



Principal Matters by Mark Watson



Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for the 2018 school year. I hope the summer holidays were a good opportunity for all of our students to recharge their batteries in readiness for another exciting year of learning. For our new parents, our weekly newsletter is a great way to stay in contact with the school's news, events and happenings. Have a great 2018!

Spain Excursion

While many of us were melting in the heat over the summer, a group of students and teachers travelled to Spain to a freezing cold winter. Their first port of call was Italy; they visited Rome, followed by Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. They then travelled to Spain with a stop over in Madrid before travelling to Salamanca where the students attended a language school. The excursion was a great opportunity for those learning Spanish to improve and practise their language skills. In addition, it was a great experience for everyone. Thanks go to Ms Joynes for organising the excursion and to Miss Corderoy and Mr Zaboklicki for assisting.



School Resumes

Staff returned on Monday in preparation for students on Tuesday. In addition to preparing for the week ahead, staff looked at our next three-year plan, our new discipline policy and student performance data from 2017. On Tuesday our new Year 7 students arrived along with Years 11 and 12 and on Wednesday Years 8, 9 and 10 began their school year. Unfortunately it was wet on Wednesday morning so we were unable to have a whole school assembly on the Quad. This occurred on Thursday where information was conveyed to students about the upcoming swimming carnival on Tuesday 13 February. Many staff commented on the number of students on the Quad and how it appeared crowded. Our numbers have increased and we have now grown to over 1000 students.

Year 7

As mentioned, Year 7 began on Tuesday this week. With just under 200 students, this year's Year 7 is the largest cohort of Year 7 the school has had for many years. Year 7 began their school year with an orientation program that has been ongoing this week. The program consisted of information about the school and its organisation, some class time, peer support activities and connecting devices to the computer network. We have been looking forward to the arrival of Year 7 for some time and it is great to see them here. They would appear to be settling in well under the watchful eye of their Year Adviser, Ms Miller. A big thank you to Ms Miller for all of the work she has done to make the orientation program a success.

New Staff 2018

We have a number of new faces joining us in 2018. In English, we have Miss Abraham and Mr Moller, our new Learning and Support Teacher. In Mathematics we have Mr Mitchell who is our relieving Head Teacher of Mathematics for 2018 and Ms Chim who will also be teaching Science. In HSIE we have Mr Zeko and Mr Kitonga. Mr Cullen is also in HSIE and he will be replacing Ms Morante for the year while she is on maternity leave. In PE and Hearing Support we have Ms Nunura, our new Welfare Head Teacher. In TAS we have Mrs C Brown who is not at all related to Miss E Brown, also in TAS. Ms Zaki joins us in Languages as our new Spanish and ESL teacher. We also welcome the return of Mrs Druce who has previously worked as a Counsellor at St Ives. She will join with Mrs Birch so that the school will have full time counselling support in 2018. Also over the holidays, the familiar face of Ms Chen from TAS has changed her name to Mrs Skilton and her subject to Visual Arts! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new staff in 2018.

Holiday Works

Over the holidays a number of capital improvement works were carried out. Perhaps the most anticipated was the air conditioning of some of our classrooms. The plan is to install air conditioning to the top floors of all of our blocks with the exception of C-Block as it will be refurbished next year. Before we can install the units, we needed to ensure there was enough power going to each of the blocks to run the units. This work has now been completed and installation of the units will take place in the coming weeks. I would like to thank the P&C for funding this initiative. In addition to this, we have had painting in A and B blocks, and new floor coverings in A block. Work on floor coverings will continue throughout the year, mostly in holiday periods. We have also extended the waiting area adjacent to the Deputies' offices. I would like to thank Mr Tom Browne, our General Assistant, for his work with this project.

Building Update

For parents not aware, the school is receiving a major upgrade as a result of last year's State budget. The project has two components, the building of a new multi court sports facility and the refurbishment of C-Block. The project is currently in the design / consultation phase and it is expected that this will run for the first half of this year. Following this tenders will be called and contracts let. It is expected that building works will take place during 2019 and the new facilities in use by the school in 2020. Towards the end of this year we may see some works underway including the arrival of over 10 demountable buildings to replace the classrooms in C-Block whilst it is refurbished. I will keep you informed of developments in this project via the newsletter this year.

Discipline Policy

During 2017 we reviewed the school's discipline and anti-bullying policies. The updated anti-bullying policy was introduced during term 4 last year, and the new discipline policy is being introduced this year. Students in all years received a briefing about the policy in year assemblies this week. A feature of the policy is the different levels a student can be placed on and the associated consequences that go with that level. I would like to thank both deputies and the team of staff that worked with them on the update. Policies will be available on the school website next week.

Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening – Change of Date

We had originally planned to hold a Year 7 parent welcome evening next Tuesday 6 February 2018. We will now hold the evening on Monday 19 February 2018. In the past, this evening has been an opportunity to informally meet other parents and teachers. Following feed back from last year's Year 7 parent survey, we have decided to add to the evening's program. Teachers will provide an overview of the topics to be covered in Year 7 within core class groupings. The evening will run from 6 to 8pm.

Best wishes

Mark Watson
Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday, 13 February 2018
at Hornsby Aquatic Centre
203 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby.

- Roll Call on the Quad then buses take students to the pool. Note that students who live in Hornsby/Berowra areas can go directly to the pool, but **MUST** sign in.
- In the afternoon, buses return to school via Gordon Station.
- All students should have their swim ID number written on their arm. Student ID number is available from a list on the noticeboard in the Gym.

Wear your house colours -

Harper - green
Jamieson - yellow
Thompson - red
Overton - blue

Parents welcome
\$3 for pool entry

PUSH PASSES FOR 2018

Please note that push passes are only available for students who are travelling north from Hornsby station on the rail line. For these students there are limited north bound services which depart Hornsby station at 15.52pm or 16.22pm. Due to the increased number of students at St Ives High School push passes and their distribution will be subject to strict guidelines.

To be eligible for a push pass students must:

- Travel north in the afternoons and depart the train line from Asquith Station or further north to make their way home.
- They must use the pass responsibly
- They must complete the 2018 push pass online form and meet the requirements

The survey can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2018pushpass> or alternatively by scanning the QR code.

Please note 2017 push passes (yellow) can be used until the end of week 2.

Megan Bond
Head Teacher, TAS



School Photos

Wednesday 14 February and Friday, 16 February

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed on Wednesday, if possible it is their preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



IMMUNISATION FOR 2018 YEARS 7 & 8

Students received their immunisation forms on their first day of school. It is important for these to be completed and returned to the school office by Wednesday, 14 February. The video link below is an excellent resource that explains HPV vaccine clearly. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAoK1U95fpE> Students are asked to ensure they bring a drink bottle with them on the day of their vaccinations and have a good breakfast.

- * Visit 1: Monday, 19 February - dTpa and HPV dose 1. All Year 7 and Year 8 catch up.
- * Visit 2: Wednesday, 2 May - HPV dose 2. All Year 7 and Year 8 catch up.

Message from North Sydney Health

The Adolescent School Vaccination Program provides an opportunity for parents to consent to the age appropriate vaccinations for their child free of charge in the school environment. Although the program is not compulsory the feedback that we receive from the majority of parents is that they prefer to consent to the vaccinations being administered at school.

The alternative option is parents take their child to their GP where vaccines are provided free of charge (in the year of offer, or catch up with remaining doses for Year 8 students only) **however a consultation fee may be charged**. The data from schools in your area indicate that your school uptake is lower than the state average.

If parents would like their child to take up the offer of immunisation and needs replacement cards please email:

tanja.mcgurgan@det.nsw.edu.au or they can call North Sydney Health on 94779400 and cards will be posted directly to parents.

ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CENTRE

On **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings **from 7.45am in E12** students and parents from Year 7 to Year 12 have the opportunity to focus on the skills needed for writing. This includes academic vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, sentence construction, paragraphing and whole text construction. Students can bring their assignment tasks for feedback or come for the pleasure of increasing their skills.

Regular attendance increases student focus on grammar by one to two hours every week. Over the year this is an additional 80 hours of skill acquisition. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to improve.

2018 is the third year of operation for our Writing Centre. Why not come and see for yourself what students learn?

Contact Mrs Peta Regan peta.regan@det.nsw.edu.au for further information.

Literacy

Students' ability to communicate effectively in academic English is a St Ives High School focus. Together with the students' work in their classrooms families can encourage academic conversations.

Literacy is not just about reading and writing. Literacy actually begins with listening and speaking and this is where families can give their students the time and space to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

Mealtime is a great opportunity to reflect on the day's happenings. You may have encountered conversations that go somewhat like this,

Mum: 'How was your day?'

Student: 'Good/ bad/ boring'

Mum: 'So tell me about it'

Student: 'It was boring...'

Try asking '*what do you mean by that?*' '*what makes you say that?*' These questions surprise students into expanding on their answers. Give them time to answer and then just repeat it. The family's role in this conversation is to actively listen without interruption. Speaking in an expanded manner enables students to be more prepared for reading and writing tasks because they have had the opportunity to process through their thoughts with enough clarity for an audience, such as their family, to understand.

Peta Regan

Year 8 Year Adviser

EAL/D Teacher and Writing Centre Coordinator

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

St Ives High School P&C Association welcomes all new families to our fantastic community. A community which is fabulously diverse, generous and passionate and we are honoured that you and your child have chosen this school to support, educate and nurture them towards a future of possibilities. The P&C plays an integral part in that as your voice in public education.

The P&C meet each term in weeks 4 and 9. The dates will be advertised in the weekly Newsletter and on the website. If a date needs to change we will be sure to let you all know. If you can't get to a meeting but need more information, want to get involved or have an idea, please don't hesitate to contact me on president@stivespandc.com.

Keep on the lookout for a separate newsletter we are putting together filled with information to help your year run smoothly.

Looking forward to a progressive year of cooperation and energy!

Cheerio!

Megan Shave

President SIHS P&C



Jonathan O'Dea MP

Member for Davidson



31 January 2018

Dear School Leader,

Re: \$100 VOUCHER FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT AND RECREATION FEES

Parents in NSW can now start claiming \$100 towards extra-curricular sport and other physical activity fees thanks to the NSW Government's new Active Kids program.

Active Kids will provide a \$100 voucher for parents to put towards sporting fees and registration costs for every school-aged child in NSW.

Families will be able to use the voucher for registration and membership costs, as well as fees for activities such as swimming.

The annual voucher will not be means tested because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get active and involved in community sport and fitness.

Parents are able to use their voucher to claim up to \$100 per school-child, per calendar year to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership of approved active recreation activities.

More details about the program and eligible sports are available at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88.

The health of our children is a priority for me, both as a local MP and parent. I hope this information is of assistance to you and your school community.

Yours sincerely,

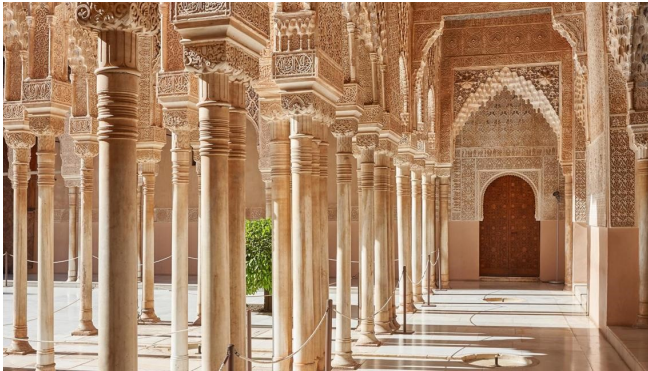
Jonathan O'Dea
Member for Davidson

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St Ives High School

SPAIN STUDY TOUR

Easter Holidays 2019



Open to 2019 Year 9-12 Students
(particularly students of Spanish as there is a homestay with a Spanish family component)

Expressions of interest forms from the Languages Staffroom

INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday 20 February 2018 6:30pm in E3



St Ives High Tennis Programs Term 1/2018

Location: St Ives Primary School courts, Horace Street, St Ives

Classes commence: Monday 5th February 2018

Class	Day/Time	Fees	Commences
Beg - Int group(Yrs 7-9)	Mon 4.15pm 5.15pm	\$175	Monday 5 th Feb
Intermediate Squad (max 4) (Yrs 7 – 10)	Mon 4.15 – 5.15pm	\$250	Monday 5 th Feb
	Wed 4.45 – 6.15pm	\$300	Wednesday 7 th Feb
Advanced Squad (Yrs 7-12)	Mon 5.15 – 6.45pm	\$300	Monday 5 th Feb
Small groups (4 per class)	Tues 2.20 – 3.20pm	\$250	Tuesday 6 th Feb
	Thursday 7.15 – 8.15		Thurs 8 th Feb
Private/small group	Mon – Sun (til 8.30pm) DURING FREE PERIOD	By appointment	
Adult tennis clinics (4 per class)	Mon, Tues Thurs (9.15 – 10.)45am	\$300 (term)	Monday 5 th Feb
	Fri (6 – 7.30am)	\$35 casual	

All Enquiries to:
Head Coach - Chris Williams
Office: 9440 4500 Mobile: 0418 688 803
tennis.chris@bigpond.com
www.cameronstennis.com.au

Wet Weather:- Meet under COLA near courts
(please check with coach)

Payment: Bank transfer (see below) Please make
cheques payable to Camerons Tennis School

Send to: 11 Arundel St West Pymble NSW 2073
(please do not send payments to school office or
hand to coach on court)

Terms and Conditions: Fees are payable prior to commencement of class. On receipt of payment your child will have a reserved place in the class. Classes may be changed subject to availability of places. If a class is missed a similar class may be arranged if available. No refunds for missed lessons.

Camerons Tennis School Enrolment Form: Term 1 2018 SIH

Mr/Mrs/Ms Parent Initial _____ Family Name: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____ (Email) _____

Address: _____

Student Name: _____ D.O.B _____

Tennis Class: _____ Fee: _____

Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard **Enclosed:** ☐ Cheque ☐ Cash

Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Expiry Date: __ / __

Name on Card: _____

Signed: _____

Direct Deposit

BSB: 112 879 Acct No: 043 726 047
Please use players surname for
payment reference.



St Ives Junior AFL Club 2018



Boys & Girls FREE Come & Try AFL Clinics

It's our 50th year... make it your 1st!!!

St Ives Junior AFL Club turns 50 in 2018, hence there has never been a better time than now to give AFL a go! Come along to one of our FREE clinics. You can come to all the clinics or just one. No pressure, come and have a kick!

Clinic & Time	Boys & Girls Age (9-17yrs) from 6:00pm–7:00pm
Dates	Tuesdays 13th, 20th & 27th February 2018
Clinic & Time	Auskick (4-8yrs) from 5:00pm–6:00pm
Dates	Tuesdays 13th & 20th February 2018
Where	Acron Oval, Acron Rd, St Ives
Info	Andrew Ridley 0423 828 234 recruitment@stivesafl.com

All the “Come and Try” clinics will introduce you to Australian Rules Football and expose you to the skills you will learn and develop during the season. Players at all levels are welcome and parents are encouraged to come along as well to have a look. All the clinics will be run by accredited AFL coaches.

The St Ives Junior AFL Club plays on a Sunday from 8th April 2018. For more information go to www.stivesafl.com

Just can't wait to REGISTER...

Go to www.stivesafl.com and follow the links!



St Ives Junior AFL Club 2018



St Ives Rugby Club

The Spirit of Rugby Lives Here



Are you looking for a fun, safe and active winter sport for boys and girls?

Have fun!

Make friends!

Keep fit!

Playing rugby requires team work, builds self-confidence, develops focus, social skills and improves your child's physical development and co-ordination.



NOTE : Visit the Service NSW website after Jan 31st and use your MyGov account to claim a unique \$100 voucher code (per child). Then redeem your voucher at our online registration page as part of the NSW Governments "Active Kids" programme.

Come and try minis or junior rugby at St Ives Rugby Football Club – details over

No matter your child's level of ability or experience, they will have fun at St Ives Rugby Club!

St Ives Rugby is a friendly and family orientated club with a great clubhouse and facilities at Hassall Park in St Ives.

The club has qualified coaches and junior teams from under 6's, with a safe and modified format, all the way through to under 18's and beyond. Make mates for life at St Ives!

- *Fully accredited coaches and trainers*
- *Fabulous facilities, bar and grounds*
- *Great community of local parents and players*
- *Inclusive club culture catering to all abilities and backgrounds*
- *Gordon representative player pathway*

Keen to try before you signup?

Come and have a chat to us or have a go at one of our upcoming events:

- **Registration Day, St Ives Shopping Village** - Sat 3rd Feb 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and Sun 4th Feb from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- **Festival of Rugby, Chatswood Oval** - Sun 4th Feb 2018 from 03:00pm to 05:30pm
- **Try Rugby Open Day** – (including the Waratah Way course delivered by NSW Rugby) Sun 11th Mar 2018 from 03:00pm to 05:00pm

Feel free to contact us:

Dave Rodwell – Juniors Vice President - dave@dentalbiz.com.au - ph 0414 545 492

Rachel Quayle – Mini's Administrator - rach.78@live.com.au - ph 0448 921 933

Mark Bayley – Registrar - markabayley@hotmail.com - ph 0434 182 912

Registrations open online from 1st Feb 2018

Please visit www.stivesrugby.com.au

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or visit our Facebook page @stives.junior.rugby to find more information

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