Principal Matters by Mark Watson

Art Exhibition
This week the school has had a focus on Art, with our annual art exhibition. The exhibition is an opportunity for the school to showcase our Year 12 major art works. Year 12 art students and parents attended a special viewing of the exhibition on Wednesday evening before the official opening. Our Hospitality students catered for the official opening this year. Thanks go to Ms Bond and her team of students. One of the most delightful experiences of our art exhibition is being able to see the transition and progression of students’ artistic abilities as they progress from Year 7 through to Year 12. It is a credit to our dedicated team of Art teachers to see the artistic talent they unlock in our students through the works displayed in the exhibition. On Thursday evening, Year 7 parents were able to have a special viewing to explore their children's art works and to consider options of study in this field. Another enjoyable aspect of this year’s exhibition was the announcing of winners of the 9 x 5 competition and the Year 7 portrait prize. In the 9 x 5 program, Year 9 students mentored Year 5 students in local schools as they developed impressionist landscapes in the style of the 9 x 5 art movement in Australia. Congratulations to Eleanor McIver from St Ives North Public School who won first prize in the Year 5 section, and Lucinda Davies who was first in the Year 9 section. I must thank our Art staff, Mr Notley-Smith, Mrs Melville, Ms McGurgan and Mrs Gettens for their work in making the exhibition a success. The exhibition highlighted how lucky we are to have such a talented group of teachers.

Junten High School Visit

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome our Japanese sister school, Junten High School from Tokyo. The day began with a welcome ceremony and this was followed by class visits and performances. Perhaps the highlight for the students from Junten was the time they were able to spend with their St Ives buddies practicing their language skills and sharing their cultural experiences. The visit to St Ives High School is highly valued by Junten and they have requested to visit again next year. The relationship between the schools has taken on a special significance in recent years, as students from our school have visited Junten as part of our Japanese tour. On these tours, our students have enjoyed home stays with the families of their buddies. Thanks go to Mrs Patel and her team for coordinating the visit. Thanks also to Mr Percy for his support on the day and his dedication in driving the partnership between our two schools to new levels in his time as Head Teacher of Languages.

Canberra/Ski Trip – PACER Rebate
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed $20 funding per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school after the excursion.
Concert Band Performance and Congratulations
Last Sunday, our concert band took part in the State Championships for the second year in a row. Our band gave an outstanding performance significantly improving upon the place they finished in 2014. This year they were 6th overall. Each band had to perform three pieces, one of their own choice, a test piece and a sacred item. Our band finished 3rd in the own choice section – an outstanding result. St Ives performed with bands from Knox Grammar, Shore, Hills Community, Northholm Grammar, Arden Anglican, Killara and St Patrick’s. Thanks go to Ms Lovell for providing the band with this performance opportunity. Congratulations also to Ms Lovell who has recently been made a permanent member of staff.

Bstreetsmart
Year 10 students attended bstreetsmart on Tuesday this week. The purpose of bstreetsmart is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. It aims to explore trauma caused by road accidents and give students strategies they can follow. Thanks go to Ms Baxter for organising the visit.

Next P&C Meeting
The P&C are currently planning events for next term. This will include a forum next term to look at directions into the future to best support the education of your children. The next meeting will be next Thursday 3 September in the MFS. All parents are very welcome to attend.

School Network Upgrade
The school has a significant Local Area Network (LAN) that is made up of fibre optic cables, copper cable and switch devices. Over time new devices and cabling come along and the older equipment can slow down the LAN performance. We are currently undergoing a LAN remediation program. Experts from the Department of Education are analysing our network and will eventually upgrade the equipment on it. Thanks go to Mr Champion who has been working with the team from the Department of Education.

Sports Assembly
Next Tuesday, 1 September, a special assembly will be held during Period 2 to recognise the sporting achievements of our students during 2015. Invitations have been sent to the parents of our award recipients, however, this is a general invitation to parents who might like to attend. We ask all guests to arrive at 9:50am. We will use Monday’s bell times with the assembly replacing the normally scheduled Period 2. Year 12 not involved in the assembly will attend normal lessons. Thanks go to Mrs Terrey for organising the assembly.

Robocup
This week our students took part in the Robocup challenge held at the University of NSW. The Robocup is a robotic competition where school teams compete against each other to solve problems using robots. We wish our teams all the best and we thank Mr Yuen for organising our team. There will be a more detailed report about the day in next week’s newsletter.

Culinary Cook Off
On Friday this week our school Culinary Cook Off teams took part in the next round of the competition at Killara High School. They competed against teams from other high schools in the NS5, Turramurra, Ku-ring-gai, Chatswood and Killara. An exciting part of the competition is the “Mystery Box Challenge” where each team has to prepare a two course meal using only the ingredients contained in a mystery box. Congratulations to Jasmine Faul and Brianna Lindsay (Year 10 team) and Cleo Faul and Laura Gibbs (Year 9 team) for getting to this round. Thanks to Taylor Doherty and Ellie Davison (Year 10) who were team support; and Ms Bond and Mrs Doherty for organising the teams. There will be a full report in next week’s newsletter.

SAS Week
Next week is School Administration Staff (SAS) Recognition Week. SAS Week is an opportunity for the school teaching staff, executive and community to say thank you to the SAS staff for supporting teachers and running the school in such a smooth manner.
Zoo Excursion
Year 7 had an excursion to the Zoo on Friday this week. The excursion is an important part of the science program for Year 7. Thanks to Mrs Barden for organising the excursion.

School Captains Selection
The selection of School Captains and Vice-Captains took place on Friday this week. Prior to Friday, all applicants submitted a written report that was reviewed by a selection panel, made up of staff and students from the current leadership team. Year 11 students and staff then took part in a vote. Details of the successful applicants will be published in next week’s newsletter. Thanks go to Ms Kahlili for organising the students.

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal
RSPCA CUPCAKES FUNDRAISER

On Friday, the SRC alongside Jazz’d Up Cupcakes (a company run by our very own Year 10 student Jasmine Faul) organised the selling of cupcakes and hot chips to raise money for the RSPCA. At recess and lunch students flocked to the quad so fast that we ran out of cupcakes in 5 minutes!

The SRC are happy to announce that we have raised over $500 to give to the RSPCA! This money will be used to save thousands of neglected and abandoned animals in Australia, and give them a chance at a new and better life without mistreatment and abuse.

Thank you very much to Jazz’d Up Cupcakes for all of their efforts in baking yummy cupcakes. And a very big thank you to McDonald’s St Ives who donated the hot chips to us! This allowed us to raise even more money for this worthwhile charity.

Sandra Khalili  
HSIE Teacher  
SRC Coordinator

YEAR 10 HISTORY EXCURSION

Year 10 History students made their way into the Sydney Jewish Museum on Wednesday. The visit gave the students an insight into the experiences of those impacted by the Holocaust. As part of this visit students were given the opportunity to sift through artefacts from this horrifying period in world history. A highlight of the day was meeting a Holocaust survivor, ‘Eddie’, who is a vibrant 95 year old who spent approximately three years in the infamous Auschwitz Concentration Camp. He told his remarkable tale of survival that left all of the students in awe. We all thanked Eddie for sharing his story. The students should be congratulated for the maturity they showed whilst travelling on public trains to and from the venue. We look forward to taking students on this excursion next year.

Nathan Lawler  
Relieving HT Welfare  
HSIE Teacher

ATTENTION YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 BOYS AND U16 GIRLS

We have some rugby games against Killara High School on Friday 11 September. The games will begin at 1:30pm and parents are welcome to come along. Trials for these teams will be on Friday September 4 after school on the bottom oval.

We look forward to a large number of students trialling on 4 September with many parents coming to watch the games on 11 September.

Nathan Lawler  
Relieving HT Welfare  
HSIE Teacher
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PILOT PROGRAM

Macquarie University has invited St Ives High School’s International Students to participate in a pilot program, which offers scholarships and extension courses to students from Years 11 and 12. The scholarships are worth $4000 to the highest ranking Year 12 international student once the HSC results have been released. The extension courses are open to students from the beginning of Year 11 to develop their analytical skills. The courses run over the summer break or during Term 1. This week the university representatives explained the programs to the students and we look forward to developing a strong relationship between St Ives High School and Macquarie University for our international students.

SRC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Over the last week our international students have voted for the International Student Representative Council Member. It was decided that the best option was to expand the representation to include both a male and female student. I am very proud to announce that Yu Lin (Eric) Shen and Yueting (Ella) Zeng are our new representatives. Both students have already prepared their plans, which will be published to our international students in the coming weeks.

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

Performing Arts Unit Acting for Theatre Night

SHORT AND SWEET
A selection of dramatic works

Tuesday, 1 September
Doors open at 6.45 pm; show commences at 7.00 pm.

All tickets $5
Complimentary tea and coffee
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.
17 December    - ATARs released & Year 12 BBQ at school
End January    - Main round university offers released.

Schools Recommendation Scheme (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.

An ATAR is not always the best measure of a student’s ability to succeed in university. As such, the participating universities (not USYD, UNSW) make offers via SRS. This enables schools to nominate their students for a university offer based on criteria other than an ATAR through a simple application process and the December UAC round. It gives all Year 12 students the opportunity to secure a place at university based on a recommendation from their school.

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
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@df.r.com.au
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

Interested in learning to fly?
Presented by the UNSW School of Aviation, this two day short course will be delivered to secondary students during the September school holiday break. The course is aimed at those interested in a future career in the aviation industry, and will outline some of the current issues facing the industry today. UNSW School of Aviation is proud to be supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service (SE Section) with the donation of 100% of the registration fees for this course. To register visit http://www.trybooking.com/143481

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.
### IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

**Term 3**
- 1 September: Sports Assembly
- 1 September: 6.45 pm Performing Arts Unit—Acting for Theatre Night. Tickets at the door.
- 3 September: P&C Meeting at 7.30 pm in the MFS, D Block *(Note: Meeting 3 September reinstated)*
- 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

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### 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](mailto: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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*This week on Twitter*

*St Ives High School @stivesh - 7h*

Year 7: critical thinking about bullying from a "circle of viewpoints" #ns5schools #engagement

Follow the instructions at the back of the newsletter to follow us on Twitter.

And don’t forget to “favourite” what you like!*
GROUNDS ADVICE
The P&C met with Ku-ring-gai Council’s Greenstyle Advisor this week to get suggestions for improving the school grounds. Three areas were identified for work, with the following comments and suggestions for plantings:

Area 1: front entrance to the school off Yarrabung Road
Both sides of the pathway are quite shady, but the small trees growing there already are doing well so I suggest using the same species on both sides of the path to give symmetry.

Area 2: the L-shaped garden bed around the building in the north-east corner of the school grounds.
This garden is quite weedy.

Area 3: The proposed walkway and native garden along the northern boundary of the school.
This area receives a lot of sun and plants should be fairly low-growing so as not to block light into the classrooms.

From this, some of this work will be done by a Lend Lease community day coming up soon, our next few Working Bees and for the area adjacent to LOLA (Area 3) after the winding walkway has been put into place. In addition, we wandered into the ‘Forbidden Forest’ (the out-of-bounds area along Hunter Avenue) and noted some rather large noxious trees, which we will get around to. So look forward to seeing our school ‘Greenstyled’ and we will keep you posted on progress!!

Eric Tse

YEAR 11 PARENTS ... YEAR 12 GRADUATION
Thank-you to all the Year 11 parents who have already volunteered to help with preparations for the 2015 Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 17 September. A reminder to those who haven’t yet volunteered, you are ALL expected to contribute to the event in some way. It is a SIHS tradition for the Year 11 parents to coordinate the Year 12 Graduation before our own children graduate the following year. We are still in need of parents who can help with the following:

1  Sushi-makers (expertise not essential)
2  Volunteers on the day of the graduation, Thursday 17 September, in the following time slots:
   - hall set-up from 12pm
   - hall and outdoor clean-up from 8.30pm
3  Printing of photos for the event
4  Solar outdoor lights (preferably white)
5  Plants (loan of greenery that can be used at the event)
6  Empty, clean tins (preferably large, 1 litre tins. These can be dropped off at the front office - please put them in a packet labelled P&C).

Please email year11stiveshs@gmail.com with your name and your volunteer slot preference.

Catherine Marshall

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
THE 9 X 5 PROJECT
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL AND PARTNER SCHOOLS
ARTWORK EXHIBITION
THE GALLERY @ ST IVES VILLAGE
31ST AUGUST – 18TH SEPTEMBER

Year 9 Students from St Ives High school become art teachers, guiding and instructing Year 5 students from partner schools: St Ives Primary School, St Ives Park Primary School, St Ives North Primary School, Sir Eric Woodward Primary School and Terrey Hills Primary School. The 9 x 5 Project has seen students emulate the Impressionist artists of the 1880’s painting on their own 9” x 5” boards images of landscapes from our local area. Their techniques reflect the spontaneous and fleeting style characteristic of this group.
China Studies Centre Moon Festival Celebration 2015

The Moon Festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn festival, is one of the most important events in the Chinese calendar, celebrating the harvest of the year.

The festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in Lunar calendar. This year, the China Studies Centre is celebrating this special occasion on Thursday 24 September, when the full moon occurs.

There is a Chinese saying about the Moon Festival that means when the moon is at its fullest, people come together.

We hope the moon can bring the China Studies Centre, local students and all onshore Chinese students together, working to develop and present this widely celebrated festival in Asian culture.

This is an annual event. It is another highlight on Sydney’s culture calendar.

When:
Thursday 24 September 2015
12.00pm – 2.00pm

Where:
University of Sydney NSW 2006
To find out more, visit
sydney.edu.au/china_studies_centre
FOSTER CARE WEEK 2015 is almost here...
September 13 – 19th

Children need foster care when their parents cannot give them the kind of environment and care they need. It is common for children coming into care to have experienced a lot of emotional upheaval, loss and rejection. Basically they need what all children need: love, patience, security and acceptance .... Only more so!

They may need a safe place to stay for a few days, a number of weeks or longer, depending on the situation in their family. Fostering a child can be challenging .... But it can also be very rewarding.

Community Services needs carers for children of all ages, from new-born babies upwards, but especially for children aged 8+, and for sibling groups. Carers can be single, or have a partner, with or without children, and of any cultural background.

All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

If you think you might be able to make a difference in a child’s life and would like to find out more, phone 8303 7644 to talk to one of our staff or email: CAPSMetroCentral@facs.nsw.gov.au

OR Come along to an Information Night
WHERE: North Narrabeen Baptist Church, Wakehurst Parkway, North Narrabeen
WHEN: Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.30pm
Please phone 8303 7644 to register or email: CAPSMetroCentral@facs.nsw.gov.au
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.