



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statements

26 September 2019

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES SHORTLAND AND
ST PATRICK'S WALLSEND**

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Students from eight local primary schools attended the year 6 sports day at St Pius X High School, including students from St Patrick's Wallsend and Our Lady of Victories at Shortland. Over the last ten years, the annual event has brought year 6 students to an event organised by year 10 students at St Pius. No scores or trophies are involved, and it's part of St Pius' year 7 orientation, a chance for students transitioning to high school to meet some of the new friends they'll make when they start at the school.

About 280 students were involved this year, and according to St Pius acting assistant principal John McLoughlin, "It's part of the coaching and sports event management unit. Students took on roles as team managers, coaches, in the catering crew, on the organising committee and in first aid." The kids involved picked a number of interesting and original games to play, including "disco dodgeball", yoga pose musical statues and "Saving Beatrice", a tactical tag game. My congratulations to the students involved, and school leaders from St Pius, St Patricks and Our Lady of Victories.