

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE.

Our best efforts yet! Mr Cooper collected the goods on Friday and only just managed to fit all the donations in his car!



Principal Matters by Mark Watson



Presentation Day - a celebration of learning

A reminder to everyone that next Friday will be our day of celebration of the 2018 school year. We will hold three assemblies on the day, one to recognise sporting achievements and two to recognise academic achievement. The first of the two academic assemblies will be for Years 9, 10 and 11. The second academic assembly will be for Years 7 and 8. Due to the large cohort in Years 7 and 8, Year 9 have been moved into the Senior Presentation with Years 10 and 11. Parents have also been invited to these events.

This will be the third year we have held a Presentation Day in preference to a Presentation Evening. Presentation Day allows all students to celebrate the success with their peers. Activities have been planned for students when they are not in assemblies. Thanks to Mrs Cartwright and Mr Noronha for organising the day and to Mrs Terrey and the PE staff for the Sports Assembly. Timetable for the day is as follows:

- 8.30 to 8.50 am
A light breakfast served outside the Trade Training Centre
- 9.10 am
Sports Awards Ceremony in the Hall for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- 10.45 am
Years 9, 10 and 11 Senior Presentation Ceremony in the Hall
- 12.05 – 12.45pm
Barbecue lunch will be served between the Senior and Junior Presentation Ceremonies
- 12.45 pm:
Years 7 and 8 Junior Presentation Ceremony in the Hall

Year 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday over 200 Year 6 students, who will form our 2019 Year 7 cohort visited the school for their orientation. The day also provided us with an opportunity to meet the Year 6 parents and talk to them about the school and what we have to offer. Year 6 students who play in a school band were invited to rehearse with our school band the hour before the day officially got underway. It was great to see such a large number of students take up this offer. When all the Year 6 students had arrived, they took part in testing to help us with the formation of classes. An orientation program followed the testing and was led by our Year 9 students who will be their Peer Leaders in 2019. Meanwhile their parents were welcomed by our school captains; addressed by Year 7 students and entertained by students from the school's Performing Arts Unit. Parents were also introduced to key staff that will be useful contacts for them next year.

The morning ended with a delicious morning tea provided the P&C and current Year 7 parents. Thanks to Ms McGurgan, Mrs Bodley, Mr Zaboklicki, our office staff and the P&C for making the morning a great success.



Water Awareness

Year 7 have been taking part in their water awareness program all this week. They travelled to Balmoral Beach each day this week and took part in water activities and beach activities to improve their fitness. On their final day, all the students took part in a biathlon that consisted of beach run and a swim in the pool at Balmoral. We were really lucky that we were able to go ahead with the week as last week's bad weather was damaging at Balmoral. Thanks to all the staff involved who ran the program and to Mrs Terrey and the PE staff for their organisation.

Year 10 Work Experience

The past week was also important for Year 10. They have been on Work Experience every day this week. The program is not only an opportunity to "try out" an occupation they are interested in, it also allows them to experience how work is different from school, a real eye opener for some students. Preparations have been on going throughout the year with students approaching possible employers to organise a placement. They have been supported in this process during their Careers lessons this year. Thanks to Mr Holmes for his organisation and support of Year 10 this week.

Sea World Excursion

Some lucky Year 10 students have been doing their work experience at Sea World on the Gold Coast. They have all been studying Hospitality and are working in the kitchens at the resort for their work experience. The students travelled with Mrs Doherty, Ms Bond and Mr Moller who have been supervising them this week. Thanks to Mrs Doherty for organising the excursion.



Legacy Certificates

This week we received certificates of appreciation for our students who took part in fund raising during Legacy Week earlier this term. The local Legacy club were very impressed with our students, who raised \$3551.60, the highest amount raised by students from this school in recent years. Thanks and congratulations to: Kiara U, Zoe D, Sofia D, Cynthia C, Stephanie C, Nicholas B, Jessie B, Joanna P, Angus F, Jeff L, Junseo L, Liam D, Emily H, Sydney B, Hannah G, Angella L, Sandhya V, Charlotte M, Sophia T.

Year 8 Luna Park

It is all about the numbers and problem solving. This was the lesson that Year 8 was able to learn on Friday when they took part in a Mathematics excursion to Luna Park. In between problem solving activities, and perhaps in order to solve some problems, Year 8 was able to enjoy the rides on offer at Luna Park. Thanks to the Mathematics staff for organising this excursion.

Building Update

With the brick piers all in place on the oval waiting for demountables to be placed on them, it feels like something really big is about to happen. And it is. Over the holidays (or maybe before) we expect 12 demountables will be placed in position. These will replace the classrooms in C-Block while the building is refurbished. Plans for the refurbishment are very advanced with discussions this week about furniture, colours, flooring and wall finishes this week. The anticipated timeline is that a contract for this work will be let over the holidays with work beginning during the first term. A contract has already been let for a new roof on the building and it is anticipated that this work will begin during the holidays. With regards to the new building, work is also progressing at a rapid pace so that development plans can be lodged before the end of the year.

PAU Showcase

Last Friday night, the school's Performing Art's Unit presented their annual Showcase to a very packed and appreciative audience. The unit holds classes in Musical Theatre, Acting for Theatre and Dance including Hip Hop. The show rather cleverly tied together different items, dialogue and dance from students in all three classes through the unifying theme of "The New Dimension". Police officers travelled across several dimensions via an unreliable travel machine attempting to catch the escaped cat woman, who was a master of dimension travel. On the way, the police officers came across a number of interesting characters that they could help, arrest or run from depending upon the welcome they received. It was an outstanding show with some parents who had been to a number of these commenting that it was the best they had been to. A big thank you to Ashlea George and all the tutors from the PAU.

Camps

Both Year 10 and Year 8 will be on Camp next week. Year 10's camp will include their formal as an evening activity. Year 8 will travel to Camp Somerset for an outdoor learning / camping adventure. We wish students in both year groups all the best for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Last Day of School

A reminder to parents that as we come to the end of the school year, school will break for the summer holidays on Wednesday 19 December at 3:15pm. The school will be fully operational up until this time and it is our expectation that all students will be in attendance up until this time. Many Year 12 students will have assessment tasks to complete between now and the end of the year. If for some unforeseen reason your child is unable to attend school, please follow normal leave procedures contacting the school with an explanation for your child's absence and the exact dates they will be away.

If You Are Not Returning

Please contact the school if your child will not be returning to St Ives High School next year. Our planning for 2019 is very advanced and it is critical that we know how many students we will have in attendance. Our staffing is dependent upon this. If there is a change in your child's/family's circumstances over the holidays, please send the school an email.

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal

Attachments:

- P&C Meeting 13 December Agenda
- Offer of **4 free football tickets** to Western Sydney Wanderers vs Sydney FC on Saturday 15 December at ANZ Stadium



**To all the parents that helped at this year's
Orientation Day.**

We had over 200 new parents attending the event.

Thanks to all the current Year 7 parents who provided the
yummy morning tea treats and
the Year 9 students who helped with the service.

And the amazing Uniform Shop Team –
a tremendous achievement!

A great TEAM EFFORT!

Libby Cameron, P&C President

8VD GO FLY A KITE!

The last task of the year for Year 8 Visual Design was to design and make a kite that referenced each student's cultural heritage. On Tuesday afternoon, in favourable winds, the class competed to see whose kite would fly highest, longest and of course had the most effective design. Special mentions to Alice, Anna, Felix, Spencer, Ryan and Noah.

Patricia Gettens
Head Teacher
Visual Arts



END OF THE YEAR AND OFF THE SHELF

We have had a stunning year in the Library:

- *Blind Date With A Book* - initiated by Mrs Abraham, during the week of Valentine's Day
- Years 7 and 8 and dedicated year 9s participated in the *Premiers Reading Challenge* - two of the Year 9 have achieved Medals - James H and Matthew V.
- We had a knitting group in the library from term 3 and 4 and achieved a Yarn Bombing on the grounds - very pretty and warm and fuzzy
- *The Book Match Competition* for four weeks in term 4 - 30 members of staff and the books they have loved were to be matched, clues were given every day. Most student achieved 1-5 correct but 5 methodically did a Miss Marple form of investigation - reading the blurb, analysing the covers, working on the meaning of the clues...and tenaciously stalking appropriate staff. And the winners are:
30/30 correct - Matthew G Y11, Abigail B, Y10, Sasha J Y8. 29/30 correct - Niki P Y10, Noah T Y8. All five students will receive Dymocks Book vouchers for their fine investigative skills and achievements.
- The library staff have spent most of this term culling old Fiction books - we want to update and buy all the authors the students have been asking for and upgrade or introduce oldies but goodies. The culled books have been looked at by the English staff who have create book boxes for their rooms to extend and enrich their students. AND as of Monday the 10th, next week, students will be able to buy any of the culled books they are interested in for 20 cents a copy.
- and finally Christmas has come to the Library and holidays are just around the corner. Students are asked to return ALL their overdue books so that they can borrow a LIMITLESS amount for the holidays. Wishing all students and their families a blessed and safe Festive Season



Natalie Romanov
Teacher/Librarian

CAREERS UPDATE



Year 10 Work Experience in Week 8

It was great to know all of year 10 were able to secure work experience this week. They are working at some interesting industries and places such as law firm, parliament house, museum, zoo, universities, dentist, physiotherapy, finance, IT, real estate, vet clinic, primary schools, retail, hospitality, trades and others. The week is made available each year for students to either test a possible future career, be observed by an employer with a view to gaining a part-time job before the Christmas busy period or to gain some transferable employability skills. Students are completing a journal and employer evaluation report during the week, which can be used as a reference for their resume. Mr Ryan has sent in photos of two students Paul and Luke he visited on work experience. I have already emailed to year 9 students the work experience forms for next year to give them a year's notice as some high demand placements require students to contact employers this year. If a student needs assistance in finding a suitable employer please encourage them to see me as I have plenty of contacts for them to access.

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Year 9 Work Experience in 2019 Term 4, Week 8, 2-6 December 2019

I have emailed to students and uploaded to Google classroom the work experience forms for 2019 with instructions for completing them. Some places which have a high demand for work experience require students to apply 1 year before work experience so some students need to make contact with employers this year.

Careers Advisory Service

The Careers Advisory Service is a phone, web chat and email service for NSW students who have completed the HSC and need further career or tertiary education advice. The service is provided by the Department of Education and is staffed by experienced Careers Advisers. Open on 14, 17 & 18 December 2018 Phone 1300 300 687 and webchat 9am -5pm Email 24 hours. www.careersadvisoryservice.com

University course comparison site

The Department of Education and Training in partnership with the Tertiary Admissions Centres across Australia, have developed a new national higher education admissions information platform. The new website 'Course Seeker' contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare up to four higher education courses nationally across different institutions and/or study areas. The website also allows students to filter course search results by ATAR, mode of study, study area and location. 'Course Seeker' will provide prospective students with transparent information about Australian higher education admissions. This information will assist students in making choices regarding their tertiary education study. Visit the website at www.courseseker.edu.au

UAC tool for choosing university courses

UAC has developed a brief new tool to assist students to choose university courses based on their school subjects and estimated rank. <https://www.uac.edu.au/course-compass/>

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

- November 29 - SRS early offer round 2.
- December 6 - SRS early offer round 3.
- December 13 - HSC results released.
- December 14 - ATARs released on UAC site and year 12 pizza & Poppa 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.



**St Ives High School P&C Meeting
Multi-function Space (MFS)
Thursday December 13th 2018 - 7:30pm
Meeting Agenda**

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| 1. Welcome | 7:30 |
| 2. Formalities | 7:35 |
| a. Attendees | |
| b. Apologies | |
| c. Approval of Previous Minutes | |
| 3. Items for Decision | 7:40 |
| a. Appointment of Committee members | |
| i. Treasurer | |
| ii. Auditor | |
| iii. Uniform Shop Sub-committee member | |
| b. P&C federation - Office Bearers vs Executive addition to by-laws | |
| 4. Items for Discussion: | |
| a. Principal's Report | 7:50 |
| b. President's Report | 8:05 |
| c. Year 7 and Year 12 survey summary | 8:15 |
| d. IT Review results - Peter Driscoll | 8:25 |
| e. Grant applications | 8:35 |
| i. Presentation by Michelle Nunura for Personal Best Tracking | |
| ii. Claire Cartwright - Funds from the entertainment book | |
| f. Sunsmart Program - sunscreen sales | 8:55 |
| g. Trivia Night | 9:00 |
| h. Draft Life Membership policy | 9:05 |
| i. Draft gift policy | 9:15 |
| 5. Items for Noting | |
| a. Paypal set up for Uniform Shop | 9:20 |
| b. Nomination of P&C volunteer of the year | 9:25 |
| 6. General Business | |
| a. Business Arising | 9:30 |
| b. Outstanding Actions | |
| 7. NEXT MEETING: February 21st 2019 (term 1) | |
| 8. CLOSE | |

**Please note we will not be printing any reports to distribute at the meeting.
A light supper will be served, please bring your own mug for tea/coffee.**



FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Hyundai A-League 2018/19 Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC Saturday 15 December, 7:50pm ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two foes go head to head!

As your school participated in this year's NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of football. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register their details
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- *Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.*
- *Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).*
- *Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.*
- *There is a limit of 8,000 vouchers/tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).*
- *Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.*
- *If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.*
- *Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.*