St Ives High School - where choices create infinite possibilities

Term 3 Week 5

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley

Year 7 and Year 8 Premier’s Debating Teams
On Wednesday the Year 7 and Year 8 Premier’s Debating Teams went head to head in the final for round 1. The very challenging topic was “That the Australian Music Industry Should be Protected”. The Affirmative position, was successfully argued by the Year 8 team, who won the debate after a very thought provoking series of ideas and rebuttals from both sides. The Year 8 team will now move to the next round. We are very proud of the calibre and performance of this year’s debaters. Congratulations - Daniel Pavlich, Kate Farkas, Georgia Brooks and Katie Taylor from Year 8 and Abigail Bywaters, Kurt Tikoft, Brianna An and Matthew Burch from Year 7.

UNSW Economics and Business Studies Competitions
Each year St Ives High School has entered those students doing HSC Business Studies and Economics into these competitions. They are notoriously difficult competitions and our students always achieve great results. This year we have had some outstanding results with four students being awarded monetary prizes which are to be presented to the students in September at the University. All the students are Accelerated Business Studies students. It is very unusual for schools to get these awards, never mind having four in the same year. Congratulations to these students for an outstanding effort - Imogen Sammes, Lombok Taku, Adelaide Sinclair, Kieran Brown.

NS5 Culinary Cooking Competition
On Monday morning this week a small group of students in year 9 and 10 competed in the heats of the NS5 Culinary Cooking Competition held in our Trade Training Centre. Students were given a mystery box of ingredients and were required to prepare two courses in a set period of time. The judges marked students on their presentation, taste and creativity. Thank you to Nathan Lawler and Sandy Carbury for judging. The winning teams of two students were Year 10 students, Jasmine Faul and Brianna Lindsay, as well as Year 9 students Cleo Faul and Laura Gibbs. These teams will now move through to the finals at Killara High School on 28 August.

Medieval Day
This week Year 8 History students were given an opportunity to engage with a professional Medieval jouster, who is only one of four professional jousters in Australia! Students listened to him speak about personal experiences and were able to handle actual Medieval armour and weaponry. Students were given valuable information regarding Medieval jousting, warfare, weaponry, armour and battle tactics. Lucky volunteers were dressed in full armour suits, weighing 35 kilograms! Students were surprised by how Medieval armour developed in this time period as technology changed and allowed for new innovations. All students were given a chance to ride a “horse” and attempt a joust. Year 8 had a wonderful time learning about Medieval history. Thanks to the HSIE staff for organising the day.
Congratulations
- Kai Cryan (Year 8) who has been selected to represent NSW in a national handball tournament next weekend at the AIS in Canberra. Fantastic!
- Max Miller (Year 8) who was a member of the NSW U14 team at the National Championship for Ice Hockey in Newcastle. NSW are the champions for the Ginsberg Cup. There is an international competition but he does not know yet if he has made that team.

Best wishes
Nathalie Bodley
Deputy Principal

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.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 PARENTS
We value your opinion....

We are currently reviewing our homework procedures and practices for Stage 4 students.

Please take the time to visit the link below and have your say.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBWVFY6

KITCHEN GARDEN ... DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are still looking for donations of plants and gardening equipment to help with our kitchen garden project.

Over the past couple of weeks students have planted some winter crops including snow peas, broad beans, herbs, kale and some other leafy greens. The garden beds are looking much better thanks to the boys in our early morning garden crew who are maintaining this area and watering the plants.

Megan Bond
Head Teacher, TAS
VISIT FROM XINYU NO 1 HIGH SCHOOL

This week we had the great pleasure of welcoming back our very good friends from Xinyu No 1 High School in Guilin Province, China. In January we visited them whilst on our China Tour 2015 and they were incredibly friendly towards us. They have 10 000 students in their school.

Our guests include 12 teachers, amongst them the Principal and School Director and students aged between 12 and 16. We enjoyed an open air assembly, exchange of gifts, musical and dance performances from Xinyu and St Ives students in the beautiful sunshine. Our guests have been buddied with students from Years 7 to 10 and especially requested to come to classes all day. The school day is organised somewhat differently in China and class sizes are also different. The school day is longer and class sizes are larger. Our love of learning however is very similar.

We hope to see our friends in China over the coming eighteen months and then to be able to host them again after that at St Ives High School. Thank you to our staff and students for making our guests so comfortable.

Peta Regan
International Student Co-ordinator, ESL and Chinese teacher
SPORT REPORT

Grade Champions – Boys Hockey Team
Congratulations to our Boys Hockey team who defeated Carlingford High School 3-1 in the final of the Winter Grade Sport Competition. Of particular note were Seb Saunders’ stick skills and his two goals and also the exciting goal scored by Stephen Douglas, who were ably supported by the entire team.

Team: Michael Ballantine, Stephen Douglas, Raymond Dicks, Alec Johnson, Greg Leatt, Pranav Patil, Tyler Ryan, Seb Saunders, Kwan To Tang, Ben Tanner.

U15 Boys State KO Basketball Competition
Last Tuesday our U15 boys demonstrated conviction and character to come from behind to defeat Narara Valley High School 51-46 in the State KO Basketball Competition. Player of the Match was Nick Dulhunty. We wish them luck in round two which will be against Narrabeen Sports High or Turramurra High. A very entertaining match, well done boys!

Team: Patrick Dwyer, Jasper Thomson, Sam Park, Josh Moss, Nic Dulhunty, Bradly Kim, Simarth Raghuram Nair, Anthony Zolotarev, Sione Vuna

Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to the following students who competed at Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival on 20 and 21 July as part of the Ku-ring-gai Zone team: Tia Phelan, Joshua Delnido, Dominic Boyce, Jonathon Bell, Andrew Tse, Ryan Leatt, Rose Cameron, Tyler Sands, Tom Nuich, Nicholas Tsai, Nicholas Catanzariti, Angus Richardson, Lucinda Hall.

Congratulations to Jonathan Bell who was also the 15 Years Ku-ring-gai Zone Age Champion along with Ryan Leatt 14 Years Age Champion (2nd).

Jonathon Bell (Year 9) and Angus Richardson (Year 11) have qualified for CHS held on 3 September and we wish them all the best in competition. An outstanding effort! Jonathon will compete in the 15 Years 200m hurdles and Javelin. Angus will compete in the 17 years Long Jump.

A big thank you to St Ives Rugby Club for donating 10 rugby balls to the school. Much appreciated!

Michael Kettels
Head Teacher, PDHPE
VOICE NSW COMPETITION

No, not The Voice, this is a public speaking competition run by the United Nations Youth Council, open to Years 7 to 10 and held after school at St Ives High on 2 September.

Interested students will present a 3-5 minute speech (depending on which age division) outlining a solution to a given world problem. Students may present new solutions to long-standing problems, or new solutions to largely untouched issues. Competitors then answer two questions, lasting for approximately one minute each, on the solution they presented to the audience by the judging panel.

See https://unyouth.org.au/event/voice-nsw/ to register or for more information or contact Mrs Gettens in the Art Staffroom. There is a fee of $25.

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

Thank you so much to parents, staff and students who bought in their junk items for my Year 9 Found Materials artworks. Though the corridor now looks like a junkyard, Year 9 will create some really interesting artworks for our exhibition in two weeks. Make sure you come and see them!

Patricia Gettens
GATs and Student Leadership Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher

FRENCH AND SPANISH EXCURSIONS

Spanish and French students recently participated in wonderful cultural excursions. The French excursion went off without a hitch. We all met and took the train to the city and from there we walked to Dendy Opera Quays where we watched Une Vie de Chat. It was an animated French film and very enjoyable. After that we walked to The Little Snail in Darling Harbour where our starving hordes tucked into a delightfully French three-course meal...many students were adventurous enough to give the garlic snails a whirl!

Due to an error at the Instituto Cervantes (a Spanish education centre situated near Central Station) our ninety-five students had to sit through a whole movie, El Sueño de Valentín, in Spanish and without subtitles. Miss Ayling tried to save the day by intermittently having the film paused so she could provide a quick summary! From there we went to Capitan Torres and were treated to more mariscos than we'd ever seen! Mountains of paella filled with crab, prawns, calamari, mussels, clams and sometimes chicken. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Year 8 French Camp at Milson Island
Lily and Siobhan were glad that they went on the French camp. It was a great experience. They really enjoyed expanding their vocabulary through a range of drama activities and French lessons. The girls even learnt how to text in French! Lily and Siobhan met some really nice people with similar interests to themselves, tested their knowledge with the French quiz and they now feel that their appreciation for language learning is even better. It was "une expérience magnifique"!

Lily Chadian and Siobhan Drake, Year 8 French class
YEAR 9 CANBERRA / SKI CAMP

Ninety-two students from Year 9 had the wonderful experience of visiting Canberra and going to the snow last week.

In Canberra we visited the War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy, formerly known as Old Parliament House. The Museum of Australian Democracy provided students with an interactive experience finding out facts about Australian history. The student's re-enacted the passing of a bill in the two houses with a script of an original bill that had been passed in the 1960’s regarding conscription and the Vietnam War. This was followed by a tour of the embassies. Our final stop in Canberra was Parliament House where guides took the students into both houses. Security was very tight and students asked the guides the reasons for this. A number of the students were impressed by the architecture.

The next stop was our accommodation at Berridale where facilities were excellent. The following day we made a very early start and headed for the snow. Some of the students had never seen snow. The season had started off with heavy falls and the falls had continued, so fresh snow was everywhere. During the day the weather changed quickly and for about an hour there was a light fall of snow. The trainers did a fantastic job encouraging the students to master the skills of skiing or snowboarding.

When we returned to the motel there was time to shower, have dinner and get ready for the disco. The music was pumping and everyone made a great effort to enjoy the night. The following day was another day of fun in the snow. The students became more confident and a number were permitted to ski to Perisher.

The students were mostly exceptionally well behaved, a credit to themselves, their families and the school, a real pleasure to take away. Several people complimented our students on their manners and behaviour.

Robert Ryan
Year 9 Adviser

YEAR 9 URBAN CHALLENGE

The Urban Challenge saw 30 Year 9 students and three teachers navigate their way across the CBD, Eastern Suburbs and Darling Harbour over three days and two nights. We solved puzzles, cracked codes, read maps, rode ferries, buses and trains, and earned points for a variety of fun and thought provoking challenges. During the evening we stayed in youth hostels where we battled it out in the kitchens for our very own Master Chef competition. The next night saw us haggling in Chinatown for a delicious banquet before a moonlit ride across to Luna Park. Our final day was a clue hunt across the Rocks, Mitchell Library and the CBD. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to move out of their comfort zones and get a taste of the real world while enjoying all that our beautiful city has to offer.

Jenny Jaeger, Katherine Paterson, Daniel Neil
Teachers in Charge
It's that time of year again when students in Year 10 head outside the classroom to put their Mathematics, particularly Trigonometry, into action. They are measuring distance with tapes and measuring angles of elevation or depression with clinometers. Later, they will apply trigonometric methods to calculate heights and slopes. Students see more purpose in the Maths they are learning as they apply their skills in practical situations.

Year 11 Extension Maths have also been doing Trigonometry. Here, they are acting out a complex 3-dimensional problem to help visualise it.

A boat sailing along the coast passes a mountain, represented by Jamie. Nabil and Kieran represent the boat at different times along its journey. The ribbons indicate the angles of elevation to the top of the mountain measured from two places and also the path that the boat sails between those points. Trung is measuring the bearing of the mountain from the two positions of the boat.

Putting all this together enables the sailors to calculate the height of the mountain. This is the method James Cook used when he first mapped the coast of Australia back in the 18th Century. His detailed maps were so accurate that they weren't superseded until satellites were developed recently.
CAREERS UPDATES

NS5 Careers Expo and Information Evening for Year 12 students and parents Tuesday 18 August at Turramurra High School 5.30pm-8.00pm.

You will have the opportunity to speak to representatives from Macquarie University, University of Sydney, UTS, UNSW, ANU, ACU, UAC, TAFE, AIE, THINK Group, Defence Force, ICMS and GAP Year providers. There will also be talks from UAC on the university application process and from Macquarie and Sydney University.

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.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) or Early Admission Scheme to university
SRS allows students to gain an early offer to university on criteria other than ATAR eg awards and achievements. To apply for early entry visit www.uac.edu.au/srs. Applications close 30 September.

TAFE enrolments for Year 10/11 subject selection
If you have chosen or are thinking of choosing or continuing 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
• ICMS Manly 16 August
• Le Cordon Bleu, Sydney 20 August 3pm-6pm 250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde
• ADFA 28-29 August. Free bus from Parramatta. Transport: DFR Parramatta will be providing a free bus which will leave from Defence Force Recruiting, 9 George Street Parramatta at 7am and will return at 6pm. To book a seat on the bus please RSVP to CPTNSW@dfr.com.au
• 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 (CSU) will be holding an information evening for parents and students in Years 10 to 12 who would like to know more about CSU. This event will be held at the Hornsby RSL on Thursday 3 September 2015 at 6:00pm and will include a presentation by a UAC representative as well as providing an opportunity to find out about:

• courses available and opportunities,
• pathways into university
• how to apply
• early entry schemes
• accommodation options
• scholarships

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.
Don’t have an Instagram account to view the Snapt! entries?...

Scan this QR code to view all the entries so far...

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**2015 Photography Competition: Snapt!**

Take a photo that describes the theme “Framed” and be in the running to win the grand prize of a Canon 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 snap15sihs 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**

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2015 Term 3 Week 5
IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Term 3
14 August  Midwinter Music Soiree in the Hall at 7.00 pm
20 August  P&C Meeting at 7.30 pm in the MFS, D Block (Note: Meeting 3 September cancelled)
1 September  Sports Assembly
6 September  P&C Spring Working Bee
7 - 18 September  Year 11 Yearly Examinations
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
26 October - 13 November  Years 7-10 Assessments and Examinations
6 November  Last day HSC examinations
11 November  Vaccinations for Year 7 and catch up vaccinations for Years 8 and 11
20-21 November  Performing Arts Unit End of Year Showcase
23-27 November  Year 7 Water Awareness
23-27 November  Year 10 Work Experience
30 November - 1 December  GATs Camp
30 November - 2 December  Year 10 Camp
9 December  Presentation Evening
Wednesday, 16 December  Last day Term 4 for students

P&C NEWS

SPRING WORKING BEE, 6 SEPTEMBER
We will be holding a Spring Working Bee to shake off those winter cobwebs and give the place a Spring clean. Save the date and flex those muscles!!

Eric Tse

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

Y8 & Y10 Morning Tea
JOIN US ON
MONDAY 31ST AUGUST
AT 9:30 AM
AT THE
LIVING ROOM CAFÉ
Located in
St Ives Shopping Centre
(next to Subway)
RSVP to Libby 0402 817 524
Ku-ring-gai Council and KYDS invite HSC students to attend:

HSC SURVIVAL WORKSHOPS

Gordon Library, Meeting Room 2, 799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PREP!
Wednesday 19 August, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Learn the basics of how to study to prepare yourself for the HSC. Discover techniques and ideas on how to be organised, stay focused and eat well. You’ll learn how to effectively manage your time and overcome procrastination, develop effective study notes that actually work and how to manage your time during an exam to minimise mistakes.

DON’T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!
Wednesday 2 September, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
In this session learn what to do the night before an exam to ensure optimal exam day performance. Plus simple tips to reduce stress in the lead up to exams and the power of nutrition and light exercise between exams.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0994
or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
MAINTAINING YOUR SMOKE ALARM

1. Test your smoke alarm batteries every month by pressing and holding the test button for five seconds. Replace batteries every 12 months.
2. Vacuum dust off alarms every six months.
3. Replace smoke alarms with a new photoelectric alarm every ten years or earlier, if specified by the manufacturer.

For more information on smoke alarms, visit: fire.nsw.gov.au and planning.nsw.gov.au

BE PREPARED BY MAKING A PLAN OF ESCAPE

Draw a floor plan of your home, including two ways of escape from each room. Plan an escape route and ensure everyone knows how to get out.

Blockaded exits are a hazard. Keep exits clear.

Keep door and window keys in or next to locks so they can be opened easily.

Decide on a meeting place outside e.g. the letterbox. Provide alternatives and someone to assist for anyone with a disability.

Plan two ways out of a room: Primary, Secondary

In case of a fire, get out stay out and call triple zero.

Fire & Rescue NSW Help us, help you be home fire safe