

Term 2 Week 4

14 May 2021

Principal Matters by Mark Watson

Zone Cross Country

We were delighted to learn at the end of last week that we had been very successful at the zone cross-country carnival, finishing in second place. We were narrowly defeated by Cherybrook Technology High School. This was the best result we have achieved in a zone carnival in the eleven years I have been Principal of the school. For a number of years now we have been emphasising student fitness in our extra-curricular programs such as Boot Camp and more recently Run Club. It is terrific to see the benefits of these programs at events such as zone carnivals. A big thank you to Mrs Frykberg for organising the run club – which meets every Tuesday at 7:30am for a 5k run. Thanks also to Mrs Frykberg and Mr Pursell for organising the zone team. The team was made up of students from all years who all contributed to this outstanding result.



High Potential and Gifted Education Program Testing

A record number of Year 6 students from local schools took part in testing for our 2022 HPGEP classes on Monday this week. This is a significant increase in the number of participants compared to 2020 and an indicator that we may again have a large number of students in Year 7 next year. To be offered a place in the program, a student must perform well in the testing and be eligible to enrol at St Ives High School. Results will be sent to parents as soon as they are available. Thanks go to Mr Smith and his team for coordinating the testing.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 student sat the NAPLAN exams on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. NAPLAN measures students' performance in numeracy and literacy. The results will be available later this year. NAPLAN was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19. There had been some issues with the online form of the testing in previous years. We have not conducted the online form of the testing, but use pen and paper instead. In 2022, it is anticipated that all schools will move to the online form of the tests, including our school. Thanks go to Mr Stein and his team of helpers for coordinating the tests.

Subject Selection

While we have not yet reached the middle of this school year, planning is already underway for 2022. Early in this process we need to know which elective subjects students will study next year. For students moving into Year 11, this is potentially all of their subjects apart from English. To help students make good subject choices, we have developed a process to inform them of what they can expect from a particular course. This will include a subject selection booklet, subject taster sessions, coaching sessions, senior student mentoring and a parent information evening. Year 10 will be informed about the process next week.

Reports Update

Students in Year 12 have already received their half yearly reports. Year 11 reports are now being prepared by staff and it is anticipated that these will be available late next week. Years 7 to 10 reports will become available as we progress through the term with all reports completed by the end of the term.

Building Update

We are very close to having access to the new outdoor basketball court which is on the site of the old Gym. Concrete pouring and landscaping were carried out this week. It is anticipated that there will be some outstanding tasks to complete early next week and following this clearance certificates will be issued. The hoarding that has surrounded the site all of this year should be removed on the weekend of May 22 and 23. This will be really welcomed by the students who will use the new facility and it will allow us to move more freely around the site.

On completion of these works, work will begin on the community hub which will be attached to the hall. The community hub will be used by the school, extensively by the students in our band and ensemble programs and is a facility that will be able to be hired out to external users.



School Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held next Wednesday May 19. This is a whole school event and it will replace classes on Wednesday. Students should arrive at school for a 9am roll call after which they will be transferred to Bannockburn Oval by bus for the carnival. There will also be a sign in process at Bannockburn Oval. The carnival will run from 9:30am until 2:15pm. Buses will return students to school at the end of the carnival. The athletics carnival is a compulsory school day and we expect all students to be in attendance. If your child is unable to attend, the normal attendance procedures will apply with an explanation for the absence provided by parents.

Covid-19 Update

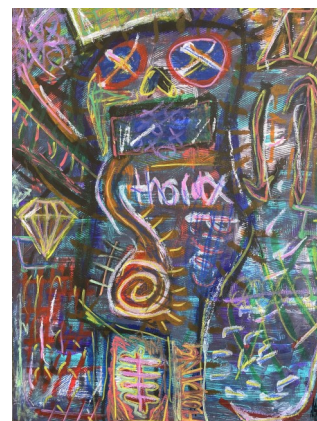
The recent community transmission of Covid-19 in Sydney has seen some restrictions reintroduced in schools. Students should not attend school even if suffering from the mildest Covid-19 symptoms. Students who are unwell should be tested for Covid-19. All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the office and face masks are compulsory on public transport.

Annual School Report and School Improvement Plan

We recently completed our Annual School Report and School Improvement Plan and these are now available from the school planning and reporting section of our website. The Annual School Report highlights our achievements in 2020. The School Improvement Plan is for a four year period beginning this year and extending through to 2024.

Congratulations to

Seoyoen L (yr7), Ethan M (yr 8), Olivia M (yr 9). These students have had their artworks selected for the prestigious Operation Art competition, where the best works are exhibited in the Art Gallery of NSW before being hung in Children's hospitals across NSW. Good luck to our students.



Best wishes

Mark Watson
Principal

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Date: Wednesday 19th May
Venue: Bannockburn Oval, Pymble
Time: 9.00am—2.15pm
Equipment: own food, drink, sunscreen.hats,
warm gear if cool—labelled
Uniform: House Colours + PE Uniform

ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Wednesday 26th April 2021

What a brilliant day for our school cross country after our initial day was well and truly rained out. A wonderful group of students and 11 staff ran either a 3000m, 4000m or a 5500m course at St Ives Showground. Some staff even ran in multiples races.

Congratulations to every competitor and to our age champions.

12 yrs boys	Jimi E
12 yrs girls	Alexandra W
13 yrs boys	Hashem G
13 yrs girls	Hannah C
14 yrs boys	Ethan M
14 yrs girls	Skye P
15 yrs boys	Jensen W
15 yrs girls	Marlena O
16 yrs boys	Tito M
16 yrs girls	Jeannie S
17 yrs boys	Ben H
17 yrs girls	Mya K
18 yrs boys	Aidan L
18 yrs girls	Kirsty F

Thanks to all staff and Year 12 Sport Coaching students who made the day run successfully. The students' results are amazing and we had a full team to attend the zone carnival. Congratulations to all participants who tried their best in each of their races.

S Terrey
Sport Organiser 2021



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2021

RESULTS

OVERALL

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
First	Thompson	499 points
Second	Jamieson	497 points
Third	Overton	466 points
Fourth	Harper	343 points

BOYS

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
First	Thompson	314 points
Second	Jamieson	253 points
Third	Overton	188 points
Fourth	Harper	164 points

GIRLS

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
First	Overton	278 points
Second	Jamieson	244 points
Third	Thompson	185 points
Fourth	Harper	179 points

AGE CHAMPIONS

BOYS

12 years

Gold	Jimi E
Silver	Oli A
Bronze	Brayden L

13 years

Gold	Hashem G
Silver	Eddie M
Bronze	Liam M

14 years

Gold	Ethan M
Silver	Logan S
Bronze	Zac B

15 years

Gold	Jensen W
Silver	Luke B
Bronze	Luca P

16 years

Gold	Tito M
Silver	David M
Bronze	Kent M

17 years

Gold	Benjamin H
Silver	Kai S-P
Bronze	Sebastian V

18 years

Gold	Aidan L
Silver	Matthew V
Bronze	Angus L

GIRLS

12 years

Gold	Alexandra W
Silver	Jillian P
Bronze	Saanvi C

13 years

Gold	Hannah C
Silver	Amy M
Bronze	Pearl T

14 years

Gold	Skye P
Silver	Maja M
Bronze	Sienna B

15 years

Gold	Marlena O
Silver	Jennifer N
Bronze	Naomi S

16 years

Gold	Jeannie S
Silver	Eliisa W
Bronze	Zoe B

17 years

Gold	Mya K
Silver	Nina K
Bronze	Taffany M-H

18 years

Gold	Kirsten F
Silver	Luca B
Bronze	Jessie B



KU-RING-GAI ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

What an amazing performance from the St Ives High cross-country team on Wednesday 5/5/2021. They performed brilliantly at the Ku-ring-gai Zone Cross country carnival at St Ives Showground. Great team spirit and hard work from most age groups saw St Ives High finish a fantastic 2nd, our best result since I have been at the school. A huge vote of congratulations to all participants who tried their best in each of their races. The wonderful St Ives High team spirit shone through and this led to the following excellent results:

Eddie M 8th 13 years boys, Jensen W 7th 13 years boys, Ethan M 4th - 14 years boys, Logan S – 7th 14 years boys, Evan C – 4th 15 years boys, Kent M 4th Tito M 5th David M 6th 16 years boys, Kai S-P 2nd, Sebastian V 10th 17 years boys, Aidan L 1st – Age Champion 18 years boys, Cameron H 9th, Jimmy E 10th 18 years boys.

Alex W 9th 12 years girls, Hannah C 7th 13 Amy M 13 years girls, Skye P 6th 14 years girls, Marlena O - 1st - Age Champion 15 years girls, Jeannie S 1st - Age Champion 16 years girls, Eliisa W 9th 16 years girls, , Mya K 4th 17 years girls, Kirsty F 1st - Age Champion 18 years girls, Jessie B 10th 18 years girls.

All these students will be competing at the Sydney North Regional Cross-Country carnival on Friday 4/6/19 at Gosford Racecourse. Good luck to all of our athletes at this carnival.

Many thanks to Nikki Frykberg and Scott Pursell, who, as team managers, supported all of our incredible athletes on the day. Additionally, many thanks to Jimmy and Cameron who assisted on the day earning work placement hours for their Sport coaching course.

S Terrey
Sport Organiser 2021



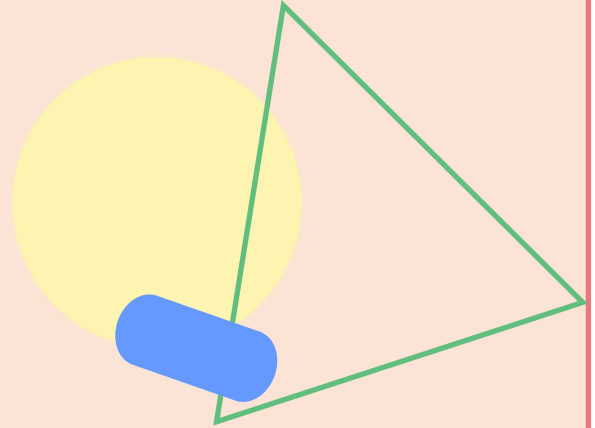
SPIRIT WEEK

The SRC is very excited to announce that next week, from **Monday the 17th to Friday the 21st**, we will be organising a school spirit week! Despite challenges presented by COVID-19 which limited the possibilities for events, we have tried our best to try and ensure a fun selection of activities.

MUFTI DAY — Monday May 17 — WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS

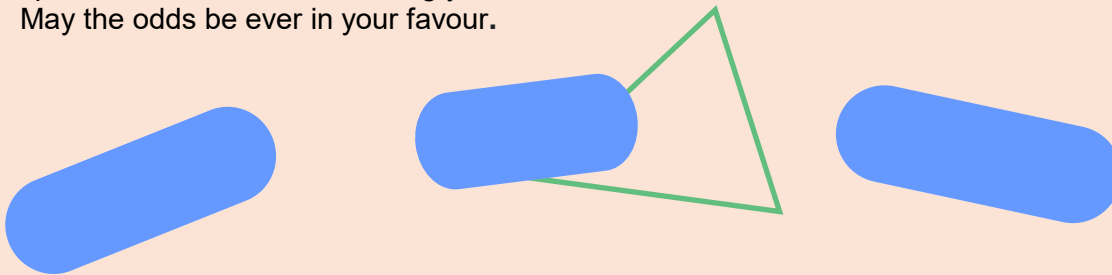
SPORTS:

- **Monday:** Year 12 vs Teachers Netball game
- **Tuesday:** Year 9 vs Year 10 Oztag game
- **Wednesday:** Athletics Carnival
- **Thursday:** Grade sport
- **Friday:** Year 11 vs Teachers Oztag game



**No gold coin donations will be collected, in order to support spirit.*

Although many of these sports activities are limited by year group, we would still love to see other students and teachers come down to cheer on their peers and colleagues, and show their school spirit. We look forward to seeing you all next week and wish both teachers and students good luck. May the odds be ever in your favour.



LOST PROPERTY

Feeling Cold!!

The Lost Property Box is taking on a life of its own. If your child has left their warm clothes lying around the school we do our best to return labelled items but as you can see all these items are nameless!



Please help us by ensuring all your child's clothing is labelled.



MULTICULTURAL DAY – FRIDAY JUNE 11TH

Dear Parents and Guardians

This year Multicultural day will take place on Friday, June the 11th. Each year during this day we run a food fair which showcases the foods of the various cultures we have at our school. This is the highlight of the day for the students.

In the past we have had food stalls showcasing Indian, Chinese, Korean, South African, South American and many other cultural foods.

Without the support of the parents the food stalls will not be able to happen.

If you are interested in taking part or would like more information, please contact Adriana.zaki@det.nsw.edu.au or Khushnam.patel@det.nsw.edu.au



TERM TWO – SENIOR WRITING WORKSHOPS

The Senior Writing Centre has just finished its two-part workshop on writing better essay sentences. Students across Years 10 - 12 spent their Tuesday mornings learning to use sentence variation, eliminate run-on sentences and reduce fragments to increase their control of language. As always, it is great to see so many students invest in their literacy skills.

The Senior Writing workshops will continue throughout Term 2, helping students troubleshoot common issues in their writing. The remaining workshops for Term 2 are:



Week	Topic	Workshop description
Week 5	Improving academic language – Part 1	Improve your essay language with a focus on lexical density and conjunctions.
Week 6	Improving academic language – Part 2	Use nominalisation to write better topic sentences.
Week 7	Assessment Support	All students welcome to attend and request targeted support with upcoming assessments.
Week 8	Using ALARM to improve your essays	Learn to use ALARM to improve your essay content and analysis.
Week 9	Deconstructing essay questions and writing thesis statements	Build your confidence in breaking down essay questions and developing thesis statements.
Week 10	Using essay feedback to improve your writing	Learn how to use your essay/assessment feedback to improve your writing.

The Junior Writing centre will continue to focus on building the foundations of literacy and increasing students' confidence in writing tasks.

The Writing Centre is a drop-in centre before school for students to improve their literacy skills. No sign up required.

Where: B16 (next to the English staffroom)

When: Years 7 – 9: Monday, Period 0 (7.45am - 8.45am)

Years 10 – 12: Tuesday, Period 0 (7.45am - 8.45am)

For more information, email Miss Abraham at Emma.abraham5@det.nsw.edu.au

ST IVES KNITTING GROUP STARTS UP AGAIN

A small Knitting Group has existed in the Library for several years - however, this year it has reconvened with a passion!! Our aim is to provide the independent WRAP WITH LOVE charity with warm blankets for those in need both in Australia and overseas. We have students joining from all years and this year a very keen group of boys have taken up the challenge to learn to knit - currently we have 18 students in the group and the numbers are growing weekly. Prior ability to knit is not required as there are students and 3 staff members of staff who are teaching and helping beginners - Mrs Venn, Mrs McGhee and Ms Romanov. It is a very friendly and social event. Not only do students learn a worthwhile skill but those who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award can use their participation for Community Service.

We meet in the Library every Wednesday at lunch time and so far we have been able to provide both needles and yarn. However because of the great achievements of the WRAP WITH LOVE charity through the decades, with thousands of knitters contributing squares or blankets, at times the size 4mm / 25cm long needles are hard to find. If anyone in our St Ives High School community has spare needles of that size that they do not mind donating to us it would be most appreciated.

Natalie Romanov
Librarian Teacher



NETBALL TRIALS

In Week 3, boys who had successfully made it through the first round of netball trials participated in a netball training and matchplay session run by Men's Netball NSW. The boys learnt and eventually mastered a new set of skills and drills run by Brent Ferguson and Jann Huey. Throughout the session, the students showed incredible athleticism and approached new drills with enthusiasm, improving as the session progressed. We would like to thank Brent and Jann for giving their time and knowledge to develop our players in preparation for the Schools Cup competition in June.

Ashleigh Fong
Science Teacher



YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY CONDENSED

The Year 11 Hospitality Condensed class have recently been out on work placement. Board Developed VET courses have a specified workplace requirement that includes a minimum of 70 hours of mandatory industry specific work placement.

Our students have been hosted by a number of local hospitality venues. We really appreciate that these venues have hosted us, especially considering how dramatically this industry has been and still continues to be impacted by the corona virus.

Students have loved the experience and have all reported that they have had a great time and learned many new skills. While I have missed them terribly in my classroom/kitchen I know what an invaluable experience this is.

Johanne Doherty
Head Teacher TAS & VET Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 2—WEEK 5

MONDAY 17 MAY 2021 — 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021 — 8:30 AM-11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021 — CLOSED

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021 — 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 — 9:30 AM-11:30 AM



Get Ready to Campaign for Improved 591 and 582 Public Bus Services to St Ives High

Watch out for the launch of our campaign survey for improved public bus services to Yarrabung Road next Friday, 22nd May. We will be posting links and QR codes to our survey and petition in the school newsletter and St Ives High Facebook groups.

We are asking for the 591 route to be extended to include a 'St Ives High loop' before terminating at St Ives Shops and more frequent 582 services to Gordon Station.

If you or your children are affected by the lack of decent public transport to St Ives High at bell times, and outside of regular school hours, then this is the survey for you! We will be using your feedback to lobby for change.

The St Ives High campus is a very busy place, with activities running from 7.30 am through to 10.30 pm on some nights. There are 1,800 students from St Ives High, St Ives Public and the Intensive English Centre on the move at bell times. Over [1,400 people a week participate in activities outside of regular school hours](#) – from SIHS senior period zero/six classes, to SIHS student extracurriculars and community activities, such as basketball and choir, that are open to everyone.

In the 2020 St Ives High Survey and Facebook posts, you told us that St Ives High students living between the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct and Hornsby are badly affected by poor bus services to the area, with many students spending up to three hours a day commuting on overcrowded buses.

This survey will give you the opportunity to help us lobby for change –

Imagine the day when there are regular and reliable public bus services to Yarrabung Road, and you can plan after school activities with confidence!

Imagine the day when your child can participate in all the extracurricular activities St Ives High has to offer because there is a reliable bus service that gets them to and from school at the right times, so you don't have to drive them there and back.

Imagine the day when the Yarrabung Road School Precinct is not clogged with traffic because there is an alternative, reliable way of getting there. A bus service takes around 40 cars off the road. Fewer cars mean less pollution and a safer pedestrian environment that everyone can enjoy.

With the announcement of a [second Community Sports Hall for St Ives High](#) to be built and [local council elections on 4th September](#), there has never been a better time to lobby for reliable and regular public transport to the area.

Keep an eye out for the launch of our campaign for improved public bus services to Yarrabung Road next Friday, 22nd May. We will be publicising links to this survey in the SIHS school newsletter, on the P&C Website and via all our SIHS P&C related Facebook Groups. Please share the link with others in your network who are affected by this issue. We want your help to maximise the number of people participating in this campaign.

We will be lobbying the Minister for Roads and Transport, the Hon Andrew Constance, Transport for NSW, State MPs (Matt Kean, Member for Hornsby and Minister for Energy and Environment, Alister Henkens Member for Ku-ring-gai and Jonathan O-Dea MP, Member for Davidson, and local councils.

With your help, we can bring about change for the better.

St Ives High P&C Student Transport, Traffic & Road Safety Working Group

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