

Term 4 Week 2

26 October 2018

Principal Matters by Mark Watson



P&C Grounds works



Despite the threats of rain over the weekend, the P&C worked tirelessly to improve the grounds in front of the school hall. A new garden was planted out with Australian natives and a sandstone feature was placed in the middle. Sandstone blocks around the perimeter protect the garden and provide additional seating. Preparation works were also completed for an outdoor kitchen to be installed. Seating was relocated and come Monday we couldn't believe just how beautiful this part of the playground had become. A huge thank-you to the P&C. Your time and labor is really appreciated, as is the funding of the landscaping. Your

P&C funds are really being put to good use.

Construction Students Pour Concrete

As mentioned above, preparation works were completed on the weekend for a new outdoor kitchen. The next stage in these works is the laying of a concrete slab. Our Year 11 Construction students are carrying out this work and they got underway during their class on Thursday this week. When complete, the outdoor kitchen will include a barbecue under a shelter. The kitchen will have plumbing and electricity installed and the students have to take this into consideration when pouring the concrete. Thanks go to the Year 11 construction students and to their teacher, Mr Oh.



Building program update

There have been numerous meetings about our infrastructure program since it was announced in the middle of last year. Now, however, we are about to see some physical signs that the construction phase will be soon underway.

Demountable Buildings

The project has two stages, the refurbishment of C-Block (woodwork, metalwork, art and music classrooms) and the construction of an indoor two-court stadium. The C-Block refurbishment will require that a number of demountable buildings be temporarily placed on the top oval for C-Block classes as the refurbishment takes place. There will be 12 demountable buildings delivered to the school and it is anticipated that they will arrive from the 13th of next month. The rooms will need to be fitted out and have services (water, electricity and the internet) connected to them. They will be used for classes from the start of 2019. Work on the refurbishment of C-Block should get underway over the summer holidays.

Traffic Survey

One of the requirements before building the new stadium is that a traffic study be undertaken to determine the effects of the building on traffic flows around the school. A company, Matrix Traffic and Transport Data, have been commissioned to undertake a study of traffic flow around the school. Next Monday, October 29, video-surveying equipment will be installed to monitor bus utilisation around the school. Data will be collected from 8am until 9:30am and again from 2:30pm until 4pm. The equipment will be installed around the bus stops used by our students along Yarrabung, Horace and some side streets. Images of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles will be collected and images will be low resolution so no one will be able to be identified.

End of Year Assessments

Over the coming weeks, students in Years 7 through to 10 will be undertaking assessments in all of their courses. Currently Year 10 are involved in assessments. Please make sure your child knows when they have an assessment. The calendar is a good place to visit to see when assessments are on.

Polling this weekend

This Saturday, residents of the St Ives Ward of Ku-ring-gai Council will be voting to elect a new representative. The school will be used as a polling station for this election on Saturday. If you are eligible to vote, why not vote at the school? The school will be running a barbecue. So don't forget to vote and do remember to bring some money to spend on the day!

Loud Shirt Day

This Friday was *Loud Shirt Day* for our school. *Loud Shirt Day* is a fundraiser to support deaf children and children who cannot speak. *Loud Shirt Day* is a special day for our Support H students. They organise the day, collect the funds and decide how they will be used to support deaf children. It is also a great opportunity for students from the hearing support unit to raise issues around hearing loss.



Indonesian Visit Concludes

We said farewell to our visiting group of students from Bandung, Jakarta this week. At a farewell luncheon this week members spoke about how much they had enjoyed the visit and it was clear the strong friendships they had formed with their buddies from our school. Among the many memories they take home with them will be the day they went on an excursion to the Opera House and happened to see the Duke and Duchess of Sussex as they too were visiting the Opera House. Thanks go to Ms Patel for coordinating the visit.



Pride of Workmanship

A very big congratulations to Mrs Claire Cartwright who this week was the recipient of the Rotary Club of *St Ives' Pride of Workmanship* award. This award is given annually by Rotary to recognise members of the community who go above and beyond in their job, demonstrating great pride in their work. Mrs Cartwright is the Head Teacher of Human Society and its Environment. Apart from running a very successful KLA (Key Learning Area) that has been achieving excellent results for students, Mrs Cartwright has been instrumental in introducing the Year 9 Learning Journey into the school. She initiated and led the changes to our Presentation evening, changing it into a celebration day. She has led new educational initiatives in the school: growth mindsets, visible learning, and visible thinking. She is a strong advocate for project-based learning, leading activities that have seen collaboration between different subject areas. These initiatives were recognised by Rotary. Mrs Cartwright is the first teacher from the school to receive this award for many years.



Halloween Mufti Day

The SRC will be holding a Mufti Day next Wednesday 31 October to get into the spirit of Halloween. It is very close to the mufti day this week for *Loud Shirt Day*, an important one for the school to take part in. The newly inducted SRC are using Halloween to raise funds for the environmental initiative they are undertaking for 2019. The funds raised from next Wednesday will allow them to launch their environmental initiatives.

Year 8 VALID Science Tests Next Week

Next week, Year 8 will sit the online VALID science tests. These tests give the Science staff a snapshot of Year 8 students' scientific understanding as they move into Stage 9. They are held at the end of Stage 4, Year 8, and at the end of Stage 5, which is in Year 10.

If you are leaving the school

Planning is well under way for 2019. We are currently working on the timetable for next year. There are a number of variables we need to get right and one of these is our student numbers. If your child is in a year group from 7 through to 11 and you plan for them to attend another school in 2019, can you please notify the office as soon as possible. This would greatly assist us with our planning for next year.

MS Gong Ride

I am doing the Gong Ride next weekend to help raise funds to support people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. Many parents have already sponsored me, and I am very grateful for their donations and support. If you would like to make a contribution to the fight against Multiple Sclerosis by sponsoring me, you can do so by going to the link below (I am riding with the Novartis Neuroscience team).

<https://www.msgongride.org.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=33165>

Best wishes

Mark Watson
Principal



CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

The community is invited to the
commemoration of the Centenary of World War 1 Armistice in 1918
to be held at
St Ives War Memorial, Cnr Mona Vale Road and Rosedale Road, St Ives
on Sunday 11 November 2018 at 10.30 am.

The event is organised by the Lions Club of St Ives

SCHOOLYARD BLITZ # 3

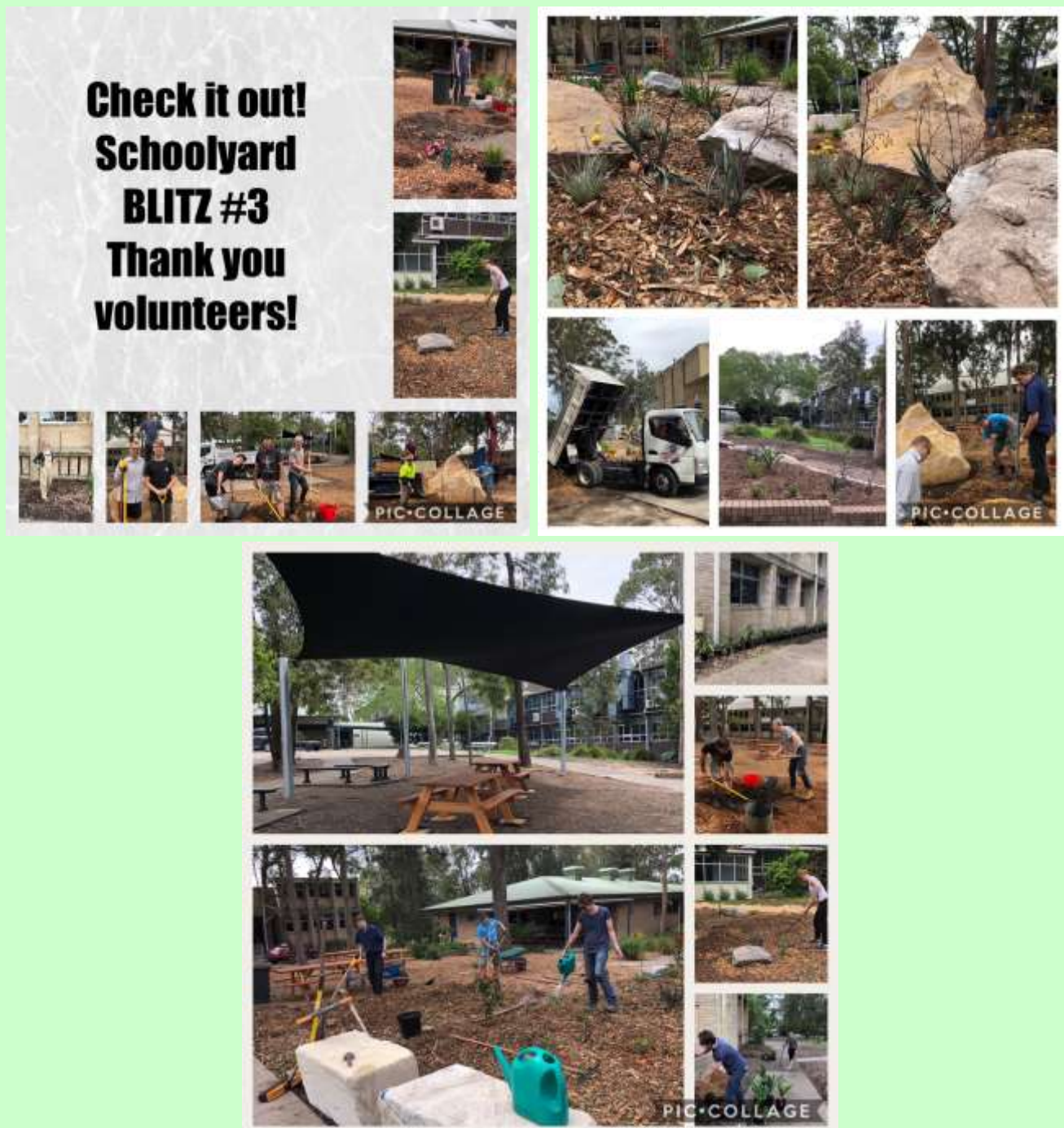
With P&C funding and after a couple of days of fun (and a bit of hard work!) a small handful of parent volunteers have transformed the schoolyard from overgrown gardens and eroded pathways to sculptured native landscapes!

Schoolyard BLITZ #3 focused on creating three (3) new native gardens and providing additional sandstone block seating for students. We now have wonderful new sculptural rock features set amongst native plantings as you enter the school, a large shade structure for the summer months, and new recycled plastic seating in place. All proudly supported and provided by the P&C.

It doesn't stop here! There is more to come, so please support your school P&C by helping out at these events and paying your family contribution. We really do need more help from our school community and students if we are going to successfully deliver our ambitious grounds improvement program AND other great initiatives (like an outdoor barbecue area and IT review) to support our children and teachers. We would love to see you next time - even just for an hour!

A BIG thanks to P&C environment/grounds committee members and our supporters, for their hard work and amazing effort!

Tracey Wallbridge
P&C Co-Vice President and Year 10 P&C Representative



AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULTS

The Australian Geography Competition was held earlier this year with many students participating to test their geographic knowledge. Results have recently been returned, with many students achieving notable results. Congratulations to the following students for achieving a High Distinction grade. Year 7 - Noah C, Kegan H, Marlon K and Christopher V. Year 8 - Matt J, Claire R, Zoe T and Noah T. Year 9 - Zoe B, Will G, Nina K and Keetan S. Year 10 - Nathan C, Matthew B, Liam C and Nicole Connacher.

Special congratulations to Pip R (Year 9) and Henry C (Year 12) for achieving a mark that was within the top 1% across Australia. Well done to all students for participating in the Geography competition.

Adrian Zaboklicki
HSIE Teacher

YEAR 10 SCIENCE : GENETICS MRS SHANAHAN'S CLASS



The students used crushed strawberries to extract DNA in our school laboratories. To do this takes sound lab technique as the addition of the alcohol into the test tube needs to be very gently done and the extraction of the DNA itself using the bamboo skewers also requires a steady hand. Watch this space for budding geneticists!

Ellen Shanahan
Science teacher

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

This week 46 Year 8 Gats and X students went on an excursion to *Sculpture by the Sea*. They walked along the coastal track to Tamarama Beach exploring and broadening their artistic knowledge and practice. In their observations, students were asked to reflect upon and examine the techniques and materials used by the artists. It was a beautiful day for this outdoor learning experience!

- *Today's excursion was a unique and engaging experience. There were a multitude of sculptures which could be interpreted in many different ways.* Gemma L-S and Alice R
- *Today we really enjoyed sculpture by the sea. It really sculpted our perception of art. We would like to see you there!* Hana J

Sharon Skilton
Visual Arts teacher



JERSEY BOYS MUSICAL EXCURSION

Year 10 Elective Music had the opportunity to attend a matinee performance of the musical *Jersey Boys* at Capitol Theatre in Sydney on Wednesday 24 October. Students had already been given an insight into the structure of this musical before going to see the show. *Jersey Boys* is about the lives of the members of the American 50's quartet, The Four Seasons, who started out in New Jersey, America. The music consisted of many of the hit numbers written by Bob Gaudio through the 60's and the 70's. Many students who came to see *Jersey Boys* had never experienced a professional musical theatre production before and marvelled at the lavish sets, instrumental and vocal numbers as well as the story of the success of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Many found they connected with the music and the way the story was told.

Genevieve Andresson
Music teacher



SRC PLANNING DAY
Report by Alexander Lane, Year 10



Last Tuesday, the Student Representative Council (SRC) journeyed to Manly wharf for kayaking and a day of bonding and planning. In pairs of two, students were towed out to a string of secluded beaches from which they had to row back to Manly Wharf, the exercise required coordination and communication. Despite the chilly weather (18C), they managed to push through and produce some inspirational and frankly mindbogglingly intelligent ideas.

The focus of the SRC this year will be on the environment, in particular, institutionalising recycling of soft and hard plastics, and on improving the bus network. 2018 has been a year marked with environmental disasters, from hurricanes in the US to droughts in our own backyard, and the SRC feels that St Ives can certainly lend a helping hand. To that end, they plan to bring in recycling bins in classrooms so that students can get used to the idea and habit of recycling, that is their goal for Term 4 of 2018. For 2019 they plan to get a recycling program outside classrooms going at lunch and recess.

If any parents wish to help a hand by offering their car to transport plastic bottles and the like every few weeks, please contact Ms Tania McGurgan for more details. The SRC would also like to ask parents to remind their children that Halloween day is on 31st October and is a Mufti Day. Students must bring a gold coin if they wear mufti, and remember to wear hard shoes for any TAS subjects.

INVITATION TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Year 9 Enrichment Program
Cultural Studies Presentations

When: Week 7 Term 4, 11.30am - 12.30pm on Wednesday 28 November

Where: St Ives High School Library

Here are some of the topics students will be presenting:

- ◆ How does body image impact on our culture?
- ◆ What effect does musical theatre have on society?
- ◆ What will the consequences of Brexit be and how will it impact on the Commonwealth?
- ◆ How much longer till we reach our personal limits?
- ◆ How has the European Union contributed to the refugee crisis?
- ◆ Is global warming something we should be worried about?
- ◆ Yugoslavia: before, during and after.
- ◆ Why is China investing in the Balkans?
- ◆ What can we do to help the Rohingya people?
- ◆ Is the airline industry going where it should be?

Further details: peta.regan@det.nsw.edu.au

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 the end of week 5, 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.

Google Classroom - for careers information and discussion

I have created a Google Classroom for each year group for careers information and discussion as an alternative to emails, daily notices, newsletter articles, year meetings and interviews. The code to join has been sent to students' school emails. Please encourage students to join.

UNSW Women in Engineering Camp - Applications close soon! Applications for UNSW's Women in Engineering 2019 Camp close Wednesday 31st October! The program is open to female students who will be in year 11 or 12 in 2019. The 3-day residential program will run from 7th-9th January 2019. Participants will take part in site visits, workshops, networking events and more. For more info and to apply: <http://unsw.to/wiec> or contact s.coull@unsw.edu.au

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

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 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.



BOOTCAMP



Reminder that Bootcamp is held on Friday mornings at 7.00 am and is open to students, staff and parents.

Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a bottle of water.
Brekkie Club serves breakfast at 8.00 am.

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 20 km courses.



Garigal National Park
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facebook.com/barecreektrailrun


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

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