World Skills Contest

On Tuesday this week, a small group of our Hospitality students took part in the World Skills Contest which was hosted by our school. The World Skills Contest is for students in schools (Government and Non-Government) who are enrolled in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course. The Contest on Tuesday was for school based VET Hospitality students and is held every second year. The Contest was not only a very special event for the school, as it was the first time we have participated, it was also special because it was conducted at St Ives High School using the school’s commercial kitchen facilities. The contestants, from a range of schools, prepared a three-course meal for 23 guests. I was lucky enough to be one of the guests. Students were not only judged on the quality of the food, they were judged on the beverages they prepared and the table service they provided. A very big thank you to Ms Megan Bond who worked tirelessly to ensure the competition was a success.

HSC Ends

Our 2016 Year 12 students completed their HSC exams this week. The final exams were Food Technology and Visual Arts on Wednesday this week. Now that the students have completed writing their examinations, the focus shifts to the marking of these examinations. Many staff from St Ives High are involved in the marking operation. The experience they gain from marking is invaluable knowledge that they bring back to their classrooms. The next big date will be 16 December when the HSC results are released. On the very next day, 17 December, students who have applied for an ATAR will know their score. We wish the students all the best as they wait for these two important dates and look forward to sharing and celebrating their results with them.

Year 11 High Achievers’ Morning Tea

As this year’s Year 12 complete their HSC, attention now turns to the HSC year of 2016 as they begin their HSC preparation. On Wednesday this week, we recognised the high achievers of Year 11 in the most recent reporting period. Invited to the morning tea were: Hanyue Yu, Emma Simmonds, Damian Nakhla, Julia Hemens, Benn Hamilton, Brendan Seshadri, Annika Young, Charlie Calder, Tia Phelan, Rebecca Peattie, Imogen Sammes, William Groves, Albie Ewins, Stef Bednorz, Keiran Brown, Ray Kim, Keeley Dolan, Perri Hutchings, Sam Matthews, Christopher Wigmore. Special thanks go to Mrs Gettens for her work selecting the students for our high achiever morning teas.

St Ives High School - where choices create infinite possibilities
Reports Update
Year 11 reports have been completed and were emailed to parents this week. Please contact the school office if you have not received your child’s report.

Junior Assessment Period
The HSC may be out of the way, however, students in Years 7 to 10 are in the middle of their end of year assessment period. The assessment period runs through until the end of next week. Assessment schedules for all year groups have been sent home, however, if you do not have one, you can look at the school calendar available from our website to see when the assessments are being held. We wish all of the students in the junior years all of the best as they undertake these assessments.

BYOD 2016
In 2016, we will take our first steps in implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program across the school. In 2016, we will focus on two year groups, Year 7 and Year 11. An information evening will be held for parents of Year 7 2016 next Monday evening, 9 November in the school Library beginning at 7pm. A number of issues will be addressed during the meeting, including why, how and what is BYOD. Responsible use of devices and limited loan stock will also be considered. It is highly recommended that students in Year 11 should also bring a device next year. For Mathematics General students, it will be compulsory to have a device, as technology is an integral part of the syllabus. Apart from classroom use, students will also use their device to organise their notes and conduct research. If you have any questions about the program or the specifications for the device, please email either Sean Champion sean.champion@det.nsw.edu or Natasha Mercer natasha.mercer@det.nsw.edu.au

Welcome To Comic-Con Oz
Why not come along to what promises to be a marvellous night of entertainment on either Friday 20 November or Saturday 21 November. “Welcome To Comic-Con Oz” is the Performing Arts Unit’s end of year showcase. The show will be a combination of performances by students from the Musical Theatre, Dance and Drama classes. Tickets are $10 adult and $5 student and are available from trybooking.com/168015 or at the door from 7:15pm on the night of the show. The performance begins at 7:30pm in the school hall.

Zone Sport AGM
I was delighted to receive 5 Zone Blue awards for our students when I attended the Ku-ring-gai Sporting Zone Annual General meeting this week. On receiving these, the Zone President and Vice-President made special mention of the improvement that has occurred in St Ives High School's performance in sport in recent years. The fact that we have had six of our grade teams make the zone finals for this season is a reflection of this improved performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Ms Terrey for all of the work she has done this year as our School’s Sports Coordinator and her contribution at a Zone level as Secretary of the Zone.

Sport and Recreation Facility
Last year the P&C were awarded a grant of $160,000 by the Department of Communities. The grant was to install a sport and recreation facility available for community use outside school hours. The Department of Education recently approved the project and this week, its realisation came one step closer with the formation of a project control team to oversee the project. Members of the team visited three sites with similar buildings. The team visited The Bush School, Normanhurst Boys’ and Cheltenham Girls’ High Schools.

School Uniform
Please ensure that your child comes to school each day in the correct uniform. We believe that our students are fantastic and we want to make sure that the rest of the community sees them this way each day. If your child is out of uniform please write them a note and remind them to see a Deputy Principal first thing in the morning for a uniform slip.

Congratulations
This week, congratulations to:

- **Susie Hollis (Year 12 2015).** Susie has had her HSC major work for Visual Arts, appropriately titled “Eyedentity”, nominated for the very prestigious ArtExpress exhibition. Susie will be notified later this month if her work is selected for the exhibition.

- The **Year 8 Debating team** of Katie Farkas, Daniel Pavlich, Georgia Brooks, Kate Taylor who won their semi-final in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. We wish them well for the regional final next week.

- **Srijan Singh (Year 8).** Srijan was a member of the Sydney North team that competed at the Combined High Schools (CHS) State Tennis Championship at Newcastle on 27, 28 and 29 October. The Sydney North team was the top in their group and defeated South West in the final. Srijan won all 6 of his singles matches and 5 out of 6 of his doubles. He was chosen for the convener’s merit team, made up of 9 players drawn from the 90 who participated.

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal
SUCCESS AT THE PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE SEMI FINALS

On Wednesday 4 November, St Ives High School hosted the semi-finals of the Years 7 and 8 Premier’s Debating Challenge. The undefeated St Ives Team of Katie Farkas, Daniel Pavlich, Georgia Brooks and Kate Taylor secured yet another victory against the competing team from Ryde Secondary College. The debate focused on the controversial topic that single sex schools should be scrapped and as the affirmative, the St Ives team was successful in promoting the benefits of a co-educational setting such as their own.

Out of the 50 teams in the Northern Sydney region, St Ives has made it to the final two. What an outstanding achievement! The team has continued to grow in confidence and strength in each round and we wish them all the best in the Regional Final next week.

Anita Milne
English Teacher

BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

On Sunday 1 November we had a committed team of participants who took on the challenging Bare Creek Trail Run. The gruelling conditions did not deter the competitors as we all had a very enjoyable morning. A special mention to Joshua Delnido who finished first in the 6km event and an honourable mention to Alex Buckley

Nathan Lawler
Relieving Head Teacher Welfare
HSIE Teacher

WHEN DID YOU LAST SHARE A SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR FAMILY?

Well here's "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" the theme for this year’s Leadership Breakfast organised by Year 10 SRC. On Wednesday, 8 November at 7.30am come to the Library and have a tasty breakfast provided by our talented Hospitality students, followed by a special guest speaker, Eve Rabi, an author, who will share her experiences with us. Tickets will be available from the school office, $10 adult, $5 Student, $20 a family.

Patricia Gettens
GATs, SRC and Leadership Coodinator

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CARERS NEEDED

DE International is looking for carers in our school community to host international students. The students are in Years 9 to 12. If you feel you would like to welcome a student into your family please contact Mrs Regan at peta.regan@det.nsw.edu.au for an information pack.

Peta Regan
International Student Co-ordinator, ESL and Chinese teacher

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM
See invitation and agenda on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter
CAREERS UPDATES

Year 10 Work Experience 23-27 November 2015, Week 8
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. Since all students are expected to be on work experience during Week 8 gaining valuable and important skills and knowledge, there are no Year 10 classes scheduled for Week 8.

Year 12
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.

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 BBQ at school
End January - Main round university offers released.

Year 10-12 Pre Apprenticeship & Apprenticeship Opportunities
I have a number of apprenticeship opportunities available at the moment for students wishing to leave school. Any student who has completed Year 9 is eligible to leave school and commence an apprenticeship. The only issue for younger applicants is you generally need a license to drive. Current apprenticeships are available in the areas of bricklaying, automotive, carpentry, chef, hairdressing, landscape construction, horticulture, motorcycle technician, and electrical.

Sydney TAFE Apprenticeship and Traineeship Open Day
Thursday 12 November @ Ultimo College  1pm - 7pm

> Receive one-on-one advice
> Meet industry experts, current students, graduates and teachers
> Watch live demonstrations
> Go on behind-the-scenes tours

Register at sydneytafe.edu.au/apprenticeshipopenday

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
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 December and Friday 18 December  Staff present for School Development Days
Food for Thought
A breakfast with a special guest speaker

Eve Rabi is a writer of romantic crime novels who will share her story with us.

Wednesday 18th of November
In the Library
7.30 am Breakfast
8 am Speaker
$10 Adult
$5 Student
$20 for Family (4 or more)
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS UNIT

SHOWCASE 2015

presents....

‘WELCOME TO COMIC-CON OZ’

Friday 20 November and Saturday 21 November
at 7.30pm in the
St Ives High School Auditorium

An end of year production
combining performances developed over 2015
in musical theatre, drama, dance and song.

Tickets: trybooking.com/168015

Adults: $10.00 Students: $5.00

Tickets also available at the door from 7.15 pm
Join us for the Year 11 Summer Social, Friday 13 November, 7pm, 11 Awatea Rd, St Ives Chase.

Bring: drinks, a small plate to share and a fellow Year 11 parent!

RSVP: Catherine on year11stiveshs@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Bootcamp is divided into two sessions:
7.00—7.30 am and 7.30—8.00 am

You can attend both sessions or attend one session only
Join us on Friday mornings ... meet on the Quad at 7 am.

Bootcamp is open to students, staff and parents. Please remember to bring a bottle of water and a towel. It is important that all participants wear appropriate footwear and workout gear.

Any questions—contact Nathan Lawler, HSIE Staffroom 9144 1689 ext 119
P&C NEWS

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — INVITATION
You are invited to attend the P&C AGM on Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm in the MFS. Nominations for the following positions will be accepted and voted upon:

- Executive Positions: President, Two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer
- Other Positions: Communications, Website, Fundraising and Marketing

An Agenda is on the next page. Please contact keitholiver@hotmail.com prior to the AGM if you would like to become involved and to discuss opportunities and the possibility of new additional positions for 2016.

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 packup. 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.

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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

WORKING BEE

Last Sunday a small but determined group of parents got together to spruce up the school in preparation for Orientation Day. Over three hours they spent time weeding the Yarrabung Road entrance area and also made a start on the noxious weeds in front of D block. It was a very social affair, with a lot of time spent chatting about various topics. Thanks to Paul, Tracey, Lisa, Karen and Lachlan and Liam for coming along and for being such good company.

Eric Tse
Coordinator
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SIHS P&C
Tuesday 24 November 2015, starting at 7.30pm
Multifunction Space (MFS)

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

2. FORMALITIES
   • Attendees (present/apologies)
   • Approval of previous minutes (15 Oct 2015)
   • Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM (27 Nov 2014)
   • Correspondence

3. END OF YEAR REPORTS
   • Principal report
   • President report
   • Band report
   • Leadership report
   • Treasurer report
   • Uniform report
   • Fundraising report
   • P&C Year group coordinators

4. OTHER BUSINESS
   • Funding allocations for 2016
   • Communications (mobile app)
   • Flexischools

5. MATTERS ARISING

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. ELECTION OF 2016 P&C COMMITTEE
   • P&C Executive Committee stands down.
     Nominations for the following positions will be accepted and voted upon:
     Executive Positions: President, Two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer
     Other Position: Communications, Website, Fundraising, Marketing
   • Please contact keitholiver@hotmail.com prior to the AGM if you would like to
     become involved. We can discuss the opportunities and the possibility of new
     additional positions for 2016.

Date of next meeting

Close
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hornsby Heights Football Club are holding Diamond League Girls Football Trials on Sunday 15 November - Open to girls turning 10 to 14 year old in 2016. DL will expand to G11, G12 and G14 teams and is a girls football pathway supported by NSFA for those girls who would like to develop their skills and take football more seriously. If interested to attend please email registrar@hhfc.org.au or visit www.hhfc.org.au/girlsfootball for further information.

Gordon Neighbourhood Watch
The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Gordon Bowling Club, 4 Pennant Avenue, Gordon. Speakers will be:

- Snr Cst Paul Cleary, Crime Prevention Officer and Snr Cst Stef Murray, Youth Liaison Officer from NSW Police, Kuring-gai Local Area Command
- Dr Cedric Spencer (Lawyer and Lecturer) speaking about children, the laws and legal issues—What can you do? and What can’t you do?

Light refreshments provided. For further information contact Julia Eagles, Area 24 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on 9499 7412

Droppin' 2015 Hammers
skate & scooter comp
Saturday 21 November 10am - 4pm
St Ives Skate Park, The Village Green
St Ives (Off Memorial Ave)
REGISTER ONLINE: $10 at kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
MC'D AND JURIED BY SKATER HQ | FREE BBQ AND TUNES
CATEGORIES: under 13s, under 16s and open
PRIZES: awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category
All riders must complete a consent form
For more info: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

facebook.com/kcyouthservices
kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
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If the event is cancelled due to wet weather it will be rescheduled to 28 November.