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Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

Robyn Matthews on her appointment as Foundation Principal at the Inner Sydney High School. We are all absolutely thrilled that Robyn will lead this exciting project to establish a new school community in the heart of Sydney. Our excitement is also tinged with some sadness as we farewell her from South Sydney High School. Over the last 6 years Robyn has driven the transformation of the school and inspired staff to go above and beyond in all aspects of school life. Our warmest wishes go with her and she is sill very much part of our school community until she transitions across to Inner Sydney High School.





- Our Year 12 students who completed their final clearance last Thursday. The Year 12 formal on Friday night was enjoyed by all and it was wonderful to share the success stories of some ex SSHS graduates who attended the event. Ms Lawrence continues to be justifiably proud of this wonderful group of students, our 2018 HSC cohort.
- Our Year 11 students who are in the first term of their HSC Course as they met their Teacher Mentors at the breakfast barbeque on Thursday. Thanks to Mr Filby and Mr Davidson who did us proud behind the barbeque.
- Our Year 9 students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour during their End of Year Exams.
- Ms Graham, Mr Spencer, Mr Baggaley and Ms Maynard and our wonderful Year 9 students who
 returned from Camp tired but happy on Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to sharing some of their
 adventures with you in the next newsletter.
- Year 7 and Year 8 students who were mesmerised by the "Math Show". Our dynamic Math Faculty are always searching for new way to inspire and this engaging interactive presentation certainly hit the mark.
- Our wonderful staff who continue to make SSHS an exciting, dynamic environment both in the classroom and engaging extra curricular opportunities.





Staffing

We are delighted to announce the permanent appointment to the school of Mr Joe Armanios. Mr Armanios brings a wealth of different experiences to his role as Mathematics teacher and we warmly welcome him to our school community

Family Interviews

Each year to support our incoming Year 7 students our family interviews provide a great opportunity for parents, families and carers to meet their Year Adviser and other wonderful SSHS staff members. It is an invaluable opportunity for us to learn so much more about the skills and talents of our Year 7 cohort 2019. This year we had interviews with over 100 families and look forward to meeting them again on Orientation Day in week 8.

Principal Appointment

The process for appointment of our new Principal from 2019 is well underway. As we make this transition I will continue as Acting Principal, Mr Benischke will relieve as Deputy Principal and Mr Wood as Head Teacher Wellbeing.

A panel has been formed which meets next week to prepare the advertisement which is then published. The advertisement is open for 2 weeks after which applicants may be called for an interview and a successful candidate appointed.

We envisage that all will be finalised and the Principal appointed by the end of Term 4.

Kind regards,
Catherine Walton
Acting Principal

Uniform Shop - Online Orders

We are excited to announce that we now have a online order system available for the uniform shop. You can submit your online order then pick up from the uniform shop when available.

www.gtschool.com.au



Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Adventurous Journey



We would like to congratulate the 17 Year 9 and 10 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Hike on Wednesday 31st November - Friday 2nd November. Year 9 students completed an overnight hike for their Bronze Award and Year 10 students completed a 3 day hike for their Silver Award. The students completed part of the Great North Walk track from Bobbin Head to Cowan. The students worked together in teams to navigate their way whilst carrying backpacks with all their required camping equipment and food and water. It was very hot weather so very exhausting hiking weather! The students were able to show some of the skills they have learnt this year. The students are working towards achieving their awards and have now nearly completed their Adventurous Journey section of the Award. Well done!

Year 8 students who might be keen to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award next year should keep their ears open for an information session soon.

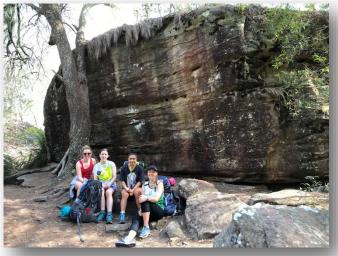














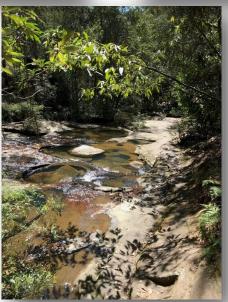














New Behaviour Expectations

We are in the process of reviewing and updating our behaviour policy, with changes planned for 2019. So far, we have surveyed groups of students and teachers about behaviour expectations they feel are important, and presented some draft expectations to the P&C. A survey with the top responses is open and we would love your feedback. You can access the survey on the school website or Facebook page. It will take about 5 minutes to complete.

Safe Drop-Offs

Please be considerate of other users when dropping off or collecting students. Our front car park entrance is strictly "no stopping" and we thank you for not impeding access.

Attention Students - Be safe

Please remember to enter the front of the school using the pedestrian gates. No students should be entering through the carpark.

The SSHS Vege Patch

If you have not noticed, behind J Block, we have a new vegetable patch. Look what has happened this term. The seeds were planted on the last day of term 3 and we now have a lush garden full of vegetables and herbs with native bush tucker shrubs. The irrigation watering system is now working and will be on over the summer holidays so that the intense heat will not kill off the garden.







P & C News

The 2018 AGM was held last Tuesday. Our executive committee for 2019 is as follows:

President – Justine Jennings

Vice President 1 - Lisa Parkee

Vice President 2 – Whitney Harris

Secretary – Jo Boufous

Treasurer – casual vacancy

Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the role of treasurer. This is a key role and so it needs to be filled. If you think that this is something that you may be interested in, or if you have any questions regarding the role and responsibilities, please contact me via sshspandc@gmail.com. Our outgoing treasurer, Michael Grimshaw, is happy to discuss the role, and will be able to provide a full hand over.



I was proud to be able to present Pam Bregonis with P&C life membership at the AGM.

As stated in our last newsletter, Pam has been a dedicated and tireless volunteer for many years, at our school and at her primary school, and I cannot think of anyone else more deserving of this than Pam.

The second hand uniform shop is run by the P&C and is open every Friday afternoon from 3.00pm-3.30pm. All items are \$3 each (cash only). The shop is located at the back of the school hall.

Justine Jennings

Council Message

Calling all backyard and balcony gardeners!

Grow it Local is a new Eastern Suburbs campaign supported by Council which aims to increase participation in edible gardening, shine a light on existing growers in the local area, connect communities, share knowledge and help reduce carbon emissions relating to food transport.

<u>For the green thumbs (and aspiring ones) amongst you</u>: There will be great opportunities to share your garden secrets and troubles, connect and learn from others, showcase your edibles and win awards.

Local growers are invited to put their patch on the map at www.growitlocal.com and participate in the Weekend Walkaround, by opening their garden to the public or simply by checking out others in the area, happening on 24-25 November.

More info: www.growitlocal.com

NRL Girls Footy

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls have been having a great time participating in the NRL program offered especially for girls this Term and funded by the grant we received.

























Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students on their completion of the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. These students have read at least 20 books from the approved reading list. We encourage all students in years 7-9 to participate in the challenge.

Noah McEgan, Lachlan Myers, Rafael Rubbo Galardo, Melek Saracoglu, Linh Huynh, Hope Kyd, Makayla Manu, Matthew Sanders, Alex Zhao

A special congratulations to Bundy Hosoi-Porter who will be receiving a Gold Certificate for completing his 4th Premier's Reading Challenge, and to Isabella Meader and Jackson Miller, who will be receiving a Platinum Certificate for completing their 7th Premier's Reading Challenge.

What's News In TAS?

Year 8 finished another unit of work called the "Boom Box". In this unit we discovered about, timber, different types, how it can be reused, recycled or repurposed. We also used some different machines and tools to make the Boom Box.

Mrs J Lawrence - Class Teacher





MBPS Spanish Immersion Visit

Year 5 students from Maroubra Bay Public had a great visit to South Sydney as part of the Spanish Immersion Program. Students enjoyed preparing and cooking empanadas in the kitchen, followed by making "Day of the Dead skulls" out of clay in the art room. Thank you to Ms Lopez for running the cooking session, and to Mr Wiseman for running the art session. Also a big thank you to the following Year 10 volunteers who helped make the day so wonderful for our visitors (and assisted in eating the leftover empanadas!): Jessica, Dobin, Daniela, Keisha, Thomas, Cleo, Brendan, Edward, Aleesha, and Nikki.

Ms. Layton









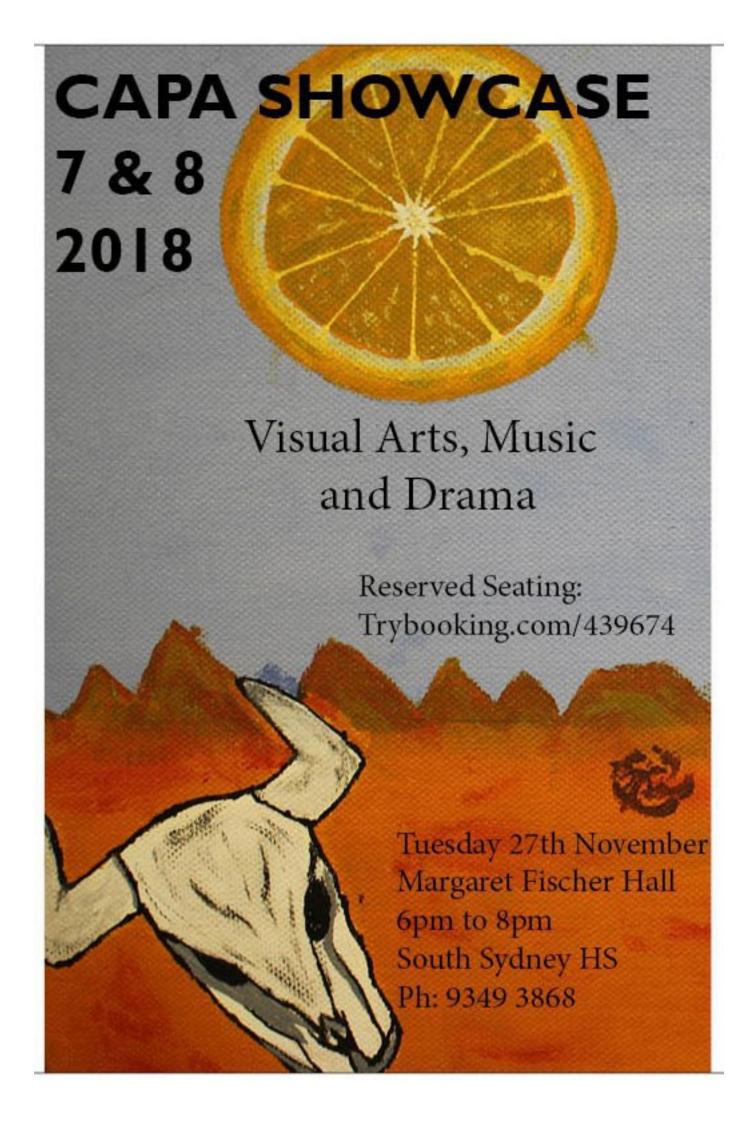












SSHS - Overseas Excursion Fundraiser



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

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 <u>www.cookiedough.com.au</u> 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!





GIRLS GUIDE TO BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE

for young girls 16 -18 years old

Join us for an interactive and hands on car maintenance workshop designed to educate young women about basic car maintenance. Workshops are conducted by qualified mechanics and will show you how to check your car's basic systems.

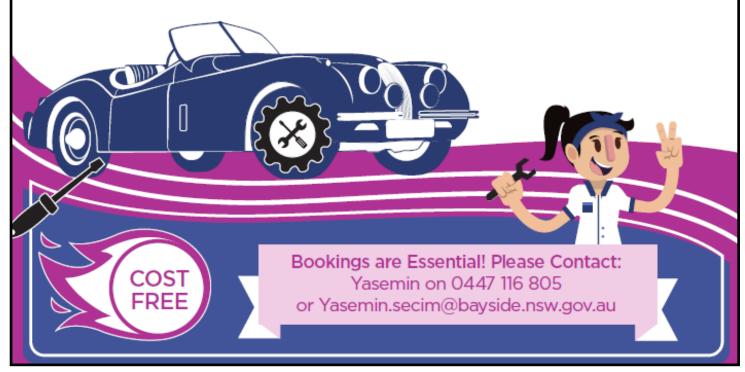
The aim of the workshops is to bring local girls together in a comfortable and friendly environment, and give them the chance to broaden their knowledge of basic car maintenance and feel confident when it comes to dealing with their cars and tyres.

SKILLS COVERED

- How to change a tyre
- How to care for tyres and check the pressure
- How to check the oil and coolant, fluids, battery and hoses
- The basic understanding of how an engine works to keep it running smoothly and safely

TIME, DATE AND LOCATION

- Friday 7 December
- 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- Girls Night at Eastlakes Youth Drop In Alf Kay Eastlakes Community Hall
 2 Florence Avenue



Safe TALK

Suicide prevention awareness training

Saturday 24 November

Margaret Martin Library

Level 1, Royal Randwick Shopping Centre Belmore Road, Randwick

11am - 2.30pm

The presentation aims to increase suicide alertness by teaching participants to recognise when someone may have thoughts of suicide and how to link them to further help.

Safe TALK participants will learn to apply the basic TALK Steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and Keep Safe) as well as move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss and avoid conversations around suicide.

Suitable for: family members and carers who care for someone with a mental illness.

You must be aged 16 years and over to participate.

Light refreshments provided.

This training is not suitable for anyone who is recently bereaved.







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

