

**Term 4 Week 1**

**19 October 2018**

## *Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley*

### **Recognition and induction of school leaders**



Congratulations to all the school leaders and their contributions to developing school spirit and encouraging every student to have a voice. Many thanks and appreciation to our outgoing school captains, Elia P and Daniel H who took time away from studying for their HSC to be present at the Student Representative Council Induction assembly. We welcome the incoming school leaders for 2019 and their vision and goal to reduce our environmental footprint in the future.



### **International visits for students from Indonesia and Japan**

A group of 14 students from Bandung, Jakarta will be spending seven days at SIHS where they are improving their literacy in English and learning a great deal of information about Australia in their morning English classes. They are enjoying school integration in periods 4 and 5 and are amazed to see how different their education system is from that of Australia. They have also visited iconic sites of Sydney and encountered the local wildlife. On Tuesday, Momoyama High School from Japan visited our school with 84 students and six teachers. Their buddies were students of Japanese from years 8, 9 and 11. They were welcomed warmly by Mark Watson and enjoyed science, fitness classes and bush dancing with their buddies. On Wednesday, Yamanashi Koryo Junior High school students with their teachers spent the day our students. All 40 visiting students sang a beautiful rendition of "Heal the World" as part of the Welcome ceremony. There was much excitement all day as they completed many activities with their buddies in classrooms and bush dancing and sharing Japanese cultural activities.



### **HSC started on Thursday with English Paper 1**

Year 12 students nervously entered the hall to start the 2018 HSC English Paper 1 on Thursday morning at 10.20 am. This is the final cohort to sit this syllabus. On completion, most students looked relieved and were happy with the questions. The 2-hour paper is composed of three sections (short answers to unseen texts, creative writing and an essay) dealing with the Area of Study – Discovery. The students left with full stomachs as they enjoyed fresh wood fired pizza after their first exam. I hope that this encouraged them as they continue to complete their HSC journey with love and laughter. By the end of this week English, Japanese and Music will be completed. Monday 22 October begins with Legal Studies in the morning and Visual Arts in the afternoon. Keep studying and know that your teachers are always available to seek last minute advice and support if needed. The HSC is important but it is never more important than you!



## Year 10 History Holocaust Exhibition

On Wednesday this week year 10 History students presented their Holocaust exhibition. In my observation and discussion with students about their projects, many displayed critical thinking and deep reflection on the continuing impact and influence of the Holocaust on many aspects of politics and human interactions. Our special guests were very impressed by the scope and variety of presentation that looked at the subject from a diversity of angles focusing on why there was such a history of dislike towards Jewish people. Other genocidal conflicts in Cambodia and Bangladesh were used as comparisons and drew parallels to the Jewish holocaust. Many students also showed awareness of nuance in interpreting and analysing history noting the positive use of media and monuments as symbols to learn from. I must say I was very impressed and sobered by many of the students' explanations and projects. Hopefully, you can lead the way in being a generation that has learnt from the Holocaust. Well done!

Special guests from the organisation *Courage to Care* visited the school to view the presentations of exhibition items. We were very fortunate to host the two leading organisers Faye and Annie, and also were privileged to enjoy the return of holocaust survivor, Ana. Students received feedback on their work and were able to hear Ana tell her story of how she survived. Annie and Faye and their helpers then ran workshops with our students to help them reflect on the role of bystanders to injustices. Claire Cartwright, Head Teacher HSIE said we are very proud of our students in their efforts to critically reflect on the question of *'Have we learnt from the Holocaust?'*



## Premier's Debating Challenge – SIHS into the next round!

For those of you who haven't heard, yesterday our Year 8 Debating team competed against Pennant Hills High School in the Quarter Final stage of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The team argued in the affirmative *'That the Australian Flag should be changed'* and were the successful team on the day! This now means we are 1 of 8 schools in NSW that will proceed through to the Semi Final stage of the competition. This Semi Final Debate will be held at St Ives on Wednesday 31 October. We will be competing against Manly Selective High School. For context, Manly Selective were beaten by our Year 11 team in the deciding round debates of the PDC earlier in the year so there is quite a rivalry that has developed between the school teams. A big thanks goes to Ms Emma Abraham who had two classes in the audience, parents, guests, and 12 debating students from St Ives North Public. If you see the following students around, please give them a pat on the back: Jack L, Ashley W, Isabella B and Daniel Z.



## Connecting to the earth...



On Wednesday year 10 students spent the morning working on a variety of school environmental and rehabilitation projects. They were lucky that the inclement weather held off as they dug, shovelled wheeled and sweated their way to



build two gardens and a walkway to the aboriginal meeting area. The gardens, one located near the front of the Hall, the other between the A and B blocks was planted with natives and one of the gardens will have a blossom tree planted and form part of a Remembrance garden. The students worked very hard and building the pathway was very demanding, especially in the humid conditions.

### **NESA Curriculum Review – Have your say!**

Mark Watson and I engaged in the early stages of the NSW Curriculum Review hosted by CEO David de Carvalho. This is a long-term conversation that aims to gain feedback from all stakeholders to investigate changes to education for the future. Questions such as; *What should the purpose of schooling be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What knowledge, skills and attributes should every student develop at school? How could the curriculum better support every student and what else needs to change?* were open to discussion. NESA also want to hear from teachers, students, parents and the wider community to ensure that they get it right. Please visit [www.nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au) Public consultation closes 30 November 2018.

### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

In an effort to best understand our students, in 2018 we have been running the 'Tell them from Me' survey. Students completed the first part of this survey earlier in the year. The 'Tell Them From Me' student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view. It is completed entirely online and the data will be used by the school executive when planning whole school welfare direction. The survey will typically take thirty minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Lawler on [nathan.lawler6@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nathan.lawler6@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **Best wishes**

**Nathalie Bodley**  
Deputy Principal

## **ICAS MATHS COMPETITION RESULTS**



Congratulations to all the students who sat the ICAS Maths Competition this year. Well done to all the students who took part in this competition.

### **High Distinction**

Year 7: Jessica W, Kegan H

Year 8: Kaif H

Year 9: Nina K, Will G

### **Distinction**

Year 7: Noah C, Chanel C, Andrew C, Isabella F, Sophie H, Bohua H, Aaron J, Marlon K, Sydney L, Kazuki N, William S, Chris V

Year 8: Lachlan H, Larry L, Oliver I, Rory M, Sam P, Ethan R, Ashley W, Bradley Y

Year 9: Luke B, Zoe B, Mai M, Keetan S

Year 10: Nathan C, Lauren C, Nicole C

Year 11: Lily C, Mel S

### **Credit**

Year 7: Amelia B, Evan D, Jessica D, Adam L, Jasmin L, Alaiya M, Oscar N, Isabel O, Zack R, Sree R, Mia S, Felix T, Lucy W, Bacci X, Vania Z, Aden Z

Year 8: Isabella B, Vishwa D, Emma D, Hana J, Matt J, Gemma L, Alan L, Ayla R, Alice R, Alex W, Daniel Z

Year 9: Annabelle B, Daniel B, Jessica B, Jeyanth G, Junseo L, Juyeong L, Pip R, Matthew V

Year 10: Mathew B, Abigail B, Lizzie M, Gavin R, Arthur W

Year 11: Megan D, Amin H, Rojina P, Kasra P

### **Sue Berger**

**Mathematics Competition Coordinator**

## MUNA 2019 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN

The Rotary Club of Epping is pleased to announce that the 2019 Northern Sydney Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) will be held on the weekend of **15-16 June 2019** at Epping Boys' High School, 213 Vimiera Road Eastwood.

Expressions of Interest will open for schools within the District on **Tuesday 16 October, closing Friday 7 December 2018.**

The MUNA program is designed for our future leaders and is targeted at students in years 10,11 and 12 in public and private schools. It develops awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at this simulated UN Assembly. Each team of three students will represent a country and debate with other teams a set of current problems and issues of international concern.

Any students interested should contact Ms McGurgan in D1 or email [tania.mcgurgan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tania.mcgurgan@det.nsw.edu.au)

Using monies raised through the payment of your voluntary contributions, the P&C is proud to have funded the installation of a new shade sail for students!

► Encourage your child to be sun safe this summer!

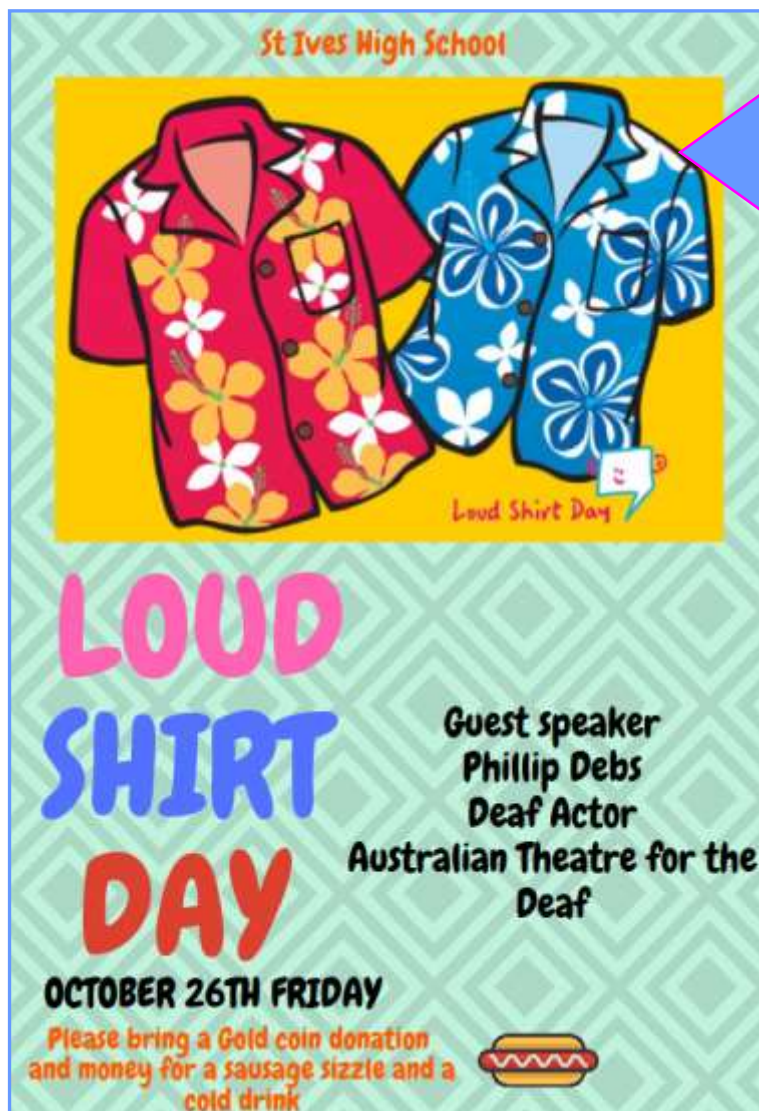
- Wear a hat.
- Seek shade.
- Apply sunscreen.
- Wear protective clothing.

The P&C needs your continued support to provide these great facilities to the school for our children.

P&C funding will also be used to purchase new seating under the sail and additional shade facilities within the school.







## MUFTI DAY

Wear a loud shirt to school on Friday and support deaf kids!



## REMINDER

### IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 7 MONDAY 22 OCTOBER

This is the final dose for **Year 7 students** :  
Human Papilloma Virus (Dose 2)

NO PAPER WORK IS NEEDED,  
THE CLINIC HAVE THE NECCESARY FORMS  
FOR THE ABOVE VACINATIONS.

There will also be catch up immunisations for  
Year 8 along with  
Years 10 & 11 Meningococcal

If you have any further questions please email  
[tania.mcgurgan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tania.mcgurgan@det.nsw.edu.au)

In collaboration with vocal groups from Turrumurra High and St Ives High,  
Sass & Grit presents: ... an evening of music, mostly a cappella

# THIS IS US

**THIS IS US**

Date & time: Friday, October 26th at 7.30 pm  
Venue: St Ives Primary School, main hall, 60/70 Horace Street, St Ives  
Ticket prices: \$12 adults, \$8 concession, \$5 children  
Details: <http://sassandgrit.org> or call Isabel on 0408 217 187

## CAREERS UPDATE



### **Year 10 Work Experience Term 4, Week 8, 3-7 December**

Work Experience forms are to be handed in to Mr Holmes by Friday 16 November. There are many administration tasks that need to be done with the forms so I ask for your cooperation in having students return the forms to me by the due date.

### **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is replacing UMAT.**

From 2019 the UMAT will be replaced with the UCAT. The UCAT is used as part of the selection process into medical and dental courses. The test will be a 2 hour computer based test which is taken in July 2019. Students wishing to study at university in 2020 will sit the UCAT test in 2019. For further details visit [www.ucatofficial.com](http://www.ucatofficial.com)

### **Applying for university timeline**

Before applying for university watch the 5 minute UAC video on how to apply at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OQLP5nVGYA&feature=youtu.be>

October—HSC exams.  
November 15 - SRS early offer round 1.  
November 29 SRS early offer round 2.  
December 6—SRS early offer round 3.  
December 13—HSC results released.  
December 14—ATARs released and year 12 pizza lunch at school.  
December 20-December Round 2 offers.  
January 11-January Round 1 offers.

For more information on any of these or other careers matters visit the Careers Adviser or email Mr Holmes at [neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the school on 9144 1689 ext 116.

Visit my free careers website at <http://www.careeradvicensw.com> to view career videos, take career tests, view subject selection resources, links to all universities on bonus points, scholarships, elite athletes schemes, alternate entry to university, the job market, SRS and more.

### **Student Applications Now Open!** **2019 NSW Public Schools Vocal Ensembles**

The NSW Public Schools Junior Singers and Senior Singers are two of the premier student vocal ensembles in Australia. The ensembles proudly celebrate a long history of high achievement and they regularly perform at prestigious venues including the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Town Hall. Students from NSW public schools from Years 4 to 7 are encouraged to audition for a place in Junior Singers and students from Years 8 to 12 are encouraged to audition for a place in Senior Singers. The commitment is for the full school year and rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons in Lewisham (Sydney).

**Applications close Monday 12 November 2018**

For further information about the NSW Public Schools Vocal Ensembles go to:  
<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/state-junior-and-senior-public-school-singers>

Applications can be made at:  
<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2019-vocal-ensembles-application-form>





# Schoolyard BLITZ #3

We would love your help!

Sunday 21 October.

Sign up at:

<http://signup.com/go/JKoNyzP>

Or just come along!

Lend a hand and contribute to beautifying the school environment.  
The more hands the bigger the difference we can make!

BLITZ #3 will focus on grounds mulching, creating beautiful native gardens and installing new sandstone seating!

Please bring small hand tools, a rake, watering can (if you have them), drinking water, hat and sunscreen.

**Here's a snapshot of what the** PandC recently funded with the assistance of your voluntary contributions.



Recycled plastic seating



Garden preparation and mulching



Hardwood picnic tables and new amphitheatre seating

Thank you to the amazing team of parents and students who worked hard on the day (and into the evening) to make this happen!

**REGISTER NOW!**

# BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

Garigal National Park, St Ives, an adventure playground, is just 30 minutes from Sydney's CBD. It's a brilliant way for little and big kids to experience our beautiful bushland. Whether you're just starting out, or an experienced runner there is a run (or walk) that is ideal for you. From the 2km Dash, 6km family walk/run, to the challenging 12km and 20km courses.



Garigal National Park  
Sunday 11th November, 2018 • [www.barecreektrailrun.com](http://www.barecreektrailrun.com)  
facebook.com/barecreektrailrun

2km Dash • 6km Family Walk / Run • 12km Run • 20km Run

Hornsby Child and Youth  
Mental Health Service  
(CYMHS)



## Parenting Through the Ups and Downs of Adolescence

TERM FOUR: Wednesday November 28th 2018 6pm-7.30pm

A seminar for parents of high school students discussing:

- Ways that adolescents may behave when experiencing intense emotions
- Responding to self-harm behaviour
- Parent strategies and tips to help parents remain calm and be a resource for their adolescent



- To register please call CYMHS on 9485 6155
- VENUE: Hillview Community Health Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities and are unable to have infants/children attend with their parents.
- The seminar is available to families who live in the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai local government area.
- The cost of the seminar is \$10. There will be no charge for concession card holders.
- Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
- Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
- The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.

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DATES: 27 OCT, 3 NOV, 10 NOV, 24 NOV, 1 DEC, 8 DEC

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