NAPLAN
Students in Years 7 and Year 9 sat the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests this week. On Tuesday, students sat the language conventions and writing papers. On Wednesday they sat reading, and Numeracy was on Thursday. The NAPLAN tests are held every year for students when they are in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. In addition to providing teachers and parents with information on student’s current abilities, they also build a profile of student learning as they progress through school. Results from this year’s tests will be released much later in the year. In the future it is hoped that students will be able to complete a digital version of the test that will be marked by a computer. As a result of this, it is hoped that the results will be released much closer to when students sit the exams. Our exams were very efficiently run and this was due to the wonderful organisation of Mrs Day, thanks to her and her team.

Zone Cross Country
On Monday this week, we took part in the Zone Cross Country. Last year we had a significant jump in our position in the zone, finishing in fourth place. We were delighted to hold onto that position this year being defeated by the much larger Killara, Cherrybrook and Pennant Hills. Congratulations to the entire team on an outstanding achievement. In particular, congratulations go to Josie Groves, who was the girls 13 years Zone Champion, Erik Fryberg, the boys 14 years Zone Champion, and Josh Delnido, the boys 15 years Zone Champion. All three made the regional team. Also making it to the regional event were: Maila Ware (8th in the 12 years girls), Nicole Connacher (6th in the 13 years girls), Rowena Forbes (4th in the 14 years girls), Rosie Ewin (6th in the 14 years girls), Ashley Hall (2nd in the 15 years boys) and Jamie Ewin (2nd in the 17 years boys). In addition, St Ives High School hosted the carnival this year. Thanks go to Mr Kettels and Mrs Terrey for organising the carnival and the staff who assisted them and supervised our teams.

Staff Changes
Last week we said goodbye to a long serving staff member of St Ives High School. After 22 years of service, Mrs Julie Harrison has been promoted to Head Teacher of Science at Chatswood High School, a position she won on merit. The fact that our staff gain positions on merit is a healthy sign for the school. It means our staff are valued by other schools; and this along with strong student results and increased demand for enrolments, indicate that the school is successful. Mrs Harrison was a contributor; she performed many duties around the school, most recently coordinating our exams and involving herself in the school timetable team. Ms Jenny Tompkins, who started in the position this week, replaces Mrs Harrison.
Year 8 Camp
During Week 3 of this term, Year 8 travelled to Camp Somerset for what was a camp in the traditional sense. Camp Somerset is on the Colo River, which flows into the Hawkesbury. Students stayed with their groups for the next three days. Thanks go to Ms Lovell for her organisation of the camp and to the wonderful team of staff who assisted her.

Careers Expo
On Thursday Year 12 attended the Northern Beaches Careers Expo at Miramare Gardens. This is an annual event designed to bring employers, tertiary providers and TAFE together under the one roof. This is a very special time for Year 12, and in the coming months they will be making decisions that will have a major impact on their futures. Thanks, as always, go to Mr Holmes for getting us to the event. Thanks also to the staff who assisted on the day.

Red Shield Appeal
The annual Salvation Army red shield appeal will be held in the coming weeks. At our next assembly this coming Tuesday, a guest speaker from the Salvation Army will talk about the appeal and invite students to volunteer and take part. The Salvation Army has provided the following link for families to information about the appeal. http://salvos.org.au/get-involved/help-us-fundraise/red-shield-appeal/doorknock-registrations/

Growth Mindsets
Here is a quote from the author of the book that was the basis of a session at our last school development day. “…..This growth mindset is based on the belief that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts. Although people may differ in every which way – in their initial talents and aptitudes, interests, or temperaments – everyone can change and grow through application and experience.” (p7) Dweck, Carol S. Mindset. New York: Ballantine Books, 2006.

School Musical – Grease
Don’t miss out on this classic stage musical. Support this biennial event by being part of the audience. Show dates are 17, 19 and 20 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets may be purchased on www.trybooking.com.au/127842

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal

PARENT- TEACHER NIGHT FOR YEAR 11
Wednesday, 27 May 2015
4pm – 7pm in the School Hall

St Ives High School will be using EdvalPTN, which is a web based electronic scheduling system for interviews, where parents initially ‘request’ interviews as opposed to booking them.

This Friday 15 May, an email will be sent to parents of Year 11 inviting you to go online and request interviews with teachers. The email will contain information on how to use the online system and your child’s booking code.

Michael Kettels
Head Teacher, PDHPE

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL ....

Purchase your 2015-2016 Entertainment Book through the P&C for $70 and our school receives 20%.

Details on how to order on page 6 of this newsletter.

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PERFORMING ARTS UNIT

Do you love to perform? Join the PAU in 2015!

The Performing Arts Unit, or “PAU” as it is known to students, offers extra-curricular classes in Acting For Theatre, Musical Theatre, Dance and 1-1 Vocal Tuition. Classes are run by entertainment professionals with extensive experience working in the performing arts who share their experiences of the industry with their students. Throughout the year students are encouraged to participate in eisteddfods, festivals, specialist workshops and camps and regularly represent the performing arts at “in-school” events. We also offer the opportunity for students to experience live theatre with an annual excursion to the musical of the moment – this year we are off to see “Matilda”!

Students are also a part of our fantastic PAU end of year Showcase which is held in December each year. A night of story, song and dance; a highlight on the school calendar and not to be missed!

There are still vacancies in all three of our after school Performing Arts Unit classes: Acting For Theatre on Tuesday afternoons, Musical Theatre on Wednesday afternoons and Dance on Friday afternoons. Classes run from 3.20pm to 5.20pm and are taught by specialist tutors who are active in the performing arts industry. There are also a small number of 1-1 Vocal Tuition places available. Lessons are held during school time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are 30-60 minutes long.

If you think you might be interested in joining the PAU, enrolment forms are available from the school office. A complimentary free trial may be organised with our PAU Manager, Kamilla Hansen-Mackie, in all or any of the classes (with the exception of Vocal Tuition).

KNOX BUDGET BREAKFAST

Year 12 Economics students were invited to attend the annual Knox Budget Breakfast on Wednesday morning. This yearly event coincides with the Budget and includes key speakers to analyse the Budget and prepare students for the HSC and Topic 4 in the Economic Syllabus.

Our students were treated to a magnificent breakfast and a very entertaining morning. One of the keynote speakers was the Head of Government and Public Policy at NAB and the second was one of the senior markers of Economics. Both were very informative and provided plenty of information and generously gave extra time to answer questions. There was a quiz and Curtis Smith was one of the prize winners, securing a movie voucher. Well done Curtis!

Gillian McGhee
Economics Teacher

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

There is a dedicated email address and a telephone number for student absences.

When your child is absent from school you can either -
send an email to stives-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au stating student name, roll class and reason for absence
or
telephone 9144 1689 and press the number 6 for Student Absences stating student name, roll class and reason for absence.
Applying for university timeline
14 July - UAC guides arrive. Collect your copy from the careers office
Early August - Online university applications open through UAC
30 September - On time applications close, late fees apply after this time
10 December - ATARs released
End January - Main round university offers released

Early offers to university before your final exams
Most universities have schemes where they offer you a place in a course at their university before you have completed your final HSC examinations. You will be assessed on your estimated ATAR and other factors such as leadership, commitment, interest and aptitude. Each university has a link to their early offer programs on their website eg. uow.edu.au/early for the University of Wollongong; www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers for Australian Catholic University

Macquarie University Student and Parent Information Evening 20 May (Term 2 Week 5) 2015
This evening is for prospective university students in years 10 to 12 and their parents. Learn about courses, application procedures, bonus points, scholarships, international exchange programs and the many facilities.
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Campus Hub Building C10A, The Atrium, Macquarie University, North Ryde
Contact is: Helena Cantrall 9850-7250
Register now at mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/events

Meet the Business Leader for Year 12 students
Would you like the opportunity to meet representatives from some of Sydney’s top firms recruiting for business cadetships? What is a cadetship? A cadetship is paid employment that complements undergraduate studies within a related field, offering the cadet an opportunity to gain practical, real-world experience while at university. This enhances students’ employment prospects and provides a springboard to their professional career. In some instances, a cadetship may lead to a graduate job offer. Dress: Smart casual or school uniform
Date: Wednesday May 20, 2015
Time: 4:30pm arrival; 5-8pm event
Location: Crystal Ball Room, Luna Park, 1 Olympic Drive, Milsons Point

UNSW Co-Op Scholarship
Courses included are Engineering, Business, Science and Construction. You need to gain a minimum ATAR of 96 including bonus points. Only disadvantage not academic bonus points can be used to meet this cut-off requirement. Apply from May until 30 September at coop.unsw.edu.au

University of Sydney Year 10 Information evening
Dates: Wednesday 3 June and Monday 22 June 2015
Time: 6 - 7.45pm
Venue: The University of Sydney.
Register at: http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/year-10/information-evenings.shtml

University of Sydney Scholarships Information Evening for Year 12 students.
Date: Tuesday 16 June 2015
Time: 6 - 7.45pm
Venue: The University of Sydney.
Register at: http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/scholarships-information-evening/

UTS - IT and Engineering Scholarships Evening
Wednesday 10 June at 5.30pm.
Register at www.it.uts.edu.au and www.eng.uts.edu.au
Scholarship applications are now open and close 19 June 2015.

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.

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Book, Music and Lyrics by
JIM JACOBS AND WARREN CASEY
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN THEATRICAL
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17, 19 AND 20 JUNE 2015
7.30PM
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, YARRABUNG RD, ST IVES
ADULTS: $25 STUDENTS: $10
**THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

The new 2015/16 edition of The Entertainment Book is now available (Book and app). The app, which keeps a running total of the amount you have saved, can be downloaded on to every family member's iPhone or Android and shared by the whole family. This bumper edition combines both Sydney and Sydney North.

You can save 5% on all your grocery, liquor and petrol purchases for the next year or more by purchasing WISH Gift Cards online through The Entertainment Book. Last year some members saved over $1,000 through WISH Gift Cards alone. It's hard to see how anyone could fail to save money this way - you will cover the cost of The Entertainment Book if your combined purchases this way at all the outlets below come to just $28 a week.

Here’s how it works. You order a WISH Gift Card online through The Entertainment Book and pay by credit card. A $100 card costs you $95 (cards up to $1,000 available, all at 5% discount). Your $100 card is mailed to you within a week post-free. You use it just like any other gift card. It is valid at Woolworths, Big W, BWS Liquor, Dan Murphy's, Cellarmasters, Caltex, Masters Home Improvements and Thomas Dux. You can continue to order WISH Gift Cards this way until the expiry of The Entertainment Book (1 June 2016). The cards are valid for 12 months. You can now save 10% on all purchases at David Jones by ordering David Jones gift cards (without limit) online through The Entertainment Book at a 10% discount.

Memberships (book or digital app) cost $70. The P&C receives 20%.

Please e-mail me at keitholiver@hotmail.com for more information and the link to order.

Keith Oliver  
P&C President

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**2015 VOLUNTARY P&C CONTRIBUTION**

By now you will have received a request for the 2015 Voluntary Contribution, which is only $90 per family per year. All our students benefit from the support provided by the P&C, which helps the school staff deliver the very best educational and developmental outcomes for our children. A large part of the P&C’s funding comes from the Voluntary Contributions. We encourage you to be an active partner in your child’s education by making your contribution.

* * * * * Pay now and you could win it back! * * * * *

If you make your P&C Voluntary Contribution on or before Friday 29 May, you will go into the draw to win one of three St Ives Shopping Village Gift Cards each worth $100. And the winners will also each receive 2 coffee vouchers - take a friend to any of the excellent coffee houses in St Ives Shopping Village to discuss how to spend your voucher!

Our sincere thanks to St Ives Shopping Village for their generous support of our school.

Your contribution is needed so please accept our thanks in anticipation of your support.

Keith Oliver  
P&C President

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Days and hours**

Tuesdays 10:00am – 2:30pm (closed for 10 mins 12:00pm-12:10pm)  
Thursdays 9:30am – 11:30am  

Email: sihsuniform@gmail.com
IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Term 2
17 June  Matinee and Opening Night of Grease, the Musical
19 and 20 June  Evening performances of Grease, the Musical
27 May  Parent/Teacher Night for Year 11
26 June  Last day for Term 2

Term 3
Monday, 13 July  School Development Day - staff return to school
Tuesday, 14 July  Students return to school
27 July—7 August  Trial HSC Examinations
5-7 August  Year 9 Camp
30 July  P&C Meeting
1 September  Sports Assembly
14 September  Year 12 Celebration Day
15 September  Year 12 Formal
17 September  Year 12 Graduation
18 September  Last day Term 3

Term 4
Tuesday, 6 October  Students and staff return to School
12 October  HSC examinations commence
6 November  Last day HSC examinations
11 November  Vaccinations for Year 7 and catch up vaccinations for Years 8 and 11
23-27 November  Year 10 Work Experience
9 December  Presentation Evening
Wednesday, 16 December  Last day Term 4 for students

Bootcamp

Bootcamp is divided into two sessions:
(1) 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