Dear Families and Friends of the St Pius X Community,

**Immersion Program**
Two groups of Year 10 students and teachers left Australia on Saturday morning flying out to Vietnam and Borneo. These 29 students and 4 teachers are taking part in our Immersion Program, run in association with World Challenge, a company that provides educational school expeditions. The two groups will undertake social justice works for parishes & villages, complete an extensive trek and also enjoy some rest and relaxation time. We wish them all the best for a wonderful experience.

**Pope’s New Encyclical**
“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

So begins the new encyclical from Pope Francis. In it he calls for a radical transformation of politics, economics and individual lifestyles to confront environmental degradation and climate change. He makes a strong plea for swift and unified global action.

The vision that Pope Francis outlines in the 184-page papal encyclical is sweeping in ambition and scope: He describes relentless exploitation and destruction of the environment and says apathy, the reckless pursuit of profits, excessive faith in technology and political shortsightedness are to blame. The most vulnerable victims, he declares, are the world’s poorest people, who are being dislocated and disregarded.

This is an absolute must for everyone to read or at least to familiarize themselves with the main points. The three links below will help you to do that.

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4) – a brief YouTube summary.
Electronic Sign
About five years ago, it was suggested by the P&F that St Pius should install an electronic school notice board to replace the existing notice board. We decided on an appropriate design & would have purchased and installed it back then but a higher priority need arose. Each year since, we have placed the sign on our list of budgetary priorities but have not been in a position to purchase the sign, until now. Over the coming holidays an electronic sign will be installed. Thank you to the P&F for their idea and their patience.

Changes of Classes
At St Pius, English, Mathematics & Science classes are graded to varying degrees. Details are provided in the Handbook. At appropriate times during each year (usually the end of each Semester) student placement in the graded classes is reassessed on the basis of their results and rankings in assessment tasks and exams. So, for example, if there are 34 places available in the top Maths class we place the top 34 students, based on results and rankings, into this class for the next semester. This may mean that some students have to change classes.

Studies Coordinators often get numerous phone calls when class changes occur. Parents and Carers often phone to argue against the change or to ask that the change not occur. Please understand that changes of class cannot be reversed simply by request. If there are 34 places in the top Maths class and your child is placed 35th, he or she must end up in the second class. Please do not phone the school to request that changes do not occur.

The only exceptions to this are: (i) if it appears that a mistake has been made in the calculations of result and/or rank; and (ii) if there is some special circumstance that we may not be aware of and that may have some bearing on class placement. In all cases of changes to class, the Studies Coordinator will make the final decision.

Accident
Last week at St Pius a student was struck by a car in Fletcher St on his way to school. Fortunately, the student was not seriously injured and the driver, although very shaken, was also unharmed. The police were called and decided that the driver had no case to answer. It was an accident.

This incident reminds us all that we must take extreme care when driving in and around the school, especially at morning drop-off times and at afternoon pick-up times. Students are also reminded of the importance of concentration – looking and listening – when travelling to and from school. 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.

Thanks to all parents, students and teachers who raced to the assistance of the student & driver involved in last week’s incident. Your prompt actions are gratefully appreciated.

Learning Interviews
On Monday of this week, I conducted interviews with 15 students to gain their perspective on how they learn. The students were asked questions to elicit their views on how & where they best learn, how teachers help them to learn and other associated matters. The interviews were videoed and will be used as stimulus for discussion amongst teachers at Staff & Faculty meetings. Thank you to the students who took part.

Have a safe, rejuvenating and enjoyable school holiday period.

Robert Emery
Principal
On Tuesday 9 June, four Year 8 classes participated in a Sydney-based Maths program called 'Inquisitive Minds.' The day was an enjoyable and interactive lesson on strategic problem solving and was aimed to stimulate students' interest and appreciation for maths.

Participants had to get into pairs for the challenges and figure out mathematical problems to earn points and receive prizes. The hosts were Derek and Deb and they were inspiring and motivating. Derek started by asking questions and partners had to try and figure out the right answer and race up to the front. Then, answers were checked and correct responses earned a lolly. Throughout the session students learned different strategies that were relevant to different questions, such as number trees and graphs.

After the first round of questions, students played 'Greedy Pig,' which was a game of courage and strategy. Following that, each team got a sheet of questions and had to complete as many questions as possible in 20 minutes. The easier questions were worth less points than the harder ones, so it was definitely strategy that was the key to the game. When a team thought they had the right answer, they had to raise their hand to have the question marked by one of the teachers. If a question was correct, the team received a stamp and moved on to another question.

Counters and blocks were used to assist teams in working out the answers. In the middle of the round there was a 'Chocolate Challenge,' where teams completed questions in a booklet and the first three teams to finish received a chocolate. When 20 minutes was up, the team with the most points received a huge block of Cadbury chocolate. Everyone had so much fun joining in the challenging activities and learned many useful strategies along the way!

By Summer Harrison
Important Dates

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Ministry News
I would like to thank Father Terry Horne for supporting our efforts at St Pius to celebrate the Eucharist. Father Terry comes to our school fortnightly to celebrate Eucharist with our students.

Also, I would like to extend our thanks to Father Tony Brady from St Patrick’s Wallsend, who has provided a chalice and paten for use in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Finally, on Friday 17 July, which is the first Friday of Week 1, Term 3, the final payment of $120.00 for retreat is due. If you have any concerns surrounding this payment please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pam Wynn
Acting Ministry Coordinator

Pastoral Care

Vinnies News
The holidays are approaching and it’s been pretty cool. If you can take some time to look in your cupboards and see if you have anything that can be donated to Vinnies for their Winter Appeal.

Vinnies Winter Appeal will run throughout next term. Blankets, jumpers warm clean clothing, pretty much anything they can sell, (smaller items) can be donated at the school; there is a bin just outside the school Library. If you require larger items to be collected you can contact me and I can give you the details.

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout was held recently and I can’t imagine sleeping rough in the recent cool weather! If you would like to donate please check out this link: https://www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal

It has been said that adolescence is like having only enough light in front of you to see the next step. It can certainly be a tricky time and learning to have a little self compassion for all of us is one way to get started. Give yourself a break, and only expect what is reasonable.

Seasons for Growth is filling up for next term. Please email me if you would like your young person to be involved - bronwyn.melville@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Seasons Newsletter: http://online.flipbuilder.com/fvhj/ewbh/
See a story about a local school and their seasons program.

For young people involved in Seasons, it’s about their recognition of their identity (who they are), status (their place in family), and their voice (what they have to say).

Anne Graham, founder, writer of Seasons.
LAP (Learning Assistance Program)
This program is a mentoring program and is run during school time. Each mentor spends 30 minutes each week with a student, assisting them to engage in school life more fully. Some comments so far:
“My mentor is a very nice lady - she gives me time and doesn’t seem to mind my questions.”
“I like the LAP program - it is good not to feel pressure and it’s my time.”

If you are interested in assisting please email me. - bronwyn.melville@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Year 10 Jerseys
The Year 10 Jerseys finally arrived last week and they look great. Thank you to students and parents for their patience. The manufacturer has provided a refund of $10.00 per jersey to compensate for the inconvenience I will be available during Wednesday and Thursday lunch in the Sr Marie Centre to refund this amount in the form of cash to students involved.

Mandy Willis
Fahey House Coordinator

Sport

Judo
Congratulations to Sotirios Moratidis 7.6 for achieving second place in the National Championships for Judo held in Wollongong on the long weekend.

Girls’ Turner Cup
Congratulations to the St Pius Girls’ Turner Cup team who had a great win last week defeating Lambton High 4-1.

Term 3 Sports Information
Year 7 parents can access the school’s website and check out Student Notes Term 3 Information and Activity Rosters for any details regarding their child’s upcoming sport options.

Greg Vitnell
Sports Coordinator
**School Contact Details**

St Pius X High School  
Park Avenue Adamstown  2289  
**Reception:** 02 4957 1032  
**Student Office:** 4013 2634  
**Fax:** 02 4957 5088  

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

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**Accounts Office**

Hours of operation:  
**Monday to Thursday**  8.30am to 3.00pm  
**Friday**  8.30am to 2.30pm

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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**Canteen Roster**

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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Karen Campbell/  
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Lexie Williams |
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**SPORTS / UNISEX**
- Track Jacket All Sizes: 79.00
- Track Pants All Sizes: 50.00
- Sports Shirt All Sizes: 42.00
- Sports Shorts-Inc Zip Pocket All Sizes: 38.00
- Girls Sport Shorts All Sizes: 38.00

**UNISEX**
- Jumper - school crest 16-22: 92.00
- Jumper - school crest 5-16: 82.00
- Jumper - Polar Fleece - 1/4 Zip All Sizes: 55.00

**GIRLS UNIFORM**
- Skirts All Sizes: 68.00
- Blouse deluxe - school crest All Sizes: 39.00
- Pants Fitted - inc emb All sizes: 20.00
- Tights - nylon All Sizes: 10.00

**BOYS UNIFORM**
- Trousers - inc emb All sizes: 55.00
- Dress Shorts - Inc emb All sizes: 48.50
- S/S Formal Shirt - school crest All Sizes: 37.00

**ACCESSORIES**
- White Sports Socks 2pr per pack Crew: 13.95
- White Sports Socks 1pr per pack Ankle: 6.50
- Boys crew grey socks Crew: 8.00
- Sports Caps - Inc emb All Sizes: 18.00
- Belt All Sizes: 15.00
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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