

Tech Talk August 2019

Sydney Technical High School



FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL



A GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS

We have had two groups of students participating in the Generation Entrepreneur's Empowering Young Minds Initiative. Generation Entrepreneur aims to provide high school students with the opportunities and resources to start their own ventures by developing invaluable skills in students and fuelling an entrepreneurial spirit among youth which will drive positive change in our world.



L-R: Emmanuel Takla, Rohit Ghosh and Harrison Lo

Rohit Ghosh, Harrison Lo and Emmanuel Takla of Year 11, designed and created an app called Immigr8AU. This app is designed to support people who are immigrating to Australia and assist them in their transition.

Hadi Abou-Ghaida, Chris Bisseh, Sandy Mititelu and Matthew Rispler from Year 10 developed Palmeiras – a new juice that is not just tasty but healthy too. The teams presented their pitch to the organising team last Friday evening and they now have formed connections with various businesses to see if they can bring these products to fruition.



L-R: Matthew Rispler, Sandy Mititelu and Hadi Abou-Ghaida

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VISITORS FROM NANZAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, JAPAN

A special warm welcome to our visiting students from Nanzan Junior High School, Japan. The boys flew in on Wednesday and are here for two weeks. We hope that they will enjoy the valuable learning and social experience here at Sydney Technical High School, spending time with their host families as well as taking in the sights of Sydney and immersing themselves in the language and the culture of Australia.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

On 20 August at 9am, The Australian Federal Police will be talking about how to keep students safe on line, and strategies to prevent cyber bullying. This is a presentation for both Year 7 and Year 8 parents, and I do hope that you can join us. Genya Sugowdz, our HT Teaching and Learning, and Nin Eath, relieving HT Social Science will be speaking on 27 August to Year 9 parents about Gifted Learners and Acceleration. On 29 August, for parents of our Year 10 students Nick Stokes, our HT Wellbeing, will be talking about how to thrive as a senior student. This builds on our Year 10 into 11 subject selection night and academic adviser interviews which were held on 5 August. On 3 September, the school counsellor will be talking about strategies for stress management for Year 11 students. Lastly on 5 September, our Careers Adviser, Jerry Mouzakis, will be talking to Year 12 parents about University Choices. Please take advantage of these valuable information sessions.

DEVELOPMENT DAY

Teachers returned to school on 22 July, and our development day provided staff with the opportunity to work collegially in teams to address milestones and work towards achieving targets in the current school plan as well as enjoy some wellbeing activities. Our wellbeing activities included Drawing, Book Club, a gym session and the Jacqueline Lyons Bocce Cup. Managing Staff Wellbeing assists us to be able to better manage Student Wellbeing. Feedback from the day was very positive with our strategic targets on track for 2019.

JOINT P&C MEETING WITH ST GEORGE GIRLS

Our annual joint P&C meeting with St George Girls High School will be held on Tuesday 6 August at 7pm in the STHS Common Room. The guest speaker is Dr Toulia Tsovolos, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. She will be speaking on understanding the mindset of a gifted teenager, the impact of different parenting styles and the best strategies to support and nurture them to maximise their personal growth. I hope you will be able to join us

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Danny Dong – Year 7 - won a Silver Medal in the U13 Doubles at the National Junior Table Tennis Championships held in Wollongong during the July school holidays. Congratulations Danny!

Pritam Kundu - Year 7 entered the Education Perfect Science Championships and has achieved a Bronze Award.

The Science and Engineering team, consisting of 32 Year 10 students, were the Regional winners of the Science and Engineering Challenge. They are heading off to Newcastle to compete in the State Championships at the end of August and, if successful, they will progress to the National titles to be held in Perth later in the year. We wish them the best of luck.

Diane Wilson
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3 - 2019

August

- 1 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 2 Green Day - Greenpeace Fundraiser
- 5 Year 10 Academic Adviser Interviews
- 5 Japanese Cultural Festival
- 6-7 Regional Athletics Carnival
- 6 NASA Students Talk
- 6 Combined STHS and SGGHS
Combined P&C Meeting and Talk - 7pm
- 9 Nanzan Students Depart
- 12 Science Olympiad - Biology
- 13 Uniform Shop - 10:30-12
- 14 Science Olympiad - Physics
- 13 Winter Sport Finals
- 20 Year 7 and Year 8 Parent Partnership Meeting*
- 20/22/ 23/26/ 26/29 Year 10 National Minimum Standards Online Testing
- 26/27 Science and Engineering - Newcastle
- 27 Year 9 Parent Partnership Meeting
- 27 Year 8 into Year 9 and Year 10 Subject Selection Evening
- 29 Year 10 Parent Partnership Meeting
- 29 HSC Music and Visual Arts Evening

September

- 2 Year 12 Trivia Night
- 2 Footy Colours Mufti Day Fundraiser
- 3 Special Religious Education
Year 9 and 10
- 3 Year 11 Parent Partnership Meeting
- 5 Year 12 Parent Partnership Meeting

Running Group is on every Wednesday Morning

Anime Club every Monday at Lunchtime

This calendar is a general guide. Sometimes event dates change unexpectedly. For a full up to date list of school activities please refer to our calendar at any time through the Schoolstream app.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

DATES FOR TERM 3

9AM - COMMON ROOM

Year 7 - Tuesday 20 August
ThinkUKnow Presentation on
Cyber Safety/Cyber Bullying

Year 8 - Tuesday 20 August
ThinkUKnow Presentation on
Cyber Safety/Cyber Bullying

Year 9 - Wednesday 21 August
Gifted Learners and Acceleration

Year 10 - Thursday 9 August
The Triving Senior Student

Year 11 - Tuesday 3 September
Stress Management

Year 12 - Thursday 5 September
Which University?

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP DATES

Term 3

13 August
10 September

Term 4

12 November
3 December
- Year 7 Orientation Day
10 December



School Stream

Download the
School Stream App
for your phone

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



ACCURATE INFORMATION

Parents need to inform the school if there is a change in personal details, particularly address, phone and mobile numbers as well as email addresses. On numerous occasions we have tried to ring parents only to find that the number has been changed or disconnected. In an emergency this can be very frustrating. Additionally, parents get frustrated when they discover that emails containing important information such as semester reports or parent/teacher interviews have also not been delivered. Please contact the school directly whenever your contact circumstances change.

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEARS 8, 10 AND 11

Students in Year 10 are well underway finalising the process of selecting their subjects for the senior school with the deadline for their online submission being Friday 9 August.

Year 8 students will be given information about electives for Year 9 during Term 3, with an Information Session for parents and students on Tuesday 27 August at 4:30pm. Students will have to submit their elective choices online by 2 September. More information will be provided closer to these dates.

Students in Year 11 will also receive additional information about other HSC options this term. In particular, this will be for subjects including Mathematics and English Extension II, as well as Extension History, Japanese and Music. Students looking to discontinue courses and reduce their units of study will also have more information and opportunities to do this. Students and parents alike are encouraged to remind themselves of our eligibility benchmarks for these courses.

YEAR 12 EXAMS AND BEYOND

The written Trial HSC exams begin on Monday 5 August and finish on Friday 23 August. Practical tasks for Visual Arts and Design and Technology continue in Weeks 6 and 7. All Year 12 students return to regular lessons on Monday 26 August and are required to attend every lesson up to the end of Term 3 (unless otherwise arranged for the completion of major works in, Design and Technology, Visual Art and Music). Every lesson is important right up until Thursday 26 September as teachers are using this time to complete syllabuses and revise the courses. Information about the last day for Year 12 (breakfast, farewell assembly, luncheon), the HSC exam, misadventure appeals, signing out, scholarship applications etc will be issued at a special Year 12 meeting during Week 7.

VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC EXHIBITION

Parents and students are welcome to attend Year 12 HSC Music performances and Year 12 HSC Visual Art displays in the auditorium and in the common room on Thursday 29 August from 4:30pm.

SRC ELECTIONS

The election process for the 2020 SRC has begun. Nominations for Year 12 SRC 2020 opened last week. Information regarding other year groups will be provided via the Daily Notices and on the School Calendar.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

One or two days a week might not seem like much but...

If your son misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that equals...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about if your son is ten minutes late each day? Surely that won't have an affect?

If your son misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that equals...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly an entire year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
40 minutes per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

If you want your son to be successful at school then, YES, attendance and punctuality certainly do matter!

Kirk Grinham
Deputy Principal

Melissa Burgess
Relieving Deputy Principal

THE SECRET LIFE OF THE GIFTED TEENAGER


Social & emotional development of gifted teens and how best to support them

**GUEST
SPEAKER**


Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

Dr Toulia Tsovolos

MBBS (USYD) DCH FRANZCP CertChildPsych



join us in an information evening in understanding the mindset of a "gifted" teenager, the impact of different parenting styles and the best strategies to support and nurture them to maximise their personal growth



SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL


ST GEORGE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

COMBINED P&C EVENING

7:00PM Tuesday 6th August 2019

Sydney Technical High School

RSVP : sydtypechparents@gmail.com



WELLBEING REPORT



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all students and their families had a wonderful break over the school holiday period and are feeling refreshed and recharged. This is a huge term for our Year 12 students as they are about to sit for their Trial HSC exams. It can also be a time of high stress and anxiety for seniors so it is important that they know where they can access support. At school, all staff are responsible for wellbeing however we also have other staff members with specialised skills or responsibilities in this field. Counsellors, Year Advisers, Mentors, Transition Coordinators, Learning and Support Teachers, a Careers Adviser and myself as Head Teacher Wellbeing are all important contact personnel should students or parents wish to access support.

There are also some fantastic external support services available to students and their families through the following websites:

www.kidshelpline.com.au

www.headspace.org.au

www.eheadspace.org.au

www.reachout.com

www.youthbeyondblue.com and

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

REPORTS

Term 3 is the halfway mark to another school year and now that all the Half Yearly reports have been distributed, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those students who have shown improvement and given their personal best in Semester 1.

The Year Advisers have had conversations with each individual student about academic progress and performance with some students having had a separate parent interview to plan ways they can improve in each subject. Our top 20 achievers from each year group together with students who have demonstrated important efforts to improve will also be rewarded with a special lunch celebration, organised through their Year Adviser.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME

Each year UAC offers a scheme known as the 'Educational Access Scheme' to those students wanting to apply for university who have experienced long term disadvantage at school in Year 11 and 12 for a minimum period of six months. Two separate presentations have now been held at Tech informing both parents and students about the scheme as well as highlighting the new changes for making an application online.

Year 12 students who require a school endorsed application in the form of an educational impact statement (EIS) have been told they have until Term 3 Week 8 to organise with the appropriate staff member to have this section completed so that a completed EIS can be returned in time for students to scan and upload their forms before Graduation day on Friday 27 September 2019.

Please refer to the following link for further details about the EAS.
<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes>

ACADEMIC ADVISERS

The Year 10 Academic Adviser Day was held on Monday 5 August following on from the subject selection information evening which was held on Tuesday 30 July. It is a huge effort organising this day and my thanks go out to the teachers involved, especially Mr Mouzakis our Careers Adviser who coordinated the entire event. Year 10 students can now hopefully make a more conscious and informed decision about their senior subjects for 2020. Photos from the Academic Adviser Interviews can be found on Page 13.

HEADSPACE

Headspace Hurstville recently approached Sydney Tech about organising a Wellbeing conference for one day next year (Term 1, Week 4) which would be aimed at all students in Years 7-12. The aim of the day is to promote men's mental health in a fun and engaging way whether that be through planned activities, guest presenters from the local community, sporting celebrities etc.

In order for the event to be successful, Headspace are looking for student volunteers from all year groups within the school to help with the planning of this event. Please note that this is a

volunteer position and will involve attending five planning meetings in the lead up to the event (4th Thursday of every month at Headspace Hurstville from 5:30-7:30pm, commencing August). If your son would like to be involved, then he can register his interest at the following web link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGPT526>

Headspace Hurstville are also running a number of free events this month for students in the local area, including a HSC Trials Rescue workshop on 7 and 13 August from 4-6pm at Rockdale Library, Artspace from 4-6pm which will run for six weeks from 19 August at Headspace Hurstville and a 'Study and Chill' workshop on the first Monday of every month from July at Hurstville Library in the Miles Franklin room between 3:30-6:30pm. Topics will include, 'Mindfulness', 'UAC Chats', 'Careers Q & A', 'Therapy Dogs' and 'Stress Less'. See link below to register your interest in any of the above workshops.

HSC Trials workshop – no bookings necessary
Artspace - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DFZSLCH>

Study and Chill – no bookings necessary

Nick Stokes
Wellbeing Head Teacher

Transport Systems

Service adjustments from Sunday 28 July

To improve reliability and meet customer demand, timetable adjustments will occur on many bus routes from Sunday 28 July. There are also changes to the timetables of many school services.

Trip planning and further information

Parents and students are encouraged to plan their trip to see if these timetable changes will impact the way that they currently travel to and from school. More information, including timetables, maps, Trip Planning and school service details is available at transportnsw.info. You can also view school service information on the Transit Systems website – transitsystems.com.au.

Student Opal Card Reminder

Please ensure your students are aware of the condition of use of their Opal Card, and the importance of carrying and using their card whenever they travel.

It is a condition of travel that all students tap on with their Student Opal card every time they board the bus, and tap off when they alight. This allows Transport for NSW and bus operators to assess the patronage of bus services, including School Special buses, to ensure that resources are used efficiently and meet customer demand.

Regards

Transit Systems

P: (02) 8118 7102

A: Level 1, 230-240 Balmain Road, Leichhardt NSW 2040





Bayside
Council



Bayside
Libraries

HSC TRIALS RESCUE

2019

Stressed? Tired?
Need help setting goals?

Wednesday 7 August & Tuesday 13 August
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway

Get a free study first aid kit and free snacks
No bookings necessary



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District





Study & Chill

First Monday of every month | 3:30 - 6:30 PM
Hurstville Library - Miles Franklin Room



**Free
Food!
Ruff!**

July 1 - Mindfulness
August 5 - UAC Chats
September 2 - Career Q&A
October 7 - Therapy Dogs
November 4 - Stress Less



headspace
Hurstville



**GEORGES
RIVER
COUNCIL**

artspace

a fun, safe space to express yourself, play and create



Free 6-week art group

Open to young people aged 12-25

Mondays 4-6pm at headspace Hurstville

19th, 26th August

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd September

Register at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DFZSLCH>





**WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
PASSIONATE ABOUT WELL-BEING?
KEEN TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS?**

BECOME A TECH CHAMPION!

Have your say in the planning of Sydney Tech's well-being conference in early 2020, organised by headspace Hurstville.



Express your interest here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGPT526>

Please note that this is a volunteer position and will involve attending 5 planning meetings (4th Thursday of every month at headspace Hurstville, 5:30-7:30pm, commencing August)



CAREERS REPORT



Parents and students of Year 12 should be contemplating the universities that they would like to attend and the five preferences that they will include in their UAC application. The application and the application fee needs to be submitted and paid by 30 September. You then have access to the 'check and change' facility on the application. This allows you to alter your choices as many times as you like without any additional charge.

An overview of the 2018 cohort is listed below. All students enrolled in a university course and 30% enrolled in a double degree.

I am available to discuss any career related matter over the phone or in person.

Please call the school on 9587 5899 to arrange an interview.

Jerry Mouzakis
Relieving Careers Adviser

2018 Tertiary Offers by Institution

University of New South Wales	98
University of Technology Sydney	25
University of Sydney	16
Macquarie University	5
Western Sydney University	3
University of Wollongong	2
Australian National University	2
Australian Catholic University	1
University of Newcastle	1
Curtin University	1
James Cook University	1

2018 Tertiary Offers by Area of Study

Actuarial Studies	6
Applied Science	3
Architecture	7
Aviation	3
Commerce	35
Computer Science	16
Criminal Justice	2
Economics	4
Engineering	38
Law	11
Maths/Stats/Data	13
Media Studies	5
Medicine	6
Psychology	3
Science	17
Teaching	1
Vision Science	2



Academic Adviser Interviews for Year 10 were held on Monday 5 August



BAND CAMP AND MUSICALE 2019

Term 2 was a busy year for the Music Faculty. It all started with the Performing Ensembles Camp in Week 9 (24-26 June). This was held at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. It was a frosty morning when the students and teachers arrived and they warmed themselves up with a combination of rehearsal and outdoor activities. On the first night we had a wonderful interactive presentation that combined the beauty of the harp and the unique landscape of Antarctica from Musica Viva and on the second night we enjoyed the film Jumanji. At the end of the camp, the improvement of the ensembles was clearly obvious and a great indication of how worthwhile the camp is. The Music Faculty would like to thank the teachers and tutors who give up their time to make this camp possible.

The ensembles came back ready for their next performance. Musicale took place on 2 July in the auditorium. It was a splendid night showcasing all the ensembles and a variety of solo and small ensemble items. There were a large number of ex-students who came back to play which is testament to the wonderful friendships and connections that are made in the ensemble program. The night culminated in a performance by all of the bands combining the theme from Game of Thrones which was a secret piece that was learnt just the week before on the second day of camp. It was an impressive sound.

Thank you to the sound and light boys, our comperes, staff and the many other people who helped on the night and in the many hours before and after the event.

On Friday 28 June the Beginner Band competed in Bandfest. This is a wonderful festival and an invaluable opportunity for the fledgling group to perform. This band had been playing for eight weeks and they played so well, that they were given a gold award for their efforts. Well done!

The Music Faculty would like to thank the parents for supporting their sons in all the events that take place throughout the year. Without your contribution to this wonderful program, it would not exist. You will agree it is an integral part of the school and a true representation of the spirit of Sydney Technical High School. Also the Music Faculty would like to thank the members of the STHS P&C who work to support our school, faculty and the students.

Please keep supporting our boys by attending the HSC Music Showcase and Visual Arts Exhibition on Thursday 29 August at 4:30pm, and keep an eye out for information regarding our Summer Ensembles Concert in Term 4.

Bravo!!

Julie Ryan
Music Faculty







2019 HSC Music Showcase Night



Featuring the multi-talented and exceptionally gifted

Joon Kim	Joshua Lee	Winston Liang
Eoin McKenna	Jamie Mo	George Papaioannou
Curtis Tan		Thomas Wills

...performing their HSC solo and ensemble pieces

Sydney Technical High School Auditorium

Forest Road Bexley

Thursday 29 August at 4:30pm

Diane Wilson
Relieving Principal

Kirk Grinham
Deputy Principal

Mel Burgess
Relieving Deputy Principal

Refreshments will be provided at the Year 12 Art Exhibition from 5:30pm
in the Common Room



*An invitation to attend the
Sydney Technical High School*
**Visual Arts HSC Exhibition
2019**



Herbert Lai, *Extinct Encounters*, Graphite Drawing

Thursday 29 August
From 5:30pm in the Common Room
Refreshments will be served by Year 11 Visual Arts Students





P&C REPORT

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday

6 August 2019

**Combined STHS and
SGGHS Evening**

**The Secret Life of
the Gifted Teenager**

Common Room

**All Parents
Welcome**

Tuesday

3 September

Common Room

**All Parents
Welcome**

Lots of exciting P&C things have happened in the past month and are coming up in August:

COMBINED P&C NIGHT – “THE SECRET LIFE OF THE GIFTED TEENAGER”

We are fortunate to have Dr Toulia Tsovolos as our keynote speaker at the annual combined P&C evening this year. Dr Tsovolos is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and has a wealth of knowledge and experience with the pressure facing today's teenagers.

Her presentation “The Secret Life of the Gifted Teenager” will give us, the parents, an insight into the mindset of the “gifted” teenagers, the impact of different parenting styles and will provide us with some strategies to support and nurture our kids to maximise their personal growth.

As a parent, I often think about what is best for my children via my experience and hindsight, often forgetting the actual experience and pressure I faced while I was their age. This presentation will remind us as parents to step back from assuming we know best and actually provide the needed support and guidance that will help our kids through the teenage years.

The presentation will be held on Tuesday 6 August starting at 7pm in the Common Room. Please RSVP if you plan to attend this event (sydneytechparents@gmail.com) and I hope you will all show your support of this annual combined P&C event.

MUSICALE 2019

Musicale 2019 was a great success and I hope that all the attendees, band members, band leaders and teachers who were there on the night enjoyed the great show and appreciated the food catered by the P&C for the event.

The P&C is always keen to support and assist with school managed events (especially those outside of school hours) as these events require a lot of extra work and effort by the teachers involved. Even though the P&C may not be able to do a lot to support and assist these activities, I believe we should show our appreciation to the teachers and students involved in whatever way possible. I also encourage all parents to attend as many school events as possible to show your appreciation for the teachers going that extra mile to help teach and support the talents of our kids at the school.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

A reminder that the STHS P&C is selling the 2019/20 Entertainment Book. You can purchase either the physical or the digital version of the Entertainment Book directly via the Sydney Technical High School P&C purchasing website (www.entbook.com.au/206m530). Please share the link with your friends and family who might be interested in the Entertainment Book. Every purchase via the STHS page will help raise more funds to support the students and teachers of STHS.

CONTACTING THE P&C

Join us on the STHS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/sthspandc). The email for contacting the P&C is sydneytechparents@gmail.com. Please send your suggestions, queries etc to this email.

Warren Mak
P&C President

LIBRARY REPORT



The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community.

– Paula Poundstone

The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.

– Libba Bray

**The Charles Kingsford
Smith Memorial Library
of Sydney Technical
High School**

NEWS FROM THE CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library continues to be a social hub in the mornings and during break times for students of all ages who seek out others to play games, to read quietly, print assignments or to use seminar rooms to practise group presentations. The Wellbeing Team donated a load of games to add to our collection so students have even more choice. Thanks, Mr Stokes! The library has a brand new circulation desk, new shelving for books near the door and new seating in the upstairs senior section, and downstairs fiction soft seats. New security cameras have been installed and are live, sending us images of the outside bag area and the upstairs senior section so that we can keep students and their belongings safe.

Mark your calendars for the following events in the library during Term 3:

Slam Poetry/Creative Writing Workshop with Will Small

– Friday 16 August from 12:25 to 2:25 pm

Students are offered free access to a workshop presented by the library as part of our Artists in Residence Program. Will Small is an award winning slam poet who leads students to create an authentic voice in their writing. He works on how to express opinions and feelings in writing and how to create a spoken piece that resonates with an audience. This workshop would be useful to any English student who needs to improve creative and persuasive writing pieces, Drama students, and boys who are in public speaking and debating. The workshop has limited spaces so get in quick. Students can sign up in the library or can email Mrs Greaves at Elizabeth.Greaves4@det.nsw.edu.au with their full name and roll call class.

books@breakfast

– Tuesday 17 September at 8:10 am in the library

This student run book club will discuss Matthew Reilly's new science fiction/dystopic thriller, 'The Secret Runners of New York'. Years 7-12 are welcome. Breakfast will be served in Seminar Room 1 during the meeting. Boys love Reilly's fast paced adventures, and this one is topping bestseller lists, so pick up your copy in the STHS library today and join in the discussion of what makes this book so exciting.

Intra School Chess Tournament

– held twice a week during lunch all term

Year 10 student, Hadi Abou-Ghaida, asked interested students last term to sign up so that he could create a draw for STHS's intra school chess tournament. Hadi will post the draw in the library with students in middle and senior school playing on different days. At the end of the term, we hope to crown intra school chess champions! Students who signed up need to check the draw and show up on the set dates and times to play.

Elizabeth Greaves

Relieving Teacher/Librarian



Come visit Ms Greaves and Ms Pope at the new circulation desk in the library, for any library needs.

Tech will be taking part in Kids' Cancer Project's 'Write a Book in a Day' competition. We will have two teams of Year 10 boys who will work together in the library on 15 August to write, illustrate and bind a book within school hours. A fundraiser will be held to

support the Kids' Cancer Project and the completed book will be entered into the competition against 2,700 other schools in Australia. The book will then be donated to a children's hospital. 'Write a Book in a Day' is the epitome of 21st Century learning. It requires teamwork, communication, collaboration, literacy skills, problem solving, technology skills, compromise, it is real world, it is time sensitive, it is multi-faceted. The skills are transferable to other disciplines or aspects of life.

"The Kids' Cancer Project 'Write a Book in a Day' (<https://writeabookinaday.com/>) Competition is a fabulous initiative," says writer Andy Griffiths.

"Not only do you get to experience the fun and satisfaction of creating a book in collaboration with others, but it only takes a day!

And, as a bonus, all funds raised help to support childhood cancer research. Well, what are you waiting for? Get writing!"

Thanks to Ms Demetriadis for helping Mrs Greaves to coordinate the student groups.



Write a Book in a Day



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

Science. Solutions. Survival.

SCHOOL NOTICES

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

A student in our school is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system. This means that the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important that he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chicken pox, whooping cough or influenza, he could become seriously ill. It is important that we prevent this situation from occurring.

If your child has or may have measles or chicken pox, it is important that you:

1. Do not send them to school
2. Notify the School Principal as soon as possible.
3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis if possible.

SCHOOL SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in Vera's Cottage. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by volunteers. **Volunteers are needed - please contact the office with your name and phone number.**

During the school terms, the Second Hand Uniform Shop

is usually open on the Second Tuesday of each calendar month, from 10.30am-12 noon.

The Uniform shop will next be open on **Tuesday 13 August 2019**. Come along and grab a bargain. If you have any donations of used uniform items, please send them to the Office.

CHANGE OF MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

If you have changed your mobile phone number, email or mailing address, please contact the school immediately so that we can update our records.

OFFICE HOURS AND PAYMENTS

The School Office is open from 8.15am-3.15pm for enquiries.

Payments by students should only be made before school, between Period 1 and 2, at Recess and at Lunch. Payments will not be taken after the bell has gone at the end of lunch.

Payments over the phone or at the front office can only be made from 8.15am-1.45pm.

Payments on Line can be made using the link in your emailed statement or via the STHS website (see below). If you would like an account statement sent to you please contact the office.

Website Payments -To make online payments, click on the 'online payment' link in the top right hand corner of the HOME page above the SEARCH box.

SICK BAY AND YOUR SON

If you receive a phone call from the office informing you that your son is unwell and in sick bay, you must attend to this promptly and collect your son as soon as possible.

Your son cannot be left in sick bay for lengthy periods of time.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement for ALL visitors on school grounds during school hours to report to the School Administration Office for sign-in and sign-out.

This includes parents and caregivers.

ATTENTION PARENTS - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE

If your child is absent from school, an explanation must be provided to the school **within seven school days** from the first day of any period of absence.

It is Departmental Policy that if your son needs to leave the school early for an appointment, then a letter must be brought to the school and it must be signed by one of the Deputy Principals before the start of the school day for leave to be granted.

If you reply to an SMS about your son's absence, please note his name, class and reason for the absence on the SMS.



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