

Term 1 Week 3

16 February 2018

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler



School Plan Update

We are in the first stage of our 2018-2020 school plan. Our plan will be placed on our school website very soon and you will be invited to provide feedback. Our strategic direction, which specifically relates to students is ***Developing independent and motivated learners***. We want our students to reflect, plan and strive for improvement. Encouraging our young people to set goals can be a good way to get them to strive for their personal best. Often, the first people that students want to share success stories with is their parents. So ask your child: *What are you aiming for? How will you get there? How will you know and feel if you're successful in reaching your goals?*

Year 7 Parent evening

On Monday, 19 February between 6:00-8:00pm we will be holding our Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers. It will also be a chance to mingle with other Year 7 parents, which can be useful especially when our young people begin to socialise outside of school. We have structured the night quite differently from previous years. This year the evening is for parents only and they will be briefed on what topics and assessments are going to be covered. It is hoped that the revised structure will lead to improved clarity for all families. If you are unable to attend, we will be emailing all resources so you don't miss out.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, we held our school Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students on the day. For a school swimming carnival to run as smoothly as ours did, there is a huge amount of work that goes into preparing for the day. A huge thanks to Mr Kettels, Mrs Terrey and the PDHPE team, who were integral in preparing and running our school swimming carnival this year. Results and photographs in this newsletter.

Valentine's Day Buzz

On Wednesday, our SRC ran school Valentine's Day celebrations. The SRC sold flowers, bear hugs and singing telegrams to spread the love!! No classroom was safe as you could feel the anxiety in the room build as the noise of the SRC singing group approached each block. I was left red faced on two occasions, as the SRC students delivered two singing telegrams in front of my Year 11 Modern History class. I will get you back next year Language department.



In the words of SRC rep Lily C (Year 11)

"What says Valentine's Day more than flowers, cheesy love songs and hugs from a giant walking bear? Once again, the SRC spread the love this Wednesday delivering these gifts to many blushing students (and teachers!) across the school. A new addition to our Valentine's Day traditions was the highly successful polaroid booth set up on the quad at breaks, giving students the opportunity to take a happy snap with their friends. A lot of work was put in by the SRC, who came to school well before the bell and spent most of the day delivering, but it paid off and the love was felt by all."

Still on Valentine's Day

A message from our Librarian Mrs Romanov
With "love in the air" this week – we in the Library are celebrating Library Lovers Week!!! To encourage students to read outside their comfort zone they have been offered the chance to go on a "Blind Date" with a book. A selection of, quality and "oldies but goodies",



books were wrapped in brown paper plus some clues as to content and students were offered a chance to borrow the book without knowing very much about it - encouraging literacy development and wide reading but also challenging students to not judge a book by its cover! The Blind Date with a book event has been very popular and the students have loved the mystery of unwrapping a book and discovering a new author or genre.

Hearing Support Information Evening

An information evening was held for the parents of students in the hearing support unit on Monday evening this week. The evening was an opportunity to welcome new parents and update existing parents on arrangements for 2018. We are lucky to have a hearing unit (there are only two others in the Sydney Metropolitan area) and our hearing students are part of the fabric that makes our school great! Students from the unit participate in all activities that the school has to offer. We would like to welcome our new Year 7 students and wish all of the students from the unit a fantastic 2018.



Hospitality Condensed

This is the second year we have run the Hospitality Condensed course. The class is made up of Year 11 students who have lessons outside the normal timetable meeting twice a week until after 6pm. The students complete the Year 11 and 12 courses in the one-year and will sit their HSC in the course this year. On Monday afternoon this week the students had their first catering event for the year preparing food for staff for the swimming carnival on Tuesday. A big thank you to the condensed students and their teacher Mrs Doherty for preparing delicious food for Tuesday.



Lions Youth of the Year

On Monday evening this week, the Lions Club of St Ives held their annual *Youth of the Year* competition. Students from local schools took part in a very challenging public speaking contest. Daniel Hasenauer, our male school captain, represented St Ives High. All of the competitors had to speak on the same two impromptu topics, *Should Australia day be the 26th of January* and *what are the pros and cons of social media as a news source*. Fortunately this section of the competition was completed before dinner, in the past, contestants have not eaten as they find this the most difficult part of the competition. Following the dinner, the contestants gave their prepared speech. Daniel spoke with passion about the ATAR, the pressure it places students under and how it should not be a measure of success of a HSC student. The eventual winner of the competition was a student from Roseville College.

Afternoon buses

This week we have been in contact with Transport NSW on a number of occasions regarding our afternoon bus services. We appreciate the patience students have shown when some of the buses have uncharacteristically turned up late over the past three weeks. We will continue to request that the buses arrive on time.

Sporting success

Congratulations to Max M (Year 11) who has been selected to play in the Ice Hockey Australia National U18 team. Max will be travelling to Sweden for a training camp and Estonia the competition in April. All the best Max.

Bootcamp

Friday mornings between 7:00-8:00am have been a buzz at school. We have had around 45 students, staff and parents each week working through individual and team challenges. If you would like to give Bootcamp a try please come along. Bootcamp caters for all fitness levels.



Best wishes
Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal

**ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL
2018 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

AGE CHAMPIONS

BOYS	Points	GIRLS	Points
12 years		12 years	
Gold *Evan Chew	71	Gold Tala Ghazal	28
Silver Nathan Chen	44	Silver Arantza Sanchez Alvarez	20
Bronze Marlon Kesby	20	Bronze Ella Buckley	15
		Bronze Kirra Levin	15
13 years		13 years	
Gold Samuel Payne	49	Gold Hayley Griffin	60
Gold Jason Clifford	44	Silver Eliisa Ware	44
Bronze Campbell McKeon	24	Bronze Lucy Wartmann	24
14 years		14 years	
Gold Maximilian Bode	49	Gold *Ashley Williams	71
Silver Ryan Chan	38	Silver Nina Kesby	34
Bronze Lachlan Hammersley	28	Bronze Lily Scanlan	24
15 years		15 years	
Gold Juyeong Lee	49	Gold Rebecca Davies	66
Silver Cameron Hall	42	Silver Sophie Cook	42
Bronze Kai Calvi	40	Bronze Kiara Underwood	26
16 years		16 years	
Gold Matthew Hall	68	Gold Nashua Hemon-Siompotis	64
Silver Nicholas Tsai	26	Silver Nicole Connacher	46
Bronze Paul Keshishian	16	Bronze Georgina Ferreira	26
		Bronze Nikita Priest	26
17+ years		17+ years	
Gold Amin Habibi	58	Gold Ashley Hall	68
Silver Jesse Yu	48	Silver Natalie Cook	50
Bronze Kasra Parsanejad	20	Bronze Antoi Nel	38

CROWD - 673 students

***School Record Broken**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RECORDS BROKEN (2018)

Evan Chew	Boys 12yrs 200m Freestyle Old Record: 2:46:07 M. Hall 2014 New Record: 2:44:56
Ashley Williams	Girls 12-14yrs 200m Individual Medley Old Record: 2:49:44 A. Williams 2017 New Record: 2:41:69



ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CENTRE

Initial assessment results demonstrate that when students are given a persuasive writing task their vocabulary is satisfactory. In terms of multisyllabic words, commonly used four syllable words are employed by students. More complex vocabulary which would create interest and thus greater audience engagement is used less frequently.

Student survey results also show that vocabulary and spelling are the two key concerns of students themselves. Hence, Writing Centre participants are taking part in a project to enhance their vocabulary.

At home you can help your student to develop their vocabulary by -

- encouraging your student's Premier's Reading Challenge endeavours for students in Years 7 - 9. For students in Years 10 - 12 they have wide reading logs to keep too. Ask your student to read aloud to you and listen to their speed and accuracy to monitor whether their choice of reading material is or is not challenging enough for them.
- being aware and talking about word meaning and usage as a family
- having daily conversations about your student's learning and the interesting academic vocabulary they are using in each class
- encouraging your student to show you their vocabulary in the back of their subject exercise books or on their laptops
- having a dictionary and thesaurus available for regular use by all family members
- noting new vocabulary discoveries together and displaying them in a prominent place in your home
- visiting your local library with your student to see how extensive the dictionary collection is
- visiting university libraries, such as Macquarie University to show your student just how many words have been recorded in the English language

If you and your student are interested in the vocabulary development project why not come to the Writing Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7.45am in E12 or contact peta.regan@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Peta Regan
Year 8 Year Adviser
EAL/D Teacher and Writing Centre Coordinator



Information Booth

The Department of Education is upgrading both St Ives North Public School and St Ives High School.

If you would like more information on the project or to provide feedback, please visit the Information Booth on Saturday 17th March 2018 at the venue noted below.

Location: St Ives Library (St Ives Shopping Village),
166 Mona Vale Road, St Ives NSW 2075

Date: Saturday 17th March 2018

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm



**St Ives High School P&C Meeting
Multi-function Space (MFS)
Thursday February 22nd 2018
Meeting Agenda**

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| 1. Welcome | | 7:30 |
| 2. Formalities | | 7:35 |
| a. Attendees | | |
| b. Apologies | | |
| c. Approval of Previous Minutes | | |
| d. Previous Actions | | 7:40 |
| 3. Items for Decision | | |
| a. Call out for new Uniform Shop Convenor | | 7:45 |
| 4. Items for Discussion: | | |
| a. Principal's Report | | 7:50 |
| b. Planning presentation by Mr Nathan Lawlor SIHS Plan for 2018 | | 8:00 |
| c. Planning Presentation - P&C 2018 Priorities | | 8:15 |
| 5. Items for Noting | | |
| a. Correspondence | | 8:45 |
| b. Treasurer's Report | | 8:50 |
| c. Uniform Shop Report | | 8:55 |
| 6. General Business | | 9:00 |
| Please note we may not get to all these items due to timing but we will do our best | | |
| a. Student insurance | | |
| b. Just One Thing Coordinator | | |
| c. Grants | | |
| d. Lockers | | |
| e. Photographer | | |
| f. Suggestion Box on the website | | |
| g. Voluntary contribution | | |
| h. Traffic and other working groups | | |
| i. Life Membership Policy | | |
| 7. NEXT MEETING: April 5 2018 (week 10) | | |
| 8. CLOSE | | |

Please note we will not be printing any reports to distribute at the meeting - we're going green :)

A light supper will be served, please bring your own mug for tea/coffee.

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

New to Rugby? NO WORRIES!

Not sure about rugby? Your local Gordon Village Club will let you TRY Rugby BEFORE you sign up! You'll learn all about how to play and tag or tackle and how to GET tackled, so you don't get hurt - and you'll meet a heap of great kids too!

Contact your local Gordon Village Club for details:

gordonrugby.com.au/about-us/village-clubs



***SAVE \$100 ON REGISTRATION!** Under the NSW Government Active Kids Program, you can use your \$100 towards registration. Contact your local Gordon Village Club for details - gordonjuniorrugby.com.au/about-us/village-clubs

From the Mighty Fives to the Wallabies - where will your Gordon Junior Rugby journey lead? Contact your Gordon Village Club to register NOW!

Mighty Fives	Under 6 - Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10 - Under 11	Under 12 & above
Kids 5 years and under participate in skill-based activities aimed at improving their individual skills, coordination, fitness and team work all under specialist coaches.	Walla Rugby. Seven-a-side game with no tackling - players are caught with a two-handed 'tag'. Playing field is one quarter of a full-sized field. Coaches take the field during play to instruct and reinforce correct & safe play.	Mini Rugby. Seven-a-side game introducing the tackle with uncontested scrums and lineouts. Playing field is one half of a full-sized field. Coaches take the field during play to instruct and reinforce correct & safe play.	Ten-a-side game with tackling and uncontested scrums and lineouts. Playing field is one half of a full-sized field.	Twelve-a-side game. Modified playing field, 10 metres narrower than a full-sized field. Contested scrums and lineouts.	Fifteen-a-side game, played on a full-sized field. Contested scrums and lineouts.

gordonjuniorrugby.com.au



The Gordon Junior Pathway



Indie Gray Chatswood Mighty Fives	Eddie Onslow Hornsby Mnls (U6-U9)	Jackson Pisani Killara West Pymble Juniors (U10-U18)	Cormac Kelly Lane Cove Junior Rep (U10-U18)	Charlize Grace Lindfield Girls Sevens	Mackenzie Cooper Killara West Pymble Girls XIs	Jack Maguire St. Ives Colts (U18-U20)	Justin Rodgie Wahroonga Grade	Michael Wells Roseville NSW Waratahs	Brandon Quinn Wahroonga Australian Sevens	Jack Dempsey Lindfield Wallabies
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