End of Term 2
I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy winter holiday. This last week has been very busy and it feels like the end of the term has snuck up on us while we weren’t looking. Classes will resume for students on Tuesday July 14. Staff will return on Monday July 13 for a joint school development day with our partners in the NS5, Killara, Turramurra, Chatswood and Ku-ring-gai High Schools. St Ives High will host the day and our hospitality students will be catering on the day. They will complete some of their work placement hours working under the supervision of their teachers preparing food at school over the holidays.

School Musical
Last week’s school musical, Grease, was one of the most successful musicals I have attended. The show was a sell out on both Friday and Saturday evenings with extra chairs being put out for the Saturday night show to accommodate the increased demand to see the show. The word was out, “Grease” is the word! This show was outstanding. Every aspect was perfect. The audience was stunned by the performance from the cast, they loved the music from the show band and were amazed by the costumes, sets and lighting. Congratulations to everyone involved. Thanks go to Pam Bullock, the executive producer and director. She gave her all to the show and this was reflected in its quality. This will be the last show for Pam at St Ives High and her work over the years has been greatly appreciated. Thanks additionally go to Pat Gettens for her support especially with the costumes and wardrobe. This was also her last show after many years of contribution to St Ives High School musicals. Thanks extends to Kimberley Lovell for her musical direction. Without the enormous contribution from the production team of Kamilla Hansen-Mackie, Lisa Gorman, Sue Melville and Kathryn Hawkins, the show would not have happened. Finally, thanks also go to all staff and parents involved with props and set design, makeup, the VIP evening, stage door supervision, seating layout, front of house and refreshments.

Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection
With the first half of 2015 completed, our attention is now turning to 2016. On Monday of this week we began our subject selection process with Year 10 preparing to enter their choices for 2016. Students were given an opportunity to hear about their options available from teacher representatives from all the faculties across the school. A meeting was held on Monday evening for parents and students to hear about what makes for a good selection of subjects, how the process works at St Ives and meet with representatives from the faculties to answer questions and advise on the subjects offered. A subject selection booklet is available on the school’s website for any parents who missed the evening.

Mentor BBQ
A BBQ was held this week for all of the staff and students involved in the school mentor program. The BBQ was an opportunity to say thank you to those involved and to evaluate the program. The mentor program was established at the of 2014, and has been running during the first semester of this year. Thanks go to Mr Nathan Lawler for instigating and overseeing the program.

Art Excursion Fund Raising
The team involved in the art excursion to New York next year ran a Bunnings BBQ last weekend as a fundraiser for the trip. Thanks go to Mrs Pat Gettens, and her team, for organising the BBQ. Thanks also to the parents who helped out.

Did You Know?
Last weekend the Australian Newspaper compared the performance of schools in the 2014 NAPLAN exams. While such comparisons can be misleading because they don’t measure student performance across the full curriculum, it was pleasing to see that we were ranked the second public comprehensive coeducational high school in NSW.
Name Change
From July 1 the Department will undergo a name change. The Department will no longer be known as 'Department of Education and Communities'; we will now be called the Department of Education. This is a result of the movement of the Communities responsibilities to another department.

SRE Day
A special religious education day was held on Wednesday this week. This was a similar day to one held in the first term. These days allow a number of religious groups to come to the school and work with students. Our normal SRE lessons were suspended in the two weeks leading up to the day. Students who did not attend a SRE lesson were supervised in their normal classroom for that time.

Zone Athletics
The zone athletics carnival was held on Wednesday this week. There will be a full report in the next newsletter on our performance at the carnival.

Report Update
All reports for the first semester have now been completed and emailed home. This week Years 7 and 8 reports were emailed. If you did not receive your child’s report or you have a question about the report, please contact the school. The office will be open again on July 13 to take your call.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Mark Watson
Principal

Debating
The Years 7 and 8 Premier’s Debating Challenge Teams had another successful day on Wednesday 24th June. We visited Pennant Hills High School and debated two interesting and challenging topics:

“That anonymous internet comments should be banned” and “That junk food advertising should be banned”.

Both teams were victorious and are to be commended on an excellent job, in particular, Lilu Worby-Baeten (year 7) and Lizika Marree Mills (year 8) who were drafted into the Year 8 team at the last minute due to some regular team members being ill. We are so proud of our debaters! Well done Briana An, Matthew Burch, Abigail Bywaters, Kurt Tikoft, Lizika Marree Mills, Lilu Worby-Baeten, Katie Farkas and Kate Taylor.

Ms Anita Milne
English Teacher
Mrs Jenny Jaeger
English Teacher

Year 9 Students become Art Teachers
On Wednesday Iliana Young, Sarah Simmonds, Lily Ataei and Lucinda Davies visited Mrs May's year 5 class at St Ives North Public School.

They taught the students about Australian Impressionism, in particular the 9 x 5 exhibition of 1889 where artists painted the local landscape on cigar box lids.

Artworks from our year 9 class and a number local primary schools, will be exhibited at our annual art show. Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and learnt some valuable skills, while the year 5 students were very excited to create their landscapes.

Patricia Gettens
Student Leadership Coordinator

Tania McGurgan
Transition Coordinator
TAFE SKILLS COURSE

Last Friday June 19, I had the pleasure of being invited and attending Kayley Loughhead’s (Year 9) TAFE Graduation at Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre.

In Term 2, each Friday, Kayley has attended the Kirribilli Cafe, Cafe Skills course where she learnt about food preparation, barista and customer service skills in a busy community cafe. I was provided with a lovely afternoon tea of scones and sandwiches and a hot chocolate served by the students.

The Chef and Teachers were very impressed with Kayley’s abilities of preparing food and beverages, serving the customers and interacting with staff and students. Kayley found the style of practical learning constructive and additionally enjoyed meeting peers from different educational backgrounds and “can now create some good coffee”.

Well Done Kayley!

Mandy Sibbald
School Learning and Support Officer

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**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

**Term 2**
- 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
- Wednesday 15 July: Yr 8—9 subject selection evening 7pm school hall
- 27 July—7 August: Trial HSC Examinations
- 30 July: P&C Meeting
- 5-7 August: Year 9 Camp
- 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

**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
GREASE 2015
School Based Mentor Program

The school based Mentoring Program had a final celebratory BBQ on Tuesday. Those staff and students involved in the program were invited to come along and chat about what they have learnt. The program began at the start of the year and led to teachers being matched with students. The teachers that volunteered for this program were very generous with their time, in most cases meeting with their mentee once per week. The program was targeted towards Year 10 and 11 students as they transition into senior studies. Initially we planned for the program to run for 10 weeks, however many matches were eager to continue for 20 weeks.

Over the next few weeks the program will go through an evaluation process and the program will be back very soon. Here is some of the feedback from two Year 10 mentees:

"My mentor helped me become more organised as well as prioritising various assessment tasks".
"The mentoring program taught me to set personal academic goals as well as time management".

Nathan Lawler
Head Teacher Welfare

RUGBY

The SIHS rugby players and coaches would like to thank Darren Chen and Thomas Tang for their services to both rugby codes over the past three years. They played their last game for school this week and both Darren and Thomas walked from the field for the final time with their heads held high. They were hoisted in the air by their teammates in a mark of respect for what they had achieved on and off the field.

We wish both boys the best as they head off to TAFE to study health and fitness.

Name: Darren Chen
Age: 16 years, 8 months
Position: Centre
Height: 123cm
Weight: 98kg
Nickname: Razzle Dazzle
Favourite Saying: Too much Razzle
Favourite Player: Tommie Tang
Most feared opponent: Mrs Terrey

Name: Thomas Tang
Age: 16 years, 6 months
Position: Anywhere in the backs
Height: 198cm
Weight: 48kg
Nickname: Tommie The Tank
Favourite Saying: Squats Bro
Favourite Player: Tommie Tang
Most feared opponent: My mum

Andrew Foster TAS Teacher
**Applying for university timeline**

- Term 3, 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.

**Study Overseas Evening at Kambala, 794 New South Head Rd, Rose Bay**

August 19 from 4.30pm. Representatives from the UK including Warwick University and the University of St Andrews, Scotland, the USA, including Education USA and the Savannah College of Art & Design and Canada and more will be in attendance. There will be an overview of the application process for study in these countries as well as the opportunity to speak with representatives. We are also attempting to set up a Skype session with Oxford University. Students and parents from year 10 to year 12 are invited. Please indicate your interest by emailing Teresa Bubear at: tbubear@kambala.nsw.edu.au

**Scholarships**

**Youth HSC Scholarship**

There is a $1500 scholarship available to any student in year 11 or 12 in 2016 to assist them with their HSC studies if they live in social housing or are on the housing register. If you wish to apply visit www.housing.nsw.gov.au or see careers. Applications close 31 July 2015.

**Undergraduate Allied Health Scholarships**

Are you intending to enroll or planning to apply to study an ALLIED HEALTH university course in 2016? Applications for 2016 Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS) Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Allied Health Scholarship funding open on 1st September 2015. For more information go to http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level

**Teaching Scholarships and Cadetships**

Available to HSC students. The NSW Department of Education and Communities have launched a range of scholarships and cadetships for HSC students interested in becoming a teacher. Successful applicants receive financial incentives whilst studying and a guaranteed permanent job upon graduation. Click on the link to apply http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au

**Register now for ACU’s University Experience Days (8 and 10 July)**

If you’re in Year 10, 11 or 12 and considering university for when you finish school, then this free event during the school holidays is the perfect time to explore your study options by getting a taste of life as a university student.

You will participate in interactive activities, hear helpful tips on preparing for university, and choose two workshops from the range of ACU study areas such as Health Science, Education, Law or Business.

Secure your spot now and register online at www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience

Will your parent or guardian be dropping you off? Let them know about the parent sessions happening from 10am. Just add their email address when you register and ACU will send them more info.

**Apprenticeships**

Hornsby Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo coming up on Wednesday 12th August from 4pm – 7pm. 2 High St Hornsby. Collect a flyer from the careers office.

**Engineering Summer School from Sunday 6 December to Friday 11 December**

Are you in year 11 and want to study engineering at university when you finish school? Then this Engineers Australia program may be for you. The cost is $750 and includes accommodation, catering and the week’s activities. Students must be studying 2 units of Mathematics and one science in order to be able to apply. Visit www.engineersaustralia.org.au/hess or see careers.

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.

2015 Term 2 Week 10
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
We would like to congratulate Pam Bullock and everyone involved - teachers, staff, students and parents, in this year’s musical *Grease*. It amazes us all how an amateur group of high school students can put on a production of such quality and vitality. We are well aware how much of their time and effort was put into this to make it such a memorable production, a great success and a treat for audiences.

The Show Band sounded great and set the scene and tempo, the chorus also, the costumes and hairstyles and choreography were so good, also the sets, props and lighting. The refreshments surpassed anything on offer at the State Theatre!

The P&C is proud to support our musical with a grant of $10,000, which equates to $5,000 a year, or $5.50 per student, i.e. the cost of one cup of coffee per student per year. Worthwhile? Just one, of many good reasons why we ask each family to consider making a Voluntary Contribution to the P&C.

Well done and congratulations one and all.

P&C VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WINNERS!
Our thanks to all those families who paid their Voluntary Contributions on time. The Prize Draw took place at our last P&C Meeting, and the 3 lucky winners are the families of Kira Paul (Y7), Shayan Razavi (Y10) and Natascha Mang (Y11). Your prize of a $100 Gift Voucher from St Ives Shopping Village plus 2 Coffee Vouchers each is ready for your collection at the Front Office. Enjoy! The P&C would like to thank the Management of St Ives Shopping Village for their generosity in supporting our school. If you haven’t yet paid your P&C Voluntary Contribution for 2015 ($90 per family) please contact the P&C (pandcstiveshighschool@gmail.com) or the school for details - payments are made to St Ives High School.

Please e-mail me at keitholiver@hotmail.com for any further information
Keith Oliver
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be additionally open for your convenience from 9:30am —11:30am on school development day Monday July 13th Parking maybe limited due to a joint school staff development day.

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

Second hand uniform: Donations that are washed and in excellent condition are kindly appreciated. These can only be accepted during shop hours. Please do not leave parcels unattended by the door or at reception. Some examples of clothing that cannot be accepted are uniforms with:

- Deodorant stains/ discolouration
- Paint and any other stains
- Holes
- Animal hair
- Clothing that has been shortened
- Cigarette or iron burn marks

Please remember that grey trousers and white long sleeve shirts are no longer part of the uniform and thus will not be accepted. Please dispose of these items yourself.

LOST PURSE
Last Seen: 20th June Saturday 10pm during standing ovation of GREASE in the school hall
Description: Brown Leather ‘FOSSIL’ brand wallet with flowers embroidered on it.

A support staff teacher stood to clap for the standing ovation of the SIHS musical’s final night and placed the purse down between the seats Row M12 to M20.

Any information would be greatly appreciated please contact the school or hand into a local police station. Thank you in advance for your kindness.
Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:

ST IVES PARK PS

7:00pm - August 8
St Ives Park Public School Hall
Acron Rd, St Ives, NSW 2075
comedycause@gmail.com - 0421 244 288