

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

Last Friday we travelled to Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview for Round 3 of the SDN Competition. "The Magnificent Sevens" were successful on the night and Ms Rocca was overwhelmed by how clever her debaters are. Our senior team had their first 'House' debate with the topic "That the house rejects the rise of Disney".

As the negative team our debate rested on what the affirmative determined 'The House' to be: St Pius X determined that their 'House' would be the macrocosm of humanity whilst Riverview determined their 'House' to be the microcosm of their debate team. Our seniors dealt with this difficulty brilliantly...their good natured humour sustained them throughout the debate and they deserve commendation for their professionalism in developing their debate despite knowing after the first Affirmative speaker that they were sinking. Bravo to the seniors for your determination to do your job on the night!

This Round 4, Friday 11th August, **St Pius X** is hosting Wenona School. 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 this week Year 7 and Year 8 debaters rostered on for the night will move to the Blue Room to prepare for their 5.30pm coin toss.

IT IS VITAL THAT YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 DEBATERS BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND DRINK ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AS THERE WILL BE NO TIME FOR THEM TO TRAVEL TO WESTFIELD BEFORE THEIR COIN TOSS.

YEAR 8B, 9, 10 AND SENIOR CAN TRAVEL TO WESTFIELD TO PURCHASE THEIR DINNER BUT MUST BE BACK IN THE BLUE ROOM BEFORE 6.15PM.

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

Our topic area this week is Technology.

2016 Topics - Technology

5 & 6 - That parents should limit the amount of time that children can use technology for outside of school hours

7 & 8 - That we should create an age restriction for playing video games online

9 & 10 - That social media companies should proactively censor extremist comments on their platforms

11 & 12 - That all parents should be able to choose the sex of their child

2015 Topics - Technology

5 & 6 - That primary school students should only be allowed to use the Internet for school work

7 & 8 - That all students should have access to a computer for school exams

9 & 10 - That only people over the age of 16 should be able to play games online

11 & 12 - That no-one should be able to post online comments anonymously

Round 5 18th August, **St Pius X** hosting Monte

Round 6 25th August, **Abbotsleigh** hosting St Pius X

Round 7 2nd September, **Redlands** hosting St Pius X

Tiebreaker 8th September, hosted by **St Pius X (only students who compete in this Tiebreaker need attend)**

Final 15th September, hosted by **Monte**

Round 4 - Technology

Round 5 - Arts and Media

Round 6 - Law and Order

Round 7 - Social Issues

Mrs M Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convenor