**Deputy Principal Matters by John Walker**

**Student Representative Council Induction**
Student leaders from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 were elected by their peers last year to be representatives in the 2016 SRC. The formal induction of the 2016 student leaders took place on Tuesday. The SRC meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to plan school and charity events and school improvements. Year 12 School Captains and SRC members are inducted at the end of Term 3 each year to provide outgoing leaders preparation time for the HSC without school leadership responsibilities. Congratulations to all of our 2016 student leaders.

**School Diaries**
All students have been given a diary and will be invoiced as part of their school account. Students are expected to use their diary on a daily basis and make it part of their study routine. School diaries also provide an explanation of the school rules and procedures and contain many pages of useful advice including learning routines and scaffolds, study hints, goal setting and understanding of personal wellbeing and relationships. I recommend parents read through their child’s school diary as it provides much stimulus for family discussions.

**Peer Support**
Ms McGurgan has been leading her team of highly trained Year 10 Peer Leaders in supporting the transition of Year 7 students to high school. Students will be led through a program of activities at school that build relationships and assist new students in understanding high school. This program will culminate with a Peer Support Camp at the Collaroy Centre 7-9 March. Building positive student relationships across different year groups supports our school culture and provides leadership opportunities to 50 Year 10 students. If any Year 7 student is experiencing difficulty transitioning to high school please contact me at john.p.walker@det.nsw.edu.au

**Year 12 HSC Year**
Year 12 students started their HSC courses at the beginning of Term 4 2015 and they are now in their last three terms of school (where did that time go?). It is very helpful at this time if students take the opportunity to refine their study times and techniques. As an HSC Chemistry teacher I have asked my students to ensure they have timetabled at least two hours of study/revision time per week. I have also recommended that any students who intend to buy study guides or have extra tutoring start sooner than later. It is much more useful for students to benefit from the additional marks and course ranking these supports provide, rather than just benefit in the written HSC exam at the end of the year.

*St Ives High School - where choices create infinite possibilities*
**School Stream App**

All students were provided with information to give to their parents to advise them on how to download a new smart phone application (App) called “School Stream”. This is a free app that allows the school to send messages directly to parents’ phones free of charge, making urgent and important messages more easily communicated. Parents without a smart phone will still be informed via email. Details of how to download the app to your phone are included in this newsletter.

**Year 7 New Parents Welcome Evening**

Parents of Year 7 are invited to a “Welcome to St Ives High School” evening on Wednesday 10 February starting at 6 pm in the school hall. Parents will have a chance to meet teachers and other parents while enjoying a catered supper provided by our Hospitality students and staff. From 7 pm the Principal and other staff will provide information about the school and give opportunities for questions.

**Swimming Carnival**

Tuesday 9 February is our Swimming Carnival at the Hornsby Swimming Centre. The school swimming day is a mandatory activity and all students are expected to attend. Students are asked by the pool staff to not wear coloured face paints / hair dyes or to bring crepe paper streamers as they are banned from the swimming centre. Students ARE encouraged to wear their house colours and to participate in as many races as they can (each race entry gives a point towards their House). Please ensure that students have appropriate sun protection. Buses will leave from school after morning roll call (8:50am). Students who live close to the Hornsby Swimming Centre are permitted to travel directly to the pool. These students MUST ensure they have their names recorded when they arrive, otherwise they will be marked absent on the official roll.

**House Captains**

Elections were held this week for the girls’ and boys’ captains. Congratulations to:

**HARPER:** Captains – Eleanor Edwardson and Tony Gilbert; Vice Captains – Caileigh Rumble and Dan Hasenauer

**JAMIESON:** Captains – Perri Hutchings and Patrick Meagher

**OVERTON:** Captains – Ashley Hall and Yashar Elini; Vice Captains – Sarelle O'Mahony and William Simister

**THOMPSON:** Captains – Francesca Smee and Jordan Bertasso; Vice Captain – Farshid Hirji Khurshed

*Best wishes*

John Walker
Deputy Principal

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Wednesday 17 February and Friday 19 February 2016**

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Thank you.
advancedlife Photography
Our SRC for 2016 look like being a great team, they are working hard to make St Ives High even better! Following their induction at our assembly on Tuesday, they were busy planning to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance’s Krazy Kosci Klimb. Nicholas, from our Support Unit and a member of the SRC, presented a short video and Powerpoint presentation during the assembly which demonstrated the fabulous achievements possible with community support. Families who would like to donate directly to Nicholas can visit the website http://krazykosciklimb.com.au/ and select “Team Nicholas”.

Valentine’s Day
Funds will be raised through the school from the popular Valentine’s Day event to be held in Periods 1 and 2 on Friday, 12 February. On the Quad each break, students are able to purchase items from SRC for special friends or teachers, choosing from bear hugs for $1.50, Singing Telegrams for $2 and flowers at $3 each or 2 for $5.

Patricia Gettens
Gats and Student Leadership Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher

PEER LEADER PROGRAM

Year 7 students had their first Peer Leader session this week. All students have been allocated to a group. Their leaders are Year 10 students who have been selected and trained to facilitate the Peer Leader Welfare Program.

What is the Peer Leader Program?
The St Ives High School Peer Leader Program is about welcoming new Year 7 students to our school. Peer Leader sessions allow students the opportunity to learn about their new school community, create new friendships with their peers and their older Year 10 peer leader mentors, as well as help Year 7 students develop their skills in communication, conflict resolution and resilience. We aim to provide our new Year 7s with a network of support people they can comfortably approach with issues.

The timetable of their sessions and their focus is listed below:

  - Week 2: Getting to know each other
  - Week 3: Getting to know St Ives High School
  - Week 4: Building Friendships
  - Week 5: Bullying - What it is and what can be done
  - Week 6: Coping Skills
  - Week 7: Peer Leader Camp Collaroy - Presentation: The Hurting Game followed by Session 6 addressing bullying and resilience.

The program culminates formally at the Year 7 Peer Leader Camp from Monday to Wednesday 7-9 March 2016.

In each week’s newsletter there will be some Youtube links that may interest you and reflect what your child has been discussing in their sessions. Each Year 7 students also has a work booklet that aims to act as a resource folio as well as a central collection of information and record of activities. There will remain at school until after the last session in Week 6.

The following website has some good information and tips for students and families making the transition to high school http://www.learninglinks.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/LLIS-07_Transition.pdf

Tania McGurgan
Coordinator
On the 31st of December 2015, a group of 16 students and 5 teachers set out to conquer Spain, make new friends, and take unforgettable memories back to Australia. The group visited the likes of Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Salamanca, Avila, and Madrid to fully immerse the Spanish culture and also to learn the language. For some this had been their first trip overseas without their parents and most likely their first trip overseas with teachers, this trip had certainly tested many past their limits and expectations.

The trip had started in Barcelona where we stayed for 7 days, and in that time we visited all the landmarks like Sagrada Familia and Park Güell; and the teachers made some dreams come true by organizing for the group to watch a FC Barcelona game. Valencia had its beautiful City of Arts and Sciences to showcase, Seville gave us a taste of Spanish flamenco, Salamanca had the Spanish speaking school whose teachers will never be forgotten, Avila had its Roman walls, and Madrid had its Royal Palace.

It was an educational trip for people studying art, history and Spanish, the country also an abundance of religious landmarks like, millennium old cathedrals and churches; which ages some people still can’t fathom. Everybody on the trip could now almost certainly name the power couple of Spain, Isabelle and Ferdinand, and could determine the style of a historic building, which is a big win for the educational side, but all in all it had been an unforgettable trip.
The Performing Arts Unit, or “PAU” as it is known to students, offers extra-curricular classes in Acting For Theatre, Musical Theatre, Dance and one-on-one Vocal tuition. Classes are run by entertainment professionals with extensive experience working in the Performing Arts who are able to share their experiences of the industry. Throughout the year students are encouraged to participate in eisteddfods, festivals, specialist workshops and camps and regularly represent the Performing Arts at “in-school” events. We also offer the opportunity for students to experience live theatre with an annual excursion to the musical of the moment – last year students enjoyed a matinee performance of the award winning stage show “Matilda”.

Students are also a part of our fantastic PAU End of Year Showcase which is held in December each year. A night of story, song and dance, this highlight on the school calendar is not to be missed! There are still vacancies in all three of our after school Performing Arts Unit classes: Acting for Theatre (Drama) on Monday afternoons, Dance on Tuesday afternoons and Musical Theatre on Wednesday afternoons. Classes run from 3.20pm to 5.20pm. There are also a limited number of one-on-one vocal tuition places available. Vocal lessons are held during school time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are 30-60 minutes in duration.

If you think you might be interested in joining the PAU, please come and get an enrolment form from the Office and bring it along to your obligation free first trial lesson! All enquiries should be directed to either Kamilla Hansen-Mackie or Pamela Bullock.

THE PAU IS NOW TAKING

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A BOYS’ HIP HOP DANCE GROUP

WEDNESDAYS (before school) 7.30 – 8.30am
$100.00 PER TERM

Register your interest at the school office.

CAREERS UPDATE

Online free Career Testing Tool
I would like all students to complete the My career profile on the myfuture.edu.au site this year. It has been updated and is easy to complete. You will need to sign up for a free account and then sign in. Select Account details from the menu in the top-right corner. Select the Activate your school account button under School activation account. Students must enter their school-issued email account. myfuture will send the student an email asking to confirm their email address. Then log in, Select My career profile and Start the quiz. Complete the Interests, Skills, Education & Training, Work Conditions and Knowledge sections.

Year 10 Careers classes and Work Experience
A reminder that the dates for Work Experience in 2016 are from 28 November 2016 to 2 December 2016 which is Term 4, Week 8. I have sent the required work experience paperwork to student’s school email addresses and asked them to forward to parents/guardians. Please start contacting employers now and have the Student Placement Record completed and returned to the careers office.

WH&S (White card) Training Course
We will be running a white card course this year at school on Friday 4 March 2016. This card will allow students to obtain work experience or work on a building or construction site. If you are interested see careers for a permission note. Cost is $72.50. There are only 20 places. If students don’t apply by Friday 19 February we will open places up to other NS5 schools.

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 1688 ext 116.

Visit my free careers website at http://www.careeradvisesw.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.
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2. Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school


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Working Bee
We will have a Working Bee this term and will advise when that has been scheduled. It is a great way for parents (and students) to get together for an hour or two and get have a great time.

Book Sale
This year is an election year and never mind who wins - SIHS will win because we will put on our Book Sale on Election Day (along with the Cake Stall and maybe the barbecue.) So do keep those books ready for later this year (but don’t bring them in yet as the school doesn’t have the space to store them all.) Children's books sell well in particular. This time around we will also sell DVD's and CD’s (who has these nowadays?)

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop endeavours to keep uniforms at competitive prices. However with the huge drop in the dollar in 2015, our suppliers were forced to increase their prices. This naturally has a flow on effect to our pricing. We’ve been able to sustain the increase for Term 1 however pricing will increase from the beginning of Term 2. We will keep all posted when prices have been finalised.

Did you know?
The Uniform Shop will be closed on the following carnival days:

- **Swimming Carnival**— next Tuesday 9 February 2016 and
- **Cross Country**—Tuesday 22 March 2016

A special thank you to the new Year 7 parents who have responded so positively to the P&C’s ‘JUST ONE THING’ campaign. The campaign will be rolled out to the rest of the school in a few weeks. This is what the Year 7 parents have committed to do:

- 62 parents said they will help with one-off events
- 43 parents said they will help with fundraising events
- 17 parents have offered to provide professional advice in a range of professions including graphics, life coaching, photography, IT, plumbing, medicine, construction, human resources, music, and physiotherapy
- 19 parents said they want to attend P&C meetings
- 5 parents said they will help with the Uniform shop
- 5 parents said they will help with Year 10 work experience opportunities
- 25 parents said they will help with School Grounds Action Days
- 6 parents said they will help with writing funding applications
- 2 parents said they will donate prizes for school raffles

**THE P&C WOULD LIKE TO SAY ‘THANKS’ FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL**

For further information contact Libby Cameron – 0402 817 524
### Important Calendar Dates

**2016 Term 1**
- **9 February**  
  School Swimming Carnival - Hornsby Pool  
- **10 February**  
  Year 7 Vaccinations  
- **10 February**  
  Welcome to Year 7 students and parents  
- **16 February**  
  2015 Year 12 High Achievers’ Assembly  
- **1 March**  
  Open Afternoon 4.00—7.00 pm  
- **11 March**  
  Year 8 Summer Fun Program 7.45 am—5 pm  
- **22 March**  
  School Cross Country Carnival  
- **25 March**  
  Good Friday (Public Holiday)  
- **28 March**  
  Easter Monday (Public Holiday)  
- **29 March - 8 April**  
  Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations  
- **8 April**  
  Last day Term 1  

**Term 2**
- **Monday, 25 April**  
  ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)  
- **Tuesday, 26 April**  
  Staff return to school  
- **Wednesday, 27 April**  
  All students return to school  
- **Monday, 13 June**  
  Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)  
- **Friday, 1 July**  
  Last day Term 2  

### Community Noticeboard

**Northern Sydney Health—Parenting Courses and Workshops Term 1 2016**
- Tuning into Teens Course: 5 weeks at Chatswood 7.00—9.30 pm  
- Dealing with Teens’ Backchat Workshop: Chatswood 7.00—9.30 pm  
- Tuning into Kids Course: 5 weeks at Chatswood commencing 25 February  
- Triple P Seminars: Chatswood commencing 9 March  
- Communicating with Kids Workshop: Chatswood 5 April  

For more details and enquiries: Child & Adolesecent parenting 887 5152 or www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP

**Free Workshop for Learner Driver Supervisors**
The RTA and Ku-ring-gai Council are holding free two hour workshops to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. These workshops provide information about:
- Completing the Learner Driver log book  
- Recent changes to the GLS  
- The new RMS Safer Drivers Course  
- The current laws and restrictions for L and P licence holders  
- Supervising learner drivers and young driver road safety issues  
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience  

Date: Wednesday, 9 March from 6.30 to 8.30 pm  
Venue: Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon  
Bookings are essential and should be directed to 9424 0798

**Belrose Eagles—Players wanted**
Play rugby league with the Belrose Eagles. Players wanted Under 12 to Under 17. 2016 Registrations open now.  
Register on line at [www.belroseeagles.com](http://www.belroseeagles.com) or with the Club at 9452 5415.

**Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group**
Tuesday, 9 February from 7.00—9.00 pm at The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale.  
Speaker Evening with Frances Adlam—The Bridge “Ready, Steady, Pause …”. Frances has degrees in education, counselling and special needs. She has lectured in multiple intelligences and been an adviser for the Ministry of Education NZ. She now works supporting children with learning and behaviour challenges. Frances will be sharing the new, gentle way she has been coaching children with ADHD to improve emotional control, resiliience, grit, bounding back and making friends.