

CSDA Public Speaking Competition

Our amazing Public Speakers have moved through to the CSDA Public Speaking Zone Final this Friday 9th March and we will be travelling to Riverview together after school on Friday. We will leave St Pius X at around 4.30 by either school van or maxi-taxi. Our round of the competition includes the following schools and you can see that our competition is going to be fierce

- Aloysius
- MSB
- Woolwich
- Loreto
- Normanhurst
- Riverview
- MCNS
- Mercy Chatswood
- Joeys
- Pius
- Kirribilli
- Mater Maria
- Holy Cross
- Schols
- Clares, Waverley
- Cathedral
- Champagnat

Registration is at 6.30 and speeches commence around 7pm and students will need to be collected by 8pm.

Term 1

PUBLIC SPEAKING

9th March	Zone final
16th March	Grand final

Term 2

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)

Debaters have met with Mrs Waterson to touch base for 2018. This Friday all debaters should meet with their coaches at the Big Clock at the end of assembly in order to organise training venues for next week. Training commences in Week 7 with every debater meeting their coach for 2 hours training each week. We have a mandatory 3.30-5pm training on Friday afternoon and coaches will organise another 30 minutes of training, either before or after school, each week.

Registration forms are at the front office. Students need to complete the form and return it to the box marked "Public Speaking and Debating" on the front verandah. The CSDA competition dates are as follows. Pius will host around half of these rounds as home events are easier for our parents. The CSDA competition dates for 2018 are:

Debating

4th May	Round 1
11th May	Round 2
18th May	Round 3
25th May	Round 4
1st June	Round 5
15th June	Round 6
22nd June	Elimination final 2
29th June	Quarter final

Term 3

27th July	Semi final
3rd August	Grand final

SDN Debating Competition Term 3

St Pius X participates in the School's Debating Network (SDN) Competition. schools include: Abbotsleigh, Redlands, Riverview, Roseville, Stella Maris, Monte & Wenona. This 7 round competition runs in Term 3 every Friday night from Week 1 to Week 7. If your team moves to the final you will need to keep that Friday night (usually Week 8) free.

Round	Date	Affirmative Team & Hosting Venue	Negative Team
1	Friday 27 th July	Monte Roseville Riverview Wenona	Abbotsleigh St Pius Stella Maris Redlands
2	Friday 3 rd August	Redlands Wenona St Pius Abbotsleigh	Monte Roseville Stella Maris Riverview
3	Friday 10 th August	Monte Redlands Riverview Stella Maris	Roseville Abbotsleigh St Pius Wenona
4	Friday 17 th August	Roseville Stella Maris Wenona Redlands	Abbotsleigh Monte St Pius Riverview
5	Friday 24 th August	St Pius Roseville Abbotsleigh Wenona	Monte Redlands Stella Maris Riverview
6	Friday 31 st August	Stella Maris Riverview Abbotsleigh Monte	Redlands Roseville St Pius Wenona
7	Friday 7 th September	Abbotsleigh Roseville Redlands Monte	Wenona Stella Maris St Pius Riverview
Tiebreakers	Friday 14 th September	To be hosted by St Pius	
Grand Final	Friday 21 st September	To be hosted by St Pius	

SDN ADJUDICATORS' SEMINAR. Last Saturday Keenan Smith, Pat McKenzie and I attended the NSW DET Debating Adjudicator Seminar at Lewisham Public School. It was a long 6 hours of non-stop instruction but a good experience for we CSDA Debaters to see how the SDN Adjudicators work. More information to come closer to the SDN season commencement.

Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating & Public Speaking Convenor