

## *Principal Matters by Mark Watson*



### **School Acknowledged by St Ives Rotary**

Last week, Year 9 took part in their learning journey. While there were activities for Year 9 throughout the day, the highlight would have been each student's learning journey interview. Every Year 9 student is interviewed by a panel of consisting of a teacher, a student and a community member. I have had excellent feedback from members of the community who took part on the panels. With the permission of the Rotary Club of St Ives, I have reprinted the article that appeared in their newsletter this week. Congratulations to Ms Cartwright and her team for organising such a beneficial day for Year 9.

*Di Barnes, Christine Kay and Peter Lorschky participated in panel interviews for Year 9 students participating in the annual "Learning Journey" at St Ives High School. Organised by Claire Cartwright, Head Teacher, Human Society and Its Environment, this is an outstanding opportunity for Year 9 students to formally reflect on their learning achievements and challenges this year.*

*The reflective practice requires students to think about their learning and their academic achievements. Part of the process includes goal setting and taking responsibility for learning outcomes. This very much supports student empowerment towards becoming autonomous learners who take responsibility for their learning outcomes and achievements.*

*The process required students to reflect and evaluate two assessment examples this year that they were proud of and one piece of work that requires them to improve their application and their achievement. Students consider their learning outcomes and analyse what they need to do to improve their grades. They then present this information to a panel of two adults and a Year 8 student. The adult panel consisted of staff, parents and members of the community, including Rotary Club of St Ives, Hornsby RSL and someone from Jonathan O'Dea's office. The comments from panellists were supportive and encouraging of future endeavours. Providing a panel of people to present their work to makes for authentic communications that are valuable for all concerned ... students and adults.*

*While students who were presenting to the panels were in the library being interviewed, their Year 9 peers were engaged in outdoor activities to learn new skills such as: soccer ball juggling, Oz Tag, sign language and learning about the safety features of cars. This day-long enrichment parallel program of practical challenging activities gave additional enrichment to all students in Year 9.*

*St Ives High School is commended for initiating this innovative program to provide metacognitive challenges for its students and a learning model that acknowledges the importance of self-reflection to enhance student empowerment. Special commendations go to Claire Cartwright who runs this program and works overtime coordinating a day that creates such a valuable learning opportunity for Year 9 students. An outstanding day at our local high school supported by the Rotary Club of St Ives.*

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St Ives Rotary Club Newsletter*

### **St Ives North Stagecoach**

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 students from St Ives North to our school this week as they took part in our Stagecoach program. The program aims to assist Year 6 students with the transition they will be making to high school next year. The St Ives North students are having an intense program with multiple visits during the week. Thanks go to Ms McGurgan for organising the program.

### **Year 9 Ski Camp**

The annual Year 9 Ski Camp was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. There was an early 5:30am start to the excursion on Wednesday. The group travelled to Canberra, the National Capital, and took in the sights,

most notably Parliament House. The students were able to sit in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Normally a visit to Parliament house can be a bit of an anticlimax as many of the members are not in the chamber, however, this was not the case for Year 9. Both Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten walked into the house when our students were in the gallery. As they arrived in the Senate, the bells had just been rung for a division and the students were able to see their favourite senators in the chamber for a vote. Following the excitement of Canberra, the group made their way to Berridale for their overnight accommodation while spending their days in the snow. A big thank you to Ms Khalili for organising the excursion and to the staff who assisted her.

### **New Building Update**

We saw a big step forward in the building of our new sports stadium on Thursday this week. A Geotech company undertook drilling works on the outdoor basketball courts, the proposed site for the new stadium. At this stage the school will have a new two-court stadium built immediately with the possibility of an additional two courts at a later date depending upon input from Ku-ring-gai Council. At this stage, it is envisaged that the initial two-court stadium will be completed during 2020 and will be fully operational in 2021. The works to be completed include a refurbishment of C-Block and it is anticipated that this work will be completed before the stadium.



### **Year 11 Mental Health First Aid Program**

The second session of the Year 11 Mental Health Program was held this week. The program aims to equip students with knowledge about mental health and skills in supporting peers suffering from mental health issues. In addition, the program counts towards the compulsory Year 11 *Crossroads* course. The final sessions of the program will be held next week. Thanks to Ms Nunura for organising the program.

### **Year 12 Update**

We welcome Year 12 back to regular classes next week after they completed the second week of their Trial HSC exams this week. The remaining six weeks of the term will be an intense time for them with HSC practical and performance works due. This week, students studying Industrial Technology Graphics major works were due. We wish Year 12 all the best for the coming weeks.

### **ICAS Mathematics Competition**

The ICAS Mathematics Competition was held on Tuesday this week. Participating students sat the competition in the school hall under exam conditions. The competition covered the mathematic strands of algebra and patterns; chance and data; measurement and units; number and arithmetic; and space and Geometry. Over one hundred students sat for the competition this year. Thanks to Ms Berger for organising this experience for our students.

### **Year 7 Gala Day**

Wednesday was a very full day this week. Only Years 8, 10 and 11 were in normal classes with some Year 11 students on an excursion. For Year 7, it was their Gala Day. Gala Day is an opportunity for Year 7 students to play competitive sport against students from other schools. Each team was coached on the day by a Year 10 PASS student. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the day and a big thank you to the PE Staff who organised the day.



### **Concert Band Performance**

Our Concert Band, under the direction of Ms Kimberley Lovell, will be performing at a community concert on Sunday, 19 August at 11.00 am at Pittwater RSL, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Congratulations to** Amelia Bain (Year 7) who competed in the NSWCHS Gymnastic Championships held in Newcastle. Her team came second in the State.



*Best wishes*  
**Mark Watson**  
Principal



**Calling all  
Year 11 and 10 Parents and Care Givers  
To help at the  
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony**



A long standing tradition at St Ives High School sees year 11 families helping the school make the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony a fabulous event.

This year, it will be held on **Wednesday 26 September**, which is the last week of this term. Next year, all of us Year 11 families will be on the receiving end of this generosity and support with our children.

An online roster has been created where families can elect which activities they can help with; from decorating the hall and COLA, to packing away at the end of the evening. With lots of participation, this is **Just One Thing** that will benefit many.

We are asking the Year 10 care givers to join us this year, and to taste the love and care that goes into these arrangements. It won't be long before you will be a Year 11 care giver.

Please review the online roster and sign up now: <http://signup.com/go/qnGFqk>

All enquiries regarding sign ups and/or this event please contact Year 11 Coordinators Nilu & Libby at [grad2019@stivespandc.com](mailto:grad2019@stivespandc.com)

#### MUSIC SOIREE REHEARSALS

If you happened to be walking along the upper corridors of C block this week you would have heard Year 7 rehearsals for the Annual Music Soiree well under way. Students were having great fun learning new instruments and working towards their concert piece.



**Patricia Gettens**  
Acting Head Teacher Creative Arts  
Gats Coordinator

## ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL 2018 MUSIC SOIREE



An evening of musical performances to  
showcase student talent from years 7 to 12  
**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29th from 7 pm**  
Family ticket \$20, adult \$10 student \$5

## DEBATING VICTORY: ST IVES TRIUMPH OVER CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday 13 August, our Junior Year 7 and 8 Debating (A) team travelled to Chatswood High School to compete in the second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

After a tie in topics, St Ives was successful in the coin toss which decided the topic of *'That social media be banned for people under the age of 18'*. St Ives was also successful in the coin toss to decide sides, rendering the team's argument in the affirmative. After a healthy debate which stretched to issues of the dark web and YouTube employment, the debate was won by St Ives High School which places them in a great position leading into the third round against Asquith Girls High School.

Congratulations to the team, and a shout out to William S who the received a special mention by the adjudicator in her concluding remarks, for his enthusiasm and wit. This was Will's first debate for St Ives High School and we look forward to his passionate arguments in the forthcoming debates.

*Pictured from left to right: William S(Y7), John M(Year 7), Vishwa D (Year 8), Zoe T (Y8), and Mr. Moller (Coach).*



**Daniel Moller**  
**Debating Coach**  
**Learning Support teacher**

## AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Expressions of interest are being sought for students in Years 7 – 12 who are interested in improving their Debating and Public Speaking skills in 2019.

Masters Academy is the largest provider of communication education to schools in NSW. With a network of over 70 trained coaches, including some of the best public speakers in Australia, Masters Academy specialise in building communication skills in students.

Interest is being sought for Debating Master classes for the 2019 school year. The pilot program at St Ives High School will involve team-teaching workshops in the mornings with Mr Moller and trained coaches from Masters Academy. The 34 week program provides hands-on, exciting learning experiences for your child which will not only give them a great insight into the world of debating, but will also teach them core skills such as confidence, public speaking, and essay writing techniques.

The workshops are being planned to take place as 'Period 0' timetable allotments, which would commence at 7:45am and conclude at 8:50am. Class sizes are strictly limited to 20 students per class, with two classes taking place within the week. Dictated by interest, the classes will likely be broken up into a 'Junior' class, and a 'Senior' class. At this stage, the numbers are limited to 40 students.

There will be a financial cost for students in the program, however no student will miss out due to financial circumstances.

For further information, please see Mr Moller in the Learning and Support staffroom (Opposite B17).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DEBATING?**

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS?



DO YOU WANT TO BE LED BY SOME OF THE BEST PUBLIC SPEAKERS IN NSW?

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY IS BEING ORGANISED FOR THE 2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

**STRICTLY LIMITED POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

20 SPACES - YEARS 7 & 8  
20 SPACES - YEARS 9, 10, 11 & 12

**SEE MR MOLLER IN THE LEARNING AND SUPPORT STAFFROOM (OPPOSITE B17) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## YEAR 11 ANCIENT HISTORY EXCURSION TO MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, 15 August 2018

A fun and informative day was had by Mrs Cartwright's Year 11 Ancient History Class. We met at Gordon Station and caught the train to Macquarie University and headed to the Museum of Ancient Cultures.

After a brief look at their collection of artefacts from Greece, Rome and Old, Middle and New Kingdom Egypt and the Middle East, we were asked a series of questions challenging us to think about 'conservation' and 'preservation' of artefacts and who should ultimately 'own' or 'look after' the item. Should it be the descendants of the artefact, the Museum, the country it came from or the archaeologist who found it – what do you think? Indiana Jones comes to mind here!

Then came the exciting part of putting on the white gloves as we were able to examine some artefacts (some original and some copies). We learnt what information an archaeologist on discovery could extract about the culture to record in a log e.g. technology, trade, afterlife beliefs, personal adornment.

We went on to watch a PowerPoint about the Roman and Greek armies and the way they were organised and the design of their uniforms. We had a few laughs as we watched two of our classmates dress up in uniform. Gary the Greek and Kailen The Roman. The Romans had definitely put more thought into the design of their helmets and overall armour but after about 20 mins of standing in armour, I think both boys would agree, school uniform is way more comfortable!

We finished our visit at the busy University food court, our stomachs groaning for food, but our brains full of amazing knowledge and facts of the past.

**Sophia Brown**  
SLSO, Ancient History



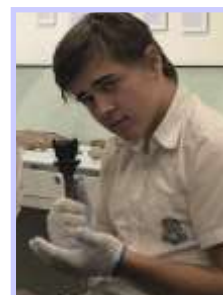
On Wednesday 15th of August we went on an excursion to the Ancient History Museum.

When we arrived at the Ancient History Museum at Macquarie University, we look around for a while then we sat down on a chair. All the students had a paper in front of them that had a mummy on the paper and once we collected the pencil we had to write down how we feel after we saw the remains of a mummified head in the Ancient History museum.

Next we went into the room called the Artefact room where we all sat on the chairs at the table. We had to answer questions on the paper while we looked at the statues. Then we were required to sketch the items we had, but firstly we had to put on some gloves because we didn't want the artefacts to get dirty or oily and we also had equipment to measure them while answering the questions.

The Ancient History museum excursion was fun and it was really interesting too.

**Ashlee Ham**  
Life Skills Ancient History student



## CAREERS UPDATE



### Applying for university timeline

Before applying for university watch the 5 minute UAC video on how to apply at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OQLP5nVGYA&feature=youtu.be>

September 28 - University applications and SRS close.

October - HSC exams.

November 15 - SRS early offer round 1.

November 29 - SRS early offer round 2.

December 6 - SRS early offer round 3.

December 13 - HSC results released.

December 14 - ATARs released and year 12 pizza lunch at school.

December 20 - December Round 2 offers.

January 11 - January Round 1 offers.

### University Open Days

Macquarie University 18 August

Western Sydney University 19 August

University of Newcastle-Callaghan campus 25 August

University of Sydney 25 August

UTS 25 August

UNSW 1 September

ACU North Sydney 1 September

### TAFE 2019

Year 10 and 11 students who wish to apply for a TAFE course for 2019 as part of subject selection can see Mr Holmes from Monday 13 August to be entered onto the system. You will need to fill in an application form as well which can be collected from the Careers office.

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](mailto: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.

### NDIS COMMUNITY CONNECTION DESK

Find out more about the NDIS and meet a Local Area Coordinator at a Community Connection Desk in your area. These 20 minute, one on one consultations will help boost your knowledge and assist you to navigate the NDIS.

A Uniting LAC can assist you with the following:

- How to apply for the NDIS
- How to preparing for a planning conversation or a plan review
- How to use your NDIS funded plan

If you would like to schedule a meeting with a Uniting LAC, contact Debbie Cole on 9275 9441 or email [Debbie.Cole@ndis.gov.au](mailto:Debbie.Cole@ndis.gov.au). Drop-in consultations at the Community Connection Desks are welcome but please book should you require AUSLAN or language interpreting services so that we can make arrangements to suit your needs. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

Tuesday, 28 August at Berowra Community & Cultural Facility, 1 The Gully Road, Berowra 11.00 am—1.00 pm.

Thursday, 20 September at Mt Wilga Hospital Day Therapy Centre, 66 Rosamond Street, Hornsby 11.30 am –1.30 pm

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# Call out to all **Year 7** Students!

Be creative and enter the St Ives High School

## **Young Archie Awards**

Create a portrait painting of your favourite teacher

Use any art media you like  
(drawing, painting, collage, photoshop)

Completed artworks are due to the  
Art Staffroom by **Week 6 Friday 31st August**

**Thursday September 6th**, finalists will be hung and award  
winners will be announced at our annual Art Exhibition



# 2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK



For every book purchased from Thursday 16 August, you will receive **2 x FREE STRIKE Bowling GAMES** (valued at \$28). Vouchers will be posted directly to you and the end of the campaign.

***This promotion is valid until Thursday 23 August or while stocks last.***

**Tell your friends about the savings at Woolworths, David Jones, Priceline etc and support your school**

If every family at our school either bought or persuaded a relative, friend or workmate to buy an **Entertainment Book**, our school would receive **over \$10,000**.

**Many people are still unaware that they can save 5% on all their shopping at the Woolworths Group throughout the year, with no cap - see below. Eg if you spend \$100 a week, you will save \$260 a year.**

Please tell them, then contact [communications@stivespandc.com](mailto:communications@stivespandc.com) for an informative e-mail to send & distribute (click link below for geographic editions around Australia)

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***Here are just a few of the many offers to enjoy with an Entertainment Membership:***

The average family saves about \$1500 according to Heidi Halson, Executive Director, Entertainment Publications (see *Money Magazine Australia*, April 2018). As well as all the listed cafes, restaurants, shops, stores, cinemas, entertainment centres, travel and accommodation etc, **you can save 5% throughout the year on all your Woolworths shopping (incl. BIG W, other Woolworths Group outlets, + Caltex petrol - selected outlets)** by purchasing Woolworths e WISH GIFT Cards online through the Entertainment Book. Also 10% discount on gift cards at **David Jones, Priceline, Country Road\*, Rebel and BCF**, as well as 5% discount at **JB Hi-Fi\***. (\*capped at \$5,000, others at \$10,000, Woolworths uncapped)  
Remember the cards have their full face value, you buy them at a discount, so they can be used in conjunction with any other discount.

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