

Term 4 Week 8

6 December 2019

## *Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler*



### **Orientation Day**

Throughout terms 3 and 4 Ms Abraham (Year 7 Adviser 2020) and Mr Moller (Learning and Support Teacher) have been out to each of our local primary schools meeting with incoming students and their Year 6 teachers. On Tuesday we welcomed 223 Year 6 students who will start in Year 7 next year. Orientation Day is another part of the transition process and it is an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with our school. Some of the students had not previously visited our school grounds. On the morning, students were placed into groups of 10 and they engaged in a number of activities that were designed to assist them to become connected with the school. While the students were making their way around the school, parents were invited to attend a session in the Hall where they heard from Mr Watson, our School Captains, a student panel, Ms Abraham and others. Following the session in the Hall, parents were invited to a morning tea that was kindly provided by the P&C. A huge thanks to everyone involved for making this a successful day. Special mention goes to Mrs Mercer for coordinating the student peer leader activities. Mrs Mercer has a keen group of Year 9 students who will be matched with our incoming Year 7 students next year. They will take on the role of peer mentors throughout 2020. Also thanks to Libby C (P&C President), Nicky N (Uniform Shop Manager) and their team of parents for their contributions in providing the delicious morning tea and for taking on the important task of coordinating the purchase and pickup of our school uniform. We look forward to our incoming students and families joining us next year.

### **Water Awareness Week**

Our Year 7 students spent this week learning surf life saving skills at Balmoral Beach in Mosman. As we are now in the warmer months, this program is designed to give students greater knowledge and skills when swimming. Throughout the week, students learnt how to:

- Identify dangers in the ocean,
- Navigate out of a rip to safety.
- Look after oneself and others if in danger while swimming.



Thanks to Mrs Terrey and the PDHPE for coordinating this very worthwhile program. See report and photos in the newsletter.

### **Year 10**

**Work Experience:** This week our Year 10 students have been out on work experience. The work experience week provides students with a useful opportunity for students to learn about what it is like in different work places and to hopefully give them some clarity around future study/career options. We had 160 students joining workplaces through-out NSW. Our Hospitality students completed their work experience on the Gold Coast at Nara Resort. The students worked in the on-site restaurant, preparing and delivering food to patrons staying at the resort. Many thanks to Mrs Doherty for coordinating this unique experience for Year 10 Hospitality students. Also thanks to Mr Holmes for coordinating the work experience program.

**Camp:** We look forward to taking Year 10 on camp next Monday – Wednesday. Students will need to pack formal attire for the annual Year 10 Formal, which we hold during the camp. This will see staff serve students their meals and students dance, pose for photos and have a great time.

### **Matilda – The Musical**

This year's school musical ran between Wednesday 27 November evening to Sunday 1 December. There were seven formal shows during this period, plus a special performance for local primary students on the Wednesday afternoon. The schedule was so intense that we had two students playing *Matilda* and two Ms Honeys. I saw two shows both featuring Mary P (Y8) and Elizabeth H (Y11) as Matilda and Ms Honey and they were fantastic. I heard from Mr Watson that Libbie D (Y7) Holly C (Y10) also excelled in their respective roles as Matilda and Ms Honey.



Overall, this was the most polished, engaging and professional musical that I have ever seen. Many thanks to Sean P (parent) who worked with the students from the start of this year; selecting the cast, building each scene and sharing his expertise along the way. Sean was supported by a team of dedicated parents, who gave up their time during evenings and weekends. It was not uncommon to bump into parents Kellie P and Doug F on a Saturday here at school. Each person involved brought different skills and experiences to the show to make it what it was. A huge congratulations to Ms Lovell who had the band sounding superb. Preparing for a production as large as what was this year's musical takes a huge amount of effort. Each school holiday period this year, students involved in the musical have been on-site learning lines, practising songs, dances and working as a large team. There were well over 100 students involved in this year's musical. For many of the students this will be the most memorable experience they will take from high school. There is nothing quite like a musical that brings together students who would not normally associate together. What we get at the end is a community of students, staff and parents who produced something really special.

### Slam Poetry

Congratulations to Jessie B and Charlotte M in Year 10, for reaching the finals of the Australian Poetry Youth Slam in October. Jessie also made it through to the Brave New Word Youth Slam final on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Both girls will be starting a Poetry Slam Club in 2020, and will be sharing their expertise with other interested students. Also, thanks to Mr Stein for providing students the opportunity to excel in this form of performance.

### ICAS Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results in the ICAS Mathematics competition.

- Year 9 Distinctions : Josh B, Matt J, Ethan R, Hana J, Zoe T and Manas G (Ashley W and Larry L were absent)
- Year 10 : Will G (High Distinction), Pip R (Distinction), Isla J (Distinction) and Nina K (Distinction)



## What's on next week ...

### CAMPS

- **Please be aware that Year 8 Camp has been cancelled** due to the bushfires surrounding Mangrove Mountain. Parents and students have been advised accordingly.
- **Year 10 Camp** - students are required to arrive at 8.00 am on Monday and will return around 2.30 pm on Wednesday.

**THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER** - Celebration Day rehearsals in the hall

**FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER** - Celebration Day

8.30 am to 8.50 am: A light breakfast will be served outside the Trade Training Centre .

The ceremonies for the remainder of the morning are:

- 9.10 am Sports Awards Ceremony in the Hall for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
- 10.45 am - Years 9, 10 and 11 Senior Presentation Ceremony in the Hall
- 12.45 pm - Years 7, 8 Junior Presentation Ceremony in the Hall

12.05 – 12.45 pm: Barbecue lunch will be served between the Senior and Junior Presentation Ceremonies

**SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER** - Bush Care Day, last one for the year from 9-12 noon see notice in newsletter.

Best Wishes  
Nathan Lawler  
Deputy Principal

### Flyers also in newsletter

- ★ a great Christmas offer from the Entertainment Book, and
- ★ don't forget our Christmas Food Drive



## VISUAL ARTS AT ST IVES SHOPS



Once again our student artworks are impressing the shoppers at the Village Centre. This time we are showcasing entries from the "Snapt" photography competition as well as drawings in a range of media from Year 7, Pop art works from Year 8 and some architecture inspired ink and collage from Year 9. As we were hanging them, many positive comments were heard, congratulations to the students whose works will be featured over the next week. Following this will be a Year 11 and 12 Exhibition of works from St Ives High and other local high schools.

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

## LUNA PARK



190 keen and eager Year 8's headed off to Luna Park on Wednesday for a day of Mathematical Fun. Students figured out how fast the dodgem cars were driving, which slide had the least resistance and the probability of winning a prize. Elevated heart rates and shrieks of delight, topped off with hot chips and ice cream made for a wonderful day out. Students are to be commended for their good behaviour and good manners.

**Nicole Frykberg**  
**Mathematics teacher**

## EXCURSION TO MUSICAL "SCHOOL OF ROCK"



The music elective classes who study various topics were lucky to attend a performance of the hit musical "School of Rock" in November. Many children were involved in the cast of the production and students could easily imagine themselves in some of the roles. The music was mainly rock style although there were some traditional styles showcased as well. Our students enjoyed the story which was aimed at a younger audience.

**Genevieve Andresson**  
**Music teacher**



## YEAR 7 WATER AWARENESS

Throughout this week, Year 7 have enjoyed participating in Water Awareness at Balmoral Beach. This program is part of the PDHPE syllabus and develops students' swimming abilities and enhances their water safety. The program consists of completing activities such as various swimming feats, performing entries and exits, and water survival skills, as well as land based activities such as beach volleyball, soccer and cricket. The week concludes in a range of challenges amongst the students including a biathlon, flags race and an all time favourite, the sand castle building competition.

In addition to the skill development, students also had the opportunity to bond with new friends within their activity groups. Some students gave their insights as they reflected back on the week.

- ★ Declan R remarked *"I made a load of new friends and over came my fears of swimming alone in the ocean. I also learnt how to do life safety incase of an emergency".*
- ★ Alex O mentioned *"It was a really fun experience and it was good to bond with my friends in the water and I learnt lots of new swim skills."*
- ★ Saskia V remarked *"I liked diving and jumping into the water with my friends."*

Water Awareness has run for many years at St Ives High School, with each year group expressing their enjoyment at the week-long activities down at the beach and developing fond memories of their time. What a way to end the first year of high school!



**Adrian Zaboklicki**  
Year Adviser, Year 7



### Can you help?

The school lockers need to be cleaned out at the end of the year.

We need 1-2 parents to help with this task. It will take approximately 2-3 hours and needs to be done in the last week of school (any day during that week).

If you can help, please contact Libby on [president@stivespandc.com](mailto:president@stivespandc.com) by the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thanks ☺

# CAREERS UPDATES



## 2020 Year 10 Work Experience from 30 November – 4 December 2020

I have emailed to Year 9 students the work experience forms for 2020. This is because some employers require one year notice such as high demand workplaces such as TV & radio stations, government departments, publishing houses and zoos. This form needs to be completed by the employer, student, parent and the school for final approval before commencing work experience. For now just contact the employer to see if there are vacancies for these dates.

## TVET 2020

Some current year 10 and 11 students still need to complete the TVET Student details Form 2020 for TAFE courses you applied and have been accepted in to. Email me if you need the form or to know the outcome of your application or to apply for a TAFE course.

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.

**Orientation Day  
Morning Tea  
Thank you**

Thank you to all the SIHS Year 7 parents and students who helped at Orientation Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

200+ parents attended with their Year 6 children and they really appreciated the wonderful morning tea.

The P&C supports this event every year as a way of welcoming new parents to our fabulous school.

 **St Ives High School**  
Parents & Citizens



# LAST BUSH CARE DAY FOR 2019

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON

For all those who are interested, if you can only manage an hour that would be great. Any Duke of Edinburgh students who want to get a few community hours are most welcome to come along too.

Please wear long sleeves and trousers and closed in shoes.  
Please bring a hat, sunscreen and water, your own gardening gloves and a cushion if you need one.

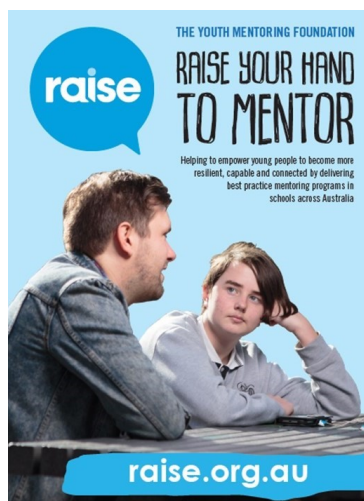
Hope to see you there. We meet at the gate closest to the ovals on Yarrabung.

Please contact Meredith and Tracey on [grad2020@stivespandc.com](mailto:grad2020@stivespandc.com) so we can let council know how many will be attending.

## Could you, or someone you know, volunteer your time to mentor in a local high school in 2020?

Raise Foundation, a not-for-profit mentoring organisation, is urgently recruiting volunteers from our local community to become a mentor for students in our school, and other local high schools. The programs run from March through to September for two hours per week. Raise measures the impact of its mentoring programs and statistically significant outcomes include increased confidence and resilience, ability to set goals, coping skills, hope for the future and asking trusted adults for help. Raise Mentors also benefit by contributing to the community, gaining improved listening and parenting skills through free mentor training, and connecting with the younger generation.

Head to [www.raise.org.au/volunteer](http://www.raise.org.au/volunteer) to sign up or get more information





# THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT



The Entertainment Book will be 100% digital in future, and there are other major changes

- New Memberships are now valid for 12 months from date of activation (ie expiry date no longer fixed at 1 June)
- Why not Gift someone an Entertainment Membership! Did you know that over 90% of gift vouchers are purchased within the 3 weeks prior to Christmas?
- You can have access for up to 5 devices! Great for all the family over the holidays and after
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# CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

**This year we are collecting non perishable food items  
for Fusion Sydney North**

*Fusion Sydney North provide a number of programs designed to bring people together and fight the isolation in our community. They are particularly passionate about caring for our neighbours who are homeless or are experiencing financial hardship. Each week Fusion Sydney North, with teams of volunteers, provide meals and a safe place at the Fusion Community Centre in Jersey Street Hornsby on Mondays and Thursdays.*

*Your donations will help to either continue providing meals to those in need or to provide them with a useful gift hamper at Christmas time.*

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOOD SUGGESTIONS

**Tinned items**– fruit, vegetables, ham, tuna, salmon.

**Desserts** –jelly, custard, puddings.

**Snacks**– chips, pretzels, biscuits, crackers, lollies.

**Other** – Christmas cake, long life milk, cordial, tea bags, coffee, cereal, soup pouches, bon bons.



**Please place your donations under the Christmas tree  
in the school office by Friday, 13 December 2019.**



*Daniel from Fusion Hornsby is a Student Wellbeing Support Worker at school. He has been organising our Friday Brekkie Club for nine years serving pancakes, toast, cereal and juice each week.*

*For more information about Fusion, contact the Hornsby office on 9477 1110 or find them on the web or social media -*

<http://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au>,

<http://facebook.com/FusionSydneyNorth>

