Deputy Principal Matters by John Walker

Multicultural Day
The 2015 Multicultural Day was an outstanding success in promoting empathy and harmony amongst greater than 50 cultures represented by the students of SIHS.

The Multicultural rooms and food fair were greatly enjoyed. A special thankyou to the parents, teachers and students who organised these rooms and cooked the food, donating their time, effort and memorabilia to ensure the students of SIHS could experience the exchange of culture and friendship between nations. In a true celebration of our school’s multicultural population, the event culminated in a wonderfully professional concert representing an array of cultures through song, dance and musical performances.

Guest Speakers on the day provided a cross-section of Indigenous and other cultural backgrounds. Mr Justin Standley (Country & Western Singer – 9th Place X-Factor 2013 and Tamworth Country & Western Songwriter of the Year 2015). Mrs Hira Haque – Pen name Ia Uaro (writer, explorer and Author of “Sydney’s Song” from an Indonesian heritage).

An event such as this cannot happen without the fantastic support of the parents, teachers, students and wider community. Mr Ryan, Mr Percy, Mrs Patel, Ms Baxter, Ms Lovell, Mr Paul Ramsay, Ms Bond, Mr Browne, Mr Neil and the LOTE / Support staff deserve special mention for their tireless efforts to ensure the success of the day.

In conjunction with Multicultural Day, the very popular “SIHS Soccer World Cup” has been running at lunchtimes in the week leading up to Multicultural Day and still continues. The report of the final game will be in next week’s newsletter.

Athletics Carnival
Monday provided cool, dry and calm weather for our athletics carnival. With one long-standing record being broken by Joshua Delnido in the first event (1500 m race) it was clear that more records would be broken or threatened. Student participation was excellent with many “personal bests” being achieved. Congratulations to Mrs Samantha Webster for organising the carnival and to Mrs Sandy Terrey and Ms Katherine Paterson for managing the track and field events, Mr Michael Kettels for managing the data entry and to all of the supporting staff. Results will be in next week’s newsletter.
Year 10 Parent / Teacher Interviews
Many Year 10 parents and teachers took the opportunity to discuss the progress of students on Wednesday night. Priscilla, Steve and Melanie Clarry very kindly volunteered to provide supper throughout the evening. Thanks also to Mr Kettels for organising the online booking system. Parents commented on the benefits of meeting their children’s teachers to discuss preparation for the upcoming half-yearly exams in Term 2.

Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival
Nick Lapsley, Matthew Hall, Ashley Hall, Natasha Nel and Nathan Taplin participated in the Regional Swimming carnival on Tuesday. All five were a credit to their school. Special congratulations to Nathan (16 years 100m fly, 200m IM, 100 Breaststroke, 50 free, and 400 IM) and Matthew (13 years 100m fly) who have both progressed to the State carnival. Congratulations to Nick Lapsley who represented SIHS in the AWD swimming events.

Free after-school lectures for Year 12
On Monday, Lauren Swift (Year 12 2013) held a workshop in the library on effective study skills for the HSC. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to refine their skills and those who attended benefited from Lauren's expertise.

On Wednesday, after school, Mrs Bodley presented a lecture on 'Structuring the Essay for the Area of Study - Discovery' to almost half of our Year 12 English students. This same lecture was presented at the English Teachers’ Association Student Study day in late February to over 2000 students state-wide. Also, Luke Bodley gave students practical advice on how to attack the creative writing section of the HSC and also tutored the Extension 1 students on the finer points of Existentialism. The study session lasted two hours and I hope that those that attended will be better equipped for the coming Half Yearly examinations.

Sound & Lighting Crew Training
Training of new Sound & Lighting crews took place this week. Team members form close friendships and gather useful experience in managing the sound and lighting for events such as musicals, school assemblies and other formal events. Students who have an interest in technology are encouraged to participate in this essential voluntary school service. Thanks to Mr Ben Yuen for leading this team.

Interim reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11
Brief “Interim Reports” providing a snapshot of how well students have settled into their classes were emailed to the parents of students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11. These reports are designed to provide brief feed-back to parents to ensure students are working to ability. Interim reports for Years 10 and 12 were not produced as the Parent/Teacher interviews were held earlier for these students. If you have a child in either Years 7, 8, 9 or 11 and did not receive the emailed report please check that your email address recorded by the school office is correct.

Best wishes
John Walker
Deputy Principal

![Maths and the HSC](Image)

**Year 10 Parents**
are invited to hear
Mrs Wigmore, Head Teacher, Mathematics

**and the**

**HSC**

**Tuesday**

24 March 2015

School Library

at 7pm

Questions to be addressed include:
- What Maths courses are available?
- How do they compare?
- How do students choose their course?
- What restrictions are there?
- How do they affect the ATAR?
- What about scaling?
- What about University courses?

Year 9 parents are also welcome.
Thanks for the Athletics Carnival
The school put on the Athletics Carnival this week at Narrabeen. All teachers were involved in a whole-of-school effort to get through a punishing program of events in four hours. With novelty events well patronised and a shuttle walking bus system setup to take students to the canteen five minutes walk away, all students, not just the athletes, were catered for. Well done to the school for putting on a great carnival!

Election Fundraisers
The State Election is on Saturday 28 March. Come and cast your vote from 8am-6pm at SIHS, then enjoy some food from the barbecue and the Trade Training Centre, buy a cake and a few books too. Thank you for all the parent volunteers who have registered to help on the cake stall, barbecue and second hand book stall. The volunteers spots are now all filled. You can pick up your cake boxes NOW from the school office. Please return them early on the Election Day filled with some yummy treats. Enquiries please email the P&C on pandcstiveshighschool@gmail.com

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is stocked with winter jackets, woollen jumpers, sloppy joes, track pants and navy scarves. Why not purchase your winter warmers before the rush in Term 2!

All boys, senior and junior will need to wear navy trousers for winter. Generally the trousers will be the same size as their navy shorts. The waist is what counts, not the length when checking fit. Some “shorter” students may need to have the trousers shortened. Tip: If so, please make sure they are wearing shoes before shortening.

Senior boys require a school tie. Senior girls require a school cross-tie. Junior girls, if not already wearing the blue shirt and tartan skirt, will need to do so too for winter. Girls may also choose to wear navy slacks – in stock. Black stockings may be worn instead of socks.

Uniform Shop hours:
Tuesdays: 10 am—2.30 pm (closed for 10 minutes 12 noon—12.10 pm)
Thursdays 9.30 am—11.30 am
Email: sihsuniform@gmail.com

SECOND HAND BOOK STALL
BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...
It isn't too late to get rid of your unwanted books, bring them in to the school office.
Our thanks to everyone for contributing so far!

TIME TO BAKE A CAKE...
The election day cake sale is fast approaching and we’re looking forward to receiving your delicious creations in time for the hungry crowds!

Did you know that during the 2013 election cake sale, there was too much demand and not enough supply - people were begging us to sell them crumbs from our table. This time, let’s make sure no-one has to go home empty-handed. Cake and slice boxes are available from the school office.

Please deliver cakes, biscuits, slices, cupcakes and muffins to the cake stall at the school early Saturday morning 28 March, or to the office on Friday 27 March before 3.30 pm. All funds raised will be ploughed back into the P&C for our children's benefit.
We have an informative presentation being delivered at St Ives High School. The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Technologies and apps popular with children and young people
- Privacy management
- Scams, fraud and identity theft
- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Cyber-bullying
- Reputation management
- Where to go if things go wrong
- Steps to improve cyber safety and security

ThinkUKnow is centred on three key areas: how youth use and enjoy technology, the challenges they may be exposed to, and how to prevent and report when things go wrong. The presentation will discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report problems.

The parents, carers and teachers’ session includes short videos and real life case studies. Take home resources on the issues outlined above will also be provided and can be downloaded from the ThinkUKnow website, www.thinkuknow.org.au.

The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present.

Please note that there is no cost for attending this presentation.

Email nathan.lawler6@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to attend.

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**PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Please note that parking restrictions have changed at the end of Yarrabung Road.

The section between Waterhouse Street and Hunter Avenue has recently been changed to **No Parking**.

The school side of the street is unchanged.

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**HELP WANTED!**

On Parent/Teacher nights, the P&C serves tea and coffee to parents.

If you are able to help on -

- 29 April at the Years 8 and 9 Parent/Teacher night
- 27 May for Year 11 Parent/Teacher night

Please contact Priscilla at claywatts@optusnet.com.au
**NEED HELP WITH YOUR MATHS HOMEWORK?**

If you need help with your Mathematics Homework come to D18 after school on Mondays. The session runs from 3:20 to 4:20 pm. A roll will be taken each week for safety purposes. Students may leave earlier as long as they sign out.

Students from all year groups are invited to come along with their Maths homework and get help completing the set work and understanding it. If you have any questions about this please call me in the Mathematics staffroom, extension 112.

Peggy Mitchell  
Mathematics teacher

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**YEAR 12 2014**

The 2014 School Magazine is available for those students who purchased it last year in their school fees. Please come to the school office to pick up your copy.

Brothers and sisters of 2014 Year 12 students can pick up the magazine for their absent sibling from the school office.

Sue Melville  
Visual Arts teacher

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**ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ART, ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND POP CULTURE TOUR TO NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES 2016**

Itinerary now on website.

**INFORMATION SESSION**  
**TUESDAY 24 MARCH AT 7.00 PM**

Please let us know if you are interested.  
Mrs Melville, Ms McGurgan, Mrs Gettens

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**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

**Term 1**

- 23 March—2 April: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 24 March: Maths and the HSC for Year 10 students—talk by Mrs Wigmore, Head Teacher Maths
- 2 April: Last day for Term 1

**Term 2**

- Monday, 20 April: School Development Day - staff return to school
- Tuesday, 21 April: Students return to school
- 20-24 April: Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
- 28 April: Cross Country Carnival
- 29 April: Parent/Teacher Night for Years 8 and 9
- 6-8 May: Year 8 Camp
- 12-14 May: NAPLAN
- 27 May: Parent/Teacher Night for Year 11
- 26 June: Last day for Term 2
Camp Gallipoli

Only 20 tickets left!!

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this historic, once in a lifetime event.

We have secured these tickets at a discounted price, with the total cost now coming in at $105 pp including return transport from St Ives High School to the venue.

Camp Gallipoli is a not-for-profit organisation, which has planned an international event that will be a once in a lifetime experience focusing on the centenary commemoration of the 25 April 1915 landings at ANZAC Cove.

The event will feature six hub and 25 regional campsites around Australia and New Zealand, with each site having an historical link to Gallipoli, WW1 and other theatres of war. The venues will allow families, schools and community groups to camp out under the stars, just as the original Anzacs did 100 years ago. In Sydney, the event will be held at Centennial Park. For all Australians and New Zealanders, Camp Gallipoli will be a respectful, unforgettable and moving tribute to all soldiers who have fought in the war. Camp Gallipoli is driven by the 11,000 voices of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers lost in battle at ANZAC Cove in 1915.

All the families who purchase one or more of these tickets will camp together as a group, with teachers from St Ives, at Centennial Park.

The camp will feature many forms of entertainment, including special guests, movies, documentaries, concerts and a unique Dawn Service on Anzac Day conducted by the RSL.

We believe this will be a popular event for people to attend around the country and tickets are limited at this unique event in our state. This is why we thought it important to book a number of tickets for our school community, as other schools have confirmed they will be participating.

To express interest in this event, or simply to ask further questions, please contact Claire Cartwright, Head Teacher HSIE either by phone 9144 1689 or by email claire.cartwright@det.nsw.edu.au

Respectfully, it will be a case of those who book first will secure the tickets our school has been allocated.

More information can be found on the website: www.campgallipoli.com.au

Families may also wish to purchase a limited edition Camp Gallipoli swag, details about this can be accessed on the Camp Gallipoli website.

Our school looks forward to supporting this special initiative for the families involved.

Claire Cartwright
Head Teacher, HSIE
This week’s Career in focus
End of life navigators - will help people plan for the last phases of their life, and will combine skills from social work, healthcare, education and psychology.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course
This course is for students who are 17 years or older at the time of the course at a subsidised cost of $60 down from the normal price of $184. This one day course will be delivered at Hornsby TAFE, Wednesday 8th April or Wednesday 15th April from 9.30am-4.30pm. See careers for a flyer.

Macquarie University in a day Thursday 16 April 8.30am-3pm (2nd week of holidays) 2015
This is an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to get a taste of what university is like by experiencing a day in the life of a university student. You will attend lectures and talk with current university students and lecturers. Register at mq.edu.au/mqinaday

Macquarie University Student and Parent Information day 20 May (term 2 week 5) 2015
This evening is for prospective university students in years 11 and 12 and their parents. Learn about courses, scholarships and the many facilities.

UMAT and ISAT Test
Registrations are now open at http://umat.acer.edu.au or http://isat.acer.edu.au respectively. Registrations close 5 June 2015. UMAT test date is 29 July 2015. You will need the UMAT score to apply for courses in Medicine, Optometry, Dental Surgery. See careers for further information.

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 careers website at 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.

School performance and your child’s mental health

Forum delivered in Mandarin
Keynote speaker Dr. Xiaoping Zhu is a registered psychologist with 20 years experience, specialising in counselling for the Chinese community.
Q&A session with experts will follow.

Thursday 30 April 2015
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers
296 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby
6 PM - 8:30 PM

Registration and light refreshments at 5:30 PM

Bookings essential at http://www.trybooking.com/GGUJU
For enquiries contact Rita on (02) 9777 7992

Ku-ring-gai’s got Talent 2015

AUDITION FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN CASH & OTHER PRIZES

Heat 1: Friday 24 April  Heat 3: Friday 8 May
Heat 2: Friday 1 May Final: Friday 15 May

St Ives Community Hall - off Memorial Ave, St Ives
(behind St Ives Shopping Village)

REGISTER NOW AT kmc.nsw.gov.au/kgt

@youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au facebook.com/KuringgaiGotTalent

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 27 MARCH | MORE INFO CALL 8424 9681

All proceeds go to local community groups
Year 10 Parents Supper

Please join us for the evening, bring your partner or bring another Year 10 parent. Please bring your own drinks and a small plate to share (parent only event).

where:
Jo & Michael’s House
21A Maranta St, Hornsby
when:
Saturday 21st March from
7.30pm – 11.30pm
r.s.v.p.
Libby on 0402 817 524

SIHS YEAR 7 PARENTS NIGHT

You are invited to a casual meet and greet event for Year 7 parents.

On 27 March between 7.30pm and 11.00pm at 79 Kitchener Street, St Ives.

Hope you can make it.

Please bring a small plate of finger food to share. BYO drinks and a glass too!

RSVP to Tracey by emailing year7sihs@gmail.com before 25 March.

Please note: this event is being held outdoors so if rain is expected on the night we may need to postpone. Stay tuned and consider carpooling with other year 7 parents! (adults only)