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Prefect Induction Assembly

Tuesday 20 September 2011

Assembly Hall

10am

Parents & Citizens' Association Meeting

Thursday 22 September 2011

Staff Common Room

7pm

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Friday 23 September 2011

Assembly Hall

12 noon

Commencement of Summer Uniform

Monday 10 October 2011

HSC 2012 Assessment Meeting (for parents of Year 11, 2011)

Monday 10 October 2011

Assembly Hall

7pm

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

The end of Term Three is rapidly approaching.

Year 12 students have completed their courses of study and their final reports have been written. As I read through the reports I was impressed by the comments testifying to each student's high work ethic, academic achievement and levels of motivation.

The final days of formal schooling for Year 12 will be marked by various ceremonies to celebrate this significant passage in each young woman's life. Every student leaves with our warmest best wishes for a successful and fulfilled life. They can be very proud of their achievements and of having graduated from a fine public school with a long history of excellence. They will join the ranks of countless St Georgians, women who have made their mark on society in their chosen field of endeavour. I have no doubt that Year 12 2011 will contribute their unique gifts and talents to make our society a better place. We will miss them greatly and they leave with our very best wishes.

End of Term Activities

The final week of Term 3 is marked by a number of special events and assemblies.

Induction of Prefects

The Prefect Induction Assembly will be held today Tuesday 20 September. Prefect elections have resulted in the following students being elected for 2011.

I extend warm congratulations to the following young women who have been elected by their peers for their well developed leadership qualities and have taken up the challenge of serving the school community in 2011-2012.

School Captain: Lakshmi Logathassan

Vice-Captains: Jessica Horton and Clara Wong

Prefects: Alison Abdullah, Tasnoova Ali, Jacinta Britton, Summer Haidar, Sahani Jayawardane, Gina Karlikoff, Carmen Lin, Surabhi Naik, Jemma Payne, Julie Tran, Shelley Wo and Stephanie Xu.

I would like to acknowledge the service and excellent leadership displayed by the outgoing prefect body. School Captain Amy Li and Vice-Captains Taylor Innes and Sarah White deserve the highest praise for discharging their duties impeccably. They were supported in their duties by the prefect body Melody Brunton, Sara Eriksson, Sarita Herse, Grace Kim, Lauren Lee, Louise Lin, Renita Ng, Scarlet Ng, Raelene Singh, Vidhya Thayanathan, Emily Wai and Celia Xu.

Year 12 Farewell Assemblies

On Thursday 22 September Year 12 will entertain the school with the traditional Mock Assembly. Later that afternoon they will be farewelled by the entire school at a formal assembly featuring speakers from each year. The following morning, at 12 noon Year 12 accompanied by two guests and the school staff will attend a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Garden Party hosted by Year 11 students. Year 12 students and their guests should be seated by 11.45am.

Students in Years 7 to 10 and any Year 11 student not participating in the afternoon will be dismissed at 11.50am on Friday 23 September. A letter has been issued informing parents of the early day. Any parent wishing their daughter to remain at school during the afternoon is asked to contact the school.

Year 12 students are aware that the School Farewell Ceremony, the Presentation Ceremony and the Mock Assembly are the only activities permitted to mark the end of their schooling. We feel sure that as in previous years the rituals and ceremonies planned to mark this very important passage in a young woman's life will be memorable.

Father Daughter Dinner

A very enjoyable Father Daughter Dinner was held at St George Leagues Club on the evening of Saturday 3 September. Thanks to organiser P&C President Michael Costello and the prefects who ran the night's activities. This annual event was once again memorable.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

I extend a big thank you to those parents and students who volunteered their time on Sunday 28 August to run our second fundraising BBQ for the year. This was again most successful in raising funds to enhance resources for our students. This event was initiated by Annie Hong, mother of Jessie Nguyen and continues to be a most successful event. Thanks must go to Annie who works tirelessly for our school. It is a good way for parents and students to meet and chat while contributing to our school.

Head Teacher Languages Position

As you would be aware our Head Teacher Languages Mr Jagelman has retired. I am delighted to announce that Mr Morrison has been successful in gaining the position at interview. Mr Morrison is a very well respected Year Adviser and Latin teacher and his appointment as Head Teacher Languages is well deserved. I wish to thank our parent representatives Mrs Eriksson and Mr Mak for assisting the selection panel in their deliberations.

Farewell

We bid farewell to Ms James this term and wish her well in her new position as Head Teacher TAS at Lucas Heights Community School. Mr Seed is also retiring after 38 years of teaching. His position and Ms James' position will go to interview next term.

Congratulations to Our Drama Students

I have just received notice that two group performances and one individual monologue from our HSC drama students have been nominated for ONSTAGE which showcases a selection of outstanding HSC drama performances. This is an extraordinary result for a very talented group of students and their accomplished drama teacher Ms Wright. I congratulate Samantha Crome, Georgia Hammond, Taylor Innes and Rebecca McKenzie for their group performance *Life Inc* and Carmen Fu, Lucy Moroney, Amy Reid and Tess Renneberg for their group performance *Not Responding*. I also congratulate Carmen Fu who was nominated for her individual performance *The Weight of Culture*.

Happy Holidays

As this is the last Gazette for Term 3 I would like to wish all girls and their families a happy, healthy and safe school vacation. Please note that there is no School Development Day in Term 4 and school will resume for all students on Monday 10 October commencing with a school assembly. Summer uniform also begins on the first day of Term 4. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 12.45pm – 2pm. I remind Year 9 students that they may purchase their senior uniforms any Wednesday during Term 4.

I will be taking some long service leave next term and Mr Morris will be relieving as Principal. I leave you in his capable hands.

Congratulations

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

Vanessa Jan of Year 8.

Hannah Burrell, Emily Fung, Miranda Lin, Lucia Marcello, Renita Ng and Vidhya Thayanathan of Year 12.

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

Rubsat Amin, Libby Chen, Jessica Franke, Sisi Hu, Harpreet Kaur, Isabella Lee, Stephanie Noronha, Amy Wang and Elaine Wu of Year 7.

Maisah Joarder, Helen Yao and Linda Zeng of Year 9.

Jessie Nguyen of Year 11.

Lilian Bao (3), Hannah Burrell (3), Sophia Choo, Emma Culshaw, Thu Dinh, Stella Fang (2), Ling Hsu, Rachel Lee, Julie Ly, Lucia Marcello (3), Beth Milross, Renita Ng, Linda Nguyen, Deepti Pilli, Rose Shapiro, Vidhya Thayanathan, Laura Wey (2) and Sarah White of Year 12.

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

Yours sincerely
Carole Knott

Deputy Principal's Report

Year 11

A reminder to Year 11 parents that there is no longer sport for Year 11 as they enter their HSC year. Girls without lessons will be released at lunchtime on Mondays for the rest of the year except for the first Monday of Term when they have an HSC assessment presentation. A new 'Year 12' timetable will commence for them at the beginning of week 2.

On the night of Monday 10 October there will be a meeting for parents of Year 11 girls on the HSC assessment system in the hall at 7.00pm. There will be a Chinese version of the talk at the same time in the staff common room.

Year 10

Year 10 commence their formal examination period on Monday 10 October. Girls must be in attendance for all examinations and remain on the school grounds between exams. Students are not expected to attend school when they have no exams. They may arrive later than usual on days when they are without morning exams and may leave school early if they have no afternoon exam. Parents who wish their daughters to be supervised at school instead of arriving late or being dismissed early should contact Mr Morris or Mr Ponder to arrange for supervision

Student Welfare

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

Clarise Koh of Year 8.

Michelle Tsang of Year 10.

Jemma Payne and Sharon Wu (3) of Year 11.

Naziha Chowdhury (2), Emma Culshaw, Stella Fang, Amy Li (4), Juliana Li, Renita Ng, Julie Pham, Deepti Pilli, Amy Reid, Tess Renneberg, Emily Wai, Laura Wey (3), Sarah White (2) and Judy Wong (3) of Year 12.

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

Naziha Chowdhury, Amy Li, Renita Ng, Emily Wai, Sarah White and Judy Wong of Year 12.

Sport

CHS Athletics

Congratulations to our students who competed at the CHS Athletics Carnival. Our best performing athlete was Greta Hayes who was a member of the 4 x 400m Regional Relay Team which won silver medals. Greta also competed in the 400m, 800m and 1500m events. Other competitors were as follows:

Alison Abdullah – 400m Hurdles

Felicia Fernando – Javelin

Laura Wey, Caroline Kingsford, Emily Hinton and Alison Abdullah competed in the 17 years 4 x 100m relay event and were placed 10th overall.

12 years: Renee Zhang – 2nd

15 years: Greta Hayes – 1st, Felicia Fernando – 2nd

16 years: Alison Abdullah – 1st

Sport Fees

A reminder that Term 3 sport fees are overdue. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

Hockey

Congratulations to our fabulous knockout hockey girls who progressed to the final 16 of the State. This came after a convincing win over Nepean High School (6 – 2). At the two day Championships at Moorebank, the team defeated Grafton High School (2 – 1) and at the time this report went to print, the team was to play Orange High School. Regardless of the outcome, making the top 4 in the State is certainly a wonderful achievement.

Tennis

Congratulations to Jessie Poon who was a member of the Regional Tennis Team which was placed 6th in the State.

Cricket

The school's knockout cricket team awoke from their wintry hibernation on Monday to participate in the Rene Farrell Cup, Sydney East's annual Twenty20 tournament. 2011 is our third year of being involved in the competition, having been named runner-up to Sydney Girls in both 2009 and 2010, and we were looking forward to testing ourselves against other teams from our region and seeing if we could perhaps improve upon our previous results. The day was also a chance for some of the junior members of our team to display their talents and to gain valuable experience as we prepare for the resumption of the knockout competition next term.

We were scheduled to play two games, the first against Heathcote, the second against our ancient foes from Sydney Girls. Batting first against Heathcote we set an imposing target of 101 from our allotted twenty overs, with Felicia Fernando (10A) quickly reaching 20 runs, at which point she was required to

retire. Joana Jusmin (9B) and Imogen Yeomans (8E) also batted well, each scoring 16 runs, with Imogen striking three boundaries off one over. We were equally dominant with the ball and restricted Heathcote to 60 runs from their twenty overs, with Neela Rahman (12E) and Jessie Trompp (10D) picking up two wickets each.

Our game against Sydney Girls was shortened to ten overs a side which limited the capacity of our side to display their full potential. Again batting first, we reached a respectable total of 48, but in our urgency to score quickly made a number of rash decisions which resulted in wickets, and in the end cost us dearly. We were able to take quick early wickets, and at 4/13 at the end of the 3rd over the game was within our grasp, but the patience of the Sydney Girls' batters and our own inaccurate bowling saw Sydney Girls gain the ascendancy and pass our total with an over to spare.

We were in some ways unlucky to be beaten by Sydney Girls again, but the girls should be pleased with the way they played and the sportsmanship they showed both in victory and defeat. All the girls made significant contributions to the team's effort and they can look forward with confidence to our upcoming knockout game against Warrawee. Special mention should be made of Captain Felicia Fernando who in the two games made 40 runs without being dismissed, and bowled three overs with figures of three wickets for four runs.

Outdoor Chess

Congratulations to Joy Chen and Monica Du of Year 12 who are the Senior Outdoor Chess Champions for 2011.



It is good to see Year 12 rule the chess board once again.

Mrs Duffy

Green Corner



Herb and Vegetable Garden is Thriving!

During September, 12 students weeded, harvested the edibles and replanted various new herbs and lettuce.

Mrs Duffy would like to thank the ongoing support of the students. A big thanks to the teachers from the Social Science and Mathematics Department who dropped by during the working bee giving the students an opportunity to show off what they are growing.



Thanks to Mrs Skrypay, the Maths Faculty enjoyed a treat from the school herb and vegetable garden. The Maths staff enjoyed tasting a silver beet slice which contains silver beet, absolutely superb basil and thyme, grown by the girls involved in the Garden Club.



The recipe is very simple:

Ingredients:

4 medium silver beet leaves (chopped)
2 zucchini (grated)
1 middle onion (chopped)
4 tablespoons of Greek yoghurt
4 eggs
4 tablespoons of semolina
1 tablespoon of virgin olive oil

Process:

Mix well all the ingredients in a large bowl, adding salt, pepper and any herbs you like. Spread the mixture on an oven tray and place it into a preheated 180°C oven for about 45 – 60 minutes (depending on the thickness of the slice).



If you do not let it burn – you will provide a tasty and very healthy lunch for all your family. It can be eaten warm or cold. You can improvise adding other ingredients like sweet potatoes, carrots, garlic, etc, as long as you keep the ratio of vegetables to other things roughly the same.

I believe the girls are doing an absolutely amazing job in the garden!

Green Day is fast approaching on **Wednesday 16 November 2011**.

The following donations are needed:

Face paint
Beef sausages
Kangaroo sausages
Sauce
Serviettes
Icecream
Packets of jelly to make jelly cups to be sold on the day.



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



Parents and Citizens' Association

Firstly, a big thank you to **Mr Turner**, Head Teacher English for his highly informative presentation to parents. It was interesting to learn what students can achieve in the highly challenging, yet hugely rewarding, Extension 2 English course. The current Year 12 students have submitted their HSC multimedia projects and we wish them every success. Parents were also impressed by the wide range of interactive technologies made available to our students.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on **Thursday 22 September 2011** in the Staff Common Room at 7pm. Coffee and tea will be available on arrival. The guest speaker at the meeting will be **Mr Melville**, Head Teacher Social Science. This presentation will start the meeting and conclude before 8pm.

Calling All Shoppers... You may have noticed school promotions being run by **Coles** for sports equipment at <http://www.coles.com.au/> and by **Woolworths** for educational resources at <http://www.earnandlearn.net.au/> (Please see flyer for both programs)

The **Entertainment Books** promotion run by the P&C has raised almost \$500 for the school. Payments to the front office have now closed however books are still available online <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/203324>. The books cost \$65, return \$13 to the school and are valid until June 2012.

Two important P&C events were held recently:

Sunday 28 August – the fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse, Rockdale was a huge success and provided an opportunity to mingle with the wider community and raise funds for the school. The P&C wish to thank every parent and daughter who volunteered throughout the day – well done! Special thanks again to our wonderful BBQ Coordinator Ms Annie Hong. (Please see flyer for photos)

Saturday 3 September – the annual Father & Daughter Dinner in the Mahogany Room of St George Leagues Club was a highly enjoyable evening of excellent food, music and games. The winners of the music trivia were Year 7 with a perfect score (too much time on iPods?) and winners of the celebrity faces/BIG landmarks quiz were Year 12 (too much time on Facebook and Google Earth?) Seriously though, the P&C wish to sincerely thank the School Prefects for organising the night's entertainment. (Please see flyer for photos).

Raffle winners on the night were:

Yu Ying Mak Year 9 – Ryobi cordless screwdriver (donated by Bunnings)

Sidney Tulau Year 8 – Travel cooler and warmer

Daisy Kelly Year 7 – Binoculars and torch

Sara Eriksson Year 12 – Entertainment Book 2011-12

Alison Wormell Year 10 – Father's Day mug and paperweight

Victoria Costello Year 11 – Lindt chocolate box

..... and Wine Gift Packs to (the Dads of)

Sarah White Year 12, Amelia Mertha Year 10 and Lauren Lee of Year 12.

For the Diary ... the annual **Multicultural Food Festival** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 18 November** (followed by the Summer Festival of Music). It's a bit earlier this year so now is time to get your groups organised.

We hope to meet new parents at our September meeting and at our upcoming P&C event.

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

Last Meeting – Wednesday 7 September

Our Guest Speaker was Mr Sheldrick, Head Teacher History, who gave an interesting presentation on the *Me, Inc* program run at Lady Margaret Hall in the University of Oxford. The program facilitates university students establishing their own personal "brand", which will be portable through career changes. The program is valuable in encouraging students to identify their strengths and areas in which they could improve whilst helping them to be mindful of the image they are projecting to the world, particularly through social media.

The Principal, Ms Knott, provided us with a regular update on what has been happening around the school.

This year the school received 35 applications for School and Community Service Awards, with all applicants demonstrating a commendable approach towards volunteering. The awards are funded annually by Mothers' Committee and will be presented at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly.

The Guest Speaker at our next meeting will be Mrs Cooper, Head Teacher, PDHPE.

Uniform Shop News

Year 9 girls are encouraged to avoid the rush at the end of the year and purchase their senior uniform now. During Term 3 you can purchase as many skirts and blouses as you require. During Term 4 there will be a limit of one skirt and two summer blouses per girl. This is to ensure that no girl misses out on their preferred size.

Could Year 12 and 9 girls please consider donating their unwanted uniform items to the school? Donations can be placed in the container near the door of the Uniform Shop or placed in the pink bin in the Year 12 study. Good quality items are resold and other items are donated to charity.

The Uniform Shop is open Wednesday lunchtimes during term from 12.45pm – 2pm (but please note that if you wish to meet your daughter, the girls' lunch break commences at 1.10pm)

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
President
0407 007 211

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9533 5303

Megan Eriksson
Secretary
9580 1167(wk)

St Georgians

Here we are already in Spring; doesn't the time fly! The St Georgians wish all students currently sitting exams the best of luck, even though we know you don't really need it. We also extend our farewell to all the Year 12 girls later this month, and know that the hard work and commitment of their high school years will pay off. We're sure bright futures await you all, no matter which paths you may choose to take. A St Georgian's versatility and tenacity will always stand her in good stead.

One of our favourite St Georgian social events is our theatre party group, to which all are welcome. Our most recent outing to the Guild Theatre, Rockdale was to the double bill *Separate Tables*, on Wednesday 31 August. An entertaining night indeed, and as always we look forward to our next evening out together. Details later in the year.

The St Georgians meet in Room 5, at 7pm on the fourth Thursday of each month during school term. Our next meeting will be Thursday 22 September 2011. We are always keen to meet new members, and look forward to seeing you there!

Pam Appleby
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9587 0355
(after 6pm)

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Secretary
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Health Psychology Unit

Managing HSC Stress Program

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running **Managing HSC Stress** programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer this program again in **Term 4 2011**.



The **Managing HSC Stress** program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

When? Tuesday afternoon
25th October, 1st November, 8th November, 15th November

Time? 4 – 5.30pm
Afternoon tea will be provided.

Where? Health Psychology Unit
Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway
St Leonards
The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.

Cost? \$90.00 (\$22.50 per session)
Private Health Insurance or Medicare rebates may apply.

Register? Registration is essential as numbers are limited.
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St George Girls Make News!

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News



Green theme: Joy Chen's efforts in raising the profile of her school's environment club have been rewarded.
Picture: Lisa McMahon

Leadership skills shown Award a boost in HSC exams

By Eva Tejszski

JOY Chen will soon be facing the toughest challenge of her high school education — her final exams.

But the year 12 student said she was not worried about the HSC because her dedication to extra-curricular activities had helped her cope with stress.

Joy, 17, of Bardwell Park, won this year's Future Leader Environment Award, which recognises senior secondary students who show strong environmental leadership skills.

She has been the driving force behind several positive projects at St George Girls High School, Kogarah, since she joined its environment club two years ago.

They include reducing waste and power consumption, compost and worm farms, and collecting recycled prescription glasses to donate to Third World countries.

She said her biggest accomplishment was taking part in the "no bottled water" campaign, which aimed to ban plastic bottles at the canteen.

"At first I wanted to do something to help society, but I've realised it's enjoyable too," Joy said.

"My parents save water and energy at home, so I've grown up around it.

"Being actively involved also helps me focus on my studies."

Joy said she wanted to study commerce and work in environmental management.

St George and Sutherland Shire Leader
23 August 2011

Students put their brushes down

By Eva Tejszski

IT HAS been a year-long process of brainstorming and countless creations through trial and error but finally the work is done. Now they have to wait for the results.

Year 12 students from St George Girls High School, Kogarah, have completed their HSC projects.

The artworks, which will be marked later this year, are the major practical components of the students' exam.

■ See more, page 4

Artistic vision: Year 12 students Taylor Harvey and Kyra Kim, pictured with Kyra's artwork, have finished their projects.

Picture: Jane Dyson



Exploring: "I was inspired by three of my friends" — Kyra Kim.

Art students happy to put their brushes down

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One of the standouts is Kyra Kim's creation that explores feminism and the human condition. "I was inspired by three of my friends," Kyra said.

"I've tried to contrast the innocence of youth with raw emotion."

Her classmate Taylor Harvey used different textures to make a collage inspired by the conflict between humanity and nature.

"This year's standard is very strong and

so many students want to study art," art teacher Liz Clark said.

"We need to retain visual art in the curriculum because it teaches creative skills."

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority announced that the arts would be given a central place in the new national curriculum.

Last month it released the final paper that sets out how drama, dance, music, visual arts and media arts will be studied in schools.

Under the new curriculum, students will be able to start specialising in one or more of their favourite arts subjects when they start high school.

Schools will have a high degree of flexibility over implementation, as the allocation of time for teaching will be a school-based decision.

The authority will use the shaping paper to guide the writing of the Australian arts curriculum, which will be released for public consultation next year.

St George and Sutherland Shire Leader
13 September 2011

St George Girls Make News!

St George Girls High School

Sustainable Community Gardens

The Challenge

St George's High School wanted to demonstrate a commitment to incorporating sustainability within the school curriculum and to educate students about integrating sustainable practises into their lives.

The Solution

To facilitate the incorporation of sustainability, a compost, herb and vegetable community garden was established on the school premises. Ongoing activities related to the garden were integrated into the Science and Technology and Applied Science (TAS) faculty programs from year 7 to 12. The community garden demonstrated to students the benefits of incorporating sustainability into their lifestyle in conjunction with the existing compost bin and worm farm, demonstrating benefits including fresh and healthy produce and the reduction of their carbon footprint.

Achievements

The project was successful which is evident by the successful implementation of two vegetable patches, which produce a constant supply of fresh herbs, lettuce and vegetables. For the annual GREEN DAY, produce from the garden was used for the barbecue. An ongoing student-facilitated Gardening Club was also developed and the science department has integrated various aspects of the worm farm and vegetable patch into lessons.



Participants' reflection on their experience

"We love planting and watching something grow that is edible and to have the opportunity to just get out there and garden. Waste from the veggie patch goes into the compost bin and then back onto the garden. There is a connection between the worm farms, compost bin and veggie patch" – Students

"My mum is so pleased that at last we are doing something that relates to living. You can study all the books you want but in the long run everyone needs to feed the family!" – Year 12 Student

"It is great to have fresh herbs to take home"
– Year 10 and 11 students

**Kogarah City Council
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Case Studies 2009/2010**



Coming Events

Tuesday 20 September	Gazette issued on School Website Year 9 Incursion, Science Prefect Induction Ceremony, Assembly Hall, 10am Last School Lesson for Year 12 – period 8
Thursday 22 September	Year 12 Mock Assembly, Assembly Hall School Farewell to Year 12 Ceremony, Assembly Hall Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Staff Common Room, 7pm St Georgians Meeting, Room 5, 7pm
Friday 23 September	Year 12 Presentation Ceremony, Assembly Hall, 12 noon Junior School Dismissed, 11.50am Final Day of Term 3 Canteen Closed
Monday 26 September – Thursday 29 September	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Camp, Glenworth Valley
Tuesday 27 September – Wednesday 28 September	Year 11 Careers Excursion, University of Sydney, 8.30am – 3pm
Wednesday 5 October – Friday 7 October	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Camp, Ku-ring-gai National Park
Monday 10 October	Term 4 commences for all Year 7 – 11 students Commencement of Summer Uniform Commencement of Year 10 Examinations HSC 2012 Assessment Meeting, Assembly Hall and Staff Common Room, 7pm
Friday 14 October	Year 11 Study Skills
Monday 17 October	Commencement of Higher School Certificate Examinations Year 11 commence HSC Courses
Tuesday 18 October	Year 7 Vaccinations
Thursday 20 October	Music Performance, Brighton-Le-Sands, 8am – 10am

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