Deputy Principal Matters by John Walker

2016 Student Representative Council
Congratulations to the newly elected Student Representative Council. The students will be sworn in at the first assembly next year. Thanks to Mrs Gettens for coordinating the voting.

Captains: Caitlyn McCartney and Alexander Chan
Vice-Captains: Natasha Nel and Christopher Wigmore
Year 12: Lauren Dulhunty, Tehya Paoliello, Elijah Delnido
Year 11: Gabrielle Buckingham, Isabella Dragvik, Darren Levin, Cameron Thomson
International (Y11): Ella Zeng, Eric Shen
Year 10: Elia Parsanejad, Lara Dicks, Alex Buckley, Daniel Hasenauer
Year 9: Rose Cameron, Abbey Cormican-Jones, Amin Habibi, Kasra Parsanejad
Year 8: Abigail Bywater, Nicole Connacher, Raymond Zhao, Thomas Blair
Hearing Support (Y8): Nicholas Lapsley

P&C AGM
The P&C held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening this week. Mrs Gettens gave a report on the student leadership program that is supported by the P&C. In addition to the obvious programs such as the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Interact, programs such as public speaking, debating, mock United Nations, Duke of Edinburgh and peer support also allow students to develop their leadership potential. Ms Lovell gave a report on the Band Program, another program financially supported by the P&C. 2015 highlights for our various bands and ensembles were outlined as well as the program’s current financial situation and plans for 2016. The meeting also heard reports from the Principal, President, Uniform Shop, Treasurer and Fundraising. The 2015 committee was then dissolved and elections held for the 2016 office holders. Congratulations to Keith Oliver (President), Priscilla Clarry and Eric Tse (Vice Presidents), Frank Catanzariti (Treasurer), Libby Cameron (Secretary), Nilu Habibi (Communications) and Joy England (Fundraising).

Year 6 Orientation Day
Thursday 3 December is Orientation Day for our incoming Year 7 students. The SIHS uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 2 December from 4.30 – 6.30 pm and on Thursday 3 December from 11.30 am to 4.00 pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our 2016 Year 7 students and our Peer Support Leaders are trained and ready to assist their transition to high school.

The Hornsby Salvos Reverse Christmas Tree
The SRC are taking part in the Hornsby Salvos Reverse Christmas Tree initiative.
At the school office there is a Christmas tree where students are able to give gifts of new toys and/or non perishable pantry items to help fill the Christmas stockings and pantries of the needy in our local area.

Gifts will be accepted under the tree until Wednesday 9 December, where they will be taken to Hornsby Salvos for preparation and distribution. Please do not wrap these gifts (all gifts are checked prior to distribution), but you may donate paper/ribbon for the Salvos to wrap them for you.

We hope to see many gifts under our SIHS Reverse Christmas Tree!
PAU Showcase

Last Friday and Saturday evenings, the Performing Arts Unit (PAU) presented their end of year showcase, demonstrating the talents they have been developing over the year. The performance was titled “Comic Con Oz” and was developed by Lauren Paul and Lisa Gorman, two of our PAU tutors. The PAU is made up of three classes; Musical Theatre, Acting for Theatre and Dance. The unit also has a vocal tuition program. Students from all four areas took part in the show that looked at the adventures of two groups trying to win a competition for free entry to a new movie featuring their favourite comic book heroes. Congratulations to all of the students who make up the PAU for a thoroughly enjoyable show and the wonderful tutors who make it all possible, Lauren Paul (Musical Theatre), Lisa Gorman (Acting for Theatre), Candice Arnold (Dance) and Ashlea George (Vocal Tutor). A big thank you also to Kamilla Hansen-Mackie our PAU Manager.

Water Awareness

Year 7 students enjoyed fantastic weather as they participated in water safety activities and team building games at Balmoral Beach. This is a highly successful program that has been running at St Ives High School for many years. The program caters for swimmers of all ability levels and encourages healthy lifestyles and exercise while developing skills in water safety. Thank you to Mrs Terrey and the supporting staff for planning and running this event.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students are enjoying a week in full time work placements. Early reports are that students are doing a wonderful job and hopefully the experience will help students to develop longer-term goals leading into their senior school years. Mr Holmes once again has done a fabulous job helping all of our Year 10 students to find work placements.

Sea World Nara Resort Hospitality Excursion

One group of Year 10 Hospitality students have enjoyed four days work experience at Sea World Nara Resort. Students participated in a range of activities and responsibilities in all facets of hotel management. Congratulations to Cameron Sherrington for winning a gold star award. Thanks to Mrs Doherty for organising this activity. See report and pictures on page 5.

Girls Workshops

Year 8 and 9 girls participated in a personal development session this week that saw them undertake workshops in Hapkido and skincare. In Hapkido the girls learnt the importance of body language and self esteem as well as ways to handle themselves in potentially dangerous situations. In the make up/ make down workshops, Linda Luttrell educated the girls on grooming and skincare. The aim here was to entrust the girls with knowledge, aiding in choice and development of skills and understanding of make up and skin care. The girls commented upon how much ‘fun’ and ‘beneficial’ the workshops were and were keen to immerse themselves in content ‘that is interesting and not normally addressed in school’. Thanks to Tania McGurgan (Supervisor of Girls) for organising these workshops.

Year 7, 8 & 9 GATS Activity Days and Year 10 Camp

We wish all students participating in these events next week a wonderful time. Following the Year 10 camp, students will complete mandatory activities including “All MY Own Work (AMOW)”. AMOW teaches students about integrity in assessment tasks and plagiarism. This is an online module that students will need to complete and present evidence of the completed quizzes prior to being enrolled into Year 11 courses for 2016.

Congratulations to our victorious Open Mixed Netball team who won their final in a nail-biting 10-9 win. St Ives were down by four goals at half time and in fact were four down with 6 minutes to go! Our team appeared to step up a gear and fought incredibly hard to overcome Cherrybrook in the dying seconds of the match. Our superstars included Thomas Purden, Jenna Anderson, Michael Ballantine, Elijah Delnido, Sarina Ebadizadkhameh, Natasha Nel, Bridget O’Hearn, Tyler Ryan, Sophie Shandley, Emma Simmonds, Benjamin Tanner, Regan Tippett. Thanks to their coach, Mrs Moss.

Best wishes
John Walker
Deputy Principal
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

On Friday 20 November Abigail Bywaters along with 30 other school girls from across Sydney, were chosen to attend the Women's Leadership Forum. Abigail of Year 7 was chosen from over 200 applicants to attend this event. This forum allowed the girls to learn and engage with a panel of five inspirational women in several industries such as Entertainment, Science, Sport and Politics. The girls enjoyed several inspirational talks, a two course lunch and an opportunity to network with industry professionals as well as participate in an intimate Q&A with Julia Gillard, Lane Beachley and Carly Findlay. Abigail left this event inspired to instigate change in our community.

Maria Miller
HSIE Teacher

Google
Australia & AIT

On a beautiful sunny Tuesday 24 November students of both Year 11 Computing subjects embarked on their first experience to Google Australia. They were invited to attend a presentation led by the software engineers about what they do at Google and also about the history behind the world's leading search engine. The Q&A session that followed was very interesting as students asked questions about how the engineers came about getting a job at Google and the exciting projects they are current working on. After the Q&A session students toured around the offices and were amazed at the different types of work and leisure environments Google provides for its staff, especially the variety of food in the cafes!

For the afternoon session we made our way to the Academy of Information Technology at Ultimo. Students were introduced to the variety of courses they can study after high school ranging from Multimedia and Film to Software Development. Then the highlight of the session was playing Batman in the motion capture room and the afternoon concluded with coding a Flappy Bird game in C# using Unity.

Ben Yuen
TAS teacher
FABULOUS CHRISTMAS HAMPER
ART TOUR FUNDRAISING

$2 a ticket or 3 for $5 from the school office

* Christmas Biscuits * Donna Hay Cookbook
* Women’s Weekly Cookbook * Rum Balls * Date Roll * Mug
* 3 tea towels and an Apron * Box of Giftcards * A Coriander kit
* 1x Wyndham Estate Cabernet Merlot and loads of chocolate... giant Toblerone, M&M’s, Maltesers, Cadbury’s Blocks, Cadbury’s Favourites and Celebrations!!

$2 handmade cards featuring photos from previous Art Tours are also available from the Office

CAREERS UPDATES

Online free Career Testing Tool
I would like all students to complete the My career profile at the myfuture.edu.au site this year as it is no longer free from next year. It has been updated and is easy to complete. You will need to sign up for a free account and then sign in. We are currently trialing a paid career testing tool called Career Voyage and three students have been given free trials of the test. The students trialling the test have given positive reports about it so we’ll make a decision which tool to use in 2016 with Year 10 students.

Master Builders Pre Apprenticeship 5 week Program for school leavers
Do you want to be a carpentry or bricklaying apprentice? By attending this program you will learn to:-

- Accurately measure and cut timber
- Work safely at heights
- First aid
- Erect wall frames using hand tools
- Hang doors
- Manage money
- Maths skills
- Read, understand and work with plans
- Nutrition, fitness and sun safety in the building industry
- Safety on site
- Communication skills

To find out more call 8586 3533 or attend the information evening on 9 December from 6-8pm at MBA 5 Burbank Place, Norwest Business Park, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153.

Year 9 Careers Classes
In Careers classes I have given students the dates for Work Experience in 2016 which are from 28.11.16 to 2.12.16 in Term 4, Week 8. This is necessary because some high demand work placements such as magazine publishers, TV and radio stations and government departments require 1 year’s notice. I have sent the required work experience paperwork to students’ school email addresses and asked them to forward to parents/guardians.

Applying for university timeline
17 December - ATARs released and Year 12 BBQ 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.
Year 10

Hospitality Sea World Nara Resort Adventure

This week, instead of undertaking work experience somewhere close to home, 20 excited Year 10 Hospitality students travelled via Virgin airlines to Sea World Nara Resort on the Gold Coast. We left bright and early on Sunday morning and after landing and checking into the resort, spent the day at Sea World having fun.

The following three days involved students working in shifts as staff of the resort. Students were provided with a Nara Resort uniform, were inducted as staff members and in small groups worked in the various departments. Favourite departments included concierge, engineering (as they had to service the resort pool-from the inside), porter and housekeeping. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a comprehensive understanding of the running of a world-renowned resort. Afternoons were spent by the pool having fun, followed by a full buffet dinner and dessert buffet. Students and staff will be rolling home!

Everyone has really enjoyed experiencing all the resort has to offer.

Ms Bond, Mr Foster and myself have really enjoyed travelling with this group of students. What a fun, memorable adventure.........

Jo Doherty
Hospitality teacher
SIHS Year 9 Do!

BYO Drinks + a plate to share

Friday 27th November – 7:30pm

RSVP year9sihs@gmail.com

Hosts: Ali & Mahshad Parsanejad
12A Westbrook Ave, Wahroonga

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Year 7 Family Social Afternoon

Come on over for a fun end of Year 7 family catch up

Date
Sunday 29 November

Time
From 3.30 p.m.

Location
St Ives Village Green

RSVP
Not required! Just come along!

What to bring
A chair, picnic rug and a plate to share
JAPAN 2016 STUDY TOUR

2016
September - October Holidays

Open to 2016 Year 9-12 Students

Expressions of interest forms available from Mrs Champion in the Languages Staffroom

Forms due Friday, 4 December
# IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

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**Twilight Christmas Market**

**Thursday 3rd December 5:30-8:30pm**

Turramurra High School,
Maxwell Street Turramurra

Stunning jewellery, handmade cards and gift wrapping, delicious christmas delicacies, french homewares, unique gifts, Arcadian Artists stalls and many more!

**Entry: Gold Coin Donation**

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