 in the short term. However, anyone familiar with change management will realise the importance of implementing change in a balanced way. Hasten slowly and in priority order. The Diocese can only sustain a certain amount of change all at once and I believe they have got the balance just right. I have no doubt that in the future we will go 7-12.

Recommendation 7, requiring a strengthening of the relationship and collaboration between St Pius, San Clemente and SFX is good to see in the mix. How this will occur will be decided by the executive teams of the three schools. My hope is that we can develop substantial and practical ways of making a difference in the relationship and collaboration between junior & senior schools for the benefit of all students and staff. We already have a good relationship. This is about building on that in fruitful ways.

It is also very reassuring to read Recommendation 10, requiring a further review of secondary education in 2022-2023. My hope is that as more students, parents and carers in our Diocese experience the huge benefits of 7-12 schools, this future review will recommend a movement back to a 7-12 structure in our last three remaining 7-10 schools.

As an aside: Why do I want to see Pius as 7-12? I could write pages in response to this question. In a nutshell, because I truly believe a 7-12 structure is best for students' wellbeing, for their faith, physical & social development and for their learning. I base this belief on my own experience of over 30 years as an educator. I have taught in six different schools across three different systems. I have experienced four significantly different structures in those schools: boys 7-12, co-ed 7-12, co-ed 11-12 and co-ed 7-10. Everything I have experienced confirms for me that 7-12 is the best structure for students that I have come across. My belief is also strongly supported by many different areas of educational research.
I probably need to reassure some parents of a couple of things. I have already been asked by several parents of children who attend Pius but who live in the St Mary’s drawing area, what will happen to their children in 2018. Will they have to go to St Mary’s for Year 11? Please rest assured that if your child is already here at Pius, he or she will proceed through to SFX with the rest of their cohort if that is what you wish. Once children are enrolled at Pius, they can remain with the Pius cohort that proceeds to SFX. Even for students currently in Year 8 at St Mary’s itself, the first group that will progress to Yr11 at St Mary’s, if parents wish for their child to attend SFX that will be permitted by the CSO.

The other concern raised by a couple of parents is around the capability of a 7-10 school to transition successfully to a 7-12 school. Let me put your mind at rest on that one too. Any teacher worth their salt is capable of teaching 11-12. That is what we are trained for: through teaching qualifications, degrees in academic disciplines and in many cases these days, Masters Degrees.

Any 7-10 schools chosen to go 7-12, will also institute appropriate professional development for all staff to bring everyone up to speed on the latest Stage 6 requirements. St Mary’s Gateshead & St Joseph’s Lochinvar for instance have 2.5 years to prepare for Year 11. When they come online in 2018 they will be more than capable of delivering excellent Stage 6 education that is at least comparable to that currently existing in other schools around the Diocese. The very successful transition of St Paul’s Booragul from 7-10 to 7-12 in the late ‘90s is proof of that.

Finally, please note in your diaries the date for the Parent/Parishioner Information session on the recommendations: 5 August, 7.00pm, here at Pius in The Factory Theatre. Please come along to this. It is much more than just a run through the recommendations. You will get to hear the reasons behind the decisions and be able to ask any questions you may have.

Immersion Program to Vietnam & Borneo
It may seem that the return of our intrepid travellers last week was somewhat overshadowed by the announcement of the plans for secondary schools. Not so! We welcome the two groups of Year 10 students and teachers back to school. A huge thank you must go to the staff who accompanied the students: Stephen Dunn, Therese Rankin, Carmel Wright & Kieran Kelly.

I’m sure there will be much more written by others about the trips. I just wanted to say that the teachers have said how proud they were of the students. The students were excellent ambassadors for our school. Having spoken to some of the students, the trips were obviously invaluable, life-changing experiences for them. Well done to everyone. Thank you especially to Simone Kelly, our RSC, for her excellent planning and organisation.

Safety Around The School
I remind all students about the importance of staying safe on and near the roads around our school. Concentration – looking and listening – when travelling to and from school is essential. It is easy to get distracted and this can put you and others in extreme danger. Keep your wits about you and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
Athletics Carnival
Last Thursday St Pius held its Athletics Carnival. The weather was much kinder to us than it could have been. Predicted rain & wind did not eventuate and the sun shone for most of the day. Thank you to David Pitfield for his excellent organisation of the Carnival. Thank you to all staff for your great efforts on the day. We had a good turn up of students and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable day.

Have a lovely week.

Robert Emery
Principal

Media Consent
The Catholic Schools Office is updating all student files in regard to Media Consent (i.e. consent for student photographs to be taken for school and diocesan publications and website).

All student files will be marked as ‘permission given’ unless a parent/guardian requests otherwise.

If you do not want your child’s file marked as ‘permission given’ please send a letter/email to the School Principal stating that you do not give permission and your child’s file will be marked accordingly.

World Youth Day 2016
World Youth Day 2016 will be held in Krakow, Poland. All parishioners are invited to attend the Diocesan Launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will be held on Sunday 26 July commencing with Praise and Worship featuring the diocesan Spirit and Truth Band at 4.00pm followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Bill at 5.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. You are then welcome to attend supper with Bishop Bill and members of the Polish community at the Victor Peters Suite after mass. It is hoped that we will have representatives from each parish community at the Diocesan Launch.

The pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016 will be an intergenerational pilgrimage where we will follow “In the Footsteps of Saints” commencing in Venice and travelling to Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rome then on to Krakow, Poland and finishing in Vienna. Further information on our pilgrimage to WYD in Krakow will be available at the Diocesan launch. For more information please contact the Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinators, Sue Lacey at susan.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au or Brian Lacey at brian.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au
**Important Dates**

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**Cyberbullying – Important Changes from 1 July 2015**

_The Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015_ has resulted in the creation of the _Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner_. The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending material after it has been reported to them. The Office can work with schools when necessary to resolve cyberbullying issues. The Office provides a range of resources for children and families: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au).

Note: If your child is subjected to cyberbullying, please always make and save a copy of the offending material. This can assist authorities in tracking down those responsible and proving their involvement.

**Entertainment Books**

There are still a number of entertainment books that have not been returned. Could you please check and either send in your book or return your payment to the student services.
Ministry News
A reminder that the final payment for Retreat was due on Friday 17 July. If there are any concerns regarding the payment, please contact either myself or a Student Coordinator. Numbers have to be confirmed with the venue.

Pam Wynn
Acting Ministry Coordinator

Pastoral Care
Welcome back to Term 3.

Vinnies News
The Vinnies Winter Appeal is running for July and August at the school. Please take time to look in your cupboards for any clean saleable items and place them in the blue Vinnies bins found near the Library and in Student Services. Your generosity for others is appreciated.

Seasons
Notes are going home for Seasons for Growth. Remember this is for all changes in your child’s life which affect them. Like moving house, family situations changing, loss through ill health or death, friends moving away, separation or divorce, being unwell for a time and lots more. The benefits roll on into their life in all areas, like assisting in dealing with feelings and concerns, so they can settle and do their school work. Please return notes by Friday 24 July 2015. For more information please contact me: bronwyn.melville@mn.catholic.edu.au

State Parent Survey
There is a state wide survey for parents of Catholic school children. The review is for the CCSP, which is the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW. Every child in a Catholic school is represented by the CCSP, as the CCSP advocates for school funding, SWD, Curriculum, seat belts in buses, capital funding and many other things on your child’s behalf. The CCSP ensures that school students in the Catholic system are represented at the state level. You can take part in the survey below: http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/ccsp-review-2015

Some quick useful links:


Learning http://www.partners4learning.edu.au/


Bronwyn Melville
Pastoral Care Worker

Cheerleading
The St Pius X Cheerleading team has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming All Stars Battle to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on 25 and 26 July (both days). We look forward to sharing the results of the team’s performance in the next Newsletter. The team consists of: Jorja Bailey, Phoebe Smith, Hollie Pringle, Ella Cameron, Ruby Pearson, Indira Stackhouse, Hayley Hadlow, Kate DeGroot, Lilli McQualter, Adrianna Rossi, Taylah Wiggins, Samara Limbert, Sophie Matejczuk, Mackenzie Bristow, Stephanie Kelly, Sienna Spooner, Charlotte Smith, Hannah Peacock, Sarah Jones, Emma England, Holly Reid, Chelsea Chapman, Jessica Hay, Marli Ryan, and Dominique Byrne. Looking ahead, the team will also compete at the NSW State Cheerleading from 4 to 6 September at Sydney Olympic Park (one day only) and the Scholastic Nationals Cheerleading Championships from 24 to 25 October, Sydney Olympic Park (one day only).

Amanda Mohr
Chisholm Coordinator
Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
This year we are taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting stickers at Woolworths between now and Tuesday 8 September 2015. You can drop the stickers in the box at Woolworths Kotara, or bring them into Student Services. In previous years we have been able to use our points to purchase the Lego Robotics kits which are used for Year 8 Technology students. We are grateful for your support.

Cherie Borger
Technology Teacher

SRC News
Wellbeing survey for parents
Our school is in the process of developing a Wellbeing Program, using the Mind Matters framework. Students and Staff have been given the opportunity to have their say – now it is your turn. We would love to know what we do well, what areas need to be improved and any other general suggestions or recommendations regarding wellbeing and our school community. Please go to the school website and click on the student support tab for a link to the survey: http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/surveys/survey-start?id=parent-family-survey---465-c0780c0dcca543008f66 or enter the address above into your computers URL. It will take no more than 10 minutes and your opinion will be invaluable to this programs implementation and future success. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school.

Special Needs Mass
Holy Name Church – Forster
11 August, 2015 - 7.00pm

Bus Transport:
• A bus may be booked for the convenience of parents and staff, depending on demand.
• If you would consider using this free service, if provided, please contact Reception on 49 571032 and register your name and details.
• Your school will advise closer to the date if this bus is to be available.
• Pick up and return to: Catholic Schools Office, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle. Other stops along the Pacific Highway may be possible upon request (in Raymond Terrace and Bulahdelah).
• Please advise of any specific transport needs regarding this service.

Any questions? Contact Cath Garrett-Jones on 4979 1303.

Term 2 Wellbeing Day: Thursday 25 June
The day was a huge success and it aimed to encourage a balanced wellbeing focusing on the physical, spiritual and emotional elements that make up an individual’s wellbeing. It was informative, interactive and most importantly FUN! Money raised for the day was $1,900, this will be divided between Beyondblue and Newcastle’s Headspace – two invaluable groups that assist young people with Mental Health. More information to come regarding workshops for students and parents on Wellbeing.

Laura Gallagher
SRC Teacher
Canteen Roster
We are in desperate need of volunteers. If you can help out please call the Canteen number below.
If you are unable to attend on 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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Accounts can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly, per term via Bpay (Tuition fees only), direct debit, cash, credit card or cheque.
Please ensure all accounts due are finalised promptly.

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| Leanne Haberl/Donna McMahon | Ruth Roxby/Alison Moretti | Kate Cousins/Heidi Wilkinson/Therese McCloy | Rachael Gapps/Kim Simmons/Angie Moylan/Lara Mitchell | Jennifer Baggs/Sue Thatcher/Lea Horton/Donna Mills |
Tuesday Morning Fitness

Starting in Week 2, we will continue to organise an early morning fitness session for students. The session will run on a Tuesday morning from 8.00am (please note this time change from the 7.50am start to allow for more students to attend). The theme will change each week ranging from boot camp, to yoga, to walking and meditation – we hope to promote healthy choices, and a positive outlook. The schedule is attached to help students and their families plan ahead for the term. Students will be reminded via student notices each Friday, and will receive an email each Monday to prompt them to sign up. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported their child’s attendance last term - we look forward to seeing them again this term! A big thanks also to the enthusiastic staff who have again offered to run sessions during term 3.

Amanda Mohr
Chisholm House Coordinator

Tuesday Morning Fitness- Term 3

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Sport

Rugby League
Congratulations to our St Pius U16 Rugby League team who won the Grand Final of the Newcastle Knights All Schools Knockout last Tuesday at Hunter Stadium, with a convincing 48-6 victory over St Joseph's Lochinvar. These two teams have competed in the Grand Final every year over the past four years, eliminating approximately 50 different schools across eight regions to make the final each year.

An outstanding team effort was reflected both on the scoreboard and in the quality of football produced. I wish to thank each player for the way they have represented our school in all competitions over the past four years.

Congratulations to Ethan Fowles, who scored three tries and was awarded Player of the Final. The St Pius team will now travel to Sydney to represent the Newcastle/Hunter region at the NSW All Schools State Finals on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 July in a bid to be crowned State champions.

Special mention also to our U13 League team who narrowly missed a place in the Final after a controversial loss to St Mary's Gateshead in the Qualifying final. Hopefully they get the opportunity to play on Hunter Stadium next year.

I would also like to commend the exceptional courage and skill displayed by the 12 members of the Year 9 and 10 Girls League team on Wednesday at the Rugby League Carnival. I was very proud of your efforts, winning two games and a narrow loss, and finishing equal top of your pool. Unfortunately, injuries and points for and against prevented you from making the Grand Final. Next year we will be back bigger and stronger. Great work.

John McLoughlin
PDHPE Coordinator

Girl's Rugby League Gala Day
Our 9/10 Girl's Rugby team have now taken to Rugby League and played a Gala Day at Somerset Park, Thornton. The girls performed exceptionally well, beating Wallsend High, Dungog High and then going down by one try to Rutherford High. After a count back, Wallsend High went through to the Grand Final on points for and against. The girls were by far the most skillful team there, and their tackling would make any boy cringe. Mr McLoughlin and I were absolutely in awe by the courage of the girls in this team and their total lack of fear when tackling and running the ball up. This Gala Day emphasised that girls are capable of anything. The team was: Isabel Palmer, Naomi Fanning, Gabrielle Deacon, Jessica Wilson, Eloise Franks, Tahlia West, Ruby Springthorpe, Holly Draganic, Jade Feeney, Leilani Nathan, Nicole Nathan, Olivia Mitchell. Thanks girls for an awesome day.

Kerrie Sellers
Coach
## Athletics Carnival Results 2015

1<sup>st</sup>: POLDING  
2<sup>nd</sup> DEANE  
3<sup>rd</sup>: PERRY  
4<sup>th</sup>: CHISHOLM  
5<sup>th</sup>: FAHEY  
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| 2<sup>nd</sup> James Ajay | Perry | **2<sup>nd</sup>** | Kayla Waldron | Polding |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Sam O’Dell | Helferty | **3<sup>rd</sup>** | Holly Davis | Deane |
| 1<sup>st</sup> Claude Castaldi | Polding | **1<sup>st</sup>** | Megan Aspinall | Polding |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Wellard | Fahey | **2<sup>nd</sup>** | Taylah Bryde | Chisholm |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyran Duffield | Chisholm | **3<sup>rd</sup>** | Summer Harrison | Chisholm |
| **13yrs**  
Eq | **1<sup>st</sup>** | Tallas Lynch | Helferty | **1<sup>st</sup>** | Isabelle Palmer | Fahey |
| 1<sup>st</sup> Darcy Castaldi | Polding | **2<sup>nd</sup>** | Hannah Cullen | Deane |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Gaudion | Helferty | **3<sup>rd</sup>** | Adriana Rossi | Helferty |
| 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Clinton | Perry | **1<sup>st</sup>** | Erin Cullen | Deane |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle Theacos | Fahey | **2<sup>nd</sup>** | Emily Whelan | Chisholm |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Harrison Johnson | Perry | **3<sup>rd</sup>** | Danielle McSeveney | Deane |
| **14yrs**  
1<sup>st</sup> Max Cates | Polding | **1<sup>st</sup>** | Siane Fonua | Chisholm |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison Crook | Perry | **2<sup>nd</sup>** | Emily Grant | Perry |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamish McKie | Fahey | **3<sup>rd</sup>** | Cavelle McLeod | Helferty |
Music Department

Dio Sounds Performance
Performing Arts students of St Pius X Adamstown were given the opportunity to perform in Dio Sounds at the Newcastle Civic Theatre in matinee and evening performances on 4 June 2015.

Dio Sounds is a showcase of musicians from secondary schools from across the Diocese. Each school is given a 10 minute block on stage to present their most musically talented performers.

This year SPX put forward two items from the areas of Vocal and Band, and represented 50 of our most talented performers. The first item “We Found Love” arranged by Choir! Choir! Choir!, featured the SPX A Capella Choir and showcased 4 part harmonies. The second item “Uptown Funk” was arranged by Mrs Elgar-Roberts for 12 vocalists and Rockestra, a comprised band of strings, rock and wind instruments. Both the matinee and evening performances were of great success and everyone involved had a memorable time.

The Music Department would like to thank the Executive Team and staff members for their ongoing support with musical rehearsals. We would also like to thank the parents who travelled to and from the Civic Theatre to pick up and drop off their children. 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 Lunarzewsiki 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. All our lunch time rehearsals, sport time and workshops certainly paid off.

A special thank you also goes to Josh Holliday the SPX Drum Coordinator who helped put the drum solo together and lent us his amazing drum machine. We certainly were the envy of other schools because of that machine.

We would also like to especially thank two boys from Year 9, 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.

Yours in Music
Mrs Elgar-Roberts & Mrs Lunarzewsiki
Music Department
Written by Year 10 Music students who performed at Dio Sounds

Every year, Dio Sounds seems to become more and more fantastic, with this year being no exception. Dio Sounds was a combination of top notch performances and major socialisation back stage. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to speak to people from other schools, as well as develop relationships with people from our own school through conversations and games. However, the real fun was the performance itself. The choir performed a great A Cappella rendition of “We Found Love”, followed by a cover of “Uptown Funk” performed by Rockestra and the school choir. These two performances were extremely fun to perform and we all wish that we could have stayed on stage longer. Dio Sounds 2015 was the best experience we’ve had in a long time and we’re so sad that this is our last year with St Pius. Bring on Music Night, Term 3.
Ashley Carruthers  
Piano Virtuoso & All Round Entertainer!

On Monday 22 June 2015, International Piano Superstar Ashley Carruthers performed at St Pius X High School in the Factory Theatre.

Students from Year 7, Years 9 and 10 Elective Music and Performing Arts Sport were blown away with Ashley’s high energy performance as his fingers danced across the keys.

Carruthers is an Australian born pianist. He grew up in Newcastle and actually attended primary school and played clarinet in the school band with Mrs Elgar-Roberts. Ashley attended Newcastle Grammar High School while studying under the direction of Amanda O’Neale, Terrence Koo and Philip Sketchley. As a young adult, he continued his piano and vocal tuition in Sydney before moving to London to study under the World’s finest. Ashley worked as the piano accompanist for the London Ballet Company for many years before landing in Disney World USA as a featured pianist and vocalist. In 2012, he broke the Guinness Book of Records for the fastest piano player in the world with playing 797 notes in the space of 1 minute. Just recently he cracked the 800 notes per/minute mark and will officially be judged later on this year to smash his own world record.

During his concert at SPX, Ashley played works from composers such as; Liszt, Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, Disney, Liberace, Ben Folds, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more. Currently Ashley can be found regularly headlining as a guest artist on a number of cruise lines including the Royal Caribbean, Holland America, Regent Seven Seas, Oceania, Seaborne, Princess, Celebrity, Azamara and Carnival Cruise lines.

To find out more information about Ashley, or to watch videos of him playing visit the following website: [http://www.ashleycarruthers.com/](http://www.ashleycarruthers.com/)

Music Department
All St. Pius X mothers are invited to the Annual
St. Pius X Mothers Dinner
At “Harbourview on Queens Wharf”
Date: 16th October 2015
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm
Cost: $65.00 – Canapés (6.30-7pm), Main and Dessert
So ladies mark your calendars & keep this date free for a night of fine
dining, fabulous prizes, great company & a harbour view setting.
*Tickets go on sale Monday 27-7-2015*
Tickets may be purchased individually or as groups
Table maximum seat 10
We are seeking donations for raffle prizes and assistance on the night. Please contact us if
you are able to help.
Natalie Steel 0419 505 366 or email jason.steel@bigpond.com
Therese McCloy 0422 228 702 or email tbmccloy@hotmail.com

Please complete invite & send with full payment to the St Pius x P & F box located in the
main office.

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Table Contact Name & Ph:
Dear Parents

Did you know that the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle - CSO offers an extension program in the Creative & Performing Arts called ASPIRE, open to any student in our Diocese from year 5 to year 12.

Did you know that every year a showcase performance is held at the Civic Theatre that features over 120 students who have auditioned to participate in this program?

Is your child gifted and talented in the Performing Arts?

The 2015 ASPIRE showcase performance “Stranger than Fiction” is on at the Civic Theatre from 23-25th July. If your child is interested in the Performing Arts why not come along and see what ASPIRE is all about?

More details on the program, auditions and the show can be found on the CSO website www.mn.catholic.edu.au/students/performingarts
or by calling Anna Kerrigan (Artistic Director)
on 4979 1220 or Anne Atkins on 4979 1331
2015
Hunter
School Leavers Expo
For Students with Disability/Ongoing Medical Conditions
Thursday 23 July | 9.00 am–1.00 pm

Our Venue - Hunter Stadium
Kindly sponsored by Hunter Venues

WHERE
Level 2, Hunter Stadium, 294 Turton Road, Broadmeadow | http://hunterstadium.com.au/location

Enter through the main entrance pictured above where you’ll find our Welcome table and musical entertainment! The lifts go straight from this foyer to the Expo at Level 2. We’ll have lots of helpers moving around with “Ask Me” badges to point you in the right direction.

ACCESSIBILITY
There are multiple lifts to Level 2 to ensure students, families, staff and providers can access the Expo with ease.

PARKING
Lots of parking! If they can handle a Knight’s game they can handle us.

WHO SHOULD COME?
Students with disability or an ongoing medical condition, families, carers, staff who support students/clients/participants with disability or ongoing medical conditions, and anyone involved in career and transition planning.

www.facebook.com/HCCExpos

HELP TO PLAN YOUR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL!

ABOUT THE EXPOS
You may not think of yourself as having a ‘disability’ but the definition under the Disability Discrimination Act is broad and includes learning disability, Autism Spectrum Disorders, medical conditions, mental illness, physical conditions, sensory impairments, Intellectual disability, and much more. Do you have to put in extra effort at school because of your disability or condition? If so, then this Expo is for you.

WHO WILL BE THERE? Apart from the Knights!!
We have lots of services booked and you won’t find them together anywhere else!

- University of Newcastle disability staff
- TAFE & other training providers
- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network providers
- Employment Services
- Australian Disability Enterprises
- Disability Services
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Ability Links
- National Disability Coordination Officer Program (NDCO)
- Health Transition Care
- Aboriginal Employment Strategy staff
- NSW Companion Cards
- Plus many more… It’ll be a full house!

Check our Facebook page for updates

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DISCOVER ENGINEERING

TOPICS

Areas to be addressed include:
Why be an Engineer?
What do Engineers Do?
How do you Become an Engineer?
What is it Like to Study Engineering?

Guest speakers include:
Engineering professionals,
university representatives
and university students

DATE

Tuesday 4th August 2015
5.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Engineers Australia
122 Parry Street
NEWCASTLE WEST

This free forum is for all
high school students who are
interested in Engineering as a
career choice.

Light refreshments will be served

REGISTER ONLINE

Registration essential by:
Monday 3rd August 2015

To register please CLICK HERE

or visit
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-
division/events

Enquiries: 4911 7310

SPONSORED BY:

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## Early Learning Events

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<td>Meora Hot</td>
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<td>Jess Salvador</td>
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<td>Friday, 17/07/2015</td>
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<td>10:00 AM - 2:00 PM</td>
<td>Andrew Harvey</td>
<td>0458 488 824</td>
<td><a href="mailto:andrew.harvey@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au">andrew.harvey@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching</td>
<td>Family Insight and Family Action Centre</td>
<td>East Maitland</td>
<td>$5.00 for parent workbook</td>
<td>Tuesday, 21/07/2015</td>
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<td>5:30 PM - 8:00 PM</td>
<td>Lesley Asher</td>
<td>4921 5768</td>
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<td>Woodville Neighbourhood Centre Inc. Gaedtakis Family Support</td>
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<td>Judith Upton</td>
<td>02 4959 4624</td>
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<td>Gilda Ascott Evans</td>
<td>02 4967 4466</td>
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Dear Parents

Over the past 12 months we have experienced a significant increase in the costs to manufacture your uniforms. This is mainly, but not solely due to the decrease in the Australian Dollar by nearly 20%.

During the same time we have maintained pricing to ensure that you have not been impacted at the register. We have also introduced a range of internal measures to cushion the impact of the falling Australian Dollar without impacting on the quality or consistency of your uniforms.

Whilst we have absorbed some of the impact of the change, we have no choice but to introduce a revised pricelist effective 1 August 2015.

We encourage you to purchase or Lay by uniforms before this date to beat the price rise.

We thank you for understanding and hope you continue to enjoy your experience with Alinta Apparel.

Warm regards
Alinta Apparel Pty Ltd

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Second-Hand Uniforms

A large number of parents/carers 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. Parents/carers 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 of each newsletter.

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

4. Parents/carers will simply contact the number supplied and deal directly with the person buying/selling.

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

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

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Second Hand Uniforms

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

□ Buy □ Sell (please tick)

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<td>Rori</td>
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