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Parents & Citizens' Association Meeting

Thursday 27 October 2011
Staff Common Room
7pm

Mothers' Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 2011
Library
10am

Year 7, 2013 Information Morning

Thursday 3 November 2011
Assembly Hall
9.30am

Multicultural Food Festival/ Summer Festival of Music

Friday 18 November 2011

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Term 4!

This promises to be a rich and exciting term for all students. As well as students working towards their final reports we have many extra-curricular activities planned.

Year 7 will join RAFT on their friendship day on 6 December. RAFT stands for resilience, acceptance, friendship and tolerance and concludes our extensive program of pastoral care for Year 7. Year 7 will also engage in a surf awareness program and a lifesaving program between now and the end of term.

Year 10 have a very busy term. Apart from the School Certificate they will engage in Peer Support training as part of our student leadership programs. They also participate in Winning Edge (23 Nov), a day long program designed to develop assertive strategies to increase personal safety in social situations. This course is very well received each year by our Year 10 students. Many students will have organised work experience placements in the week commencing 28 November. Year 10 will attend a Presentation assembly on the afternoon of 9 December where they will receive their School Certificate, the last School Certificate to be issued. This will follow our annual speech day. Each year I receive enquiries from parents of Year 10 students who have been convinced by their daughters that lessons have ended for the year once the School Certificate exams have concluded. I would like to assure all parents that this is not so. In fact the time after the School Certificate is very valuable and is used by teachers to deliver learning programs to support and prepare Year 10 for the transition to senior studies.

Year 11 of course have become the new "Year 12" and are engaged in the first term of their HSC studies culminating in a major assessment period in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4.

This year our Annual Speech Day will be held on Friday 9 December and all school reports will be issued prior to this day. The final day of term is the following Friday 16 December. It is our experience that many parents request leave for their daughters after Speech Day for family or travel purposes. As a consequence we find that classes might be depleted; however, we will be running normal timetabled classes in that final week.

Best Wishes to all Year 12 Students

Year 12 commenced their Higher School Certificate examinations last week. They are constantly in our thoughts and carry with them our very best wishes for personal success.

On behalf of Year 12 and their guests, I would like to thank Year 11 students who hosted the Year 12 function held after the Presentation Ceremony on the last day of Term 3. It was a lovely afternoon and a most enjoyable conclusion to a week of farewell activities for Year 12, their teachers and guests. I would also like to acknowledge Ms Brown who organised the ceremony and co-ordinated the garden party.

HSC Success Already in Drama, Music and Dance

With practical and performance examinations already completed we have had some very pleasing feedback already. In Drama, Carmen Fu's individual performance was shortlisted for OnStage a showcase of exemplary HSC Drama performances. Also two drama groups had their group performances shortlisted. The girls were: Taylor Innes, Rebecca McKenzie, Georgia Hammond and Lucy Moroney; Tess Renneberg, Amy Reid, Carmen Fu, Samantha Crome.

In Music, Celia Xu was shortlisted for Encore, a showcase of exemplary HSC Music performances. Caroline Kingsford of Year 11 who did HSC Dance with an Outside Tutor as an accelerant was also shortlisted for Callback a dance showcase of exemplary HSC performances. Congratulations to those girls and their teachers Ms Wright, Ms Hall and Ms Oyston.

Year 11 Commence HSC Courses

Year 11 commenced their Higher School Certificate courses this week. A special meeting was held on Monday 10 October to explain the HSC assessment policy to students and parents. I would like to thank Mr Ponder and Mr Yan for presenting a most informative session for parents. Students were also issued with a document which clearly set out the school's expectations of HSC students. This document outlines strategies for students to get the most out of their final year at St George.

Year 10 Examinations

Year 10 have completed their school-based examinations and will sit for state-wide School Certificate tests in English-literacy, mathematics, science and Australian history and geography on Monday 7 November and Tuesday 8 November. The Computing Test will be held on Thursday 10 November. We wish Year 10 every success in these examinations.

Multicultural Food Festival and Summer Festival of Music

Organisation is well underway for our Annual Multicultural Food Festival to be held before our Summer Festival of Music on Friday 18 November. A flyer was sent home earlier and a follow up is included in this gazette. If you would like to help to make this annual event as successful in previous years please fill

in and return the flyer to the front office. The P&C will meet this Thursday evening to continue the organisation. The co-ordinator this year is P&C treasurer Aparna Hegde. If you can assist in anyway don't hesitate to phone Aparna. Her phone number is included in the P&C report in this gazette.

This event is a great success every year with families enjoying a feast of international cuisine prepared by our many cultural groups. The evening is a highlight of our Term 4 calendar. It is a good opportunity to bring the whole family together for an early dinner prior to enjoying a wonderful evening of music at our annual Summer Festival of Music Food stalls will be set up and food will be available from about 5pm.

If you wish to know more come along to our next P&C meeting on Thursday 27 October at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. Everyone would be most welcome, especially our Year 7 parents. Enter via the Victoria Street gates.

Year 9 Uniform Purchases

We would like to inform all Year 9 parents that their daughters may purchase their senior uniforms on any Wednesday this Term. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 12.45pm until 2pm. The shop will also be open on Saturday 10 December from 9.30am until 11am.

There are a number of uniform items I would like to recommend to parents. We have a school chiropractic backpack available to purchase. These backpacks would certainly be a healthier option for our girls than the commercially produced ones and I have heard from many parents that they last much longer than the store bought bags. I encourage all parents to purchase one for 2012. The Uniform shop has also obtained stocks of the correct socks for all students. These are priced at \$12 for a pack of three. We have also introduced a stylish and more formal looking school hat which I encourage all girls to purchase and wear especially in the hotter summer terms. The baseball style cap can still be used for sport and PE. We have also obtained stainless steel water bottles. Girls can fill their bottles from the chilled water fountains we have installed near the PE change rooms and the Gymnasium.

Information Morning Year 7 2013

Students wishing to enrol in Year 7 2013 must submit their applications to Primary Principals by 18 November. We will be holding an Information Morning for prospective students on Thursday 3 November commencing at 9.30am in the School Hall. If you have friends or family who would like to attend our Information Morning please pass on the flyer inserted into this gazette.

Permission for Leave

Occasionally a student will require leave for various reasons. This may include travel for family reasons or leave for health reasons. This happens more frequently at the end of the school year when families travel overseas. If your daughter will be absent from school and require approval for leave, please send this request to me in writing stating the period of required leave and the reason for our school records.

Deputy Principals' Report

School Certificate Reference Tests 7, 8, and 10 November

On Monday 7 November, Tuesday 8 November and Thursday 10 November Year 10 will be sitting their School Certificate Tests. These tests are compulsory for all Year 10 students in NSW and the results are reported as part of their School Certificate package which they will receive on 9 December. Any girl who is away must have a medical certificate as failure to sit the tests without adequate reason will result in a School Certificate not being awarded. There are five tests. English-literacy; Mathematics; Science; Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Computing Skills.

Girls must be at school at the normal time on both Monday and Tuesday and remain on the premises between tests. On Monday and Tuesday girls will be leaving after 3.00pm. On Thursday girls will need to be in attendance at the normal time to complete their School Certificate Computing test online in computer rooms. They will also complete *HSC All My own Work* which is mandatory for entry into the preliminary course in Year 11. Depending on timing the girls may be released early after completion of *All My Own Work*.

The program is as outlined below.

Monday 7 November

English-literacy – 9.20am – 11.30am
Science – 12.50pm – 3.00pm

Tuesday 8 November

Mathematics – 9.25am – 11.30am
Australian History/Geography – 12.50pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 9 November

Normal school day

Thursday 10 November

Computing skills. Online in small groups throughout the day interspersed with All My Own Work Sessions. There will be a specific timetable issued separately for this day.

Friday 11 November

Maths excursion

- ❑ **Girls must be here at normal time on Monday and Tuesday. They will go into the hall at about 9.00am**
- ❑ **Girls must be here at 8.40am on Thursday and may be dismissed a little early**
- ❑ **Girls must remain on school grounds between exams**
- ❑ **Girls must bring all their equipment**
- ❑ **Girls must use their Board of Studies number, not their name**
- ❑ **Girls must reread all the instructions from the Board of Studies**

It is in your daughter's best interests to apply for leave well in advance of her intended departure so we can assess the implication for her learning and assist her in this respect. If your daughter will not be present at the beginning of the 2012 school year due to family or travel arrangements it is most important that you indicate in writing her intended date of return to school. This is necessary if you would like her place to be retained at St George. All requests for leave will be confirmed by me in writing.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate the following student for achieving Gold Certificates indicating that she has received thirty Merit and/or Participation Certificates:

Roanna Chan, Binna Choi, Felicia Fernando and Michelle Tsang of Year 10.

Rachel Lee and Anna Stepanova of Year 12.

I would like to congratulate the following students for receiving Principal Certificates:

Rubsat Amin, Chaiti Dhar (2), Angela Kelepurovska, Johanna Kennedy and Valerie Tran of Year 7.

Artchaki Chandrasegar, Bernice Chung (2), Pratiksha Chuttar, Shirley Gu, Natalie Lam (2), Louise Li (2) and Jenny Lin of Year 8.

Ting Chen (2), Laurie Mac (2), Yu Ying Mak and Melanie Tran of Year 9.

Roanna Chan, Larissa Chandra (4), Bonnie Chen, Elizabeth Cheung (3), Binna Choi (7), Shivika Gupta, Claudia Lee, Lisa Liu (3), Lucia Nguyen and Michelle Tsang of Year 10.

Rafia Alam, Summer Haidar, Helena Miao (2), Jemma Payne and Clara Wong of Year 11.

Anna Stepanova of Year 12.

Well done to all of these girls and to all who have experienced personal success this term.

Yours sincerely
Noel Morris

Student Welfare

Since the issue of the last Gazette, the following students have been presented with Dragon Badges:

Jessica Carter, Harpreet Kaur (2), Pearl Khisa, Kiran Mahboob and Rachael Yu of Year 7.

Celia Chen (5), Rachel Lee and Gabrielle Tse of Year 8.

Maisah Joarder (2), Yu Ying Mak (5), Chandana Narayan, Nellie Tran, Conny Yan and Helen Yao (2) of Year 9.

Rachel Cham, Larissa Chandra (3), Lisa Gong, Sharon Lo, Lisa Pai (2) and Natalee Venegas of Year 10.

Hannah Burrell (4), Alice Burrell (2), Joy Chen (2), Lisa Chen (2), Samantha Crome (2), Sara Eriksson (2), Emily Fung, Lauren Lee, Louise Lin (3), Julie Ly, Lucia Marcello, Beth Milross, Scarlet Ng, Neela Rahman (2) and Rose Shapiro (2) of Year 12.

The following students have been presented with a Super Dragon Badge:

Laurie Mac of Year 9.

Hannah Burrell, Joy Chen, Sara Eriksson, Lucia Marcello, Neela Rahman and Rose Shapiro of Year 12.

Debating and Public Speaking Update

2011 has been one of the most successful years in recent memory for the public speakers and debaters of our school. Record numbers of students from Year 7 to Year 12 have wanted to become involved in these most difficult of performance arts.

In debating, the Year 12 team won their zone and were defeated by Sydney Boys in the regional quarter finals. The Year 11 team also won their zone, but were also defeated by Sydney Boys in the quarter finals (the boys seem to be taking the mantle of our 'nemesis' away from Sydney Girls). The Year 9 team won their zone (defeating our very own Year 10 team), but were beaten by Fort Street in the quarter finals. Year 8 have already won their zone and at this point are awaiting notice of their regional opponents. Year 7 have been involved in an in school debating program (thanks to the wonderful efforts of Year 12 student debating mentor, Adela Greenbaum) and are ready for next year's competitions.

Such has been the popularity and success of debating that we actually have students on a waiting list to join teams. Debating is very time consuming and all girls are to be commended on their commitment, as well as their skill.

In the field of Public Speaking, Amy Li won her zone in the Lions Club competition; Lakshmi Logathassan won her zone in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English

Speaking Awards and went on to compete in the Regional finals. Ruby Hillsmith won her zone in the Legacy Competition where she received many commendations on the quality of her public speaking skill. At this stage, Ruby has won her round in the state eliminations and is competing in the finals on Friday 21 October at the Art Gallery of NSW. As well as these achievements there have been a host of competitions in each year that have shown how much skill our students have in this area.

Public speaking and debating foster confidence, teamwork, research skills and the ability to think 'on one's feet'. Congratulations to all students who have spoken up for themselves and for the school.

Mr Simmons

'Wear it Purple Day'

Friday 2 September was 'Wear it Purple Day' at St George Girls High School and across the world.

'Wear it Purple Day' has a simple message:

"You have the right to be proud of who you are."

The 'Wear it Purple' organisation exists in order to raise public consciousness on the issues surrounding rainbow youth, including suicide, self harm and mental health problems. It expresses this on three platforms: advocacy, support and education. It is run by high school students and university students.



Every year on 'Wear it Purple Day,' they ask people everywhere to wear purple to school, university, work, or other public venues to help raise this consciousness.

On 2 September purple ribbons and 'Wear it Purple' badges were sold at St George, raising \$800 for the 'Wear it Purple' organisation. This money will be used to help with their future strategies to help support rainbow youth at risk. St George raised the highest amount of money out of all schools throughout Australia which was a great achievement.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ribbon or a badge and wore purple in support of rainbow youth.

Please check out their work at www.wearitpurple.org

Brenna Harding
Year 9

Green Corner



Beyond the School Gates

St George Girls High School made history when the Enviro Club was invited to address Kogarah Council as part of the council agenda and not in the public forum. This gave the students a full 10 minutes to speak about the problems of plastic waste in our environment from plastic water bottles as well as the health issues related to the use of these bottles and the need to have water bottle refilling stations throughout the community so that people are able to access and refill their own water bottles with the clean water that is available free. This was supported by a power point presentation and short video.



This follows the initiative of St George Girls High School to “Say No to Bottled Water” which involved educating our school community about the effects of plastic water bottles on the environment and not selling bottled water at the school canteen, with the instillation of several water bottle refilling stations.



The school’s Enviro Club held an interschool forum at the start of Term 2 to take the “Say No to Bottled Water” campaign beyond the school gates and into the wider community of Kogarah Council. This was such a success that other local schools are now installing water bottle refilling stations and “Saying No to Bottled Water”.

The students of St George Girls High School, as a follow up, addressed the Kogarah Council meeting to request that they install water bottle refilling stations in public areas so that people may be able to refill their water bottles.



Thank you to Sharika Kabir, Pauline Tran, Shirley Zhao and Sahani Jayawardane of Year 11 for the time and effort that they put into this project, enabling its success.

The St George Girls Enviro Club members have shown that students can tackle environmental problems in the wider local community and not just within the boundaries of the school gate.

Mrs Duffy

Sharika, Pauline, Sahani and Shirley would like to thank Mrs Duffy and Ms Field for taking us out to dinner beforehand and their moral support at the council meeting.

Worm Farm Fertiliser

Worm fertiliser is still for sale. Please see Mrs Duffy to purchase your worm farm fertiliser. All funds support environmental projects at school; prices vary.



Thank you to all of the enthusiastic students who maintain the worm farms.

Green Day is fast approaching on Wednesday 16 November 2011.

The following donations are needed:

- Beef sausages
- Kangaroo sausages
- Sauce
- Serviettes
- Ice cream
- Packets of jelly to make jelly cups to be sold on the day.



Koala 'Rose'

Thank you to Year 12 for raising \$120 towards sponsoring 'Rose' the koala during their very busy last week of school. The gesture was very much appreciated as you will not be here on Green Day.



St George Girls High school is sponsoring **Koala 'Rose'** who will visit on **Green Day**.



Koala Rose



Mrs Duffy and Koala Rose

As this year is year of the **Tree** the focus of **Green Day** is **"No Tree No Me"**. All funds raised will go to Save the Koala Foundation. There are only 45 000 Koalas left in Australia which is literally a dying shame.

The keynote speaker on **Green Day** is the CEO of Save the Koala Foundation, Deborah Tabart OAM. Deborah is flying down from Queensland just for the occasion. Click on link for more information about Deborah Tabart OAM

www.savethekoala.com/deborahatabart.html

Koala t-shirts will be on sale for \$10 at recess during Week 3 [limited sizes.]

Apart from the many workshops that will follow on the day, with Year 10 helping to run all of the stalls and sausage sizzle, there will also be an interschool Student Environment forum held with visiting schools.

Bring Your Money:

Jelly Cups on sale for \$1.50 with ice cream for \$2



Sausage Sizzle

Buy your ticket before the day

Kangaroo sausage – \$2

Vegetarian patties – \$3

Beef Sausage sizzle – \$4

Cakes – \$1 to \$3



Fingernail Painting – \$1 per hand

Face Painting – \$2 and \$3

Stickers and Tattoos – 50¢ each

Koala Badges ranging from \$1 to \$2

What Will You Wear on Green Day?

Prizes for the best outfits dress as anything green or an Australian animal or plant!!!!!!



See You There!

Year 8 Latin Camp Report

Latin Camp. A time for us to spend our weekend learning about the joys of Latin and sharing our love for the language. Not really, but 23 half excited Latin students and Mr Morrison set out to Elanora Heights Conference Centre on the night of Friday 2 September.

We arrived at the centre which was filled with students from selective schools and private schools. We sat down and received a long talk from Mr Miles, the man-in-charge, and were told that lights out was at 11pm and no parties. That disappointed a lot of us. Then we were put in to twelve groups with which we would be doing all our activities over the course of the weekend, and played a few getting to know you games, including Roman whispers – an ancient version of Chinese whispers. We then got a little time to rehearse for the plays we would be performing on Saturday night. By this time it was 10:30pm, so Mr Miles sent us back to Mr Morrison who told us to be good kids and NO PARTIES! This had been repeated a number of times throughout the evening and you'd think we'd have the idea by now, wouldn't you?

We woke up at 6:30am to the sound of birds. We headed down to breakfast at 8:00am, met up with our groups and went for our first activity for the day. This was *Lottus*, and was a bit like bingo but with Latin numbers and Roman numerals. Other activities included *Capua*, where we got dressed up and re-enacted slave dealing and gladiatorial games, *Design*, where we were able to make our own t-shirts, badges and key rings, and a classical bushwalk. The bushwalk was a bit slippery at times, and on the way Mr Miles told us Greek and Roman myths. On the way we entered the underworld as the last stop, and Mr Miles told us that just like the Roman hero Orpheus, if we wanted to escape we weren't allowed to look back at the person behind us, otherwise they would disappear.

In the afternoon we learnt about the Roman Army, their weapons and armour, then spent some more time rehearsing for our play and organising our costumes. After dinner we went off to get changed, then met back at the hall. After watching 12 hilarious plays (including the myths of *Theseus and the Minotaur*, *King Midas*, *Perseus and Medusa* and many others) we returned to the hall for the academy awards ceremony. After the prizes for the first four categories were awarded it became apparent that every group was going to be a winner, and we all received as a prize a small Mars bar (sacred to the Roman god of chocolate). We then listened to Ms Aaronson tell us a Greek story, as we lay down on the floor of the dining room with the lights turned off. Inevitably many fell asleep. She finished the story and we all walked back to our cabins, half asleep.

We woke up early again the next morning and headed down to breakfast and picked up our t-shirts which had been drying overnight. We chose the best t-shirt and badge from each activity group to go into a competition. We then had a quiz relating to what we had learnt and experienced over the weekend, with each group working together (won by Mr Morrison's group!). At the end of the quiz the winner of the design competition was announced, with Alice doing

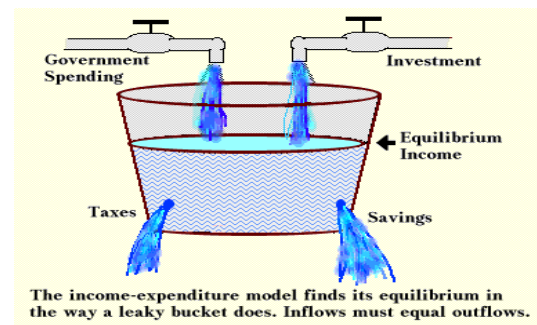
St George proud and winning the best t-shirt. Then it was time for a quick lunch and to say good-bye.

Everyone was reluctant to leave and many of us had made good friends. We would like to thank Mr Morrison for organising and accompanying us to camp.

By Andrea Wan, Bronte Noakes, Larissa Steele.

Parents and Citizens' Association

Firstly, a big thank you to Mr Melville, Head Teacher Social Science for his highly entertaining 'Economics 101' presentation to the meeting. It was interesting to find out what our senior students are learning in class and the relevance of daily finance news in the media. Parents were also introduced to the many factors that can affect the national economy, including the \$A, simply illustrated below:



From: <http://ingrimayne.com/econ/Keynes/Figure12.5.gif>

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on **Thursday 27 October 2011** in the Staff Common Room at 7pm. Coffee and tea will be available on arrival. Our guest speaker at the meeting, the last for this year, will be Mr Stanger, Head Teacher Science. This presentation will start the meeting and conclude before 8pm.

Thank You Shoppers ... Two school promotions run by **Coles** for sports equipment and by **Woolworths** for educational resources have now closed. The P&C and staff wish to thank all parents and families who contributed vouchers to the school. Our students will benefit from your efforts. Well done, everyone!

For The Diary – two important P&C events in Term 4:

Wednesday 26 October – this is the last of four very important parent meetings held in Sydney Region hosted by the Department of Education and Communities. The meeting will focus on the *Local Schools Local Decisions* document and will ask parents how schools can make better decisions. The meeting will take place at Hurstville Public School hall (on Forest Road) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Parents who cannot attend a meeting are invited to make a written submission. If you want background information refer to the [discussion paper](#) on the LSLD website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lsld (Please see flyer for details)

Friday 18 November – the annual **Multicultural Food Festival** in the school grounds starting around 4pm. This twilight event leads into the Summer Festival of Music in the School Hall at 7pm. It will be an evening not to be missed! (Please see flyer for details)

We hope to meet new parents at our October meeting and at our two upcoming P&C events.

Michael Costello	Marion Downey	Mark Yan	Aparna Hegde
President	Secretary	Secretary	Treasurer
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Mothers' Committee

Last Meeting: No October meeting held due to the school holidays.

We hope the school holiday break was enjoyable with the opportunity to take some time out before heading into the last term of the year.

A number of Mothers' Committee Awards were presented to Year 12 girls at their Farewell Assembly last term and it has been a great pleasure to receive some thank you letters from the girls expressing their gratitude for the awards provided by the Committee.

Although we only have two meetings remaining for 2011, we still look forward to meeting some new parents should you be able to reschedule or take a couple of hours out from your work or other commitments. Our meetings are very informal and provide a great opportunity to be involved with the school community, meet other parents and find out what is happening at school from the Principal and Guest Speakers. The Guest Speaker at our November meeting will be Mrs Cooper, Head Teacher PDHPE.

Uniform Shop News

Thank you to the many Year 9 girls who have already purchased their senior uniform. Girls who still need to purchase their senior uniform should do so soon during Wednesday lunchtimes.

The Uniform Shop now has a new backpack for Senior Girls priced at \$55. The backpack is sturdy and smaller than the junior backpack and does not have the school logo.

The donation of unwanted uniforms from Year 12 and Year 9 girls would be greatly appreciated as all profits from the sale of good quality items are donated to the school. Donated items can be placed in the container near the door of the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is open Wednesday lunchtimes during term from 12.45pm – 2pm. Girls can visit the shop during their lunchtime from 1.10pm – 1.50pm.

New volunteers are required to help in the uniform shop particularly during busy Term 4 for our regular Wednesday lunchtime openings and for the special openings:

Year 11 Orientation – Wednesday 2 November 2011 from 9am to 11am,

Year 7 Orientation – Monday 5 December 2011 from 9am to 11:30am,

Special Opening – Saturday 10 December 2011 from 9:30am to 11am and

New Year Opening – Friday 27 January 2012 between 9am and 11:30am.

If you are able to assist on any of the nominated days or you are able to volunteer next year, please contact Annie at annie.p.hong@optusnet.com.au or on 0412 022 084 or speak with Mrs Lana Winger at the school.

Volunteering to help in the Uniform Shop is a great way to be involved in the school community and meet other parents should you be unable to attend our meetings.

The Mothers' Committee always meets the first Wednesday of the month (except during school holidays)

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 November in the Library at 10am

Lisa Tulau	Maria Radcliffe	Megan Eriksson
President	Treasurer	Secretary
0407 007 211	9533 5303	9580 1167(wk)

From the Finance Office ...

Please be aware that we are able to accept EFTPOS payments for fees, excursions, etc.

This is a much more convenient and preferable method of payment as it reduces the need for your daughter to carry large amounts of cash to school.

St Georgians

The HSC exams are already underway, and the ex-students of St George wish the current Year 12 the very best for their exams and what lies beyond. We look forward to hearing about your successes at our Annual Luncheon next April, when the Principal treats us to an overview of each year's achievements.

One of our favourite St Georgian social events is our theatre party group, to which all are welcome. Our next outing to the Guild Theatre Rockdale is to see *Out of Order*, on Wednesday 23 November at 8:00pm. Tickets are only \$20, and include light refreshments at intermission. Why not find some friends and come along?

The St Georgians meet in Room 5, at 7:00pm on the fourth Thursday of each month during school term. Our next meeting will be Thursday, 27 October 2011. We are always keen to meet new members, and look forward to seeing you there!

Pam Appleby	Diana Renton	Melissa George
President	Treasurer	Secretary
9587 0355 (after 6pm)	9580 3282	9522 2527 (after 6pm)

St George Girls Make News!

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Sport, friends help Taylor to stay happy

21 Sep, 2011 05:00 PM

BEING a student at one of Sydney's top selective schools comes with certain expectations — get high marks and have strong career ambitions.

Taylor Innes (pictured) knows this all too well, but sometimes the pressure hits.

"I'm a high achiever because I love school," Taylor, the vice-captain of St George Girls High School, Kogarah, said.

"We all aim to reach top scores."

Taylor, 17, of Lilli Pilli, is doing the HSC next month.

"I've chosen a few extension electives so it's been a challenge managing captaincy duties with study," she said.

"But I play competitive hockey and schedule social time in with friends, which are great stress relievers."

She also plans to take a gap year before she goes to university.

"It would be a nice refresher," she said.

"I'd like to get into media and communications but there are high entrance marks for that this year."



St George and Sutherland Shire Leader
21 September 2011



Coming Events

Tuesday 25 October	Gazette issued. Knockout Cricket, Woollooware, 9.30am – 3pm
Wednesday 26 October	Year 7 Lifesaving commences
Thursday 27 October	Volunteer Expo, Hurstville, 8.40am – 1.30pm Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Staff Common Room, 7pm St Georgians Meeting, Room 5, 7pm
Friday 28 October	Years 9 and 11 Music Excursion, Burwood, 8am – 3pm
Tuesday 1 November	Year 11 History Extension Seminar, City, 8.30am – 2.30pm
Wednesday 2 November	Year 11, 2012 Orientation Day Mothers' Committee Meeting, Library, 10am
Thursday 3 November	Year 7, 2013 Information Morning
Monday 7 November	School Certificate Test Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
Tuesday 8 November	School Certificate Test Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Year 11 Reports Issued
Wednesday 9 November	Japanese School visit Netball Gala Day
Thursday 10 November	School Certificate Test
Friday 11 November	Remembrance Day Year 10 Maths Excursion, Luna Park, 10.15am – 3pm Year 12 Sign out – Day 1
Monday 14 November	Year 12 Sign out – Day 2
Wednesday 16 November	Green Day
Friday 18 November	Zone Presentation Day Multicultural Food Festival and Summer Festival of Music
Sunday 20 November – Tuesday 22 November	Duke of Edinburgh Silver
Tuesday 22 November	ESSA Test, Year 8
Wednesday 23 November	Year 10 Winning Edge
Thursday 24 November	Peer Support Training Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Staff Common Room, 7pm St Georgians Meeting, Room 5, 7pm
Friday 25 November	Peer Support Training

It is important that payment for excursions is made to the Finance Office on the days as designated by classroom teachers.