

Principal Matters by Mark Watson



Celebration Day

Some years back we introduced Celebration Day to replace Presentation Evening as our event to recognise student achievement throughout the year. The intention of the day is to have a celebration for all students that includes ceremonies to present student awards. This year the Student Representative Council (SRC) played a significant role in planning, organising and implementing the celebration activities. I would like to thank the SRC for their involvement in the day. I would also like to thank the PE staff for organising the sports assembly and Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Skilton and Ms Brown for organising both the year 7/8 assembly and the 9/10/11 assembly.

- **Sports Assembly**

This assembly recognised students' sporting achievements in 2019. Achievements at school, zone, region and state carnivals in swimming, athletics and cross-country were recognised. Grade sport teams and individual sporting achievements were also acknowledged.

- **7 & 8 Assembly and 9 – 11 Assembly**

These assemblies recognised student achievements within each year group. Top achievers in each course were recognised as well as most improved in the year. Community service was recognised as well as students receiving merits. Students from each year group also provided the entertainment during the year groups' presentation.

- **Celebration Activities**

While one year assembly was taking place, students from the years who were not in the hall, took part in the SRC organised celebration activities. These included a bucking horse, obstacle course and feeding activities including an ice-cream truck. Community donations, organised by the SRC, offset much of the cost of these activities. The day ended with a variety concert in the hall organised by the SRC.

Year 10 Camp and Formal

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 10 were on camp at Wyee near Morisset. The camp included outdoor activities and evening events and while these were all enjoyable, the highlight would have had to be the formal on Tuesday night. After a day of camp activities, everyone changed into their formal outfits before a dinner where the staff waited on the students serving students their main meal and dessert. After the dinner the DJ had the dance floor packed as everyone showed off their best dance moves. Thanks to Ms Khalili and her Year 10 formal committee for planning the night.



Year 8's Wednesday

The planned Year 8 camp for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday could not go ahead due to the threat of bushfires. The location for the camp, Central Mangrove, has had emergency warnings this week. To overcome some of the disappointment of missing the camp, Ms Miller organised a fun day for Year 8 on Wednesday this week. Classes were suspended for periods 2, 3 and 4; and replaced by alternate activities. Following a year assembly, students participated in a patting zoo where they were able to pat and hold a range of farm animals and a movie activity. While missing the camp was disappointing for Year 8 students, I am sure they all appreciated the efforts their Year Adviser, Ms Miller, went to so that Wednesday was an enjoyable day.



Building Update

As we approach the end of the school year, activity on the new sporting complex is getting underway. The most recent hold up has been the traffic management plan and now that this has been approved, works can now move forward. The first stage has been the demolition of the old basketball courts and this is nearing completion. The building company will have a shut down over the Christmas and New Year period, however works will continue early in January.



7-10 High Achievers' Morning Tea

A morning tea was held to recognise the high achievers in Stages 4 and 5 on Wednesday this week. Ten students from each of the years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were invited based upon their results this semester. The students invited were selected based on the consistency they had shown, performing well across all of their subjects. Congratulations to:

Year 10 Nina K, Youjin L, Jessica B, Philippa R, Kirsten F, Suané B, Kathy K, Keetan S, Mai Man, Isla J;

Year 9 Gemma L-S, Alice R, Hayley G, Zoe T, Isabella B, Hana J, Manas G, Aryan M, Emily D, Jacob H;

Year 8 William S, Aden Z, Sophie H, Vania Z, Chanel C, Jessica W, Tabitha W, Frida B, Mia S, Lucy W;

Year 7 Nate Roberts, Zoe J, Olivia M, Annabel C, Jessica O, Lily R, Naomi S, Lazar R, Julia S, Kaitlyn C.



Year 10 absent on Camp

P&C Final Meeting 2019

The last P&C meeting was held on Thursday evening this week. The meeting was the first for the newly elected team following the AGM earlier this term. The meeting heard presentations from Ms Miller on student volunteering in Year 8, *Matilda the Musical* from Sean Peter and findings from the Year 7 and 12 surveys conducted earlier this term. The next P&C meeting is scheduled for week 4 2020.

Debating Gala Day

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 debating students who competed in the NS5 Debating Gala Day on Thursday this week. Chatswood High School hosted the event with teams from all NS5 schools represented. Once again, after all scores were combined, we were in first place for the third year in a row. The students in the team were Jamie H, Ryan L, Jensen W, Max M, Friday B, John M, William S and Oscar B. Thanks to Mr Moller for organising the team.

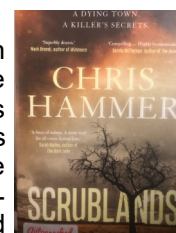


Week 10 Arrangements

Next week will be the final week of the school year for 2019. Normal classes will operate until 3:15 pm on Wednesday. If your child will not be in attendance, please follow our usual procedures for non-attendance and notify the Office. Week 10 will also see the HSC and ATAR results released. We wish Year 12 2019 all the best for these much anticipated couple of days.

Holiday Reads

There has been some discussion in the media this week about the declining standards in education in NSW and Australia. Much of the concern is in the areas of Mathematics and Science. Fortunately, these are areas of strength in our school. One area we can all; students, parents and teachers; do more of is reading. What better way to spend some of the break than by reading a good book? The Library has very many titles and students can borrow over the holidays. I was amazed when they told me we have some students who will borrow up to forty books to read over the break. See their report in this newsletter. I have been a member of a men's book club for a number of years now. It has forced me to read



more and to read material I would not normally read. We are currently reading *Scrublands* by Chris Hammer, an Australian novel set in a rural community that opens with a most unexpected murder. I was able to borrow it from our Library.

Congratulations

This week, congratulations go to Kian T (Year 12, 2019). Kian was recently awarded a Certificate of Excellence in the NSW History Teachers Association 2019 Extension Essay Prize. Kian's entry on the topic of "Mourning, education and remembrance: What can physical representations of the Holocaust actually achieve?" examined the nature of Holocaust memorialisation and evaluated its effectiveness in educating us about the past. Included in this excellent quality report was an examination of "Auschwitz selfie culture" and the omission of the Roma peoples from the Holocaust narrative.

Best Wishes

Mark Watson

Principal

New Zealand Volcanic Disaster - Our thoughts are with all those who have lost loved ones in the disaster and particularly local students from Knox Grammar School.

YEAR 9 ELECTIVE HISTORY



On Wednesday Year 9 History Elective students engaged in two museum programs designed to help them think critically about historical evidence. The exhibition *Bligh: Hero or Villain* is currently showing at the Australian National Maritime Museum. Students weighed evidence of Bligh's connections to the slave trade and his reputation for ill temper against evidence of his bravery at sea, his ability to keep a boat-full of people alive after a mutiny and his vain attempts to bring down the corrupt NSW Rum Corps, to make an ultimate decision about his character.

At the Justice and Police Museum, students learnt about the famous Pyjama Girl murder of 1934. They learnt about forensic techniques of the time, considering why and how the homicide remained unsolved for ten years. We also learnt about the criminal justice system and considered how the system was the product of its times including the use of the death penalty, an all male jury and the availability of the provocation defence.

Overall, the day was met with a thumbs up from students who found the programs very interesting.

Claire Cartwright
Head Teacher HSIE

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

We are very proud of ex-student Evan Pank, winning another Art prize. We have invited Evan to work with our Year 9 Street Art students in 2020. Well done Evan!

St Ives Shopping Village Gallery

Another exhibition has just been hung on the "ramp", showcasing year 11 and 12 art works. While all local schools were invited only works from St Ives High and Masada have so far been hung....looking good! the exhibition runs through to the end of January.

Patricia Gettens
Head Teacher Creative Arts
Gats Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher



Year 8 Fun Day

Students played a fun game of capture the flag, fed and brushed animals in the petting zoo and got comfy watching a movie in the MFS.

During the year meeting, students celebrated each other's achievements and growth for 2019. 8 students also received the year groups 'wholesome award'; an award that recognises acts of kindness as nominated by the year 8 cohort. Students also took some time showing their appreciation to others by writing thank you notes to their teachers.

Maria Miller, Year Adviser, Year 8



CHRISTMAS BORROWING IN THE LIBRARY

Christmas holidays is such a wonderful time to catch up on all those books we have not had time to read during the busy year – all of us in the Library Team have our stacks of books organised for the holidays. In preparation, we have added some wonderful new fiction, non-fiction and graphic novel series to our collection to appeal to our readers.

Years 7, 8 and 9, who will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge – take this opportunity to start reading the 20 books needed to complete the challenge, during the holidays. Try some of the popular series, discover new authors, try reading a genre you have not tried before or ask your friends, family and teachers for suggestions.

Remember that holiday borrowing allows you to borrow limitless numbers of books. But before you start – clean up your bedrooms and books shelves and find all those overdue books to return, so that you can borrow.

Also don't forget that we have E Books and Audio books in our Oliver Library which you can borrow yourselves on your devices.

The Library Team wishes everyone happy reading and safe, enjoyable holidays!!



On behalf of the P&C
I'd like to wish everyone a safe and
happy holiday.

Thanks for all your help in 2019 and we
look forward to supporting our
wonderful school next year.

Libby Cameron, SIHS P&C President



*Thank
You!*

Your generous donations will make a big
difference to local people this Christmas.

Fusion Hornsby are absolutely delighted with the
amount of goods left under the Christmas tree.

Thank you to the St Ives High School community.

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 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.

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
so we can let council know how many will be attending.**

DO YOU STUDY ITALIAN?
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DO YOU STUDY FOOD TECHNOLOGY?
DO YOU STUDY HOSPITALITY?



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from Ms. Joynes, Ms Zaki or Mrs Doherty



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SPAIN AND ITALY





St Ives High Tennis Programs Term 1 2020

Location: St Ives Primary School courts, Horace Street, St Ives

Class	Day/Time	Fees per session
Beg - Int group.(Yrs 7-9)	Mon 4.15pm 5.15pm	\$18
Intermediate/Adv Squad (max 4 per court) (Yrs 7 – 10)	Wed 5.00 – 6.30pm	\$30
Advanced Squad (Yrs 7-12)	Mon 5.15 – 6.45pm	\$30
Small groups (6 per class)	Tues 2.20 – 3.20pm	\$25
Small groups (6 per class)	Friday 7.00 – 8.00am	\$25
Private coaching	Mon – Sun by arrangement Or DURING FREE PERIOD	
Adult tennis clinics	Tues & Thurs (9.20 – 10.50am)	\$30

For all programs please enrol via our new Website:

Wet Weather:- Meet under COLA near courts
(please check with coach)

Hotshots Tennis Camps



Mon 20th Feb – Wed 22nd Feb 2020 at St Ives Primary School
Great fun/Great prizes

Chris, James and the team look forward to seeing you there.

For all programs please enrol via our website:

www.cameronstennis.com.au

Or alternatively email chris@cameronstennis.com.au for enquiries or phone 0418688803



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