From the Principal’s Desk… 26th August 2016

Last week, NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of SHCS students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is important they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. It gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important areas of literacy and numeracy. Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement.

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for students in that year level. If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point-in-time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.

Come to the HSC Creative Arts night on Monday 29th August at 7pm in the Drama and Music Rooms. See the talent of our current drama and music students including the HSC performances! Hope you can join us.
Canteen News

Canteen days are Wednesdays and Fridays with lunch orders to be submitted prior to the 9am bell on these days as follows – at the canteen for High School students and with their class teacher for Junior School students. Online Canteen is an effective way to order lunches – see https://ouronlinecanteen.com.au/ for more information.

Term 3 Volunteers

Wednesday 31st August
Connie Mallia

Friday 2nd September
Natalie Kirk

Wednesday 7th September
Fatima Mkolo

Friday 9th September
Jacqui Whiting

‘Eat fresh and Win’ Competition

The ‘Eat Fresh & Win’ competition promotes the eating of fruit and vegetables and offers students the opportunity to win great prizes too! Here’s how it works –

- Students purchase a piece of fruit or vegetable from the Canteen and receive a token.
- Two tokens from two separate transactions are required to be eligible for a minor prize.
- Return the entry form to the Canteen to receive a minor prize.

There are great prizes to be won. Students, see Canteen staff for more information.

Uniform Shop News

Orders can be placed at uniformshop@shcs.nsw.edu.au Don’t forget you have one year to transition into new uniforms to allow you to spread your costs.

Shop Hours

Wednesdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am-10.30am and 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Foster Care Week

11th to 17th September

Calling all carers – we need you!

We all have a part to play in our communities, especially when it comes to keeping children and young people safe. Thankfully YOU are already doing that, however we need more people with the same qualities as you. Today we’re asking for your help to spread the word to your friends and networks about the unprecedented crisis in Foster Carer numbers across the state. In the Illawarra alone we need to recruit 12 carer families to meet the current demand for children and young people.

Here are some frightening

statistics/information:

- Between 2004 & 2014 in NSW alone the number of children entering Foster Care increased by 7,855.
- In 2014 there were 18,192 children and young people in Foster Care in NSW alone (Nearly 40,000 across Australia). Based on current trends it is estimated at this current time the number is closer to 20,000.
- Domestic Violence continues to be a major issue in our community, resulting in more children and young people entering care.
- While the number of children and young people entering Foster Care increases, the number of people applying to become carers has decreased significantly.
- The demand for Foster Carers is critical with a number of children being cared for in cabin/motel style accommodation as there is no Foster Care placement available. This is happening in your region.

How can you help??

- Do you have a friend, a neighbour, a work colleague, someone in your support group, your church group, someone at your gym, a relative ANYONE who may have those same qualities you have. If so would you consider “planting the Fostering seed?”
- Recruitment of new foster carers is a long term process and we know from experience the best way to advertise is word of mouth.

All SHCS parents and interested friends are invited to morning tea at SHCS, Thursday 15th September at 10:30am in the Café. CareSouth representatives will be happy to explain and answer questions about being a foster carer.

A budding Jack Newton

A 100 metre carry over water to a lakeside green proved to be no problem for budding SHCS junior golfer Matthew Stedman, ably assisted by his daddy caddy Geoff Stedman. On Sunday 7th August Matthew played in the Jack Newton Junior Golf Tournament at Shell Harbour Links in the Tour category, pitting his skills against other Illawarra juniors, in boggy conditions after it had bucketed with rain the previous week. The format is 9 holes with shortened tee positions and adjusted handicaps. It’s a great competition to encourage junior golfers. There is also a Pups division helping children who are just starting out. Matthew played a great round and managed to win the round on handicap. He will pick up his medal at the next meet at Port Kembla in September. Any dads wanting to know more about golfing for juniors can contact Geoff at the School Office or go to www.injg.com.au.

And some other sport stars…

Congratulations to Eloise Austin who has been selected in the CSSA Secondary Girls Netball teams to attend the CIS Challenge Day on Monday 22nd August at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park.

Congratulations to all our SHCS Secondary School students who have been selected to represent the South Coast Zone at the CSSA state
athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday the 25th August. A special mention and congratulations to all the students who broke records at the Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival which was held last Tuesday.

Braden Egan - 13yrs Boys High Jump (1.78m), 13yrs Boys 100m (12.59 secs).
Talia Austin - 13yrs Girls 100m (13.52 secs)
Talia Austin, Letitia Glenn, Alannah Moylan, Jessica Orchard - 13yrs Girls 4 x 100m Relay
Joshua McGarry - 14yrs Boys 100m (12.49 secs), 14 yrs Boys 200m (26.05 secs)
Henry Long - 17 yrs Boys 100m (11.58 secs), 17 yrs Boys 200m (24.56 secs)
Nathan Robertson - 18-19 yrs Boys 100m (11.58 secs), 18-19 yrs Boys 200m (24.81 secs)
Glenn Thorn - 18-19 yrs Boys High Jump (1.68m)

Congratulation to Zone Age Champions:
Judah Wright 12yrs Boys
Joshua McGarry 14yrs Boys
Henry Long 17yrs Boys
Glenn Thorn 18-19 yrs Boys.

Overall team score SHCS finished 2nd.
A great effort by the entire team.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 orders are due 5th September. Please ensure correct change is given but don’t forget the LOOP ordering system as outlined on the catalogue. Orders can be taken to the School Office.

Mentoring Yr 12

This year, Mr Don Taylor has organised a mentoring program for our Year 12 cohort. The mentoring program matches each year 12 student with a staff member of the same gender. Each week students endeavour to meet individually with staff members, someone who can encourage them and pray for them. Pictured here is Peter Seckold at his regular Thursday meeting with the Business Manager Mr Geoff Stedman. These two diehard golfing addicts share life experiences on and off the course. Mr Stedman has been able to contribute in the areas of career choices, focus, relationships, Christian practice, discipleship and prayer and Mr Stedman has learned much about golf from Peter, currently a 14 handicapper, at Highlands Golf Club! We have a wonderful Yr 12 cohort who are all leaders in our school. We wish them well with their studies. You can help too by keeping them in your prayers.

Award winners for Week 4
Back – Nicholas Neilsen, Charlotte Hooper, Kathryn Worner, Jaiden G necchi Ruscone
Front – Belinda Gale, Lucas Drelaud, Victoria Boyan

Award winners for Week 5
Back – Risandi de Zoysa, Sienna MacDonald, Charlie Bryant
Front – Michael Scarano, Adam Paicu, Maya Charters
School Community Prayer Points

Pray for the following staff members – Mr Stephen Hilaire in his role as English and Drama teacher, praise God for his sense of humour and complete dedication to teaching English and all the skills that encompasses. Pray also for Mr Paul Sloan as one of our Technology, PDHPE and Science teachers. Praise God for his calm demeanour and multi-faceted teaching abilities. Praise God for our staff, we are indeed blessed.

Pray for continued health as our School Community recovers from a variety of illnesses amongst students, families and staff.

Pray for our Yr 10 and Yr 11 students as they prepare for both Outback Mission and Vanutua Mission respectively. Dramas, songs, crafts and other preparations are well underway. Pray for health, clear minds and a great sense of ‘team’ under God’s hand.

Local Community News

Bowral Cricket Club will be accepting registrations for junior players this school term. This season, there has been a revised competition structure and format designed to encourage greater player participation and enjoyment. Registrations (for ages 6 to 15 years old) Bradman Pavilion on any of the following dates - Sunday 11/9/16 11am-2pm, Wednesday 14/9/16 4pm-5.30pm, Sunday 18/9/16 11am-2pm. Competition Starts Saturday 8th October (the last Saturday of the next school holidays).

Catholic Care in Wollongong will be running a variety of Workshops during Term 4, bookings are now being taken and workshops are held at the Wollongong office (25-27 Auburn Street, Wollongong). Some of the topics include Standard Mental Health First Aid, Bringing up Great Teens, My Kids and Me, Parenting Children with a Disability, Women as Mothers, and Keeping Kids in Mind. These topics cover a range of things and run over a variety of times. If you are interested in knowing if any of them are relevant to your needs please contact the Catholic Care Wollongong office on 4227 1122.

Children’s Art and Craft classes for ages 5-12. Tuesdays from 3.30 – 5pm. For more information see inkwellstudio.com.au.

Bowral Playgroup – Seedlings runs each Monday & Friday from 9:30-11:30am at the East Bowral Community Centre. We are a playgroup for parents/guardians and grandparents to come, enjoy time with their children, gain support and encouragement from other adults; while doing life together and building relationships. Our mornings include free play in both our indoor and outdoor areas with a variety of toys to suit different age groups, craft, music, story time and a light morning tea for the adults. New families are always welcome. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/BowralPlaygroup

Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club is now taking registrations for the upcoming summer competitions. We hope to field teams in all age groups from U8s Milo Cricket and U10s T20 Smash (both on Thursday nights), to the U12s, U14s and U16s competitions held on Saturday mornings. The competition runs from October - March (with a break for School Holidays) with games commencing at 8.30am, and the majority of matches are played locally. We also have senior teams who require additional players for their Saturday afternoon games. We are a great family-oriented club and our registration fees are amongst the cheapest in Highlands Cricket. To register your interest, or for more information, please contact Aaron on 0421 452 167 or aaronazz@hotmail.com.

Local Church News

Kids@Mac is an exciting after-school club for kids from K-4. This term our theme is ‘The Crazy Olympics’, and we’ll love you to join us for games, craft, songs, Bible stories, afternoon tea and great leaders! It costs $3 per week or $20 per term (family discounts available!). Tuesdays term time, 3:30-5pm at Mittagong Anglican Church. For more information, ring church office on 4871 1947.

Classifieds

To advertise in the “In Touch Classifieds” simply place ad, together with payment in an envelope clearly marked with “In Touch Classifieds”, your name and contact details and hand in at the School Office. Cut off is Tuesday for your ad to appear that week. $5 for 1 issue or $8 for 2 issues. For all enquiries contact Jacqui Unwin in the School Office.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1
Gateway Challenge!

Last week a group of our Year 9 and 10 students attended the GATEWAY Academic Challenge. Students working in teams of 8 had to complete timed tasks across 6 domains of learning. It was an intense day, requiring students to manage time efficiently, work collaboratively as part of a team and think creatively to provide their solutions to problems based on the theme of 'Time'. We were one of 10 schools in attendance at this challenge. Our students are to be commended for their outstanding effort on the day and the wonderful way they represented our school. Special mention to our Year 10 Music team who placed second in the music challenge.

Model United Nations Debates

Last weekend, a team of three senior students made their way to Canberra for the National Model United Nations Association debates, hosted by Rotary. It was a great honour to be seated in the House of Representatives of Old Parliament House, listening to the articulate arguments put forward by Mabel Chalmers and Georgia Smith, aided by Annelise De Horne. Our girls conducted themselves with maturity and eloquence, sending their arguments around the very same room where Gough Whitlam, John Curtin, and Robert Menzies had likewise done in years past. Special recognition must go to Mabel, whose opening arguments on Saturday impressed the hosts so much that she was also asked to present the official student thank you during the banquet. Congratulations, girls!
Orange Music Festival
The Christian Education National Music Festival

This year we took 38 musicians to Orange for The Christian Education National Music Festival. It was a wonderful two days of ensemble workshops, culminating in a Grand Concert at Turner’s Vineyard on the Saturday afternoon. Our students participated in the Intermediate and Advanced Band, Primary and Secondary Choirs, and The String Ensemble. Also every student sang in the Absolutely Mammoth Choir, which had over 300 voices. I was very proud our students’ excellent conduct during the camp and of their hard work in rehearsals. The festival challenged many to really extend their playing and they came away better musicians.

Mr Michael Bunyan Coordinator

Book Week

Congratulations on a very successful 2016 Book Character Parade. Dressed as characters from their favourite stories, our students and staff turned the school into a colourful celebration of everything literary.

What a wonderful world of imagination we enter as we read books!