

Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

- Liam, Jessica, Dylan and Emelia from Year 10 were excellent ambassadors for our school at the Business Partnership Meeting held on Thursday. Our students behaved in a very professional manner and their valuable contributions and mature behaviour were most impressive.
- Year 10 boys who participated so positively in the Good Men Good Relationships workshop held on Thursday. This is a very a powerful program which has been designed by Ms Stell and is facilitated by a number of business mentors and coordinated by Mr Wood.
- Year 10 Girls who participated in a Healthy Girls program organised by Ms Graham.
- Year 8 students who were a credit to the school as they enjoyed an excursion to Raging Waters.

New Appointments

To Ellenie Boyadgis who was successful through the Merit Selection process and has been appointed to SSHS in a permanent Senior Administration Manager (SAM). SSHS is lucky to have such a dedicated and talented person leading our fantastic office team. Ms Allanson who was also successful through the Merit Selection process and has been appointed permanently in Science. The school is very fortunate to have such a talented and passionate Science Teacher on staff.

CAPA Junior Showcase

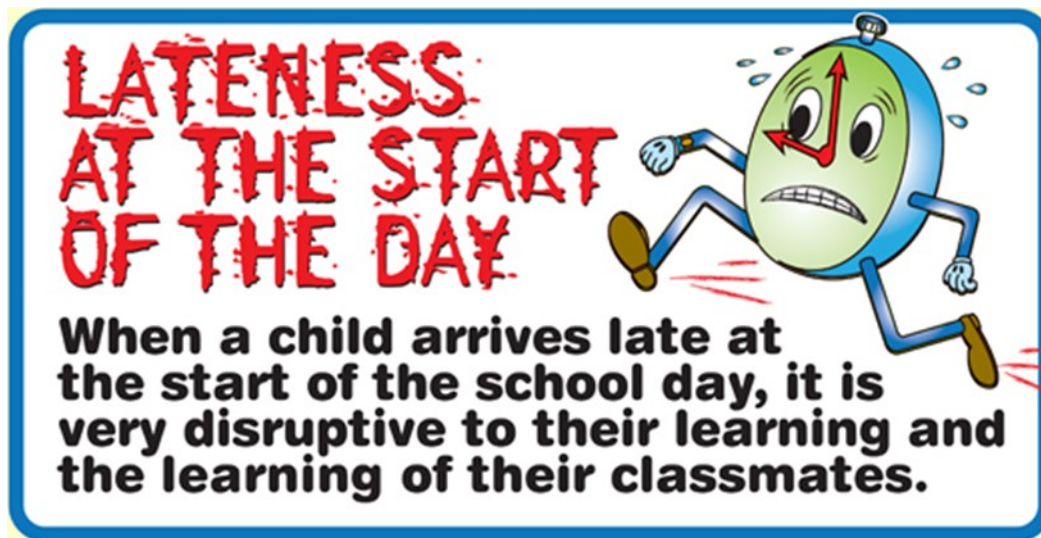
Many thanks to Ms Gregov, Ms Sainty, Ms De Paor, Ms Healy, Mr Baggle, Mr Gerber and Mr Spencer for their hard work and dedication and congratulations to all students who performed in the outstanding Junior CAPA Showcase held last week. It was an opportunity to showcase our talented Music and Drama students and wonderful work on display from our Visual Arts students. Both teachers and students appreciated such a wonderful reception from the sell-out audience, which was very much appreciated. Thank you must also go to Ms Douglas for her organisation and leadership of the night. The school was also able to support the local Women's Shelter through the gold coin donations.

Transition program for Year 7 Students 2018

We had a very successful Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday with record enrolments numbers. The secret about SSHS is out with a 20% increase in Year 7 numbers from last year. This event occurs State wide and is a vital part of our transition program to support students starting high school and a valuable way to gather information to support a positive start to high school life.

Attendance

At SSHS we have high expectations of students every day. I have spoken before about the importance of students attending everyday and on time. There a number of students who continue to arrive late to school on a regular basis and or have attendance rates that are below acceptable standards. Please ensure your child is at school every day on time.



Uniform

South Sydney High School is a uniform school. A reminder that the leather shoes are part of the uniform and wearing of leather shoes is a WHS issue for several subjects. Please ensure your child is in the correct shoes now and in 2020. Excessive jewellery and acrylic nails can also pose a WHS issue and are not part of the school uniform.



Student Numbers

If you know anyone else that is wishing to apply to come to South Sydney High School, please contact the school as soon as possible as we are currently working on the number of classes and the timetable. If you are moving, please let us know as soon as possible so we can accurately forecast our student numbers for 2020. We also ask if you are travelling and will be away the first few days of the 2020 school year please provide a note so we can count every student in the Department of Education auditing processes.

Kind regards

Janice Neilsen

Not returning to SSHS in 2020?

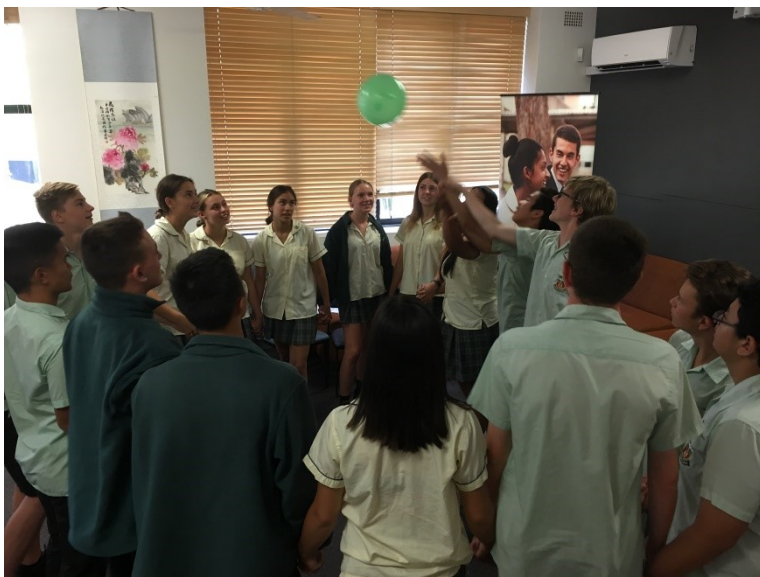
Please inform the front office in writing (via email or letter) if you will not be attending school on the first day of 2020. We need to know when your child/ren will be returning so that we can hold their place at the school open. We are required to follow up all absences at this time as we confirm school enrolments for 2020.

Uniform donations

To any students who will not be returning to SSHS next year or who may have spare uniform items at home that no longer fit or required we would be happy to accept all clean and undamaged second hand uniforms as a donation at the front office.

Peer Support Training Day

On Friday 22nd November thirty four year 9 students participated in Peer Support Training. These students will run our year 7 peer support program next year, assisting the new students to get used to high school. The day was highly successful, thanks to the fabulous organisation of Ms Maynard and Mr Spencer who ran the training.





DATES – 2020 (as at 26/11/19)

Please note the Sydney East SSA and NSWPSSA/NSWCHSSA Carnival dates for 2020.

PRIMARY

Swimming – SOPAC Homebush
Tuesday 17 March 2020
(2.30pm – 7.30pm)
NSWPSSA – SOPAC Homebush
Monday 6 - Tuesday 7 April 2020

Diving – SOPAC Homebush
Monday 6 April 2020

Cross Country – Miranda Park
Wednesday 10 June 2020
NSWPSSA – Eastern Creek
Thursday 23 July 2020

Athletics – SOPAC Homebush
Tuesday 15 October 2020
NSWPSSA – SOPAC Homebush
Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 October

SECONDARY

Swimming – SOPAC Homebush
Tuesday 17 March 2020
(7.30am – 2.30pm)
NSWCHSSA – SOPAC Homebush
Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 April 2020

Diving – SOPAC Homebush
Wednesday 2 - Thursday 3 April 2020

Cross Country – Miranda Park
Wednesday 10 June 2020
NSWCHSSA – Eastern Creek
Thursday 23 July 2020

Athletics – Sylvania Waters Athletics Fields
Tuesday 4 – Wednesday 5 August 2020
NSWCHSSA – SOPAC Homebush
Wednesday 2 – Friday 4 September

Bruce Riley
Executive Officer
Sydney East SSA
26 November 2019



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Year 7 & 8 - CAPA Showcase

On Tuesday the 26th November our School community gathered to celebrate student achievement in the creative arts. The packed hall was an indication of the value placed on the arts as integral to our student's overall education.

The audience who had been enjoying the rich array of visual art works on display in our school hall then took their seats for a highly engaging evening of vocal and instrumental musical items as well as dramatic performances.

The junior showcase is a positive way to celebrate and share our student's creative achievements in CAPA with the school community. We congratulate students for their ongoing support of their peers performances and how those with previous stage experience have grown in confidence. We look forward too many more successful nights.

The CAPA teachers – Ms Gregov, Ms Sainty, Mr Baggaley, Ms De Paor, Ms Healy, Ms Douglas and practicum Teacher Mr Gerber with whom our Music students have flourished under. All Teachers have have worked extremely hard to present the evening as a true showcase of the students' work. We appreciate the efforts of all the staff and students who volunteered their time to assist the faculty to run this event. I extend the thank you to Ms Hasking and her Year 11 Hospitality class for catering the evening with students' culinary cooking skills.

In addition, an honourable mention to Mr Spencer for his visual and audio display on the night and Mrs Nielsen, our Principal for her continued support of all showcases and commitment to the creative arts.

Finally, thank all of the SSHS community for your ongoing support of CAPA Showcases.

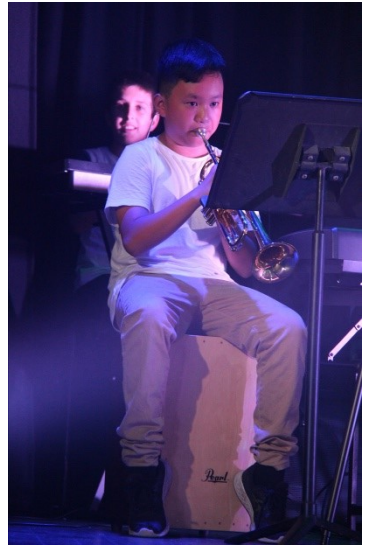
Please keep supporting the creative and performing arts as an essential part of our children's education.

Have safe and enjoyable holiday from all staff at SSHS. Season's Greetings!

Robert Baggaley—Visual Arts Teacher



Year 7 & 8 - CAPA Showcase





Year 10 Celebration Assembly

This ceremony will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in the Hall from 1.30pm-3pm.

Parents and carers of Year 10 students are welcome to join us for this event. Every Year 10 student will receive a certificate to acknowledge their graduation from the junior school and will be presented to the school community on stage in the hall. A range of other special awards will also be presented to Year 10 award winners.

Leadership Training Day

On Friday 15th November we held our annual Student Leadership Training Day for our Prefects, House Leaders, Student Ambassadors and SRC. It was a great day, held at the South Maroubra Surf Club where students worked together to learn and plan for the 2020 year. Thank you to Ms Maynard, Ms Stell, Ms Dawson and Mr Benischke for organising the day.



Beacon Opportunity

Good Men Good Relationships Program Day brings great results

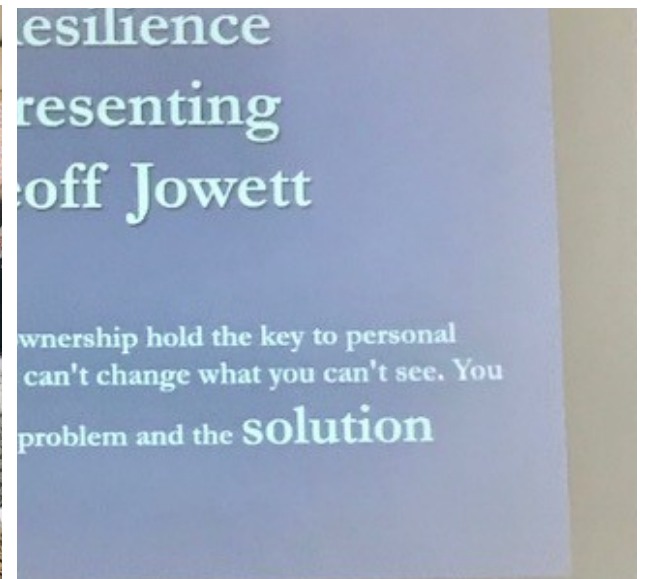
On November 28th we held our annual Men's day program for all Year 10 boys with superb outcomes for all those involved.

We had motivational speaker Brad Rosen, ex SSHS student, ex Sydney King's captain and now Fox sports commentator, sharing his life's highs and lows, as well as a most impressive story from Kevin Heath from Dream Time Academy and an RUOK ambassador. We had a short presentation from weight loss king Geoff Jowett, talking about his own personal journey, his wins and his losses and how to best cope during those times. We talked domestic violence, where one courageous young man told his powerful story and we talked about how being vulnerable makes you a stronger and more authentic human being. Our MC for the day was none other than Mr Matt Wood assisted by Amir Yasaman and our own student teacher Tom Gonski- the day was superb. Together with 10 other corporate men who believe in this program, we made a real and very positive impact! Our great thanks to United Way Australia for their incredible support, to Kellogg's, T.Rowe Price, Qantas, D.B.Shenker and the South Sydney Rabbitohs who both donated significant prizes for our boys. Finally we need to also thank ex SSHS students Mike Owen & Mike Lazaris and his dad Andrew for the great support they always offer our school.

Helen Stell

Opportunity Coordinator





Science News

ICAS Science Competition Success

We would like to congratulate the students who took up the ICAS Science competition opportunity this year. This is an international competition with 980 000 entries in 2019! The following students achieved special certificates for achievement in this competition.

- Drew Kelso- Yr 7 Distinction Award (Top 10%)
- Aiden Creighton- Yr 8 Credit Award
- Hugo Heron- Yr 8 Credit Award
- Luisa Prochnow- Yr 8 Credit Award
- Dylan Newman- Yr 8 Credit Award



Year 7 Rube Goldberg Machines

The Year 7 Enrichment class as part of their forces unit have been creating Rube Goldberg machines. Rube Goldberg machines involve cascading chain reactions to perform simple tasks. They have included a variety of simple machines such as pulleys and levers made from wood and other materials to transport a marble from one side to the other.





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