

H I G H S C H O O L N O T E S



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From the Principal

High Talent



The 113th AAGPS carnival was a very successful one for our Junior Team. Fifth place and just 26 points from Shore was a great effort. Congratulations to all concerned. Stars of the day were: Shadman Ali 1st in the 100m and 4th in the 200m and Christopher Morrow, first in the high jump and 6th in hurdles. In the 16s, Joshua Tassell was beaten into 2nd place by .01 and 0.1 respectively in the 100 and 200 metres. In the 13s solid 4th and 5th places by Edward Zhang, James Chotiyanta, Amarbir Singh and the 4X100 relay team, started our point scoring. In the 14s, Tian Ling and Slava Reiyder were 3rd. Fourth place results from Michael Phung, Prashan Prabakaran, Pasan Pannila, David Nguyen and the 4x100 relay showed the benefits of the expanded training program. The results also showed up where we could be if we had middle distance strength. In the 15s, Samuel Lane ran a strong second in the 1500m, Brian Kelly was 3rd in the Division 100m and the 4x100 relay team ran fifth. Jeremy Ireland was a game third in the 16s 1500m. Max Kite came 3rd in the shot put and George Denny Smith 2nd in the Division shot.

In the Senior Division the big effort was from Ronan Casey who ran a 4.06.8 to place second in the Open 1500. Kogulan Sriranjana ran 5th in the 100 and 4th in the 200m. Edwin Montoya Zorrilla showed the benefit of High Harriers training to earn good points coming 5th in the U-17 1500. Harrison Lane ran 5th in the 3000m. Our lack of depth restricted our point score and the senior team beat only TAS.

Leadership Programs at High



As part of our policy to ramp up our involvement in leadership programs, Mr Coan has taken on the role of Leadership Coordinator. His brief is to produce a comprehensive and inclusive Leadership Program, enabling students 7-12 to learn about leadership, acquire leadership skills

and experience leadership in peer, school or community service. At a recent Leadership Development Day, a group of teachers gathered to prepare a report for the school community on current and future directions for our leadership programs. I thank the dedicated team of teachers led by Mr Walker (HT Student Welfare) and look forward to reading their report.

Student Mentors Online Survey



Our policy is to try to make incoming students feel at ease. The Student Mentor Scheme we commenced this year attempts to do that. Now we need to know how our student mentors and those they mentored feel about the process so we can improve on the experiment and build it into a model that will work into the future. Ms Reemst has compiled an online survey to elicit feedback from Student Mentors about their experiences in the role. Students are asked to log on and fill in the survey. I would also be pleased to receive feedback on how we might make the transition into High more comfortable for new students.

Athletics Assembly

At the athletics assembly last Friday there was an optimistic atmosphere that was subsequently justified by results. Our guest speaker was Werner Botha, a national 800m runner and University of Sydney student. He was interviewed by Mr Ayre about his running career. He shared an anecdote about getting into running because he lived 5kms from school and used to run home each afternoon to be in time for his favourite TV show. He talked to the boys about commitment to the sport and seeking out the highest level of competition, keeping on challenging yourself to beat the best. My speech is reprinted below.

Special guest Werner Botha, athletes, coaches, parents, staff and students, welcome to our annual Athletics Assembly.

This morning like the late Big Kev 'I'm excited'. What has made me excited is that High boys may be starting to realise more of their potential in athletics. The positive atmosphere is no accident. I want to acknowledge and recognise the work of Robert Devlin as MIC who has enthusiastically, persistently and methodically developed the athletics program over the last few years. His work was boosted by the passion and energy of Richard Ayre as HT Sport. Jason Tassell has brought a strong structure to our quest for speed and endurance. Thank you to staff members Steve Codey, Mark Gainford and Wayne Baldock for their efforts. Our coaches Davina Strauss, Rebecca Elliott and Edward Ovadia have helped deepen our fitness and lift our skills bases. Thank you to David and Katrina Morrow for their expertise and dedication to High Jump. Thank you to the carnival volunteers, Sean Creer and the parents, who helped out at our invitational carnival and who are assisting us on Saturday.

Improving sports performance is a complex and variable process. When we stop looking and learning and asking questions about performance, we start to become victims of our own conditioning. Paul Smith, an Old Boy sports psychologist, tells the story of world record holder Ian Thorpe's defeat by Pieter van den Hoogenband at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in the 200m freestyle. The Dutch swimming team arrived in Australia and instead of going to the athletes' village, trained at Newcastle and one of their coaches studied videos of all of Thorpe's great swims. The coaches devised a plan for each stage of the race for van den Hoogenband to counter Thorpe's strengths. When Australian coaches some years later were asked by Smith what they did to prepare Thorpe for a challenge from the Dutchman, the answer was – nothing! Thorpe was known to be the fastest swimmer in the world and considered unbeatable – he just had to dive in and swim to win. He may well have been defeated by a failure to learn because he had been conditioned to expect to win.

Conditioning affects us all. Smith talks about the Baby Elephant Syndrome. Elephants in circuses were trained by attaching one end of a long chain to one of their ankles and the other to a spike driven into the ground. The elephant could not escape and tended to walk in circles defined by the radius of the chain. The trainer taught the elephant within the boundaries of the circle. By the time the elephant was fully grown, the trainer The circus elephant would parade around the ring without attempting to escape or vary his routine. Like fully grown circus elephants, we are all potential prisoners of what poet William Blake famously described as 'mind forged manacles', constrained in our performance by the effects of imagination, fear or conditioning. Sports

performance at High has traditionally suffered from negative conditioning and lowered expectation, thinking not about winning but concentrating on parading around the circus ring.

Paul Smith recommends a method to break the baby Elephant Syndrome. His simple formula for success is to focus on passion plus vision plus action. Our team members need to ask themselves: "What do I love about athletics?" You have to have fun, get excited and build enthusiasm about your training and competing. I have seen more evidence of passion in our program this year. We have more people involved in the program, trying to inspire you and give you the skills for success. I see more enjoyment around. Our team needs to know where it is going – what its vision is. Collective and individual goal setting builds vision. Mr Devlin has set goals for performance in terms of more places closer to first in more events at the GPS carnival. I am confident that our vision is defined. Positive action is the third ingredient. Challenging yourself with the parachute or sled or step ladders or hurdles or hills and making each element of the training a challenge, increases personal productivity at training. Such focus brings strength and speed results. I have seen more boys training more often – taking positive action. To raise our team performance we have questions to ask each other about our passion, vision and actions. Congratulations to all those boys who have done the training and have been selected to represent us in championship or division. Focus on each place and each point – it takes the full team to earn the points we need. At the GPS Athletics carnival this Saturday, let's believe in each other, support one another and build success.

Dr K A Jaggar
Principal

SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL: THE FOUNDATION YEARS

SPORTS

This week, the history of the School's years at Castlereagh Street covers the sports of rugby and athletics. Next week's issue will cover the sports of tennis and harriers.

Rugby

A Rugby club was established at the School in 1884. The members of the first team wore a blue jersey with the letters "SHS" in red on the chest (this was before the school colours of brown and blue were adopted in 1885). The School team won four and lost four matches in its first season, facing the Ivanhoe Football Club, Coreen College, the Manly Juniors (on three occasions), the Waverley Juniors, Windsor Grammar School and Cleveland Street Public School. Two of the matches (against Coreen College and Cleveland Street) were played on Moore Park. The first match against a GPS school was against Sydney Grammar's 2nd XV in 1885.

The early successes were attributed, by one old boy, to the team's "dodging abilities" said to have been fostered by the limited playground space at Castlereagh Street:

in this space there were two Moreton Bay fig trees, so that the only game we could play, and that at the peril of our lives, was 'double cross laggings,' in which we used to dodge around the fig trees, over the stone steps which divided the playground in halves, and round along a narrow passage surrounding the School out-buildings.

A second XV was formed in 1888. However, this clearly failed to provide depth. The report on the 1889 season was far from flattering:

The first fifteen has had a bad time of it this season, and have only themselves to thank for it; for if more interest was taken in it by the school in general, especially the "bigger boys" (but football is such a brutal game) as is the custom in other schools, we could get a fast, if not a heavy team. In many cases the boys when in the field, as soon as they see a man coming towards them with the ball, they immediately commence to "funk."...

When I have stood and surveyed the school and seen so many boys (and some big boys too amongst them) I have thought, well The High could get a team together if the idea was only kindled in their manly bosoms, and that they ought to consider the school first and themselves last. I might remind them, especially those that go in for "fagging," that our past teams contained the best scholars of the

school, and I might state that up to the season before last, the teams contained at least three out of every five scholarship holders. Some of you are bound to laugh at this, but nevertheless it is true.

The school's ability in Rugby had not improved by the early 1890s as one old boy recalled:

Our football was even more ragged and even less organised, lacking the master mind. I can recall only that, after beating Scot's our best fighter, D G Stewart [1889-1892], later a University Maths medallist, and even then a good man of his hands, knocked out theirs in a friendly attempt to prove the victory correct.



The first Sydney High School Rugby team, 1884.

Athletics

The first athletics competition took place in 1885 at a picnic put on by the Headmaster to celebrate the success of the School's first candidates in the Junior University Examinations held in the previous year. The following account records the unusual classification adopted by the Headmaster:

As the Headmaster did not know the performances of the runners he divided them into three groups, tall, medium and midgets. With these divisions he then had three scratch races, and S Thompson won the tall boys' race, A M Eedy the mediums' race and T Wicks the midgets' race.

The School's annual athletics carnival was established in 1886. When the boys called a meeting to discuss the possibility of holding an athletics meeting, the Headmaster made it clear that "the responsibility would be entirely on the shoulders of the boys, although he and the staff would assist if they could". The boys went ahead and, after a successful canvass of Sydney's jewellers for prizes, the Headmaster decided that he and the masters would undertake the management of

the event in conjunction with the boys. The meeting, held on 25 August 1886 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, was an enormous success, with some 7,000 spectators present. The program included a 220 yards All-School's Championship that included 63 entrants from various schools.

The carnival became an annual event attended by very large numbers of spectators. In 1888, for example, some 12,000 people attended for a day's entertainment that included not only the competitions between the boys, but also inter-school events and performances by the NSW Volunteer Artillery Band.

The tradition of an annual athletics carnival has continued to this day.



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ENGLISH REPORT

It's been an astonishingly busy week with the National Assessment Exams, so there's not too much to report. *Reading Torque* will return next week...

It's been a gruelling first round for the **Theatresports** teams. The intermediate team were narrowly defeated at their heat at Aloysius last Friday. Congratulations to Bao Khuu, Chris Morrow, James Whiting, Michael Zhang and Rikky Cohn who very capably subbed in for John Aclis. The senior team played round one at Tara on Tuesday night, where they played St Ursula's College, Parramatta High, Strathfield Girls High, Sylvania High and the formidable MLC School Burwood. After a special tutoring session with ex-student and Theatresports guru Tim Judge, they made it through to the next round. Congratulations to Alvin Leung, Johnny Lieu, Beau Greenslade and Nathan McDonnell. We'll keep you informed about the when and where of the next round. Perhaps you'll be able to come along to support them and witness their hilarious theatrical wizardry. Special thanks once again to their magnificently generous coach Yvette McDonnell who prepared both teams so well for this epic competition.

Ms Trompetter

PUBLIC SPEAKING

A successful week in public speaking saw Anosh Sivashanmugarajah and Zid Mancenido progress to the Regional Final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award. This is a highly competitive competition which requires students to deliver an impromptu and prepared speech. Both students delivered engaging speeches which demonstrated their unique perspectives on a variety of relevant issues. We wish Zid and Anosh the best of luck when they compete in the Regional Final at The Arts Unit later this month.

Zid will also be representing High at the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition at Trinity Grammar School on Friday 16th May. This is a prestigious event on the GPS calendar and all students are encouraged to attend and support their school.

Letters Re Absence/Lateness/ Early Leave



When your son returns to school from being absent he is required to provide a letter of explanation signed by a parent or guardian. If your son is going to be late for school a note is also required.

If your son has an early leave note he is required to have his note signed by either Mr Beringer, Mr Dowdell or Mr Prorellis **before 8:55 am** and handed in to the Main Office immediately after. Each letter should be signed by a parent or guardian with the name date and roll class of your son printed clearly. Your son needs to pick up a leave pass from the Main Office before he leaves the school.

Leave

If you require leave for your son please, apply in writing and address your application to the Principal, Dr Jaggar, stating the reason and length of time of the leave. Your son must then present this application to Dr Jaggar for permission for the leave. **Please remember to apply before the leave and not after.**

The Principal must approve all leave applications.



MUSIC NOTES



Baroque Music Consort

Our Baroque Music Consort was held last Saturday with an enormous amount of music performed at the concert. The boys played with skill, enthusiasm and energy. Hiring the harpsichord for the occasion has inspired all the boys in the school in their playing of Bach and Handel. Its use as a solo instrument and with the ensembles gave the music of the night great authenticity. *Gloria* by Vivaldi; the culminating item in the concert was simply outstanding and deserved the encore that was demanded by the audience. All the boys who performed deserve congratulations of the highest order.

Outstanding costumes of the evening were worn by Lachlan Brown and Christian Katsikaros of Year 11. Not to be outdone by Mr Brian McDermott dressed as the town crier (with bell) who performed excellently as caller and compere of the night. The decorative banners were produced by the Art department and parents helped set up the hall and courtyard in the afternoon. Thank you to all who contributed to making the evening a wonderful success.

Some people were disappointed with the service and quantity of food at the feast. We have discussed the situation and addressed these issues and in future we will have tickets for food and separate service lines for adults and ensure that everyone receives the correct amount of food within a reasonable time frame.



Annual Music Camp

This year's annual music camp will be held in **Term 2 on the 27th -29th of May 2008** at the Merroo Conference Centre. All members of the music ensembles will be expected to attend with the camp culminating to an end of camp concert showcasing their hard work. Please collect a note outside the Music Staffroom and make payments to the front office by **Tuesday 20th of May 2008 (Wk 3)** at the very latest. **Camp forms are available NOW outside the music staffroom.**



Combined Selective School Music Festival

The first ever combined selective schools music concert will be held at Sydney Girls High School next term on **Sunday the 29th of June**. The concert will include students from various selective high schools and will be directed by special guest conductors. Students in musical ensembles will be advised on this closer to the date.

Music Calender for Term 2, 2008

Week	Day	Date	Activity	Group
3A	All Week	12-16/05	Education Week	Various Senior Students
5A	Tuesday - Thursday	27-29/05	Music Camp @ Merroo Centre with Camp Concert Great Hall @ 6pm Thurs	ALL Students and tutors
7A	Thursday	12/06	June Junior Concert	Junior Ensembles
9B	Wednesday	25/06	Meet the Music Concert SOH 6.30pm	
9B	Sunday	29/06	Selective Schools Concert (SGHS)	Selected students



ATHLETICS

On Saturday 10th May the school athletics team competed at the 113th Annual Combined Athletics Championships out at Sydney Olympic Park. This event is the culmination of months of hard training and all the boys were determined to do well.



Firstly, I must talk about the new heroes of the Sydney High athletics team, Christopher Morrow and Shadman Ali. Chris took out the U15s high jump with an outstanding jump of 1.76m while Shad took out the U15s 100m in a sizzling time of 12.00s. I think I heard on the day that it was the first time in four years that we had won an event at the carnival, so well done boys. Special mention must also go to Samuel Lane for coming 2nd in the U15s 1500m in a personal best time of 4.24, Joshua Tassel coming 2nd in both the 100m and the 200m, missing out on a first in the 100m by a mere 0.01 of a second. Another athlete who impressed was Ronan Casey who, running up an age group, came a close second to the current Australian champion from Kings in a personal best time of 4.06. Mention must also go to Jeremy Ireland who came 3rd in the U16s 1500m in a time of 4.21,

Maximillian Kite who came 3rd in the U16s shot put with a throw of 13.77m, Michael Phung coming 4th in the U14s 100, Prashan Prabakaran coming 4th in the U14s 400m, Tian Ling coming 3rd in the U14s long jump with an impressive jump of 5.23m, Harrison Lane who, running up two age groups, came 5th in the Opens 3000m which can only be a sign of good things to come, and finally the fastest man in the school Kogulan Sriranjana who came 5th in the Opens 100m and 4th in the 200m.

After a hard day of competing we all gathered in the centre of the field to eagerly await the announcement of the final points tally. Would the juniors once again beat Grammar and could the seniors knock Grammar out of seventh spot and claim it as our own? Sure enough, when the points were announced, the juniors had retained their position above Grammar and not only that but they had also knocked off Scots to claim 6th spot for the first time in 33 years, an amazing effort and a sign of promising things to come. Unfortunately, the seniors did not beat Grammar but did however manage to hold out Armidale and retain 8th place.



All in all, the day was a huge success and many thanks must go to all the supporters who turned up and tried to make themselves heard over the rabble from the other schools. Thanks must also go to all the coaches who prepared all the boys for their events on the day, and to Mr Devlin and Mr Codey for making sure that all the boys knew when their events were on and for keeping things running as smoothly as possible.

Michael Denny-Smith
Vice Captain



ADULTS LEARN TO ROW PROGRAM

HURRY - Starts This Weekend!

Sunday, 18 May – 22 June 2008

7.00am – 9.00am

6 Sessions of 2 hours

Cost \$275.00 incl. GST

**The Outterside Centre
5 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford**

Come down to Abbotsford this Sunday and bring your friends with you. Fantastic opportunity to learn Rowing in Sydney in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Whether you are a complete novice or have some previous experience, everyone is welcome. Rowing is the ideal aerobic sport for the entire body as it is low impact and low injury. You'll enjoy the ultimate team activity as well as the magic moments of early mornings on the water. All our coaches are 'old boys' who volunteer their time to make a contribution and they even organise a BBQ breakfast afterwards for everyone to enjoy in this stunning location!

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the course participants will possess the following skills and knowledge:

- Basic knowledge of rowing style and boat rigging
- Basic navigation rules and river etiquette
- Ability to row with a crew in a racing shell

Safety Note: Participants must be able to swim 50 metres and tread water as a safety requirement. All participants must sign The Sydney High Foundation's Indemnity Form, stating swimming ability, before they are allowed on the water.

Under 18s must be accompanied by a participating adult.

To make a booking or for more information:

Please contact Judith Shuttleworth, Foundation Venues Manager, on 0427 070 569 or at sales@shsfoundation.org.au



GALA HIGH RUGBY KICK-OFF DAY
8.30am-12 noon this Saturday, 17 May

at McKay Oval, Centennial Park

- *Trial Games for all 13s, 14s & 15s*
- *Training for Opens Teams*
- *High Junior Rugby Handbooks(free) & Training Packs (\$20)*
- *BBQ & Canteen (\$5 BBQ & Can Deal)*

All parents are asked to attend

- *Support your boy*
- *Learn Rugby arrangements for the season*
- *Meet coaches, team managers and other parents*

Trial game times & teams were advised to the boys at training this week
Further information: Bolens@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

KEY RUGBY DATES

Saturday 17 May	Gala Rugby Kick-off Day (Internal Trials)	McKay Oval
Saturday 24 May	External Trials Vs SCEGS & Hurlstone	Away
Fri 30 May – Sun 1 June	Trial Vs The Armidale School	Armidale Trip
Saturday 14 June	Trial Vs Sydney Grammar	Rushcutters Bay
Saturday 21 June	1 st Round GPS Vs St Josephs College	Hunters Hill

TRAINING FOR ALL JUNIOR RUGBY TEAMS (13s, 14s & 15s)

Mondays	3.30 - 5pm	Moore Park West	Strength, speed, agility and endurance
Wednesdays	3.30 - 5pm	Moore Park West	Rugby skills, team training
Thursday Sport	1.15 - 3pm	McKay Oval	Team training and match preparation

All players are expected to attend each training session. Parents are requested to ensure their son attends each session. Attendance will be taken into account in team selections each week.

The High Junior Rugby Handbook, "High-Way Rugby", will be distributed to all players/parents at the Gala High Rugby Kick-off Day. It contains a wonderful guide for young players on how to play rugby together with the season calendar, ground locations, training times, contacts and other useful information for parents.

2008 School Cross Country

CHS Cross Country Zone Team
Friday May 23 Centennial Park
Please note change of date

No.	Age	Name
1	12	Anton Brokman
2	12	Dominic Mah
3	12	Vasu Bhakri
4	12	Michael Liu
5	12	Amarbir Singh
6	12	Agnish Nayak
7	12	Chris Mao
8	12	Gordon Lee
9	12	Victor Ho
10	12	Jack Zhong
1	13	Arjun Punekar
2	13	Vincent Ye
3	13	Siddharth Sethi
4	13	Harry Heo
5	13	Min-En Chin
6	13	Jerry Zhou
7	13	Max Jones
8	13	Jonathan Clements-Lendrum
9	13	Oliver Kirk
10	13	Wilbur Koslowski
11	13	
1	14	Pasan Pannila
2	14	Prashan Prabakaran
3	14	Andreas Purcal
4	14	Ian Lu
5	14	Kah_Yang Wong
6	14	Emmett Waar
7	14	Christian Jurlina
8	14	Kevin Krahe
9	14	Kumudika Gunaratne
10	14	Kevin Tian
1	15	Samuel Lane
2	15	Luke Vlako
3	15	Dale Chen
4	15	Lawrence Liu
5	15	Martin Yoon
6	15	Vlad Boulavine
7	15	Ali Mokdad
8	15	Yale Wong
9	15	Joseph Lui
10	15	Raymond Zhai
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See Mr Prorellis for Permission note and Info

No.	Age	Name
1	16	Jeremy Ireland
2	16	Harrison Lane
3	16	Sam Higgins
4	16	David Chau
5	16	Alasdair Brown
6	16	Gregory Shargorodsky
7	16	Andrew Blomberg
8	16	Brendan Cheung
9	16	Christian Katsikaras
10	16	Timothy Siu
11	16	Mark Luchitti
12	16	Niu Guangzhi
13	16	Samual Binns
14	16	Stephen Yoon
15	16	Caillin McKay
1	17	Edwin Montoya
2	17	Casey Ronan
3	17	Michael Denny Smith
4	17	Tom Peters
5	17	Kartik Iyer
6	17	Ben Lee
7	17	Lewis Burger
8	17	Jacky Chen
9	17	Lucian Tan
10	17	Jason Cohn
11	17	Cory Cheung
1	18	Shiva Sheth
2	18	Ziggy Harrison-Tikisci
3	18	Alvin Leung
4	18	Andrew Tang
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Sydney Boys High School P&C Association
Meeting of 19 March 2008
Proposed Motions

1. That Sydney Boys High School P&C Association disburse \$10,000 to the Sydney High School Foundation to repay the tennis court loan, as requested in the letter from the Principal dated 11 February 2008, the disbursement to be made by 23 May 2008.
2. That Sydney Boys High School P&C Association make the following disbursements to the School from Canteen surpluses, as requested in the letter from the Principal dated 11 February 2008, the timing of the disbursements to be dependent on receipt of sufficient funds by the Association
 - * furniture and computer hardware for new classrooms \$15,000
 - * data projectors \$15,000
 - * video cameras and video editing software for Visual Arts \$10,000
3. That Sydney Boys High School P&C Association disburse up to \$15,000 to the School from Canteen surpluses and/or other funds to assist with the purchase and installation of electronic signage on the Cleveland Street frontage, as requested by the Principal at the P&C meeting on 20 February 2008, the timing of the disbursement to be dependent on receipt of sufficient funds by the Association.
4. That Sydney Boys High School P&C Association set aside amounts of \$25,000 per year for four years from 2007 to 2010 so that these funds and the accumulated interest can be used to purchase a replacement for the School's Coaster Bus, as requested in the letter from the Principal dated 18 February 2007.

That the Sydney Boys High School P&C Association pay for the purchase of food platters for the Great Hall at a cost of \$490.90 and disburse \$2222.50, being the net surplus from the Chinese New Year Dinner on 23.2.08, to the Sydney Boys High School Building Fund for the New Library Project.

P&C GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH, 2008 AT 7.30 PM
SBHS GREAT HALL

1. **Talk on SBHS 2007 HSC Results** by Dr Kim Jaggar

This talk examined the results achieved by the boys and explained the statistical significance of some of these. Analysis had revealed that some concerns regarding apparently lower results were not entirely justified. Dr Jaggar noted that interested parents may view the graphs on the school web site. Simon Chan on behalf of P&C thanked Dr Jaggar for his presentation.

Formal meeting then commenced.

2. **Present and Apologies**

Attendance as per Register

Apologies: C. Ovadia

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Accepted. Moved G. Andrews, seconded S. Brown.

4. **Development Committee Report** – Tailoi Chan-Ling

Tailoi gave a presentation on the Committee's objectives, activities, membership and the need to develop a strategic plan. The principal role of the Committee is "to enhance facilities and resources across all areas of the school." The Committee depends entirely on the energy and goodwill of parent members and would like to see support from a much wider representation of the school community. Parents are encouraged to take an

interest and may ask to be included on the email list for communications. Parents should contact tailoi@anatomy.usyd.edu.au

5. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Selected specific items only as per agenda.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - Geoff Andrews

Tabled and attached.

A series of motions were proposed regarding contribution of P&C funds to the school. Full text of these is attached. They were moved and seconded as follows.

Item 1 S. Chan, D. Cassell

Item 2 S. Chan, M. Eriksson

Item 3 S. Chan, M. Rizvi

Item 4 S. Chan, M. Eriksson

Item 5 S. Chan, D. Cassell

All proposed motions were passed.

7. **Principal's Report** - Dr. Kim Jaggar

No report due to lateness of meeting and prior presentation in lieu.

8. **Foundation Report** - Shane Brown

Shane Brown gave a brief report on the Foundation emphasising its important role in the life of the school e.g. the management of the Great Hall as a revenue raiser.

9. **Report on Chinese New Year Dinner** – Simon Chan

Simon reported on the tremendous success of the evening. He noted this was due to the efforts of Charles Ovadia and others who supported him in the organisation of the event.

10. **Electronic sign at Cleveland Street entrance** – Simon Chan

Simon has received 3 quotes for the supply of the LED sign and proposed to accept quotation from Computronics subject to an acceptable lump sum quotation for the installation of the sign after meeting on site with the contractor. Lead time is approx 10 weeks.

11. **125th Anniversary cabaret** – Simon Chan

Joint function with SGHS planned for 22 November at AJC Randwick for 700 people.

12. **Volunteers for NSW Boys State Volleyball Carnival** 25-28 March

Michael Kay, MIC Volleyball, gave an outline of the urgent need for volunteer parents to billet 12 boys visiting for the State Volleyball Carnival in March.

13. **Other Business**

13.1 Canteen awning

Steve Saunders on behalf of Canteen Committee noted need for shelter from rain and sun for boys queuing at Canteen. Dr Jaggar suggested a tensile structure could be appropriate. Steve Saunders to investigate and present to future meeting.

Next P&C General Meeting on **Wed 21 May, 2008**

Dinner and Social Meeting of SBHS Chess families



Here is a great opportunity to build and reinforce the Sydney Boys High Chess community. So do come along, enjoy some delicious food and meet other parents.

WHEN: Friday, May 23, 2008.

WHERE: COPPER TIFFIN, 427 Cleveland Street, Surry Hills

TIME: 6.30pm

PARKING: Limited on-street parking on Bourke and Crown Streets.
Easier to park at the School or Coles, Surry Hills, corner of Cleveland & Baptist Streets.

BYO: Drinks

COST: \$25 per person
(\$5 from each guest's dinner cost will go towards supporting the Chess program at High)

MENU: One entrée (vegetarian or non-vegetarian of your choice)
main meal comprising three curries, Indians breads and rice.

RSVP to neena@india-voice.com by COB on Tuesday, May 20.

Taking chickens seriously.

We all know why the chicken crossed the road, but some people like to complicate matters.

Natasha Stott-Despoja: What if it was not a chicken but a bantam? Minority sectors of our community shouldn't be discriminated against based purely on the size of their eggs and legs.

Jeff Kennett: If the chicken did cross the road it should have been fitted with an e-tag and should pay the same toll as all other road users.

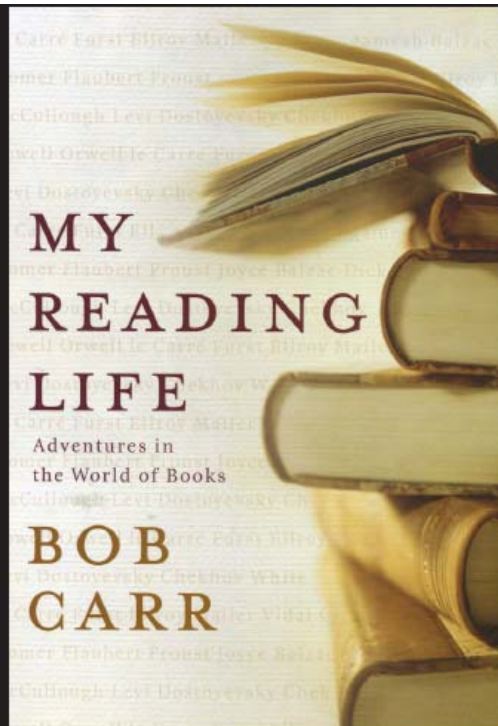
Albert Einstein: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

The CIA: Who told you about the chicken? Did you see the chicken? There was no chicken. Please step into the car.

Grandpa: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken crossed and that was good enough for us.

Homer Simpson: Mmmmmmm, chicken!

Courtesy of the Editor & the Internet.



Bob Carr Talks

Join Bob Carr, former premier of NSW,
as he shares his reading adventures.

Wednesday 28 May 2008

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Bowen Library, 669 - 673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra

Bookings essential: 9314 4888

This is a free event. Books available for sale.



BLUE EARTH DAY ECO-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY EVENT



WHERE: TUMBALONG PARK, DARLING HARBOUR SYDNEY

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 24 2008

TIME: 10AM TO 6PM

COST: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Blue Earth Day invites you all to join us and see this popular festival hot spot of Darling Harbour transformed into a working example of urban sustainable living.

The community event will feature a vast array of sustainable initiatives which will not only be on display but will also be incorporated into every facet of running the event.

Featured will be eco-workshops showcasing everything from home composting to sustainable superannuation, including an Urban Organic Cafe, recycled arts and crafts, home sustainability experts to answer all of those tricky questions, interactive eco-gadgets, solar powered displays, roving performers and even an eco-wine bar stocked with one of Australia's best organic produced wines.

A key focus of the Blue Earth Day festival will be families and children. Featured throughout the day will be children's entertainment, arts and crafts and event face painting. These fun green activities will allow families and children alike to experience, enjoy and learn about being green together in a relaxed environment.

It is hoped that by showcasing the very real and practical solutions that have been developed to deal with this issue of climate change in a positive and practical way throughout the festival, we can send a message to the greater community that by thinking about our own actions, we can individually make a difference.

For further information of the event please visit www.blueearthday.com

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- Follow the driver's instructions about safety on the bus
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers
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This FREE event is open to ALL parents of 13-19 year olds

Monday 19th May 2008, 6.15pm start (Light supper provided)
Petersham RSL Club, 7 Regent Street

Call Sydney LCP on 1800 644 800 or email info@sydneylcp.com.au
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If you're wasting
today crying over
yesterday, don't
waste tomorrow
crying over today.

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 B	19 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Tennis: Sydney East Stan Jones Cup Years 9, 10 Premier's Debating Competition round 2 at RGHS periods 4-6	20 *** Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 extension English writing workshop, Riverside Theatre, all day. Boori Pryor incursion, Year 7, Great Hall, 1:30pm Tennis: Sydney East Stan Jones Cup Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm	21 Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	22 Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Eastern Suburbs Zone Cross Country Carnival, Centennial Park, 11am - 3:15pm	23 Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Fundraising day for Roden Cutler charities [Year 11] NSW All Schools Swimming Championships Eastside Debating Competition, Finals Friday Evening Debating, Semi Finals Parking - Australia v Ghana (Rugby)	24 Sport SHS v Redlands Cross Country: TKS Invitation, King's (10:00 am) (CIS Selection Trials) Chinese Eisteddfod Cantonese and Non-native speakers	25
5 A	26 Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Football: CIS Trials Year 10 excursion to 'Romeo and Juliet', Wharf Theatre, 1:30pm	27 Music Camp, Merroo Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	28 Music Camp, Merroo Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm Great Hall booking - evening	29 ICAS Science Competition Music Camp, Merroo. Concert, Great Hall, 6pm	30 Travel to Armidale Year 8 Brainstorm Productions (Verbal Conflict), Great Hall, 9:00am Cross Country: CIS Championships, Eastern Creek Friday Evening Debating, Finals	31 Sport TAS v SHS (Rugby) Cross Country: Trinity Relay, Ewen Park (9:00 am) Chinese Eisteddfod Mandarin Native speakers	1 *** Parking - Swans v Richmond
6 B	2 Basketball: NSW All Schools Trials P&C Executive Meeting Parking - Roosters v Tigers (Soccer)	3 Da Vinci Decathalon at Knox (Years 9 and 10) Mufti Day - the Roden Cutler Charities [Year 11] Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	4 Da Vinci Decathalon at Knox (Years 7 and 8)	5 Year 9 Brainstorm Productions (Cheap Thrills), Great Hall, 9:00am Year 12 chemistry excursion to Sydney University, periods 1-4. Prefects afternoon tea Great Hall from 4 - 6 pm	6 Year 10 Science excursion, Luna Park, periods 2-6 Social debate SAC v SHS	7	8
7 A	9 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday	10 Year 12 chemistry excursion to Sydney University, periods 4-6.	11 Year 7 vaccinations, periods 1-4	12 Year 12 chemistry excursion to Sydney University, periods 4-6. ICAS Writing Competition June Junior Concert, Great Hall, 7pm	13 *** Sydney East Cross Country, Canterbury South PS Latin and Greek Reading Competitions at Sydney University (Preliminary), all day Winter Sports Assembly (Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Rifle Shooting, Fencing), Great Hall, 11:30am Year 12 ancient history	14 Sport SGS v SHS Cross Country: TSC Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00 am) Parking - Swans v St Kilda (Tennis)	15 Great Hall booking