

Term 4 Week 3

2 November 2018

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler



HSC exams continuing

Our HSC students are in the third week of the examination period. Some of the examinations undertaken this week included: Mathematics Extension 1, English Extension 1, Business Studies Modern History, Society and Culture. The HSC examination period ends on Friday, 9 November and we will have students sitting the final paper, which is Drama. Congratulations to those students who have already completed all of their examinations. We wish you all the best for your future.

Dressing up to help the environment

Our current Student Representative Council (SRC) have a clear plan for the remainder of this year and 2019. The group are looking to address recycling in the school and on Wednesday they began to fundraise by coordinating a Halloween mufti day. Our students and many teachers came dressed up in the spookiest outfits they could find. The SRC will be purchasing new recycling bins with the money that was raised.



Friday (Week 2) – Loud Shirt Day

The concept of LOUD Shirt Day is simple: Get LOUD! At St Ives we are fortunate to have a Hearing Impaired Unit. Each year we celebrate 'Loud Shirt Day' in recognition of the challenges that are faced by some students in our school. Students show they care by wearing the loudest and wackiest shirt they can find. Last Friday, we began the day on the Quad and selected the best dressed, before students in Year 7 heard from a guest speaker and all students enjoyed a cake sale at morning tea and barbecue at lunch.

Choir – Friday's performance (Sass and Grit)

Ms Lovell and Ms Hawkins led our student choir in a special performance on Friday evening. Our students collaborated with Turramurra High School students and put together an entertaining performance. If you wanted to see the performance it can be seen on Youtube -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyAHKR2mt-J8kECb59sdmvrnbBO43iJQ4>

Year 8 VALID

The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program provides online end-of-stage assessments for the science key learning area. The assessments assist schools to monitor student achievement and inform planning, programming and assessment practice. Just this week our Year 8 students undertook the mandatory online assessment. Tests are marked externally; however, the data collected will inform teaching and learning at our school.

Year 7-10 assessment tasks - planning advice

End of Year Examinations - Over the next month, students across years 7-10 will have a number of examinations to complete. To prepare for these tasks students should take the following steps:

1. Check the school calendar for assessment task dates. The calendar can be found on Student/Parent Portal and also the SIHS school website.
2. Students should seek clarity for their teacher around what will be tested. If they have any questions they should speak with their teacher in class.
3. Students should design a study planner. The trick to a successful study planner is being specific around what will need to be covered during the preparation phase. Being too general by writing 'study' or 'study History', will most likely lead to procrastination.
4. To complement the study notes/mindmaps/flash cards that students might be creating when revising, they should also set time to teach someone about what they have learnt. This could be a 5 minute conversation over dinner. Research suggests that this will assist the young person in consolidating what they have learnt.

All the best to our students.

50 Year Reunion - Class of 1968

On Friday last week we held a special assembly from a special group of past students, who were celebrating 50 years since graduating from St Ives High. We heard from our first ever school captain Mr Tony Webb. After the assembly, the 25 past students were given a special tour of the school's grounds. This might become an enjoyable ritual as we were recently contacted by the class of 1969.



Maths Competition News

Firstly, many thanks to Ms Berger for coordinating the many mathematics competitions that our students enter. The following students from Years 7 and 8 achieved excellent results in the APSMO (Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad) competition this year. Congratulations and well done to all students who participated.

Top 10% : Year 7: Kegan H, Sydney L; Year 8: Kaif H, Larry L

Top 20% : Year 7: Bohua H, David M, Marlon K, Vania Z; Year 8: Hana J, Alan L, Sam P, Ethan R, Zoe T, Ashley W

Top 25% : Year 7: Aaron J, Jasmin L, Jessica W; Year 8: Vishwa D, Bradley Y, Daniel Z

Congratulations

- Henry K (Year 7) for his feats in the world of gymnastics this year. Henry recently received a Silver medal at the State Championships.
- Elizabeth H (Year 10) entered an essay in the National History Challenge 2018. Students had to write on the theme 'Turning Points'. Elizabeth's eight page essay received a Young Historian Bronze certificate to acknowledge her achievements.
- The Construction class, under the supervision of their teacher, Mr Oh, laid a slab of concrete for what will become our new outdoor barbecue/kitchen area. It was a huge effort with the boys working in the heat of the day.



Best wishes
Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal

"ST ART" SUCCESS

Many St Ives High students once again showcased their talent by entering the St Ives Village Shops Art Exhibition "St Art".

Congratulations to Kiara U (Y9) who entered two works, awarded 2nd place and highly commended and Olivia Y (Y9) who was awarded 3rd place. They will compete with last term's finalists for prizes at the end of the year.

Patricia Gettens
Acting Head Teacher Creative Arts
Gats Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher



NSW STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

On Tuesday 30 November 2018, Rojina P, a Year 11 student, took part in the NSW State Constitutional Convention. Representing St Ives High School at the event held at State Parliament, Rojina joined approximately 175 students from around NSW to debate Section 44 of the constitution. Throughout the day, students used their communication and critical thinking skills to debate key issues surrounding the constitution, including the complex topic of Ministers holding dual citizenship.

Rojina's involvement in the event is to be commended, including her achievement in being elected to attend the national conference, which will be held in Canberra early next year. As one of only 30 students chosen from NSW to participate, this achievement reflects her persistent effort and commitment as a representative of St Ives High School.

Alana Bowler
HSIE Teacher

SKY HIGH TRAMPOLINING AND INVICTUS GAMES EXCURSION



**“500 Competitors, 13 Sports, 1400 Volunteers, 135 Hours Competition, 13 Venues,
8 Days Of Competition, 18 Nations, 1000 Family And Friends, 800 Media, 11 Medal Sports”
INCLUSION, RESILIENCE, SERVICE**

On Friday 26 October, 76 Year 9 and Year 10 students travelled to Sky High Trampolining, Chullora and then on to Homebush to watch the Wheelchair Basketball, Invictus Games.

“The games demonstrate a powerful message of resilience and inspiration for defence personnel and for the wider community.” The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP

Student responses to the excursion:

- ☺ *Enjoyed watching the wheelchair basketball.*
- ☺ *The trampoline park was a fun time.*
- ☺ *Sportsmanship – wheelchair basketball – as soon as someone fell, there would be another athlete from either team trying to assist to get that person back up.*
- ☺ *I really liked watching the wheelchair basketball, it was amazing how strong the players were.*
- ☺ *Jumping on the trampolines straight away.*
- ☺ *I liked how little waiting around there was on the day.*
- ☺ *Was an allrounder awesome excursion and was really surprised by the amount of fun I had.*
- ☺ *It was really confronting seeing all those people without limbs or sight and most were still better at basketball than me.*
- ☺ *Really enjoyed seeing people who many thought would never have a chance to play sport again, do an enjoyable sport and be successful.*
- ☺ *There was good support from both teams – when the American player was falling out of the chair there were 2x New Zealand players there to hold/help him up.*
- ☺ *I was amazed at the strength of one of the United Kingdom players who came out of his wheelchair – he was a double amputee legs and was able to get himself back into his chair through the strength and power of his upper body.*

Sandy Terrey
Sports Organiser

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 student's school emails. Please encourage students to join.

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>

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.



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




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.





BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

REGISTER NOW!

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 12 km and 20 km courses.

Garigal National Park
Sunday 11th November, 2018 • www.barecreektrailrun.com
facebook.com/barecreektrailrun

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

WILL YOU HELP US PROVIDE A



Hamper
of



HOPE

THIS CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOOD CAN INCLUDE:

Tinned salad /vegetable items– beetroot, pineapple, corn kernels, bean mix, asparagus, carrots, potatoes, peas, beans.

Desserts –jelly, custard, tinned fruit, pudding

Snacks– chips, pretzels, lollies, biscuits, crackers.

Other – Christmas cake, milk, fruit cordial, tea, coffee, bon bons, cereal.

TOYS ... should be unwrapped



**BRING YOUR FOOD AND TOYS TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2018.**