



Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler



Farewell to Year 12

In 2013, I was fortunate enough to be the new Year 7 Adviser. I was very nervous about what this role would entail and how the students would transition into high school. I remember those first few months of that year to be extremely busy, dealing with everything from friendship issues, to coordinating student medical information and organising the Year 7 camp. It didn't take long to realise early on in the piece that I was the Year Adviser of a really nice year group. At the end of 2014, I passed the role over to Mr Ryan, who has built some strong relationships with this group over the last four years. As testament to Mr Ryan's involvement with this group, it was very heart warming to be invited (along with the whole staff) to a morning tea on Monday that was hosted by Year 12 students. Bronte C-J (Year 12 student) said some really kind words at the morning tea, thanking staff for their dedication over the past six years. I know that this gesture was really appreciated by staff. The farewell continued throughout the week, with Wednesday evening's Graduation and Thursday night's formal both being highlights. The effort from our Year 11 parents and P&C when coordinating the decorations for Graduation evening deserves a special mention. Speaking with new staff to St Ives, they were understandably 'blown away' by the dedication and camaraderie that was on show. Many parents made alternative work arrangements came to the school and transformed our school Hall and Quad area. The work of our parents was complemented by the work of our Hospitality students, who made and served delicious treats for everyone. Ms Bond and her team deserve a special mention for catering for such a large group. The celebrations wrapped up on Friday, with a barbecue for students from 8:00am, a final Year 12 concert and a day spent at Luna Park. So it is with bleary eyes that this week's edition of the newsletter is being written.



Grounds Team – Huge Thanks to the P&C

On Saturday, a team of around 20 dedicated parents and students worked energetically on the school grounds. Seeing some of our students problem solve with parents when working towards common goals was a reminder of the benefits of working in the great outdoors. Thanks to this team, we now have a highly functional and aesthetically pleasing space for students and staff to meet, relax and enjoy the outdoors. The group worked into the early evening on Saturday, ensuring that everything was safe for students returning on Monday. During break times, the new benches and table settings were continually used by students and the initial feedback from all is very positive.

Farewell Year 12 Sporting Fixtures

On Friday of week 9, we hosted Killara's open boys' rugby league team and open girls' soccer team. At least once a year, Killara normally come across for a friendly match. As coach of the rugby league team, it was clear from our training sessions that winning this match meant a lot to them. So on a sunny spring day in front of around 300 students, who were lined up on the hill, our open boys' rugby league team put in a tremendous display. The boys won 16-4. On the top oval, the girls contested a tightly fought soccer game, narrowly going down 2-1.

Our Year 12's enjoyed further success when taking on our fast moving and skilful staff netball team on Monday. The fact that the Year 12 team, at some point in 2017 were Zone champions, meant that beating them was always going to be a difficult task. So with music playing through the speakers and students cheering from the sidelines, our Year 12 'dream team' narrowly defeated our staff team that was led by Ms Paterson and Mr Leggatt.

Uniform

From Week 5 Term 4, students in Year 10 will be able to wear the senior school white shirt/blouse in place of the blue shirt, which is worn by students in years 7-10. At this same point, Year 12 students (2019) will be issued their senior jerseys. We see this as a sensible rollover time marking a 'changing of the guard' with the end of the HSC examinations for our most senior group of students.

BYOD

At the start of Term 4, there will be a push to ensure all students have a suitable device, which can be used as a learning tool in classes. Students without a device should notify either Ms Bodley or myself, so we can work through the reasons why a device is not at school and come up with possible solutions. We can be contacted on nathan.lawler6@det.nsw.edu.au or nathalie.bodley@det.nsw.edu.au

Transport – Push Passes

As we are a growing school, the demands on our transport networks have changed. In the past, students who have lived north of Asquith have been issued a 'push pass'. This has enabled these students to catch the earliest buses that travel to Gordon station after school. However, with a growing number of enrolments from our northern catchment area, we need to revise our current system. During Term 4, those students currently with a push pass will still be entitled to this privilege. However, from the start of 2019, those students in the Hornsby and Hornsby Heights areas will no longer be issued a 'push pass'.

As a school, we will have measures in place to respond to applications for 'push passes' where there are extenuating circumstances. Please note that students will not be eligible for a 'push pass' on the grounds of sporting commitments, sibling travel arrangements, tutoring sessions, employment or anything else of this nature. In the background, we are lobbying Transport NSW, requesting that their services come on time and cater for our growing numbers.

Preparing for Term 4

When supporting your child for the upcoming term, a good place to start is the school calendar. A useful activity can be to sit down with your child and map out upcoming assessment tasks and examination dates. Our school calendar can be found here <https://stives-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>

Year 12 Survey

This is just a friendly reminder for parents of our class of 2018 that the Year 12 survey would have arrived in your inbox on Thursday. Please take the time to complete this survey as your feedback is extremely valuable.

RAISE Mentoring

The RAISE Mentoring program finished up for 2018 this week. The final session involved a very emotional graduation, where the mentees reflected on their time in the program and thanked their mentors for all their support.

St Ives HS is very fortunate to have such a large program running, this is only possible as we have so many amazing mentors within our area volunteering their time each week. The students all expressed their gratitude for being involved in the program and believed they gained valuable new skills and resilience to support themselves through challenging times. RAISE Mentoring has been a valued program run at SIHS for many years and we looking at engaging further in 2019. Many thanks to Mrs Nunura for efforts in coordinating this very worthwhile program.

Best wishes

Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal

YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY (WOODWORK)

Throughout term 3, Year 7 students in Technology Mandatory (woodwork) completed a pencil box project. The students learnt various skills in constructing their project from the design stage through to production and completion. Additionally, students had to learn how to use a range of tools, with many doing so for the first time, including: disc and belt sanders, scroll saws, chisels, saws and mallets. Students were given free choice on decorating their projects, with some opting for wood burn designs, whilst others chose to paint or apply a lacquer finish. Well done to Year 7 on completing their first wood project!



Adrian Zaboklicki, HSIE and TAS Teacher

NSW RUGBY 7-A-SIDE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On Tuesday, 25 September, nine U13 boys from St Ives HS travelled to Newcastle to participate in the NSW Rugby 7-a-side State Championships. The boys gained entrance into this competition through their strong performance last month at Narrabeen. In Newcastle, all boys tried their best on the field and their behaviour all day, both on and off the field, was excellent. There were many excellent runs with the ball from a number of our players. There were also many strong tackles by a number of our boys, but William P did make many stand-out tackles that were vital in getting a good win over St Johns College, Dubbo. We lost our last game to Hills Sports High; however, in this game Ryan F was able to score a very impressive long range try, our best try of the day. Ryan was also a standout in all three games we played. Also thank you to the parents who drove the students to and from the game, your support throughout the day is very much appreciated.

Andrew Shannon, HSIE Teacher

YEAR 12 2018 FINAL WEEK



Fundraising and Fun ...



Graduation



Formal



Luna Park

YEAR 12 FORMAL REPORT FROM ROBERT RYAN, YEAR ADVISER

The Year 12 Formal was a most memorable occasion. The function was held at Curzon Hall and the weather was perfect. Students arrived in cars, limousines and a number arrived in a bus.

Mocktails in the garden viewing the old Monastery was a lovely start to a night full of laughter, good food and nifty dancing. The meals were exceptional and very filling. The staff were very accommodating in preparing special meals for teachers and students who had dietary needs.



The students were in fits of laughter with the student awards, thank you to the girls on the Formal Committee who arranged this. Then the dancing started. Mr Watson can really move those hips and Mr Lawler was in his element. Everyone had a safe and fun time.

Robert Ryan
Year 12 Adviser

CAREERS UPDATE

Applying for Med Guide

The Australian Medical Students' Association has put together a guide for students wishing to apply to medical schools. It aims to provide clear, concise information and advice to students and can be found here: <https://www.amsa.org.au/applying4medguide>



Year 10 Work experience Term 4 Week 8, 3-7 December

With the holidays coming up it is a good opportunity to complete your work experience forms for term 4. I have emailed the required forms to all students.

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.

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.



BOOTCAMP



Reminder that Bootcamp is held on Friday mornings at 7.00 am and is open to students, staff and parents.

Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a bottle of water.
Brekkie Club serves breakfast at 8.00 am.

Schoolyard BLITZ #3

We would love your help!

Sunday 21 October.

Sign up at:

<http://signup.com/go/JKoNyzP>

Or just come along!

Lend a hand and contribute to beautifying the school environment.
The more hands the bigger the difference we can make!

BLITZ #3 will focus on grounds mulching, creating beautiful native gardens and installing new sandstone seating!

Please bring small hand tools, a rake, watering can (if you have them), drinking water, hat and sunscreen.

Here's a snapshot of what the PandC recently funded with the assistance of your voluntary contributions.



Recycled plastic seating



Garden preparation and mulching



Hardwood picnic tables and new amphitheatre seating

Thank you to the amazing team of parents and students who worked hard on the day (and into the evening) to make this happen!

REGISTER
NOW!



BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

Garigal National Park, St Ives, an adventure playground, is just 30 minutes from Sydney's CBD. It's a brilliant way for little and big kids to experience our beautiful bushland. Whether you're just starting out, or an experienced runner there is a run (or walk) that is ideal for you. From the 2km Dash, 6km family walk/run, to the challenging 12 km and 20 km courses.



Garigal National Park

Sunday 11th November, 2018 • www.barecreektrailrun.com

 facebook.com/barecreektrailrun

2km Dash • 6km Family Walk / Run • 12km Run • 20km Run

St Ives High School



LOUD SHIRT DAY

Guest speaker
Phillip Debs
Deaf Actor
Australian Theatre for the
Deaf

OCTOBER 26TH FRIDAY

Please bring a Gold coin donation
and money for a sausage sizzle and a
cold drink



JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY BBQS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



BBQ AT THE SECRET GARDEN

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER

10am - 2pm
Secret Garden
Gordon Library

Come and find us in the Secret Garden these school holidays to enjoy a variety of giant games, music and a FREE BBQ!

- 9424 0981
- youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
- kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
- facebook.com/kcyouthservices

BBQ AT ST IVES SKATE PARK

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

10am - 2pm
St Ives Skate Park
St Ives

Get out and enjoy the sunshine while listening to some tunes, all while relaxing in our FREE BBQ!

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Carer's pamper day

We love what you do!

To say thank you and show our appreciation, Ku-ring-gai Council, Ku-ring-gai Neighbour Aid, and Ability Links are inviting local carers to a **special pampering day**.

Have a free massage, mini manicure or mini facial on us while we look after those who you care for.



Monday 15 October

10am-2pm ♥ Free
Meeting Room 2 Gordon Library (old school building)
To book 9424 0964 aodonnell@kmc.nsw.gov.au



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know what to
do... if someone
overdosed?

save-a-mate

Gain the skills and knowledge to prevent, recognise and respond to First Aid Emergencies that may result from alcohol and drug use in these free "Save-A-Mate" workshops. **The workshop includes CPR demonstration.** Training for young people aged 15-18.

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