

St Ives High School

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2012 Term 1 Week 3

Friday, 17 February 2012

Deputy Principals' Matters

by Philip Roberts and John Walker

Swimming Carnival

It was almost ironic that, after so many rainy days, last Friday dawned as bright and sunny, and we were going to an indoor swimming carnival! On top of that it was, for unavoidable reasons, located up the infamous F3 in Woy Woy. It was a major logistical exercise to move hundreds of students and staff for the day and complete the events on time.



Despite these 'challenges' it was a superb day. The facilities were magnificent, and with 8 lanes in use events ran like clockwork. Students competed with energy and no little skill, staff roles were clear and carried out with aplomb. The end result was a day of high achievement, and the usual warm and relaxed mood was a sign of the strong rapport between students and staff.

None of this could have been achieved without the detailed planning and organisation of the PDHPE staff and especially Mrs Moss who was the convenor this year. Full report from PE next week.

A warm and well deserved 'thank you' is due to all students and staff.

Welcome to Year 7 and other new families

This event served as an opportunity for parents with students in the same class to meet and make connections with each other and with Year 7 teachers. We are very thankful for the support of parents, students and teachers who attended, including our School Captains, Michael Gates and Angela Taljaard and SRC members who assisted parents on the night.



The commitment of the Year 10 Peer Support leaders, who arranged games for Year 7 students on the quadrangle and basketball courts, was greatly appreciated. These leaders will continue to form positive relationships with Year 7 students at the Year 7 Peer Support Camp on 12 – 14 March.

Special thanks go to Mr Peter Dickson and Ms Tania McGurgan for organising the evening and to Mrs Joanne Doherty and her team of Hospitality students for providing and serving the finger food and drinks.

This event has already fostered positive relationships within the school community.

Year 12 2011 High Achievers Assembly

High Achievers of the 2011 HSC class were recognised at a celebration assembly on Wednesday morning. Students who received a score of 90 in at least one subject and/or an ATAR score of 90 or above were recognised on the assembly. Special awards were presented to students who received band 6 in at least five subjects and the student with the highest ATAR. Dino Dimitriadis, School Vice-Captain 2004, addressed the assembly and told of his journey since leaving school. Congratulations Year 12 2011!

Year 10 Planning

It may seem very early, but we are already planning a very detailed support and advice program to assist stu-

dents in their subject choice program later this year. Although only in the planning stage there are many exciting ideas being discussed.

DER Laptops

Year 9 laptops will be delivered to the school on or around 21 February. They will then be commissioned and handed over to students at a meeting in early March. Please watch the school website and other communications channels for the final date.

On a similar theme, we seek your support in ensuring your child brings their laptop to school – we have a special focus on Year 10 at present. As part of that ‘push’ the school has authorised the repair of a number of Year 10 machines. Families concerned will be contacted shortly.

This is also an opportunity for a timely reminder that the ‘Laptop Charter’ (signed by families when the machines are issued) requires that students keep their machines in good order and bring them to school fully charged every day. We would be extremely grateful for your support in this matter.

Valentine’s Day

Tuesday 14 February was a day filled with pink gerbera flowers, bear hugs and fancy cupcakes to celebrate Valentine’s Day. The SRC members demonstrated enthusiasm and excellent organisational abilities to ensure this was a successful day where both students and teachers were generous in supporting this event.

The funds raised will be used to create a memorial at school for Nikki Tongue, a wonderful student and beautiful girl who sadly passed away at the end of 2011. The SRC managed to sell 250 gerberas, numerous bear hugs and baked cakes which raised over \$700. It is encouraging to see students from all year levels supporting this event.

A special thank you to Urban Flowers at Concord for providing beautiful gerbera flowers that were wired and wrapped at cost price. This generosity is greatly appreciated.



‘Demystifying the HSC’ – P&C Meeting, Wednesday, 22 February in the School Library from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. This is an important opportunity to gain an in depth knowledge of some of the ‘mysteries’ of this key credential. A number of staff with long and high level experience of marking, judging, supervising or writing HSC papers will be there to share their experience and knowledge. We strongly encourage all interested parents and guardians to attend.

Trade Training Centre

With the facility operating fully we are now beginning to feel (and taste!) the benefits of the new facility. Attached is an image of a lucky Year 7 class being taught outside by Mrs Doherty on a warm Friday afternoon.



This week’s congratulations to Sally Yamazaki, Year 7 for her successful audition for the Sydney North Junior Dance Ensemble.

Best wishes

Philip Roberts and John Walker
Deputy Principals

GRAFFITI

A small number of students have displayed antisocial behaviour by drawing on buildings. This causes money that would otherwise be targeted for learning to be spent on repairs. Parents are asked to check the bags of their children to ensure no permanent markers are brought to school. Damaging school property is criminal behaviour and will be treated as such.

John Walker, Deputy Principal

High Achievers' Assembly Year 12 2011



Mitchel Chin
ATAR 99

Dino Dimitriadis
School Vice-Captain 2004
Guest Speaker



REMINDER TO 7T PARENTS

Students have taken home a note about the Information Evening to be held on Monday, 27 February. The reply slip is to be returned to the school office along with the contact details (orange slip) as soon as possible.

Patricia Gettens
GATS and Student Leadership Coordinator

WANTED GLASS BOTTLES / GLASS JARS

I am putting out a request for interesting glass bottles or jars for use in a Year 9 Visual Arts class project. I will take any shape or size! Please leave them at the School Office.

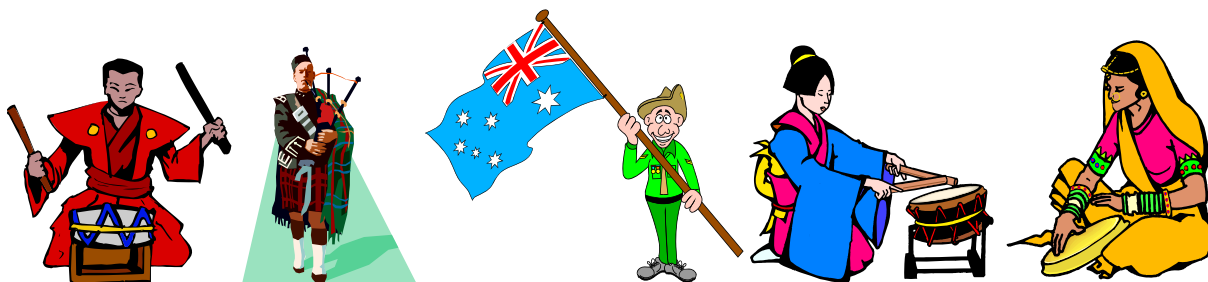
Tania McGurgan
Visual Arts teacher

MULTICULTURAL DAY

is on Friday, 9 March 2012

- ☺ **2012 United Nations “Year of the Cooperative” Cultural Rooms** - If you wish to host a room, application forms are to be collected from Ms Joynes in the LOTE Staffroom. Please note it is not an individual country, but a cooperative organisation/society.
- ☺ **Soccer Competition** - If you wish to get a team together to represent your chosen country in the Multicultural Day Cup, see Ms Joynes in the LOTE Staffroom.
- ☺ **Food Fair** - If any students feel their family can help by providing food for the food stalls, please see Miss Lovell in the LOTE Staffroom or email: kimberley.lovell1@det.nsw.edu.au

Contact Ruth Joynes (ruth.joynes1@det.nsw.edu.au) or
Kimberley Lovell (kimberley.lovell1@det.nsw.edu.au)
for any queries for Multicultural Day.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE ART TOUR TO ITALY

Help us raise funds so we can extend our student learning experience. Our travel agent has generously supplied us with an amazing raffle with the following prizes:

- ☺ First Prize: 2 Tickets to Los Angeles
- ☺ Second Prize: Flights and Accommodation to Fiji
- ☺ Third Prize: Flights to any Australian capital city

Tickets available from the school office for \$5.



Patricia Gettens, Tania McGurgan—Coordinators



YEAR 10 FAMILIES
Pencil in
BAREFOOT BOWLS
Sunday 18 March 12 – 4 pm
more information to follow



URGENT!
Players needed
Under 16 Girls Soccer



ACT NOW
Email
president@stivesfootball.com.au

CAREERS UPDATE

Overseas Study

Interested in studying in the USA? There will be a US College night presentation on Wednesday, 21 March at 7pm at the MLC Centre at Martin Place. You will gain information about the college admissions process in the United States. Contact Georgina Fox at collegeconsultinginternational@gmail.com

Engineering

Interested in studying Engineering? There will be an Engineering Autumn School from Monday 16 April to Friday 20 April. The cost is \$270. You will gain exposure to a wide range of available engineering careers. You will attend lectures at three Universities. See Careers Adviser for more information.

Careers Expos

There will be a number of careers expos on this year, which any student may attend. The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo, is on Saturday 2-Sunday 3 June at Royal Hall Industries, Moore Park. There will be representatives from all the major metropolitan universities, TAFE, private colleges and there will be HSC seminars.

The Western Sydney Careers Expo will be on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June from 10am to 4pm and is a similar format to the above expo.

I will be taking Year 12 students on an excursion to the Northern Beaches Careers Expo at Miramare Gardens Function Centre, Terry Hills on Thursday 10 May 2012. This is a new venue, we formerly attended a careers expo at Macquarie University but that one no longer operates.

Year 10 Work Experience

The whole of Year 10 will be on work experience during the week of Term 2 Week 6 from 28 May - 1 June 2012. I will be giving more details in careers classes, which begin this week and continue for the rest of the term. Students will be expected to make contact with potential employers and have the work experience forms completed. Once you have found an employer who agrees to accept you for work experience you can obtain the forms from the Careers office and return them once completed. There are many benefits in having a work experience program - students can be offered a casual job, you will receive a reference for your resume, you get the opportunity to see real world work and how a modern workplace functions, how your school subjects relate to the world of work and many more.

Myfuture

I would like all students to be accessing the Myfuture.edu.au site to build their career profiles. We spend some time on this site in year 10 careers classes but it is a useful resource for all students and it recommends career areas to you that may be suitable career pathways based on your responses to the questions asked. It will also form a good basis for us to have discussions about your future career. Another site, which has a good quality career quiz, is www.skillsroad.com.au

eME

I started a careers and goal setting program called eME with Year 9 in term 4 last year and we will be continuing with it this year. I would like Year 10 students to keep setting their goals using eME and utilizing the inbuilt calendar for reminders of when assessments are due.

For more information on any of these or other Careers matters see the Careers Adviser or email Mr Holmes at neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school on 9144-1689 ext 116.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis Programs for St Ives High School students

Camerons Tennis School is offering a variety of tennis programs for St Ives High School students. Location - St Ives Primary School. Classes start Monday, 20 February, classes end Thursday, 5 April (7 week term).

Classes Start: Monday 20 February				
Classes End: Thursday 5 April (7 Week term)				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Beg/Int		2.30-3.15pm		7.30-8.30pm
Int	3.30-4.30pm 4.15-5.30pm			
Int/Adv	5.30-7.00pm			
Adv			5.30-7.00pm	

Please come along and have a free trial. Private and semi private coaching also available 7 days. Fees (7 week term): 45 min squad: \$105; 1 hour squad: \$140; 90 min squad: \$195. All enquiries contact Chris Williams on 9440 4455 or tenniscts@bigpond.com

Workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

Free two hour workshops to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. Workshops provide information about:

- Understanding the new laws for L and P licence holders
- Completing the Learner Driver Log book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Supervising learner drivers

Workshop held at Ku-ring-gai Council on Wednesday, 29 February at 6.30 pm. Bookings essential—please direct all enquiries to Rezvan on 9424 0843 or rasaket@kmc.nsw.gov.au

St Ives Junior AFL Club

The St Ives Junior AFL Club is still inviting registrations for the 2012 season and is running a series of free 'Come and Try Footy' twilight clinics during February. We are also very excited to announce that the Swans will be visiting us at Acron Oval, St Ives on Monday 20 February 6pm - 7:15pm. Come and join the fun! For more information, please visit the Club's website at www.stivesafl.com or contact the Club's Recruitment Officer, Lara Turner, on recruitment@stivesafl.com or 0410 045 291

NSW Health—Northern Sydney Local Health District Courses

- Communicating with Teens—commencing Wednesday 7 March 2012, 7.00—9.30 pm for 5 weeks. Cost \$150 per person. Concession \$125 per person.
- Dealing with Teens Back Chat workshop - Wednesday 29 February 2012, 7.00—9.30 pm at \$40 per person.

Enquiries Child and Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830.

Telephone
helpline for
parents &
teachers



Open
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days during
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hours

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resources, websites,
booklists, fact sheets,
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more.

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