

## SCHOOLS DEBATING NETWORK COMPETITION (WEEK 1-7 TERM 3)

Last Friday we travelled to Stella Maris College, Manly for Round 2 of the SDN Competition. The Senior Team (Year 11 and 12); the Junior Team (represented by Year 8's with a Year 9 4<sup>th</sup> speaker) and Year 7 were successful on the night. A big thank you to the senior SPX students who helped the coaches on our trip to Manly.

We have our compulsory 2 hours training each week--30 minutes before school training as well as Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm for ALL debaters. At 5pm debaters rostered on for the night will travel to the allocated venue. **IT IS VITAL THAT ALL DEBATERS BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND DRINK ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AS THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO TRAVEL TO WESTFIELD BEFORE WE TRAVEL TO OUR DEBATES** and there is not always food available before debates. Last week students were looking around for food before their debate. Please bring a sandwich to eat at training. PLEASE feel comfortable contacting your coach or Mrs Waterson if you forget to bring a sandwich and we will organise something from the canteen.

At 5pm the coaches rostered on for the night will travel to the venues with debaters. This Friday we are travelling to Riverview.

There is a site map on the SDN website.

Round 3 4<sup>th</sup> August, **Riverview** hosting St Pius X

**Topic Area:** Round 3 - **Pop Culture**

Debaters have commenced researching topical issues in preparation for Friday's debate.

### **2016 Topics: GENERAL TOPIC AREA**

**5 & 6** - That playing competitive sport does more harm than good for primary school students

**7 & 8** - That we should abolish the Olympic Games

**9 & 10** - That the Australian government should ban 'Pokemon Go'

**11 & 12** - That the Australian government should abolish penalty rates

### **2015 Topics: Environment TOPIC AREA**

**5 & 6** - That Australia should close all of its zoos

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**9 & 10** - That we should require cyclists to obtain a license and registration before riding on the roads

**11 & 12** - That individuals displaced by natural disasters should be required to rebuild elsewhere

**Students and parents can visit the SDN site at: <http://www.sdndebating.com.au> for locations of all schools.**

Round 3 4<sup>th</sup> August, **Riverview** hosting St Pius X  
 Round 4 11<sup>th</sup> August, **St Pius X** hosting Wenona  
 Round 5 18<sup>th</sup> August, **St Pius X** hosting Monte  
 Round 6 25<sup>th</sup> August, **Abbotsleigh** hosting St Pius X  
 Round 7 2<sup>nd</sup> September, **Redlands** hosting St Pius X  
 Tiebreaker 8<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by **St Pius X (only students who compete in this Tiebreaker need attend)**  
 Final 15<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by **Monte**

Training is compulsory for ALL debaters each week.

SDN debates have a different team structure and coin toss running order:

<b>Primary A</b> (Ravenswood) <b>Primary B</b> (Ravenswood) <b>SPX Year 7</b> <b>SPX Year 8</b>	<b>5.30 – 6.30 PREP</b>	<b>6.30 – 7.30 DEBATE</b> <b>7.30 pickup</b>
<b>SPX Junior Team</b> (combined Years 7,8,9) <b>SPX Year 9,</b> <b>SPX Year 10,</b> <b>SPX Senior Team</b> (combined Years 11,12)	<b>6.30 – 7.30 PREP</b>	<b>7.30 – 8.30 DEBATE</b> <b>8.30 pickup</b>

Debates DO NOT run late as this competition is adjudicated by external adjudicators who run both rounds of debates in the one evening. Pius debaters will travel to venues from school each Friday afternoon and rooms at our host schools are provided for study/work for the later debaters.

Round 4 – Technology    Round 5 - Arts and Media    Round 6 - Law and Order    Round 7 - Social Issues

Venue information: St Ignatius College, Riverview.

*Enter Riverview via the main gates at the bottom of Tambourine Bay Road. Drive along the driveway and park in the first available spots above the 1st Field (rugby pitch) and across from the construction site. Then walk up the hill along the path way and turn right at the large sign clearly indicating 'SDN Debating'. Follow in this direction until you see the Vaughan wing (simply up a number of short stairs wells).*

- Vaughan Wing/Theatrette. Debating and preparation rooms are in the Vaughan Building Classrooms (VA). If in doubt, ask a boy to direct you to either the 'Theatrette' or the 'maths rooms'.
- You are warmly invited to supper in the Vaughan foyer at the conclusion of the debates.

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