



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

31 July 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians

The boys will be participating in our annual walkathon for charity on Thursday 22 August 2019. This was originally a Junior School Class Captain initiative that arose from their Social Justice Committee. The concept of the Walkathon is for the boys to put themselves out for somebody else.

It was decided that the money would be divided amongst the following:

1. ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WALGETT and ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BOWRAVILLE

For many years the St Pius X Community has had a great relationship with St Joseph's Primary School, Walgett and St Mary's Bowraville. Each year a small group of Year 10 students from St Pius X College are privileged to visit our friends at St Mary's and St Joseph's.

St Mary's Primary School Bowraville in the Nambucca Parish is the only school in the Lismore Diocese with a predominantly indigenous school population. 96% of the school's students are young Gumbaynggirr people.

2. CALLAN SERVICES

Callan Services is an agency set up by the Christian Brothers to promote services to Papua New Guinean people with special needs so that they are given the opportunity to live life to the full. The first of these being the Health and Community Based Rehabilitation Services for people with disabilities. Other facilities offered by the Callan Services are the Braille institute, the Vision Impaired Hostel and the Hearing Impaired Hostel. All of which help children in the area. They raise community awareness and acceptance with the local people.

3. WORLD VISION CHILD SPONSORSHIP

In 2011 we started sponsoring *Vipin Singh Ramadhar* from India. He is now an 20 year old adult and through our sponsorship we are helping him and his community through the Hardoi Project.



The boys will be walking at Oxford Falls for 1.5 hours, for charity, during their normal sports time. The concept is for the boys to earn the money. This is an invaluable learning lesson about doing something for others, less fortunate than ourselves. It also has the added advantage of promoting fitness.

There will be no change to our **normal Thursday routine** with the exception that we will have a walkathon for charity in place of other sporting activities. Boys will come to school in their sporting uniform but it would be a good idea to pack an extra drink and snack. If you collect your son from Oxford Falls, it will be the usual time of 2.20pm.

If you could please supervise your son's efforts in securing sponsors, it would be greatly appreciated. The boys will be told not to approach strangers for sponsorship, please reinforce this message at home.

Thank you for your support in this educational endeavour.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Long".

Mr Timothy Long
Head of Junior School