

Term 1 Week 5

2 March 2018

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Medals

Last year St Ives High School students had the opportunity to enter the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Hundreds of students took part in the Reading Challenge throughout 2017 and a number earned gold and platinum awards. Even more excitingly, two SIHS students earned a PRC medal. These medals are awarded to students who have entered the challenge every year from Year 3 to 9 and who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to reading and learning. Congratulations to Annika A and Anusha S for their efforts. The 2018 Reading Challenge officially begins on Monday 5 March and closes Friday 31 August. We look forward to even more students entering the challenge again this year.



***Beyond the Bell* in the Library from 3:15-4:15pm**

A new initiative to encourage study after school is being introduced and is open to all students. *Beyond the Bell* is a homework/study time that will commence on Wednesday 14 March. It will be held in the Library from 3:15-4:15pm. It is open to any student from Years 7 to 12. Students MUST be prepared by having their assignment notification or homework they will be working on. Staff will not be providing work or following up teachers for instructions/outline of tasks during *Beyond the Bell*. Light afternoon tea will be provided.

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 6 March is St Ives High School's Open Afternoon and all prospective students and their families are welcome. This is an opportunity for us to showcase all the innovative learning and expertise of our teaching staff and students. The interaction between our students and teachers within faculties is often a highlight of the evening. If you know anyone who may be considering enrolling their child in SIHS in the future please make them aware of our special afternoon.

An authentic connection to Japan

We are fortunate to have an on-going connection with Mystage Education agency which places young Japanese university students in Sydney for experience related to their studies in Japan. St Ives HS will continue to welcome Japanese assistant teachers throughout the year. Nanaka Koga has been assisting in Japanese classes for the past three weeks. Students have enjoyed her help with a range of tasks and enthusiastically greeted her in Japanese in the playground. In addition to Nanaka, Mei Sensei has been assisting on Fridays while she is studying in Sydney.



Thank you Mei Sensei!

Parent-Teacher interviews coming up - are you registered for the parent portal?

A reminder to all parents to ensure you have registered for the parent portal and have applied your keys to Portal 1 and Portal 2.

- Portal 2 is the app portal and can also be viewed via a browser on the web portal (Top right hand corner and click Portal 2)
- Portal 2 is where you can find the interview booking section.
- Parent-Teacher interviews are coming up soon and we would like as much participation as possible.
- Portal 2 keys have been emailed today for those yet to add this to their account.

Lindfield Rotary Fun Run—SIHS is entering a team to participate in the Lindfield Fun Run

Fun Run details:

When: Sunday 8 April

Where: Roseville Oval, Roseville

Distance: Option to run or walk- 2km, 5km, 10km

Cost: \$25 (under 16 years) \$35 (over 16 years)

If you are interested in joining our team, please notify Ms Nunura at michelle.nunura@det.nsw.edu.au and pay your money to the school office. We would love to see a large group participate so come and join us in a morning of fitness and fun! Please register online at <http://www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au/>

Bobbin Head Cycle - Sunday, 25 March 2018—SIHS is entering a group into the Bobbin Head Cycle

Start time: 7:00am **End Time:** 10:00am (approximately)

Details: What is the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic?

- The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic includes four scenic rides through Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Bobbin Head, West Head and Akuna Bay.
- The event is not a race but a community bicycle ride for bike enthusiasts and recreational riders. We are entering the 27km event.
- The registration cost is \$25 per rider. Please note that this discounted amount only applies to riders in the 27km event. Steps when registering:
 1. Register by following this link goo.gl/NVLJJj
 2. Pay at the school office OR pay online
- The start and finish points are at the same location at Karuah Oval. Karuah Oval is at the corner of Karuah Road and Eastern Road, Turrumurra. The entire route is carefully researched and resourced with personnel from the NSW Police, SES, St John Ambulance, medical staff from the San Hospital, plus hundreds of willing volunteer marshals. More information about the ride can be found here www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au

Congratulations to:

- All the participants in the Zone Swimming Carnival—a fantastic team effort. The team was placed 5th just missing 4th by only 4 points.
- Cosmo G (Year 11) who tried hard and didn't give up in what was a wet and cold day at the Combined High School State Rowing Championships in Penrith.



Best wishes

Nathalie Bodley
Deputy Principal

Extract from Australian Wood Review magazine

Young women take out 2 of 4 Awards in national woodworking competition

Popular woodworking magazine Australian Wood Review hosts the running of its AWR Student Awards now in its fifth year. In its most recent competition, the four major prizes were split evenly across the young men and women who entered.

From a field of 99 entries, students in years 11 and 12 from all over Australia, Arlene Schmidt of St Ives High School NSW won Best Hand Skills. Arlene Schmidt spent over 300 hours handcrafting moulds and templates to artfully construct a beautiful semi-hollow electric guitar. Student Awards judge, Darren Oates said of Ms Schmidt's work, "...the end product is a simply beautiful and stunning piece."

Ms Schmidt will be the lucky recipient of a 3M Sandblaster and Safety Gear package valued at over \$500 sponsored by 3M Australia. Her teacher was Mr Sean Champion of St Ives High School.



**Uniform Shop closed from 11.15 am on Thursday, 8 March
for stocktaking and changeover to winter uniforms.**

Flexi orders will still be available for pickup, but please collect before 11.15 am.

If any parents would like to pop in and help count, we'd be very glad to see you.

YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION



Year 11 Visual Arts students visited *ArtExpress* at the Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery in Gymea earlier this week. Students attended an HSC forum on the development of a body of work and Postmodern art. They listened to 2017 HSC students, whose work was on display in the exhibition, about their explored concept and the processes they used to create their art work. St Ives High students were also able to see Cameron T's photomedia body of work 'Urban Ecology' on display at Hazelhurst Art Gallery. After viewing the exhibition, Year 11 students participated in an artmaking workshop that focused on material practice using collage and mixed media.

Sue Melville
Visual Arts Teacher

A REQUEST FROM VISUAL ARTS

One of our talented Year 12 students is busy creating her HSC body of work. She is searching for interesting pieces of weathered or degraded materials, possibly wire, metal, timber, small bits of machinery, etc. They need to be fairly lightweight and not too big, most likely from demolition/renovation or sheds that need a clean out!

If you think you might have some "rubbish" that fits this description please drop off to the office or the Visual Arts department, or we may be able to do a pick up.

Please contact patricia.gettens@det.nsw.edu.au Thank you!

WRITING CENTRE UPDATE

Literacy

How have you been going with speaking, listening and vocabulary development?

Writing Centre

We have continued to focus on multisyllabic vocabulary, especially words with more than three syllables. Not only that, prefixes, word roots and suffixes are a new part of our terminology to help us explain what words mean and how we can use them. Academic vocabulary often comes from Greek and Latin so informing ourselves about the Ancients influences has been good fun.

Every session the students are surveyed:

Did you have fun learning grammar?

Did you learn something new?

Can you apply your learning to your classes?

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

Spain Tour - student comments



"It was really cool seeing Michelangelo's original paintings of the Sistine Chapel"

"The Colosseum was amazing!"



"We went around the streets of Rome, all lit up, on Segways"

"Pizza. Gelato. Sorrento"

"..we hopped onto a minibus to start the drive up to Mount Vesuvius. The drive was beautiful but slightly scary in places"



"Ms Joynes took us on a little tour of Salamanca"

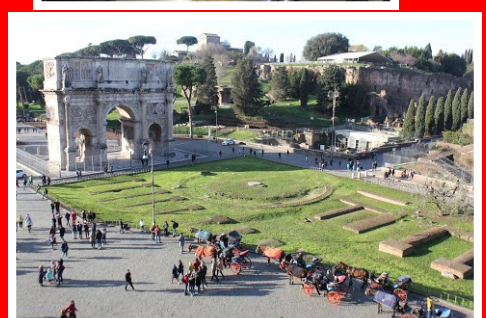
"We headed off to a freezing - 1 degree weather walk to the Spanish school"

"Today was Jacob's birthday and we celebrated in style!!!"

"...we stopped in this cool little walled town with a castle"

"As we left the Colegio de Sanitisma Trinidad headed towards Madrid, the nuns farewelled us"

"Toledo is an ancient city set on a hill above the plains of Castilla-La Mancha in central Spain"



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.

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.



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

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

SIHS Writing Centre SWC

Tuesday & Thursday
7.45am in E12



One-on-one and small group sessions to develop

- spelling
- vocabulary
- sentences
- paragraphs
- whole texts
- question analysis
- essay construction
- argument
- persuasiveness
- effective study skills

Contact: Mrs Regan
LOTE/ Support staffroom
peta.regan@det.nsw.edu.au
9144 6555 ext 117

We're now in our third year of running the Centre. Students at all levels of their schooling come including Year 7 students all the way through to Year 12 students studying Advanced English. Parents also attend the centre to understand what academic English is all about.

During every session participants are surveyed about their morning's learning and if they feel they can apply it to their school studies. Data shows new learning and clear application of new skills occurs at least 90%. **Impressive!**

Here's what the students think:

- *'I've been coming to the Writing Centre because I am very bad at spelling and grammar. I keep coming back because it is helping my English skills. I've learnt many skills.'*
- *'I keep coming because it's pretty fun....nice and quiet. I learn a lot of new words every time I come here.'*
- *'I keep coming because I have a friend to go with. I've learnt the history of English, using affixes and spelling rules.'*
- *'It's actually fun...I've learnt how to spell with the rules.'*



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE	VENUE	BOOK ONLINE
Thursday 15 March 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Hwy, Gordon	kmc.nsw.gov.au/learnerdriver Bookings are essential

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ART NORTH

An exhibition of HSC 2017 Visual Arts from
schools in the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai district.

1 to 29 March 2018

Exhibition opening: Saturday 3 March, 2-4 pm

Mr Alister Henskens SC MP, member for
Ku-ring-gai will open the show on behalf of the
NSW Minister for Education, The Hon Rob Stokes MP

If you would like to attend the opening, please
RSVP gcsgallery@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au by
Thursday 1 March 2018



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