Full steam ahead for Grease
We are under two weeks away from the first performance of Grease, the school musical. The cast, musicians, back stage crew and performers are becoming very excited about the show. There will be many rehearsals in the time that remains. All of this dedication is sure to produce an outstanding show. This is certainly the view of many parents who have already purchased tickets to shows that are rapidly selling out.

Reports update
By now, parents of students in Year 11 should have received their child’s report. These reports have been emailed to the family’s email contact. If you have not received your child’s report, please contact the school. Reports that could not be emailed have been mailed home. Mr Percy has been working closely with the developers of our school management software, which includes our reporting package, to ensure report emailing is successful. Year 9 reports are currently being checked and it is expected that these will be emailed next week. Thanks go to Mr Percy for working with the system to ensure it is a success. It is very important we have the correct family email address. Contact the office if you would like to confirm the email address held by the school for you.

Debating Success
Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 debating teams who last week, took on Pennant Hills High School in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both teams were successful – see the report on their win in this newsletter. Thanks go to Ms Milne for her organisation of both teams.

ICAS Science Competition
This week over 80 students participated in the ICAS Science competition. The Science International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) is held annual and is conducted by the University of NSW. The Science competition assesses the skill of interpreting data, investigating, measuring, observing, predicting, drawing conclusions from data, reasoning and problem solving. The skills are assessed in the context of Earth & Beyond, Energy & Change, Life & Living and Natural & Processed Materials.

Morning Tea for our Successful Year 12 students
On Friday this week, the first of our morning teas was held to acknowledge successful students who have excelled in a number of subjects.

Invitations were sent to Ayaka Hayashida, Catherine Bell, Claire Doutreband, Claire Hunt, Curtis Smith, Esther Lennon, Frederick Chan, Grace Sohn, James Keegan, Ji Wan Son, Josh Wills, Josh Yeap, Julian Peiser-Oliver, Junaid Blake, Liam Douglas-Giles, Mitsuki Haga, Rachel Pulver, Se Won Jeon, Xu Si and Susie Hollis.

Thanks go to Mrs Gettens for her report reading and selection of students for our morning tea.
Big Band Blast
Last weekend, Ms Lovell and Mrs Cooper travelled with SIHS Jazz Combo to Port Macquarie to participated in the Big Band Blast. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to immerse themselves in a weekend of jazz. Not only did our students perform together, they were able to perform with other musicians over the weekend. This privilege was not only limited to students with Ms Lovell and Mrs Cooper performing as well. Thanks to Ms Lovell and Mrs Cooper for giving these students this wonderful opportunity. Special thanks goes to all of the students who participated. Their behaviour was exemplary over the weekend.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Srijan Singh (Year 8), who last weekend, played in the Ken Rosewall Cup team tennis championship at Gosford. Srijan’s team won under 14 event.

Success for Mr Gurr
Congratulations go to Mr Gurr who is currently a part time teacher in our English faculty. Last weekend, Mr Gurr participated in the Balmoral Burn. Not only did he run, he won his division. Not only did he win his age division, he won the entire event. Not only did he win the entire event, but he holds the record for the fastest person up the hill. What an effort!

Have a great long weekend!

Best Wishes
Mark Watson
Principal

Year 7 Visual Arts Gats Excursion
On Wednesday 7VA1 and 7A2 enjoyed a trip to the Museum of Contemporary Art a Circular Quay. Here we studied artworks made from light in a range of forms. Standing in a colourful room saturated with bright blues, hot pinks and vivid yellows, or experiencing beams of light and smoke.

The students were able to appreciate the intentions of the artists. One of the artwork pictured also involved local history referencing the star gazing of Lieutenant Dawes and his interaction with local Aboriginal tribes in the 1870’s.

Patricia Gettens
Gats and Student Leadership Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher
The St Ives High School Jazz Combo travelled to Port Macquarie last weekend, 29th - 31st May, for the annual Big Band Blast. The students were fortunate enough to perform on Friday as part of a jam session run by none other than jazz composer and arranger, Ed Wilson. As the weekend progressed, the students were able to watch other school and community ensembles perform as well as perform themselves to the public of Port Macquarie. Furthermore, there were improvisation, percussion and vocal scat workshops plus performances by the DET Arts Unit Jazz Orchestra and Judy Bailey's Jazz Connection. Saturday night was Party Mambo, a performance by Mucho Mambo & the 3B horns as well as a surprise performance of Beethoven's 5th Symphony - samba style! This was performed by none other than a bunch of musical directors that have travelled with their kids.

The opportunity arose on the Sunday afternoon as part of the Final Blast for Travis Loughhead and Hugh Van Ede to perform with Ed Wilson, John Morrison, Jacki Cooper and other professional musicians and musical directors. The weekend was awesome; educational and inspiring. Thank you to Sally Cooper for the time she gave to accompany the students for the weekend and all her efforts rehearsing the Jazz Combo. The students involved were: Year 9 - Hugh Van Ede, Year 10 - Finn Cameron, Max McDermott, Jasmine Peterson, Kelvin Tang, Year 11 - Christopher Wigmore, Year 12 - Marc Krause, Travis Loughhead, Emily Meagher, Julian Peiser-Oliver, Jakob Sejling.

Kimberley Lovell
Band Program Manager
Textiles Technology Costume Design Workshop

On Wednesday the 27th May students attended a fantastic half day workshop in the MFS hosted by local costume designer Lynette McKinley. Lynette has extensive experience working in the industry and presented a practical and engaging session on costume design. Lynette brought along samples of her work for students to observe and inspect. She presented a session that discussed the elements and principles of design used in costuming and art finishing, highlighting the differences between construction for film, theatre and television. St Ives HS would like to thank Lynette for her presentation which students and teachers found valuable and interesting to their studies of Textile Technologies.

Megan Bond
Head Teacher TAS

¡Cocinamos!

Last Friday was an eventful day for the Year 8 Spanish class. Donning aprons, sensible shoes, washing our hands, tying back our hair (well those could did) and getting down to some serious breakfast preparation.

The recipe was Tortilla Española served with chocolate caliente. A typical Spanish breakfast. The entire class quickly became enthusiastically involved. Daniel and Anthony were the overseers, ensuring all instructions were followed and offering expert help and advice where needed.

What a wonderful lesson it turned out to be. We listened and sometimes danced to the salsa soundtrack as we diced potatoes and onions. Some whisked huevos and hips simultaneously, while others drank hot chocolate and discussed la buena vida. Flipping the tortilla was the only sticking point, thanks to a couple of pans that were not as non-stick as advertised. We cooked, we had fun, we ate and we learnt a little bit more about Spanish culture. And to top it off everyone helped to clean up afterwards.

Ms Julie Baxter
LOTE Teacher
**Year 7/8 Premier’s Debating Challenge**

On Thursday the 28th May St Ives High’s Year 7 and 8 debate teams participated in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge against Pennant Hills High School. The theme for the debates was education.

St Ives High School’s Year 7 Team, Brianna An, Matthew Burch, Kurt Tikoft and Abigail Bywaters were successful in winning their first ever official debate. They were tasked with the challenge of disproving the claim that we should require junior secondary schools to employ equal numbers of male and female teachers. With a strong focus on educational quality rather than gender equality, the team were able to prove that this plan would not only be unfair, but not beneficial in any way to educational outcomes. The team spoke confidently and impressed all present with their calm demeanour and assertive approach.

The St Ives Year 8 team of Josh Bettman, Katie Farkas, Georgia Brooks and Kate Taylor were also triumphant in their first debate of the year. As the affirmative team, they were tasked with the goal of convincing their audience that studying a language should be compulsory in high school. Outweighing the cost in additional teachers, the St Ives team argued that the benefits to language skills, both English and otherwise, would be significant; and that studying other languages promoted multiculturalism and widened employment opportunities.

Well done St Ives High and good luck in round two!

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**Knockout Softball Team**

On Tuesday May 26, 13 students played in Rounds 2 & 3 of the Sydney North Girls Knockout Softball at Village Green. The first match was played against Narara Valley (Central Coast) in the morning and we won by a staggering 12 runs.

In the second match, we came up against an accomplished Asquith Girls who had an extremely fast pitcher who matched our Susie Hollis. For several innings, no runs were scored by either team but towards the end of the match some runs were finally made with the final score being 4-1. This score didn’t reflect just how close the match actually was.

Our pitcher, Susie Hollis (Yr 12) helped by not only being a fast and extremely accurate pitcher, but by her outstanding captaincy. She was a truly inspiring role model. Shannon Smit (Yr 12) also played superbly in catcher rarely missing a ball and also sliding home for a stunning run. Other outstanding players were, Madi Beaumont, Taylah Wills and Alana Campbell.

Every player gave a 100 percent with no real weakness in the team. The girls played the game with a proud spirit and I was proud to be their coach.

**Jenni Moss**  
PDHPE
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.

Subject selection book for Year 10
To assist you in selecting appropriate subjects for years 11/12 in the year 10 subject selection process, you can purchase the ‘University Entry Requirements 2018 Year 10 Booklet’ via UAC online for $6 at:
http://www14.uac.edu.au/uacshop/shop/cart?selectedIndex=0
This booklet lists details of prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies applicable for each area of study offered by UAC’s participating institutions.

We used this resource in our first careers lesson this year where we actually choose careers, courses and year 11 subjects. It is an excellent resource and I encourage you to purchase it.

Are copies available in the school library to borrow.

Holiday Career Programs
Are in Years 9 through to Year 12 who are interested in a career with animals, the environment or the land?

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and TAFE NSW have joined together to offer the latest Career Programs in EQUINE, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE & ANIMAL CARE.

Each Career Readiness Program offers:
• 1 week intensive ‘hands on’ course handling animals and plants
• State of the art facilities of the Sydney Showground
• Students get trained by industry expert teachers

COST: $375-$450 per learner
WHEN: June/July School Holiday Program: 29 June – 3 July 2015 8.30am – 4.30pm
September / October School Holiday Program: 21 September – 26 September 2015, 8:30am – 4:30pm
WHERE: Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Nicole Pearce – program coordinator
P 02 9208 7071
E careerreadiness.wsi@tafensw.edu.au
Or visit the website: http://www.tafewsi.com/careerreadiness

UNSW Engineering and Science Student & Parent Information Evening
Thursday 11 June 2015 from 5.30pm at John Niland Scientia Building G19 UNSW Kensington Campus. Learn about courses and careers. Parking in Botany St Carpark Gate 11.

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 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.

UTS Law Information Evening
Wednesday 24 June 2015 from 6-8pm at UTS faculty of Law, Building 5, Block B, Cnr Quay St and Ultimo Rd, Haymarket.

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.

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.
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Keith Oliver
P&C President

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**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.