

Term 3 Week 7

7 September 2018

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler



Meet Daniel



As a way of getting to know our next School Captains, who will start in term 4 2018, please find some extracts from a conversation I had earlier this week with Daniel P (Year 11). Lily C, our female captain will feature in next week's newsletter.

Daniel is an all rounder and some of his interests are playing sport, especially cricket, as well as spending the day at the beach, debating and reading. **When asked what attributes a successful school captain should have?** Daniel feels that *a successful captain needs to be trustworthy, reliable and proactive but also an approachable person who is good at communicating and understanding people.* I am very excited to have Daniel in this role as he has been a leader in his year group since Year 7.

Comments from Daniel - *As School Captain, I'll aim to respect everyone and their ideas, as a captain's role is to represent the school and student body. Perseverance will be key in the next 12 months, as change doesn't happen overnight, but I won't give up trying to improve the school in any way possible. I am keen on introducing a proper recycling system in the school that is used correctly by students. As a result, I intend to always have a growth mindset and not be complacent that one or two changes are all I can do. This way, I hope to help improve the school as much as possible. I admire NBA player LeBron James, not for what he can do on the court, but for the fact that he stands up for what he believes in, and for the initiatives such as his new school that is actually putting systems in place to achieve the change he wants to see. When recently told by critics to just concentrate on basketball after talking about politics during an interview, James simply became more expressive of his opinions, and stuck up for his right to have an opinion despite being a professional sports player. For that, I believe he is someone who everyone can learn from and look up to.*

NSWCHS Athletics

Congratulations to the students who competed in the NSWCHS Athletics -

- Jonathan B of Year 12 came 1st in the Pentathlon. He also came 2nd in the Javelin improving his PB by 4m to 59.63m and then 4th in the 1500m, which is his favourite event. A wonderful achievement!
- Kirsty F came 10th in her 1500 metre race and James C came 10th in his 100 metre race which was a couple of seconds off his PB.



Art Exhibition – Hall

The creative talent in our school seems to improve each year. This was for all to see throughout this week. Our Creative Arts teachers are continually pushing our students to new limits, which is evident through the quality of work on display in the hall this week. A highlight for me was the Year 7 portrait competition. I must admit it was a little unnerving when seeing the different portraits of myself. Could I really be a devil and an angel?



On display was student work that focused on:

Year 7 - Teacher portraits.

Year 8 – Diversity of courses that are offered in Year 8.

Year 9 – Life landscape and their world. Our Year 9 Enrichment 'Art Master Class' will have their work on show at St Ives Shopping Centre from next week.

Year 10 – Portraits – 'homage to a person'.

Year 11 – Body of work based on chaos/tension.

Year 12 – Individual major works.

Congratulations Frida B who was the winner of the SIHS Year 7 Young Archie 2018 for her portrait of Mrs Karunakar. Thank you to the Art staff who worked tirelessly to set up and man the exhibition. There are more photos of the exhibition in the newsletter.



SASS Appreciation Week

Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. Our SAS staff work in the school office, in classrooms, our library and maintaining kitchens. They are often the ones to tend to our students when they are unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. We are lucky to have a highly collegial, professional and most importantly fun SASS team. Mr Watson and Amanda Sibbald coordinated a thank you dinner on Thursday evening. Special mention to Megan Shave and Nilu Habibi who delivered a beautiful chocolate cake as a sign of thanks from the P&C.



Year 11 Examinations

Starting on Friday 14 September, our Year 11 students will begin their yearly examinations. For our Year 11 cohort, this will be a time where they are able to refine their examination skills before moving into their final 12 months of schooling. Year 11 students are reminded to familiarise themselves with our Preliminary Assessment Policy which can be found on our school website.

St Ives Running Club

On Tuesday morning, around 15 students, staff and parents met at the school gates before embarking on a 5km trail run. The team are preparing for the Bare Creek Trail run in early November. In saying this, if you would like to join the team you do not need to also enter the Bare Creek Trail Run. You are welcome to walk, jog or run at your own pace. It was a great way to start the day and there was plenty of encouragement and laughs.

Year 7 Parent Survey

Many thanks to the 99 year 7 parents, who took the time to complete the 2018 parent survey. Your feedback is valued and our next steps will be to analyse the data and put forth some recommendations to the school executive. Some of the highlights from the feedback include:

- In response to the question ***How likely are you to recommend this school to other families?*** Parents were asked to rate their enthusiasm with 1 being the lowest option and 10 being the most enthused. 60 of the 99 parents surveyed gave a '9' or a '10' and 27 parents gave a '7' or '8'. This was very pleasing to see and shows the positive culture within the school at the moment.
- Over the past 12 months, we have placed a considerable amount of effort into refining our communication procedures. It was pleasing to see so many positive comments. We will continue to try to streamline the information we are providing in regards to your child's learning.
- There were some comments around the use of devices and mobile phones. As a school executive we will discuss these comments and respond accordingly.

Future politicians?

On 30 August, two students from St Ives High School, Eliana Stafford-Gaffney and Alexander Lane, both from Year 10, participated in the State Finals for UN Youth's Evatt competition. Evatt is a model United Nations competition, which students represent nations and debate resolutions, bills for international law, and win by engaging in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking. We are delighted to announce that Eliana and Alexander came 3rd in the State, beating 560 other contestants to win a place at Evatt National Finals in Hobart later this year. Congratulations to these future leaders.

Mufti Days Fundraising

On Friday 31 August, Mr Zeko coordinated a sausage sizzle fundraiser during lunchtime for the farmers. Special thanks also to volunteers Maverick T, Luke K, Kate P, Jacques P, Aaron-S-K and Hasham M. Also on the fundraising front, the SRC coordinated a Great Barrier Reef mufti day raising \$747.50.

Rugby 7s

Many thanks to Mr Shannon for coordinating three teams to attend an interschool Rugby 7's Gala Day at Pittwater Rugby Park on Thursday 30 August. We entered both U14 boys and girls and an U17 girls team. A special mention to the U14 boys, who were successful in reaching the grand final before going down to Balgowlah Boys' HS.



Maths Competition News

Congratulations to the following students who achieved fantastic results in this year's Australian Maths Competition.

High Distinction: Keegan H (Year 7), Mel S (Year 11)

Distinction: Year 7: Mia S, Chris V, Marlon K, Sydney L, Aaron J; Year 8: Zoe T, Larry L, Ashley W, Bradley Y, Kaif H, Oliver L, Kaiden P, Sam P, Ethan R; Year 9: Luke B, Annabelle B, Nina K, Jeyanth G; Year 10: Nicole C; Year 11: Megan D, Lily C

Credit: Year 7: David M, Sam B, Tabitha W, Kazuki N, Jessica W, William S, Felix T, Andrew C, Jessica D, Chris H, Jasmin L, Alajya M, Aden Z, Amelia B, Evan D; Year 8: Hasti H, Alan L, Daniel Z, Vishwa D, Gemma L, Isabella B, Sean S, Hana J, Alice R, Lachlan H, Rhys J, Ayla R; Year 9: Mai M, Will G, Daniel B, Jessie B; Year 10: Lizzie M, Gavin R, Lochie S, Lauren C; Year 11: Kasra P, Rojina P, Maverick T; Year 12: Michael C

Many thanks to Ms Berger who does a tremendous job in coordinating these opportunities for students. Certificates will be presented on Monday.

Years 9 & 10 Girls Sydney North Regional Gala Day

Last Friday, on August 31, our Years 9 & 10 Girls Netball team attended the Sydney North Regional Girls Netball Gala Day in Gosford. Our girls proved to be very competitive with many amazing teams. We won 3 out of 6 matches played and another was lost narrowly by 1 goal. The girls played with incredible spirit and energy throughout the day. Well done St Ives! Thanks to Jenni Moss, the Netball Coordinator.



Best wishes

Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK **Thank you from the P&C**

On Tuesday Nilu and Megan, on behalf of the P&C and entire parent community, recognised the SASS (Admin & Support) staff for their support. They are always so kind and gentle with all our children when their paths cross for a myriad of reasons.

The spectacular cake was baked and decorated by our very own P&C Secretary, before she headed off to work at 7am. You definitely made us look good Sarah G . . . and by all accounts delicious!



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Megan Shave
SIHS P&C President 2018

SIHS LITERACY INTERESTING FACTS

By the time our students leave class we aim for them to have a working vocabulary of 50 000 words. To thoroughly learn a new word you need to meet and greet it 17 times. Word study, wide reading and discussion will get your student there.

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

7-A-SIDE RUGBY

Last Thursday, 30 August, 24 students travelled to Rats Park Narrabeen to participate in 7-a-side NSW Rugby gala day. It was a very successful day. All students were very well behaved and they supported and encourage one another. St Ives entered an u13 girls, u17 girls and u13 boys side in this competition.

In the under 13 girls, all 8 girls performed surprisingly very well, especially considering they had not played rugby before. They ran hard, provided tough defence, secured the ruck and scored a number of excellent tries. While they didn't win any games, they remained extremely competitive, for example they led one try to nil against Narrabeen Sports High before Narrabeen scored two late tries to win the game. Other scores in other games were also similar. Well done girls, very proud of you! The under 13 boys won their first three games to make it into the final to play Balgowlah Boys (who they had already beaten). Unfortunately they were beaten by one try in the final. Well done boys, I was impressed with your level of skill.

The under 17 girls played twice against a Northern Beaches Combined High School side. In the first game there were a number of good strong runs by our girls, but we did struggle in defence and our inability to maintain possession at the ruck was also a problem. Even so the girls did make some memorable tackles. In the second game, we were short one player, but we were able to borrow two players from the Narrabeen Sports High's u17 girls side. With their help we won our second game. For all our girls, except Ymke H, it was their first game of rugby, so well done girls and thanks for a good day. Also special mention to Ymke who scored a number of impressive long-range tries.

Andrew Shannon
Coach
HSIE Teacher

LOTE FACULTY REPORT

Week 5 was a busy one for the LOTE faculty with three different visits. After our annual visit from Junten, Thursday involved our friends from the Sydney Japanese International School (SJIS) come to join in our Japanese classes. In period 1, the visitors and students from 7M Japanese enjoyed line dancing led by four very capable year 8 students. Thank you to Hanako, Pria, Aiden and Oliver! Year 11 Beginners and Continuers students played communication games in Japanese and English with the 15 visitors. Much laughter ensued and much chocolate was consumed during language boardgames and bilingual 'If you love me honey, smile!' Year 12 participated in conversation practice with their SJIS peers which was perfect timing considering their HSC Speaking Examinations are at the end of next week. 7E Japanese buddied up with the visitors in period 4 to play a culture Kahoot and compared various aspects of Japanese and Australian culture. Thank you to all students from years 7 to 12 Japanese classes who participated so enthusiastically and provided morning tea for our guests. Years 8 and 9 Japanese classes will be going on an excursion to SJIS in a few weeks time for a day of Japanese language and culture activities.



The third and final visit last week was from a group university students in Japan who came to observe how things are done in Australian language classrooms. Year 11 continued working on their practical language skills by leading guests and being led by them around a makeshift Japanese city in the classroom. Students were able to lead their partner on a tour to a mystery location as well as follow instructions to an unknown place. 7E students worked with visitors on Kahoot and showed them how *Education Perfect* is used in the classroom to consolidate skills. Guests were given a school tour and learned about the various elective subject options at St Ives High School.

Our current Japanese assistant teacher Shumpei Kita continues to be a wonderful resource to both students and teachers here at school.



Lyndel Champion
Language Teacher
International Students Coordinator

YEAR 7 SPANISH EXCURSION – STUDENT REVIEWS

"Yesterday (Tuesday), Year 7's X-tension and T-abled classes went on an adventure of Spanish culture. With smiles we set off to learn." (Ben G)

"This is going to be awesome!" were the only words we could say to describe what lay in front of us. 7X and 7T were waiting at Gordon train station and we couldn't wait to get started! We were going to learn how to do basic salsa dancing and after that we would go to a Spanish restaurant for a massive Spanish lunch." (Alaiya M)

"7T and 7X all arrived at Gordon Station to get ready to board a train to Wynyard. (Lucy W). "This being a train station in the middle of the city, it was a struggle to exit. We entered a road and started our search for 375 George St. Time passed with lots of chatter until an enormous building arched over us with golden letters as its salient presence. We all marched heavily up the five flights of spiral stairs and arrived in a room painted pink." (Bella F)

"At our salsa lesson we had a very enthusiastic person teaching us that had been teaching for over 20 years so he was very experienced. We learnt a few basic steps and learnt to use our hips as well." (Tully U)

"It was much more complicated than I originally thought and included spins, steps back and forth, and at one point even dancing with a partner of the opposite gender." (Oscar B)

"At the end of the lesson the teachers chose the best dancers to dance for us!" (Stella)

"At the end of the class we had a competition and I won!" (Strahan CJ)

"The dance teacher then told us to pair up with each other, it was off to dancing again.

'Basic!' 'Open!' 'Twist!' 'Now boys!' 'Basic!' 'Open!' 'Good!' It was finally over. The steam on the windows starting to disappear and we all stumbled down the stairs." (Noah K)

"After the dancing we went to a park to have a rest and a drink of water. (Aarik H)

"We all then started to make our way to 'SubSolo', an underground restaurant with huge long





tables and really comfy chairs. We all made our way to a seat and that's when they started to bring out enormous amounts of food!" (Sophie W)

"They first served us a nice salad which was refreshing after we sat in the sun in the park. Then they served us bits of potato which was completed with spicy tomato sauce." (Hugh Z)

"Then the mains - chicken and beef pieces on massive skewer. Delicious chicken and beef. We then had dessert – churros with caramel and chocolate sauce!" (Evan D)

"The Spanish excursion was quite a mouthful, LITERALLY!" (Seth)

"After we ate all the yummy food we went back to Town Hall station. The day was suuuuuuper fun!

I would love to experience the whole day again!" (Frida B)

"Overall the experience was great. The dancing was fun and the food was wonderful. I would love to do it again!" (Erik)



CAREERS UPDATE



On Thursday 13 September from 6.00 to 8.30 pm Macquarie University will be holding their annual **Physics and Astronomy Careers Night**. This event provides a unique opportunity for Year 12 Physics students and parents to hear from recent physics and astronomy graduates and see where their careers have taken them. We hope it will inspire students to continue their studies after High School in the areas of Physics and Astronomy and give them greater insights into career possibilities. Registration is free and can be done via Eventbrite.

Link: <https://bit.ly/2we86vg>

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship Program Closing date for the 2019 intake for the UTS Bachelor of Accounting Cooperative Scholarship Program will be Friday, 19 October 2018. Online applications are now open at www.bachelorofaccounting.com For more information, email carin.alberts@uts.edu.au

Early Entry Program to TAFE NSW Degree. Did you know TAFE NSW are now accepting early entries into its Degree Programs? Students can now apply for a Degree and receive a conditional offer before they get their HSC results! With some degrees fully online they will get an industry-recognised qualification that can change their future. Applications are being taken now <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/early-entry-program>

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.

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 until 28 September 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 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.

ART EXHIBITION





Join us to celebrate or commiserate the end of a school life and all that comes with it

Year 12 Parents Evening

Friday 14 September 2018

12a Westbrook Avenue, Wahroonga

7:30pm

RSVP grad2018@stivespandc.com

Year 11 Parents & Carers

Let's Get Together!

One Last Time as Year 11 parents & Carers
A Chance to Mingle with the Year 12 Parents & Carers
A Moment to Get Together and Share our Pride in Our Students

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | AT 7:30 PM

12A Westbrook Ave, Wahroonga
Please RSVP to
grad2019@stivespandc.com

HIGH SCHOOL



The High School Category of the competition is open to all Australian school students from Year 7 to Year 12.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

Take a photo that depicts the Competition theme **Healthy Life | Healthy You**.

A Healthy Body | A Healthy Mind | Healthy Communities | Healthy Environments

Have a talk with your parent/guardian/teacher and friends to work out what would be a good photo to take, you can also find a range of health related topics at the [Your Health Link](#) Website.

There are a few things you need to know before you take your photograph, so go to the [Dos and Don't](#) section of this website to find out more.

www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

WHAT PRIZES CAN I WIN?

School Canteen Program

First Prize: \$3000, Second Prize: \$2000, Third Prize: \$1500

High School Student Prizes

First Prize: Microsoft Surface Pro i7 256GB + Laptop Shoulder Bag.

Second Prize: Canon EOS 80D DSLR Camera with 18-55mm IS Lens + Camera Backpack.

Third prize: Apple iPad 128 GB, Canon Powershot G9x II Compact Digital Camera + camera bag.

Healthy Kids Association 'Eating the Rainbow' Prize

Student Prize: Apple iPad

School Prize: Free membership to the Healthy Kids Association in 2019.

MOBILE CATEGORY

First prize: Return flights with Qantas Airways from Sydney to Los Angeles for two adults + accommodation / land arrangements.

Second prize: Fuji X-A3 Mirrorless Camera + Lowepro Camera Bag

Third prize: Bonville Golf Resort Stay and Play Golf Package for two

OPEN CATEGORY

First prize: Canon EOS 5D IV Full Frame DSLR Camera + Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8L USM Lens.

Second prize: iPad Gen 6 wifi and cellular 32GB

Third prize: Opal Cove Resort holiday package, Tranquillity Beauty and Massage – Two Float and Recharge packages

WHEN DOES THE COMPETITION CLOSE?

The Competition closes midnight Sunday 14 October 2018 (see [Terms and Conditions](#)).