Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley

Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening
The Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening on Wednesday night was a wonderful introduction to the key personnel who will be working with Year 7 in 2016. The new parents were served finger food prepared by Years 10, 11 and 12 Hospitality students and served by the Year 10 Peer Leaders. Parents were able to mingle with other parents and teachers from their child’s classes.

The theme of the night was a focus on ‘tips and strategies’ for adjusting to high school. Ms Khalili has been encouraged by the smooth transition and organisation of Year 7. However, it is a time of juggling many expectations and responsibilities, so students are reminded to use their diaries to keep up-to-date with work due.

Year 7 Camp
This is a reminder to Year 7 parents that all money, permission and the medical consent forms are due to the Office by Friday, 12 February. Equipment lists will be organised at the next year meeting. If you have any concerns or issues with payment, please contact Ms Khalili promptly.

Change of date for Staff Development Day Term 2
In order to minimise disruption to the beginning of term 2, as a result of Anzac day, the Athletics Carnival and Staff Development Day, we would like to make parents aware that the school is considering changing the date of the Staff Development Day from Tuesday 26 April to the last day of the term, Friday 1 July. This would mean that students
would begin the school term on Tuesday 26 April and that the term would end on Thursday 29 June. If you have any issues you would like to discuss about this proposed change can you please contact the school and ask for a Deputy Principal.

Annual School Photos
On Wednesday 17 of February and Friday 19 of February, St Ives High School will be conducting annual school photographs.

Year groups will have their portraits taken on the Wednesday and photos of special groups, sporting teams and absen-
tees will be taken on the Friday. If you wish to have a siblings’ photo they may approach the photographers during break times on either day. It is compulsory for all students to be in full school uniform on photo day. Senior boys must also bring their ties on Wednesday.

The company who supply our photos, Advanced Life, have this year provided an online service to make ordering and payment much easier. Instructions on how to use this service and ordering envelopes have been sent home with students this week. If you do not order online but wish for your child to purchase photos, they are to bring in their photo envelopes with the appropriate money on the actual photo day only.

Sydney University Mathematics Prerequisites
The University of Sydney has recently announced that they will be introducing Mathematics prerequisites for entry to certain courses. From 2019 (when the current Year 10 cohort will start university) students will require a minimum of Band 4 in 2–Unit Mathematics for entry into Science, Engineering, IT and Economics, as well as achieving the relevant ATAR. It is likely that other universities may follow suit.

In 2015, only two students studying 2–Unit Mathematics at St Ives failed to reach this benchmark. However, to cope with the higher levels of Mathematics in the HSC, students need to have learned and understood the material from Mathematics Stage 5.3 by the end of Year 10. At St Ives, this usually means students who are in the top two Mathematics classes in Years 8–10. Therefore, students contemplating a future in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects or Economics need to be aware of the need to work hard in Mathematics right from Year 7 to get into these classes, so that by Year 11 they might be in a position to study the relevant HSC course and hopefully achieve the prerequisite standard in Year 12.

Please contact your child’s Mathematics class teacher or Mrs Wigmore, Head Teacher Mathematics, at theresa.wigmore@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to discuss the impact of this change on your child.

ESL is having a name change to EAL/D
ESL means English as a Second Language. However, this does not reflect that English may not in fact be a second language for many people in our community but another language amongst many in which they are able to communicate. EAL/D means English as an Additional Language and/or Dialect. The many languages of the Aboriginal nation are also incorporated within this new name.

EAL/D update - English as a super language! In the first weeks of school students who have been in an English speaking learning environment for less than seven years were tested on their speaking, reading and writing skills. As a result the data collected enables the EAL/D teachers (Ms Baxter, Ms Joynes, Ms Lovell and Mrs Regan) to specifically target English language development to such a point that our students are superb English users.

Ms Lovell and Mrs Regan are also members of the school's literacy team. We are very keen to extend the English language development of St Ives High School students. As such language tutorials are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7.45am in E12 with Mrs Regan.

Congratulations to -
• Srijan (Year 9) who participated in the CHS Tennis individual junior trial today for Sydney North. By getting into quar-
ter final he qualified for CHS State Trial. He also won his semi and final to take the individual title.
• Ashleigh (Year 10) who has been chosen as a finalist, out of almost 1,000 students across NSW, in the Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program. The winners will receive an award and cash prize and the ceremony is being held on Wednesday 17 February at Parliament House. Ashleigh was involved in the Raise Mentoring Program last year and as part of this program, students were given the task of undertaking a civic project that they worked on with their mentors. Ashleigh’s civic project was aimed towards raising awareness for young people with hearing loss. Ashleigh’s twin sister has a hearing impairment and the sisters are very supportive of each other in all aspects of life.

Best wishes
Nathalie Bodley
Deputy Principal
UNITED NATIONS YOUTH’S NSW CONFERENCE

Years 9-12 students are invited to spend a weekend from 11 March to 13 March exploring gender perspectives in peace and conflict, alongside 200 like-minded peers from across Sydney. The event is a chance for students to learn about International Relations, improve their speaking and diplomacy skills and make friends.

When: Friday 11 March to Sunday 13 March
Where: The Collaroy Centre
Cost: $240 per student
https://unyouth.org.au/event/nswconference/ or see Mrs Gettens

SRC 2016—VALENTINE’S DAY

Today we celebrated Valentine’s Day! See report and photos next week. Our SRC are donating funds raised today to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance ‘s Krazy Kosci Klimb. Nicholas from our Support Unit and a member of the SRC, will take part in the climb. Families who would like to donate directly to Nick can visit the website http://krazykosciklimb.com.au/ and select “Team Nicholas”.

Patricia Gettens
Gats and Student Leadership Coordinator
Visual Arts Teacher

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES EVENING

Parents, carers and students involved in the International program are very welcome at our information and procedures evening.

Date: Wednesday, 17th February, 2016
Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Where: School library

各位尊敬的中国家长：
春节愉快，万事顺畅！

Mrs Regan
将于第四周星期三（2月17号）晚上6：30到7：30在校图书馆召开全体留学生家长会。敬请各位光临。
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS UNIT

Do you love to Dance, Sing or Act?
Join the PAU in 2016 and learn from our specialist tutors

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

Autumn School of Engineering
Are you interested in attending an Engineering Summer School during the first week of Term 1 school holidays from Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April? You will gain exposure to the diverse range of engineering careers, visit universities and participate in site visits. The fee is $270 and this covers daily lunch, the week’s activities and transport to the Universities and industry sites. For a copy of the application form see careers. Payment is not required until an acceptance has been received. Students must be studying maths & science.

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 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 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.
open afternoon
Tuesday 1 March, 2016, 4 - 7 pm

St Ives High School, Yarrabung Road, St Ives, 2075 Phone: 91441689 Website: www.stives-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Come and join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse programs and opportunities for your child.

- Hear an address by the Principal, Mr Mark Watson
- Visit our new Trade Training Centre, Library, connected teaching space, and technologically equipped classrooms.
- Take part in fun activities in all subject areas.
- Meet our fantastic students and experienced teachers who are proud of their school and keen to answer all your questions.
- Be informed about our Gifted & Talented Program and extension classes.
- Learn about extra curricula activities such as Duke of Edinburgh, Debating, knockout and representative Sport, Performing Arts Unit (Dance, Acting, Musical Theatre and Vocal Tuition), Band and Music Tutorial program, and multicultural activities.
- Hear about student leadership opportunities eg. SRC, peer leaders, Interact, and student volunteering program.
- Find out how our high school works - we'd love to see you in 2017.

Parking is available on Yarrabung Road but not on school grounds.
P&C REPORT

From the President ...
On behalf of the P&C, welcome to 2016! Already the year is successfully underway with our Year 7s settling in very well, social events planned and our new communications platform, the School Stream App in place.

SIHS benefits from a very engaged and active parent body. Numerous parents volunteer for events such as Multicultural Day and Orientation Day, as well as specific events such as the Year 12 Graduation, which has traditionally been organised by the Year 11 parent group.

The P&C has two main functions: to work closely with our Principal Mark Watson and his staff and provide funding support, and to stay in tune with the parent body - this is achieved through P&C meetings, special events and social evenings. Our first meeting of the year is next Thursday 18 February at 7.30 pm in the Multifunction Space - we would love to see you there.

Please do not hesitate to contact us pandcstiveshighschool@gmail.com if there is anything you would like to discuss.

We wish you a great year.
Keith Oliver, P&C President

Year 7 Welcome Evening
The P&C were delighted to welcome new Year 7 parents and students at the Year 7 Welcome Evening, held on Wednesday this week. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet staff and P&C Committee members as well as each other. The terrific food was prepared and presented by our outstanding Hospitality students.

The P&C works closely with Principal Mark Watson to raise funds for the school. The annual voluntary contribution supports initiatives including the Student Leadership program, providing over 500 opportunities for students to participate, as well as the Band and Choir program, the bi-ennial School Musicals, staff development and more.

There are some key areas identified by the Principal which the P&C will be aiming to support this year. More information will be available as the plans develop. We encourage parents to be part of the P&C and look forward to meeting many more parents throughout the year.

P&C Classroom Upgrade
A small group of P&C representatives along with several generous parent helpers have transformed Mrs Getten's art classroom into a light, bright and cheery learning environment for your children. After a quick clean and prep, the classroom was freshened up with a new coat of paint. A fabulous result and a very happy teacher! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to assist on the day and to Mrs Gettens for keeping us sustained. It was very much appreciated.

Did you know?
There is a lost property box in the school office in D Block. Please check for your students’ lost items in this box. It is cleared at the end of every term. Every effort is made to return named items. Unnamed items will go to donations.
SIHS P&C Meeting
Thurs 18 February 2016, starting at 7.30pm
Multifunction Space (MFS)

AGENDA

1. WELCOME
   - Welcome to the 2016 Year 7 Coordinators: Christine and Claire

2. FORMALITIES
   - Attendees (present/apologies)
   - Approval of previous minutes (24 November 2015)
   - Correspondence

3. BRIEF REPORTS
   - Principal’s report
   - President’s report – 2016 Plan
   - Uniform report
   - Treasurer’s report - Financial forecast for 2016
   - 2015 Year 12 Parent Exit Survey - results

4. WORKING GROUP REPORTS
   - Fundraising WG

5. OTHER BUSINESS
   - School Lockers
   - Sports Demountable Grant
   - Teachers ‘WishList’
   - Next school clean up day
   - Flexi-schools
   - Website updates
   - P&C Awards
   - Youth Worker funding request
   - P&C Meetings and forums for 2016
   - P&C Constitution; Code of Conduct and Grievance, complaints and disputes procedures

6. P&C YEAR GROUP COORDINATORS

Date of next meeting – 31 March 2016

Close
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

2017 Rotary Youth Exchange Program—Applications now open
We are currently seeking applications from students currently in Years 9, 10, or 11 at school to go on exchange in January 2017. Applications close on 30 April 2016. An Information Night about Rotary Youth Exchange for schools, students, parents and Rotary Clubs will be held in our area on Wednesday, 9 March 2016. For all details, visit the website www.rotaryyouthexchange.net.au or contact Rotary District 9685 via email at secretary@ryep.org.

Ku-ring-gai Council Events and Workshops
• Recording and Production Workshop—Fridays 26 February to 1 April 6-8 pm. Filling fast .... Cost $60. Bookings essential phone 9424 0981 or email youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
• Shoreshocked 2016—Band Competition—Bands needed with band members aged 12-25 years. If your band would like to be in the running to play alongside national acts at the Shoreshocked Music Festival in April 2016, apply to http://shoreshocked.wufoo.com/forms/shoreshocked-band-comp/ For more information contact Pittwater Youth and Families team on 9970 1634 or email youth@pittwater.nsw.gov.au
• Ku-ring-gai's Got Talent—Heat 1 Friday 13 May; Heat 2 Friday 20 May; Final 27 May at St Ives Community Hall, off Memorial Avenue, St Ives (behind the St Ives Shopping Village). Register now at kmc.nsw.gov.au for more information call 9424 0981
• First Aid Course for 12-24 years from 8.45 am—4.30 pm at 799 Pacific Highway Gordon, Meeting room 2 with a cost of $90 which includes lunch. This one day course (plus prework) provides you with the skills to administer first aid in a variety of situations that you may face in every day life. Participants who successfully pass this one day face-to-face course will receive a Nationally Recognised Statement of Attainment in HLTAID003 Provide First Aid.

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child? Local foster carers needed
Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0-18 years who are unable to live with their own families. Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested please call 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au

Forestville Fun Run and Fair—Sunday 20 March
2km, 5km or 10km—Family friendly event, after the run stay for the fair! Food, activities and stalls. Register now, runforestrun.com.au. Stalls available—see website for more information.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

2016 Term 1
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
How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
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. For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download.
4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type the school name into the search then add. Jump between your children’s schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School.