

Term 4 Week 3

30 October 2020

## *Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley*

### **Week 2 of the HSC Examinations**

So far this week our students have escaped 'bomb threats', illness and wild weather to continue to focus on their HSC examinations. On Monday, a large cohort of Mathematics students filled the hall, the top of D block and the MFS to put their number skills to the final test. Legal Studies, Visual Arts, Biology, Modern History, PDHPE and Society and Culture were some of the subjects that Year 12 completed this week. Some students have now finished all their exams and were looking a little lost but very much relieved. One and a half weeks still to go; all HSC examinations finish on November 11.



### **SRC News**

Thankyou to all students who represented their year on the SRC in 2020. It was certainly a very different year but they really did step up to the mark, achieving an enormous amount given the very difficult circumstances. Congratulations to all students who nominated themselves to represent the student cohort on the SRC for 2021. After an extensive interview process the following students have been appointed to join the Year 12 Leaders on the SRC for 2021; Sehaj L, Tahlia T, Max M, Jack L (Year 11), Erika M, Vania Z, Christian H, Will S (Year 10), Sarah K, Libbie D, Luca P, Nate R (Year 9), Jemimah B, Claire B, Christian M, Thomas P (Year 8). We wish them all the best.

### **Hitting the Bullseye!**

Nineteen Year 9 and 10 students have had the opportunity to participate in archery during Term 4 sport on the bottom oval. The students spent the first week getting the feel for shooting at the targets and participated in balloon popping and elimination games. The instructor was so impressed with their progress that in the second week they moved onto shooting with a sight. The students refined their technique and were shooting with impressive accuracy by the end of the session. Over the next 6 weeks students will be shooting targets from further and further away, challenging themselves to improve with every shot. The instructor commented that he regularly runs courses with adult groups and that he was extremely impressed with the speed at which the students are picking up the skills required for archery, and is looking forward to refining technique over the coming weeks.



### **Changes to parking times on Yarrabung road**

Please be aware that the Council has further restricted parking times on Yarrabung road. Rather than 3pm, the signage now prohibits parking from 2.15pm. This will cause problems for Tuesday pick-up as students often do not arrive to the pick-up area until after 2.15 pm. Also, can parents please not stop in the 'No Stopping' area on Horace St to drop off students, as this is creating traffic chaos in the morning. This could also incur a large fine.

The P&C led Traffic and Transport group have compiled your feedback and are starting to lobby for change. The changes mentioned above are independent of the group.

### **Please donate second-hand shoes and other uniform items**

If you have any second-hand leather school shoes in good condition, we would appreciate it if you could donate them to the school. These will be used by the TAS department as a safety requirement for students who do not have leather shoes. Also, if you have any other uniform items that you could donate, the uniform shop is in need of these.

Year 11 students can also trade in their school jackets and get \$20 credit for a school uniform item. In 2021, Year 12 students will often prefer to wear their senior jerseys; however, these do not provide sufficient warmth in winter. We recommend that students use the \$20 credit to buy a school jumper to wear under their jerseys for extra warmth.

### What Are Your Plans for 2021?

Planning for 2021 is well underway. Current enrolments indicate that the school will be larger next year with student numbers exceeding 1200. Places are only available to local enrolments. If your circumstances have changed and you do not believe your child will be returning in 2021, please let the Office know as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us in our planning for next year.

### Innovation as a result of Covid restrictions

A new Handbell Ensemble was started this week led by Ms Kim Lovell. Initially the bells were hired to get the band students through Covid-19 restrictions regarding woodwind and brass instruments; however, the Department of Education have since allowed these instruments to resume at school and so they've started an entirely new ensemble. 14 students attended on Wednesday for the first rehearsal, which was more of an information session about handbells and how to play them. Next week they have decided to start learning 'The Nutcracker'. They have 5 octaves on loan from the Handbell Society of Australasia, 65 bells in total. The Band Program continues to grow and thrive at St Ives High School despite all the obstacles they have had to deal with!



### Year 7 Parent Survey

We, in partnership with St Ives High School's P&C, are conducting our Year 7 Parent Survey to gather feedback about you and your child's experiences transitioning to St Ives High School this year. The survey will launch on Tuesday 10 of November. The survey is designed to capture your input and insights gained over the three terms relating to important areas such as communications, school programmes and the experience of your child at our school to date.

The School and/or P&C only will access and use the data gathered from this survey. The results will be used to inform our decision-making on issues affecting students, staff, parents and community, as well as improve and streamline the services we offer to current and future Year 7 students and families. The Year 7 Parent Survey is a valuable opportunity to have real input, so please take advantage of this to make suggestions and tell us what it is we are doing well and where we could improve.

### "V-Fest" Film competition entry success!

Congratulations to Lucy L from year 11 Visual Arts, she has had her video "Passing the World" accepted for "V-Fest", a competition run for school age entries of film in any genre. Successful entries will have their works shown at the Chauvel Theatre in Paddington, good luck Lucy!

*Best wishes*

**Nathalie Bodley**  
Deputy Principal

### SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

Tenders are called for the licence of the St Ives High School canteen for the school year commencing on 25/01/2021 for a term of approximately 3 years and a 2 year extension option.

Annual school enrolments will be approximately 1200.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

**Amanda Sibbald, School Administration Manager**

Telephone: **02 9144 1689**

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential - School Canteen Tender" and sent to:

**Sean Champion – Head Teacher Administration**  
St Ives High School Yarrabung Road St Ives 2075

Tenders close at 3.00pm on 19/11/2020

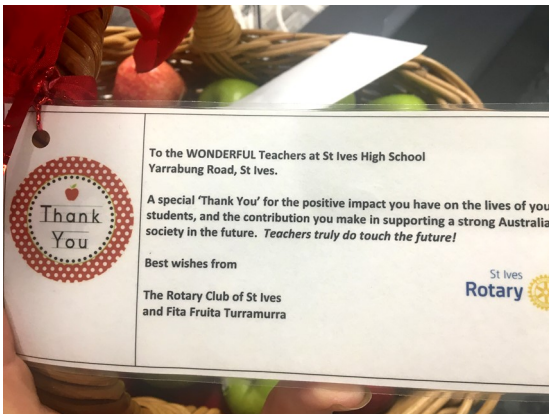
Due to COVID-19 and health advice, visits to the site will not be conducted. Photos of the facilities can be provided upon request. All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.



## HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Happy World Teachers Day to all our wonderful teachers. We thank them for everything they have done in this extraordinary year for all our students, their families and each other. Their dedication to the students is exceptional and their ability to constantly adapt is greatly appreciated. Our students have been showing their admiration and thanks to teachers today with cards.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of St Ives who also showed their appreciation this with a beautiful basket of apples, which they have all thoroughly enjoyed and a lovely message for the Teachers.

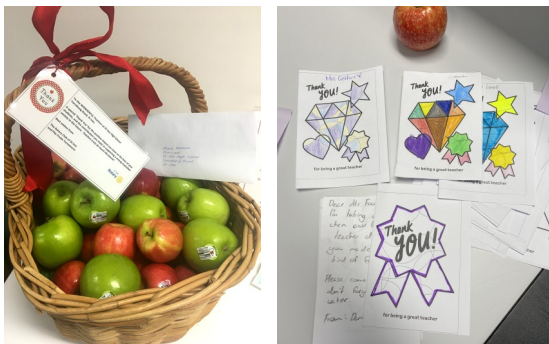


Rotary Club of St Ives  
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29 October 2020

Mark Watson  
The Principal  
St Ives High School  
Yarrabung Road  
St Ives NSW 2075



Dear Mark and the Teaching Staff at St Ives High School,

Rotary Club of St Ives wishes to acknowledge the valuable role teachers have in our community.

We recognize quality education offers hope and the promise of a better standard of living for children, as well as providing support to families. There is no stronger foundation for lasting peace and sustainable development than educated citizens, supported through a quality educational system.

Please accept the accompanying basket of apples for your teaching staff as a token thank you for the positive impact they have on the lives of your students, and the contribution they make in supporting a strong Australian society in the future. The apples have been generously provided by Fita Fruita, 996 Eastern Road, Turramurra.

We will return early next week to collect the basket.

With best wishes from

The Members of The Rotary Club of St Ives

## SCIENCE EXTENSION

St Ives High School will be running the Science Extension course for the first time for the 2021 HSC. This course enables students with a passion for science to explore the development of the scientific processes over time, undertake high-level authentic scientific research, communicate findings and propose further research. Students will complete a significant Student Research Project and produce a scientific report on their work. This is of the scope of a major work.

This Friday the five Year 11 students in the Science Extension course participated in an incursion run via Zoom by the University of Sydney (USYD). This activity was extremely useful, providing a lot of information regarding the research process and statistical analysis from a university perspective.

Our students were also able to meet the USYD mentors, most of whom are PhD candidates. Our students will be paired with a mentor working in a field related to their project who will provide support and advice throughout the HSC year.

Stay tuned for updates on our progress.

Tim Smith  
Science Teacher

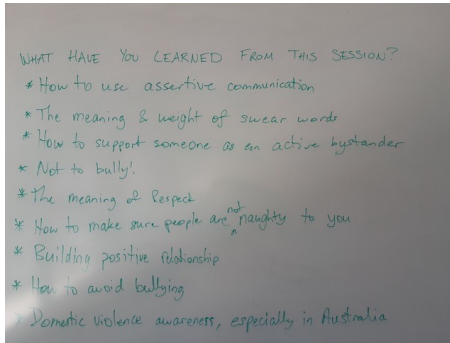


## WHITE RIBBON INCURSION

On Thursday November 22 and Friday November 23, Year 7 participated in an incursion about respectful language and the weight of our words. During this seminar we discussed bullying, how to be a good bystander and what respectful behaviour looks like. We learnt how to use assertive communication when faced with behaviour that made us uncomfortable and did a role play to practise how we should respond. We also looked at the meaning behind many common put-downs and learnt that a lot of words have an origin of discrimination.

The students in Year 7 enjoyed the time learning about these things and understanding the meaning of many commonly used words. It gave us a better understanding about why we shouldn't use certain words in the playground. The sessions were fun and exciting which made it easy to understand. We thank Miss Abraham, Ms Smith, Mr Stein and Mr Williamson for taking time out of their day to give us a greater understanding about how to face difficult situations and use our words respectfully.

By Claire B and Ryka C (Year 7)



### STAFF STAR

Name: Ruth Karunakar

Faculty: Maths

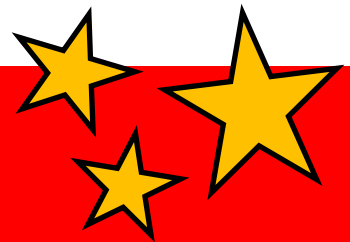
How long have you been at SIHS: 6 years

Favourite food: Thai food especially Massaman Curry

Favourite colour: Red

Do you have any animals: Yes, two Gold fish and three tetras

Interesting fact about yourself: I have taken a lion cub for a walk in Mauritius.





## UNIFORM NEWSLETTER -30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

- \* To all students, especially those in Year 12, who will be moving on this year, we are accepting donations of good quality second hand items and would be very grateful to receive any items of Uniform.
- \* Please can you collect any outstanding orders from the Uniform shop. Space is limited and there are a number of orders not yet collected. Thank you

We would like to wish all the Year 12 students our very best wishes and good luck for the future.

Nicky Nolan  
Uniform Shop Manager



## NOW OPEN!

Have you considered a visit to your local Vinnies store for:

- Formal dresses, suits, ties, bow ties and cummerbunds?
- Fabulous shoes and accessories including handbags, clutch purses, jewellery?
- Designer labels at a portion of the original price?
- Basic kitchen items (for students who may be moving to Uni)?

Buying 'recycled' items also helps reduce waste and our environmental footprint!

**More importantly, EVERY purchase supports the work of the Society and programs to support our youth, the homeless, refugees and families living in poverty.**

Vinnies also offers some fabulous volunteering opportunities for students (ie Duke of Ed) and the community including:

- Working in local stores.
- Providing meals from mobile vans
- Helping with homework (refugee or struggling students).
- Making care calls to our elder residents.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

## BARE CREEK TRAIL

Bare Creek Trail Run ([www.barecreektrailrun.com](http://www.barecreektrailrun.com)), Sunday 8th November, held in the stunning bushland of the Garigal National Park, St Ives is set to be one of the few events authorised to go ahead this year. We're excited! There is a fabulous 6km Family Walk / Run and a 2km Dash for the little ones with FREE accompanying parents.

For all entries [www.barecreektrailrun.com](http://www.barecreektrailrun.com). We are fully Covid compliant. Please feel free to use any of the below for your newsletter.



A COVID-19 COMPLIANT EVENT!  
REGISTER NOW!

# BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

Our kids deserve a celebration this year so we're inviting our school communities to join us for this fantastic event in our beautiful Aussie Bushland. Just 30 minutes from Sydney CBD, Garigal National Park offers the perfect opportunity for kids of all ages to enjoy some freedom in a natural adventure playground. Form a school team or just spread the word to your school community. From the 2km Dash and 6km family walk/run to the challenging 12 and 20km courses, there's an event that's perfect for everyone.



Sunday 8th November 2020 • [www.barecreektrailrun.com](http://www.barecreektrailrun.com)  
facebook.com/barecreektrailrun

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

Which drugs  
are young  
people  
using?

How would  
you know if  
your child  
was using  
drugs?

What are  
the signs of  
drug use?

How could  
you talk to  
your child  
about  
drugs?

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Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre

Presents

# Parents Prepared

Starting the conversation with young people about drugs

**When:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

**Time:** 4.30-6.00pm

**Where:** online via [Zoom](#)

**Cost:** \$10 per ticket

**Presenters:**

Belinda Volkov, Clinical Coordinator

Allison Bain, Counsellor

**RSVP:** visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BLWAL>

to register

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