Dear School Community.

I would like to start by promoting the 2018 P & C Fundraiser ‘Comedy for a Cause in support of SSC Leichhardt Campus’. Each year we have one significant fundraiser that raises proceeds that benefit the school community. Tickets are on sale now and available at comedyforacause.net/SSC

The basic details are; Date: Saturday 17 November 2018. Where: Harold Park Hotel, 70A Ross St Forest Lodge. Time: Doors open 7pm, 8pm start time. Cost: $35 per ticket, adults only event. You will see more details in other parts of this edition of highlights.

Term 4 is a busy term and teachers are starting to finalise assessment and draft reports in the coming weeks. In the first few weeks of term, we have seen impressive Aboriginal Education events such as participation in the Orange Grove Cultural day, UTS literacy workshops, Young Mob (leadership focus), additional transitional support for not only our year 6 into 7 students, but, our year 10 into 11 students going to Blackwattle Bay. I want to publicly thank Ms. Lisa Hartemink for her leadership of the Aboriginal Education Team.

Furthermore, our Year 9 students had their yearly exams and are to be commended for their behaviour and application to their exams. We also had some fortunate Year 9 students who attended the Invictus Games last week. I know that the students were inspired by the athlete’s narratives of resilience, determination and adaptability. I hope that this influences the students in their schooling.

Over the next month, we have a busy schedule, with Year 10 exams in week 5 (starting Mon 12th November), Year 10 drama night on Tuesday Nov 20th, a white ribbon community event Wednesday Nov 21st, Duke of Edinburgh trips and more. Our week 7 (starting Mon 26th Nov) will be particularly busy with our Days at High School for Year 6 into 7 and Taster Week for Year 10 students down at Blackwattle Bay Campus.

At home, it would be appreciated if you could have a conversation about setting goals to finish the last 2 months of the school year in a respectful and responsible manner. This will be particularly important for our Year 10 students who look to transition to our Blackwattle Bay Campus.

I hope to see many of you at the P & C Comedy for a Cause fundraiser.

Kind regards,

Vince O’Donnell (Relieving Principal)
Last Friday, 26th October, 50 year 9 students and four teachers had an amazing day at the Invictus Games. The Invictus Games are an opportunity for wounded and sick soldiers and veterans to come together to compete in sports and more importantly to demonstrate the ability of sport to assist in recovery. The games are not necessarily about winning, but more about resilience, recovery and respect. Invictus means unconquered and the group definitely got to witness the unconquered human spirit. To start the day we listened to inspirational speaker, Lorin Nicholson. Lorin spoke about setting ourselves challenges and overcoming barriers, using his own personal experience of being blind. He shared his stories and demonstrated the true nature of overcoming barriers. Following from the guest speaker, the group went over and settled in to spend the rest of the day watching the athletics. The group witnessed a range of events with athletes competing with a range of disabilities, including PTSD and amputations. One of the most inspiring parts of the day was when the winner of the 1500m wheelchair race continued around to support the last competitor to complete the race; it was amazing to see the Invictus spirit in action.

INVICTUS GAMES

Year 10 exams
Please note Year 10 will sit formal exams in some subject areas in Term 4 week 5. These exams will run from Tuesday 13th November until Friday 16th November. Students are permitted to go home to study after they have finished their exams for the day. Students who have exams in the afternoon session are not permitted to leave school - the library will be available for study. There will be no sport for Year 10 on Tuesday 13th November. The schedule is on the school website and skoolbag.

Year 10 subject selections for Blackwattle Bay Year 11 2019
Students were emailed today by Blackwattle Bay campus their subjects for Year 11 2019. Any students who did not receive the email to their school email account are to see Mrs Bury relieving 9/10 Deputy Principal. Any concerns re subjects to be directed to Blackwattle Bay campus. Students with any concerns can speak with Mrs Bury but Blackwattle Bay campus is in charge of all subject selections.
Summer sport

Term four summer sport has started up again for 2018. This means that students have returned to their term 1 sport. Students were given a two week period to make any sport changes (with a valid reason). Sports that have a fee attached have been given to the front office so that parent and carers can be invoiced. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

A big thankyou to all those students who have paid their winter (term 2/3) grade sport fees already. It is a huge help to the school and Bligh zone sporting community when these fees are paid promptly as it assists us to keep our competitions running to the standard that they currently operate at. If you have not paid your winter (terms 2/3) sport fees, could you please make this contribution as soon as possible, with payments being accepted online or at the school’s front office.

Tuesday early leave procedures

When an early leave is required on a Tuesday, there is a strict procedure parents/carers and students must follow. The student will need to come with a signed permission note to sign out of school, with a specific time and date listed on it.

Students will then need to see Mr Parker in the Southern (B Block) staffroom before school or during recess, to have their note signed. At times a note may not be signed by Mr Parker due to a non-valid reason being given. I would like to remind parents and carers that sport (different from PDHPE) is a mandatory subject that students must attend. Once the note has been signed, students take their permission slip to the front office and sign out of school with the office staff. This step is essential for the school to maintain its duty of care over all of our students. If a student leaves school without signing out (even if they have permission to do so), the school cannot exercise its duty of care effectively.

It is greatly appreciated if the above sign out procedures are followed closely.

Thank you for your continued support of sport at Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt.

Mr Parker.
Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Sydney Secondary College
Leichhardt Campus

Saturday
17 November 2018
Harold Park Hotel
70A Ross St, Forest Lodge

Tickets: $35 at comedyforacause.net/SSC
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
(18+ only)
Jacques Barrett
- Sold Out: Edinburgh, Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Fests
- Internationally touring headliner
- 2Day Fm, Ralph TV, Zoo Magazine

“Pretty damn impressive” Timeout.
“Impeccable comic timing and an endearing quality that only few comics posses” - West Australian

David Smiedt
- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals
- Opening act Joan Rivers & Martin Short
- ‘The Today Show’, ‘Standup Australia’
- Acclaimed author & Editor of GQ Magazine

“A living, breathing joke machine” - Adam Hills

Andrew Paskin
- Sydney Comedy Festival 2018
- Sydney Fringe Festival (Sold Out)
- Writer for Comedy Central Roasts of Justin Bieber & Bruce Willis

“An absurd fusion of old school jocularity and modern day wisecracking witticisms.” - Mick Meredith

Emma Zammit
- Winner: Quest For The Best
- Raw Comedy State Finalist
- Nominee: ‘People’s Choice Award - Wild West Comedy Festival
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

“Her delivery and comic timing was spot on” - AustralianStage.com.au

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Wellbeing Information Evening

As part of Sydney Secondary College’s ongoing commitment to addressing the wellbeing needs of all our students, we are inviting parents to an information evening with guest speakers from our local community. The speakers will be covering a range of topics from general wellbeing issues concerning young people and how parents can support them, cyberbullying, what to be aware of and how parents can help to build a growth mindset with their child.

Guest Speakers:

Vicki Papageorgopoulos
Community Development and Engagement Officer
headspace Camperdown

Kim Harper
Student Wellbeing Initiatives, NSW DoE

Wednesday 21 November
6:45 - 8:00pm
SSC Blackwattle Bay Library

Please register by the 19 November to confirm catering
https://sscwellingevening2018.eventbrite.com.au