

#### Term 2 Week 3

13 May 2022

# Principal Matters by Mark Watson

#### **NAPLAN** Tests

After months of testing and planning, Years 7 and 9 finally sat their NAPLAN tests this week. Students in both year groups sat Reading on Tuesday, Writing on Wednesday, Language Conventions on Thursday and Numeracy on Friday. Next week, students who missed a test will be able to sit catch up tests.

NAPLAN, which stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is a series of tests sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 every year to assess the development of their numeracy and literacy skills. The tests are sat by all Australian students and provide not only individual results for families and schools, but can also be used to compare schools, education systems and states within Australia. This year our students sat the online version of the test, and this change of format required significant preparation to be carried out by the school prior to the tests. We also benefitted from the lessons learnt from schools who moved to online testing when it initially became available. The results for our students this year will also be significant, because two years ago (2020) when they were in either Year 5 or Year 7, they did not sit the NAPLAN tests as they were cancelled due to the initial COVID outbreak. The tests this year would not have been possible without the efforts of Mrs Bodley who has worked tirelessly not only to prepare students, but has also trained herself in the tests' administration and then trained our staff who supervised the tests. Thank you Mrs Bodley.



#### **Dates for the Diary**

May 16–20	NAPLAN (Catch-up)
May 19	P&C meeting
May 21	Election Day P&C stalls
May 25-27	Year 11 Life Ready Camp

#### **COVID-19 Settings**

There have been adjustments to COVID-19 settings in schools this term. All positive cases are still required to inform the school and the Department of Health. They must isolate for 7 days from the date they test positive and cannot return to school until after the isolation period. They must also be free of COVID symptoms before returning to school. There have been changes to the settings for close contacts. In line with the rest of NSW, close contacts are no longer required to isolate for 7 days. The school must be notified if a student is a close contact. They must wear a mask indoors at school for 5 school days after they were first a close contact and take a RAT test each morning of these 5 days. A close contact can only attend school if they have a negative RAT and have no symptoms. Close contacts are not currently allowed to go on overnight excursions. If your child needs additional RAT tests, they can be collected from the school office. Visitors to the school must also wear masks indoors and have a negative RAT test for 5 school days after they became a close contact. It is important that students do not come to school if they are sick or have COVID symptoms. With fewer restrictions it is possible there may be an increase in non-COVID illness. It is important that everyone who is sick this winter stays at home and gets well.

#### **CAT** Competition

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking competition was held after school last Friday. Congratulations to all the students who took part and a big thankyou to Mr Killick who organised the competition this year. See his report in this newsletter.

#### Reports

Year 12 reports should be available via the Sentral parent portal this weekend. To access your child's report, you need to have access to the portal. If you do not have access, please contact the school to arrange access. The portal also provides other information on your child's progress, and it is important you are able to access it.

#### Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection

While we are still in the first half of this school year, our timetablers are already thinking about 2023. The first step in the process is to determine what we will be teaching, and this means we need students to decide what they will study next year. The first group to select subjects is our current Year 10 to choose subjects for Year 11 2023. The selection process involves student briefings, subject tasters, coaching, subject selection booklet, parent briefings and actual selection. The timeline for Year 10 selecting Year 11 subjects is:

- <u>Wednesday 25 May</u>- students enter their availability for teacher coaching sessions on schoolinterviews.com.au
- Friday 27 May- subject selection booklet and website go live.
- Monday 30 May- student subject presentations during Periods 1,3 and 5.
- Tuesday 31 May- Parent Information session for subject choices (5.30 to 7.00pm)
- Monday 30 May to Wednesday 1 June- Mock choices completed by students.
- Wednesday 1 June to 7 June- subject selection coaching takes place.
- Thursday 9 June to Tuesday 14 June- students select their subjects for 2023.

Tuesday 31 May is the parent information evening for Year 10 parents. The session will run from 5.30 pm until 7.00pm, so please put it in your diary. We will make information available after the meeting for parents who are unable to attend.

#### **Federal Election**

The school will once again be used as a polling station for the Federal Election, with voting taking place in the school hall. The P&C will be taking advantage of this by running several fund raisers on the day, including a sausage sizzle, cake stall, book stall and coffee cart. All help and donations are most welcome, see the P&C Flyer later in this newsletter. Cake boxes are now available from the school office. So why not plan to vote at our school and support the P&C at the same time. While you only get to cast one vote, you will be free to visit the stalls as many times as you like! Happy voting!

#### Staff V Year 12 Students Netball

It was terrific to see our new gym being used by staff and students last Friday as Year 12 took on the staff in a netball match. Unfortunately for the students, their youth was unable to outplay the experience of the staff. The staff were victorious 20 to nil at the end of the game. I am sure there will be rematches and other sporting challenges between Year 12 and staff in the two terms that remain for Year 12.



#### Drama News

Students studying Drama have had some interesting experiences over the last couple of weeks. Some of our Year 8 students performed a piece they had created for an audience of Year 7 students. Meanwhile, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 took part in a workshop delivered by a Sydney theatre company. The workshop introduced these students to new techniques that they will incorporate into their work. Thanks go to our Drama staff, Ms Pender and Ms Whittle for organising these experiences. See the full reports in this newsletter.

#### Music Program News

This week has also been busy for students in the school's Music program. On Monday students in the choir rehearsed for the inConcert performance later in the year. They will join students from other schools to form a combined public school's choir and will perform at the Opera House later this year. In addition, on Thursday evening this week, all our ensembles performed at the Chatswood RSL to a live audience. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform, something especially cherished, as live performances have not been possible during the COVID lockdowns and restrictions. Thanks go to Mrs Hely for organising the rehearsal and performances; thanks also to our music staff for preparing and coordinating their ensembles.



#### **Current Building Work**

We currently have two building projects underway, and these will cause some disruptions in the coming week. The first is the new lift connecting all the floors in A and E blocks. Excavation works, during the holidays, uncovered cables running where the lower section of the new lift shaft will go. It is anticipated that excavation works may resume towards the end of next week. The second job is the COLA over our outdoor basketball court. Last week temporary fencing was installed at both ends of the court. The first part of this job will be to prepare for the footings that will hold the posts supporting the COLA. This will require some concrete cutting and the temporary fencing will move to enclose the work area. There will be some noise associated with both jobs and we will monitor this.

#### **Uniform Shop News**

Stop press! The big news of the week is that the jumpers in the newer, warmer fleece have finally arrived in the uniform shop and can now be ordered online. They have arrived just in time as the colder weather sets in. A big thank you to the P&C and uniform shop staff for all their efforts to keep us in uniform and warm.

Best wishes

Mark Watson Principal

# St.Ives High School P&C invites you to be a part of OUR FEDERAL ELECTION DAY STALLS SATURDAY 21st MAY 2022

Parent & student volunteers are needed to help with making cakes & slices, and to assist on our three stalls. Cake boxes will be available at the school office from Friday 13th May 2022, & we would very much appreciate your support by returning your box or boxes full of cakes, slices, tarts & sweets to the school office on Friday 20th May,or before 11am Saturday 21st to the stall.

Your preloved books can be donated to the office anytime prior to May 21st.

Parent volunteers are also needed to cook & serve the BBQ, to run the cake & book stalls. Please sign up for your two-hour spot here:

https://signup.com/go/uxVKVqu

this can be your 'Just One Thing' to help the school.

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Dear Parents and Students of St Ives High School,

This year on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022, our school is hosting one of the electoral voting stations in the area and the P&C would like to use the opportunity to do some fund raising for our school on the day.

We are intending to hold 3 stalls on the day, a BBQ stall, a Book stall and a Cake stall.

# For this to be a success WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We need volunteers on the day for setting up and running the stalls:

# TO SIGN UP TO HELP ON THE DAY PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE OR GO TO THE WEB LINK



## https://signup.com/go/uxVKVqu

We need your preloved books delivered to the office any time prior to election day so we can sell them at the pre-loved book stall.



# AND MOST OF ALL WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAKE STALL.



Cake & Slice boxes & cellophane for lolly bags will be available to be picked up from the school office from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

By clicking **HERE** you can find attached lots of fun recipes so that we get a nice variety of things to sell on the day, but also so it can be a fun household activity to try a new recipe (but of course we are so grateful for anything you wish to contribute). (See some sample recipes on the following page)

If baking is not your thing- have a go at the jelly cups or the lolly sticks and bags instead.

Please note that we cannot on sell pre-purchased products and the items must be home made.

<u>The cakes can be returned to the school office on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 throughout the school</u> <u>day or to the actual stall on Saturday at the polls before 11am.</u>

If you have any queries at all, please contact Pouné on 0414434848.

Please also fill out the below food labels and attach to the box so that we can take care of people with allergies etc.

On behalf of the school P&C, we thank you for your contribution and offering. Christopher Kirk

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Name & Year of student(s):	Name of cake/slice or product:
Ingredients:	Allergy warning:

## CARAMEL SLICE

INGREDIENTS 1 CUP SELF-RAISING OUR 1 CUP COCONUT 1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR 1 CUP ROLLED OATS 150 G BUTTER 395 G SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK 2 TBS GOLDEN SYRUP 30 G BUTTER 150 G DARK COOKING CHOCOLATE (MELTED)



## METHOD

- 1. Preheat oven to 180C
- 2. Combine first five ingredients in bowl and mix well. Press into base of baking paper lined 18cm x 28cm lamington tray. Bake for 10 minutes until golden.
- 3. Combine sweetened condensed milk, golden syrup and extra butter in pan, bring to boil stirring.
- 4. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring until a light brown colour and becomes caramel.
- 5. Pour caramel over cooked base, return to oven, bake for a further 10 minutes.
- 6. Cool.
- 7. Spread cooking chocolate over caramel filling. Allow to set in pan before turning out. Cut into slices or squares to serve.

serves: 14

#### CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

#### INGREDIENTS

300 G BUTTER
3/4 CUP COCOA
2 1/2 CUPS BROWN SUGAR
3 EGGS
1 1/2 CUPS PLAIN FLOUR
250 G MILK CHOC BITS
250 G WHITE CHOC BITS



#### METHOD

- 1. Heat oven to 180°C. Line the base of 18cm x 23xcm slice tin with baking paper.
- 2. Place butter and cocoa in large bowl and heat in microwave until butter is melted, stir. Add brown sugar and mix well.
- 3. Add eggs and \_our, 1 egg and ½ cup flour at a time making sure to mix after each addition. Add choc bits and combine.
- 4. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes then turn onto a wire rack.
- 5. Dust with icing sugar when cool, Nice served warm as a dessert with berries.

Serves: 10

# COMPUTATIONAL AND ALGORITHMIC THINKING COMPETITION

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition took place on Friday after school on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. It is a competition designed to encourage student curiosity and promote multiple modes of thinking, in particular a systematic approach to problem solving. 39 SIHS students ranging from Year 7 to Year 11 took part in the competition this year. The students worked tirelessly for an hour, attempting to solve all 15 problems and were then rewarded with cupcakes, courtesy of the Chim family!

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated, it was a massive effort to complete the competition after a long week at school.

Nathan Killick Mathematics Teacher

# YEAR 8 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Last week, Year 8 Drama-2 performed their class play *Rumours* for a Year 7 audience. The performance, which was about the impact of an unfounded rumour on a student named Jamie, was written, directed and performed by the class. Despite many obstacles along the way, such as people being away due to illness or being a close contact, the class worked extremely well collaboratively to finish the project. The final performance was beautifully performed and staged. I am so proud of the commitment and effort by everyone involved - well done Year 8!

#### Cate Whittle Head Teacher Teaching and Learning (rel.) Drama & English Teacher



# **CHOPT LOGIC DRAMA INCURSION**

Last Friday, Years 10, 11 & 12 Drama had a whole day incursion with the theatre company Chopt Logic. In this workshop, led by Shane Anthony (company director and NIDA tutor) the students explored ensemble playbuilding techniques, improvisation practice and developed a practical language and process for creating poetic and arresting stage moments. As part of the Stage 5, Preliminary and HSC Drama courses students are required to create devised group performances and this workshop helped prepare students for the work they are doing this Term.

During the workshop, the students worked extremely well collaboratively to create a range of engaging and creative performances. As their teacher I was so proud of the work they produced and feel very lucky to teach such focused and talented students!

#### Cate Whittle Head Teacher Teaching and Learning (rel.) Drama & English Teacher



# **BUSH CARE PLANTING DAY**

Our next bush care day in our endangered forest is going to be a planting day. This is good way to learn about planting natives and be involved in the support of our forest. Join us even if you can only spare an hour.

> When :Sunday 29th May Time: 9-12noon

Please wear long sleeves and trousers. Bring a hat ,sunglasses ,water and gardening gloves. You need to be vaxed as school requirement. Meet at gate behind hall on Yarrabung Rd.

Please RSVP Meredith <u>merrydeathhunter@gmail.com</u>





Sora Year 8

# **OPERATION ART**



Camelia Year 8

Each year 4 students from years 7 to 10 have their artworks selected for the prestigious exhibition Operation Art. All works are exhibited then a selection is made to hang in the Art Gallery of NSW. At the conclusion, all works are sent for permanent display in children's hospital wards across the state.

Pat Gettens HT CAPA



Alex Year 9



Zoe Year 7

# LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a busy start to the year in the library with new carpet and a new roof along with the return of student browsing, borrowing and games. Since the beginning of the year, we have added over 300 new books to the collection: 152 Fiction, 90 Graphic Novels and 58 Non-fiction. Many of these new additions were student and staff requests, so if there is a book you would like to recommend please let any of the Library staff know and we will see if we can add it to the SIHS collection. A special shout out to Sophia. C (Yr 8), Catalina. A (Yr 7) and Eva. K (Yr 7) who have all borrowed over 60 books each since the beginning of the year and are our top borrowers!



To celebrate Library Lovers Week many students took a chance on love and went on a Blind Date with a book in term 1. They selected books to read based on a description of only a few words and were asked to complete a short review of their "blind date". We are pleased to announce Baidyn. M, Nahal. C and Nina. C as our prize winners for the Library Lovers Week competition. Please come to the library to collect your prize.

Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing so students in Year 7 to 9 don't forget to log all the books you are reading on the student site <u>https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html#/</u>. The challenge closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge for 2022: Year 7; Nahal. C, Priyansh. G, Joowon. L, Alex. M, Alex. P, Josh. P, Gavin. T, Quinn. T Year 8; Jasmine. S

The students loved our second community Lego build in celebration of Star Wars Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to offering more Lego building opportunities to our students throughout the year.



This month also sees us celebrating *Mindful in May* in the library. Just 6 minutes of reading a day can reduce stress by 68%; more than music (61%), having a cup of tea (54%), going for a walk (42%) or playing video games (21%). How will you spend your 6 minutes reading a day to be more Mindful in May? Come in to the library and check out our display to borrow one of our new books, try a short story or two (ranging in length from 3-6 minutes), or find out how to access our ebook and audiobook collection stivesh.wheelers.co.



Knitting club is back for Term 2 so if you are interested in learning how to knit or crochet come along to Knitting Club Wednesday lunchtimes in the Library. No need to bring anything we have plenty of needles and wool. With benefits similar to those of meditation, knitting can be used as a tool for relaxation, to minimize anxiety, to help relieve stress, and as a means to refocus the mind. What better month to give it a try than Mindful in May.

Finally, we would like to welcome the lovely Mrs Michaelis to the library team. Mrs Michaelis will be working as a library assistant two days a week.

Happy reading, Mrs Rojas, Mrs Hely, Mrs Abraham, Mrs Venn and Mrs Michaelis

# DUKE OF EDUNBURGH READING PROGRAM

The Duke of Edinburgh Reading Program commenced for students participating in the award scheme. The Reading Program involves high school students assisting in the development of reading acquisition skills of students from St Ives Primary School. This is part of the 'service' component of the Duke of Edinburgh award. This week, the students undertook a training session to prepare themselves for the coming weeks. The program further strengthens the close connection between the two schools and the students are eager for it to commence.

Adrian Zaboklicki Transition Coordinator



# **ROBOTICS CLUB UP AND RUNNING AGAIN**

The robotics club started up again this week with 18 enthusiastic students. New students from year 7 and 8 began by beginning the process of learning about the different types of electronic components and how they can be used to make a circuit. Year 9 students who were in the Robotics club last year jumped straight into soldering up their new line-sensor robots.

The robotics club meets each Tuesday lunchtime in room A5.

Alan Lawrance Science and STEM teacher



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# **TURNER CUP NEWS**

The Turner Cup squad faced Davidson in Round 1 of the 2022 competition at the start of Week 2. Despite losing key players to COVID and match postponement, the squad was in high spirits for their first match. For almost everyone, this would be their first taste of knockout football and their first match together as a team. St lves dominated the match, controlling possession and attacking swiftly on the break. Pace in our front third put immense pressure on the Davidson defence and many of our players came close to hitting the back of the net. Harry (9) broke the deadlock midway through the second half, and Jakob (7) sealed victory with a goal of his own soon after.

The 2-0 win sent the team into Round 2 of the competition, where they faced Balgowlah Boys. The team started the game attacking in a positive manner, utilising the pace of Lars (9) up front and Zac (9) on the wing. Despite putting immense pressure on the Bally defence, they were the ones to break the deadlock with a glancing header into the bottom corner. 1-0 down, St Ives pushed for an equaliser. After winning a free kick inside our half, goalkeeper Sean (10) fizzed the free kick all the way over the Bally keeper to equalise in spectacular fashion. Extra time beckoned, as St Ives continued to attack with intent. Unfortunately, Bally snuck through our defence and poked themselves into Round 3 with a cruel match-winning goal to seal the 2-1 defeat.

Congratulations to the extended Turner Cup squad for their outstanding efforts, and to the COVID reserves who stepped in late. All the boys can be incredibly proud of themselves and have represented the school valiantly. A special thank you to the parents who assisted with driving and matchday photography.

Kiatin Williamson Mathematics Teacher Turner Cup Organiser



# SOFTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the 2022 St Ives High Knockout Baseball team. On Tuesday May 10th the team played a first round match against Pennant Hills High School at Golden Jubilee fields and won 13 runs to 3.

The students who committed to this team vary in ability and it was wonderful to witness the more experienced players mentor the less experienced and cross code players, Jordan did try a cover drive with a baseball bat!

Nick pitched initially to Jacob, then Nate and finally he settled into a rhythm with Elijah to pitch a "shutout", no runs were scored. A remarkable performance. He batted number four in the order and scored the runners on base.

Nate came on to the mound and pitched several K2's (standing three strikes at the plate) to sit the opposition down. He also provided fielding opportunities. It should be mentioned that he pitched and caught, not at the same time.

Sergio and Avedis who have never played, before both got bat to ball and learnt about the drop third strike rule. Jordan created an unusual stealing opportunity home, to which Elijah "made lemonade from lemons", and scored

safely. Kenta entered the batting box both as a right-handed batter and left-handed batter, handy to have a switch hitter on the team. He also played a solid pivot at short stop.

Luca played first base and also got bat to ball in the batting box, a year 7 player, facing a senior pitcher from Pennant Hills High School.

The staff were very proud of the players who played the game in the true spirit and respected the umpire's calls. Thank you to Mr Holmes for providing transport, along with the support and organisation of Mr Lucas De Palo who has had to reschedule this event several times due to rainouts and Ms Sabrina Caffin for coaching the team.

Sabrina Caffin and Lucas De Palo Softball Co-ordinators



#### CANTEEN NEWS

Dear St Ives High School Community,

YBK School Canteen Operator is Hiring, Come and Join our friendly Team at St Ives High.

We are offering part time positions 3-5 days a week and we work 40 weeks per year/School calendar.

New Employees are required to apply for a Working with Children Check and Food safety Certificate.

Mandatory Covid19 vaccination or valid medical exemption.

For more information, please contact Tania ph 0423855273.



# **ENVIRONMENT WORKING BLITZ**

SATURDAY 25th June 9am - 4pm.

Please join the Environment committee to further improve the grounds of St Ives High School.

We need you to help prune, mulch, plant, oil tables and plenty more!

If you have an hour or more free or your child needs volunteer hours for the Duke of Ed, come along.

BYO tools and drinks.



# Friendly Reminder



We invite you to join us on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7:30-9:30pm for the next St Ives High School P&C meeting.

This meeting will be held onsite in the Multi-Function Space (MFS) at St Ives High School.

We are pleased to advise that representatives from the NSW P&C Federation will be in attendance to answer any questions that you may have.

# Please RSVP

 For numbers and seating, if attending in person please RSVP ahead of time to secretary@stivespandc.com

# Reasons to attend a P&C meeting:

- A great opportunity to meet the P&C Executive Committee members and put a face to a name.
- A chance to meet other members of the SIHS community including the SIHS Principal
- 3. A forum in which to make a positive contribution to the P&C and help to shape the future of SIHS

# Have a Question?

Take a look at the information on the SIHS P&C website. You can find out about your elected office bearers; the date and agenda of the next P&C meeting; how to connect with your year group; our uniform dress code and how to buy your uniforms online; the latest transport, traffic and road safety campaign update; our recent news; and so much more.

#### https://stivespandc.com/

Please email all questions to secretary@stivespandc.com

Click for the Agenda

Click for the Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting 31st March 2022

Click for the Minutes of Planning Meeting 28th April 2022

Click for the Draft Planning Meeting Budget 28th April 2022

# Financial Membership and Voting

Only Financial Members are permitted to vote, **however**, **this does not preclude you from attending a meeting**. Any parent or local citizen can attend the P&C meeting. It is \$1 to become a financial member and you are then eligible to vote at the **NEXT** meeting. We accept cash or bank deposit. See <u>here</u> for more information about P&C Membership or email <u>secretary@stivespandc.com</u>.

### Uniform shop news-May 2022

**Opening hours Term 2 Week 4** 

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 8.30-11.30 am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8.30-11.00 am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May closed

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.30-1.00pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May closed

#### **Donations**

We continue to accept pre-loved uniforms from students and ex-students. We will be very grateful for good quality second hand items

Please wash garments and leave in the office.

If you have any queries, please email Nicky uniforms@stivespandc.com

<u>Pullovers</u> New stock of pullovers has arrived. Apologies for the delay.

#### <u>Volunteers</u>

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at the uniform shop please use the link below <a href="https://signup.com/go/mLMjyya">https://signup.com/go/mLMjyya</a>

<u>Online ordering</u> You can continue to order online and will receive confirmation when your order is ready to collect





The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:

CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au



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