T Projects
This week 7 and 8 T students presented the individual projects they have been working on for some months, to an audience of parents, teachers and their peers. On Monday night it was 7T’s turn. Their night was called the “Night of Notables”. Each student took on the character of a person notable to them and gave a speech from their perspective. For a successful speech, the student had to research their notable extensively, use a number of props to assist with their message, and deliver it in a clear, confident and engaging manner. Thanks to the teachers of 7T, Ms Barden, Mrs Mercer, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Jaeger, Ms Paterson, Mr O’Connell Mr Hill and Mrs Gettens, who attended on the evening. Tuesday night was the turn of 8T. Their night was called “When Learning Comes Alive”. Students in 8T were each asked to think of one profound question in which they are interested. They then chose a person who they believed would best be able to answer that question and researched their chosen expert and the issue. The students then presented a mini lesson 10 to 15 minutes long, to a class made up of their parents, other class members and teachers. It was great to see various teaching styles being adopted by the students. Thanks to Mrs Melville, Ms Milne, Ms Lovell, Mrs Kerrison and Mrs McGurgan who all assisted on the evening. A special thank you to Mrs Gettens who has worked tirelessly to make these two nights a wonderful celebration of authentic and engaged learning. Her dedication to the GATs program, the students in it and their parents, were evident on both evenings this week.

Year 12 final week
Where has the time gone! Many Year 12 students and parents will no doubt be wondering this as students begin their last week of school. The path is not always smooth and I congratulate all students for their determination and endurance in reaching this penultimate point of their education. I hope the knowledge and skills they have gained while at school will hold them in good stead as they enter further education or work. I am also thankful for the support of parents as we have worked together to help your children transition from child to adult.

Important events for Year 12 next week include the Formal on Tuesday night (6:30pm), Graduation practice periods 1 and 2 Thursday, Graduation Thursday night (7pm) and Celebration Day Friday starting with a breakfast from 8am.

Year 12 v Teachers Games
OZTAG report (totally unbiased)
A very confident looking student team took the field, prepared for action in the inevitable whitewash of the teacher’s team that would surely follow. Faces beaming, adjusting attire and hair ready for the massacre. A very tight start with both students and teachers showing some classy moves and last minute tags until the students broke away to score the first of their expected many tries. Teachers by now must be getting tired and hamstrings are not what they used to be. But wait, the teachers struck back with calculated determination to level the score. The students now puffing heavily and starting to look more worried due to the teachers constant onslaught. Teachers score again! One more try needed to show the youthful, but now demoralised students how the game is played. But to their credit, and with all the compassion and encouragement our teachers are well known for, they stepped aside to allow the students to level the score, moments before the final whistle, unfortunately, due to a student knock-on the try was disallowed. Final score Teachers 2, Students 1. Now for the netball and soccer!
Spanish Awards
Each year languages students have opportunities to compete on a global scale against schools from all over the world in an online learning environment. St Ives High School language participants always work conscientiously and with great determination to ensure the school achieves outstanding results. Our most significant result in 2015 came from the great efforts of the students in Spanish, achieving 8th in Australia and 4th in NSW. Two students received Gold Awards, which places them in the top 2% of the competition. We look forward to even stronger results next year.

Technology Class 7TTE7
On Thursday this week, students in 7TTE7 were cooking up a treat. Their design brief was to produce something that was both nutritious and yummy that could be taken on a bush walk! Well done to 7TTE7 and their teacher, Mrs Broughton.

Year 10 VALID Science Test
On Monday of this week, Year 10 students took part in the interactive VALID Science testing program. This is a new initiative from the Learning, High Performance and Accountability Directorate of the NSW Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to support teachers in making informed and consistent judgements about student achievement and progress against the syllabus, an assessment framework and stage descriptors. VALID, which stands for Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development is currently being trialled with Year 10. VALID science testing for Year 8 will be held later this year and will be completed by all Year 8 students in public schools. Once fully implemented, VALID will provide schools and communities of schools a reliable way to validate school-based assessment and track student achievement over time, providing valuable data for teaching and learning as well as data to support the implementation and reporting against the school plan.

Performing Arts Unit News
During the month of September, the Performing Arts Unit had two events scheduled on the school calendar. On Tuesday 1 September, the Acting For Theatre students performed before an intimate audience of parents and friends, a selection of dramatic works entitled Short and Sweet. This evening of theatre was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many talents of our extra-curricular drama students.

On Wednesday of this week, thirty two students were given the opportunity to experience any imaginary world of professional, live musical theatre. An excursion to the Lyric Theatre to see the musical, “Matilda”, an adaptation of a classic Roald Dahl book, brought Matilda's love of books alive on stage. Dahl’s love of language and the musicality of words, combined with his ability to make us laugh at subjects that are a little bit dark and scary, meant the students were mesmerized from the opening scene to the bows from the very talented cast.

Friday 20 November or Saturday 21 November are the dates to put in your diary for the Performing Arts Unit End of Year Showcase. Over two evenings our students from the Acting For Theatre, Musical Theatre, Dance and Vocal classes will perform and showcase an original production not to be missed.

Best wishes
Mark Watson
Principal
SNAPT! PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS 2015

Winners were announced this week for the Snapt! photography competition. It was a difficult theme this year but it was great to see the entries display some clever use of the camera and some fabulous interpretation of the theme. Each year group was awarded a Westfield voucher for highly commended.

Year 7    Khloe Tria
Year 8    Holly Purden
Year 9    Ashleigh Allaway
Year 10   Callam Paul
Year 11   Jordi Bradley
Year 12   Shannon Smit

and the Grand prize went to Max Jensen of Year 9. Max received a Canon 60x powershot camera valued at $600.

Tania McGurgan
Transition Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher

Max Jensen, Year 9

Khloe Tria, Year 7

Holly Purden, Year 8

Callum Paul, Year 10

Ashleigh Allaway, Year 9

Jordi Bradley, Year 11

Mr Hepburn—Staff

Shannon Smit, Year 12
Last week 7X and 8X took part in a public speaking extension task, both classes of students preparing a two minute speech that was delivered to their classmates and teachers. 7X had the word "power" to use as a starting point and we heard about the power of speech, the power of Hitler and super powers. For 8X a range of images were offered that they had to interpret. Some of these were in the form of poems and letters, others were more like comedy sketches. All students can be proud of their efforts in the knowledge that honing these skills will be very useful as they move in to higher grades.

7T NIGHT OF NOTABLES AND 8T LEARNING COMES ALIVE

7T and 8T worked on independent learning tasks this term culminating in presentation nights this week. 7T chose a notable figure to research and presented short speeches (which were very creative!) with bioriddles, music, supper and tokens for their visitors.

8T had to consider a worthwhile question, then answer it from a famous person’s point of view. After writing an essay to answer the question, they then had to prepare a 10 minute lesson to teach this concept to their parents. We had What is intelligence? (Howard Gardner) What does education mean for our survival? (Bear Grylls) What has been the effect of women in politics? (Emmeline Pankhurst) and many other rich and provoking questions.

7T and 8T can be very proud of their achievements as they informed, entertained, surprised and make us all think!! I am sure this is a learning experience to remember!

Patricia Gettens
Gats and Student Leadership Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher
YEAR 7 FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPERS

Students in 7-1 Technology Mandatory completed their practical assessment task as food product developers this week in Mrs Broughton's class. Students have been undertaking a unit of work this term on nutrition and were asked to design and produce a healthy and nutritious meal/snack that can be "eaten on the run". The standard of work has been outstanding and students developed some very creative and delicious food items, as seen in the following photos. Some of the recipes included gourmet mini pies with mashed peas, healthy quiches, zucchini and ricotta frittatas, Moroccan lamb mini pizzas, hamburgers and oatmeal muffins.

Megan Bond
Head Teacher, TAS

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - YEAR 8

On Monday 7 September, all Year 8 students participated in their Jump Rope for Heart lesson. Students had a 10 minute jumping warm-up, stretches, new skills, a routine and then a jump off to see who could skip for the longest without stopping. A lot of fun was had by all. Sponsorship money can be submitted online or brought into the school office please. We are trying to raise funds for a defibrillator for the school. Many thanks for your support. Good luck to Year 7 for next Tuesday Period 1 for their jump off.

Sandy Terrey and Katherine Paterson
PE Teachers

BOOT CAMP FRIDAY MORNINGS

We can finally arrive at boot camp with daylight and the mornings warming up. St Ives High School Boot Camp would like to thank all the parents, staff and students who have purchased merchandise from Rebel. Mr Kettels was able to purchase new equipment for our Friday morning sessions, including 2 x long ropes, kettle bells, medicine balls and a step up box. The last session of Boot Camp for term will be next Friday from 7-8am, or 7.30 – 8am, all welcome. A big thank you once again to Mr Lawler for running the sessions.
CAREERS UPDATES

Where will the jobs be in the future?
According to an article appearing in The Sydney Morning Herald on Sept 6, 2015 written by Anna Patty, here is a list of jobs that are likely to stay in demand in the next few years:- doctor, dentist, nurse, teacher, accountant, engineer, scientist, information technology, fashion & design, fitness, beauty therapy, nanny, photographer, social media adviser, digital media, film & tv, plumber, electrician, carpenter & builder.

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) makes 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.

Financially disadvantaged year 12 students wishing to study at USYD may want to apply for the E12 Scholarship
This is an Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme which makes your path to uni easier, even before the HSC exams start. If you apply successfully, we will hold a place at the University of Sydney for you. As long as you meet some conditions, such as the E12 ATAR cut-offs (which are lower than standard ATARs) and the HSC subject requirements for your preferred course, you’ll have a definite place when results come out. The scheme has some other great benefits too. You will also receive a $5000 scholarship, an Apple iPad and lots of support to help you get started at uni.

There are 39 courses you can apply for through E12, giving you lots of options. They include business, engineering, health sciences, nursing, arts, law, agriculture, education, design computing, and architecture.

Applications for 2016 intake via E12 are now open
Applications for entry to the University through the E12 scheme are now open and can be submitted via the E12 application portal at https://e12.sydney.edu.au/users/sign_in. Student applications will close at 11:59pm on 11 September 2015.

Who is eligible to apply for entry through the E12 scheme?
E12 is for domestic NSW students currently undertaking the HSC who are from a financially disadvantaged background.

Scholarships
The 2016 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 7th December 2015 and close on Friday 8 January 2016.
C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years. Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at [www.hawkserscholarship.org](http://www.hawkserscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

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
Macquarie University 12 September

What’s university like?
CSU has created an online course to inform you about what uni. is like. Just register and work yourself through the modules. Students may register for the online course at [http://www.whats-uni-like.edu.au](http://www.whats-uni-like.edu.au)

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](http://www.trybooking.com/143481)

Year 10 Work Experience Week 23-27 November
With the holidays almost upon us it is a good opportunity to contact potential employers for your work experience week and have the forms filled in before next term. You can scan and email to me at my email below.

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](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.
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.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Term 3
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

TIME TO RETURN ALL WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where we need you to return all the completed sheets and loose stickers that you may have. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.

We need all stickers returned to the school office by Friday 18 September.

Thanks again for all your support!
Libby Cameron

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
BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN

Sunday 1st November 2015
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Registrations now open for the 6km or 10km course through the lovely Garigal National Park for anyone over 5 years.
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CHINA STUDIES CENTRE
Thursday 24 September 2015

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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 overseas Chinese students together, working to develop and present this widely celebrated festival in Australian 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

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2015 Term 3 Week 9
Ku-ring-gai Youth Services

Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Marathon – Part 1
Tuesday 22 September - 9.30am-4.30pm
Spend a day hanging out at AWOL Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Marathon. We will be watching the ‘The Curse of the Black Pearl’ and ‘Dead Man’s Chest’ whilst enjoying popcorn and hot chocolate. We will have study space available from 12pm till 4pm.

Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Marathon – Part 2
Thursday 24 September - 9.30am-4.30pm
Pirates of the Caribbean adventure continues with ‘At Worlds End’ and ‘On Stranger Tides’. We will have pirate themed arts and craft. So come and hang out and meet new friends these school holidays. There will be study space available 2pm till 4pm.

GPS @ AWOL (Games, Pizza and Salad)
Tuesday 29 September - 9.30am-4.30pm
Navigate your way to AWOL Youth Hub for an exciting day of games whilst enjoying a slice of pizza and sitting back while watching Malcolm in the Middle. We will have study space available from 12pm till 4pm.

Step Right Up! Circus Games!
Thursday 1 October - 9.30am-4.30pm
Come and clown around at AWOL. We’ll be enjoying a range of carnival snacks while watching ‘Cirque du Soleil’. Try your hand at making your own juggling balls or join in a game of ring toss. We will have study space available 2pm till 4pm.

Bookings: 9424 0981 youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth kcyouthservices
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services: Sounds of the Secret Garden
Free barbecue … chill and relax while listening to some of our local bands play these school holidays on Wednesday, 23 and 30 September from 12 pm to 4 pm at Gordon Library’s Secret Garden, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services: Droppin Hammers
Skate and Scooter comp on Saturday, 21 November from 10 am to 4 pm at St Ives Skate Park, The Village Green, St Ives (Off Memorial Avenue). Register online: $10 at kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth. Mc’d and judged by Skate HQ, with free barbecue and tunes. Categories: Under 13s, under 16s and Open. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. All riders must complete a consent form. For more info: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health—Parenting Courses and Workshops for Term 4
Courses and workshops commence on 21 October
- Tuning in to Teens Course—5 weeks/2.5 hours, 28/10-25/11, 7.00—9.30 pm
- Dealing with Teens Backchat Workshop—21/10 7.00—9.30 pm
- Tuning in to Kids Course—21/10-17/11
- Triple P Seminars—5/11, 12/11 and 19/11
- Communication with Kids Workshop (based on PET) 29/10


Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! Fundraiser for Westmead Children’s Hospital
The perfect school holiday activity or a great night out for the whole family. Tickers are $38 Adults, $33 Concession and $25 Children (12 years and under) and can be booked through the Glen Street Theatre Box Office 9975 1455 or www.glenstreet.com.au.

Navigating Teenage Depression
Warringah Council in conjunction with The Black Dog Institute present a night for parents and carers helping to support young people with depression and bipolar disorder on Wednesday, 21 October from 7 to 8.30 pm at Warringah Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why. This presentation will cover early warning signs, how to build resilience and when to seek help. Free but bookings essential at youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au, or for more information call 9942 2681.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)
International exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Canada and the USA are arriving in Australia to live as a local with volunteer Australian families and attend a local secondary school. The students, aged 15-17, will arrive from February 2016 for 3, 5 or 10 months and are fully insured, with their own pocket money. If you have a spare room or bed, and a place at the family table, why not be the “heart” of cultural exchange by becoming a volunteer host family. Call SCCE on 1800 500 501 or email scceaust@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au and ask for incoming student profiles, choose the nationality you prefer and match up your hobbies and interests.

Dragons Baseball Club—Players wanted
The baseball season is about to start and the Dragons Baseball Club urgently needs some players for its Junior and Senior League teams. If you are a player born between 1999 to 2003 and would like to spend two hours each Saturday morning playing a fun game with a great group of kids, check out the website www.dragons.baseball.com.au or registrar.dragons@gmail.com or 9411 957 862.

Manly Warringah Basketball Camp: 29—30 September 2015
This is a two day camp held at NBISC, Jackson Road, Warriewood. Session 1 for ages 5-10 is from 9 am to noon and Session 2 is for ages 10 and above from 12.30—3.30 pm. Every child receives a camp t-shirt, there is professional coaching and competitions with great prizes. Payments must be made on application prior to 1 pm on Monday, 28 September 2015. Enquiries to camps@manlybasketball.com.au