Congratulations Year 2 in your preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I have heard how lucky you are in having Father Greg and Mrs Hosking preparing you for this important Sacrament each week. I hope you don’t forget to say Thank you.

Dear Parents,

We have a Champion!!! Ella Penman take a bow you have done it again. I am so proud to be your Principal. In my real old age I can boast that I had a student who competed in the Nationals for the 7th time Wow! Show them how its done when you get to the College Ella.

Last week two classes were fortunate to have Retreat Days Year 5 and Year 2. Thank you to Mr Rob Exner, Tom Fiander and a few Year 10’s from the College for doing a marvellous job with our Year 5’s, they really enjoyed their day.

Year 2 also had theirs at school organised by Mrs Hart who did a wonderful job. Thank you Mrs Hart. It was also very SPECIAL because the day commenced with George Amor entering the Catholic Faith - Father Greg conducted this ceremony and it was beautiful to witness. Thank you Father Greg and Congratulations George!!! You were lucky Year 2 receiving all those lovely symbols Mrs Hart made for you. A great way to end last week. All the Best for your Reconciliation at the end of this week.

The new Kinders are beautiful so Mrs Taylor is very happy. The Transition Program was off to a GREAT start.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
On Sunday 11th November the Ceremony of the Commemoration of the Fallen will be held at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Please wear your full summer uniform. I will meet you there after Mass with the Wreath.
This week a few events occurring with Excursion, PD etc.

**Events for this Week**

**Monday**— Kindy Transition 12 to 1.30 p.m.  
Miss Puckeridge P.D.  
Dibels Testing for remaining classes.

**Tuesday**— Melbourne Cup.  
Mr Schwager LSL.  
Mrs Gavenlock LSL.

**Wednesday**— Year 4 Bracken House.  
Concert Practise.

**Thursday**— Zoo Excursion Years 1 & 2.  
Principals Conference.

**Friday**— Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 2.  
Infants Pet Program.  
Principals Conference.

Well parents remember “Concentration is the ability to think about absolutely nothing when it is absolutely necessary”.

God be with you,  
Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Heather Irwin  
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**Lower Primary**
If the Elmo talking puppet weighs 1 ½ kilograms, how much would 3 of those Elmo puppets weigh?

**Mid Primary**
The Channel 7 “SUNRISE” show showed the wrong plane bringing the Royals to Australia. The British Airways plane they showed landed 1 hour 14 minutes before the QANTAS plane that actually carried them. How many minutes in 1 hour 14 minutes?

**Upper Primary**
An unusual record was set by a group of pom-pom makers, who made 10 016 pom-poms in 18 months. At that rate, how many would they make in 2 years?

**Extension/Family**
It is currently the mango season, and the price of an individual mango is around $1, plus or minus 15%. At that rate, what would be the cheapest, and the most expensive, prices of a dozen mangoes, given the price range.
RE NEWS November 5th

RECONCILIATION

Preparation sessions commencing week 2

1st RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS in the Church Hall
Final session this week, everyone. It is really important that you attend these sessions.
3rd Session Sunday 4th Nov 10 am, Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th Nov at 4.30 pm.

Bracken House
Year 3 attended Bracken House last week and had a lovely time reading to the residents and completing some Halloween puzzles with them.

Dylan with his great gran.

WELCOME
Year 2 supported George Amor as he was welcomed into our Catholic community last week. Father Greg and Thao were present at this very exciting time for George.

All Saints and All Souls Day
Thank you to year 5 and Miss Puckeridge for the beautiful liturgy to remember All Saints and All Souls Day. The students were very reverent and thoughtful during the prayers and participated with great sound in the singing.

Christmas Hampers
This may seem early but time is flying. I want to remind you that we will be collecting items for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers soon. We will be sending out notes to each child but if there are any problems with this please contact us.

Speaking of Christmas!! St Pius X have been asked to supply the choir for the Children’s Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve. Please give some thought as to where you will be on Christmas Eve and whether your children will be available to help out.

God Bless
Therese Jones REC
State Athletics

Last week we had Ella Penman travel to Sydney to represent Polding at the NSW PSSA athletics carnival. Ella ran in the 800m (yet another PB), coming in a very close second (0.02 of a second!). Ella now represents NSW later this term in Melbourne. This is the seventh time Ella has represented St Pius X at the national level! An achievement that has never been accomplished before at St Pius X and possibly may never be bettered. Ella works so very hard and deserves all the success, the school is very proud of you.

St. Pius X 2018 Handball Champions

Thanks to all those students who participated in the annual Handball Competition, we have raised $172 for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.

The champions were: Sienna Peckham, Harrison Cody, Millah Hutchins, Finn Macleod, Sienna Angus, Ty Henderson, Lyla Chapman-Croke and Josh Schwager.

The Runners-up were: Tilly Pickering, Lachlan O’Callaghan, Chloe Leonard, Billie Caton, Ruby Zell, Riley Hall, Aimee Zell and Paddy Cant.

Encouragement awards were; Layla McCoy, Lachlan Dent, Georgia Wiley, James Fletcher, Sophie Connelly, Travis Rootes, Emma O’Donnell and Darby Amor.

Thanks to all those students who helped referee, without you this event simply does not happen. Special mention to the few students who paid their money but were away on the day – these students didn’t complain even though they were very disappointed but still donated their money towards the Hampers.

Kindergarten to Year Three Intensive Swimming Program

The school has once again been successful in our application of a Government grant for an intensive swimming program for Kindergarten, Years One, Two and Three.

The program consists of your child/ren participating in a five day swimming program run by the Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

The program will commence in week five, dates are 12th to 16th of November with the cost for each child being $0!

Monday: Kindergarten and Year One will leave school at 9.00am and return at 10.40am, Years Two and Three will depart school at 10.05am and return at 11.40am. Lunch orders can be placed as normal, Years Two and Three will have theirs delivered on their return.

Tuesday to Friday: Kindergarten and Year One will leave school at 11.00am and return at 12.40pm, Years Two and Three will depart school at 12.05pm and return at 1.40pm. Lunch orders as normal.

Normal school uniform is to be worn. No one is allowed to visit the pool’s canteen.

Students will need: swimmers, underwear, towel, sunscreen, crunch and sip, rash shirt and school hat. Optional: goggles and swim cap.

It would save much time if the students have their swimmers on under their uniform when they arrive at school. Students will change out of their swimmers on their return to school.

Permission for the program needs to be given via Skoolbag eforms by Friday 9th of November.

Greg Cant
Merit Awards
Ryder Burns, Mark Ridley, Savanna Robberts, Nate Williams, Harper Cameron, Digby Elliott, Jarvis Penman, James Haynes, Riley Caton, Phoebe Lavelle, Ruby East, Lachlan O’Callaghan, Paddy Edwards, Logan Penman, Emmaline Pengilley, Jaydan Stevenson, Billie Caton, Lachlan Farr, Josh Hyde, Heidi Connolly, James Fletcher, Georgia Grant, Nicholas Clarke, Xander Hutchinson, Akuba Ackerson-Ennor, Daisy Jones, Mirabelle Shanks, Monique Craft, Josh Schwager, Alicia Mears, Miah Dent, Amelia Heckendorf, Abi Swane, Harry O’Connor, Dustin Picton and Ashton Jones.

Silver Awards

P&F News
P&F AGM - on Tuesday 11 December (WEEK 9) in the school chapel @ 6pm. Be great if you could come along!

The P&F end of year BBQ will be held on Thursday 29 November @ 6pm in school grounds (just before school concert)
- Sausage sandwich $1
- Drinks $2
- Chips $2
- Ice blocks $1

Happy Birthday
Savanna Robberts, Lily East, Maverick Hutchins and Isiah Ryan