

Term 1 Week 4

23 February 2018

Principal Matters by Mark Watson



Year 7 Welcome Night

On Monday evening Year 7 parents were welcomed to St Ives High. The welcome evening followed a different format compared to previous years. On arrival, parents were treated to a wonderful array of finger food prepared by our Year 11 Hospitality students. This was followed by a half hour session in the hall where parents heard about how to stay in contact with the school via the newsletter, website and parent portal. Parents were also given some 'tips' to help with the transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7. Parents then moved in class groups based upon their child's core class where they heard a little about each subject from the teachers. The new format was a great success and we have been delighted by the positive feedback from parents who attended. Notes from the evening are being emailed to all Year 7 Parents. I would like to thank the staff who attended, Mr Lawler for his organisation, Ms McGurgan, Ms Miller and Ms Mercer for their assistance and Mrs Doherty whose class catered for the evening.

High Achievers' Assembly

On Tuesday I was delighted to welcome back to the school, the HSC high achievers from Year 12 2017. A special assembly was held in their honour, see the full report and photographs in this newsletter. The results were amazing with 32 students achieving 53 Band 6's between them, nominations for *InTech* and *Encore*, artwork selected for *ArtExpress*, a first in the State for Sally Yamazaki for Japanese in Context studied through the Languages High School, an All Rounder award for Daniel Mousavian (Band 6 in 10 units of study) and ATARs of over 99 for both Daniel Mousavian and Keenan Lee. Very impressive! Equally impressive were the friendship bonds that had been formed among the group – these were evident at the morning tea afterwards. Thanks go to Mrs Gettens for organising the assembly and congratulations to all of our guests.

Immunisation

NSW Health conducts a free school based immunisation program for all students in Years 7. On Monday this week our Year 7 had their first dose of the dTpa and HPV vaccine as part of this program. Some Year 8 students received a catch-up dose as well. The next dosage will be given in May this year.

P&C Meeting

The first general P&C meeting was held on Thursday night this week. The focus for the meeting was planning. Mr Lawler attended the meeting and spoke about the school plan currently being developed for the next three years. This was followed by the major agenda item; the P&C's plan for the next twelve months. I would like to thank the P&C for all of the support they have given to the school so far this year and for the time given up over the holidays to work on their twelve month plan. On another note, work began on Friday on the installation of air conditioners in the top floors of A, B, D and E blocks, these were donated by the P&C. Also, Year 7 arrived at school and were able to access lockers that were also provided by the P&C.

Student Attendance

Please see the note from Mr Lawler in this newsletter about attendance procedures. His note explains what students are to do if they arrive late for school and what they need to do if they need to leave during the day. We have systems in place to follow up on students who miss a lesson during the day. Attendance is not only a priority from a duty of care point of view; students with good attendance achieve better levels of understanding and therefore, better results.

Welfare Team Meeting

On Monday this week, the school's welfare team held a planning day where they considered a number of issues for 2018. These included an evaluation of the merit system so that effort can be rewarded in a more systematic way, a review of individual learning plan procedures, a look at the calendar of welfare events for the year and protocols for the communication of student progress reports. The welfare team is extensive; it is made up of the counsellor, year advisers, deputy principals, learning and support teacher and the head teacher welfare.

Minimum Standards Changes

This week there were reports in the media about changes to the HSC Minimum Standards. These will be introduced in 2020 for students who are currently in Year 10. From 2020 onwards, students will be required to demonstrate that they have met a minimum standard in both Numeracy and Literacy. Students in Year 10 were given an opportunity to demonstrate minimum standards when they sat the NAPLAN tests last year. There will be opportunities for students who still need to reach minimum standards via online tests this year when they are in Year 10 and also when they are in Years 11 and 12 if needed. This will not be the case for the current Year 9 and future Year 9s. They will demonstrate minimum standards via the online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12 only. The following message was taken from the NESA web site this week.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

From this year, [Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard](#). This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

Current Year 10 students who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

Congratulations

This week, congratulations go to the girls and boys basketball teams who both played in knockout competitions this week. The girls were successful in their game defeating Burwood Girls, while the boys were unsuccessful against Pennant Hills High School.

Best wishes

Mark Watson
Principal

OPEN BOYS KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL

Last Monday St Ives HS travelled to the Brickpit, Thornleigh to play Pennant Hills HS in the Sydney North Knockout Competition. St Ives was full of confidence heading into the game having trained together on a weekly basis for a number of years and only losing one player from last year's team. After trailing in the first quarter, St Ives managed to claw their way back by the end of the second quarter thanks to some individual brilliance by Nick D (16-18). However, it wasn't sustainable and Pennant Hills increased the pressure at both ends of the court forcing crucial turnovers and steering the match in their favour. A last ditch effort in the third saw St Ives trailing by five points going into the fourth quarter. Credit to Pennant Hills, they played an expansive game in the back end of the quarter stretching St Ives defence and sinking crucial three point shots to steal victory. Final score PH 51 Vs SIHS 41.



Team: Nic D, Bradly K, Patrick D, Blake M, Sam P, Jesper T, Aryon I, Felix W, Jake H, Tom K

Michael Kettels
Head Teacher, PDHPE

OPEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 21 February 2018, the Open Girls' basketball team travelled to Burwood Girls' HS to participate in the first round of Sydney North knockout basketball. The team won a tough fought match 36-32. Standout performers were Josie G who led the team in scoring and Stella McC with an excellent all round effort. The team now moves on the versus Willoughby Girls' HS.

Aaron Leggatt
PDHPE Teacher

INFORMATION ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please discuss the following procedures with your child.

What happens if my child arrives late to school?

When students arrive late to school (after 8:50am) they are expected to sign in at the school office. This is the quickest way for us to be made aware that your child has now arrived at school. If you are aware that your child is going to be late, please write a note, which should be passed onto our school office staff.

What happens if my child has an appointment and needs to leave early?

When students need to leave early from school for a particular reason, they are to bring a note from a parent and have this signed by a deputy principal at the beginning of the day (before 8:50am). The student will then be issued with a 'pass-out' by our office staff, which they can show their teacher when leaving class at the agreed time.

What happens if my child truant a class?

We have a staff member who monitors each period, which means that students who truant a class will be interviewed and appropriate action will be taken.

For senior students...

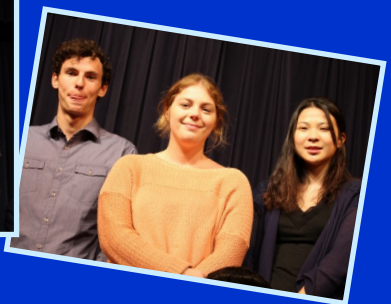
Many of our senior students have study periods, which means they may finish before the normal school finish time. In instances where students finish early and intend to leave after their final class, they are required to submit their permission form to the school office. This form must have a parent or guardian's signature. For those students who have misplaced this note, a copy can be collected from the school office.

Please note -

- Year 12 students who have a study period at the beginning of the day should arrive at school no later than 10 minutes before the start of their period 2 class. These students must sign-in when arriving to school.
- Year 11 students must always arrive at school before 8:50am even if they have a study period first up.
- Year 11 and 12 students should ensure they have returned their permission note, which gives parental permission for them to leave early.

Thank you for reminding students of these procedures.

Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal



2017 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS' ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday morning the senior school welcomed back our 2017 HSC High Achievers' who were here to celebrate their success with friends and family. After a rousing speech from our guest speaker, Bianca Swanson (High Achiever of 2014), Maria Miller, Year 12 Adviser 2017, read out the honour roll. This consisted of those who achieved a Band 6, and /or an ATAR over 90. Mr Watson took a few moments to chat with our highest achievers, Daniel and Keenan. Daniel was placed on the HSC All Rounder Award list, which is a list of NSW students who received the highest band possible in 10 units studied. It was interesting to also hear about the wide ranging intended courses of study our students are about to begin. and as well, the audience enjoyed sound bites from our three Band 6 Music students Luisa, Ben and Kelvin. Well done class of 2017!!

Patricia Gettens
Visual Arts teacher

SAILORS WITH DISABILITIES

Perfect weather, the sun was shining and the temperature was just right. The students from the Support Unit Hearing ventured to the city by the local public bus and then caught a train to Edgecliff Station. The students, Mr Ryan and Mrs Gambrell walked to Rushcutters Bay. The walk was our fitness walk for the day.

During the morning, the wind picked up and it was blowing more than fifty knots which is a dangerous situation for any yacht. After lunch, the students met the skipper of the crew and he explained that the water was too rough to take the group out onto the harbour.

The skipper and his crew organised activities for the students to do for an hour and a half. The students learnt how to tie knots, viewed the hull and the radio room and sleeping quarters and went up the mast in a hoist.

The purpose of our excursion is travel training. The students then proceeded to Edgecliff Station, made their way to Town Hall Station and were dismissed from Town Hall Station. The students had a wonderful day and became confident in using their Opal Card and reading timetables for the different ways of travelling.



Robert Ryan
Hearing Support Teacher

2018 COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

SIHS is taking part in the *2018 Coles Sports for Schools Program*. For every \$10 spent at Coles (Coles, Coles Express and Coles Online), customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher (exclusions apply). *Sports for Schools* vouchers should then be brought to school and placed in the collection box inside the school office (the collection box has been ordered and will be coming soon). The vouchers will be tallied and used to purchase sports equipment for our school. Please encourage family and friends to help! The final day to return vouchers to school is 11 May.



NEWS FLASH!

The SIHS Writing Centre will be closed on Thursday, 1 March.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop has a new email address.
All emails should now be addressed to:

uniforms@stivespandc.com

To parents, staff and students

Café Yarrabung

Open Friday Mornings 8-9am in Term 1 2018

Year 12 Hospitality Specialisation will be running Café Yarrabung on Friday mornings from 8 – 9am from our Trade Training Centre located next to the school hall.

In a new initiative this year, we are trying to encourage the use of *Keep Cups* to reduce the number of disposable coffee cups.

We have Café Yarrabung *Keep Cups* for sale for \$5.00, which includes the first drink you purchase (see photo below).

After the initial purchase you can buy coffee and hot chocolate for \$2.00 when supplying us with the cup (all keep cups must have lids).

Coffees and Hot Chocolates are now priced at \$3.00 if you require a disposable cup.



Orders can be taken at the TTC serving window for parents and students.

For teachers, Café attendants will come around to your staffrooms to collect cups and take orders or you can phone the TTC on extension 134.

We are serving some additional items in Term 1 including –

- ♦ Milo milkshakes \$3.50,
- ♦ Bacon and Egg Gourmet Rolls \$4.00
- ♦ Breakfast Granola and Berry Cups for \$3.00

Thank you

St Ives High School Hospitality

CAREERS UPDATE



Engineering School 16-20 April 2018

If you are interested in a career as an engineer then the engineering school could be of great benefit to you. There are only 50 places available for Years 11 and 12 so apply soon. Application forms and booklet have been sent to students' school email addresses.

Business Cadetships with UBS

Cadetships provide cadets with paid employment while they undertake university studies in the areas of business, commerce, economics and the humanities. Applications are available online from 5 March to 16 May at

www.businesscadetships.com.au

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. The site is available 24/7.



Education

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

YOUTH PHOTO COMPETITION


A MOMENT IN THEIR LIFE

1ST PRIZE
\$500


We believe in bridging the gap between generations, and we want you – the youth of Ku-ring-gai – to show us how it's done. Send us your portraits (candid or posed) of local seniors for the chance to be featured in an exhibition at St Ives Shopping Village.

Submissions close Monday 26 March

ENTER ONLINE

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 youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

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