

CSDA Public Speaking Competition

Our wonderful Public Speakers will be presented to the assembly this Friday morning.

William Staber and Benjamin Cullen of Year 8, Joshua Jones and James Baldock of Year 9 and Kieran Zucconi of Year 10 have been working towards the CSDA Public Speaking Final that will be held this Friday 16th March at Marist College North Sydney. Last week 4 of our speakers presented brilliant speeches in a round that saw us up against schools who maintain a very high standard in Public Speaking. Our students held their own and were very proud of their efforts. We need to congratulate them all and to wish James Baldock every success as he moves through to the Finals this Friday. This week there will be a panel of three adjudicators in each room. Good luck James 😊

Registration is at 6.30 and speeches commence around 7pm.

Term 1

PUBLIC SPEAKING

16th March	Grand final
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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 the afternoon. Training commences this Friday, 16th March 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 College 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