Education Week
This past week has been Education Week in public schools, with the theme of “Local Heroes” this year. Our Year 9 “Local Heroes” studying art were recognised in last week’s North Shore Times. The article focused on our 9x5 project where Year 9 art students are mentoring Year 5 students from local primary schools in the Heidelberg School of Australian Impressionism, where artists used to paint on cigar boxes that were nine inches long by five inches wide.

Trial Examinations Begin
This week, Year 12 students have been sitting their Trial HSC exams. These exams will continue into next week. This is a very important time for Year 12. These are their last formal exams before the HSC next term. Not only will these exams make a significant contribution to the school-based component of their HSC mark, they will provide students with valuable feedback on the preparation for their final exams. In keeping with these being trial exams, we are using the same team of people to supervise these exams that will be supervising the HSC exams. This allows the students to be familiar with the routines that will be used during the HSC exams. I would like to thank Mrs Morjanoff and her team of supervisors for the work they are doing over these two weeks. I would also like to thank Mrs Thomas for the work she has done coordinating the exam period.

Year 9 Learning Journey
I had the privilege on Wednesday of being a member of one of eight interview panels that interviewed all of our Year 9 students as part of the Learning Journey program. Each Year 9 student had to choose three pieces of work to reflect upon. Two were works they were proud of and one that could be improved upon. They also had to consider their strengths, weaknesses, areas for improvement and learning goals. Each panel was made up of a staff member, a community representative and a student from Year 8. I was impressed with the number of Year 9 students who had taken ownership of their learning. Many identified the benefit of studying as being well prepared for assessments and that they enjoyed the challenge of solving difficult tasks because of the learning that occurred, and the sense of satisfaction they achieved from trying their best. I would like to thank all of the panel members, especially the community representatives, who gave up their time to provide valuable feedback to our students. I would also like to thank Mrs McGhee for all of her work coordinating the program.

Staff Thinking Focus Group
A priority for the school over the next three years is to have students make connections in their learning across subjects by encouraging critical thinking. One strategy is for staff to engage in critical thinking about their teaching. On Tuesday afternoon, Simon Brooks, from Masada College, facilitated a focus group meeting. The group followed a strict protocol to analyse the student thinking in work produced by one of Ms Mercer's classes. Approximately ten of our staff from different faculties were joined by a representative from Chatswood and Turramurra High Schools to form the focus group. All agreed it was a deep rich thinking experience, and that over time, focus groups would gather informative data on how our student thinking has improved. Our next step will be to train selected staff as facilitators. I would like to thank Ms Cartwright for organising the afternoon, Ms Mercer for sharing her students’ work and Simon Brooks for facilitating the meeting.

Year 8 into 9 Subject Selections
On Wednesday evening this week, an information evening was held for Year 8 students and their parents, about the curriculum for Year 9 in 2016. The evening was an opportunity for parents, along with their students, to ask questions of the subject specialist teachers in attendance on the evening. Students had received a subject briefing prior to the evening. Year 8 students are now able to go online and make their selections. The selection system opened on Thursday morning and will close on Wednesday next week. Thanks go to Mrs Bodley for organising the evening.
Twitter Account
This week we launched St Ives High School on twitter. Our twitter handle (name) is @stiveshs and this newsletter contains instructions on how to follow us and how to receive tweets from us to your mobile device. We will be growing the information on the site, and following us would be a good way to stay involved with what is happening at the school, and receiving messages from the school sent as alerts.

Welcome to Mandy Sibbald
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mandy Sibbald to our school office staff. Mandy has replaced Bronwyn Wallace who retired earlier this year and held the position of office manager for many years. Mandy is not a new face around the school, she has been a learning and support officer here for many years. At the start of this year, Mandy became a full time staff member working in the office when she was not supporting students in the classroom. Now that she has been successful in gaining the full time position of School Administrative Manager, she has had to give up her role of supporting students in the classroom, something I know she has found very difficult to do. I am very much looking forward to working with Mandy in her new role.

Year 9 Camp
Next week Year 9 will be on camp, with the majority of students attending the ski camp while others attend Urban Challenge in Sydney, and a third group explores Sydney city through a number of day trips.

Language Excursions
This week and next week, a number of our Language classes are visiting the city to experience the cultural and cuisine highlight of the language they have been studying. Thanks to the Language staff for organising these excursions. Read the report elsewhere in this newsletter about the Chinese excursion this week.

The Australian Mathematics Competition
On Thursday this week, students in Years 7 to 11 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. This competition began in 1978 when it was the first Australian wide mathematics competition for school children. We had 142 students participating and we are looking forward to the results from the competition.

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal

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Midwinter Music Soirée

Friday, 14 August at 7.00 pm in the School Auditorium

Our Music students present the annual music concert which will include items from the Jazz Combo, Chamber Ensemble, rock bands, HSC Music performances and a variety of solo and group performances showcasing the wealth of musical talent within the school.

Parents, friends and families are invited to attend and support those students taking part. Admission is $10 per person at the door. Performers and children under 5 years, admitted free.

Funds raised from the concert are used to purchase additional equipment and instruments.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS WOULD LOVE TO TURN YOUR JUNK INTO ART!!

Year 9 students are studying abstraction of the landscape through relief sculpture. To create these works we need pre-loved materials that are worn, used, broken ... not new and shiny (though we'd take these as well!). Flattish items, such as pegboard, small sheets of metal, old signs, sheets of plastic, hessian, tubing, hinges, caning, etc etc... Time for a clean out? Please leave at the school office, and come and see the finished results at our Art Exhibition. Thanks!

YEAR 5 STUDENTS FROM ST IVES PRIMARY CONTINUE OUR 9 x 5 LANDSCAPE COMPETITION

Another 60 students participated in our art competition this week as Year 9 students once again demonstrated their excellent teaching skills. Students from St Ives Primary really enjoyed working with high school students.

With one more primary school to visit, we are looking forward to judging the excellent works the students have created in the Impressionist style. The best nine works from each of the primary schools will be exhibited alongside our student works at this year’s Art Exhibition.

Patricia Gettens and Tania McGurgan
Visual Arts Teachers

GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The 2015 candidates in the Australian Geography Competition have produced outstanding results, indicative of the level of application given by our students in the classroom. Their class teachers are very proud of their students' effort and consequent achievement. Of a total of 235 candidates, 16% received a distinction and 18% received a high distinction. The awards were presented at this week’s assembly.

Claire Cartwright
Head Teacher HSIE

LEARNING JOURNEY YEAR 9

The Year 9 students took part in the Learning Journey on Wednesday. This gave them an opportunity to reflect on their high school journey so far. They were interviewed by a teacher, community member and a Year 8 student. They brought in a variety of work to show their panels, from examinations, to art work, skateboards and cakes. The community members all commented how wonderful and enthusiastic our students were and left saying "don't forget to invite me next year!" Many thanks to the staff who volunteered their time, it was greatly appreciated by the students.

Any student who was away on Wednesday will be asked to present over the next week. Their grades will be included in their final reports this year.

Gillian McGhee
Economics Teacher
Relieving Head Teacher HSIE Fri A Fri B
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.

BOOTCAMP

Bootcamp is divided into two sessions:
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

“Yesterday, all classes learning Chinese went on an excursion to the city. The first place that we had visited was The Chinese Cultural Centre and we watched a movie starring Jackie Chan as the main character. After the movie had ended we went on a quick tour through the Art Gallery in the centre. Later on we all gathered together and walked 20 minutes to the Zilver Seafood Restaurant to have Yum Cha. Once we arrived we were organized into groups of 10. When we were seated at our tables, we enjoyed a wonderful course of meals. Before the food was served, we were given a plate of lollies to pick from to practice using chopsticks. Then we were given a challenge to pick out tiny green beans and yellow beans. The order of the meals were; Steamed Prawn Dumplings, Beef Balls, Steamed Dim Sim, Fried Noodles, Fried Rice, Steam BBQ Pork Buns, Spring Rolls, fried prawn dumpling and Egg Tarts, of course with great Chinese Tea. After our filling lunch, we caught a train from Central to Gordon Station to be dismissed at quarter to 3. As a concluded thought, we believe that it was an amazing experience to have gone on an excursion to a brilliant Chinese Restaurant, amazing Art Gallery that included an engaging action and comedy packed movie with an amazing teacher (Wang lăo shī).”

Jenny, Isha and Caley from Y7S
HOW TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: IOS DEVICE

PART A: In Twitter app:
1. Open Twitter app.
2. Tap (search) icon.
3. Type @stiveshs
4. Tap Go to @stiveshs
5. Tap Follow

PART B: In IOS device:
1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Notifications.
3. Tap Twitter (in list of apps on right side of screen).
4. Move slider in Allow Notifications to ‘on’ position.
5. Tap Banners in section under heading ‘Alert Style When Unlocked’.

PART C: To set push notifications in your Twitter account:
1. From the Me tab, tap the gear icon
2. Select Settings from the menu.
3. Next, tap the account you’d like to adjust. You’ll be directed to your push Notifications settings.
4. Tap the type of notification you’d like to receive. Swipe to ON. For many notifications options, you can also select who you’d like to receive those notifications from.

HOW TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: ANDROID DEVICE

PART A: In Twitter app:
1. Open Twitter app.
2. Tap (search) icon.
3. Type @stiveshs
4. Tap Go to @stiveshs
5. Tap Follow

PART B: To change your notification settings in Android device:
1. In the top menu, tap on the overflow icon (on the far right) and select Settings.
2. Tap the username of the account you’d like to adjust.
4. From here you can tap to adjust the types of notifications you’d like to receive.

PART C: To set up notifications for new Tweets from selected accounts in your Twitter account:
1. Go to the account’s profile on the app.
2. Tap the star icon located next to the follow button. You will now receive notifications when that account tweets.
3. To stop receiving notifications, simply tap the star icon again and then tap Yes from the menu that pops up.
2015 photography competition
SNAPT!

Take a photo that describes the theme “Framed” and be in the running to win the grand prize of a Cannon Camera or movie tickets for year group winners.

EVERY ENTRY WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE snapt15sihs INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

HOW TO ENTER:
1. Take a photo that describes the theme: “Framed”. Consider how you might interpret this... what could the image be framed with? Or is the image describing being ‘framed’???
2. Save this photo as a jpeg (low resolution)
3. Title the photo along with your name and year group (eg. Skate Park, Tom Jones Yr 8)
4. Email to tania.mcquigan@det.nsw.edu.au
5. Each entry will be uploaded to the snapt15sihs Instagram account
6. Entries close 6pm 26 August 2015

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:
** Entry is open to all students and staff of St Ives High School
** All photos must be original and taken by the entrant
** Entrants may submit up to 2 entries
** Photos should have minimal digital manipulation as seen fit by the judges
** Single photos only, no merging of imagery.

ENTRIES CLOSE 6PM WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST
CAREERS UPDATES

Applying for university timeline
UAC guides have arrived. Collect your copy from the careers office.
5 August           - Online university applications and SRS (early entry) 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.

Lunchtime seminars for Year 12
I will run lunchtime seminars in the MFS in week 5, 10-13 August, to go over the university application process, early entry with SRS, alternative pathways etc.

TAFE enrolments for Year 10/11 Subject Selection
If you have chosen or are thinking of choosing a TAFE course as part of your subject selection process for 2016, be aware that there is a strict cut-off date of Friday 4 September to apply. If you don’t apply by this date you may miss out and have to rely on your school based subjects. You will be required to apply for a Unique Student Identifier (USI) as part of the enrolment process. See careers for an application form and a course outline.

University OPEN DAYS
→ UOW Saturday 15 August
→ ADFA 28-29 August
→ UNewcastle Central Coast Open Day: Saturday 15 August, 10am – 3pm
→ Newcastle Open Day: Saturday 22 August, 10am – 4pm
→ UTS 29 August
→ USYD 29 August
→ UWS 30 August
→ ACU 5 September
→ UNSW 5 September 9am-4pm
→ Macquarie University 12 September

Charles Sturt University is holding the MyDay Engineering event on Monday 24 August 2015 in Bathurst.
This event is targeted at Year 11 and Year 12 students who may be considering study in the Engineering field. On the day students will:
• see the progress being made on the construction of our new engineering building
• meet the academics
• participate in hands-on activities
• find out about our application process
• find out where CSU Engineering can take them
• hear from Engineers Without Borders
There will also be parent sessions held on the day for any parents who would like to attend.

University Early Admissions
Apply now for early admission to UOW at uow.edu.au/future/early-admission. Students will be assessed on academic performance and an interview.

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. Make sure you take multiple copies of your resume.

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.
IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Term 3
27 July - 7 August  Trial HSC Examinations
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

P&C NEWS

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE ... 8 AUGUST
Are you feeling stressed out? Laughter, as they say, is the best medicine. So go online and book tickets for the St Ives Park Primary School social fundraiser Comedy for a Cause at www.trybooking.com/IBUN. Snacks included, and alcohol served. We enjoy close ties with our local Primary schools and are always happy to support them - e.g. help at the SIPPS Athletics Carnival and participation at the Bare Creek Trail Run. Comedy for a Cause is of particular interest as we plan to run a similar event with these organisers in T4 or T1 next year.

Keith Oliver
P&C President

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

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN IS BACK!
A chance to contribute some amazing new educational equipment for our school. To participate all you have to do is collect Earn & Learn stickers by shopping at Woolworths (one sticker per $10). The program will run until 8 September.

There is a collection box at the school office and also outside St Ives Woolworths, so drop off your stickers or completed cards at either location.

Libby Cameron
P&C

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL ...

Purchase your 2015-2016 Entertainment Book through the P&C for $70 and our school receives 20%. Books available from the school office.
FACT SHEET
No. 38 – Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT
Each year, the NSW Fire Brigades attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?
We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:
- Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- Never ever leave cooking unattended.
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean.
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS
- To test an electric blanket lay it flat on top of the bed, then switch it on for five minutes before putting it on the bed for use to confirm it is okay.
- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- Oil, gas or wood heating units may require a yearly maintenance check.
- Only use fuses of recommended rating and install an electrical safety switch.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- Never leave burning candles or any open flame unattended.
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Just place your order online at www.trybooking.com/IALA, and the 2nd St Ives Scouts will deliver it to your door on Saturday 15th of August 2015

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Excellent value way

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Please don't forget to tell us where you would like us to put the fertilizer should you not be there on Saturday 15 August 2015 to receive the order. If you are unavailable at the time of delivery and no specific instructions are received, we will leave the fertilizer next to your drive way.

Please note that free delivery is limited to St Ives and immediately neighbouring suburbs. For other suburbs there may be an additional delivery fee.

Any questions please contact us via email fertilizers@stives.com.au or phone 0417 277 594

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