

Term 3 Week 10

23 September 2022

Principal Matters by Mark Watson

Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful holiday for the next two weeks. With the number of COVID-19 cases on the decrease, these holidays will hopefully be a time you can have a more traditional break as a family. It has been a difficult term for staffing the school, especially with the shortage of casual teachers to cover staff who are away sick or away on school business running sporting visits or extra curriculum programs for students. This has only been possible with the goodwill of teachers covering lessons of others who are away. I am indebted to staff for going the extra mile to support the school; however, this practice is not sustainable in the long term. I am hopeful that as the end of the year approaches, we will see an increase in new graduates available for casual work.



Thank you Ms Hawkins

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ms Hawkins all the best for the future. She is leaving us at the end of this term after 10 years of service at St Ives High School. In her time here she has been a very passionate teacher on the TAS staff strongly promoting the textiles subject area. She has also been a driving force behind the vocal ensemble. We wish her all the best for the future.



Year 12 Celebration Week

This week has been very special for Year 12. They have been celebrating their last week of school. When Year 12 return next term, it will be to sit their HSC exams. Over the next two weeks, Year 12 will be preparing for their exams, however, this week has been a time for celebration. A big thankyou to the staff who supervised during the events. A special thanks to Ms Abraham, Ms Paterson and Mrs Bodley for preparing celebration week.

Luna Park and Jamberoo

Monday and Tuesday were picnic days. On Monday Year 12 visited Luna Park which has been a traditional visit for Year 12 in previous years. On Tuesday Year 12 headed to Jamberoo for the ultimate waterside adventure. Both days were a wonderful opportunity for Year 12 to celebrate together after years of lockdowns.

Formal

On Wednesday evening, the Year 12 Formal was held at Curzon Hall. In a similar format to last year, Parents were invited to the first part of the evening for drinks as Year 12 arrived for their big night. A three-course meal followed and before the dancing began, a short student awards ceremony was held. Year 12 had a wonderful night at an excellent venue.

Dates for the Diary

Sep 23 Last Day Term 3

Oct 10 First Day Term 4



Concert and Farewell Arch

Today the students enjoyed their final concert, pizzas and a farewell arch created by the entire student cohort that lapped around the school.



Graduation

The big event for Friday will be Graduation. The Graduation was scheduled to take place on Thursday evening, but had to change at the last minute due to the public holiday for day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. This year, for the first time, the Graduation will be held off site at Norths. As this newsletter was published before the Graduation, there will be a full report in the first newsletter next term.

Year 12 Holiday Study Program Schedule

To support Year 12, we have organised a study program schedule over the two-week break. The Schedule is available from the Year 12 Google drive. It lists the times teachers will be available to run sessions for students. We also have former students, who are part of our Alumni program available to answer questions and run small tutorial sessions. All sessions will be held in the Library and the Library will be available for Year 12 students who are looking for a place to study. Thanks go to Ms Abraham for organising the study schedule and to all of the teachers involved who are giving up their time over the holidays.

IEC Graduation

A graduation ceremony was held for students exiting the Northern Sydney IEC on Friday this week. Thirty-two students are leaving to attend their designated high schools. Following a number of speeches wishing the students all the best, the audience were entertained by an outstanding musical item from one of the students at the IEC.



Year 10 Geography and History Incursion

On Wednesday this week all of Year 10 took part in their project-based learning presentations in either the History or Geography course they have been studying this term. In Geography, students presented their Future Cities project to a team of guests including town planners from Ku-ring-gai Council. In History the students presented their Holocaust projects to guests from the Courage to Care organisation. Students in both courses then attended a presentation from our guests. A big thank you to Mr De Palo and the Geography team of teachers; and Mr Boyd and the History team of teachers for organising this authentic learning experience.



Latest COVID-19 Settings

The mandate to wear masks on public transport in NSW ended on Wednesday this week. This is in line with the easing of restrictions in other forms of transport in the State. It is now only recommended that masks be worn on

public transport in line with the recommendation that masks be worn at schools. When school returns for term 4, all students, staff and families should stay home if they are unwell and be tested for COVID-19 if showing symptoms. Mask wearing will continue to be strongly encouraged at school. Full vaccinations and booster shots for anyone eligible is strongly encouraged. Increased cleaning during the day will continue next term and natural ventilation will occur where possible. Rapid antigen tests continue to be available at school, your child is able to collect these from the front office. Hygiene products will be provided directly to Year 12 students for their HSC. They can collect these when they attend an exam.

Building Works

The steel beams for the COLA over the basketball court and covered walkways arrived this week. Construction work should begin next week during the school holidays. It is anticipated that the construction work will be completed during November.



InTech

We were delighted to learn this week that four of our students have had their major projects for HSC Industrial Technology selected for InTech in 2023. InTech is the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Projects developed for Industrial Technology. We will be contacted later this year if any of these projects are selected for the exhibition. Congratulations go to Lucy B, Hana J, Yajatsingh R and Liam W and their teacher, Ms Gray.

Congratulations

This week, congratulations go to

- The 15 years girls netball team who recently came second at the Sydney North knockout 15s finals. The girls received silver medals at our whole school assembly this week. Thanks go to Mrs Moss for coaching the team.
- The Year 9 & 10 team went to the Sydney North Gala Day with 21 teams and were placed 2nd, losing to Mackellar Girls. Outstanding players were Amy Mc, Bella D & Shayla G.
- The Year 7 & 8 team also went to their Sydney North Netball Gala Day and were placed 3rd out of 23 teams. Outstanding players were Margot B, Daniela G & Karen A.



- The open boys cricket squad who have progressed to the third round of the Sydney North knockout cricket competition after defeating Brisbane Waters Secondary Collage at Hassall Park this week. The squad were delighted by a group of spectators at the game. They were former students from the school many years ago and produced an old school banner from their time at the school and proceeded to support our team.
- Our Year 12 high achievers who were invited to a morning tea on Friday of last week. The following students were congratulated at the morning tea following their outstanding all round performance in their second semester reports: Gemma L, Hana J, Jacob H, Ellen L, En-Ting-L, Aryan M, Portia S, Shayyan S, Yiwen S, Sean S, Haegwang K, Emma D, Annabelle C, Emily D, Joshua B, Minji K, Ethan R, Claire R, Katherine H, Zhulin H, Sehaj L, Shruti R, Hanako M, Kiera N and Bradley Y.

School Return Term 4

Term 4 will begin for all students on Monday October 10. Please note that there is not a pupil free day at the start of Term 4. Have a wonderful break everyone.

Best wishes

Mark Watson
Principal

The Class of 2022 Parent & Caregiver Survey Opens Tomorrow!



This school survey is anonymous. Your feedback will help us improve and streamline our services to current and future students. Please take advantage of this valuable opportunity to have real input by taking the survey before Sunday, 9th October.

- 1 We will email your survey link to the primary email address you use for school-related matters.
- 2 If you can't see the survey invite in your inbox, remember to check your spam/junk folder.
- 3 The survey report will be emailed to 2022 Year 12 Parents & Caregivers before the end of Term 4.

Please email [Natasha Mercer, Deputy Principal \(rel.\)](#) if you have any questions relating to this survey or need another survey link.

Don't forget to have your say, especially if your last child is graduating this evening!



SPRING BUSH CARE DAY

Join us for a bit of planting and weeding on Sunday the 25th September.

Start the holidays with giving back to the greater community and help us work in our endangered Sydney Turpentine and Ironbark Forest.

You just need to bring some gardening gloves and water.

Please wear closed in shoes, long sleeves and trousers, a hat and sunglasses.

We look forward to seeing you.

Even if you can only spare an hour.

Date: Sunday 25th Sept

Time: 9-12 noon

Please RSVP Meredith on merrydeathhunter@gmail.com





YEAR 12 CELEBRATION WEEK

Over the past week, Year 12 have come together to celebrate their final days at SIHS. It all started in Week 9 with class parties, dress up days and the staff versus student games. On Thursday, students dressed in their best Hawaiian beach get up and challenged their teachers to a volleyball match. Despite their best efforts, they were unable to take down the powerhouse that was the Teacher Volleyball team.

Friday saw students swap uniforms and attempt to regain their glory on the footy field, versing their teachers in a game of Oztag. Whilst they played a good game, they were unable to take the lead and the winning streak remained with the SIHS Teachers with the final score of 7-5.

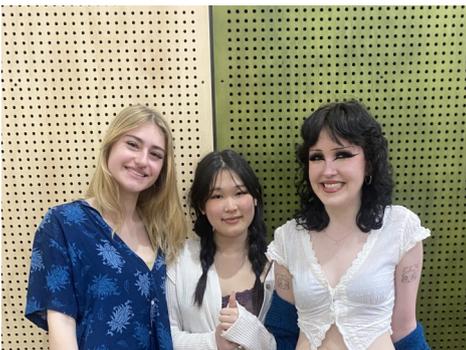
In Week 10, students were able to let loose on a series of excursions. On Monday, the grade continued the tradition of a celebration week trip to Luna Park. Here, students were able to mix with other schools and scream their lungs out on a range of rides more terrifying than their HSC exams. On Tuesday, they set off for Jamberoo to enjoy the sunshine and waterslides together.

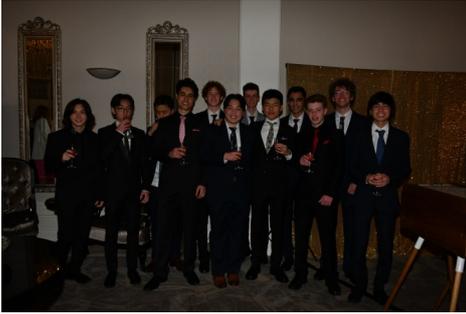
Finally, Wednesday was the night of nights with the grade coming together at Curzon Hall for their Year 12 Formal. The students were the pinnacle of glamour as they admired the beautiful grounds, had dramatic photoshoots on the stairways and belted Taylor Swift lyrics on the dance floor.

To our wonderful Year 12 cohort, we wish you all the best as you prepare for your final exams and life beyond SIHS.

Emma Abraham
Year 12 Year Adviser







YEAR 12 LAST HIGH ACHIEVERS MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the highest achieving students in the second semester of year 12, 2022. This has been achieved through hard work and a focus on their studies with an eye on the final goal next term, the HSC. Students were treated to some special cakes and fancy muffins for this final celebration.

Good luck in the future!

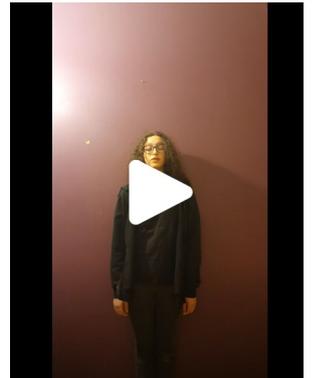
Patricia Gettens
HPGEP Coordinator



YEAR 10 HISTORY PBL

The year 10 History classes at St Ives have been working on a task where they had to construct a historical artefact reflecting a global genocide. Libby's is a song a lament sung in Yiddish reflecting the horrors of the holocaust. To see her presentation click [here](#).

Bernard Cullen
History Teacher



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Several Year 9 and 10 Duke of Edinburgh participants have been reading with young students from St Ives Public school early on Wednesday mornings. While they waited for their buddy readers this week, students lent a hand covering books for the teacher librarian.

Well done guys!

Josh Collins
DoE Coordinator



CHARITY DRIVE FOR PINCHAPOO

The girls committee this term have been running a charity drive for 'Pinchapoo', this charity focuses on collecting personal hygiene products for Australians in need. Thanks to our generous community we have been able to collect and fill 3 big boxes for the charity. Thank you so much for everyone who was able to donate items.

Adriana Zaki
Girls Group Coordinator



8T TEDed TALKS

On Tuesday evening 8T parents were invited to the school to listen to student TED talks. Over two weeks 58 T students went through TED "workshopping" to learn how to write, deliver and give feedback when designing 2 to 3 minutes speeches on a subject of their choice. Many of the students, though nervous about public speaking, managed to deliver entertaining, informative or thought provoking speeches. It was also great to finally have a group of very supportive parents on site. Well done 8T students and many thanks to the teachers who assisted with this task!!

Patricia Gettens
HPGEP Coordinator



YEAR 10 ART ON DISPLAY

Congratulations Year 10 Visual Arts

If you are visiting the library, as well as the new furniture, you should notice some new works in the "gallery". These are portrait paintings by this year's Year 10, who each painted a homage to someone they admire. They have done a great job!

Patricia Gettens
HT CAPA



STRUCTURAL STEEL HAS FINALLY ARRIVED FOR THE COLA (COVERED OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA)

More simply "giant roof over basketball court for when it is bucketing rain".

We hope the structure will be largely up during the school holidays and the covered walkways will also progress. It has been a very drawn out and challenging process and it will be nice when we are not a building zone for the first time in 5 years.

Sean Champion
HT Administration



FUTURE CITIES OR FAVELAS

On Wednesday 21st September, Year 10 Geography had the PBL presentations of their 'Future cities or Favelas'. The students were joined by our special guests from Kuringai planning and infrastructure, the owner of Sky planning and a representative from Macquarie University. The guests had a wonderful time looking through all the projects and giving the students some wonderful insights about their cities. The students have spent the last few weeks of term putting together these fantastic projects and enjoyed presenting them to our local city planners. After the presentations, the guests awarded some prizes to the most realistic cities and talked about the scopes of their jobs and why they enjoy working on planning and infrastructure. All in all it was a wonderful day for the year 10 students.

Lucas De Palo
HSIE Teacher



Hi everyone

Just a quick message this week to wish you all a safe and relaxing school holiday break. It's always nice to have a break from the school rush and let's everyone recharge their batteries.

Again I want to wish the Year 12 students and their families all the best for the graduation tonight down at the North Sydney League's Club. Thank you to Kerren, Mark Watson, school staff and parent volunteers who made this all happen.

A final reminder that we have our Bushcare day this Sunday, 25th Sept from 9am until 12 noon if you can spare some time to come along. It is a relaxing morning so just bring along your own tools, gloves and a mat to sit on. Please wear a hat and long sleeved shirts and trousers. See the notice in this newsletter for more information.

Thanks everyone and see you all in a couple of weeks for Term 4!

Christopher Kirk
St Ives High P & C President

When singing is banned due to a pandemic,
a high school diva in-waiting creates her
own underground show choir.

Kind of like Glee meets the Plague.



In late 2020 as the pandemic spread, and lockdowns reigned, it became clear that there was no way we could rehearse and perform our bi-annual musical.

For many students, participating in the **dramatic arts** during high school is the only environment where they can completely express and explore who they are in a safe and non-judgemental way, as well as the beginning of many careers in the performing arts.

Cancelling was never an option, so the team knew they'd have to come up with a "PLAN B". So we made a brand new movie musical and started filming. How hard could it be? Ha!

It has been a tough couple of years for the "PLAN B" cast and production team as we **tackled one covid-drama after another**. However ... enthusiasm for this extraordinary project has never dimmed and it is now time for you to show the cast you believe in this project.

100% of funds raised go towards the post production needed to propel "PLAN B" from high school drama to international fame and fortune! Release date is 2023!

Our initial goal is \$15,000
To say 'thanks' there are FIVE AMAZING PERKS.

Visit the CHUFFED campaign page now, link below,
to discover what they include ... AND drum roll please

watch our video release of
"Best Year Ever"

chuffed.org/project/plan-b-the-musical