

Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

- Mr Wood, who received the 'MARDI CALDER AWARD' from Sydney East Region Secondary Schools Sports Association this year. Mr Wood's involvement within the Eastern Suburbs Zone as member and Vice President has highlighted his professionalism in many areas including clear and respectful communication, policy and procedures development and implementation, technical aspects of sporting disciplines, referring, Health and Safety, human resources for effective management, and event management. Mr Wood has a strong work ethic and can be relied upon to not only fulfil his designated duties, but his calm nature allows him to deal with situations that arise unexpectedly.



- Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their hike last week in the very hot conditions. Many thanks to Ms Mifsud, Mr Yasaman and Ms Maynard for giving up their time to support the students in this important activity. Unfortunately students and teachers were heavily targeted by hungry insects but are now slowly making a recovery.

- Leah Gerrard, Labreh Reynolds and Kyra Banton for outstanding efforts at the public speaking event held at NSW Parliament House. Many thanks to Ms Heslop and Ms Cooley for helping the students with their speeches and accompanying our students to this special event.



- Our parent volunteers who helped with the P&C Bunnings Eastgardens BBQ held last weekend. Many thanks to our enthusiastic parents who raised over \$1000.00 for the school.

- All of our Year 12 students who are nearly at the end of their HSC exams. Exam supervisors have commented on the excellent behaviour displayed by our students whilst in the hall. Many teachers are looking forward to attending the Year 12 formal on Friday 16th November and Ms Lawrence continues to be very proud of the 2018 HSC cohort.

- Our Year 11 students who participated in the HSC Success day last week, once again at the surf club. The students participated in a series of workshops to support their transition into HSC course work. Mr Davidson was very impressed by the maturity and commitment shown by the students and we look forward to providing a strong mentoring program as they progress through their HSC studies.





- Dobin Seol, Nikki Ketmontri, Larna Bartholomeo and Aiden Creighton, who were outstanding ambassadors for our school during a recent visit from Leslie Loble, relieving Secretary, DoE.

Student Leadership

I have been very impressed with the maturity and initiative displayed by our student leadership team. A very successful brainstorming session held on Monday has resulted in a number of key initiatives to action this year. Ms Maynard is doing an outstanding job in coordinating our enthusiastic students and has collaborated with Ms Stell to deliver a capacity building leadership day at school today. The school community is going to see some exciting initiatives come to realisation in the next 12 months.



Staffing

There have been a number of exciting staffing appointments occurring in different areas of the school. Mr Chadwick will be joining the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) faculty and will bring a wealth of experience to the school in website development and future focused learning. We are also currently recruiting positions in the Mathematics faculty, library and Learning Support.

P&C News

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th November and once again, many thanks to our parents who make up our vibrant P&C. The following positions will be filled:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

Many thanks to our current P&C Executive who have collaboratively provided a much valued parent voice in school systems, programs and procedures. We welcome your input into the draft classroom behaviour expectations which are currently under consultation with students, teachers and parents. Ms Hasking will be presenting these expectations on Tuesday night at the P&C meeting, after the AGM. I look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Kind Regards

Robyn Matthews
Principal

REELISE Presentation

Whole school Presentation

'Reelise'

Using social and digital media responsibly & productively, **Friday 16th November (Periods 3 & 4)**

'Reelise' is a registered charity that was formed to empower young people to create a positive digital future for everyone. It promotes its work and important messages about responsible use of technology through programs supporting digital leadership and digital creativity.

Its signature program, the Reelise Film Festival, screens youth created content about digital life annually in V Max at Events Cinemas in Bondi Junction. A number of years ago student film makers from South Sydney were highly successful in the inaugural Reelise competition and festival, winning two of the four award categories against elite private and selective schools. To raise awareness about the importance of the positive use of digital media and to promote the competitions run by Reelise there will be a presentation to students from years 7 – 10 on 16th November in periods 3-4 in our school hall.

This presentation will include the screening of student made films that have won awards in the Reelise competition in the past. If parents or guardians have concerns in relation to this presentation please contact the Relieving Deputy Principal, Mr Benischke or Ms de Paor, Gifted Education Co-ordinator.



REELise Your Voice

Student Digital Content Competitions

REELise Inc. is a registered charity formed to empower young people to create a positive digital future. It does this through programs supporting digital leadership and digital creativity. Its signature program, the REELise Film Festival, screens youth created content about digital life annually in VMAX at Event Cinemas Bondi Junction.

Entries are now invited in three REELise competitions. Finalists in each will have their work showcased online and at the 2019 REELise Film Festival and be treated to a VIP red carpet experience.

1. **REELISE FILM FESTIVAL COMPETITION:** For student filmmakers 10 to 18 years. Entries are invited of short pocket films (filmed on a mobile phone or iPad) of 5 minutes or less addressing the competition theme "seen". Prizes are awarded for Best Film in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Categories as well as People's Choice, Spirit of REELise (teamwork and courage) and Touch of Pink (best film exploring bullying, homophobia or transphobia).
2. **REEL VOICES COMPETITION:** For student performers and content creators 13 to 24 years. Entries are invited of 1 minute videos sharing a story about navigating life online - funny, sad, inspirational or educational. Three REEL Voices of 2019 will be selected.
3. **REELISE CYBER HERO COMPETITION:** For students 8 to 18 years. Entries are invited of digital work exploring the theme "kindness". It can be a video 1 minute or less, photograph or artwork demonstrating commitment to acting with kindness to shape a safe and positive online environment. Individual and school team Cyber Hero prizes are awarded.

ENTRY IS FREE. Full terms and conditions are available at www.reelise.org.au/the-competition/

REELise student digital content competitions are designed to:

- foster a love of content creation by students;
- raise community awareness about digital life issues impacting youth mental health;
- allow students to become part of a supportive network to drive a positive digital culture among their peers;
- provide students with opportunities to acquire new skills and develop confidence in their unique voice.

The 6th annual REELise Film Festival will be held at Event Cinemas Bondi Junction on Saturday 18 May 2019.

For further information please contact:

Karen Hamilton:
Email: karen@reelise.org.au
Mobile: 0407 076 787

REELise Digital Content Competitions are proudly supported by:



REELise Your Voice

Be discovered in 2019

THREE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES exist for you to be part of the 2019 REELise Film Festival and see your work in VMAX at Event Cinemas Bondi Junction.

1. REELISE FILM FESTIVAL COMPETITION: Students 10 to 18 years - grab your mobile phone or iPad and create a short film (5 minutes or less) addressing our competition theme "seen". Prizes are awarded for Best Film in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Categories as well as People's Choice, Spirit of REELise (teamwork and courage) and RBC Touch of Pink (best film exploring bullying, homophobia or transphobia).
2. REEL VOICES COMPETITION: Students 13 to 24 years. See yourself as an online influencer? Send us your 1 minute video sharing a story about navigating life online - funny, sad, inspirational, educational - its up to you. We'll choose 3 REEL Voices of 2019 to promote and train as influencers for a cause.
3. REELise CYBER HERO COMPETITION: Students 8 to 18 years. Submit your digital work exploring the theme "kindness". It can be a video 1 minute or less, photograph or artwork demonstrating commitment to acting with kindness to create a safe and positive online environment.

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 **REELISE**

A Message from Mr Filby

Parents are reminded to sign up for the parent portal if you haven't yet done so. The portal has many functions including viewing your child's timetable and attendance as well as receiving the newsletter online. There are many more functions attached to the portal and it envisaged that in the near future parents will be able to access academic reports and book parent teacher night interviews via the portal.

If you have not yet registered for the parent portal please visit:

<https://web1.sthsydney-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>

Once registered, you will need to use your unique code that was emailed to you last term to link to your child. If you need to have that code sent again, please contact Mr Filby via email at neville.filby@det.nsw.edu.au or phone the school office 9349 3868 - Mr Neville Filby, Deputy Principal

New Behaviour Expectations

Thank you to parents, students and community members who completed the survey on our new behaviour expectations. We now have draft expectations, which will be discussed at Tuesday night's P&C meeting. If you would like to have your say please come along.

CAPA Showcase

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty have been honing our events program over the past few years. The aim is to improve the experience for the student while enhancing the audience experience. One of the CAPA faculty's goals is to encourage students to respect their peers through developing an understanding of the expectations for the behaviour of an audience. By aiming for a more professional performance environment we hope the students will feel more valued as performers.

Our next showcase will involve Years 7 and 8 Music, Visual Arts and Drama students. This will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 6 pm until 8 pm. The performances will be on the stage with the lights out in the hall. The doors will be closed during performances with the expectation that the audience will remain seated to minimise distractions for the students. We also request that the aisles remain clear and that the audience use recording devices thoughtfully.

The event is free but we request that you reserve numbered seats on Trybooking.com to ensure a place as there is a limited number of seats available because of space restrictions. Information on the availability of any tickets at the door will be communicated to students on the day of the event. Numbered seats will assist ushers in assisting latecomers in the darkened hall. We ask the audience to be seated by 6 pm as entry will be restricted to breaks between acts. If you have reserved a seat and can no longer attend please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer those seat numbers.

The aim is for ongoing development in the quality of CAPA events as we upgrade resources, staging skills and audience culture. We would appreciate the support of the whole school community in improving the students understanding of expected behaviour at performance events and in how they value their own and others efforts.

Seat reservation is now open - Trybooking.com URL <https://trybooking.com/439674>

Sharon Hardy

Head Teacher CAPA

CAPA SHOWCASE

7 & 8

2018



Visual Arts, Music
and Drama

Reserved Seating:

Trybooking.com/439674



Tuesday 27th November

Margaret Fischer Hall

6pm to 8pm

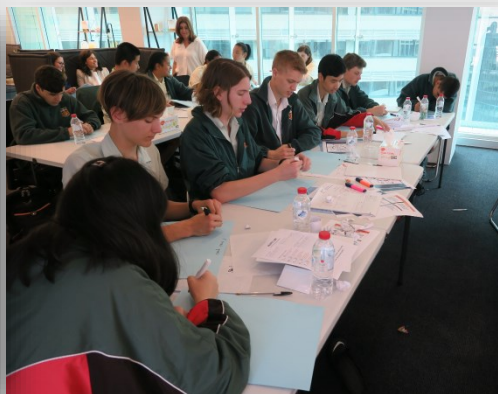
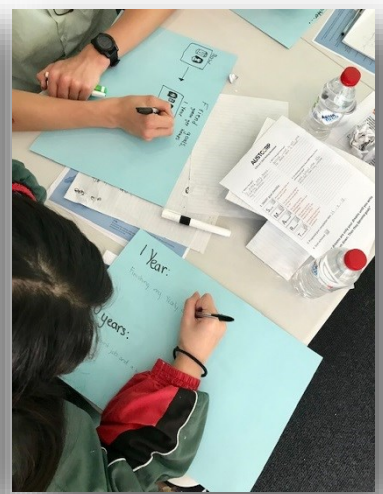
South Sydney HS

Ph: 9349 3868

Beacon & Opportunity

On October 22nd, the South Sydney High School Student Ambassadors along with some Year 8 and Year 9 students, and James Grimshaw from Year 11 went to Austcorp, an executive recruitment agency, to learn about the skills needed to become a good leader. Throughout the day, we explored concepts such as communication, creating goals and being able to execute these goals for the benefit of your future. We also completed workshops and activities, which included; splitting into groups and seeing which could build the tallest tower out of just paper and tape in order to demonstrate effective communication and teamwork. This was a very insightful day. On behalf of the students that attended, we would like to thank United Way and Austcorp for this excellent experience. We would also like to thank Ms Stell for her hard work and encouragement.

Jack Heath - Student Ambassador





P & C News

Bunnings barbecue and cake stall

A fun day was had on Sunday with a steady flow of customers for hotdogs, cakes and drinks.

Over \$1000 was raised for learning resources and student end of year prizes. Many thanks to the hardworking team of parents and students who made it happen:

Andigone, Ava, Jake, James, Jane, Janet, Jo, Graham, Liam M, Liam P, Lisa, Michael, Rod, Roxanne, Terri & Trish



2018 AGM and November meeting

Our AGM is being held next Tuesday (13th November) at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. This is followed by a general meeting, which is our last formal meeting for the year. School Director, Susan Shelley, will be here to provide information on the Principal's role. All are welcome.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we are farewelling Pam Bregonis, one of the most hard-working and dedicated P&C members I have ever known. Pam has worked tirelessly over her time at South Sydney, running the P&C as well as supporting the school in a myriad of other ways, such as being the parent representative on merit selection panels. Thank you Pam, from all of us.

I would also like to congratulate Robyn Matthews on her new position. To be the foundation principal of an entirely new high school is a rare professional opportunity, and while it is a huge loss for us, they will be gaining an exemplary principal. Our school has really grown and strengthened under Robyn's leadership, and she will be very hard to replace. I have enjoyed working with Robyn during my time at South Sydney, and on behalf of the P&C and the parent body, I would like to extend our very best wishes to Robyn as she begins her new role.

Justine Jennings

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Gifted, Talented & Enrichment

SSCIM

Planning has already gotten underway during our Wednesday SSCIM Club meetings for our December SSCIM Camp in beautiful Pittwater, from 5 -7 December. A number of our year 7 girls are embracing the challenge of allocating dormitory rooms and deciding on our menus with the help of Mr Wagg and Ms de Paor, who will be facilitating this year's camp. Photography, film-making, music making and creative writing are already proving popular choices as the focus of projects these students will be engaged in over the three day camp.

GERRIC

South Sydney High School has over the years developed a very positive working relationship with the University of New South Wales's Gifted education program. There will be a summer program run in January over three days at the university in the following areas:

Year 7-10

- The Brain in Health and Disease - Ken Ashwell
- Robots by EMU - Yvonne Perry
- Performative Radio Stories - Heather Contant
- Critical Thinking; Ethics; Philosophy and how to Debate an Issue Brilliantly with Michele Waterson
- You've Got Personality - Janette Wilmott
- Cinematic Sounds: Music & Soundscape Composition for Film - Anthea & Rodney Wikstrom

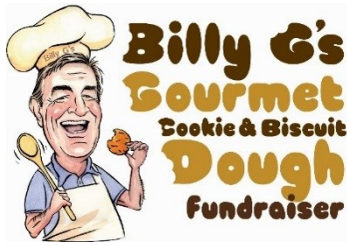
To find out more please use the following URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gerric-student-programs-tickets-51317391700>

There are a number of scholarships available for this program. Applications close soon so students or parents who might be interested are encouraged to contact Ms de Paor (aine.depaor@det.nsw.edu.au)



SSHS - Overseas Excursion Fundraiser



**FUNDRAISING HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!
BAKE YOUR VERY OWN DELICIOUS COOKIES!!**

RAISING FUNDS FOR:

South Sydney High School Excursion

Today we commence our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Christmas Fundraiser. All funds raised will go towards [The 2019 overseas excursion](#). The moreish cookie dough is only available through fundraisers, not sold in stores, so stock up!

You can purchase the cookie dough from our students in year 9 and 10, or online from our web store.

If you wish to purchase, you must do so by November 20. The current scheduled day for pick-up of your order is: [December 6](#). You can pick up from the school between 3pm and 4pm.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SPECIAL!

Purchase the Gingerbread dough and receive a FREE Gingerbread Man cookie cutter.

Purchase the Shortbread dough and receive a FREE Christmas Tree cookie cutter.

The kids will love baking their very own Gingerbread Men and Christmas Tree cookies over the Christmas break.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) delicious flavours including a new Gingerbread and Shortbread Biscuit dough, a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough that your favourite furry animals will go bonkers over and a Gluten Free Choc Chunk.

The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. **35c-40c per cookie.**

You can **REFREEZE** the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.

You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

Order and pay online: Go to www.cookie dough.com.au and place your order and pay online. All orders to be placed and paid for by the due date above.



Win a Gold Coast Family Holiday: Sell or buy a tub of Billy G's Cookie Dough for your chance to win a Gold Coast Family Holiday staying at Sea World Resort & Water Park with entry to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, Wet N' Wild Gold Coast, Paradise Country and the choice of either \$1,000 cash or \$1,000 airfare voucher. Go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/win to enter.

We thank you for making our Billy G's Fundraiser a huge success!

FREE EVENT

Best Gift Market

Sunday 25 November

9am-3pm

Alison Park
194 Alison Road
Randwick

Join us for our Christmas shopping event showcasing local, handmade, sustainable and ethical products.

- Local artisan & home-craft stalls
- Food trucks & DJ
- Entertainment
- Fresh native Christmas trees
- Green Santa