

# High Flyer

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# **ARMIDALE TRIP**



The Try

For a 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 to Armidale. It was an unexpected last chance for the Year 12s.

After a long day's travel we arrived at Armidale, pumped up for the first

events of the trip, the basketball and tennis matches of Friday night.

The basketball games began. 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 weekend. 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.

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

The Saturday rugby games kicked off early, each game more exciting than the last, yet at the same time less exciting than the next.



Counter Attack

Eventually the excitement 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 pairing James Ip and Nelson Ridges with a penalty goal to Nick Lochner. The boys were extremely unlucky not to score at the end of the half. The half time score was 19-8 with TAS holding the lead.

The second half saw TAS use its strong backline to outrun High, scoring several well constructed tries. High scored 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, coaches and coach drivers for making the trip possible.

Thanks go to the boys, for keeping it super.

# **ROWING**

Though this year's performance at the Head of the River was not quite as successful as anticipated there were a few highlights from the season.

Strong performances at the CHS Rowing Championships at SIRC in small boats and the winning of all Quad races were encouraging. Four boys, Patrick Desmond, Mitchell Kelly, David Vien and Daniel O'Keefe rowed in the First VIII for the second year.

Our sculling performance at the GPS sculling time trial where our best four scullers, David Vien, Harrison Reid, Shahar Merom and Daniel O'Keefe competed, were impressive with Daniel being ranked in the top four from all GPS schools.

This year, Daniel O'Keefe,



David Roy Daniel Vien Clark O'Keefe

Captain of Boats from the first VIII 2007/2008 has been selected from a very competitive field to represent Sydney Rowing Club in the Fawley Cup for Under 19 Quad Sculls at the Henley Royal Regatta in July. Daniel was selected along with the three other fastest GPS rowers assessed on a time trial basis. This is a great honour and opportunity for Daniel and Sydney Boys High Rowing.



David OliKeefe (left)

## **REUNION DINNER**

Earlier this year the Rowing Committee hosted a Rowing Reunion Dinner to celebrate 85 years of GPS competition in the 125th anniversary year of the school.

With 200 guests attending from the 1930's through to our present rowing community, the camaraderie was palpable. As well as Joseph Waugh, OBU President, attending, we had past Olympic Rower, Ian Luxford (1970), past masters, coaches, parents, supporters, 16 Captains of Boats, interstate and overseas travellers and so many who have pulled on the oar for High. The golden decade of the 50's was also well represented.

Jack Singleton (1990) was once again an entertaining MC and it was terrific to hear interviews from the floor conducted by Old Boys, Richard Luxford (1976) and John Croll (1981). Our Principal, Dr Kim Jaggar, welcomed the past rowing community and gave an overview of the future of rowing while the Captain of Boats, Daniel O'Keefe, gave an inspiring insight into his experience of rowing for High. The sense of occasion was enhanced with the naming of the 'PJ Day' single scull

by MIC, Mr Barris, Mr Steve Cargill and coach, Oliver Wilson (2002).



Steve Cargill

Oliver Wilson Con Barris

Old boys bid in a lively auction for seats in an inaugural Old Boy VIII to challenge the current school 1st and 2nd VIII later this year. This will be a highlight on the rowing calendar with all old boys and friends of High Rowing invited to attend.

The donations on the night were generous and significant funds were raised to support the rowing program.

The Old Boys appreciated having the senior current rowers attending, enjoyed listening to the senior string ensemble and particularly loved the display of old photographs, film footage, newspaper headlines and memorabilia. It all came together as a very special event with lots of positive feedback from Old Boys.

# ASX SHARE MARKET GAME



Daniel Morgan

Game 1 of the Australian Schools Share Market Game has just been completed.

Sydney High had 134 syndicates, of between 1 and 4 students competing in this national competition. 65% of our syndicates finished the Game with their portfolios in profit. Over the eight week period in which the game was conducted, there was a lot of volatility and uncertainty in the markets with the All Ordinaries gaining only 7.52%. In comparison the National winning syndicate grew their portfolio by 33.5% finishing with a total of \$66,766. The top syndicate in NSW achieved a total of \$65,295.

The ASX Share Market Game has

become an integral part of our Commerce Program and is keenly contested by Senior Economics and Business Studies students, although the Yr 9 and Yr 10 students outperformed their senior colleagues.

#### How the Game Works

- Students compete either individually or in syndicates (1-4 students)
- Buy and sell shares "online" in 100 ASX listed companies
- Place orders to buy or sell shares any time. Orders will be executed when the real share market is open
- "At Market" orders will be filled using the next available price in the real share market. You can also place "at limit" orders (you set the price)

#### Game 2

Registrations
Open 28 July 2008
Close 21 August 2008
Trading Period
25 August to 31 October 2008



Jeffrey Tang

Daniel Cheng

Daniel Li Wang

### Top 5 Sydney High Syndicates

| 1 Angud Chawla & Daniel Morgan             | Yr 10 | \$59,287 |
|--|-------|----------|
| 2 Ling Xiong                               | Yr 9  | \$58,181 |
| 3 Clinton Jiang and Matthew Fong           | Yr 10 | \$57,606 |
| 4 Daniel Chen, David Li Wang & JeffreyTang | Yr 9  | \$57,318 |
| 5 Daniel Huang and Jun Gao                 | Yr 10 | \$56,867 |



Ling Xiong



Angud Chawla

# RIFLE SHOOTING

The sport of Rifle Shooting has grown rapidly this year with an increase of 20 new shooters. The club now has more than 100 members on its books which is an encouraging sign for the future.

Our first competition for the year was the New South Wales Rifle Association Anzac Day Shoot at the ANZAC rifle range at Malabar. Matthew Tong took out C Grade with a clean sweep, beating fellow students and adult competitors alike.

The next competition was the Wingham 125th Anniversary Open Prize Match held from June 6-9 which was highly successful. The

students won numerous individual prizes.

The highlight of the weekend was winning the "Mo Burdett" Memorial Trophy which is awarded to the highest scoring aggregate for a school team of four shooters. High competed against Wingham High School and The Armidale School. Trophies were presented to both the school and individual winners. SBHS most recently won this in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. This win could be the start of another good year for High shooting!

During the weekend in Wingham, the students developed their sense of teamwork and bonded



Senior Shooters at Wingham Rifle Range

well during travel, shooting and award ceremonies. They also learnt the relevant procedures and self discipline necessary to partake in national level competitions. Thanks are also extended to the Principal, Dr Jaggar, and to our Master in Charge Administration, Ms Cathy Meaney for all her help behind the scenes which ensured



A Successful Meet

Sam Kremer (1992) spent many hours teaching the shooters about rifle maintenance and function.

Special thanks must go to the Rifle Shooting Coaches Justin Hill (2002) and Kevin Chan (2000) for organising the trip and accommodation as well as Sam Kremer for driving the bus.

The weekend would not have been nearly as successful without the help from these Old Boys who devote large amounts of their time and expertise to the running of the club and coaching of the teams. Their assistance is greatly appreciated in every aspect.

we were all able to compete.

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Sydney High School Rifle Shooting and we will be holding a dinner on December 13 2008. Further details will be released later in the year.



Full Bore Shooting

# YEAR 10 PROJECT

Two houses were provided with Solar Home Systems at Mahiyangana and Ambalanthota, Sri Lanka with funds received from Year 10 students at Sydney Boys High through the Lak Saviya Foundation.

Mahiyangana is an historic and thriving township in the Central Province of Sri Lanka.



Miyuru & Family

Ambalanthota is a coastal township in the Southern Province, with agriculture and fishing as the main industries in the area.

The respective committees selected two families to receive the Solar Home Systems. The first went to the family of a Grade 6 student, Namal Sandaruwan. Namal has won prizes for mathematics and passed the Grade 5 scholarship exams with flying colours.

Namal's father, is a farmer who owns a small plot of land with

no water source other than the seasonal monsoon rain.

The second family selected was the Dharmadasa family. Mr Dharmadasa is a labourer with no fixed income. His 8 year old son Miyuru is disabled and requires constant care. As a result, the eldest son has abandoned his studies to care for his brother.

Due to the irregularity of their low incomes, the families struggle through life, and the daily purchase of kerosene for lighting is a heavy burden.

With the solar lighting replacing the dim and dangerous kerosene lighting at night, the school hopes that this will provide the children with an environment conducive to further their studies.



Namal & Family Studying Under the New Solar Light

## **SHAVE FOR A CURE**

Every hour of every day someone in Australia is diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma and Sydney Boys High School Captain, David Vien, was prepared to do something about it. To tumultuous cheers from his school, David joined the 100,000 people across the country who shaved or coloured their hair to participate in the World's Greatest Shave 2008 to raise money for the Leukamia Foundation.

There was no denying the atmosphere as Ms Williams, David's largest single contributor, shaved off his first locks. Together

with the support of his school, family and friends, David raised more than \$1,500 for the Foundation.

This money will go to assisting the more than 30,000 suffering Australians with practical and emotional support. It will help to provide homes-away-from-home closer to hospitals and will fund research into better treatments and cures. David is clear that there is a lot more at stake: "It is not just about the money. People need to realise that leukaemia and other cancers are very much a reality and not just confined to TV shows and newspapers."



David Vien and Supporters

# **SAILING**



Old Boys are invited to join the Sydney High School Sailing Association and to access High's fleet of Pacers, Lasers and Opties, located at Woollahra Sailing Club in Rose Bay.

The association is in its infancy but has recently achieved affiliation with Yachting NSW, allowing members to apply for YA membership directly through SHSSA Inc. This is a cost effective option for sailors who need a YA membership but may not want to maintain a membership at a major yacht club.

Membership of SHSSA Inc

entitles sailors to apply for YA membership. For racers, social sailors or beginners wanting to have a go, SHSSA is a convenient entry point into the sport. For just \$20 membership fee and \$20 per annum in dues, SHSSA is great value.



The View

One exciting prospect that is being explored is an Old Boys' Regatta which would be run in Pacers through Woollahra Sailing Club on Sunday afternoons. Participants would need to be members of SHSSA Inc. and have current YA membership. It is anticipated that the combined race and boat hire fee will be \$60 per race.

We are looking for interested Old Boys to organise and promote such a regatta. Please contact Old Boy Adam South for details.

Adam is the coach of High's sailing program. Up to 40 student sailors participate on Wednesday and

Thursday afternoons in summer.



Adam South

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Congratulations to Phillip Kurts who was 1st in Division 1 at the CHS Sailing Regatta at Belmont, 2008



Sydney Girls High School & Sydney Boys High School have great delight in inviting you to the

### Anniversary Cabaret

to celebrate 125 years of education for both schools

Friday 21st November 2008 7:00pm - 12:00am
The Shannon Room, AJC Function Centre at Randwick Racecourse

Come and dance to the Shy Guys band MCs Jessica Rowe and Jack Singleton Featuring Little Pattie and other performers

Tickets \$150 per person

This includes dinner, pre dinner drinks in the Panorama Room, drinks from 7pm until 12am, parking and entertainment

Dress: cocktail/lounge suit

#### **RSVP**

RSVP and pay by: 26th September 2008

Guests are welcome to organise their own table of 10

Please advise if a vegetarian meal is required

**SGHS Contact**: Mrs Kim Greer Ph 9331 2336, Fax 9360 9702, email kgreer@sghs.nsw.edu.au

Pay to office by **Cash or Cheque** made payable to: Sydney Girls High School

**Visa or MasterCard**: card number, expiry date, cardholder's name and telephone number.

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# **AAGPS**

The 113th AAGPS Athletics Championships were held on May 10 2008. With clear blue skies, our disciplined athletes from High turned out in force with a new determination.

High's most distinguished age group on the day, the 15s, boasted both of our wins. Shadman Ali gave his all and in exactly 12 seconds became the GPS' fastest 15 year old. Chris Morrow in emphatic style achieved a win in his high jump event reaching 1.76m. Samuel Lane ran a solid 4:24.2 for second place.

The 16s, boosted by an injury-free Josh Tassell, led the junior team. Josh was placed 2nd in both the 100m and 200m running times of 11.51 and 22.99 respectively.

The senior team, fought admirably in the face of incredible talent where High was not out of place. In the 17s age group, Edwin Montoya-Zorrilla took 5th place in the Championship 1500m (4:30.5).

For the vast majority of the Open's team, this was their last opportunity to compete at this elite level in front of such an excitable crowd. Ronan Casey ran a competitive race in the 1500m only to be edged out on the home straight. Ronan is currently in the process of securing a place at the Institute of Sport.

In what was the best overall performance for many years, the junior team surpassed Grammar. A feat not enjoyed in over 30 seasons, and accompanied by our first two wins at this prestigious event in four years.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the boys who trained hard in the lead-up to the event - it was your efforts along with those of your dedicated coaches that made the 113th AAGPS Athletics Championships such a successful event for Sydney High.

Lachlan Street Athletics Captain 2008



The Team

# GOLDMAN SACHS LEADERS PROGRAM

Each year 150 students are selected from close to 100 top universities and colleges in 19 countries to participate in the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program. Students are awarded US \$3,000 and the title of Goldman Sachs Global Leader.



Having been nominated in March, I was then selected as one of the 6 finalists in Australia to receive the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Award. On May 15, a special awards ceremony was held at the Essence Restaurant near Darling Harbour.

After this stage, 72 students were chosen from different regions of the world to represent the group at the annual Global Leadership Institute in New York - an allexpense paid trip. The following morning I underwent the final selection process. We each were given a role to play at a simulation discussion table on the issue of carbon emissions and climate change.

The following Tuesday, I was thrilled to be notified that I had been selected with another two

students to represent Australia at the Institute. The program will run from July 12 to 18 and we will be staying at New York University. There we will participate in leadership training and seminars and consult with renowned leaders in the public, civic, academic, and private sectors.

At the Institute, I hope to meet Global Leaders from different cultures and diverse academic fields. By teaming up with other students who are interested in development and poverty issues, I hope to apply for seed funding for projects that encourage social entrepreneurship and continued development of leadership opportunities.

Tanvir Uddin 2nd Year Law Student UNSW