Term 4 Week 3

Deputy Principal Matters by John Walker

International Visit
This week we were visited by Momoyama High School from Japan. Momoyama High School has a focus on Science Education and visiting students were keen to join our Year 11 students in senior science courses during the day. They also enjoyed some traditional Australian activities and food. These visits continue to provide experiences for our students that help develop a better understanding of their global citizenship. Thanks to Mrs Patel for organising this visit and to our science teachers who helped to host our visiting students.

Support Hearing Visit to Parliament house
On Monday, 19 October 2015, the students and staff from the Hearing Support Unit visited Parliament House, Sydney to celebrate National Week of Deaf People. We were invited to attend by Hon John Ajaka MLC, the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, to give students the opportunity to attend a school tour of Parliament. Our students were involved in a mock sitting of parliament in the Legislative Assembly and one of our students role played a Member of the Opposition speaking against the increase in school hours. Lunch was provided and the students were given the opportunity to meet friends from other schools that they had met at Deaf Camp earlier this year and it also gave staff the opportunity to meet teachers from other Hearing Support Units. Thank you to Mrs Gambrill and Mr Ryan for organising this excursion.

Secondary Schools’ Vocal Festival
The SIHS Choir participated in the inaugural Secondary School's Vocal Festival organised by The Arts Unit at the Department of Education on Tuesday 20 October. This event involved a workshop in which students learned about vocal tone, colour and dynamics being instructed by The Idea of North A capella ensemble who have performed internationally and around Australia for over 20 years. SIHS then performed two pieces from their own repertoire, receiving a Bronze certificate. Well done to all who participated and thank you to Ms Lovell and Ms Hawkins for leading the vocal ensemble.
Year 7 to 10 Yearly examinations next week
All parents of students in Years 7 to 10 should have received an email with details of yearly examination dates. Study skills sessions ran during lunchtimes in the library this week for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. The aim of the program was to prepare students for the upcoming examinations. We are aware that this period can be a worrying time for students, so the focus of the sessions was directed towards building a team around oneself. Each of the sessions was focused on time organisation, planning and learning how to study. We were very impressed with the eagerness shown by students who, through the evaluations, disclosed that they found the sessions to be extremely helpful. Each of the students took home an organisation reminder checklist and a 5-week planner that they can use over the examination period. A big “thank you” to Mr Lawler and our presenters Ms McGurgan, Ms Baxter, Ms Lovell, Mr Ryan and Ms Paterson.

OPAL CARD for students in Years 7, 8 and 9
Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who are currently eligible for free transport between home and school are invited to apply for an OPAL card to replace their other bus and train passes. Parents of these students should have received an email from the school with instructions last Thursday afternoon. Applications must be submitted online by 12.00 pm on Friday, 30 October.

Congratulations!

• ICAS Maths Competition Results
Congratulate all of the students in Years 7 to 10 who participated in the recent ICAS Mathematics competition and thank you to Mrs Berger for organising the competition at SIHS. St Ives students achieved: 3 High Distinctions, 33 Distinctions, 63 Credits and 16 Merits.
  • High Distinctions: Raymond Zhao, Laura Grime and Elia Parsanejad (top 1%)
  • Distinctions: Year 7: Nicholas Bednorz, Liam Calder, Nathan Calder, Elise Chesssell, Nicole Connacher, Leo Dupuche, Hugh Jordan, Paul Kwon, Lizzie Messenger, Isabella Worby-Baeten; Year 8: Angela Cao, Lily Chadban, James Coleman, Kai Cryan, Kate Farkas, Noah Leavett-Brown, Jeremy Loughhead, Kasra Parsanejad, Arvin Rezadoust, Hilary Ross, Mel Shishido, Kate Taylor, Chris Son, Camille Wang, Feliz Warren; Year 9: Nick Budisetio, Henry Chadban, Bronte Cormican-Jones, Behbod Izadi, Anneliese Mak, Andrew Tse; Year 10: Ian Ho, Francesca Smee, Ian Ho

• Premier’s Debating Challenge
Best wishes to our Year 8 students Georgia Brooks, Katie Farkas, Daniel Pavlich and Kate Taylor and also their teacher Ms Milne as they prepare to compete in the Quarter Finals of the Premier’s Debating Challenge.

• Nikita Volonski (Year 8)
Junior Sports Star (Hornsby Advocate newspaper) for his continued success in tennis, competing and defeating opponents many years his senior. Nikita Volonski will be a name to watch out for in Australian Open Tennis in the near future. It is wonderful to see a young person showing such dedication in pursuit of his dream.

• Year 9 and 10 Netball Team
For achieving our best ever result at the Sydney North Netball gala day against 40 other schools. Well coached Mrs Moss!

Best wishes
John Walker
Deputy Principal
HOSPITALITY WORK PLACEMENT IN INDUSTRY

Last week Year 11 students infiltrated local restaurants, cafes, hotels and catering businesses to complete a 35 hour industry work placement. Students were actively engaged in commercial kitchens around Sydney and made me extremely proud by working hard and boosting the name of St Ives High School. I was able to visit most students during the week and spoke to their supervising chefs who all had great things to say about the students’ progress and positive work ethic.

I would like to thank the following organisations where students were placed: Hotel Urban, St Leonards, Hornsby RSL, North Sydney Leagues Club, The Greengate Hotel, Knox Grammar School, The Pullman Quay Apartments, Doltone House, Flavours Catering and Events, Balmain Cove Early Childhood Centre, Jimmi’s Cafe and the Flying Fish Restaurant.

Students undertaking VET courses have to complete a mandatory 70 hours of work placement as a requirement for BOSTES. At St Ives HS our students undertake the preliminary hours completing catering and function hours at the Trade Training Centre (TTC), and then a 35 hour week block in Industry to comply with these regulations. This is an invaluable experience as students strive to refine their kitchen operations skills and also develop highly sort after employability skills.

Congratulations to all students on a job very well done!

Megan Bond
Head Teacher TAS
Dear parent/guardian,

Your child could be one of the first to travel with a School Opal card.

We’re pleased to let you know, your child’s school has been selected to take part in the School Opal card Customer Field Trial, which means your child could be one of the first to start travelling with a School Opal card.

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To be part of the School Opal card trial apply at: woolcott.com.au/sstsfieldtrial.

If you’re selected to be part of the School Opal card trial, you’ll just need to complete the online application and follow the prompts. Your child will then use the School Opal card to travel to and from school. You’ll also need to complete a few short feedback surveys during Term 4. If you have more than one child at school, we ask you to nominate one child.

The School Opal card trial surveys will be conducted by Woolcott Research and Engagement on behalf of Transport for NSW.

If you have any questions regarding the School Opal card Customer Field Trial please contact Transport for NSW on 8265 7115 or email CFT@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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To get your School Opal card first, be part of the official field trial in Term 4, 2015.

The School Opal card trial

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What students need to do
Take this pack home to your parents, to see if they’d like you to be part of the trial.

What parents need to do
To register your child for the trial, complete the application form at woolcott.com.au/ssstsfieldtrial.

What you can do together during the trial
Complete quick feedback surveys during the trial. Each one only takes a couple of minutes.

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CAREERS UPDATES

Year 10 Work Experience 23-27 November
A reminder that completed and signed forms are due by 6 November in two weeks at the end of Week 5. If you are having difficulty finding a suitable employer see Mr Holmes in the Careers office as soon as possible.

Year 12
Did you know that TAFE offers study scholarships? I draw your attention particularly to the Nursing and Cookery scholarships at https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/get-started-at-afe-nsw/payment-options-and-assistance/scholarships

A free Careers Advisory Service is available after you finish school and after you receive your ATAR to give advice to students about career options. Students normally call because they have done better or less than better than they thought they would. Visit www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or call 1300 300 687 from 18-23 December 2015.

Year 12
Applying for university timeline
UAC guides have arrived. Collect your copy from the careers office.
5 August - Online university applications and SRS (early entry) open through UAC.
30 September - On time applications close, late fees apply after this time.
17 December - ATARs released & Year 12 Barbecue at school
End January - Main round university offers released.

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 or call the school on 9144 1689 ext 116.

Visit my free careers website at http://www.careeradvicensw.com to view career videos, take career tests, view subject selection resources, links to all universities on bonus points, scholarships, elite athletes schemes, alternate entry to university, the job market, SRS and more. The site is available 24/7.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Term 4
26 October - 13 November Years 7-10 Assessments and Examinations
4 November Last day HSC examinations
11 November Vaccinations for Year 7 and catch up vaccinations for Years 8 and 11
20-21 November Performing Arts Unit End of Year Showcase
23-27 November Year 7 Water Awareness
23-27 November Year 10 Work Experience
24 November 7.30 pm P&C Annual General Meeting in D Block
30 November - 1 December GATs Camp
30 November - 2 December Year 10 Camp
9 December Presentation Evening
Wednesday, 16 December Last day Term 4 for students
Thursday 17 and Staff present for School Development Days
Friday 18 December

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SIGN UP FOR ORIENTATION DAY — UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Orientation for Year 7 2016 is on Thursday, 3 December. This year the P & C are trialing some new options with extra days for uniform sales and pack up. This can only run successfully with the help of volunteers.

We’re now using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organise our volunteers for Orientation Day. Thank you to the people who have already signed up.

Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:

Step 1:
Click on this link or copy it to your browser to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/baTxMv

Step 2:
Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account)

Step 3:
Sign up! Choose your spots - we will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Eric Tse
Email: sihsuniform@gmail.com

OCTOBER WORKING BEE

Time to sharpen those axes and shears for our October Working Bee on Sunday 25 October 9am-12pm. We plan to continue the work done around the Yarrabung Road entrance and the Hall to spruce up the school in preparation for Orientation Day. So Up Tools and Head to the school on the 25th!

Eric Tse
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hornsby RSL Pipe Band
Hornsby RSL Pipe Band is looking for new members. The band accepts all players: whether experienced, or those who have never picked up an instrument. All that is required is a keen attitude and dedication. Joining the band is a chance to learn a unique instrument, without the pressure of deadlines or competitions; all for a low yearly payment, which includes tuition. If interested, email hrslpb@gmail.com

Free Practical Workshop for Learner Driver parents and supervisors
Ku-ring-gai Council and the RMS (formerly RTA) are running another free practical workshop for learner driver parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers on Thursday, 12 November 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Attendees receive a useful information kit including a ‘Guide to the Driving Test’ booklet. A light dinner, tea and coffee are provided. Road User Handbooks will also be on sale. Early bookings are essential. Contact Council on 9424 0798

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services
Meditation Workshop
Free meditation workshop to learn some great techniques to focus during the HSC on Wednesday, 21 and 28 October and on Friday 23 and 30 October. All sessions 2.30—3.30 pm at the Gordon Library, Meeting Room 1, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Bookings 9424 0981 or email youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au or go to www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth

Photography Workshops
- **Smart Phone Photography:** Monday 26 October to Monday 16 November 4.00—6.00 pm at Gordon Library in Meeting Room 2 at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon for Ages 12-24 years. Cost $40. Bookings essential. With smart phones overtaking the SLR for the most used camera worldwide, users are looking to be more creative and original with their photography. This course is intended to develop the creativity and knowledge around this new photographic genre.
- **Photography for Basics:** Tuesday 27 October to Tuesday 17 November 4.00—6.00 pm at Gordon Library in Meeting Room 2 at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon for Ages 12-24 years. Cost $40. This course is for those looking to extend their basic knowledge of photography and the technics, including landscape, portraiture and street photography. This course will also look at the post production areas and equipment needed to get the best results.

Wahroonga FC & West Pymble FC—Combined 2016 Selection Trials
- **Ages:** G11, G12 & G14 For girls turning 10 – 14 years old in 2016
- **Dates:** SUNDAY 08 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER
- **Times:** 4:30 – 6:00PM
- **Venue:** Charles Bean Oval, Eton Rd, Lindfield
- **Bring:** Water bottle and sunscreen

CONTACT – Stephen Wilson 0412 501347 or g12.agemgr@wahroongafc.com.au

Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group—The Gut-Brain Connection
Speaker: Dr Robyn Cosford, Director of Northern Beaches Care Centre and Conjoint Lecturer at the University of Newcastle School of Biological Sciences who will talk on the gut-brain connection on Monday, 23 November 2015 from 7.00—9.00 pm. Venue: Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale.
Website: www.northernbeachesadhdsupportgroup.com.au