

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to James Baldock of Year 9 who gained 2nd place in the CSDA Public Speaking Finals last Friday evening at Marist College North Sydney. James was presented to the school at Monday's assembly by Mr Casey for congratulations from the staff and students. Bravo James! A magnificent effort! As always James was so humble on the night—not really believing that he had gained 2nd place.

Unfortunately our wonderful Public Speakers could not be presented to the assembly last Friday morning because of the National Day Against Bullying assembly. We will have our amazing public speakers: William Staber and Benjamin Cullen of Year 8, Joshua Jones and James Baldock of Year 9 and Kieran Zucconi of Year 10 highlighted at assembly as soon as there is room on the podium.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)

Training has commenced for the 2018 season and all debaters are expected to attend training from 3.30-5pm EVERY Friday afternoon. Coaches will have organised another 30 minutes of training before or after school for their teams. This two hour training is part of being on a debate team. If you cannot meet training commitments then you need to consider your role on a debate team.

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.

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