Deputy Principal Matters by John Walker

St Ives High School Presentation Evening
As this year comes to a close we congratulate those students who have worked hard to achieve their best throughout their courses and other school activities. Wednesday evening was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge, thank and reward these students in the presence of their families. The Jazz Combo was excellent and the drama students produced a highly entertaining performance. Thank you to all who attended. A special thank you to Mrs Taggart who organised the Presentation Evening and to staff who helped to make this a memorable night – Mrs Gettens, Ms Gerardi, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Melville and Mrs Forbes.

Awards from the Taiwanese Friendship Association
This organisation has a close association with St Ives High School and they generously donate prizes to a student from each year group, nominated by staff, who have a high standard in their schoolwork, demonstrate a beneficial contribution to the school, uphold its values and show specific qualities of citizenship both within and beyond the school. Congratulations to this year’s recipients:

- Year 7    Georgia Brooks
- Year 8    Elia Parsanejad
- Year 9    Gabrielle Buckingham
- Year 10   Benn Hamilton
- Year 11   Brittany Davidson

Performing Arts Unit Annual Showcase
Remember to take your family to see the PAU annual showcase at 7pm tonight (Friday 12 December) or Saturday 13 December. Tickets are available at the door - $10 for adults and children $5. The performance “I Hope I Get It” will showcase the talented students of this after-school tutorial program.

Sir Eric Woodward School Annual Presentation
It was my great honour to represent St Ives High School at the Sir Eric Woodward School Annual Presentation Day. My congratulations to their Principal, JoAnne Gardiner, and her amazing staff and parents for the great work that they do to assist these beautiful students to overcome the challenges they face.

Recognition of the SIHS School Administrative Support team
As we draw 2014 to a close some would be forgiven for thinking that work starts to settle down, however, this is certainly not the case. For our School Administrative Support Staff this is one of the busiest times of the year and I would like to pay tribute to them for the wonderful way they provide support to our school community.

School Timetable
Few people would understand the complexity of producing a timetable for a large secondary school. The process begins in Term 3 and the team (Mr O’Connell, Mr Percy and Mrs Harrisson) work tirelessly throughout Term 4, on weekends and in holidays to ensure we can all start lessons from Day 1 of 2015. After all of this is done, any further staff changes or changes in student numbers requires the timetable team to make modifications. We are very thankful for their dedication and patience.
GATS Camp – Monday and Tuesday
Congratulations to Mrs Gettens for organising another highly successful GATS camp. Students were challenged in the fields of art and science and, as you can see from the photos on page 4, were highly engaged in their learning.

Police Liaison seminar – Anti-bullying / Cyber-bullying
Year 8 students participated in this workshop on Tuesday. Cyber bullying is becoming more prevalent amongst students and adults and this important workshop was an opportunity for students to learn about the legal implications of online bullying. I am very thankful that our students report very few incidences of cyber-bullying. As a school, we promote the ideals of tolerance and good bystander behaviour.

We recommend that students who use online chat rooms / Facebook set up their privacy settings, not accept stranger friendships, and hide their Facebook friends list. Some scammers find one open profile, friend a student, then harvest their entire friends list because it has not been hidden.

Any students experiencing bullying or cyber-bullying are encouraged to print the evidence and report it immediately to a Deputy Principal. We place the safety and happiness of our students as a very high priority.

Year 10 Crossroads Camp
From “Mud World” to formal suits and elegant dresses – the Year 10 camp was one of great contrasts. This annual camp is a part of the welfare calendar for Year 10 students. At camp students discuss significant topics: “How to build stronger relationships” and “Drugs and Alcohol”, completing part of the mandatory Crossroads course. Students enjoyed the many activities including “Mud World”, sailing, snorkelling, canoeing, high ropes and giant swing. These activities not only helped to further build positive relationships within the year group, but also provided opportunities for students to learn more about themselves and their tolerance of “risks” and heights. The Year 10 formal was held at camp, providing a safe and highly supervised opportunity for students to enjoy a lovely night to celebrate the end of “compulsory” school. The girls and boys looked wonderful as the teachers waited tables and served students their meals to honour each student and their combined achievements.

Student manners
I am very proud of the behaviour and good manners of our students. I have heard many positive comments about the excellent manners of our Year 7 students (recently at Water Awareness), Year 10 students (Camp last week) and students at the GATS Camp (this week) from bus drivers, group facilitators and members of the community. Congratulations on being such good ambassadors of our school.

Best wishes to students who are leaving St Ives High School
My best wishes go to all students who will not be returning next year and I wish you all a happy, long and purpose filled life.

Best wishes
John Walker
Deputy Principal
GATS ACTIVITIES

Each year 7T, 8T and 9T extend their learning in mixed year group through new experiences beyond the classroom. This year’s theme was “Art V Science” as we enjoyed a visit to iFly a new indoor flying centre in Penrith where we were able to learn about the physics of flying before enjoying a few minutes of flight in a wind tunnel. After this exciting start to the week, the next morning we went to the POP Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. On our return to school students created artworks and experienced some hands-on science run by the Fizzics company. Throughout the busy two days all students behaved in a most exemplary manner and we received many compliments about the wonderful young people from St Ives High School.

Patricia Gettens
GATS and Leadership Coordinator

VISIT TO ST BAKHITA’S

On Friday 5 December 15 students from St Ives visited St Bakhita’s Sudanese Centre. It was a fantastic day where the students played with the beautiful children and helped them practice for their Christmas concert. Our students got to go to the concert and were treated afterwards to a Sudanese banquet provided by the mothers. The Sudanese women attend the centre to learn English, computer skills and the basics of getting around life in Australia. Their language is not written so they learn to navigate a written language. While learning the children attend the pre-school which is totally staffed by volunteers, many of whom are retired or former teachers. Sister Maria, who runs the centre was grateful for the help the students gave on the day and for the generous donation of money and goods brought by them. They will use the money to assist all the new mothers with nappies and some necessities. Thanks to all those who helped including Ms Khalili, Mrs Siddiqui and Ms Smith. Thanks also to Ms Morante for making cupcakes, Miss Miller for nappies and bibs, Mrs Cartwright for clothes and the Forbes family for sporting equipment.

Gillian McGhee
Economics Teacher,
Relieving Head Teacher HSIE (Fri A, Wed B, Fri B)
**2015 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY**

Last week we had 183 Year 6 students from various primary schools attend our 2015 Year 7 Orientation Day. This day provided upcoming St Ives High School students with a snippet of the high school experience. The morning was kicked off with a formal welcome, with Year 6 students and parents hearing from various teachers and students. Thanks go to our Masters of Ceremony and speakers Abbey Cormican-Jones, Rose Cameron, Fletcher Davidson, Kasra Parsanejad, Daniel Pavlich, Shannon Smit and Winston Zhang, who each did a wonderful job. Peer Support games and a barbeque were just a couple of the fun and interactive activities that were available on the day. A big thank you goes to Mrs Carbury, Mrs Doherty, Mrs McGurgan, Mrs Forbes, and Ms Wennink for their organisation and hard work.

The Year 6 parents were offered iced water, tea, coffee, cakes and slices, which were eagerly consumed on what was a very warm and humid day. This was thanks to our very organised and hands on P&C whose effort and support is, and was, greatly appreciated. True to form, St Ives High School showed our new and upcoming students our strong school culture and provided a welcoming and informative Orientation Day.

Katherine Paterson  
Year Adviser, Year 7 2015

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**FRIDAY BOOTCAMP**

Bootcamp has run each Friday at 7 am in 2014. Today we had our last session for the year. Between 15-45 staff and students have met each Friday morning at 7am. We have boxed, run, skipped, pushed, pulled, thrown....and I could go on and on. Each week we have had a particular focus/theme. These themes were successful in bringing relevance to each session and encouraging everyone to push that little bit harder. Some of the themes in 2015 included a ‘WW1 Commemoration Bootcamp’, ‘Breast Cancer Awareness Bootcamp’, ‘Rise for Alex’, ‘goal setting’ and the list goes on. I have been thoroughly impressed with all students who gave Bootcamp a shot in 2014.

I hope everyone is looking forward to our 2015 Bootcamp sessions.

Nathan Lawler  
Relieving Head Teacher, Welfare  
Year Adviser, Year 8

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![Image of students during Bootcamp]
AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS’ CUP  7-12 DECEMBER 2014
IN MELBOURNE

Eleven excited students and staff assembled at Mascot Airport for an adventure to the Australian Volleyball Schools’ Cup in Melbourne. This is the first time that SIHS girls U16 team has competed in the event’s 35 year history. Congratulations to Isabella Dragvik, Holly Napoli, Alessandra Bednorz, Renee Murden, Alice Winn, Jasmine Peterson, Sally Yamazaki, Isabella Kofoed and Josie Groves for their wonderful participation, dedication, team work, sportsmanship and companionship.

We played our first matches at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park. We played two games, both of which we lost but had some very close sets. Renee and Alice also refereed other matches each day. This was also a great learning experience and wonderful practice for all concerned. On day 3 we had a team meeting then a wonderful trip to the Melbourne Sea Life aquarium, which was a lot of fun.

Positive comments from the team after day 1:

- The team has improved each time we played. Our skills improved throughout the game, and even though we didn't win, we tried and had fun.
- The Melbourne volleyball trip has both improved our volleyball skills and relationships with each other. We’re working better as a team and making new friends simply by smiling when they weren't.
- It's only the second day and yet my trip to Melbourne has been a phenomenal experience. When we were competing against the other schools it opened my eyes to just how much more I have to learn. So far I've learnt that passion is important and you always have to go for the dive! Volleyball is life!

On the last day of competition the girls were so excited as they won their first set. It is very satisfying for us all to see the massive improvement in all of the girls’ skill levels and teamwork. All of the team meetings and coaching sessions are paying off. Congratulations girls, your coach and manager are very proud of you.

Sandy Terrey
SIHS Girls U 16
Volleyball Manager

Rachel Li, Coach
CAREERS UPDATE

The following TAFE courses are available for year 10 students (2015) who are 15+ :-

- Meadowbank TAFE –Baking, Metals
- Hornsby TAFE-Timber, Fashion & Design
- Northern Beaches TAFE-Timber, Café Skills

You will attend TAFE for the whole day on Thursdays (so you will miss sport) for Terms 1 and 2. Applications close Monday 9 February. See Careers for a course outline and an application form.

Macquarie University Information Day for all students
Students are invited to come along on Tuesday 6 January 2015 to learn about Macquarie University’s degrees and real-world approach to learning, as well as visit their facilities and vibrant campus life. For more information visit this site. [http://infoday.mq.edu.au/](http://infoday.mq.edu.au/)

Girls in Trade Pre-Apprenticeship Course Master Builders NSW is offering females 17 years and older the opportunity to enrol in a “Try A Trade” pre-apprenticeship course (building trade). Only 12 female candidates will be selected to enrol. The closing date for the Expression of Interest Form is 12 December 2014. The course will commence in February 2015 for approximately 4 days a week for 16 weeks. Register at [http://www.mbansw.asn.au](http://www.mbansw.asn.au)

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](mailto:neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the school on 9144 1689 ext 116.

Visit my careers website at [http://www.careeradvicensw.com](http://www.careeradvicensw.com) for careers information, resources, links to all universities on bonus points, scholarships, elite athletes schemes, alternate entry to university, the job market, career tests, SRS and more.
**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

**Term 4**
- 17 December: Last day of Term 4 for students
- 18-19 December: HSC results published
- 18-19 December: School Development Days for staff

**2015 Term 1**
- Tuesday, 27 January: School Development Day — Staff return to school
- Wednesday, 28 January: Students from Years 7, 11, 12 return to school
- Thursday, 29 January: Students from Years 8, 9, 10 return to school
- Tuesday, 10 February: School Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 13 March: Multicultural Day
- 23 March—2 April: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 2 April: Last day for Term 1

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

**UNIFORM SHOP Last Day Open 2014**
Tuesday, 16 December 2014: 10.00 am – 2.30 pm Sharp

**UNIFORM SHOP First Week Open 2015**
Tuesday, 27 January 2015 (School Development Day): 9.30 am – 11.30 am
Wednesday, 28 January 2015: 9.30 am – 11.30 am
Thursday, 29 January 2015: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Then return to usual opening hours
- Tuesdays 10.00 am – 2.30 pm
- Thursdays 9.30 am – 11.30 am

**Uniform Shop Price List**
is available from the website, the School Office or the Uniform Shop.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ART TOUR TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO IN APRIL 2016**

SO MUCH TO SEE ... START SAVING NOW!
**Holiday's @ AWOL Youth Hub Summer**

**OPEN WEEKDAYS:** Mon 12 - Fri 30 January, 12-4pm

*(not open on Monday 26 January for Public Holiday)*

- **TUESDAY 13, 20, 27**
  - Get creative with making some unique pieces of artwork and a bite to eat

- **WEDNESDAY 14 & 28**
  - Chill and relax while listening to some of our local bands play in our Secret Garden – Free BBQ

- **THURSDAY 15, 22 & 29**
  - Get busy in the kitchen creating delicious treats to eat, then relax with a movie and popcorn

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**Ku-ring-gai Youth Services**

**Sounds of the Secret Garden**

**CHILL AND RELAX WHILE LISTENING TO SOME OF OUR LOCAL BANDS PLAY**

**Wednesday 14 & 28 January, 12pm - 4pm**

Gordon Library's Secret Garden
799 Pacific Highway, Gordon

9424 0981 | youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au | kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
JANUARY HOLIDAYS 2015

SKATE TOUR - $5
THURSDAY 15 JANUARY
PICK-UP: 10AM RETURN: 4.30PM
Tour of Local Skate parks including Waterloo, Maroubra & Bondi. Bring some money for lunch!

WET AND WILD - $80 + $5 BUS
THURSDAY 22 JANUARY
PICK-UP: 9.30AM RETURN: 6.30PM
Let’s get wet and have some fun!
Have a season pass? Bring it along and only pay for the bus!

KAYAKING AT NARRABEEN - $25
TUESDAY 20 JANUARY
PICK-UP: 10AM RETURN: 4PM
Jump in and get ready for a day of kayaking in the sun - then enjoy the free BBQ!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
9424 0994 | youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au | kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services

MIX IT UP MEDIA ART CLASS

8 WEEK COURSE
TUESDAYS, 10 FEB - 31 MAR, 4PM - 6PM

Mix up the creative process with fun techniques using a variety of mixed mediums including pencil, ink, graphic paper, acrylic, gouche, watercolour and more... Explore new possibilities with mixed media techniques and expand your artistic horizons!

TURRAMURRA YOUTH CENTRE
Turrramurra Library 5 Ray Street, Turrramurra (Enter via rear of building)

COST $40 | AGE 12-18 years
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL P: 9424 0994 | E: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

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DJ WORKSHOP
BEGINNERS

Learn how to
mix and loop your favourite track
at our six week DJ workshop!
Perfect for beginners or those who want to
develop their knowledge and skills.

Thursdays
12 February - 19 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Turramurra Youth Centre – Turramurra Library
Cost $80 for 6 weeks | Tutor DJ Dilirious | Age 12 - 18 years
BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Only 10 spots available!
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THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

✅ Relaxing  💕 Great value  🎉 Fun  🌟 Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you’re in good hands. Kids’ Day Camps start from $47; Family Camp weekends start from $168 for kids and $238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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