

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



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From the Principal

High Talent

Well done Samir Kinger (9) for your work with the Liverpool Youth Council and NSW Youth Parliament. Great play by the first grade basketball team to defeat Hunter Sports High in the CHS knockout. Sam Higgins played well with a broken little finger. The boys take on Orange High next. Well done to our senior debaters who won the FED competition. The High team won the Zone Cross Country carnival and will compete at the Sydney East Regional carnival on June 13. Robert Chen gave an admired captain's speech at the after game function at TAS last Saturday. His sportsmanship, passion for the game, pride in his team and grace in defeat were inspirational. The inaugural Friday Evening Debating Competition finals were held last Friday night with High winning in Years 8-10 and also the senior A. Congratulations to all concerned.

Our Role in the Post Typographic Society



Information literacy still relies on print but that reliance is weakening in a transition phase towards the Conceptual Age (Daniel Pink, 2005) of the 21st century. The Education Review (Erica McWilliam, May, 2008) argues that the disciplinary foundations taught in schools are important but schools are increasingly unrepresentative of how life and work will be organised in this century. Being comfortable with ideas and abstractions, being creative and innovative, are the passports to good conceptual age jobs. New cultural forms and modes of consumption will be created using digital tools and new forms of communication. In this context, teachers can no longer see themselves as 'content authorities' but facilitators and nurturers of low threat, high challenge learning experiences. At High we see increasing curriculum choice and individualised pathways as first steps in moving away from the factory model of schooling. In ICT, the growing involvement of students and staff in Moodle applications

has opened up new learning modes to students. Our film making elective will increase the range of media that students will be able to operate competently within. Changes will be evolutionary but not revolutionary. Inexorably, the pressure to change the way schools, and ours, are structured, will build. We are investigating frames of reference to move with the times while taking the best of our past along with us.

School Communities and the New Staffing Procedures

Parents and staff members are likely to have greater roles in staffing of our school in the future. I have often stated a preference for open advertisement as the means of recruiting staff for our school. When the new staffing procedures are fully operational in term 2, 2010, it is likely that many panels will need to be formed. It is unreasonable for any one or two staff members or three or four parents to be on all those possible panels. Under the present system we have had difficulties forming multiple or consecutive panels, even with a pool of six or seven parents. We will be offering structured opportunities for staff members and parent members of the P & C to undertake panel training. If we have sufficient interest, we can bring a trainer to the school and share expenses with SGHS.

TAS Visit Another Success



For us, the TAS trip is a chance to get out into the clean country air and have fun. For TAS rugby it is the only home game of the season. The school community and townspeople really enjoy seeing their home teams play at their school. For the rest of the season TAS boys have to travel away to play rugby. Two Tamworth schools sent teams to Armidale to round out our fixtures for the 211 players who made the trip. The traditional Friday night basketball game was a rough, unsubtle affair, with a very loud crowd of supporters cheering for each

side. Mr Farrington kept his undefeated coaching record intact in his farewell appearance for High at TAS. The A rugby teams won quite well with the exception of the 16As who found a way to draw again, failing to convert two or three really good opportunities to score. The 15As were classy and I witnessed a backline move with four passes that led to a try – great stuff! High was outclassed in the backs in the first and second XV games. The forwards started to develop some structure in their play and have a platform to build on for the season.

I want to thank the staff members who made the trip for their dedication to the school. We recognise and appreciate that Geoff Stein, Paul Scrivener, Hugh Howey, Ross Farrington, Tony Hannon, Steve Storey, Serdar Bolen and Richard Ayre have given up a large slice of their personal time to support this very important opportunity for the boys. With the help of the Rugby Committee, staff and students, I trust the TAS visit will remain an important fixture on the High calendar.

Dr K A Jaggard

Public Speaking

The regional final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition took place last week. Zid Mancenido represented High in a tightly contested event. Zid delivered entertaining and thought provoking speeches. Well done!

In other news, lunch time competitions will commence on Friday in Week 8. These competitions will allow junior students to develop their confidence and skills in delivering both prepared and impromptu speeches.

MIC Public Speaking

Chess Results

Please see below the results for the last week-

Results from 30 May 08, round four.

Senior	4 v 0	Waverley
Inter A	2.5 v 1.5	Scott
Inter B	2.5 v 1.5	Sydney Girls
Inter C	Bye	
Junior A	4 v 0	Newington A
Junior B	4 v 0	Ascham C
Junior C	3 v 1	Fort Street A

Academic Achievement List Year 9 Semester 1 2008

Congratulations to the following boys in Year Nine whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 1 are recognised.

Points were awarded as follows - High Distinction: 6, Distinction: 5, Credit: 3, Pass with Merit: 2 Pass: 1, with the qualifying total being 38.

Nikhil AUTAR
 Rahib AZWAD
 Samuel BESTON
 Andrew CHAN
 Botong CHENG
 Kit Man CHENG
 Aaron CHIN
 Roy CHOWDHURY
 Shimon DANZIGER
 Thomas DIEP
 Isaac EVELEIGH
 Andrew GAFFNEY
 Gabriel GARAYALDE
 Timothy GOLLAN
 Andrew GONG
 Declan GOREY
 Andrew HAU
 Dennis KIM
 Vivian LE
 Allen LIAO
 Wen Jia LIU
 Henry LU
 Austin LY
 Lee MING
 Kenneth NGUYEN
 Eric OVADIA
 George PANAS
 Michael PHUNG
 Maaz RAHMAN
 Ashwin RUDDER
 Oliver SABAU
 Abdullah SARKER
 Tahmid SHAHRIYAR
 William SHAO
 Dawen SHI
 Raghbir SIDDIQUEE
 William STEFANIDIS
 Jeffrey TANG
 Luke VLATKO
 Vincent WANG
 Derek WEI
 Max WEI
 Yale WONG
 Anthony XU

SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL: THE FOUNDATION YEARS

THE CHRONICLE

The School's first magazine, *The Chronicle*, had a brief two-year existence, the first issue being published in December 1887.

Some of the boys had been spurred on by the efforts of the girls upstairs in producing their own magazine and sought assistance from Mr G P Barbour, a relieving master who had had some experience in publishing at Sydney University. Many years later, Mr Barbour recalled:

I do remember spreading myself on the opening pages and was rather proud of it then, but considerably less proud now, pioneering work is necessarily crude.

The editorial committee, however, appeared to insist on high standards from the boys who contributed. For example, in the second number, March 1888, the editors noted:

We have received several contributions in verse, but we would advise you to be content with prose, unless you have a strong natural talent the other way. This we must say our contributors have not yet displayed...

After the December 1887 issue, *The Chronicle* was published as a quarterly journal in 1888.

Regular features included a column called "Science Notes", match reports for the school's various sports and accounts of other extra-curricular activities including cadets and debating and letters to the editor (many of which have been quoted in previous parts of this history of the Castlereagh Street School) on subjects ranging from the need for university scholarships to the need for soap in the school's toilets. The boys also supplied descriptive "travel" pieces, including such titles as "Saturday afternoon in Port Jackson", "A pleasant trip", "A trip to the caves", and even "An afternoon in Rome". There were also comic pieces with titles such as "At the rink", "Woolloomooloo", and "An evening with the humourists" and serious pieces with titles such as "The political opinions", "William Bede Dalley: Patriot, Statesman and Orator" and "Imperial federation" as well as numerous pieces about the ever looming University examinations. Finally, one or two poems, presumably of sufficient quality, did make it in with such titles as "The vision of the vale" and "Deep, High, Low Life".

The Literary and Debating Society took over the management of the publication in September 1889. The attempts thereafter to bring it out as a monthly journal appear to have failed as the School archives holds no issues after that of October 1889. The first issue of *The Record*, published 20 years later in 1909, reported:

The youthful zeal and enthusiasm of the officials of the Literary and Debating Society was too sanguinary for the success of such an ambitious undertaking. The strain on the editorial imagination and on the pockets of the subscribers proved too exhausting when monthly publications were instituted, and 'The Chronicle' breathed its last in 1890.



The masthead of the second edition of *The Chronicle*. A copy of the first number has not survived.

SBHS DEBATING

THE INAUGURAL FED COMPETITION.

Congratulations to the five teams who represented SBHS in the finals of the Friday Evening Debating Competition last Friday May 30th. This competition has added to the number of structured debating opportunities that the boys are offered in term 1. We are looking to expand the competition in 2009. Four were victorious on the night, a fabulous effort and some very skilled and close debates.

Congratulations to the boys in the following teams:

Senior A: Dominic Bowes, Zid Mancenido and Lucian Tan.

Year Ten: Max Phillis, Antony Paul, Angud Chawla and John Aclis.

Year Nine: Ashwin Rudder, Luke Vlatko, Michael Phung and Raghieb Sidiquee

Year Eight: Christopher Chiam, Adam Ceh, Max Birch and Serag Saleh

A really big thank you goes to The Chiam family, especially Karen and Marina, for putting together the delicious supper. My gratitude also goes out to Angela Pal, the Treasurer of the DSG who made all the payments to the adjudicators across the duration of the competition.

THE EASTSIDE DEBATING COMPETITION.

The Year 9 team in the Eastside Finals at Grammar on May 23rd won the 4th annual Eastside Comp. Congratulations to Nakul Bhagwat, Michael Tickner, Marcel Rosza and Samir Kinger who were in the winning team.

UNI DEBATING DAYS and SOCIAL DEBATES.

We are entering 6 Junior teams in both the USyd and UNSW Junior Debating Days in July and have a massive social debate lined up against Newington College on June 20th. Be sure to **check your email** for team names and details soon.

DEBATING SUPPORTERS GROUP- MEETING

This month the DSG Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 24th at 630pm in the Staff Common Room.

This is an important meeting that will answer your questions regarding the GPS Season and start the planning process for the Annual Debating Dinner. I would like to see more parents actively involved in the Debating Community. There are many boys taking advantage of the resources and debates offered but a few parents (and usually always the same families) who assist with suppers, parking or other activities that support and strengthen the Debating Group.

Please email any agenda items or your apologies for the meeting to David Rudder at sbhsdsg@gmail.com.

www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating
Ms Jocelyn Brewer – MIC Debating



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ENGLISH REPORT

This week has a dramatic flavour in English.

Our senior ~~THEATRESPORTS~~ team competed in an epic semi final round on Monday night at St Ursula's. Among the scenes they played in this gruelling night of theatrical wit was a Slow Motion Commentary involving the extreme sport of making and flying a paper aeroplane, and the story of Snow White played in the style of a Western. Unfortunately they were narrowly defeated by the very talented teams from Smiths Hill and Blue Mountains Grammar, both of whom go on to the Grand Final at the Enmore. Huge congratulations to Alvin Leung, Beau Greenslade, Johnny Lieu and Nathan McDonnell and their tireless coach Mrs Yvette McDonnell for all their hard work and the great achievement of making the semis.

The three groups of Year 10 drama students have by now completed their performances on stage at ***Fast and Fresh***, the schools version of the biggest short play festival in the world – ***Short and Sweet***, but as we go to press they are yet to tread the boards. In next week's English report we will be able to tell you more.

Our Year 11 Advanced students are currently studying John Steinbeck's sad and beautiful novella ***Of Mice and Men***. It seems appropriate to end my report today with some encouragement from Steinbeck, who observed '*I can do anything when my will is clean and straight.*' So can you, boys.

Ms Trompetter

This week's ***Reading Torque*** comes from one of our wonderful casual teachers, **Ms Rouna Daley**. Here she writes about the amazing stories from behind the dystopic Iron Curtain of East Germany recorded in ***Stasiland***.



*For readers interested in history and its ramifications, Anna Funder's ***Stasiland*** is an incredible collection of personal stories from survivors of the most rigorous surveillance regime, (the Stasi), and their ability or inability to cope with sudden freedom from repression.*

These stories have been woven together by a young Australian journalist who had been posted to a Berlin TV station after the collapse of the Wall in 1989. Living in the ill equipped and run down area of the former East Berlin, she meets and eventually actively seeks out ordinary former East Berliners, in order to discover their individual stories. Along the way she discovers that the Ossi (former East Berliners) have different ways to cope with this freedom of expression and movement, even those who were once informers. Some continue to live in the past, others who will be forever scarred by their upbringing, and those who have embraced the West. She interviews both former Stasi, and their victims. She tells of people who simply disappeared during the regime, children who would never know their parents.

The reader learns of the 'puzzle people', those who are employed to 'put the pieces of shredded documents' from the regime back together. These documents are so numerous, that it would take 40 puzzle people 375 years to reconstruct all shredded documents that survived the intentional destruction when the Stasi finally collapsed.

Stasiland is a compelling read that offers us insights into the best and worst of human behaviour under a repressive regime.

Ms Rouna Daley

2008 NATIONAL CHINESE EISTEDDFOD

After three months preparation and hard training, our boys once again put on their best performance at the annual National Chinese Eisteddfod. This was definitely the best year yet for Sydney Boys High, as our students received so many awards and were most highly praised by the judges and the audience.

The 2008 Chinese Eisteddfod attracted nearly 3000 candidates. This annual event was a poetry and prose-recital competition that provided students with the opportunity to use their acquired Chinese language skills and appreciate China's rich culture. Our Prime Minister Kevin Rudd wrote a letter to the eisteddfod committee. In this letter he mentioned his experience of learning Mandarin, congratulated all the candidates for their effort and achievement and encouraged students to learn a second language and its culture to better prepare for this competitive world. I shall publish the letter in the High Notes when I get a copy.

Congratulations to the 9 boys from **Year 8 Chinese (Advanced class)**, Ming Chi, Raymond Hua, Frank Li, Joel Ng, Nicholas Ooi, Nathan Tang, Jamison Tsai Jeremy Yao and William Zhou, who won **3rd prize** in the 13-15 year old group competition. Well done boys!

In the 13-15 age groups, **Tian-Yu Li** came 1st, **Henry Lu, Ming Ching and Yale Wong** each received 2nd place in three different groups. Congratulations to all of them. **Andrew Gaffney** came 2nd in the non-native division. Fantastic work!

Simin Yang achieved 1st prize in the 16-18 age group with his impressive work. Well done! He truly deserves this medal after competing in this event for the past consecutive 5 years and this was his first award. **Tom Sun's** performance was outstanding.

Congratulations to all boys who took part in this event for your dedication and achievement. I hope the experience that you gain through these eisteddfods will definitely benefit you in future learning and performance.

Huge thanks to parents who gave immense encouragement and support to our boys. It was great to see families being so involved. I am so proud of our boys, not only because of their language abilities, intelligence, effort and awards, but also the honour they have brought to Sydney Boys High.

Please check out the photos and video from R drive in the folder of ModernLanguages. Enjoy!

W Zhang



My Account of the Chinese Eisteddfod.

To participate in the Chinese Eisteddfod is already a challenging feat. To actually score a place is even harder. Why?

At 6 years of age I started participating in the Chinese Eisteddfod. Over these first three years (2001-2003) I had scored two first places and one third place. I must admit that I was a bit smug about my continual success. The secret to my success was constant practice and perseverance to overcome my mistakes. And then it all fell apart...

From 2004-2007 I had achieved failure after failure. Not only had my complacency long been replaced by a feeling of regret for each wasted year, but also I had deserted my previous success strategies. I guess the reason for my failures was that I wanted a second place not a first!!!! How absurd! And finally it all clicked...

After a month of hard training both at school and at home I had finally achieved a second place (long overdue!). My old winning strategies had been visited to a great but ultimately limited effect. Anyway, who wouldn't want a second place after years of fruitless attempts.

The message I'm trying to convey is that to achieve a placing in the Chinese Eisteddfod you need to constantly if not intensely prepare and practise. I had this sort of preparation thanks to the wonderful work of Ms Zhang and Ms Cao in addition to constant reminders from my parents. Essentially, the skills that you learn from the Chinese Eisteddfod can be applied through the way you speak. Therefore my speaking skills and manner of speech completely changed. It didn't only change in Chinese but in all the other languages I spoke. I discovered I was extremely good at drama last year for example.

Anyways, I encourage anyone to participate in the Chinese Eisteddfod.

It is a rewarding experience.

Ming Chin (Year 8)



Library Building Fund – 2008 fundraising campaign. Starting soon!



Computer generated impression of the new Library.

The campaign this year will run from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June. During this period our volunteers will be calling parents to ask for donations to the Library Building Fund. Please

If you receive a phone call, please consider donating to the fund, as this is the only way our new library will get built, just as the other benefits our boys now enjoy have been built by the efforts of current and previous parents. The basketball and tennis courts come to mind here, just as there are many other facilities provided by parents.

Currently there is \$700,000 on deposit and we aim to have \$1,000,000 by early 2009.

There are currently 82 monthly donors and we would like to boost this by another 200 this year. The monthly donations are the best way for us to leverage more funds from outside the school, and of course, one-off donations are always welcome.

If you don't receive a phone call, (as it is quite difficult to call the whole parent body) please use the forms available on the school website to make a donation.

We can always do with a few more volunteers to assist with the Library Building Fund fundraising efforts. All materials and instruction supplied, for the week as above. Please join us for this very worthwhile cause!

For more details, please contact Steve Saunders,
Email: steve@cystor.com.au Mob: 0411-851-412

From the Canteen team

As I'm sure you all know, volunteer help in our canteen is **vital** to ensure healthy food for our boys and an ongoing income stream to the P&C for allocation to worthy school projects.

We like to say thank you to our volunteers by rewarding them with the chance to win a **\$10 Canteen voucher** for their sons.

All volunteers have to do is turn up for duty as usual and sign the duty roster book. A draw will be held each month for the lucky voucher winner. Remember, if you find you can't make your shift, just call a fellow parent on the roster and arrange a swap.

And the lucky winner this month is.....Diana Sutherland, with Jack Musgrove in Year 10. Congratulations!

....From the Canteen Team

Year 7 Immunisation Program 2008

Vaccinations for Year 7 students will take place on next

Wednesday 11 June

when a team of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting the school.

In 2008 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students only -

- *Hepatitis B* – the first of two doses. The second will be administered on 19 November
- *Varicella* [chickenpox]

If you would like your son to be vaccinated, please complete the Consent Forms in the kits which were distributed to all Year 7 boys this week and return completed forms to the collection box in the Main Office. Alternatively, boys can bring the forms with them on Wednesday.

Boys who do not bring the completed consent forms will not be able to take advantage of this free service.

Further information about the program including translated material for parents is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au

After the boys have been vaccinated they will be given a Record of Vaccination to take home so that you can keep their immunisation records up to date.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Beringer.

Boggabilla Exchange

The exchange is on again this year. It occurs in Week 10 of this term. If you are interested in billeting the students from Boggabilla for two nights then contact Mr Barris. It has been operating since 2003 and is one of the many things in the school that I am extremely proud. Below are snippets from the present Year 12 reflecting on last year.

Boggabilla was a great experience. It's always good to get away and experience the country lifestyle with the Bogga kids; camping out on the sand, cooking on and sitting round the fire and singing along to the guitar. - Alistair Taylor-

The Boggabilla experience was certainly unforgettable. I was fortunate enough to be able to teach guitar to one of the boys which was amazing. - Lachlan Street-

My five years of taking part in the Boggabilla exchange came to an end this trip. It was quite an emotional journey knowing the four days would come to an end, having learnt so much about the culture of the indigenous kids. The most memorable moments were associated with the camping. The camp food, the fire, the marshmallows and the songs around the fire were the best time I've had in the five years and most importantly the friendships I made will last forever. - Tim Joo-

Though the whole Boggabilla experience was one that I will never forget and will always cherish, the first night will always be my greatest. Going for a jog around the neighbourhood of Boggabilla, really allowed me to understand the differences in culture and lifestyle as compared to that of Sydney. For me, the greatest memory of Boggabilla, will always be talking to people on the streets. It was their generally friendly and welcoming nature that really helped me to overcome any apprehensive feelings I had. - David Vien-



Regional Cross Country



Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the Zone Cross Country Carnival held on Friday 23rd at Centennial Park. We had a fabulous turnout, and excellent results in all age divisions. High is the Eastern Suburbs Zone Cross Country Champion School for 2008.

Cross Country Team runners will be going to the Sydney East Secondary School Sport Cross Country Championships on FRIDAY 13th June 2008 being held at Canterbury South Public School, High Street Canterbury starting at 11am.

Runners who came in the top 12 at the Zone Cross Country Carnival need to see Mr Prorellis to collect a permission note.

J Prorellis

VOLLEYBALL REPORT



First Grade

During our second GPS match of the season we set the record for most consecutive serves hit without any errors (two and a half sets). Better yet we did this against Sydney Grammar leading us to a 3-0 victory. After a slow start High narrowly took out the first set. As we gained momentum we blew past Grammar and silenced their supporters, a crowd of parents sporting black and gold. A special mention should go to Warren Trac for his blocking dominance and Nishan for his consistent hitting. Finally, a thank you to Mr Kay for shouting us drinks and Dr Ganderton for the stats.

Merlin Li

Second Grade

2nd Grade's second game of the season saw an unavoidable and effortless 3-1 win against Sydney Grammar. After a rocky start High punished Grammar with a convincing 1st set win 25-14. Grammar retaliated with a couple of lucky hits and barely managed to rob a set from us 21-25. It was time to turn up the heat and make Grammar sweat. We tossed the ball around and Grammar fumbled then stumbled generating a repeated 25-14 win to High. Grammar saw their situation and seemed to give up, tossing the last set 25-18 to us. Fortunately we had Merlin and Chris to thank for showing Grammar our dominance at the net, Tony, Patrick and Sam for providing consistent and effective setting and Danny and Brendan for their spiking skill. A special thanks must go to Mr Kay and Dr Ganderton for helping us up when we were down.

Hugh Huang

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THE ONION BAG



No trial matches this weekend

Due to the long weekend there are **no trial matches** this weekend. Our next matches are against Grammar the following Saturday, 14th June. This will be our last trial match with round 1 of the GPS season starting on Saturday, 21st June.

End of Season Football Dinner and Awards night

Will be held on **Thursday September 4th** in the Great Hall, from 6.30 pm.

Please email admin@gtmanagement.com.au if you would like to help with this.

Combined Independent Schools representative trials

On behalf of the Sydney High Football family I would like to congratulate Lachlan Street and Daniel Champion who both attended the CIS selection trials last Monday. This CIS team is representative of all independent schools (AAGPS, CAS, ISA etc) and is the next step up from GPS representation. Both Lachlan and Daniel played in a GPS team at the trials with Lachlan earning selection in the CIS team. This is an outstanding and thoroughly deserved achievement. Lachlan will now go on to play in the NSW Secondary Schools Soccer Championships against the best players in the state on the 23rd and 24th of June. At stake for Lachlan is a spot in the NSW team to play in the national titles.

Sydney High teams hand advantage to opposition

In order for teams to perform at their best, a settled, pre-match preparation is extremely important. This is the time where warm ups are performed, positions organised and final coaching instructions are given. Unfortunately, I have received a disturbing number of reports from coaches expressing their frustration at players arriving within minutes of the scheduled kick off time or worse still not fronting at all for their match. I would like to remind all players of their responsibilities as a member of a team. Please plan your travel and aim to be at the venue at least 45 minutes prior to the start. If you are running late a simple phone call to your coach (get their number!) or a team mate can alleviate the disruption to the team. Let's not concede the advantage to the opposition before a kick has been made.

Parking

Thankyou to the following boys and parents who helped to raise valuable funds for the High football program on Monday night. Raymond Hua - yr 8, Jack Zhong - yr 7, Tony Liu - yr 7, William Ho - yr 7, Kieran Taylor - yr 10, Paul Chi-Hsien, Sachiyo James, Geoff Taylor and Barbara Taylor.

Parking is High football's major fundraising activity. It enables the purchase of the essential equipment for training and matches, as well as providing for the training and fit out of our student referees. If you are able to help out High football in the future with parking, please email admin@gtmanagement.com.au.

Dolan Cup, Golden Boot and Golden Gloves

With the GPS season only two weeks away all teams need to register with the MIC, a team captain and goal keeper to be eligible for Sydney High Football's major awards. After each GPS match the captain will be responsible for forwarding on the result of their game, including goal scorers names, to the MIC by Monday afternoon.

Bill Turner Cup – U15 Knockout

Our Under 15 Bill Turner Cup team progressed to the second round with a convincing 5-1 win over JJ Cahill HS. Forced to bring in last minute replacements, the team played a confident passing game and never looked threatened. Standout performances came from Gabriel Garayalde and Max Connell. Under 14s player Slava Reiyder also shone and scored two. One can only imagine how many he would have scored if he had his own boots!

The teams next game is scheduled for Friday of this week against Rose Bay Secondary College. Good luck to the boys.

Match reports - Trial 3 31st May

1st grade produced a much improved performance against a strong St Pats outfit, with a 3-3 draw. A steely resolve was evident as the team took the field, eager to erase the memories of the previous week. Sam Higgins made his 1st XI debut and added plenty of spark to the High attack. His partner up front, G Lo scored a beauty from long range, Sam got the second after a superb whole team build up involving several defenders, a smart cross and a solid header. The third was from the spot, with 'Mr Set Piece' Ronan Casey converting and then confidently, set about inciting the local supporters on the hill as he made his way back into position. Defensively, High was led brilliantly by the ice cool Daniel Campion, whose composure and evasiveness under pressure is remarkable. Daniel controlled a new look backline with Max Mikha and Anton Paul making their starting 1st XI debut. Both new boys handled the step up and both made substantial contributions.

2nd grade were overrun by a fast, skilful St Pats 2nd XI, losing 4-1. High's goal came from Daniel Chiu, with his first time shot dipping in from long range. High found it difficult to match St Pats up tempo game and need to improve on slowing the opposition down when they break.

Other match reports:

High 5th Grade v. St. Pats Result: High WIN – 7-0

The season has been good for the High 5th Grade football team. Coming off a 3-0 win (with only 9 players) against Joeys 5ths, and a 6-1 win against Joeys 6ths in the previous weeks, we were eager to take a crack at this previously unplayed opponent.

With such an early kick off time of 9am, the field at St Pats was still dewy, and the extra slip this put on the ball seemed to benefit us as we scored in the opening seconds of the game. Our team's superior ball control meant we were readily in control of the ball, whether it was off a throw-in, goal kick, or penalty, and this resulted in a half time score of 3-0, our way. The second half brought much the same, and while St Pats pulled out a few impressive attempts at goal, our constant digs at *their* goal meant we finished off the game a further 4 goals up – to bring the final tally up to 7-0.

This result shows us that, as have the previous matches, if you just take a couple hundred attempts at goal, you're bound to get in a few and come out on top! Top striking efforts go to Michael Serban and Mark Lucchitti, who had three and two goals respectively. Simon Hoang and Stanley Chin also played a class game, scoring one goal apiece.

On a side note, we have no permanent keeper so the following players circulated through the position; Stanley Chin, Avis Sharma, Harry Reid, Dominic Bowes, Mishu Osinski, Pat Desmond, all these boys giving it a red-hot crack and helping us achieve a clean sheet.

This game was an impressive effort and we came out with a great result. We hope our winning streak will end, only once we finish the season clutching the Dolan Cup! Here's looking forward to our last pre-season match-up against the strong football school Grammar, good luck to all and come give us (and 1st grade) a watch.

14A v St Patricks Loss 3-0

The 14As were up against a very skilled side on Saturday. But High was not helped when our keeper was pushed over during a corner which resulted in St Patricks first goal. The referee proceeded to say that he "didn't see it." 2 goals later and a St Patricks boy was sent off the field when it was discovered that he was not wearing any shin pads. This player had set up goals 2 and 3 for St Patricks earlier in the match. However commitment by High was not enough to earn them a goal. Going down 3-0.

Man Of the Match: Anton

Mr R.Gifford

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Quote of the Week

'Matches don't come any bigger than FA Cup quarter-finals'

NEIL WARNOCK





USE IT OR LOSE IT THE HIGH RUGBY REPORT

The Harder We Train The Better We Get

Tough Trials Help High Teams

High teams benefited from some tough trial games against The Armidale School (TAS) at Armidale last Saturday. The 1st XV improved significantly against a very good TAS team and the 2nd XV took the first step on the long road to High again playing at a high level in the GPS competition. The form of the 16s and 15s teams was good. The 16As recorded their second successive 5-all draw and the 16Bs celebrated the advent of the new 16Cs team with a good win. There were lots of positive comments about the 15As who posted their second win of the season against a strong TAS team and the 15Cs racked up 36 points to zip. The 14s will be better for playing two tough TAS teams and the 13s are already improving. The 13As ran in 9 tries & the 13Cs and 13Ds scored 5 tries in their first ever games against another school.

Team of the Week: 13As **Player of the Week:** Brian Kelly 15As **Coaches of the Week:** David Vien and Andrew Lim with the 16Bs and the new 16Cs

TEAM	OPPOSITION	SCORE
1 st XV	TAS 1 st XV	13 – 52 L
2 nd XV	TAS 2 nd XV	0 – 60 L
16A's	TAS 16A's	5 – 5 D
16B's	TAS 16B's	22 – 7 W
15A's	TAS 15A's	15 – 7 W
15B's	COWPER 15A's	12 – 33 L
15C's	TAS 15B's	36 – 0 W
14A's	TAS 14A's	0 – 27 L
14B's	TAS 14B's	0 – 41 L
13A's	TAS 13A's	53 – 5 W
13B's	St MARY's 13A's	0 – 60 L
13C's	TAS 13B's	15 – 46 L
13D's	TAS 13D's	12 – 42 L

Match Reports The 1st XV were excited to make the trip up to Armidale this year. The squad had a lot to prove and for some of the boys it was the last time they would make the trip up to TAS. It would be the second game for the 1st XV and combinations had to gel quickly in the face of the looming GPS season. After eating a hearty breakfast courtesy of The Armidale School, the boys went on to the field to prove what they were capable of. The first half saw an outstanding start to the game with only two missed tackles which unfortunately both resulted in tries. These were quickly answered with a try under the posts by Nelson Ridges off a good ball from David Peng. The score at the end of the first half was 8-19 with Armidale running in tries through their first class backline. The second half was also a very strong fight by the boys with Danny Ng getting High over the line but, in the last quarter of the game, Armidale's backs ran in some classy tries which blew the score-line out to 52-13, not representative of the game the 1st XV played. Special mentions go to both High's try-scorers who had very strong games in both attack and defence, Rob Chen who had a good running game and was unlucky not to score, David Peng who has stepped up in the fly-half position playing a very balanced game and Grigori Astafiev who played a very solid game as usual. A very good effort by the boys who played with true High spirit.

Chris Andrews

Rugby Committee meeting summary

The following is a summary of the meeting held on 28/5/08:

Present: Serdar Bolen, Julie Blomberg, Kel O'Keefe, Katharine Deacon, Peter Ambrose, Paul Koerber, David Vien.

Apologies: Christina Chow, Anita Bezjak, Peter Daniels, Julie Connolly, Nicholas Lochner.

Kick off rugby day was very successful. The day will be registered in the calendar as a regular part of our program on the 1st Saturday after the GPS athletics.

Treasurer's report - Current balance – \$2142.10.

Attendance at GPS 1st XV matches – Players attending the GPS 1st XV games will have their names recorded by G. Stein at halftime. Each attendance is eligible for a ticket in the Rugby dinner raffle for a signed 1st XV jumper.

Attendance at training is about 66% which is disappointing. Players will only get fitter and more skillful by attending training. The selection policy is if a player misses one training session without a proper excuse he may be dropped to a lower grade. The policy will be enforced by all coaches as we need to address the training "mind set" of the players.

Senior Student Rugby Group will utilise the Face Book facility to access SBHS and SGHS students in the promotion, communication and support of rugby.

Rugby formal for Years 10 – 12 rugby players will be held in the Great Hall on 4 July. Parents and volunteer staff are asked to supervise the evening.

Meeting concluded: 7.25pm. Next meeting: Wed. 25th June 2008, 6pm in Room 901. All are welcome to attend.

G Stein

MIC Rugby, SBHS

2008 Armidale Trip (Friday 30 May – Sunday 1 June)

For Rugby, Tennis or Basketball player, the Armidale trip is certainly one of the year's highlights. The eight hour trip there and back is a small price to pay in exchange for the memories that are accumulated in return. This year's trip was particularly special, as we had expected to billet the country boys this year, but we were surprised with another trek up, an unexpected last chance for the year twelves.

The trip started with slight confusion as Driver Avenue was blocked off due to a FIFA conference. The outrage at being shunned due to such a minute, insignificant event was overlooked as we were all simply eager to get onto the buses, waiting for us a bit further down the road. After much fuss and roll marking, we had boarded the buses and begun the journey.

The Year eleven and twelve bus was a bustling, thriving output of entertainment. We watched several movies on the way up, with only one disappointment. The stop at McDonalds as usual was a mix of pleasure and frustration. The chance to eat, during a long trip is something to look forward to. However on the other hand, concentrating a population at a Muswellbrook McDonald's, larger then the population of the town of Muswellbrook, does lead to immense queues, cramming and confused, weary and trembling fast food clerks.

After a long day's travel we arrived at Armidale, pumped up for the first event of the day, the Basketball and Tennis matches of Friday night. Though there were a few hours before this encounter to spare. Some boys used this time to buy drinks from the canteen, others to have fun. The First XV used this time in an attempt to hone the plays and game plan for Saturday's encounter in what was a short sharp session.

Then it happened, the basketball games began. At seven the juniors started playing, against an aggressive Armidale side, falling to a deficit of 3 points by halftime. However it was then that we saw the play of the trip. In quite literally the last second of the half Stephen Yoon, stumbling backwards, took a one handed shot from just past halfway, which somehow found its way straight through the basket, to level the score at halftime. Words don't do the shot justice. The reaction was that the crowd stormed the court, in a fit of yelling and ecstasy. There was one question left unanswered. What if the shot was to win at fulltime? Not even God could have comprehended the reaction that would have been... Period... No questions.

The senior game was also a hotly contested affair, with the scores level at 26 all at halftime. However captain Stuart Sugito and his amazingly aggressive nature to the game, saw basketball comeback for the win. Tennis also played that night.

The Saturday Rugby games kicked off early, each game more exciting then the last, yet at the same time less exciting then the next. Eventually the excitement all built up to the First XV game, when the Firsts ran out from a pumped, frenzied tunnel of high supporters. The first half was a well contested affair, with TAS and their freakishly quick centres, punishing High with three tries. High did score its own very good try, through the work of centre paring James Ip and Nelson Ridges and a penalty goal to Nick Lochner and the XV was extremely unlucky not to score at the end of the half. The halftime score 19-8 with TAS having the lead. The second half however saw TAS use its strong backline to punish High, scoring several well constructed tries. With High scoring one try thanks to great vision from Danny Ng. The final score of 52-13 flattered Armidale, and wasn't a completely accurate reflection of the game.

Saturday night was spent watching the Super 14 final with some of the TAS boys, allowing us to further connect on a deep emotional level. The juniors spent the night watching movies at the TAS auditorium. After the televised entertainment, the High boys split into their respective groups, and reminisced on what was an eventful trip. Thanks must go to the staff and coaches and coach drivers for making the trip possible. Thanks go to the boys, for keeping it super.

Shahar Merom



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This week particularly our thoughts turn to Beijing, not just because of the fast approach of the 2008 Olympic Games, but because Wednesday June 4 was the anniversary of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square. Thousands were killed and many were injured during the crackdown.

Since the incident, government officials have banned all references to the crackdown within mainland China, including censoring information on the internet. 19 years later, many are still seeking justice.



On Wednesday our Amnesty group held a memorial service to remember those killed and to stand in solidarity with those who are still demanding official government recognition, to allow public debate and mourning, and to release those still imprisoned in relation to the protests. We watched the extraordinary footage of the tank man, we heard a poem by prisoner of conscience Shi Tao*, we lit incense and remembered over a minute's silence. Thanks to those students who participated. Caring about the past demonstrates care about the present and the future.

If you haven't been to an Amnesty Meeting at school before, please come along to one of our regular Tuesday meetings and help to defend human rights around the world.

* If you are interested in reading about Shi Tao, a man arrested and convicted to ten years in prison for sending an email, go to <http://action.amnesty.org.au/china/comments/11241/>

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June/July 2008

06-06-2008

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Year 12 Legal Studies assessment task, period 1 Basketball KO match v Orange HS at Orange, all day	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, 9:40am 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
8 B	16 Year 9 High Resolves, Great Hall, all day	17 OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Year 9 High Resolves, Great Hall, all day Iron Man competition, lunchtime, on the Flat.	18 Years 7, 8 and 9 Assembly, Period 2 Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly, Period 3	19 Year 11 Assembly re Prefects 2009, Great Hall, Period 2 Year 9 English incursion - Performance Poetry, Great Hall, period 3 University Information Evening for Parents and Students, Great Hall, 7:00pm to 9:00pm	20 Eastern Suburbs Zone Athletics, Hensley AF (East Gardens) (8:00am - 3:15pm) Social Debate NC v SHS	21 Sport SJC v SHS Cross Country, BC Invitation Carnival, Parramatta Park, 10am	22 *** Combined selective schools music
9 A	23 Literary submissions to Record due Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance, SBHS and SGHS, Multi-Purpose Hall (SGHS), 7pm Football: NSW All Schools Championships Motivational media in the Great Hall, all day.	24 History incursions: World War I, 9:00 - Year 9, Vietnam, 11:10 - Year 10, Great Hall Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm Mufti Day - Stewart House [Year 7] Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm Football: NSW All Schools Championships	25 *** Rugby GPS v CAS, NC Year 12 Study Day UNSW Mathematics Competition (approx 20 students), Room 105, 9:30-12:30 School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm Joint SBHS and SGHS P&C Meeting, SBHS - Great	26 Parent/Teacher Night, Years 10 to 12, 3pm-7:30pm Year 12 Assessment Examinations	27 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Soccer GPS v CAS, NC Parking - Roosters v Bulldogs (Music)	28 Year 12 excursion to King Lear at New Theatre, 2:30 pm	29 Rugby ISA v GPS, Knox
10 B	30 Boggabilla visit and billeting Year 12 Assessment Examinations Attendance and Progress Review (all Years)	1 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Boggabilla visit and billeting	2 Year 12 Assessment Examinations CHS Volleyball KO Finals, Homebush Parent/Teacher Night, Years 7 to 9, 3pm-7:30pm Boggabilla visit and billeting	3 Year 12 Assessment Examinations CHS Volleyball KO Finals, Homebush Boggabilla visit and billeting	4 Year 11 English assessment task, period 2 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Last Day to submit UNSW Medicine applications to Principal LAST DAY TERM 2	5	6 Parking - IRB Australia A v NZ Maori (Soccer)